1. 500 Years of Experience & Previous Life Knowledge
(Experience, Knowledge, Memory, Mental Fortitude, Pattern Recognition)
Quote: "He endured a hard life for 300 years and went through another 200 years; about over 500 years of his life flew by in the blink of an eye."

2. Death Confrontation Composure
(Composure, Mental Fortitude, Stress Tolerance, Emotional Management)
Quote: "It was a forgone conclusion that he would die here. Fang Yuan understood his situation clearly, but even in the face of death his expression did not change, it was calm."

3. Strategic Time Reversal
(Strategy Building, Long Term Planning, Planning Risk Calculation, Strategy Effectiveness, Risk Taking)
Quote: "If the Spring Autumn Cicada that I have just cultivated is effective, I shall still be a demon in my next life!"

4. Early Life Genius Abilities
(Crystallized Intelligence, Linguistic Intelligence, Learning Ability)
Quote: "Able to start talking after three months, able to walk after four. At five years of age he was able to recite poetry, seems exceptionally intelligent, especially talented."

5. Creative Writing Talent
(Creative Intelligence, Creativity, Linguistic Intelligence)
Quote: "In the recent years I have heard his creations 'Jiang Jing Jiu', 'Yong Mei' and 'Jiang Cheng Zi', what a genius!"

6. Immediate Situation Analysis Upon Rebirth
(Analytical Thinking, Pattern Recognition, Information Gathering, Analysis)
Quote: "Gu Yue Village, this is 500 years ago?! Looks like the Spring Autumn Cicada really worked..."

7. Demonic Path Determination
(Determination, Strategy Vision, Planning Aim, Risk Taking)
Quote: "To be a demon is to be merciless and cruel, a murderer and destroyer. There is no place in heaven or earth for such a thing – turning into an enemy to the world, still having to face the consequences."

8. Quick Reality Adaptation
(Adaptability, Mental Fortitude, Information Gathering)
Quote: "Fang Yuan stretched out his hand, his sight fixated on his own young and soft, pale palms, then slowly clenched them, embracing the truth of this reality with all his might."

9. Battle Endurance

(Mental Fortitude, Perseverance, Stress Tolerance)
Quote: "By now the gray mountain rock beneath Fang Yuan's feet had long been stained a deep red. Due to losing too much blood, his face had become deathly pale."

10. Strategic Self-Sacrifice for Long-Term Goal
(Strategy Building, Planning Preparation Process, Risk Taking, Strategy Vision)
Quote: "This end result was something he had foreseen. When he made his decision in the beginning, he had prepared himself for this."

1. Spring Autumn Cicada Achievement
(Strategy Effectiveness, Risk Taking, Planning Risk Calculation, Strategy Vision)
Quote: "killing hundreds of thousands of people, making even the heavens furious and inciting people's vengeance, went through suffering and multiple hardships to finally attain and refine this good Gu"

2. Strategic Experience Assessment
(Analysis, Strategy Building, Information Gathering, Pattern Recognition, Experience)
Quote: "In his memories are a multitude of all kinds of treasures and precious items that no one has opened yet in this time. All the big events and incidents he can easily grasp by the veins of history."

3. Calculated Resource Management
(Resource Management, Strategy Logistics, Planning Process)
Quote: "To cultivate as fast as possible, I would have to borrow the resources from the clan... If I can reach the cultivation of a Third level Gu Master, I'd have the means to protect myself and leave the mountain."

4. Early Life Adaptation Strategy
(Strategic Thinking, Planning Coverage, Strategy Adaptability)
Quote: "He originally planned to just be a normal person, even planning to conceal his abilities and bide his time. However his life was difficult, making Fang Yuan have no choice but to choose to expose some of his talents."

5. Emotional Growth and Understanding
(Metacognition, Psychological Insight, Emotional Realization, Self Awareness)
Quote: "500 years of life experience have long allowed him to understand all of this, with the heart that wants to gain immortality."

