Corpse Box Strategy

Reverend Insanity

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INTRODUCTION:

This doc covers Fang Yuan's accomplishments in the Gao Wan mini-arc (Chapters 29 to 38).
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Red - FSIQ, Intelligence, Adaptability
Brown - Overall EQ , Overall SQ , Overall AQ
Green - Manipulation , Deception, Coercion
Blue - Foresight, Insight, Sensory, Thinking
Orange - Reasoning, Psychology, Analysis
Purple - Planning, Strategy, Tactics, Methods
Yellow - Miscellaneous

FIRST THING TO REMEMBER:

Black Coffin Luck

Since Fang Yuan used the Spring Autumn Cicada in Chapter 1, he has been cursed by a calamity known as Black Coffin Luck which is a form of bad luck associated with the luck path.
The effect of this curse is to lower Fang Yuan's success rate to a minimum, requiring him to work harder to achieve his goals. It acts as a **contextual adversity**, constantly reducing his luck even below natural level.
For example, if Fang Yuan's natural success rate in an action is 7/10, Black Coffin Luck reduces it to 5/10. Thus, Fang Yuan has to be extra careful in every move he makes.
Note that, from Chapter 1 itself, Fang Yuan has had Black Coffin Luck 24/7, making every challenge harder to overcome and attracting more problems. To navigate this, he must strategize carefully to avoid his bad luck and even turn these challenges to his advantage.

Prelude:

Fang Yuan extorted one-third of the primeval stones from his fellow classmates, which is currency provided as rations by the academy.
[Coercion, Extortion, Threats**]**

Since this was a relatively minor issue, and Fang Yuan was just extorting his classmates rather than bullying or acting power-hungry, the school elder turned a blind eye to this. Fang Yuan's actions stirred resentment among his classmates, increasing their determination to train harder in martial arts and get stronger to take revenge against Fang Yuan. The academy elder saw this as an opportunity to motivate the students, using Fang Yuan's extortion as a means to encourage them to take their roles seriously and become stronger Gu Masters in the future.
[Social Engineering, Social Awareness, Emotional Understanding, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Efficiency, Indirect Manipulation, Critical Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Risk Assessment, Situational Awareness**]**

Context:
Fang Yuan provoked a powerful and wealthy family (Mo family) in his village by beating the family head's only grandson during his extortion. However, the family head was unbothered, as Fang Yuan manipulated the situation to appear as if, **"minor conflicts like this will grow the fighting spirit and maturity of his grandson,"** The family head, further deceived by Fang Yuan's perceived status as a **"low-talent orphan"** with limited potential in cultivation, dismissed the incident, seeing no threat from such a **"weak"** individual.
[Indirect Manipulation, Perception, Holistic Thinking, Social Engineering, Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Strategy Building, Strategy Shielding, Risk Assessment**]**

This is why the family head didn't view the issue as a serious one. If the person bullying his grandson had been from a prominent family or someone with high cultivation potential, he would have taken action, as it could become an issue later on.
[Strategy Resilience, Goalpost Moving, Indirect Manipulation, Social Awareness,**]**

Having calculated all this, Fang Yuan concluded that he can safely extort his classmates due to his low profile, creating a "win-win" outcome: he benefits materially, while family heads and clan elders see this as valuable training to toughen the younger generation for the future. This will help him avoid punishments from higher ups.
[Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Strategy Efficiency, Strategic Thinking, Foresight, Risk Assessment, Indirect Manipulation, Psychology**]**

Plot:
The family head, being wise, understands the political intricacies involved, but his granddaughter, who lacks political awareness, decided to handle the matter herself. She gathered her servants and went to the inn where Fang Yuan resides, intending to intimidate, warn, or even beat him to keep him from meddling with her younger brother again.

Fang Yuan, due to his keen insight, has developed a method to gauge a clan's cultivation strength, military power, and wealth. Knowing that in Gu World, wealth correlates with higher

cultivation potential, he started observing populated areas to evaluate the Gu Masters. Sitting in a main area, he can assess the number of Gu Masters and identify their ranks. More Gu Masters indicate a populace with refined bloodlines, and a high count of elite Gu Masters suggests a wealthy area with many talented individuals. Fang Yuan, therefore, chooses to spend his evenings at the inn, using it as a place to observe and evaluate his own clan.
[Planning Preparation Process, Planning Coverage, Strategy Building, Setting Traps, Information Gathering, Insight, Perception, Observation, Social Awareness, Social Engineering, Deductive Reasoning**]**

Mo Yan's Plan:
Mo Yan sent her strongest human servant, Gao Wan, a middle-aged man with steel-like muscles, (indicating his great strength), to bring Fang Yuan from the inn to a secluded spot. There, they planned to intimidate him and warn him not to bully her younger brother again.

