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# Chapter 2611

There was a smile on Jackie's lips before he said, "You said he was forced, so who was it who forced him? Why would they force him when everyone knows he has a grudge against me? Harold using Michael to try to kill me is something we all know, so why are you trying to say that he was forced?"

After saying all of that, Jackie looked up at Elder Rick with a serious expression. Elder Rick must be Harold's backer, that was something incredibly obvious. Otherwise, he would not be protecting Harold and Johnson.

He had so calmly twisted the truth, helping Harold shed any responsibility.

When Elder Baggin heard all of that, he nodded as he ran his hand through his beard, "You bring up some good questions, but before he answers you, let me ask you something first. We've not even explained the details of the matter yet, but you seem to know what happened?"

Jackie turned to look at Elder Baggin. Elder Baggin had a sharp look in his eyes, but Jackie could tell that Elder Baggin was different. He was not helping Harold. Elder Baggin looked old, but there was an air of sternness to him.

He was obviously someone with a fierce sense of justice. Jackie was incredibly confident with someone like that in front of him.

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If the three out of the two of them were on Harold's side, then it would be useless even if Jackie told the truth to everyone present.

Jackie nodded as he answered earnestly, "After we left the transfer array, we met Harold. He asked me why I wasn't dead. The moment I heard him say that I was very curious. After mulling it over for a long time, I finally understood why he asked me that."

Harold could not stop himself from looking at Jackie before he voiced out, "That's a load of crap! When did I ever ask why you weren't dead?"

However, he was shot down by a sharp look from Elder Rick the moment he said that. Harold's whole body shook, obviously afraid of Elder Rick. At that moment, even if he had the guts to try and defend himself, he was still forced to swallow his words.

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Jackie turned to look at Elder Rick and continued, "I've answered the question, so could Elder Rick answer me now?"

Elder Rick raised an eyebrow, maintaining his warm smile on his face. However, Jackie felt like his warm and gentle face hid a sense of viciousness in it.

Elder Rick smiled and answered, "In truth, this matter is actually your problem in the end."

After he said that, Jackie was incredibly confused. Was it Jackie's own fault that someone was trying to kill him? Elder Rick's words were quite amazing!

Elder Rick continued to say, "You don't have to be so excited, and you don't have to question me. I'm speaking the truth. You offended someone outside. Harold says that it was a man in black clothes.

"That man suddenly captured Harold when Harold headed out. Harold was fed poison and forced to arrange for someone to kill you. That's because you haven't gone out ever since you entered Phoenix Valley, and the man did not know when you would leave.

"He was forced to try to kill you, which was why everything happened. Harold was helpless to do anything. If he had not been fed poison, he would definitely not have done any of that."

After Elder Rick said all that, Rudy was so furious his whole body was trembling. Even his face was pale. Jackie had his eyebrows furrowed as he felt a deep rage in his heart.

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Elder Rick really was incredibly silver tongued. With just a few words, he had basically dismissed all of Harold's wrongdoings. He was so shameless it rendered Jackie speechless. Elder Zhou did not care how the two of them reacted and instead pointed right at Langston who was kneeling on the ground.

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"Langston is a close brother of Michael's. Before Michael went to Holy Soul Mountain, he handed the contract with Harold to Langston for safekeeping. If any accidents happened, Langston would bring the contract out."

Jackie raised a hand to interrupt Elder Rick as he earnestly asked, "I don't have anyone with a grudge against me outside. I've never heard of some black-clothed man before. This was obviously all fabricated by Harold to clear his name.

"Why do you trust his words so much? If I've done something and just casually made up some black-clothed man, would I be able to clear my own name as well?"

Elder Rick let out a slight laugh as he said casually, "This black-clothed man isn't someone who was just casually made up. If the black-clothed man did not exist, then how did Michael die?

"The deacons who helped send Michael to Holy Soul Mountain have all been interrogated by us. After they were interrogated, they only offered one answer.

"They did do all of it for the sake of Harold's money, but they only helped send Michael in. They did not send a second ; person through the array. After our investigations, the deacons were definitely telling the truth. So other than all of you at Holy Soul Mountain, there should be someone else there!"

