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Jackie nodded, not saying anything more.

He had thought that the results would be individually scored. He had thought that all he needed to do was to make sure his own results were better than his counterpart. He never expected that the scores would be totaled up.

Claude could not remain calm after hearing that and questioned, "So the results of the test are totaled? Then this guy..."

He did not continue what he said, but there was no need. Everyone naturally knew what Claude was thinking about. In Claude's eyes, Jackie would definitely drag them down.

If the tournament had been an individual one, Claude would not have been so emotional, even if he would still be angered that Jackie would drag them down. However, if all of their scores were totaled together, then even Claude and Benedict would be dragged down if Jackie did not do well!

Elder Maurice would report the total score when he reported to the higher-ups. Then, the two of them would look really bad, so how could Claude calmly accept that fact?

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Elder Maurice frowned as he replied to Claude unhappily, "Is there something wrong with your head? Of course, the score will be totaled.

"If it was an individual contest, and one person exceeded everyone's scores by an immense amount, but the other two did not do well, how would it be judged? How would you gauge the scores of the alchemists from both sides?

The others immediately understood after hearing Elder Maurice's explanation. The tournament was not just down to individual skills. The scores had to be totaled up to really show the average strength.

It had always been a battle between two forces, so it was naturally the total score that would be judged. However, Claude suddenly felt like he was being dragged down even harder. He got furious even looking at Jackie.

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He panted roughly as his face scrunched up in anger, "Jackie! No matter what, you have to do your best. If you drag the two of us down and both of us end up in trouble, I absolutely won't let you off!"

Jackie frowned speechlessly. There were times when he really wanted to rush toward Claude and give him a slap on the face to wake him up.

He grunted lightly as he said coldly, "Can you act a bit more normal? Can you just listen to what I've said to you before?

"How do you know I will drag you down? In my eyes, you'll be the one dragging us down. Please look at yourself in the mirror first!"

Claude almost got a stroke with how angry he was at Jackie. His entire body even started to shake. Claude had continuously challenged Jackie but never seemed to get the upper hand.

Claude was like a stubborn child. No matter how much he suffered from it, he would still confidently mock Jackie the next time.

After that, he would be shouted back at by Jackie, and end up angering himself greatly. Benedict grabbed Claude's arm helplessly.

"Stop trying to talk to him. This guy's just never been punished before and doesn't know his place. He probably thinks he'll get good results in the tournament, which is why he is so confident. He'll face reality in just a moment!"

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Benedict's words successfully consoled Claude and calmed him down.

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Jackie raised an eyebrow after he heard Benedict's words. He retorted, "The two of you are just annoying clowns in my eyes. You're right, the tournament is about to start. The truth will be revealed soon, just don't cry then."

After saying that, Claude and Benedict's eyes widened, unable to believe what they heard. Was that guy crazy? He actually thought they would cry?

Even Benedict, who had a good temper, was almost unable to take it anymore and about to rush forward to fight Jackie. However, he was held back by Elder Maurice.

Elder Maurice frowned and started berating the three of them, "All three of you, shut up! Don't you know where you are? Why are you trying to start a fight and embarrass yourselves?

"You should be focused on yourselves and your thoughts should all be about the tournament. I don't care who's bragging or not. I won't let anyone off if they drag us down!"

Right after he said that Master Forrest's voice was heard on the other side, "Time's up, contestants, prepare to start."

Master Forrest snapped them out of that tense atmosphere. Claude and Benedict glared at Jackie before they turned around and headed toward the center.

Sky Peak Pavilion's stewards gave each of them a condensing card. All three of them got the same condensing card.

In order to ensure fairness, the three cards had just been made by Elder Maurice and Master Forrest earlier. After accepting the card, Jackie looked it over once.

Elder Maurice announced the last rule,

"You only have six hours! Once the six hours are over, we'll keep your condensing cards even if you haven't finished. Everyone heard me?"

