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Chapter 2161: Like a joke (11)

However, whoever knew that Li Moying loved his fiancée dearly and practically didn't have any misgivings about it.

In front of a peerless strong practitioner like him, Feng Zhensheng felt as though he was the smallest ever little ant, and the other party just needed to lift his finger to crush him completely, causing him to die without any burial ground!

It was until this moment, in between a fine line of life and death, when he was genuinely frightened!

However, it was all too late.

The him now, couldn't even speak out a single word of mercy!

Not only him, Feng Xiaoyan continuously threw up a few mouthfuls of blood under such powerful and tremendous pressure as her complexion turned deadly pale like writing paper.

This scene happened too suddenly and many practitioners present hadn't managed to react in time. Even if there were a few who were able to react in time, they totally didn't dare to provoke Blue Profound Sect's Young Sect Master's authority hence no one came to save them at all.

Just as Feng family's father-daughter duo were totally despondent, Li Moying's figure suddenly halted as he stopped in his tracks.

Two long fair and slender fingers stretched out from his back, tugging at his sleeve.

"Moying, don't haggle with these two shameless people, we're not here to fight today but to obtain the championship of the Rising Star Competition!" Huang Yueli spoke out softly.

Li Moying's expression was cold, "They dare to turn things from black to white and malign you, since their conscience has already turned awry, then This Seat doesn't mind digging out their conscience to see what colour it is!"

The cold but magnetic voice was sexy and melodious but the words that he spoke made one shuddered badly!

Especially the Feng father-daughter duo who laid limp on the ground, they were shaking so much that they couldn't stop at all.

Huang Yueli's lips curled as she said, "Even if we want to teach them a lesson, we need not be so hasty to do so right now. Otherwise if the rumour spreads, it might even say that I went to the Alchemist Guild to snatch the medicinal herb! Let's wait till the competition has ended then talk about this again!"

Li Moying hesitated for a moment but eventually still heeded her advice as he slowly withdrew his aura.

It was until he took a step back and returned next to Huang Yueli before Feng Xiaoyan and Feng Zhensheng could finally breathe and that moment, simply seemed as though they had a new lease of life...

“Enough, why are you still squibbling here for? An explosion happened during the competition originally because you, the President didn’t make enough preparations. This pill furnace’s quality is a little too lousy isn’t it!”

Liu Buyan and Dai Boqi walked to the side of the competition grounds.

Dai Boqi was someone of virtue and prestige and when the participants and judging committee saw him, they didn’t forget to bow their heads low to pay their respects.

He fiddled with his beard and coughed, “The time isn’t young anymore so stop the squibbing! And there’s still so many participants who have yet to complete their refinement! Do you really wish to cancel the competition?”

The few committees seemed as though they had been woken up from their dream as they all returned to their own positions to maintain law and order.

Dai Boqi and Liu Buyan surveyed one round and ignored the two ashened faced Feng father-daughter duo as they turned around and headed back to the VIP seating.

Huang Yueli nudged the man beside her, “Alright, I’m going to continue with the competition, go back as well!”

Li Moying took a deep gaze at her and was just about to speak out when he was pulled along by Liu Buyan from the back.

“Enough, so many people are watching so stop acting lovey dovey, you’re disrupting Little Junior sister from refining her pills!”

Li Moying turned his head back and stared hard at him, “You’re looking for death?”

Huang Yueli helplessly shook her head, “Enough, can the both of you please stop arguing. If I can’t get first place, will the both of you be responsible?”

Li Moying then left unwillingly.

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Feng Xiaoyan climbed up from the ground and looked at Li Moying’s departing back.

In her eyes, other than feeling ashamed, there was an even more indescribable resentment.

Earlier even though Li Moying had mercilessly threatened them, but Li Moying’s greatness and suave looks had made her totally apprehensive!

At the same time, she hated Huang Yueli even more!

Why was this wretched lass’s life so good! To be pampered by a man like Li Moying! That really makes one go insane from jealousy!

After a flurry of urgent cleaning up, the competition’s disoriented situation finally took a turn for the better.

The second round of competition restarted the new countdown of the remaining timing.

Feng Xiaoyan felt pain all over her body and was cutting a sorry state until even her hands kept shaking uncontrollably. Her situation really wasn't suitable for her to continue with the competition.

However, she wasn't resigned to letting her efforts go to waste so she insisted on continuing to refine pills.