6. Psychological Analysis of Family
(Psychological Analysis, Hot Reading, Psychological Insight)
Quote: "It's hilarious how his little brother never saw this truth; not only was he deceived by their aunt and uncle, he also started burying resentments inside."

7. Long-term Strategic Vision
(Strategy Vision, Long Term Planning, Planning Coverage)
Quote: "The aspirations in his heart were too big, stepping onto this road was to be making the world your enemy, and it was destined to be alone, destined to kill."

8. Emotional Control and Manipulation
(Emotional Management, Composure, Self Regulation)
Quote: "With this he managed to startle people and capture attention. Because of pressure from the outside world, the young Fang Yuan made a decision to keep a cold indifferent expression to protect himself"

9. Psychological Intimidation
(Emotional Manipulation, Psychological Manipulation, Social Manipulation)
Quote: "Fang Zheng's heart shook as he felt like his brother's eyes were sharp like an ice blade, seemingly penetrating the deepest parts of his heart."

10. Strategic Planning and Assessment
(Planning Process, Strategy Building, Information Gathering)
Quote: "So how do I go about this hmmm..." Fang Yuan was incredibly sensible. He collected himself together and faced the night rain outside the window, pondering."

Chapter 3
"What Fang Yuan did not manage to realize in his previous life, he could perceive with the finest detail in this life. This was the ability of keen insight that he had gained from 500 years worth of life experiences."
(Experience, Psychological Insight, Pattern Recognition, Cold Reading)

"All these actions had intentions – They wanted to cause unhappiness in his younger brother's heart and instigate a rift among the brothers."
(Psychological Analysis, Hot Reading, Pattern Recognition, Strategy Vision)

"After being reborn with the Awakening Ceremony before him, it seemed like the situation was difficult to change. But with Fang Yuan's evil way of means and wisdom, it's not like the situation cannot be changed. His younger brother can be suppressed entirely, that young Shen Cui he could turn into a concubine early on. Not forgetting his aunt and uncle and the clan elders – he had at least several hundred ways of beating them."
(Strategy Building, Strategy Complexity, Planning Coverage, Risk Calculation)

"So what if it was his own younger brother? Without the blood relation his younger brother was just an outsider, he could easily give him up anytime."
(Emotional Management, Mental Fortitude, Strategic Thinking)

"In his memories, the clan heavily punished Gu Yue Chi Chen because he cheated during the Awakening Ceremony. In reality Chi Chen only had a C grade talent, but because his

grandfather Gu Yue Chi Lian helped him fake the results, that's why he appeared to have B grade talent."
(Pattern Recognition, Memory, Experience, Hot Reading)

"To be honest if he wanted to cheat, Fang Yuan had a countless number of ways to do so, some ways even more perfect than Gu Yue Chi Chen's method."
(Strategy Building, Strategy Complexity, Planning Coverage, Deception)

"If he exposed the matter on the spot, he would receive a bit of reward from the clan, but then he would offend the highly powerful Gu Yue Chi Lian. This was not advisable."
(Risk Calculation, Strategic Thinking, Planning Risk Calculation, Strategy Vision)

"Within such a short time he also could not blackmail them. Due to having low status, it would just backfire on him."
(Risk Assessment, Strategy Control, Planning Process, Logical Reasoning)

His internal monologue about clan history shows:
(Knowledge, Analysis, Information Gathering, Experience)

This chapter particularly demonstrates Fang Yuan's risk assessment through:
1. Evaluation of multiple potential actions (exposing the truth vs blackmail)
2. Quick analysis of power dynamics within the clan
3. Recognition of timing importance in strategic actions
4. Understanding of his current position's limitations

The risk-taking aspect is notably controlled here - he chooses not to take immediate action despite having advantageous information, showing strategic restraint rather than impulsive risk-taking. This indicates high-level:
- Strategic patience
- Power dynamic understanding
- Long-term planning capabilities
- Risk-reward analysis skills

Gaps Light even before Chapter 7.