The six of them nodded at the same time. After looking at their nod, Master Forrest suddenly had a glint in his eyes, as if he thought of something.

"That's right, the condensing card in your hands was made with a special array. It has a few additional functions compared to the cards you've gotten before," After saying that, Master Forrest deliberately paused for a moment.

Everyone looked at him strangely. Master Forrest seemed to be trying to bait everyone in. When he saw how everyone was looking at him, Master Forrest let out a smile as he continued, "The condensing card has a very special function. If the runes you completed don't reach sixty percent refinement, the moment you complete them, the runes will crumble by themselves.

"That means that the runes that you can complete will all have a sixty percent refinement. The moment you complete it, the results can be announced!"

The moment they heard that everyone's eyes widened. Why was such an important piece of news left to the last moment to be announced?

Jackie frowned as he turned to look at Elder Maurice. Elder Maurice merely looked forward without a change in expression. It was obvious that he already knew about that piece of news. If he already did, then why did he not let them know before?

When Master Forrest saw everyone's curious reactions, he smiled and explained, "We did so deliberately. The reason is simple, we want to test your adaptability.

"Announcing this at the very last moment will allow us to see what your mind is capable of when you're facing unpredictable dangers. A successful alchemist requires not only talent and ability but composure to face danger as well. There's no need for any more talking, we will start now!"

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After Master Forrest said that the others all looked at him with a dumbfounded expression, other than Jackie and Bradley. It was obvious they did not understand what Master Forrest meant.

Why would the last point be about testing their composure? What was there to test? The others did not understand, but Jackie immediately understood it.

After struggling to condense a rune, an alchemist would definitely be affected mentally if a rune they had so painstakingly formed crumbled because it was not at sixty percent refinement.

The more runes that crumble, the more the alchemist would panic. They would then make more and more mistakes and it would affect their final results. It seemed like it was a test that Elder Maurice and Master Forrest both agreed on.

"Alright, stop with the errant thoughts, it's time for the test to start! The clock has started ticking. You only have six hours, so stop wasting your time on needless thoughts!"

Those words caused everyone to compose themselves and immediately put their full focus on the cards in their hands.

Jackie frowned as he looked at the condensing card. To Jackie, even if the runes in the card were left with twenty percent, Jackie would still immediately know how to complete it.

After all, that ancient warrior was a top alchemist in a first-grade world. All of the runes were as easy as ABC in his eyes.

If it were not for the fact that his memories were still not fully in tune with his body, even ninth-grade pills would be incredibly easy to refine for Jackie.

Jackie did not start condensing the pill runes immediately. Instead, he started by looking

at how many pill runes were at the highest difficulty. He did not want to be like the others and start with the easiest runes.

Completing pill runes was quite different from refining pills. When refining pills, not only did one have to maintain the pill, they needed to condense pill runes as well.

The moment one pill rune went wrong, all of their hard work would be wasted. That was why it was so hard to become a highgrade alchemist.

On the condensing card, condensing pill runes were different. The pill runes on the card were independent existences. Even if the pill condensing went wrong, one would be able to start over without affecting the other pill runes.

Jackie's biggest problem was not that he did not recognize the pill runes, nor was it that he did not know how to draw them. It was that his body could not keep up with his memories.

His hands would not be able to keep up with his mind, which was why he would make mistakes. However, the tournament was actually a good chance for Jackie to practice. After all, even if there were mistakes, he could start over!

With that in mind, a sliver of a smile appeared on Jackie's mouth. At that moment, he suddenly heard Elder Maurice's anxious voice.

"What are you looking at over there? Do you think six hours is very long? Why aren't you starting yet?!"

Jackie's lips twitched helplessly. He had been focused on finding out which pill runes were the hardest to refine. He had forgotten that everyone else had already started while he was still looking around.

Elder Maurice who was already not very trusting of him in the first place suddenly lost his cool. Jackie's lips twitched as he put his gaze on the thousand and twentieth pill rune.