Master Zhang could only change another pill furnace and another set of medicinal herbs for her, so as to let her continue refining.

Originally Master Zhang was worried that Huang Yueli would object to it but in the end, she merely casted a faint gaze and a seemingly invisible smile surfaced on her lips but she said nothing more.

Feng Xiaoyan almost threw up blood from anger, this wretched lass, did she really assume that she would get the champion?

Even if she temporarily came in first in these two rounds of competition, but there was the third round coming up! The third round... that was the true blue difficult competition and the total marks is even more than the first two rounds added up!

Without a third rank Pill Master's ability, there was totally no way that she could fight with her!

Feng Xiaoyan comforted herself in this manner and forcibly controlled her deviant flame as she started off her last round of refining.

Alas, all her efforts had come to naught. Huang Yueli's development was stable, even though such a huge incident happened earlier but her mood seemed as though it was not affected at all as every single move of hers was still composed and elegant.

Not too long later, Huang Yueli's third tray of the Fatigue Relief Pill was refined.

Continuously refined for three times and all three rounds were successful, this success rate was simply shocking! But when it happened to Huang Yueli, it made one feel that it was expected.

Master Zhang took out the last few medicinal pills from the pill furnace, "That's incredible! Indeed Divine Doctor Dai's disciple! Young Miss Bai's three trays of Fatigue Relief Pill has turned out in ten pieces, nine pieces and twelve pieces of medicinal pills respectively and the medicinal effects have all reached second level upper grade!"

"The winner of the second round of competition belongs to Young Miss Bai, without a doubt! This round's total points is twenty points and because she had succeeded consecutively, each tray of medicinal pills has an additional of ten extra points with a total of twenty points. Adding on the twenty points from the first round, she had obtained a total of sixty points!"

"Wow! What high points she has!"

"This is simply a miracle!"

Hearing this result, although it was within their expectations, but it still made many cry out in surprise.

In the past, the person in the first place who won in the first two rounds, there weren't many participants who had obtained full marks, nor did anyone manage to get so many supplementary points, Huang Yueli was considered as the first one to get it!

Master Zhang said a word of "Congratulations" with a huge beam and said, "Today's competition shall end here right now. The last round has a longer duration so it shall be held tomorrow morning, will all participants please come on time."

Seeing Huang Yueli leaving in the crowd's escort, Feng Xiaoyan was so infuriated that her teeth were itching!

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On the spectators seating, a few black robed men who were acting suspiciously hid at the very last end of the crowd.

The one who led them had a malevolent mask on his face!

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Seeing that the competition had come to the end of a phase, the spectators all started to leave and that man who was wearing a mask also got up and left.

The group of people walked past a few alleys and reached a desolated corner before stopping.

The leader of the pack stood still and the rest of the other men all took off the hoods which were used to conceal their faces as they bowed in respect.

"Lord Zhan, we've not expected that you actually came personally to view the competition..."

The person who said that was Ling Qing Yu and other than her, Chi Xiao Jiu was also present and the other two people were also first rate top exponents in the Seven Sacred Lands.

At this moment, it seems as though they were followers as they spoke out meekly while following behind him, bending their waists so low that they almost couldn't stand up straight.

Lord Zhan's gaze was profound and the expression behind the mask was totally unable to be seen as his voice seemed slightly frigid, "Earlier have you all seen Li Moying make a move? What are your thoughts?"

The few of them exchanged glances, not knowing why he asked this, and they all didn't know how to answer him.

After sometime later, Chi Xiao Jiu then replied with a probing sense, "This... Young Sect Master Li's ability, as compared to ten over days ago in Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild, seems to have advanced again... he's indeed like what the rumours claim, a peerless genius who is much more outstanding as compared to Mu Chengying in his younger days..."

When Chi Xiao Jiu said these, he was feeling both envious and jealous.

That year, he had once been envious of Mu Chengying but as the other party's innate talent was wonderful, he totally had no way to compete against the other party's potential!

Now, originally he thought that he was the senior and could at least bully Mu Chengying's disciple to gain his face back, however Li Moying's ability at such a young age, had almost surpassed him!

When Lord Zhan heard his analysis, his lips curled into a cold smile, "Advanced again? That might not be so? Ha ha..."

Chi Xiao Jiu and Ling Qing Yu was dazed but they didn't dare to raise any questions as they could only lower down their heads.