"He had long seen clearly the true colors of his Aunt and Uncle. But he could also understand it."
(Psychological Insight, Pattern Recognition, Analysis, Emotional Understanding)

"In fact kinship did not exist. In the beginning when Aunt and Uncle took in Fang Yuan and Fang Zheng, their only purpose was to seek the heritage."
(Psychological Analysis, Strategic Vision, Experience, Pattern Recognition)

"In my previous life Aunt and Uncle stole away the heritage, and because of that I had to waste two full years to be able to cultivate to Rank One peak stage. In this life I cannot afford to make the same mistake."
(Planning Risk Calculation, Memory, Strategy Foresight, Experience)

His rejection of the adoption and 200 primeval stones shows:
(Risk Calculation, Strategic Thinking, Strategy Vision, Long Term Planning)

Walking into the darkness to search for the Flower Wine Monk's treasure despite the conditions demonstrates:
(Risk Taking, Determination, Mental Fortitude, Strategy Execution)

The risk-taking aspects in this chapter are shown through:
1. Direct confrontation with aunt and uncle by refusing their offer
2. Choosing to search for treasure in dangerous conditions
3. Willingness to face hardship over comfort
4. Rejecting immediate benefits for long-term gains

Notably, Fang Yuan demonstrates calculated risk-taking rather than reckless behavior:
- He understands exactly what he's giving up
- Has clear long-term objectives
- Shows willingness to endure immediate discomfort for future gain
- Makes decisions based on past experience and careful analysis

The chapter particularly highlights his ability to:
- See through deception
- Make difficult choices
- Maintain focus on long-term goals
- Accept calculated risks
- Operate independently

Chapter 10.

1. "Although previously he pretended to become a depressed drunken person to cover up his real motives, but he knew never to underestimate the intelligence of others around him. Only a fool would think others were stupid."
(Social Manipulation, Concealment, Acting Skills, Mass Deception, Social Awareness, Strategic Thinking, Strategy Shielding)

2. "Fang Yuan's thoughts were very calm; his 500 years of experience had long washed away the impulsiveness that he rarely had in the first place."
(Mental Fortitude, Composure, Experience, Impulse Control)

3. His analysis of the Gu refinement process and quick adaptation to the situation:

"The process of refining is a very difficult one... Fortunately Fang Yuan had anticipated this earlier and did not feel surprised. He persisted and poured in more essence into the Moonlight Gu."
(Analytical Thinking, Strategy Adaptability, Perseverance)

4. His detailed understanding and analysis of the refinement process:
"Every time when refining Gu, it is just like a fight between two armies, a battle of positional warfare, or war of attrition."
(Pattern Recognition, Analytical Intelligence, Knowledge, VSI similarities , Analogical Thinking, Abstract Thinking.)

5. His strategic assessment of the competition:
"That was why Fang Yuan knew from the beginning that in this test, to refine the Moonlight Gu he never had the chance to obtain the first position."
(Strategy Vision, Analytical Thinking, Risk Calculation)

Fang Yuan shows low risk-taking behavior in this chapter. He:
- Stops searching when rain could expose his activities
- Carefully considers resource limitations
- Makes rational decisions based on his capabilities versus others
- Chooses to preserve resources rather than compete in an unwinnable situation

This demonstrates strategic risk aversion rather than risk-taking, showing his preference for calculated moves over risky ventures (Strategy Control, Planning Risk Calculation, Strategy Vision).
Chapter 11

1. "Based on intuition and 500 years' worth of life experience, he could smell a conspiracy."
(Pattern Recognition, Intuition, Experience, Psychological Insight)

2. His handling of Shen Cui's seduction attempt:
"Fang Yuan's expression was indifferent, as if what was on his lap was not a young maiden, but a block of sculpture."
(Emotional Control, Composure, Psychological Analysis)

3. His rapid understanding and countering of the trap:
"Looks like Uncle and Aunt let you come over to seduce me and frame me? This must mean that there are already people arranged downstairs, huh."
(Strategic Analysis, Pattern Recognition, Seeing Through People)