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That rune was the hardest one to refine among the two thousand runes. Jackie let out a faint smile as his right hand constantly danced. A golden glow constantly flowed out from his fingers.

As he moved his fingers, a faint golden pill rune slowly appeared in his hand. However, just as he was going to complete his final stroke, his hand slipped again, missing out on a stroke.

The pill rune immediately let out a bang as it suddenly disappeared. Jackie's performance caused everyone to widen their eyes. Even if Jackie did not turn around, he could still feel the gazes of others.

Elder Maurice's temper boiled over. For Jackie to fail on the first rune was way too weak of him.

If that continued on, it would already be quite decent if Jackie was even able to complete a hundred pill runes in six hours!

Thinking about that, Elder Maurice suddenly felt ill. Mr. Zayne could not help but frown as he looked at Jackie speechlessly.

Mr. Zayne was somewhat familiar with Jackie, but he had never really seen Jackie's skills for himself. Yet, what he saw then was Jackie failing at the very first rune.

Jackie's failure had successfully attracted the attention of the other five contestants. All of them looked over, and Claude could not help but let out a laugh.

Claude had already completed five pill runes at that point. Looking at how Jackie had failed on the very first rune, he was incredibly amused.

Jackie had been so proud of his skills earlier as if he was the best in the world. No matter what Claude said, Jackie would just shoot him down. Yet, when it was time for them to show their skills, Jackie was performing so badly.

Elder Maurice frowned as he glared at Claude. Claude was taken aback by that, was it wrong for him to laugh? Jackie had said so many horrible words before, did none of them hear them?

Jackie had bragged and placed himself on such a high pedestal, but ended up only having that little bit of skill. What was wrong with him laughing? Claude could not help but snort, "I thought this guy was so amazing, so he was just talking up a storm the whole time. He doesn't have a single bit of skill, but managed to brag so much!"

Elder Maurice frowned and scolded him, "Shut your mouth, you're not doing that well either!"

Claude pursed his lips, not really happy about it. He wanted to add a few more words, but he knew that the tournament was more important. He wanted to use his skills to deliver a blow to Jackie.

Master Maurice let out a laugh as he said in a warm tone, "There's no need to be so nervous. Even though this tournament is a more formal one, it doesn't mean you'll always be stuck at this level your whole life. You have to compose yourself for this tournament."

They sounded like words of consolation, but they were filled with deep mockery. Everyone present had been able to tell that much. Elder Maurice was so angered that his face was turning red. He really wanted to shoot down those words.

However, Jackie was still an alchemist on their side in the end. If Jackie was only at that level, there was nothing he could say that would be convincing. All it would do was get him laughed at.

Hence, Elder Maurice was forced to swallow his anger as he glared viciously at Jackie. Jackie heard all of the mockeries around him, but not a single word affected Jackie's mood.

Jackie did not care how everyone else looked at him. After the first rune broke down, he tried again immediately. This time, he slowed himself down and allowed his body to follow his memories.

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Yet, even after he slowed down, he still failed at the very last stroke. After it crumbled again, Jackie could not help but frown.

It really was the hardest pill rune. Even an eighth-grade alchemist might not successfully refine it in his place.

Jackie had the help of the memories and knew where he had gone wrong and how to correct it. After a long time, Jackie finally condensed the pill rune successfully.

After the pill rune was filled up, the condensing card did not make the pill rune disappear, which meant that the refinement rate was at sixty percent. That pleased Jackie quite a bit.

After all, The Way of the Divine Void Pill was at a much higher level than any normal Way of the Pill. The higher the rank, the more stable the pill runes are, and the higher the refinement rate.

A sixty percent refinement rate was actually not that hard for Jackie. Jackie might have gotten good results in the test the last time, but he still only ended up in fifth place. Yet, that did not mean that it was the extent of his abilities.

He had placed himself at that level because he did not want to attract too much attention. If he did too well, he might end up being noticed by the higher-ups and be used as a lab rat.