Lord Zhan paused for a mere moment as though he was pondering over something when he suddenly asked again, "Earlier I made you guys head over to the Alchemist Guild to obtain the Bipolar Black Orchid from Feng Zhensheng, now... who can tell me, where's the item?"

Hearing that, everyone trembled as their forehead was filled with cold sweat which uncontrollably dripped down, not daring to breathe loudly at all.

When Lord Zhan saw this scenario, his voice turned even colder, "What? You didn't manage to get the thing? Hadn't This Lord already warned you the last time? You weren't able to bid for the Purified Branch the last time at the auction and This Lord had already given you a chance to let you use this time to redeem for your past mistake but now you didn't even manage to steal it? You are all ninth stage realm top exponents, merely an Alchemist Guild and they could also stop you? Or am I to say that you feel that This Lord does not dare to do anything to you?"

His tone was turning colder and colder and until the very end, it was even filled with an evident murderous intent!

Chi Xiao Jiu and the others were shaking with fear as they all knelt down onto the ground and kept begging for mercy.

"Lord Zhan, Lord Zhan! Please be appeased! It's not that Your Subordinates are not willing to make any effort, simply.... simply is because things are out of our expectations!"

"That's right Lord Zhan, we didn't expect the Alchemist Guild to actually hide the Bipolar Black Orchid so well this time round! They hid it into Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild's top grade warehouse!"

Lord Zhan frowned, "What? Feng Zhensheng actually put the Bipolar Black Orchid in Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild? Why did he do such a thing for?"

Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild's top grade warehouse wasn't some ordinary place.

In order to maintain the Guild's various auction item's safety, the top grade warehouse's surroundings were set up with numerous high levelled arrays.

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There were various kinds inside and some were set up by Huang Yueli personally over twenty overs ago.

If one didn't have the blueprint of the mechanisms, even an eighth ranked Armament Master can forget about leaving that place alive.

Moreover, besides that, Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild also employed many top expertise guards nearby, and there are also three ninth stage realm peak Sky Chart Elders who would be on rotation duty every other day.

Under such heavy obstruction, even if Chi Xiao Jiu and the others were ninth stage realm top exponents, slipping in to steal something was practically something impossible.

Only thing was, although the Bipolar Black Orchid was a rare medicinal herb, but the use of that item itself wasn't very widely used and there were only a few Pill Masters who were able to refine it into pills, so they totally wouldn't go snatch it forcibly.

If it was a ready manufactured pill, locking it into the top grade warehouse would be something common.

But this was just a medicinal pill and moreover it was just a prize for the mere Rising Star Competition so what on earth was he trying to do, making such an exaggerated commotion?

Lord Zhan frowned as he pondered over this for half a day but still couldn't get what Feng Zhensheng was thinking about.

Of course he wouldn't know that Feng Zhensheng was scared stiff by Huang Yueli's tricks and was deeply afraid that she might intentionally find trouble with them if she couldn't obtain the medicinal herb hence he locked it up.

Chi Xiao Jiu lowered his head as he spoke out softly, "This....This Subordinate isn't clear of the reason as well but the news that the Bipolar Black Orchid in the top grade warehouse is definitely for real! Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild even sent an Elder to personally deliver the medicinal herb. Your Subordinates, we attempted to enter the top grade warehouse but we almost triggered the mechanisms on several occasions..."

Lord Zhan gave a cold laugh, "So, you few trash have no other way? You're one of the leaders of the Seven Sacred Lands and yet you're just so useless?"

This sentence was like a slap on Chi Xiao Jiu's face and as the Palace Lord of Mythical Flame Palace, he also had his pride and he clenched his teeth for a moment as his fury practically flared up.

However, not too long later, he endured it all.

The power of this Lord Zhan's potential was just too strong and the methods he resorted too were too vicious, those who had not experienced it personally would find it hard to imagine.

If it was not for this, he wouldn't be resigned to be controlled by him for so many years.....

When Ling Qing Yu saw this, she hastily tried to explain, "Lord Zhan, please be appeased! Your Subordinates here do not have the ability and we don't dare to barge in forcibly. Moreover you specially instructed us to absolutely not expose our identities..."

When Lord Zhan heard that, he scoffed, "So in this way, it's my fault?"

Ling Qing Yu realised that she said the wrong words as she shivered and hurriedly explained, "N, No, it's Your Subordinate who is incapable....."