Note: In this world, the term **"human"** refers to those without cultivation abilities, unlike Gu Masters who possess extraordinary powers and can cultivate. Regular humans are at the bottom of the societal hierarchy, considered mere slaves to Gu Masters, as they lack the power to use cultivation abilities (**"hax"**). These humans serve their masters in non-combat roles like logistics and service, attempting to prove their worth in other ways.

The plan was for Gao Wan to intimidate Fang Yuan and force him into submission. However, Fang Yuan paid him no attention and simply continued his work, disregarding the man entirely.
[Adaptability, Emotional Management, Emotional Understanding, Mental Fortitude, Deception, Acting Skills, Concealment, Trap Evasion, Risk Management**]**

This outcome is explained by the explanation mentioned earlier, no matter how strong Gao Wan is for a regular human, he is still considered a mere servant in the eyes of Gu Masters. A dog can only run to his master after feeling overwhelmed. Gao Wan, overwhelmed by the situation, eventually stepped outside to bring his master.
[Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Social Understanding, Emotional Manipulation, Foresight, Psychology**]**

Mo Yan's Second Plan:
After realizing her first plan of using her servant to intimidate Fang Yuan didn't work, Mo Yan decided to confront Fang Yuan herself. She arrived wearing her signature uniform, which mentioned her Rank 2 cultivation stage, something that is a clear show of dominance over Fang Yuan, as Rank 2 cultivators easily surpass Rank 1 in combat.
Note: Rank 2 > Rank 1 no-low diff in a fight

When Fang Yuan saw her, he immediately started acting, pretending to be his twin brother, Fang Zheng. Both brothers look identical, but while Fang Yuan has average cultivation potential, Fang Zheng possesses the highest potential within the clan. This reputation made Mo Yan hesitate to act aggressively, unwilling to use her tactics on someone she believed to be the high-potential Fang Zheng instead of the **"lesser"** Fang Yuan.
[Acting Skills, Disguise, Concealment, Gaslighting, Misdirection, Direct Manipulation, Perception, Strategic Thinking, Emotional Engagement, Emotional Facilitation, Strategy Flexibility, Adaptability, Cunningness, Trap Evasion, Setting Traps**]**

Scans:

They had a drawing of Fang Yuan, but they did not know that Fang Yuan and Fang Zheng were twins that looked almost identical.

“No wonder this young man looked like he had no fear. He is actually Fang Zheng and not Fang Yuan.” Mo Yan’s servants guessed in their minds.

“Fang Yuan cannot be compared to Fang Zheng. The former is merely a C ranked loner with no background. The latter however has A ranked talent and was pulled into the clan head’s faction at the Awakening Ceremony, and as long as he grows smoothly, he has a bright future ahead!” Mo Yan did not get a proper reply from Gao Wan, causing her to be even more hesitant.

At this point, the only ones who knew Fang Yuan’s identity were the inn employees. However, they could not afford to offend either parties so they only kept their mouths shut.

As stated in the scan, the inn workers know the truth: this young man is actually Fang Yuan. As Fang Yuan is a regular customer, they choose to keep his secret. They see no benefit in crossing a powerful family for the sake of revealing his lie and would rather avoid potential trouble.
[,Information Control, Logical Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Triangulation, Emotional Understanding, Social Awareness, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Resilience, Strategy Concealment, Influence, Aura, Situational Awareness, Psychology**]**

Planning Phase 1:
Fang Yuan lured Mo Yan and her group of servants by inviting them to follow him to his residence by telling them he knows where Fang Yuan is. He led them to the clan’s academy hostel, which is under the authority of another clan elder. But, due to the rules of the academy hostel the academy guards required Mo Yan to leave most of her servants outside, allowing only her and her strongest servant, Gao Wan, to enter the academy to meet Fang Yuan.

[Setting Traps, Situational Awareness, Strategic Thinking, Deception, Logical Manipulation, Triangulation, Tactics, Methods, Planning Intricacies]

Fang Yuan then went to his room, leaving Mo Yan and Gao Wan waiting outside. He revealed to them that he was indeed Fang Yuan and had only been pretending to be Fang Zheng to prevent them from hurting him.

Note: Mo Yan already had a slight suspicion that Fang Yuan was posing as Fang Zheng. However, due to Fang Yuan's careful triangulation and setup, she couldn't take action immediately. Though she came prepared for confrontation, Fang Yuan's strategic thinking skillfully evaded her expectations.