He had not planned on entering the inner valley then. After all, Jackie felt like Phoenix Valley was an incredibly dangerous place. However, Jackie's opinions had changed, and there was less of a reason for him to hide his abilities.

After condensing the pill rune, Jackie looked toward the second one. It was also one of the harder ones.

At that moment, Benedict said anxiously,

"Was that not at sixty percent? I clearly got it to sixty percent!"

After completing a pill rune earlier, Benedict saw it crumble in the condensing card because it was not at sixty percent refinement. It immediately affected Benedict's mental state.

Elder Maurice frowned and shouted, "Calm down! If you keep being so anxious, it will affect your final results! As an alchemist, composure is very important as well!"

As he said that, Elder Maurice's voice was incredibly serious. In truth, even though the contestants were not in a very stable mental state, they still had much more control than Elder Maurice.

Elder Maurice was trying his best to look like he did not care about the results that much, but inside, he was on the edge of exploding at any time!

Mr. Zayne clearly felt Elder Maurice's anxious mood. His lips twitched helplessly.

If Phoenix Valley really lost the tournament, Elder Maurice would definitely be scolded when he returns.

Mr. Zayne would not be spared either. Thinking about that, Mr. Zayne started to regret accepting this task back then. No one knew there would be so many variables.

Phoenix Valley was not performing too well, so Master Forrest was naturally incredibly happy. At that moment, his smile almost reached his ears.

After he looked at Bradley, he let out a smile as he said, "Not bad! You've already completed a hundred. Continue with your hard work."

Those words successfully demoralized the other contestants even more. Everyone had been focused on the condensing cards in their own hands, none of them were focused on the results of the others at that moment.

However, Master Forrest's words successfully announced to everyone that Bradley had already completed a hundred pill runes. Most of them were only at forty or fifty, Bradley' was almost double theirs.

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Master Maurice had deliberately said so to cause the others to lose their composure. Those who were not able to calm themselves even started to pale.

Everyone knew that the tournament was incredibly important. If they ended up dragging their side down, they would definitely be punished. At that moment, everyone could not help but stop, except for Jackie who was still calmly condensing pill runes.

All of them looked over at Bradley who was in the same state as Jackie. No matter what happened around him, and what anyone else said, he remained calm while condensing pill runes.

Even Master Forrest's praise earlier had failed to distract Bradley. It was as if the person being praised was not him.

Master Forrest let out a laugh as he continued, "Of the six contestants, two of them are the most composed. The first is Bradley from the Sky Peak Pavilion, while the other one is Jackie from Phoenix Valley."

Master Forrest sounded like he was praising Bradley, and had brought Jackie up as well. However, everyone knew that Jackie had only managed to condense ten pill runes at that point. There were ninety pill runes between the two of them.

However, Jackie remained incredibly composed. Even if Elder Maurice was already so infuriated that he was about to berate and curse at Jackie, Jackie acted like nothing of the sort was happening.

One of them was at rock bottom, while the other was at the top. Praising them together was actually the same as insulting Jackie.

Elder Maurice got so exasperated that he almost lunged over. Elder Maurice had been holding back the whole time so Jackie could do his best.

Even though Jackie was condensing the pill runes at a snail's pace, Elder Maurice did not say anything too bad. However, he was beginning to lose control.

Elder Maurice frowned and said, "Jackie, don't forget what you told me earlier!"

Jackie had naturally not forgotten his promise to Elder Maurice, but Elder Maurice was clueless to what Jackie had planned. Jackie had always been someone who did as he pleased. Others did not need to know what he was thinking, as long as he fulfilled his promises.

Jackie frowned as he said somewhat coldly, "I'll naturally not forget what I said before. The tournament's just started. You don't have to be so anxious before the final results are out."

Elder Maurice's temper flared even more at those words. He felt like Jackie's actions were a direct challenge to him, and he started to wonder if there was something wrong with Jackie's head.