Lord Zhan shot a cold glance at them but didn't say a single word.

Chi Xiao Jiu and the others had sweat pouring down their backs as they lowered their heads while feeling extremely terrified on how they would end up after this.

A long time later, Lord Zhan's voice was heard coming from afar, "Since the medicinal herb is placed in the top grade warehouse, then we need not bother about it temporarily. Anyway tomorrow after the competition has ended, they will still need to retrieve the stalk of Bipolar Black Orchid and by then... you'd better not make This Lord disappointed!"

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On the other end, Huang Yueli followed Li Moying and under the crowd's envious and revered gazes, they returned to the Snow Cloud Sky Ship.

The moment before they got up the ship, she seemed to have detected something and turned her head back to take a look.

"What's the matter?" Li Moying squeezed her palm and asked curiously.

Huang Yueli shook her head, "Nothing? There's too many people here and it's a little too noisy, let's head back earlier."

Li Moying nodded his head and without a doubt, he led her up the ship.

However, Huang Yueli's unsettled feeling began to grow for no reason.

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Earlier, she somehow felt a burst of sinisterly cold gaze which pursued after her....

But on turning back, in the vast sea of people, she totally wasn't able to locate the owner of the gaze.

Could it be a misperception?

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After returning to Blue Profound Sect, Huang Yueli first chased Li Moying to sleep before returning to the pill refining room.

Today, although she had obtained success in the first two rounds of competition and had attained a huge leading advantage, but she had always been prudent and knew that in crucial moments like this, she could not afford to be lax all the more, otherwise if any accident were to happen, she might just end up falling short of success.

So she still wanted to train for a little while more.

She had not expected that the minute she entered the pill refining room, she discovered Dai Boqi already seated right there.

On seeing her walking in, Old Master Dai broke out into a satisfactorily smile, "Not bad, indeed the disciple whom this old man has taken fancy of. Today you've already taken the lead by so many points

and yet still know to be prepared for the third round of competition. Neither conceited nor rash with your two feet firmly planted onto the ground, there aren't too many youngsters like this now!"

Huang Yueli smiled as she said, "Master, why haven't you gone to rest yet?"

Dai Boqi coughed and said, "This Master is worried that you might meet with some difficulties in the third round of competition hence I've rearranged a set of information for you in these past two days, which is useful to you for the competition tomorrow. Hurry on and take a look! Luckily your memory is good enough so you probably won't need much time and you'd be able to finish reading it all."

As he said that, he passed a manuscript to Huang Yueli.

She received the manuscript and flipped through it simply only to discover that it was rather thick, with at least two hundred pages or more and the information which was recorded inside were all third level medicinal pills' prescriptions. Moreover every single page had Dai Boqi's personal annotation, which were extra detailed.

Huang Yueli spoke out while feeling very touched, "Master, your this.... it's really been too hard on you, what I need now is exactly this information!"

Needless to think, so much information and annotations definitely took a huge load of time for Dai Boqi to complete and under such a pressurising time limit, he might have burnt the midnight oil just to complete it.

He was already at such an old age and his body condition wasn't at its best condition but for a disciple like her, to overwork himself in such a manner.....

Dai Boqi felt extremely delighted but his face was filled with disdain, "Enough, enough, don't put on a sobbing face like this. This old man tidied up these information because I'm afraid that your performance tomorrow is not up to standard and you will throw This Master's face away! Hurry on and read it well! Don't blame this old man for not reminding you, generally speaking, the third round of the Rising Star Competition mostly assesses on third level prescriptions and the difficulty is very high so only veteran third ranked Pill Masters are able to gain victory, moreover, sometimes it's based on luck as well! Don't you treat this lightly!"

Huang Yeuli kept nodding her head, "Master, don't worry!"

She picked up the manual and sat next to the palace lamp as she started to read in detail.

It took merely a few breaths of time and she had already entered the mode as she was entirely devoted into studying.

Dai Boqi silently nodded when he saw that and quietly left the pill refining room.

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A night's time quickly went past.

Early next morning, under Li Moying and the other's accompaniment, Huang Yueli sat on the Snow Cloud Sky Ship and arrived at the Rising Star Competition grounds.

The second day of the competition was the most crucial moment for victory and those practitioners who came forward to view were apparently much more than the previous day!

The minute Snow Cloud Sky Ship appeared in the sky above, it immediately attracted many people's gazes.