Jackie raised an eyebrow and almost laughed out loud. Elder Rick actually managed to say those words. Even the black-clothed man who did not exist sounded so realistic.

Elder Rick continued after seeing that Jackie was silent, "We sent our people to investigate Holy Soul Mountain. After a series of investigations, there was no one there at all.

"All of this proves that Harold was right. The black-clothed man had actually broken through the barrier and entered Holy Soul Mountain to find you."

Jackie smiled as he asked, "Then why am I fine right now, and the one who died was Michael?"

Elder Rick said in an incredibly calm tone, "That's because their negotiations broke down. Harold agreed to give Michael a portion of his resources, and the blackclothed man had agreed to give Michael something as well.

"However, the man clearly regretted it and ended up killing Michael himself. All of this makes sense."

Jackie could no longer hold himself back from laughing after hearing all that crap. Elder Eliot frowned and said sternly, "What are you laughing at? Do you know where you are right now? You can't just laugh when you feel like it..."

Jackie's lips twitched helplessly, unable to stop himself from laughing, "You're really not holding back at all to clear his name. You're even willing to say such nonsensical things.

"That black-clothed man risked his life in order to kill me, but he somehow regretted it? This makes no sense!"

Elder Rick did not look angered at all by Jackie's laughter, and instead said calmly, "Why doesn't it make sense? It's not like something like this has never happened before. On top of that, Michael's temper is quite bad. The two of them ended up in a conflict and the black-clothed man accidentally killed Michael. It's entirely possible."

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Jackie nodded, "Even if you insist that it's all true, you still can't explain the most important thing. If the black-clothed man is so capable, why isn't he moving alone?

"Can't he just kill me himself? Why would he need to work together with Michael? This makes no sense!"

Elder Baggin nodded at Jackie's words as he stood up from his chair, "Jackie is right. If this black-clothed man is so capable, he wouldn't need to waste so much of his effort, even risking being found out. Why would he leave the corpse on a trail that alchemists would definitely pass? It's as if he wanted someone to find it!"

Elder Rick frowned after he heard that, turning around to look for everyone, "This is a problem I still haven't figured out to this day, but from the leads, Harold seems to be speaking the truth.

"He was being threatened. He might be in the wrong here as well, but his crimes aren't so bad that he needs to die. He should just be punished a little..."

Jackie laughed coldly, "None of these clues can prove that he was forced. The blackclothed man doesn't exist at all. He's just claiming all of this to clear his name. It's all fabricated!

"You can't back him so blindly just because he has a good relationship with you! So many people saw the corpse then, and they all deserve an explanation. If you brush it off just like that, you'll just be making a joke of yourself!"

As he said that, Elder Rick's warm face had completely cooled. Harold loudly shouted, "How dare you speak to Elder Rick like this?!"

Jackie raised an eyebrow as he said in a nonchalant manner, "If Elder Rick is fair

and just acts as an elder, I'd naturally respect him. However, Elder Rick has been trying to defend you from the very start to clear your name. Why would I need to be polite?"

Elder Rick narrowed his eyes as his tone became incredibly cold, "Your words aren't merely casual remarks. You'll have to take responsibility for them.

"What do you mean by me defending him? You're saying that I favor him? Everything I'm doing is to stop an innocent person from being falsely accused."

Jackie smiled as he matched Elder Rick's gaze fearlessly, "Elder Rick's words sound so noble. Don't you think they're hilarious?"

Elder Rick said in a righteous manner, "The truth is right in front of you. Without that black-clothed man, how did Michael die? Could he have killed himself?

"He had already signed a contract with

Harold to kill you, but you're not dead. Yet, Michael is dead, which can only prove the existence of that person. Furthermore, it's just like Harold had said, Harold is also a victim.

"We managed to find poison in his body. He really was poisoned by something incredibly strong. If it went on for a month without an antidote, Harold would be dead!"

Jackie took a deep breath, feeling more and more amused by everything. Harold really did use all sorts of ways to try to clear his name. He even fed poison to himself.