Planning Phase 2:
Fang Yuan stayed inside his room and taunted Mo Yan, daring her to come in and capture him. However, clan rules strictly prohibit outsiders from entering the academy to bully or use force on students. Breaking this rule would result in severe punishment. Since Mo Yan is the heir of a wealthy and politically influential family, violating this rule could bring serious repercussions not only for her but also for her entire family.
[Intimidation, Bluffing, Emotional Manipulation, Logical Manipulation, Rule-Based Manipulation, Fabrication(attempt), Smearing(attempt), Social Awareness, Strategy Shielding, Planning Coverage, Tactical Foresight, Trap Evasion, Situational Awareness]

Fang Yuan left the door open, sat down to meditate, to cultivate, and invited her to **"feel free"** to enter and capture him, this is an obvious bluff and setup for a trap.
[Bluffing, Setting Traps]

By keeping the door open, he subtly shifted the encounter into one of negotiation, where Mo Yan had to consider the high risks of taking personal revenge. Fang Yuan understood that if he had closed the door, it might have provoked her to act impulsively out of anger. But by leaving it open, he created hesitation, forcing her to weigh her options carefully.
[Emotional Perception, Emotional Understanding, Negotiation, Direct Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Tactics, Planning Intricacies, Holistic Thinking]

Fang Yuan perceived Mo Yan's emotions perfectly, making her believe her decisions were based on her own reasoning and intelligence, when in reality, she and the entire situation was under Fang Yuan's control and manipulation.
[Psychology, Puppetry, Indirect Manipulation, Emotional Perception, Emotional Understanding]

To send her away, Fang Yuan said, **"If I do not show up for class tomorrow and the elders come to investigate, what do you think I will say?"** This statement struck Mo Yan, as she

realized the political implications: the academy elder and her grandfather, the family head, held equal status within the clan's politics. Such a revelation could escalate a small issue into a major conflict, putting her in serious trouble because of being the one who caused the issue.
[Fabrication, Smearing(attempt), Direct Manipulation, Political Manipulation, Setting Traps, Holistic Thinking, Planning Intricacies, Contingencies**]**

Scans:

Fang Yuan shrugged. He had already seen through Mo Yan's personality.

If he had closed the door, or even half shut it, Mo Yan had at least a 50% probability of breaking into the house. But when he purposely opened it fully, it had instead made her more wary and calm as a result. Thus there was barely any chance of her forcing her way in anymore.
[Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Bluffing, Emotional Manipulation, Situational Awareness**]**

Another Scan:

He grandly turned around, exposing his back fully to Mo Yan. If Mo Yan struck now, she would definitely be able to capture him in one swift action. However, Mo Yan stayed still outside the door as if there was an invisible mountain blocking her way.

Even after Fang Yuan sat in his bed, Mo Yan only stared at him in anger, gritting her teeth. But regardless of this, she did not make a move.

"This is the pathetic side of humans." Fang Yuan sat up and stared at Mo Yan who was outside looking like a fool, thinking to himself, "At times, the things preventing people from taking action is not physical difficulty, but instead it is the restrictions they have placed on themselves subconsciously."

Here, Fang Yuan turned his back to Mo Yan, a taunt meant to show her that she has no real power in this situation, thus making her believe she can't do anything. This act humiliated and angered her to the point where she felt compelled to leave, since she was unable to take action. Fang Yuan had psychoanalyzed her so well that he could keep her actions under control, despite her superior strength, wealth, and political power.
[Emotional Perception, Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Bluffing, Emotional Manipulation, Direct Manipulation, Anger Inducement, Gaslighting, Psychology, Psychoanalysis**]**

Through his words, Fang Yuan manipulated Mo Yan to a level that she couldn't do anything to him, because she was restrained by the clan's political structure. Even as she tried to provoke him with insults and slurs, he remained indifferent, which only angered her further and deepened Fang Yuan's control over her.
[Emotional Manipulation, Emotional Management, Mental Fortitude, Cognitive Discipline, Manipulation Resistance**]**

Planning Phase 3
Strategy: Realizing that her attempts to confront Fang Yuan were blocked by the political structure of the clan, Mo Yan left the academy. She instructed her servant, Gao Wan, to wait until early morning to bring Fang Yuan to her, not knowing that this was actually Fang Yuan's strategy to isolate Gao Wan. With this move, he made Mo Yan leave, and also made her leave Gao Wan alone which made it easier for Fang Yuan to deal with him.
[Strategy Success Rate, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Complexity, Planning Intricacies, Planning Length, Planning Coverage, Puppetry, Indirect Manipulation, Event Manipulation, Setting Traps, Cunningness**]**

Meanwhile, to further taunt them, Fang Yuan focused on balancing multiple demanding tasks: he started cultivating, managing primeval essence flow, controlling the conversion of his Gu's essence, all while staying aware of his surroundings. This required him to simultaneously handle four complex processes for 30-40 minutes, which is a feat that demands a high level of cognitive effort and intense focus.
[WMI, PSI, CPI, FRI, Multi-tasking, Situational Awareness, Caution, Risk Management, Cognitive Discipline**]**