Otherwise, how could Jackie remain so calm at such a time?

Elder Maurice narrowed his eyes, "How many pill runes have you condensed so far? Look at how many everyone around you already has. If this continues, don't you think your results will drag everyone down?"

If he was not forced to, Elder Maurice would not have said all of that in front of the Sky Peak Pavilion. After all, it was thought he had no confidence in his own people. Jackie pursed his lips helplessly, feeling Elder Maurice's anger from his words

However, Jackie was not willing to allow that old man to ruin his plans. He looked up to face Elder Maurice earnestly and said, "I'll say the same thing. The tournament's just started, and the victor hasn't been decided yet. You don't have to panic so much. I have my own plans, you just have to wait for the results."

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Jackie's words were like adding oil to the fire. Elder Maurice got so angry that his veins started showing on his head. He clenched his fists tightly, resisting the urge to beat Jackie up.

"Don't try to give me any excuses. If you continue with this pace, there's no way you will get good results. You have to remember your promise to me.

"If you drag everyone down, then you better think about what you'll face when you get back.

Jackie nodded seriously, feeling helpless about Elder Maurice's temper. "I'm perfectly in control of my own pace. You don't have to worry. It's only going to take six hours. Just calm yourself down first. After six hours, you'll see the results for yourself. There's no need to lose your temper right now."

Claude and Benedict had been fully concentrating on filling up the pill runes. when they heard Jackie and Elder Maurice's conversation. The two of them could not stand it at that point. Jackie was acting far too arrogantly.

He was so disrespectful to Elder Maurice. His skills were clearly not up to par, but he still tried to act as if he would definitely achieve a good result. Claude frowned as he stopped working on his runes.

He looked up at Jackie and said, "Jackie, you've gone too far. Don't we know where we are right now?

"If you're really as skilled as you said, how could you only manage to condense so few pill runes at this point? If you continue at this pace, it would be amazing if you manage to condense a hundred pill runes!"

Jackie furrowed his eyebrows. He really did not want to waste his time on them. Jackie

felt like he was just talking to a brick wall at that point. They would never understand anything he said.

Jackie clearly voiced, "You shouldn't be in a hurry to judge me either. You aren't saying any of this for the sake of Phoenix Valley, but for your own satisfaction. You just want to make things worse for me, but I'll still say the same thing. Before the results are out, don't be in such a hurry!"

Mr. Zayne pursed his lips speechlessly. He felt incredibly humiliated at that moment. They were fighting internally in front of Sky Peak Pavilion, and no one was willing to admit defeat.

Elder Maurice felt like Phoenix Valley could not continue going on like that either. It was better if they did not fight on the spot, but he could really not control his own temper.

Jackie's performance was far too bad. It was far worse than anything he had anticipated.

However, that brat remained stubborn and unwilling to admit defeat. He insisted on them to wait for the results after six hours.

He maintained his incredibly confident facade. Elder Maurice had never seen an alchemist like Jackie in so many years of organizing tests of various sizes.

With Jackie's pace, there was no way for him to catch up, but Jackie did not seem to think that was the case at all. Master Forrest smirked as he tried to play the part of a mediator, "Elder Maurice, don't be angry. Jackie is probably just incredibly confident in his own skills. That's why he's saying this.

"Even since I saw Jackie, I've felt like he was an incredibly confident person. I believe he will definitely be able to create a miracle," Those strange words were all heard by Jackie, and Jackie just felt like Master Forrest was incredibly nosy.

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He wanted Phoenix Valley's internal conflict to escalate. Then, he would be able to enjoy the commotion from the side. The more Phoenix Valley embarrassed itself, the happier Sky Peak Pavilion was.

Elder Maurice almost exploded at Master Forrest's words, but he suddenly snapped out of it at that moment. He constantly remembered that Master Forrest did not have any good intentions.