4. His psychological warfare against Shen Cui:
"If Fang Yuan roared at her with an evil and loud voice, Shen Cui might actually fiercely retaliate. But when Fang Yuan smiled and spoke in a shallow manner..."
(Psychological Warfare, Strategic Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

5. His risk assessment and immediate action:
"A wise man sees and mitigates foreseen risks, what more to say for a devil? When there is insufficient strength, only a fool would put himself in danger."
(Risk Calculation, Strategy Control, Planning Risk Calculation)

6. His deduction about the Flower Wine Monk's treasure:
"This was not a difficult deduction. The Flower Wine Monk was a Rank five Gu Master after all."
(Analytical Thinking, Logical Reasoning, Deductive Reasoning)

Risk-Taking Analysis:
In this chapter, Fang Yuan shows calculated risk management rather than pure risk-taking:
- Immediately leaves his residence after identifying the trap
- Chooses an inn near the exit for quick escape
- Plans his resources carefully regarding primeval stones
- Continues pursuit of the Liquor worm despite limited resources, but with clear awareness of the risks

His behavior demonstrates strategic risk assessment rather than reckless risk-taking, always maintaining control of situations while pursuing his goals (Strategy Control, Risk Calculation, Strategy Vision).

Chapter 12

1. "Fang Yuan would only receive it from the clan after he graduated from the academy."
- Observation ("The clothing that this young Gu Master was wearing was the uniform that only formal Gu Masters could wear")
- Analysis and Cold Reading (accurately determining social position from clothing)

2. "Starting cultivation at 15 years of age and only reaching Rank one upper stage at around 20 years of age, this showed that the young Gu Master was only of D grade talent, which was a grade worse than Fang Yuan."
(Information Gathering, Analysis, Pattern Recognition)

3. His entire assessment of Jiang Ya:
"There was a high possibility that this man was only a logistics Gu Master, not even counted as a battle Gu Master."
(Psychological Analysis, Information Gathering, Deduction)

4. His philosophical observation:
"With power, one can be at the top. This is the nature of this world. No, actually any world is also the same, the big fish eats the small fish and the small fish eats the shrimp."

(Abstract Thinking, Social Awareness , Social Cognition, Pattern Recognition, Analysis)

5. The confrontation sequence:
"Fang Yuan calmly stared back, his face indifferent and void of fear."
(Composure, Mental Fortitude, Strategy)

6. Risk Taking:
- Deliberately ordering the wine after Jiang Ya's threat
- Directly challenging a higher-ranked Gu Master's authority
- Spending valuable resources (2 primeval stones) in a potentially dangerous situation
(Risk Taking, Strategy, Mental Fortitude)

7. The entire wine-ordering sequence shows:
(Strategic Thinking, Perseverance, Determination, Composure, Risk Taking)

The most impressive aspects demonstrated are his analytical abilities, composure under pressure, and calculated risk-taking. He showed no fear when confronting a higher-ranked Gu Master and made strategic moves that appeared provocative but were likely calculated to serve some larger purpose (given his earlier focus on attracting the Liquor worm).

Chapter 13

1. His analysis of historical inconsistencies:
"However Fang Yuan knew that this story was not to be believed, because it had a very large loophole."
(Analysis, Critical Thinking, Pattern Recognition)

2. His psychological insight about the Gu Master's behavior:
"If I put myself in his shoes and think about it, when I discover the Flower Wine Monk's treasure why would I not take it all for myself, but go and notify the clan instead?"
(Psychological Analysis, Logical Reasoning, Abstract Thinking)

3. His risk assessment and decision making:
"However he didn't have enough primeval stones to refine a Gu worm in the first place. So why not invest it in this wine and increase the chances of success?"
(Risk Taking, Strategic Thinking, Decision Making)

4. His systematic approach to searching:
"The previous seven days of searching was not without gain. At least it proved that the Flower Wine Monk did not die in those places."
(Strategic Thinking, Information Gathering, Analysis)