However, the poison must be timed. As long as the antidote was talent, everything would be fine. Jackie had to admit that Harold was quite smart. Since Michael had died in unknown circumstances, he had taken a hold of that point to fabricate someone who did not exist.

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He used that fabricated person to clear his own name and prove to everyone that he was a victim as well. He had done all of that out of desperation. Jackie could not help but turn to look at Harold.

At that moment, Harold seemed much calmer as he matched Jackie's gaze in an uncaring manner. It was as if he wanted to say that, no matter what Jackie said that day, they would be spared punishment.

It was because they had the support of Elder Rick. Rudy looked at Jackie nervously. At that moment, Rudy felt like he was going to be angered to death.

The two of them were too despicable. They had twisted the truth so much that it was not believable anymore. It caused Rudy to feel like spitting blood.

That feeling tormented Rudy. It was as if someone was accusing him of something he

did not do, but he was unable to defend himself.

Rudy looked up at Jackie. He had even made the determination that even if the situation was being turned around like that by Elder Rick, he would absolutely stand up and expose everything. He was not willing to just suffer like that.

Jackie did not bother with Rudy's anxious expression. He turned to look at Elder Eliot and Elder Baggin. Elder Baggin stared at everyone present with a stern expression while Elder Eliot was staring right at him.

It seemed both questioning and doubtful. From their expressions, Jackie understood what the two of them were thinking about.

Elder Baggin was the one in the highest position, so he naturally wanted to get to the bottom of it and determine right from wrong. He wanted to deliver justice to everyone present. Meanwhile, Elder Eliot did not believe any of Elder Rick's words.

Elder Eliot looked at Jackie that way because Elder Eliot wanted Jackie to say something. Looking at their expressions, Jackie's thoroughly relaxed.

He turned to face Elder Rick and said, "So the key question remains on the existence of the black-clothed man?"

Elder Rick nodded as he furrowed his eyebrows. He said with a curious voice, "I know there are still many questions about this matter. If we want to clear everything up, then we need to find that person. However, we already put in a lot of effort but to no avail.

"That person could not be found, so all we can do is to trust what Harold said was true. I know you still have your doubts, and you're not willing to believe all of this because of your grudges against Harold, but there's no other way.

"That's because all of the evidence points toward what Harold says being true. He did all of that because he was threatened. If he had not been forced to ingest the poison, nothing would have happened. In the end, the problem lies in the enemies you've made for yourself. Don't you think I'm right, Jackie?"

Rudy's face was absolutely red in anger. He attempted to rush forward, but he was stopped by Jackie. Elder Rick's words had gone too far. It was one thing to twist the truth, but he was even pinning everything on Jackie.

It was absolutely petty. Even Elder Eliot's eyes were raised as he looked at Elder Rick in disdain. Even though Elder Eliot did not say anything, he still knew that Elder Rick was trying to defend Harold and Johnson.

Elder Baggin understood that as well, but

Elder Baggin did not say anything because there was nothing he could do. Elder Eliot did not have enough evidence to make any judgments.

Jackie suddenly let out a laugh as he looked at Elder Rick with an incredibly mocking expression.

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"Elder Rick, you really are the most silver tongued person I've ever met. You're really capable of twisting the truth as well. Since you all want to know the truth, then let me tell you the truth. The so-called blackclothed man doesn't exist at all, I was the one who killed Michael!"

The moment he said that everyone présent was stunned. Even the three who were kneeling down on the floor looked up at Jackie at the same time. Everyone had looks of shock and doubt in their eyes.

They were shocked that Jackie said he had killed Michael while they doubted the truth of Jackie's words. Jackie did not care how they were looking at him.

He walked forward and stopped in front of Harold before he suddenly laughed coldly, "Did you think that these lies you made up would be able to clear your name even though they had some holes in them?"

Harold frowned as he shouted, "What kind of nonsense are you spouting? I've never planned on clearing my name! Everything I did was because I was forced.

"If the black-clothed man wasn't there, why would I have ever done something so absurd? Do you think I don't know how horrible the consequences would be for me if anyone found out about it?"