Of course, he would not fall for Master Forrest's trick. He let out a cold snort as he turned his head over and said, "Phoenix Valley knows what our own standards are. Master Forrest, you should focus on yourself."

Master Forrest's mouth stiffened as a sharp look flashed on his face. However, he still shut his mouth up and did not continue to instigate Elder Maurice.

It was not because Master Forrest was afraid of Elder Maurice, but because Master Forrest felt like Phoenix Valley would definitely be humiliated after the six hours were up. The Sky Peak Pavilion would definitely win against Phoenix Valley.

If he mocked them then, Elder Maurice would not be able to be so hard-headed. At that point, Mr. Zayne could not hold back anymore, he pulled at Elder Maurice's sleeve before saying, "The tournament is still going on. Everyone, don't waste your time."

That successfully served as a reminder to Claude and Benedict that what they were doing was the most important. Since that kid was stubborn, then they would wait until the official results were out before they berate him.

Jackie let out a helpless sigh as he suddenly did something that shocked everyone. He took his condensing card, turned around and headed toward the corner of the hall.

Everyone's eyes widened as they looked at Jackie in confusion. Elder Maurice shouted, "What are you doing?"

Jackie stopped at Elder Maurice's yell, not really caring about what Elder Maurice was saying. Instead, he stopped to look around before he decided the distance was far enough. Then he turned to face everyone, "I need to do this in silence. This spot is suitable for that."

Everyone was speechless when he said that, feeling like Jackie was acting stranger by the minute. Elder Maurice's temper flared up again, his calm demeanor that he had just regained was gone again.

He felt like Jackie's every action was mocking him. Master Forrest could not help but laugh, Jackie was far too hilarious.

Could he really think that he would get a good result? He was just insulted a bit earlier, but he actually chose to leave the center to find a corner to continue.

It was like he wanted to show everyone that his results were very important and that he was incredibly confident in himself. Even Conrad could not help but say, "What's this guy doing? Does he think he's a master?"

Jackie had naturally done that for his own reasons. After Elder Maurice compared his results to everyone else, he forgot about his position as an elder and the pride of the valley as he started to berate Jackie. Jackie could not completely ignore it.

However, answering Elder Maurice would just waste his time. He also needed to constantly listen to the mockery around him. Jackie had actually treated the tournament

as an incredibly good chance to train. It was not worth it for him to waste any time on that at all.

That was why he had decisively chosen to stay away from those people. They could talk as much as they wanted, as long as it did not affect him.

Even Master Forrest was speechless, feeling like Jackie was far too strange. He let out a laugh as he shook his head.

Elder Maurice was already so furious that he did not know what to say. The time was still ticking, and eventually, Elder Maurice and Master Forrest composed themselves.

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At that moment, Elder Maurice had already pinned all his hopes on Claude and Benedict. He prayed in his heart for the two of them to perform better.

Since he was no longer at the center, Jackie managed to get the peace he wanted. Of the two thousand pill runes he needed to complete, the harder ones took up a quarter of them.

Jackie put all his focus into those incredibly hard pill runes. Even if he failed, again and again, it did nothing to diminish Jackie's confidence.

He would immediately try again after he failed. After all, he had the support of the ancient warrior's memories. The memories were his best teachers. He immediately knew where he went wrong and knew where he should focus on for the next attempt.

After two hours, Jackie had managed to complete a hundred pill runes. Of those hundred pill runes, not a single one was easy. Even though he had constantly been completing the runes, Jackie still took care to constantly keep track of the time.

There were only four hours left. If Jackie kept on focusing on the harder pill runes, his final results would probably actually end up really bad.

He needed to pick up the pace so he could show some good results in the end. Jackie put all his thoughts into refining the pill runes, completely ignoring everything that was happening around him.

Compared to Jackie's focus and composure, it was a completely different atmosphere at the center of the hall. That was because Master Forrest started to proudly praise Bradley's results again.