5. His methodical execution:

"He did the same thing over and over again, moving away to a few other different locations, dripping wine a few times."
(Strategy Execution, Planning Process, Systematic Thinking)

6. His risk management and limits:
"Fang Yuan liked taking risks, but he was not a gambling addict, and he was not someone who was bent on gambling back what he lost. He had his own limit, he was clear about his own capabilities."
(Risk Management, Self Awareness, Self Control, Strategic Control)

7. His observational skills:
"Unexpectedly in the process of turning away, he saw a dot of white snow."
(Observation, Perception, Pattern Recognition)

Most notably, this chapter demonstrates Fang Yuan's:
- Balanced approach to risk-taking
- Strategic planning abilities
- Analytical thinking in historical analysis
- Psychological insight
- Methodical execution of plans
- Strong self-awareness and control
- Sharp observational skills

The chapter particularly highlights his ability to take calculated risks while maintaining clear boundaries, showing that his risk-taking is strategic rather than reckless. His five hundred years of experience informs his decision-making, allowing him to know when to persist and when to stop.

Chapter 14

((Strategic Thinking, Analytical Thinking, Focused Thinking, Risk Taking)

Fang Yuan held his breath, recognizing the value of patience. He knew the Liquor worm was within reach but chose to retreat strategically, understanding the creature's heightened vigilance. Instead of a reckless approach, he planned systematically, waiting for the worm to fall into a state where he could capitalize on its intoxicated sluggishness. Fang Yuan was aware that acting too soon would result in failure, demonstrating his ability to weigh the risks and rewards carefully before making a move.

(Anticipation, Systematic Reasoning, Critical Thinking, Trap Evasion)

Fang Yuan did not rush to capture the Liquor worm. He anticipated its every move and carefully evaded the potential "trap" of its speed and wariness. By stepping back over 200 steps, he manipulated the situation, creating the conditions for success without triggering the worm's

flight. His ability to see through the situation and think critically gave him the upper hand, knowing precisely when the Liquor worm's guard would lower.

(Creative Thinking, Divergent Thinking, Synthetic Thinking, Resource Management)

Rather than relying on conventional methods, Fang Yuan devised a creative solution—luring the worm with wine instead of attempting to chase it. His ability to synthesize his knowledge of the Liquor worm's habits with the resources available (green bamboo wine) showcased his talent for generating multiple ideas and strategies, which he refined into the most practical approach to achieve his goal.

(Reflective Thinking, Risk Management, Pragmatic Thinking, Setting Traps)

Fang Yuan reflected on his limitations as a newly awakened Gu Master and acknowledged that a direct approach would fail. He pragmatically devised a trap using the Liquor worm's own desires against it. By retreating and allowing the worm to approach the wine, Fang Yuan maximized his chances for success while minimizing his risks. He demonstrated precise control over the situation, setting the perfect conditions to capture the Liquor worm without triggering its flight response.

(Reflection, Cognitive Reasoning, Divergent Thinking, Emotional Perception)

Fang Yuan felt the murderous intent in the voice behind him, his mind racing with thoughts of who could have followed him. In that brief moment, he considered numerous possibilities: Was it due to his recent activities? Could it have been someone sent by his uncle? Or was it the Rank one Gu Master, Jiang Ya, from the inn? Despite the mounting danger, his mind didn't shut down. He rapidly assessed every potential cause, calculating how he could evade or confront the threat.

(Focused Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Analytical Thinking, Critical Thinking)

He realized how vulnerable he was as a mere Rank one Gu Master without a vital Gu. His chances of survival seemed slim. Yet, instead of succumbing to fear, he analyzed the situation. He critically evaluated his options and recognized the only way forward was not through combat but negotiation. Offering the Liquor worm as a bargaining chip, he chose a strategy that might allow him to survive another day.

(Anticipation, Fast Thinking, Risk Taking, Lateral Thinking)

The moment Fang Yuan heard the second voice pleading for mercy, his thoughts shifted again. He pieced together the scene, realizing that there was more at play than a direct threat against him. He anticipated that using both the plea and his offer might give him a chance to manipulate

the outcome in his favor. Fang Yuan had to think on his feet, balancing the risk of the situation with the need for swift action.