Strategy Step 1:
Fang Yuan's plan is to eliminate the servant Gao Wan and send a message to his masters, discouraging them from targeting him again. He carefully charges his primeval essence from initial stage to middle stage. At the initial stage, his moon blade can inflict small knife-like wounds, but at the middle stage, it can cause deep, long sword-level wounds or even produce damage comparable to a shotgun blast.
[Analysis, Evaluation, Adaptability, Emotional Engagement, Strategy Flexibility, Risk Assessment, Battle IQ, Improvising**]**

Strategy Step 2:
Fang Yuan then launches a direct attack on Gao Wan. His first objective is to intimidate and exhaust the servant, making him a more vulnerable target for his moon blade after he's exhausted. With only three charges available, Fang Yuan knows he must time his moon blade strikes perfectly for maximum effect.

Note: Gao Wan is not an easy opponent; he is swift and as durable as steel, adding a high level of difficulty to the battle.
[Risk Assessment, Battle IQ, Formulation Speed, Analysis, Intimidation, Self Awareness**]**

Fang Yuan's objective is to kill Gao Wan, but since the servant is merely a human, his own goal is to just subdue Fang Yuan or knock him out as going beyond that would make him a criminal. Inflicting severe wounds or killing Fang Yuan would lead to punishment from Gao Wan's masters, who would execute him and his entire family as punishment.
[Emotional Perception, Emotional Understanding, Social Understanding, Direct Manipulation, Exploitation of Weakness, Holistic Thinking, Insight, Strategy Fortitude**]**

Strategy Step 3:
Aware of this, Fang Yuan forced Gao Wan to reduce the intensity of his attacks, and then used calculated evasions to avoid Gao Wan's strikes. He focused on targeting vital points of Gao Wan, such as the groin, knees, neck, and eyes overpowering him through precision rather than brute force.

Despite lacking the physical strength and speed to match the servant, Fang Yuan's tactics and battle IQ allowed him to hold his own in this 1v1 fight, evading every strike and not taking a single hit from Gao Wan.
[Battle IQ, Perception, Observation, Kinesthetic Control, Fast Thinking, PSI**]**

Scans:

At times he used his fingers to jab at the eyes, sometimes strangling the throat, hitting the jaw with the base of his palm, chopping at the back of his opponent's head, using the knee to strike the pelvic area, or using his hands to grab at the waist.

Gao Wan's sweat poured out like a river.

Fang Yuan's moves were all aiming at the vital points, each strike devious and deadly as if he wanted to end Gao Wan's life right there!
[Critical Thinking, Kinesthetic Control, Battle IQ, Crystallized Intelligence, Knowledge,**]**

Tactic:
Fang Yuan's attacks were ruthless and filled with killing intent, making it obvious to Gao Wan that he was facing a lethal opponent. This aura of intent seeped into Gao Wan's mind, gradually inducing fear and making him hesitant in his actions because of fear.
[Tactics, Fear Inducement, Direct Manipulation**]**

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Strategy Step 4:
Fang Yuan carefully wore down Gao Wan, pushing him to madness. This psychological strain caused Gao Wan to lose his composure, making him vulnerable. Using this opening, Fang Yuan delivered a fatal blow, damaging Gao Wan's arm before decapacitating with his moon blade.
Note: Moon Blade is a Gu ability.

Fang Yuan made sure to do all this in front of the academy guards, ensuring there were witnesses who could later help him triangulate the issue with the Academy Elder and Mo family. Since the guards were personal servants of the academy, they would definitely report this incident to their superiors, bringing it to the attention of those in power.
[Information Control, Triangulation, Strategy Shielding, Planning Intricacies, Tactics, Methods, Risk Management, Foresight**]**

However, Fang Yuan used middle stage primeval essence to kill Gao Wan, while people only knew that Fang Yuan has initial stage cultivation. A skilled Gu Master would easily be able to recognize this. To conceal this, Fang Yuan intimidated one of the guards into lending him a sabre. He then proceeded to dismember Gao Wan's body, chopping it into small pieces like meat at a butcher shop, ensuring that the middle-stage blade wounds would be obscured.
[Information Control, Fabrication, Risk Management, Caution, Creativity, Strategy Shielding, Tactics**]**

Strategy Step 5:
The incident quickly spread throughout the clan's academy, and it became a significant political issue for both the academy elder and the Mo family head. If the matter was pursued further, it would create a conflict that could disrupt the political balance of the entire Gu Yue clan, forcing both parties to consider the consequences of escalating the situation.
[Triangulation, Logical Manipulation, Mass Manipulation, Political Manipulation, Situational Awareness, Foresight, Planning Intricacies**]**