But this time round, most of them were not looking at Li Moying.

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Even more gazes were shot towards Huang Yueli!

As the winner from the first two rounds of competition, maintaining an absolute leading advantage, Huang Yueli's pill refining innate talent was no longer a doubt!

Adding on to her cultivation which she had unwittingly unleashed yesterday, it made her become the focus of the entire Sky Emperor City overnight!

At this moment, the halo on her was no longer "Young Sect Master Li's fiancée", but a peerless genius within Sky Emperor City where the strong were like clouds!

Amid everyone's attention, Huang Yueli walked down the flying ship next to Li Moying.

Huang Yueli pushed the man beside her, indicating for him to head to the VIP seating.

However, Li Moying couldn't bear to leave as he merely whispered next to her ear for some time before leaving reluctantly.

At this moment, even though they weren't able to hear what the both of them were talking about, what was in everyone's eyes were just full of admiration.

"Young Sect Master Li and Young Miss Bai are really too loving, every time they appear, they would always be so dearly with each other."

"I seriously protest to such casual show of love! They're just too inconsiderate!"

Various kinds of envious and hatred voices could be heard as a lady cloaked in a hood couldn't help but scoff.

Another man who was also clad in a black robe turned his head to take a look at her upon hearing that, "Why? Feeling uncomfortable? Have you recalled the scene back then? Twenty over years ago, every time Mu Chengying and Huang Yueli appeared in front of everyone's eyes, they also acted like this. A talented man and a beautiful woman, with overpowering potentials but yet only had eyes for each other, not allowing anyone to butt in..."

Ling Qing Yu interrupted him coldly, "Shut up! No one will treat you like a mute if you don't speak!"

Chi Xiao Jiu sneered, "I merely wanted to remind you that if we fail again in today's mission, Sire Zhan will absolutely be extremely furious! Don't you intentionally give in the game just because the other party is someone from the Blue Profound Sect!"

Ling Qing Yu put on a black face, "You'd better first weigh yourself first! If this mission fails, it will absolutely not be because that I threw the game, but more likely... it's because you don't have enough ability!"

"You...!"

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Huang Yueli had already walked to the competitor's seating on the competition grounds.

Feng Xiaoyan had arrived earlier than her as she was already seated on her own seat.

She hadn't suffered a major injury the day before and after one night's rest, her spirits had apparently recovered by quite a bit.

On seeing Huang Yueli walking over, a hint of hatred and envy flashed past Feng Xiaoyan's eyes as her lips moved but eventually said nothing at all.

Huang Yueli didn't bother about her as she stood right in front of her own pill furnace.

When Master Zhang saw that all the participants had arrived, he indicated for everyone to quieten down as he began to explain the regulations of the third round.

"Firstly, a very much welcome to everyone for coming to view the third round of the Pill Master Rising Star Competition. The third round of every time's Rising Star Competition is the most important round and as compared to the first two round where full marks are a total of twenty points each, but the points in the third round will increase without any boundaries! As long as you have the ability, your total marks will be able to leave the first two rounds in the dust! So even if the participant had gained a huge advantage in the first two rounds, no one can guarantee that after the third round finishes, one can still maintain first place!

"There is still a huge suspense for today's competition so will all participants please try your best!"

Hearing Master Zhang's incitement, Feng Xiaoyan couldn't help but lift up her chest as she stole a peek at Huang Yueli.

The third round of competition was totally a contest between third rank Pill Masters and no matter how great Huang Yueli's innate talent was, surely it was not possible for her to be able to become a third rank Pill Master in such a short amount of time right?

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So, she still had a high chance of success!

Master Zhang paused for a moment and said, "As the first two rounds were rather intense, hence the judging committee had a discussion last night and increased the relative difficulty in the third round of competition so the regulations are not the same as previous seasons."

Saying that, he pointed to the bamboo basket in front of the participants.

“Has everyone seen the medicinal herbs that you’ve received? Do you feel that there are many kinds? Actually, there’s a total of a hundred plus medicinal herbs in this basket. Basically all the commonly used medicinal herbs from first to third level are all covered within.”

“Your mission today, is to make use of the medicinal herbs in this basket and it’s up to your liberty to refine the highest level of medicinal pill that you can. Every participant’s medicinal herbs are the same and there are no replenishments. Six hours later, the total number of medicinal pills that you have refined will all be added into your total points.”