(Vertical Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Trap Evasion, Emotional Manipulation)

Understanding the broader context, Fang Yuan quickly figured out the dynamics between the two Gu Masters. He realized that by pretending to submit and leveraging the fear expressed by the second voice, he could potentially escape the trap laid out for him. He carefully manipulated the emotions of his would-be attacker, making his proposition seem like the only logical option.

Chapter 16

(Foresight, Analytical Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Setting Traps)

Fang Yuan showcases exceptional foresight and analytical thinking when he states, "Try touching it? You have already been poisoned by my Single Gate Poison Gu. Without my other Gu that acts as the counterpart to it, after seven days you will turn into pus and blood and die." This demonstrates Fang Yuan's deep understanding of cause-and-effect reasoning (Cause and Effect Reasoning, Analytical Thinking) as he expertly anticipates his opponent's reactions to his subtle manipulation of the situation (Trap Setting, Anticipation). He has already placed them in a dire position with a poison that would kill them unless he intervenes, displaying his ability to manipulate outcomes with strategic foresight (Prediction, Cognitive Reasoning, Strategic Thinking).

Through his calculated words and deeds, Fang Yuan sets up a trap and leaves no escape route for his target. His careful planning (Setting Traps) is further supported by strategic thinking, where he leverages the opponent's fear and emotions, forcing them into submission. His actions demonstrate metacognition, the ability to assess and monitor his own performance and that of others to ensure success.

(Social Manipulation, Influence, Verbal Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation)

In the quote, "To compare myself to Sir Flower Wine, I'm just a fart! I must have been unwell in the head, to actually not recognize such a great person and offended Sir Flower Wine," Fang Yuan's manipulative prowess comes to the forefront. Here, he employs verbal manipulation and emotional manipulation to influence his target's perception of him. By self-deprecating and exalting his opponent, he twists the social dynamics in his favor, shifting from an adversary to a supplicant. This manipulation tactic (Verbal Deception, Emotional Facilitation) also serves as a trap, baiting his opponent to underestimate him or forgive him. His social manipulation skills shine here, leveraging influence and relationship management to achieve his objectives.

He strategically manages the emotions in the room (Emotional Awareness, Influence), lowering his opponent's guard and steering the interaction in his favor. Fang Yuan's cunning and

resource management come through, showing a mastery of indirect manipulation. His self-regard is masked, but his aura of control over the situation is unshakable, demonstrating his ability to control others subtly while maintaining composure and dominance.

(Critical Thinking, Reflective Thinking, Non-Linear Thinking, Memory)

In the scene where "the motion picture started to repeat itself for the third time and Fang Yuan finally sighed faintly and said, ‘I see,’" he demonstrates critical thinking and reflective thinking. Fang Yuan's ability to silently analyze the repeating scene and reflect on its implications shows deep metacognition. He draws connections (Associative Thinking) between the historical events and present circumstances, utilizing his vast experience and memory to recognize the truth that others may have tampered with the story. This highlights his expertise in detecting deception and seeing through people (Deception Detection, Analytical Thinking), enabling him to understand the manipulation of historical facts to fit a narrative.

Fang Yuan's ability to distill essential information from the replayed scene also points to his mastery in conceptual and abstract thinking (Abstract Reasoning, Conceptual Thinking). He quickly identifies the purpose of the Photo-audio Gu, understanding how it works and how it fits into the larger scheme of things. His thought process is non-linear and fluid, enabling him to draw from multiple sources of information and arrive at a conclusion that eludes others (Holistic Thinking, Synthetic Thinking).