Looking at Harold's righteous indignation, Jackie felt even more amused. He suddenly reached out and grabbed Harold's collar before allowing the power in his body to explode outward.

The power of a spring solidifying realm expert filled the place. In a flash, everyone widened their eyes, refusing to believe what they were feeling was real.

Jackie had just tugged Harold's collar, but Harold ended up being picked up by Jackie like a little chicken.

Jackie raised an eyebrow as he said, "Your plan was honestly flawless. You bribed the deacons to send Michael to Holy Cloud Mountain. Once everyone was transferred over, he would quickly follow me and kill me.

"You hate me so much, but never tried to do anything to me yourself, because you knew you were no match for me. The second reason was the fact that our identification badges are all being observed by the scroll. If I die, your identification badge will expose your location! You didn't want to take the risk, so you plotted out this plan."

As he said that, Jackie grabbed onto Harold's collar tightly as he flashed a cold smile, "However, you would never have believed that Michael would amount to nothing in front of me! He's only at the initial stage of the spring solidifying realm, he was no match for me!"

Those words stunned everyone there, be it

Harold who was being grabbed by Jackie, or Johnson who was still kneeling on the ground. Everyone stared at Jackie with widened eyes and a gaping mouth as they stared at the two of them with looks of disbelief.

However, the power that Jackie was exuding was definitely not fake. Jackie had absolutely broken into the spring solidifying realm and was even an expert within that realm. Other than Rudy, everyone else present was stunned.

After all, Jackie's strength had shattered all of their common knowledge. Those who walked the path of alchemy would always end up using a lot of their time on alchemy.

They would have far too little time for martial arts, and would naturally not be able to go far in the martial arts path. Yet, Jackie was a sixth-grade alchemist who was already in the spring solidifying realm. For someone at such an age to achieve that made him an absolute master.

Harold trembled as he shouted, "Impossible! This is absolutely impossible! You're an alchemist, how could you have any time to train? You can't be in the spring solidifying realm. You can't be, Jackie!"

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Harold, already crumbling in chaos at that moment, frantically tried to find an excuse for himself, but Elder Baggin had interjected him with a deep frown and a sharp stare. "Shut up right now! Since Jackie is this strong, then all questions have been answered. There's no black-clothed man, and you were not threatened at all. If Jackie hadn't surprised us with his strength, your plan would've gone perfectly.

"Jackie would've died on Holy Cloud Mountain, and you'd rid yourself of a source of hatred. Since you weren't by Jackie's side at the time, the higher-ups wouldn't be suspicious of you at all!

"It's just your poor luck that the assassin you sent was no match for Jackie, and your plan failed horrendously. Jackie, did you deliberately place the corpse where people would pass by?"

Jackie nodded. "If I had just spoken the truth, no one would have believed me. It was better if I put the corpse in front of everyone and had Elder Eliot investigate.

"I was sure that Harold thought his plan was flawless, that it wouldn't be traced back to him at all."

Johnson collapsed on the floor as he mumbled, "So there really wasn't anyone else..."

That question had plagued Johnson for a long time. Michael's death had been far too strange. Even after so much trouble, no one else was found at Holy Cloud Mountain at all, so who had harmed Michael?

#### Who placed that corpse there?

Even though they had crafted a lie, Johnson had been bogged down with fear, swallowed with his worry that the killer behind the scenes would pop up and overturn all of their lies.

Jackie let go of his right hand, and the pale faced Harold fell to the floor. Even if he tried to give himself any excuses, Harold had no way of saving his skin anymore.

Jackie turned to look at Elder Rick before he let out a laugh. "Elder Rick, do you have anything else to say? Do you want to find more evidence to defend them?"

The calm smile had disappeared from Elder Rick's face. He narrowed his eyes slightly as he shot Jackie a cold glare as though warning him.

Jackie, however, could care less. Elder Rick might be an elder, but it was precisely because of that that Elder Rick would not be able to act against Jackie easily. As long as Jackie managed to get to a high-enough position, Elder Rick would not be able to cause him too much trouble.

Elder Rick suddenly chuckled. "So that's how things were. I can't believe I was actually fooled by the two of them. They seemed so sincere, so I had thought that everything was true. Alas, I was too naive; I believed them too easily."