“If you have understood that, will everyone please start to refine your pills!”

After Huang Yueli heard the regulations that Master Zhang said, her brows lifted in surprise.

Looked like what Dai Boqi expected wasn’t wrong at all. The third round of the Rising Star Competition indeed had some level of difficulty.

They had to choose the variety of the medicinal herb themselves and had a free reign over the medicinal pill which they could refine and although that sounded quite simple, but in actual fact, it was of the highest difficulty.

As there was only one set of medicinal herb whereas the success rate of pill refining was normally not high, so if they were to choose a third level medicinal pill, the success rate would be even lower and once they failed, not to mention about waste the huge amount of time, there was no replenishment for the medicinal pill which they had used so it would result in many other medicinal pills not being able to be refined.

But if they were to refine a first level medicinal pill, the success rate would increase by a huge amount. However the points awarded would definitely be much lower.

How should one choose was actually not just testing the Pill master’s skills, but also their courage, success rate and planning ability.

No wonder Dai Boqi had arranged the information into a manual yesterday and made her read it through the night!

Huang Yueli squatted down next to her basket to examine the medicinal herbs in the bamboo basket and compared it against the notes that she’d read yesterday, a number of medicinal pills started to surface in her mind.

If not for last night’s cramming, she would probably be at a disadvantage today because who would be able to recall so much in such a short amount of time?

Huang Yueli took a look at Feng Xiaoyan to discover that while other people were choosing their medicinal herbs, Feng Xiaoyan had already geared up to grab the initiative and begun refining.

It was then when Huang Yueli realised that it was obvious that Feng Zhensheng had already revealed the topic of the competition to Feng Xiaoyan.

Otherwise, just thinking of which medicinal pill to refine would expend some time, so how would one be itching to get started? This topic’s main focus was not on the pill refining speed!

Huang Yueli spent a bit of time examining the medicinal herbs' medicinal effects in her hands and she quickly ascertained a plan for refining her pills.

Like the day before, she lit up the open flame and sent it into the fire entrance.

Even though she had control, the most common and ordinary flame, but after yesterday's competition, no one dared to belittle this mere open flame.

Huang Yueli had already exhibited to them that the type of flame wasn't important. What was important was who was the one controlling it!

The speed of the flame being heated up was swift and after it reached the designated temperature, Huang Yueli's right hand swung and she threw a stalk of medicinal herb into the furnace.

One of the sharp eyed spectators cried out, "That stalk seems like the third level medicinal herb Serene Cloud Grass!"

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When the crowd heard that, they instantly gained some spirit.

"What? Could it be that Young Miss Bai wants to refine third level medicinal pills? Does that mean she's already at the standard of third rank Pill Master?"

"Not possible right? I feel that it's impossible! If it was truly like this, her innate talent would surpass Divine Doctor Liu already!"

"Don't make wild guesses, who set the rules that if one used third level medicinal herbs then that would mean that they must refine third level medicinal pills? Third level medicinal herbs can be used to refine second level medicinal pills and it would raise the success rate by a huge percentage, that's a kind of tactic!"

"Oh.... So it's like this..."

Apparently, the last explanation could be accepted by the others more easily and quite a number of them believe in it.

Feng Xiaoyan also swept a glance at Huang Yueli from the corner of her eye with similar thinking as the spectators.

Using high levelled medicinal herbs to refine low level medicinal pills would indeed raise the success rate by twenty percent or so and in this kind of competition, this was one of the safest ways.

Feng Xiaoyan ascertained that it was not possible for Huang Yueli to attain the standard of third rank Pill Master hence from what she thought, using a third level medicinal herb like was an intelligent pragmatic way.

If one did not have a certain level of insight, ordinary Pill Masters would not know that they could do this at all!

It must be Divine Doctor Dai who taught her this. This wretched lass really had a great Master!

Unfortunately, even if it was like this, what she refined was still a second level medicinal pill and the points that she would obtain would only be one third of what a third level medicinal pill would attain!

Feng Xiaoyan's thoughts were racing in her mind as the actions on her hands increased in speed.

Yesterday night, she already found out about the topic from Feng Zhensheng hence after discussing with him for an entire night, she confirmed the type of medicinal pill and sequence that she would be refining, so that she could save some time during the competition, so as to guarantee that she would be able to attain the greatest number of points.