(Social Engineering, Historical Knowledge, Observation)

When Fang Yuan notes, “Back then, the fourth generation clan head tried to plot against the Flower Wine Monk but he failed. After he lost in the battle he tried a sneak attack; even though it repelled away the latter, he eventually died because of it,” he draws on his social cognition and historical knowledge to unravel the truth behind the false narrative. His observational skills, combined with his ability to connect dots between past and present (Pattern Recognition), allow him to piece together a more accurate account of events. His understanding of social engineering reveals how the clan elders manipulated history to save face, and Fang Yuan uses this knowledge to his advantage.

Fang Yuan’s keen sense of observation, coupled with his understanding of how societies and individuals rewrite history for their own benefit, positions him as a master manipulator of social dynamics. He is not fooled by the lies of the past, demonstrating his superior analytical thinking and expertise in deception detection (Seeing Through People, Analysis, Improvisation). This also underscores his adaptability and ability to employ a reflective mindset to avoid falling into the same traps others might succumb to.

Fang Yuan's feats showcase various cognitive abilities, emotional management, and strategies for manipulating his environment. Through analyzing his actions and quotes, we can identify

several key categories that highlight his exceptional skills. Below are some of his feats explained in depth using the provided categories:

1. (Strategic Thinking, Risk Taking, Cognitive Thinking, Deception*)

In the following quote, Fang Yuan demonstrates his strategic thinking as he assesses the risks of refining a rare Gu:

> “The weaker the Gu’s will, the smaller the resistance, the easier it becomes for me to refine it. However any living creature will always have the will to live. To refine the Moonlight Gu I would at least require five primeval stones, at the most I’d need eight pieces.”

Fang Yuan's analysis of the refinement process involves assessing the potential costs (primeval stones) and the resistance of the Gu. His strategic thinking allows him to weigh the risks of using primeval stones against the benefits of refining a new Gu. This feat also involves risk-taking, as he knows that using his limited resources might leave him in a vulnerable position. His capacity for cognitive thinking is evident as he calculates the best approach for achieving his goal despite resource constraints. Additionally, his deception is shown when he uses the Gu’s will to his advantage, ensuring easier refinement without unnecessary complications.

2. (Analytical Thinking, Risk Taking, Anticipation, Emotional and Resource Management)

> "Right now to refine the Liquor worm, I would need at least eleven pieces, at the most I would need sixteen pieces. Although the Liquor worm was also a Rank one Gu like the Moonlight Gu, but it was definitely rarer. Thus the difficulty of the refinement process also increased.”

Fang Yuan analyzes the relative difficulty of refining the Liquor worm as compared to the Moonlight Gu. He anticipates the potential problems that might arise from refining a rarer Gu and prepares himself for the added challenge. This reflects his analytical thinking as he breaks down the process and estimates the resources needed. His anticipation also shows his foresight in preparing for various potential outcomes, even considering the worst-case scenario (using more primeval stones). His emotional management is key here, as he keeps his focus and composure while working within his limits. His risk-taking and resource management is evident in proceeding despite the scarcity of resources, knowing that success may come at the cost of valuable materials.

3. (Logical Reasoning, Risk Taking, Analytical Thinking, Strategic Thinking)

Fang Yuan's understanding of the primeval stones' depletion is showcased when he states:

> "In other words, even though right now Fang Yuan had seventeen primeval stones, but just to refine the Liquor worm he would at most be left with six pieces, or at least one primeval stone."

Here, Fang Yuan demonstrates logical reasoning by calculating how many primeval stones will remain after refining the Liquor worm. He considers the best and worst-case scenarios. His risk-taking becomes apparent when he acknowledges that using these resources for a rare Gu may leave him with little to nothing. However, he proceeds anyway, showcasing his confidence in his judgment. His analytical thinking comes into play as he breaks down the situation into

specific figures, and his strategic thinking helps him decide if it's worth proceeding under the given constraints.