"Not bad! You managed to get four hundred and fifty pill runes in just an hour. It's the

best result here. As long as you keep at it, you'll be the best performer!"

Those words were honest praise from Master Forrest. After all, Bradley's results actually were the best of everyone present. As long as Bradley kept it up, Sky Peak Pavilion would win.

Phoenix Valley was the core of the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance. As long as they defeat Phoenix Valley, Sky Peak Pavilion's name would soar, and they would be able to attract even more talented alchemists.

He would also be bolstered by this and gain an even higher position in Sky Peak Pavilion. Compared to Master Forrest's excitement, the faces of the contestants were even more interesting.

Even the two from Sky Peak Pavilion could not resist stopping what they were doing as they looked up at Bradley. Claude got so anxious that his hands started to shake, and his expression turned into one of panic as well.

He looked at his own condensing card. He had only completed two hundred and ninety pill runes. They were over a hundred runes apart. Even though only two hours had passed, the distance between the two of them had grown.

Claude was starting to feel disheartened. Could he catch up to Bradley? Would he be able to catch up to Bradley if he did his best for the next four hours?

At that moment, Claude no longer hoped he could do better than Bradley, but only that he could catch up to Bradley. However, the more he thought about it, the less possible it felt.

Benedict's right hand clenched tightly. The pill rune he had just completed suddenly exploded in the air. He was not in a much better mood than Claude.

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Two of them knew very well that they had encountered an opponent that they could not defeat! On top of that, they had someone dragging them down. It seemed like Phoenix Valley's hopes of winning were getting murkier and murkier.

Elder Maurice took a deep breath. He looked like his own father had just died. Mr. Zayne frowned as his mood sank as well.

Even though only two hours had passed, there was more and more of a gulf in the results. Of the five in the center of the hall, the four who were not Bradley had more or less even results.

They were all at less than three hundred runes completed. They were at least a hundred runes behind Bradley. Furthermore, Bradley showed no signs of slowing down. At that moment, he had ignored all the noise around him just like Jackie.

His hands constantly moved with a faint blue glow. His fingers constantly danced around as the pill runes he condensed floated around like spirits.

Elder Maurice looked at Bradley and whispered, "We're done for this time. We don't even have to wait four hours to know the results."

After that, he could not help but turn to look at Jackie in the distance. At that moment, Jackie looked more or less like he did before. Jackie's emotionless expression caused Elder Maurice to clench his teeth.

He had already resigned himself to his fate, he did not even have the heart to berate Jackie anymore.

Mr. Zayne sighed in exasperation. He did not know what else to do. When he first met Jackie, he had thought that Jackie had a bright future. Jackie did everything with an incredibly calm demeanor.

Those sorts of people would usually always end up being very successful. Yet, he felt like his earlier judgments had all been wrong. Jackie's various actions were all incredibly confusing to him.

Even Mr. Zayne started to suspect if something was wrong with Jackie mentally. Otherwise, Jackie would not have done something so nonsensical. Jackie clearly knew his skills were limited, so why did he brag so much, as if he would definitely deliver the results.

Elder Maurie had already lost all hope. After a sigh, he started to plan how he would explain himself when he was being judged by the other elders. He tried to think of ways to reduce his punishments.

After all, the tournament was incredibly important this time.

Phoenix Valley might not have been pulled into the war on the surface, but they were still the core of the alliance in the end. The stability they had was just a facade. If they paid a heavy price this time, the following days would be even harder.

The elders would definitely not let this matter rest. Thinking about that, Elder Maurice got so angry that he whispered to Mr. Zayne, "I won't let that Rick off. It's not the first time he's done this. I can forget about what he did before, but this is such an important matter, and he actually used it to settle a personal grudge by recommending this mindless brat!

"He's mostly responsible for this, I'll definitely make him pay!"

Mr. Zayne nodded. With Mr. Zayne's personality, he would not add anything even if Elder Maurice was criticizing another elder like that.