Planning Phase 4:
Prior to the murder, Fang Yuan's classmates would often gang up on him during his extortion attempts, only for all of them to be defeated each time. However, with his recent act of killing Gao Wan, none of them dared to challenge him, as no one wanted to confront a ruthless murderer. This effectively made future extortion efforts easier for Fang Yuan.
[Social Engineering, Emotional Understanding, Mass Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Intimidation, Demoralization, Fear Inducement, Psychology, Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Strategy Foresight, Methods, Aura, Risk Management, Holistic Thinking, Divergent Thinking, Critical Thinking, Foresight**]**

Also, to avoid any suppression or biased treatment from the academy elders, Fang Yuan made sure that he handled the situation on his own terms, neutralizing threats without relying on anyone else's intervention.
[Caution, Risk Management, Decision Making, Strategy Shielding]

To make Fang Yuan regret his actions and gain information, the academy elder asked him a series of probing questions.

Trap Question 1:

“Fang Yuan, do you know why I called you here to meet me?” The Academy Elder used a solemn and deep voice to break the silence in the room.

Fang Yuan's Response:

“I know.” Fang Yuan nodded and replied, “I used the Moonlight Gu in the Academy, breaking the clan rules. According to the rules, as it is my first offense, I should compensate thirty pieces of primeval stones as punishment.”

He evaded the crucial point and did not mention Gao Wan’s death.

The Academy Elder was stunned for a second, he had not expected that Fang Yuan would answer like this.

In this exchange, the academy elder’s question was an indirect attempt to make Fang Yuan morally acknowledge his wrongdoing. Fang Yuan, however, figured out the elder’s intentions and misdirected the conversation by strictly adhering to the clan’s rules and ethics. By reframing the situation as a minor infraction with a defined punishment, he subtly downplayed the severity of killing Gao Wan, shifting the elder’s perception and almost making it seem as if it wasn’t even a crime.
[Sophistry, Misdirection, Fabrication, Dismissal, Direct Manipulation, Deception, Adaptability, Emotional Perception, Emotional Understanding, Perception, Insight, Trap Evasion, Strategy Flexibility, Psychology, Deductive Reasoning]

Trap Question 2:

His expression darkened as he coldly snapped, “Don’t try to blur things in front of me! I’ll ask you, what was the matter with Gao Wan’s death?”

Fang Yuan's Response:

Fang Yuan squinted his eyes and said, "Hmph, this Gao Wan went against his superiors, his intentions were vicious. Last night, not only did he block my room door, he even tried to kill me. In self-defense, I was forced to use the Moonlight Gu. Fortunately, I managed to kill this traitor. I suspect that there is a high possibility of him being a spy of the other mountain villages, I implore the elders to investigate this thoroughly!"

Upon hearing this, the Academy Elder frowned and became at a lost for words.

Here, the elder attempted to push Fang Yuan into admitting guilt for Gao Wan's death. However, Fang Yuan skillfully recognized the elder's intentions and reframed the conversation to implicate Gao Wan as the true offender. By portraying Gao Wan as a rogue servant who disobeyed orders and even implying he could be a spy, Fang Yuan shifted suspicion onto Gao Wan while casting his own actions as loyal and necessary. This deceptive response created a narrative that favored Fang Yuan, turning the accusation against the Mo family rather than towards himself.
[Fabrication, Goalpost Moving, Smearing, Misdirection, Gaslighting, Verbal Deception, Concealment, Scapegoating, Trap Evasion, Cunningness, Manipulation Resistance, Holistic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Perception, Insight, Psychology, Inductive Reasoning, Adaptability**]**

Trap Question 3:

Thinking for a bit, the Academy Elder stared at Fang Yuan and questioned, "Then let me ask you. Gao Wan's corpse, how did you deal with it?"

Fang Yuan's Response:

Fang Yuan's lips curled, revealing a cruel smile. "I diced Gao Wan's corpse and put it inside a wooden box. When morning came, I put it at the Mo family's back door."

With this response, Fang Yuan not only evaded the elder's trap but layered a new complication into the situation. By admitting to such an act with nonchalance, he added a level of shock that forced the elder to redirect his concerns. Fang Yuan's unsettling confession pushed the responsibility back onto the Academy Elder, as the elder now faced a political fallout with the Mo family and the need to calm and fix this explosive situation. The elder, thrown off balance, ultimately dismissed Fang Yuan so that he can focus on negotiating with the Mo family directly.