4. (Social Cognition, Manipulation, Social Intuition)
In a scene where Fang Yuan returns to his inn, the worker's reaction changes when he sees Fang Yuan, shifting from annoyance to exaggerated politeness:
> "I hear you! I hear you! Who is it, knocking on the door at this late time… But when he saw Fang Yuan standing at the door, all the displeasure and sleepiness from his expression changed, and he bent his waist and said with a flattering smile, 'Ah, it's his young lordship. This little one is very lucky to be able to open the door for his lordship.'"
Fang Yuan's social cognition and social intuition are key here. He is able to perceive the worker's initial annoyance and understand the dynamics of the situation, shifting his expression to maintain control. He manipulates the worker's perception of the situation by using his status, ensuring the worker acts in a way that suits his own objectives. This feat highlights his manipulation skills, as he uses his power to influence the worker's behavior and get what he wants without confrontation.

5. (Self-Regulation, Emotional Perception, Leadership)
Fang Yuan's demeanor and internal control are on display when he walks into the inn after knocking:
"Fang Yuan nodded his head, his expression cold with indifference, and walked into the inn."
His self-regulation is evident in his ability to maintain emotional distance and project an indifferent expression, despite the circumstances. This control over his emotional state helps him assert dominance and maintain authority. His emotional perception is also at play as he recognizes how to act in the situation without giving away too much of his true feelings. His behavior indicates leadership, as he sets the tone and forces the worker to comply with his wishes, leading the interaction on his own terms.

Through these examples, Fang Yuan demonstrates his mastery of complex cognitive functions, including strategic planning, risk management, manipulation, and emotional control. Each feat showcases his deep understanding of his environment, and his ability to manipulate both his internal resources and the people around him to achieve his goals.

Feat 1 - Strategic Analysis of Spring Autumn Cicada
(Strategy Vision, Analytical Thinking, Risk Calculation, Psychological Analysis)

> "The Spring Autumn Cicada's ability is rebirth. But right now it is at its weakest state, at the instant I use it, it'll die. However it is still a Rank six Gu, so I can totally use its aura. This won't do any damage to its body."

This shows his ability to quickly analyze resources and find optimal usage strategies while calculating risks.

Feat 2 - Refining the Liquor Worm
(Strategy Execution, Strategy Efficiency, Strategy Control, Strategic Thinking)

> "Fang Yuan laughed and took the opportunity to mobilize his primeval essence... But right now Fang Yuan's green copper primeval essence drove straight in, flowing vigorously without resistance."

Demonstrates his efficient execution by using the Spring Autumn Cicada's aura to subdue the Liquor Worm, showing excellent control and strategic thinking.

Feat 3 - Rapid Moonlight Gu Refinement
(Strategy Adaptability, Planning Process, Strategy Efficiency)

> "The entire refining process of the Moonlight Gu from beginning to end did not take more than five minutes. Comparing the start of his difficult refining process to the situation right now, the speed was rapid and created a sharp contrast."

Shows his ability to adapt his strategy and improve efficiency using newly acquired resources.

Feat 4 - Resource Management
(Resource Management, Planning Coverage, Strategy Vision)

> "For the past few days, Fang Yuan had consumed six pieces of primeval stones just to refine the Liquor worm. But tonight, while Fang Yuan could see the bottom of the primeval sea in his aperture, he did not use a single stone."

Demonstrates excellent resource management and strategic foresight in conserving resources.

Feat 5 - Psychological Manipulation
(Psychological Manipulation, Strategy Control, Social Manipulation)

> "Fang Yuan was neither haughty nor humble. He took a little step back, letting his shoulder free from the academy elder's hand. He stared at the academy elder, his hands folded behind his back. Then he said with a faint smile..."

Shows his ability to maintain composure and manipulate social situations to his advantage.

Feat 6 - Strategic Concealment
(Concealment, Strategy Shielding, Planning Coverage)

> "With a thought the Spring Autumn Cicada faded away from view and disappeared once more, returning to its deep slumber. Then he called out the Liquor worm and hid it away at a corner of his bed. This was to prevent the academy's unnecessary examination."

Demonstrates his ability to conceal crucial advantages and shield his strategy from detection.

Each of these feats shows Fang Yuan's exceptional strategic thinking, resource management, and psychological manipulation abilities, all while maintaining careful concealment of his true capabilities.