In just a few words, Elder Rick had wiped his hands clean of any dirt and responsibility. It was as if all those insulting words were only said by him because someone else had fooled him.

Jackie's lips twitched when he heard all of that. Even he had to be somewhat impressed by Elder Rick's silver tongue.

Harold abruptly looked up at Elder Rick, but Elder Rick was already intent on clearing his own name and turned away completely, no longer looking at Harold at all.

Harold's entire body froze as he realized he was done for.

He had wanted to beg Elder Rick to say something for them at that moment...but he understood that someone like Elder Rick would avoid anything that would implicate himself at all costs.

"Alright. With things as they are, everyone already knows that there's no blackclothed man," concluded Elder Baggin coldly. "Michael died by Jackie's hand, so there's nothing else to say.

"The culprit is Harold with Johnson as his accomplice. Both of you won't be able to escape your punishment anymore. Men, lock them both up!" Chapter 2617

After both Harold and Johnson were dragged away, Elder Baggin looked at Jackie with a genial expression. He saw and admitted to himself how memorable of a person Jackie was; he was no doubt impressive in every aspect.

Elder Baggin had wanted to say a few more words but stopped himself after thinking about it. After all, they had just sentenced people to a crime.

He coughed lightly before addressing Jackie, "You can head back for now. The matter has already been investigated. As for what punishment Harold and Johnson will get...

"You don't have to worry about it; they'll get what they deserve. I'll have the punishment we decide on passed on to you via your runner disciple. You can go back now."

Jackie nodded, not adding anything else to the conversation as he left the Elder Hall with Rudy in tow. The two of them went very quickly but slowed down in the middle, mainly because Rudy felt erratic.

Jackie, on the other hand, was rather calm and maintained a very casual expression the whole time.

"That shameless Elder Rick. He actually tried to pin the blame on us!" hissed Rudy. "When I heard his nonsense, I nearly rushed forward and fought him!"

Jackie looked at Rudy, a small crack in his expression as he seemed mildly irked. "I need to advise you on something: you should always think things through thoroughly before doing anything in the future. You should calm yourself and think of what the consequences of your impulsiveness would be.

"If you had rushed forward and picked a fight at that moment, they would've used that as an excuse to lock you up forever. Things wouldn't end up well at all."

Jackie could not help the frown from forming on his face at the thought of how Rudy could have cussed and shouted back there. With that, he grabbed Rudy's arm and stopped the guy in his tracks.

"You're not allowed to be so impulsive in the future. You doing that does nothing other than give me more trouble!"

Rudy's face froze in guilt upon hearing this. He knew that Jackie was right. If he had been just a bit more reckless back then, he would have brought trouble to Jackie too.

However, Rudy felt like he had already done his best in controlling himself, and Elder Rick had gone too far. Just thinking about Elder Rick filled Rudy with anger, but in the end, Rudy merely sighed in worry.

"I think that Elder Rick will have a grudge against us from now on. Will he try to do anything to us?"

Jackie nodded and said without any hesitation, "That's to be anticipated.'

Rudy got nervous the moment he heard that. "Well, what should we do? Are we supposed to just wait for him to try and pull something against us? Won't we end up at a huge disadvantage?"

Jackie raised an eyebrow and said, "You don't have to worry about that. Even if he wanted to, he'd only be looking to cause me trouble. What of it, then? If he dares to do that to me, I guarantee you he won't have a good time."

Rudy nodded, trusting in Jackie's abilities. As long as Jackie can scale the ranks, Elder Rick would not be able to do anything to Jackie.

Rudy sighed. "What kind of punishment do you think they'll be given? Will they just be expelled?"

Jackie shook his head, thinking of Elder Baggin's expression. Jackie felt like the punishment would definitely not be light, and merely being expelled was far too lenient.

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Jackie turned to look at Rudy with a calm expression. "You're seeing things too lightly. How could expelling Harold and Johnson be a punishment? Think about what they did.