Meanwhile, unknown to the elder, Fang Yuan had already set further chaos in motion within the Mo family, a separate conflict that would complicate their response even more.
[Misdirection, Direct Manipulation, Foresight**]**

Planning Phase 5:

In Mo Family house:

Because Fang Yuan killed Gao Wan in public, thus, the public nature of Gao Wan's death escalates the situation even more, forcing the Mo family head to address the fallout. Fang Yuan's meticulous actions have turned this personal dispute into a significant issue for the Mo clan head, placing him in a position where he must take responsibility as the family head because of the conflict. As a result, the clan head reprimands Mo Yan, his granddaughter, for her reckless actions that led to the entire issue. To stop further damage, he orders her to stop any further involvement with Fang Yuan, making it clear that her behavior must align with the family's interests and political standing.

This outcome demonstrates Fang Yuan's success in deploying a complex, multi-layered strategy. His calculated moves not only protected him but also manipulated the political structures within Mo family. By turning his confrontation with Gao Wan into a clan-wide issue, Fang Yuan forced the family head, Mo Chen, to act against his own granddaughter, ensuring that Mo Yan would no longer be a threat to him.
[Long-term Planning, Planning Coverage, Planning Intricacies, Strategy Shielding, Strategy Fortitude, Strategy Complexity, Strategy Success Rate, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Efficiency, Short-term Strategy, Long-term Strategy, Lateral Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Divergent Thinking, Convergent Thinking, Direct Manipulation, Indirect Manipulation, Logical Manipulation, Political Manipulation, Threats, Coercion, Trap Evasion, Risk Management, Setting Traps**]**

Gao Wan Corpse Box Strategy Breakdown:
Fang Yuan leverages the gruesome delivery of Gao Wan's remains to exert psychological and social pressure on the Mo family. His strategic placement of the corpse's parts gives Mo Chen, the Mo family head, a choice between cooperating with Fang Yuan or facing greater repercussions. The scheme shows Fang Yuan's mastery of psychological manipulation, risk assessment, and social control.

Initial Intimidation and Option to Negotiate:
Fang Yuan divided the corpse of Gao Wan into two boxes. By placing one part of Gao Wan's dismembered corpse at the Mo family's back door, Fang Yuan sends a clear, private warning. This action creates an opportunity for the Mo family to de-escalate the conflict through negotiation, avoiding a public scandal. It implicitly suggests a path where both sides can **"save face,"** giving the Mo family a choice to settle the matter, rather than risk a greater conflict.

Consequences of Non-Compliance:
Fang Yuan's plan for a public reveal by placing the remaining part of Gao Wan's corpse at the Mo family's front entrance highlights the stakes of the situation. It's a clear message, that if the Mo family refuses his implied terms, he'll make the other parts public, thus defaming Mo family even more. This would broadcast their failed attempt to intimidate Fang Yuan to the entire clan and village, damaging their reputation. The risk of being seen as powerless or overreaching would severely weaken the Mo family's political standing, potentially shifting power dynamics within the clan. Something that Mo Chen wants to avoid at all cost.

Mo Chen's Response and Compliance:
Recognizing Fang Yuan's psychological and social tactics, Mo Chen opts for a path that mitigates fallout. He also acknowledged Fang Yuan's strategic prowess. His counter-plan includes compensating Fang Yuan with 30 primeval stones, exiling Gao Wan's family with further compensation, and restricting Mo Yan to prevent further incidents and problems to Fang Yuan. This response defuses the situation while showing respect for Fang Yuan's resourcefulness, avoiding a political crisis and also acknowledging his victory in the conflict.

Through this scheme, Fang Yuan's intricate planning and social awareness force Mo family into a submissive position without further escalation. By presenting clear, calculated choices, Fang Yuan ensures the outcome aligns with his goals and effectively manipulates them to secure a lasting advantage.
[Emotional Understanding, Social Understanding, Social Awareness, Social Engineering, Foresight, Holistic Thinking, Critical Thinking, Insight, Trap Evasion, Setting Traps, Influence Building, Cunningness, Communication, Creativity, Risk Assessment, Risk Management, Mass Manipulation, Direct Manipulation, Political Manipulation, Logical Manipulation, Coercion, Threats, Blackmail, Psychological Manipulation, Puppetry, Information Control, Negotiation, Persuasion, Smearing, Psychology, Situational Analysis, Long-term Planning, Planning Intricacies, Contingencies, Planning Coverage, Versatility, Strategy Fortitude, Strategy Complexity, Strategic Foresight, Tactics, Methods, Strategy Success Rate, Strategy Effectiveness, Strategy Efficiency, Strategy Alignment, Strategy Execution, Adaptability**]**

Fang Yuan’s Reasoning and Thinking regarding this entire plan and strategy:

→Strategic Extortion

Premise: Fang Yuan can extort his classmates in a subtle way that avoids authority's punishment, using their fear without physical harm or excessive suppression.