Now what she was refining was a second level medicinal pill, and not a third level one.

It wasn't because she didn't wanted to refine third level medicinal pills but the success rate of third level pills was just too low, and if she were to start of refining the medicinal pills with the highest level of difficulty, the pressure was just too great and if she failed continuously, it might affect her development later on.

Hence, her plan was to refine all of the second level medicinal pills first and to guarantee that she would be able to come out with a few trays of second level medicinal pills and based on this foundation, charge towards third level medicinal pills.

In this way, with the foundation pills as a base, she would just need to refine one or two trays of third level medicinal pills and first place would then come easily to her.

Of course, as to what kinds of second and third level medicinal pills to refine, Feng Xiaoyan had roughly planned it out so all she needed to do was just to follow according to the prescribed order and complete it.

Feng Xiaoyan began her refinement in a proficient manner.

Today her condition had basically recovered and her professional posture attracted quite an amount of attention from the crowd.

"Young Miss Feng's speed is really fast. From her looks, it seems that her first tray of medicinal pills are almost ready!"

"That's of course, she's a third rank Pill Master! Yesterday's competition didn't allow her to exhibit the potential she has but today is totally different!"

"Look there quickly, she's opening the furnace lid!"

Feng Xiaoyan was the earliest in refining hence she was also the fastest to complete her first tray.

She opened the furnace lid and under Master Zhang's attentive watch, she retrieved eight pieces of Poison Purging Pills from the furnace.

"Second level medicinal pills, three points for one piece and there's a total of eight pieces here so that's twenty four points! Not too bad, you're the first to refine out your pills and moreover those are second level medicinal pills!"

Feng Xiaoyan gave a slight smile when she heard that.

She was rather satisfied with her performance and although the quantity wasn't a lot, but at least she was off on a good start to immediate success and obtained the lead.

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Feng Xiaoyan didn't dare to waste any time as she spoke a word of "thanks" to Master Zhang and hurriedly continued to refine the next batch.

She had just added the first kind of medicinal herbs not too long ago when she heard Huang Yueli pressing the bell.

"Young Miss Bai also refined her first batch of medicinal pills! Her speed isn't slow as well!"

"Indeed Divine Doctor Dai's disciple, even though she's not a third rank Pill Master, she still has astonishing speed!"

Master Zhang also hurriedly walked over to inspect the medicinal pills which Huang Yueli had refined.

Feng Xiaoyan heard the crowd's praises and exclamation but she didn't think much about it as she didn't feel anxious at all.

So what if this wretched lass had refined with a batch of medicinal pills? No matter how it was, it was merely second level medicinal pills and totally weren't of any threat to her.

Master Zhang was filled with praise as he nodded towards Huang Yueli and walked to the side of the furnace.

Yesterday Huang Yueli had saved his life in the nick of time and he was extremely grateful to her, moreover he was also full of praise towards her pill refining innate talent.

But when he saw the few small pills that laid inside the furnace, the expression on his face was incomparably startled.

Master Zhang was in a daze for moments as he stretched out his hand to rub his own eyes.

"This... this... These are all..."

His tongue was tied and for a long time, he was unable to speak out a complete sentence.

His reaction made everyone look curiously, and even Feng Xiaoyan also turned her eyes over for a curious look.

Master Zhang took a deep breath as he put his hand into the pill furnace and took a small little pill out, "This... this is the White Crane Pill! Consuming this kind of pill will increase the practitioner's responsiveness and speed!"

"PWAH—What? Third level medicinal pill??"

"Young Miss Bai actually refined a third level pill!!"

"White Crane Pill, I heard of this before. This medicinal pill is very expensive and one pill alone is worth several thousands of high grade spirit stones and it can't even be found in ordinary pharmacies!"

The spectators all widened their eyes and stared at the pill in Master Zhang's hand with a face of disbelief!

They totally had not expected that Huang Yueli simply casually refined out a third level medicinal pill!

From second rank Pill Master to third rank Pill Master, this is an extremely difficult promotion crux to cross.

Those under twenty years old and able to refine third level medicinal pills' Pill Master would all become Pill Grandmasters of eighth rank and above, and they were the genuine Divine Doctors!

Whereas for Huang Yueli, she's only..... sixteen??

The most astonished person was Feng Xiaoyan.

She originally just spared a little bit of effort to take a look at Huang Yueli but in the end, all she saw was the White Crane Pill in Master Zhang's hands!