"Even if Harold is talented, masters are the one thing Phoenix Valley doesn't need. A master that hasn't done anything wrong will naturally benefit Phoenix Valley greatly after they're cultivated, but a master that has done much wrong is a tumor that needs to be removed."

Rudy earnestly listened to Jackie's words.

True, Harold had tried to use an assassin to kill another alchemist in Phoenix Valley due to his jealousy, and he had even bribed a deacon of Phoenix Valley. He had basically ignored all of Phoenix Valley's regulations.

In truth, Jackie being dead or alive was not that important to Phoenix Valley. However, Harold's actions were what broke through the bottom line.

If Phoenix Valley allowed that behavior, worse things would happen in the future. When Rudy thought of that, he could not help but say, "Those two are going to die, then!"

Jackie raised an eyebrow before he shook his head immediately, to which Rudy looked at Jackie with a strange expression. "They'll survive the punishment?..."

However, Jackie turned before Rudy could finish and solemnly spoke, "Sometimes, death is actually a blessing. The two of them will definitely be made an example of.

"Based on what I know, Harold doesn't really come from an impressive background. He merely used his talents to curry favor with a few elders in Phoenix Valley.

"This time, Elder Rick probably stepped up to help Harold because he promised Elder Rick a thing or two. He'd probably agreed to do a lot of things for Elder Rick after he became a seventh-grade alchemist."

Chills ran down Rudy's neck when he heard this, his lips twitching as he incredulously replied, "So you're telling me the punishment will have them wishing they were dead?"

Jackie nodded. Even though the two of them had already been taken away, Elder Baggin had yet to specify Harold's punishment. With what Harold had done, they would have to give Harold an incredibly harsh sentence as a warning to everyone in Phoenix Valley.

Everyone had to see the consequences that would befall those who did such things.

Jackie looked at Rudy's pale face and furrowed his eyebrows strangely. "You look like you're sympathizing with Harold. Do you think that punishment is too harsh?"

Rudy shook his head vigorously at that. "How could I feel that way? I'd rather he suffer alive! Though, I started to wonder what'll happen if Phoenix Valley's ruthless methods start to come our way..."

Rudy could not bring himself to continue his train of thought.

Jackie frowned, feeling like Rudy seemed to have an obsession with linking everything bad to himself.

Jackie turned around and said, "Cast aside all those nonsensical thoughts. You keep tying yourself to everything and causing your own mood to plummet. Aren't you tired of it?"

Rudy took a deep breath, unable to say anything about it.

Jackie could not be bothered to dwell on the topic, so he looked up into the distance. "I'm going to the Hall of Wishes. Are you coming?"

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Rudy had a long face when he heard Jackie's words. "Jackie, can't you just take a break? You're already so talented, but you insist on being so hardworking still. Me? I'm like a pile of poo on the roadside!"

Jackie raised an eyebrow helplessly. "That's why you should come with me. It's pointless to stay here and whine about everything the whole day. Your talents are already lacking in the first place, and if you don't start working hard and end up with a zero again in the next test, Elder Eliot may very well expel you!"

Rudy, however, nodded gleefully at that. "I wish he would! I can't stand staying here anymore. So many things have been happening lately, and it feels like I'm constantly living in fear. I'll start praying if I don't leave this place soon!"

Jackie rolled his eyes and ignored Rudy.

The Hall of Wishes still looked the same as usual. However, for some reason, there seemed to be a lot fewer alchemists than usual that day. Jackie noticed it and thought about it for a moment before shaking off the thought.

Jackie did not want to waste any brainpower on useless matters at that moment. The only thing he wanted to do was to improve himself constantly.

He needed to get better to attract the attention of the higher-ups in Phoenix Valley. Only then would he be able to get even more resources, and even people like Elder rick would not be able to try anything foolish.

Others might have stepped back if they butted heads with Elder Rick; they would not have been so obstinate. Jackie did not think in that way.

Elder Rick was the one who provoked him first, so Jackie would naturally not bother

being polite with things.

Jackie entered a room in the Hall of Riches, and the pill aura was incredibly dense. After entering, he threw himself into forming pill runes. The most important part of alchemy was the formation and fusion of pill runes.