Thought Process: By understanding his classmates' limits and avoiding using excessive methods that could attract disciplinary action, Fang Yuan ensures that his authority over them is stable and covert.
[Critical Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Logical Reasoning**]**

→Identifying Mo Family's hostile intent

Premise: By observing Mo Yan's servants at the inn, Fang Yuan quickly deduces that they are there to provoke him.

Thought Process: Recognizing the hostility in their demeanor and the Mo family's prior issues with him, he deduces their intent to create conflict, not simply to negotiate or observe.
[Critical Thinking, Linear Thinking, Deductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Logical Reasoning**]**

→Inn workers' role in concealment

Premise: Fang Yuan surmises that the inn workers will avoid exposing him, as they have no reason to get involved in the Mo family's affairs and also value Fang Yuan as a regular customer.

Thought Process: Fang Yuan infers that the workers will likely not reveal his identity due to their self-interest and the lack of incentive to favor the Mo family over him, further securing his position.
[Fast Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Inductive Reasoning**]**

→Using the Clan's Academy for Tactical Advantage

Premise: Fang Yuan guides Mo Yan and her servants to the clan academy, triangulating them within a system where rules prevent open conflict.

Thought Process: By leveraging the academy's strict rules, he manipulates the environment to his advantage, ensuring that the Mo family is forced to operate under restrictions while he maneuvers freely.
[Critical Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Lateral Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Non-Linear Thinking, Logical Reasoning**]**

→Angering Mo Yan to isolate Gao Wan

Premise: By angering Mo Yan, Fang Yuan isolates her servant, creating a vulnerable moment to eliminate him with minimal interference.

Thoughts Process: Fang Yuan's strategy is to use Mo Yan's predictable response to manipulate her actions, isolating Gao Wan to neutralize him as a threat in a controlled setting.
[Non-Linear Thinking, Divergent Thinking, Convergent Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Inductive Reasoning, Logical Reasoning**]**

→ Using Clan Politics for favorable outcome

Premise: Fang Yuan understands that positioning this issue as an inter-family matter between the academy and the Mo family will keep higher authorities from escalating the situation over a minor incident.

Thought Process: He maneuvers so that the clan elders perceive this as a trivial internal conflict, allowing him to avoid punishments from more powerful figures.
[Divergent Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Deductive Reasoning, Inductive Reasoning, Logical Reasoning**]**

→Using the corpse as a message

Premise: Placing Gao Wan's corpse at Mo Chen's residence forces the Mo family to reconsider further actions, while protecting Fang Yuan by creating a cautious environment.

Thought Process: Fang Yuan uses this display to instill caution in Mo Chen and reinforce his own position, recognizing that Mo Chen will likely suppress Mo Yan to avoid further reputational harm.
[Non-Linear Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Creative Thinking, Deductive Reasoning, Inductive Reasoning, Logical Reasoning**]**

Fang Yuan's Metacognition regarding this situation:

Fang Yuan's thought process, EQ, SQ, and Metacognition, etc are deeply illustrated through **<The Legends of Ren Zu>** as a way of contrast. These qualities allow him to thrive and survive within a world governed by strict righteousness, despite his demonic personality, as he seamlessly manipulates his environment.

Scan from The Legends of Ren Zu:

“This world’s heaven and earth is like a huge chess board. All lifeforms are chess pieces, acting in accordance with their rules and regulations. The four seasons have their own rules and regulations, rotating between spring, summer, autumn, and winter. The flow of water has its own rules and regulations, flowing from high ground to low ground. Hot air has its own rules and regulations, floating upwards. Humans naturally also have their own rules and regulations.”

Fang Yuan’s key to success lies in his profound ability to understand any situation at its deepest level by analyzing theses **“Rules and Regulations”**, rather than relying on brute strength to dominate, conventional wisdom to organize, or hope. Through his understanding of these structures, he is able to break systems, rendering them obsolete. He treats all factors and individuals as pawns to be manipulated, reshaping even the most hostile situations into ones that ultimately serve his interests.

In essence, Fang Yuan thrives not by playing within the expected parameters, but by seeing beyond them, bending them to his will, and ensuring that, regardless of the obstacles he faces, the outcome is one that benefits him.