Moreover, from the quality of the pill, it seemed to be a third level middle grade White Crane Pill!

She self-acclaimed that she was a third rank Pill Master but as her skills weren't exquisite enough, she was only able to refine third level lower grade pills until now, and had not been able to refine third level middle grade ones yet!

Feng Xiaoyan was so shocked that her hands shook and burnt the medicinal ingredients in the pill furnace into coal but luckily, she was just in the beginning stage of refinement so this time round, it didn't result in a tragic explosive end.

But right now, she could no longer care about her own medicinal pills as she shot right up next to Huang Yueli and popped her head towards the pill furnace to take a look.

"No, impossible! You've just learnt pill refining skills for over a month, how is it possible that you can refine third level medicinal pills out? Moreover these are third level middle grade pills! You're definitely cheating isn't it?"

When Huang Yueli heard that, she spoke with a smile that didn't resemble a smile, "Young Miss Feng, you said that I'm cheating, do you have any proof?"

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"You can't casually say such words! Without any evidence, this is slander and it is an infringement towards my reputation!"

Master Zhang also frowned as he said, "That's right, Young Miss Feng, Young Miss Bai's entire refinement was done under the crowd and judging committee's supervision and there's absolutely no possibility for her to cheat. You have to take up responsibility for the kind of nonsense that you sprout!"

Feng Xiaoyan's face instantly turned red, "I... I was just.. just too surprised! Moreover speaking, this is just too abnormal. Just one month ago, Bai Ruoli obviously still didn't have any pill refining skills!"

Actually, how would Feng Xiaoyan possibly not know that the possibility of cheating while refining pills in this kind of open public competition was simply too low.

But if she had to admit Huang Yueli's abnormal standard of innate talent, she just simply couldn't accept it momentarily.

This time round, she had already made an all rounded preparation and exhausted all her means so that she could rebound back in the third round, to make up for the embarrassing sight which she had shown the day before.

Whoever knew that in the end, she discovered that it was all a waste of her effort.

Huang Yueli's innate talent was actually so outstanding to this extent! No matter how much she racked her brains, there was no way that she could look forward to that!

Master Zhang took out the White Crane Pills which Huang Yueli refined, one piece after another.

"Third level medicinal pills, nine points for one piece. As you've refined third level middle grade medicinal pills, it can be counted as ten points for one piece and there's a total of ten pieces here so that's one hundred points!"

One hundred points!

Such an astonishing high mark and that instantly caused a series of squeals.

Most of the participants present hadn't even finished their first batch of medicinal pills whereas for those who had completed, other than Feng Xiaoyan, the rest had all failed.

At this moment, on hearing Huang Yueli's points, that twenty four points earlier instantly was extremely little as it could be!

This hadn't even hit a quarter of what Huang Yueli had got!

As the saying went, comparing one against another would make one die while goods would have to be thrown away. Feng Xiaoyan's little bit of halo earlier, in comparison to Huang Yueli's, instantly vanished to nowhere.

"Heavens, I've really come to the right event! I've not expected that Bai Tuoli is actually such an incredible pill refining genius!"

"Divine Doctor Dai has picked up a treasure this time again! In the near future, her achievements will definitely not be any lower than Divine Doctor Liu!"

"This is just too incredible! After the competition ends, she will be able to claim the third rank Pill Master badge right?"

"Was that necessary? Perhaps, she has the fourth rank ability, just that she didn't say it out!"

Earlier everyone was still exclaiming just how talented Feng Xiaoyan was but now, no one even remembered about her anymore.

Feng Xiaoyan was so infuriated that her teeth were itching and she almost spat out a mouthful of blood!

However, she could do nothing to Huang Yueli at all.

The disparity in abilities was placed so distinctively right there and everyone was able to tell that she just couldn't be compared to Huang Yueli at all!

Huang Yueli detected Feng Xiaoyan's jealous gaze which was filled with hatred but she merely gave a smile and didn't think much of it.

She quickly composed herself and continued to refine the next batch of medicinal pills.

Everyone's gaze kept following her around, wanting to see that following this, was she able to continuously create another miracle to refine other third level medicinal pills.

Feng Xiaoyan kept stealing glances at her, and she saw with her own eyes just how smooth Huang Yueli's actions were, and very quickly, she looked as though she was about to finish refining another batch of pills once again.