Jackie already knew how each pill rune was drawn, but his body could not completely keep up with his memories at that moment. All he could do was get used to it, one step at a time. That was why Jackie had still never refined seventh-grade pills.

However, after a period of hard work and practice, Jackie felt like his memories had already merged with his body to a certain extent. He was preparing to prove himself.

He focused himself as his hands constantly danced. Streak after streak of golden light flowed between Jackie's fingers, the Pill

runes easily drawn out and floated in front

of him.

After four hours, 4500 pill runes were neatly arranged in front of Jackie, radiantly glowing bright gold.

"It's wrong!" Jackie exclaimed. His fingers had slipped for a moment, and the rune under his finger suddenly let out a splutter as it shattered into a pure pill aura in a flash.

Jackie helplessly frowned as he looked up at the 4500 pill runes before him. Even though the pill runes did not crumble like the one before, Jackie could still feel like he was already at his limit.

If he continued to practice, he would only be able to make another 50 pill runes at most before everything crumbled.

Jackie took a deep breath as he retracted his right hand, and with that, all of the pill runes dispersed and turned into a pure pill aura. "It went better than I thought."

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The last time, Jackie had only managed to condense 2000 pill runes. After half a month of training, Jackie was able to form 4500 pill runes, more than double of what he had last time.

Others would no doubt think that he was lying if they found out how fast he was improving. After all, no one could achieve that at such speed.

Normally, one would first need to completely memorize a pill rune in their mind before they could condense it. After that, they would have to start practicing condensing the rune, stroke by stroke. Normally, even one pill rune would take a long time.

It took constant trial and error, learning from one's mistakes before committing the runes to memory...but Jackie did not need that at all. He did not need to memorize any of the runes.

All of those memories were already integrated into his head. All Jackie needed was to synchronize his memories with his body. His rate of improvement was drastically higher than anyone else!

After understanding his limits, Jackie had accomplished what he wanted to in the Hall of Wishes. He planned on refining a seventh-grade pill after he went out.

The simplest seventh-grade pills required 3000 pill runes at 50-percent refinement. Jackie, however, had already successfully condensed 4500 pill runes.

All of them were already at 50-percent refinement, and a good amount of them were already at 60-percent refinement. As long as Jackie wanted to, he would easily be able to make a seventh-grade pill!

#### The moment he pushed the door open, Jackie

saw Rudy anxiously standing in front of the door. When Rudy saw Jackie walking out, he got so emotional that he almost cried.

A surprised expression flashed on Jackie's face, but he was not surprised because of Rudy's emotional expression. Instead, it was because Mr. Zayne was standing next to Rudy.

Jackie could not help but frown when he looked at Mr. Zayne. Even though Jackie was much more mature than Rudy, he could still not help but think about Grayson's matter.

That incident had something to do with Mr. Zayne, for sure. After all, Mr. Zayne was the one who had arranged their sleeping quarters back then. Mr. Zayne knew what happened after that as well, but he might never tell them both about it.

Mr. Zayne offered a smile when he saw Jackie walk out and nodded at Jackie. In contrast to the genial-looking Mr. Zayne, however, Rudy looked like he was about to collapse.

Both of Rudy's hands were trembling, and he looked like he had seen a ghost. Jackie sighed in exasperation.

Rudy was most worried about the higher ups at that moment. After all, he had no idea what was happening behind the scenes, while Mr. Zayne had a lot to do with all of that.

If the higher-ups decided to do anything against them, Mr. Zayne would be involved.

Mr. Zayne standing with them merely complicated Rudy's feelings at that moment. Jackie nodded at Mr. Zayne. Even though his emotions were in a complicated spot as well, he was still far calmer than Rudy was.

When he walked up next to Mr. Zayne, he calmly greeted Zayne, which elicited a raise of an eyebrow.

"You're much more reliable. This guy next to you, meanwhile, is exaggerating matters. When he saw me coming over while he was waiting for you, he turned pale as a ghost.

"I had only a word or two with him, and he already started to stammer. If you haven't done anything wrong, why are you so scared?"

Those words merely drained more of Rudy's color as he became paper-white pale.