Fang Yuan explains that servants operate under rules of loyalty and subservience, which are critical for preserving their stability and status. This is why Shen Cui sought closeness to Fang Zheng or Fang Yuan, while Gao Wan went overboard in his allegiance to the Mo family. Fang Yuan understands these nuances, using reasoning and emotional insight to identify the motivations behind their actions.
[Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Psychology, Abstract Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Emotional Understanding**]**

The academy elder’s ideology is to cultivate the strength of his students to the highest degree possible. Mo Chen, aims to leverage the clan's rules to protect and promote his family’s power. Meanwhile, Mo Yan, his granddaughter, is driven by a desire for revenge, seeking to punish Fang Yuan for bullying her younger brother. Fang Yuan sees through each of these individual motives, formulating a plan that accounts for each factor to secure his advantage. This blend of thinking, reasoning, strategic mind, and comprehensive planning allowed him to control the situation masterfully.
[Deductive Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Abstract Thinking, Holistic Thinking, Strategic Thinking, Strategy Complexity, Planning Intricacies, Planning Coverage, Planning Versatility**]**

Fang Yuan also reveals his psychological insight into Mo Chen. Mo Chen spared him because, from his perspective, the risk of tarnishing his own reputation outweighed any potential gain from punishing Fang Yuan. Had Fang Yuan possessed A or B-grade cultivation talent, Mo Chen likely wouldn’t have hesitated to take action against Fang Yuan. However, as a C-grader, Fang

Yuan was a low-priority target, which gave Mo Chen pause and played to Fang Yuan's benefit. Fang Yuan calculated and manipulated these factors, using this dynamic to his advantage.
[Emotional Understanding, Emotional Facilitation, Insight, Holistic Thinking, Reflective Thinking, Abstract Thinking, Psychology, Analysis, Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Situational Awareness**]**

In short, Fang Yuan accurately assessed each character's emotional state, functional purpose, and the extent of their likely actions. This acute understanding allowed him not only to escape consequences with ease but to turn the situation to his advantage, even earning compensation from those he intentionally provoked. This feat of complex reasoning and strategic finesse encapsulates his mastery of manipulation, making him appear as if he slipped through on butter while emerging as the victor.
[Emotional Understanding, Stategic Foresight, Deductive Reasoning, Inductive Reasoning, Abductive Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, Insight, Holistic Thinking, Abstract Thinking**]**

Clearing some Debunk attempts:

Claim: Fang Yuan's understanding of the Mo family relies on prior knowledge, not EQ or planning.

Truth: This interpretation oversimplifies Fang Yuan's skills and underestimates his adaptive reasoning. There's no indication in the narrative that Fang Yuan previously fought against or analyzed the Mo family in his past life. Instead, his understanding of them in this instance is a product of active observation and situational analysis rather than past knowledge. The **"Rules and Regulations"** parallel in his worldview further clarifies that Fang Yuan's insight is based on a methodical and principled understanding of human behavior, honed by experience rather than by familiarity with specific individuals.

Claim: Fang Yuan's achievements are "carried" by his 500 years of experience, diminishing the quality of his feats.

Truth: Venerables and the Heavens have used trials to select people for their plans for millions of years. In Fang Yuan's case, he needed to be tested for a full 515 years to gain the opportunity to become [Spoiler]'s successor, which has probability of one in a trillion. Yet, Fang Yuan still achieved it.

Since the story of RI begins after his 500+ years of journey, it doesn't mean he was merely carried by his experiences. Rather, all 930 years of Fang Yuan's life were a single trial that he persevered through until the end.

Claim: Hypothetically, another character could outsmart Fang Yuan if they were both 20 years old.

Truth: This hypothetical assumption lacks a valid basis. Fang Yuan's success is the result of specific situational knowledge, adaptability, and rationality forged through unique circumstances. To claim that another character might "outsmart" Fang Yuan just because of same age assumes conditions that are speculative at best. Without concrete, scenario specific clues, any argument about another character's advantage remains purely theoretical and fails to account for the unpredictable, real-time decisions that are used in Fang Yuan's methodology. Fang Yuan's reasoning prowess and adaptability are key to his strategic successes, making him highly effective in many ways.

Question: What is Black Coffin Luck?

Answer: This is a scan from the novel itself, **"With each use of Spring Autumn Cicada, the Gu Master's luck would decrease proportionally with the user's cultivation until they would suffer calamities and disasters one after another."** This reduced luck is known as Black Coffin Luck.

CLOSING REMARKS:

In short, this analysis highlights Fang Yuan's strategic as well as psychological brilliance, underscoring his mastery over both situational manipulation and profound human insight. His feats go beyond mere reliance on memories or experience; they are the result of a unique cognitive framework that balances insane emotional perception with meticulous planning and adaptive reasoning. Fang Yuan's understanding of the **"Rules and Regulations"** governing his world and those within it reveals his ability to overcome conventional power dynamics, turning even unfavorable conditions to his benefit.

Thank you for reading this analysis. We hope this analysis provided detailed insights on this feat of Fang Yuan, and that it leads to further appreciation of Fang Yuan's intelligence and capabilities.