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Chapter 1021:

The Eastern Border was quite unique; it neither had an Alliance Hierarch like East Breeze nor someone like Cao Zhen from the Eastern Wasteland, who, even if not an Alliance Hierarch, could compel the many Immortal Sects to act according to his wishes.

The Eastern Border was led by ten major Immortal Sects. Among them, now, three were pro-war, four were pro-peace, and the remaining three were non-committal.

The Flowing Light Sect was a centrist faction, but now had suddenly sent out a disciple to join forces with people from the Ultimate Sword Sect! If the Flowing Light Sect also turned pro-war, then there would be four sects on each side.

Yang Yudong looked at the incoming disciple with urgency and asked, "Which disciple did the Flowing Light Sect send out?"

The questioned disciple quickly answered, "Xia Congyun?"

Yang Yudong seemed as though his ears were injured by some powerful Sonic Wave Divine Skill, as if he had briefly lost his hearing, and suddenly raised his voice, asking loudly, "Who? Who did you say?"

The questioned disciple was startled by Yang Yudong's suddenly raised voice and likewise raised his voice slightly, exclaiming, "Xia Congyun."

"Xia Congyun, it's actually her! How could it be her..." Yang Yudong covered his forehead with a hand, muttering continuously, "Have the Flowing Light Sect gone mad, to actually send out Xia Congyun? Are they prepared to fully side with the Main War Sect?"

Even Sister Song Nianzhu's gaze shifted slightly.

Then, as if Yang Yudong suddenly thought of something, he looked at Cao Zhen and said, "Peak Master Cao, it's best if you don't go. That Xia Congyun, she's specifically targeting you."

"Oh?" Cao Zhen found this interesting, and full of curiosity, he asked, "We haven't even fought; why should I run away?"

"You don't understand how terrifying Xia Congyun is," Yang Yudong said urgently. "Like you, she also has a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, but everyone in our Eastern Border knows that she will inevitably become a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. No one doubts this!

The reason she only has a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core is because her cultivation time has been short. The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth has only been around for just over fifty years, and she joined the Flowing Light Sect many years after it began.

Her cultivation time hasn't even reached fifty years, not even forty.

Moreover, when she had a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, she defeated an opponent with a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill Perfect Completion, and it was a complete crushing victory. I even heard that when she had an Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, she defeated an opponent with a Perfect Completion Golden Core.

Of course, whether the latter news is true or false is debated. But this at least shows how terrifying she is. She is recognized as the Flowing Light Sect's most talented individual in ten thousand years.

In our Eastern Border, it's universally acknowledged that as soon as she breaks through to a Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir, she will certainly rank within the top ten, even top five in the Eastern Border.

That is, she will immediately become such a presence after the breakthrough, not needing further consolidation to enter the top ten or five.

If she is given time to consolidate, many even believe she will become the number one figure in the Eastern Border.

Even though Xia Congyun only has a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, her fame eclipses that of many with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection. With the Flowing Light Sect sending her out, Peak Master Cao, you truly have no chance of victory.

Although, as far as I know, Xia Congyun is not a bloodthirsty person, the fact that the Flowing Light Sect has sent her indicates a clear intent—they are leaning toward the Main War Sect. She might very well follow their wishes and move to kill you directly."

"So, you're suggesting I flee?" Cao Zhen's face showed no sign of concern, instead, he replied with a smile, "I originally had little interest when it came to people challenging us. But after hearing what you've said, I've actually become intrigued.

You say her reputation is greater than many in the Eastern Border with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but similarly, I am extremely well-known in the Eastern Wasteland, and my renown also exceeds that of many with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

Listening to Cao Zhen's words, Yang Yudong was momentarily stunned. This Cao Zhen, capable of cultivating to a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, was certainly no fool. Hearing about such a powerful expert and yet not fearing them—could he be a peerless genius too?

Therefore...

As he pondered, Cao Zhen's voice came through again.

"Besides, is it that strange for a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core to defeat a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill Perfect Completion? When I was at the sixth level of Golden Core, I defeated those with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

Yang Yudong nearly cursed out loud, "Damn it! Do you take me for a fool, just like your disciple?"

Defeating a Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection at the sixth level of Golden Core?

Why don't you claim you were the first in the Eastern Wasteland when you were at Golden Core level six? You can't just make things up like that!

It's not just Golden Core level six; I wouldn't even believe you could defeat a Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection now. If it weren't for the current urgent situation, I would want to spar with you, to show you the terror of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Is it because these three Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfections all listen to you, you've started to get arrogant? Do you really think you've got what it takes, that you're stronger than those with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection?"

Turning his head, Yang Yudong looked towards Sister Song Nianzhu, hoping she would persuade Cao Zhen.

However, in the next moment, a figure flew through the void, exclaiming loudly, "Sister Song, Brother Yang, so you're here.

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"Our Sect Leader has already arrived, and Deputy Sect Leader Yan from the Flowing Light Sect has also arrived. They are currently waiting for you by the coast. You should hurry over and not keep them waiting too long.

By the way, your Qingfeng Sect Leader has also gone."

Yang Yudong's brow immediately furrowed deeply. The person in front of him, wearing a blue robe, had a sharp sword embroidered on both sides of the rib area.

He is from the Ultimate Sword Sect!

The Ultimate Sword Sect had made you find them, and now, people from the Qingfeng Sect and several other Immortal Sects had also arrived; how could he let Cao Zhen and the others refuse?

Moreover...

He was worried about this when Cao Zhen opened his mouth and said, "Is that so? Since everyone has already arrived, let's go too."

Yang Yudong was instantly furious. I told you so much, clearly explaining the serious implications, yet you still chose to go. If you want to go to your death, that's your business—I'm not close to you, and your life or death doesn't concern me. But by doing this, you could easily trigger a major war between the Eastern Wasteland and the Eastern Border. Do you realize how many people you could kill!

Seeing that Cao Zhen had already taken the lead and flew with the other party, although he cursed inwardly, he could only follow.

The site chosen for the battle was still the same place where Cao Zhen and others had arrived before, where Zhu Peng and Du Xingchen had fought.

Flying in, Cao Zhen noticed that there were many more people here than before.

The mountain was now filled with people, clearly divided into their own forces.

Sure enough, they were people from the Eastern Wasteland who had come to the Eastern Border and even killed people from the Eastern Border. Now, they were about to fight those from the Eastern Border. The cultivators from the Eastern Border, having learned of this, naturally had to come and watch the developments.

As Cao Zhen landed with his two disciples and Sha Haoqiong, everyone's gaze instantly fell upon the four of them.

"These are the four from the Eastern Wasteland."

"I heard that among these four, three are at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but they are actually led by one with Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills?"

"The person with the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills must have an extraordinary identity."

"No matter how extraordinary, such things wouldn't happen here in our Eastern Border, where three Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection would follow the orders of a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills."

Even if the father of the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills is the top master of our Eastern Border, this couldn't happen!"

"That lanky one with a staff is Zhu Peng, the fool, right? It's unimaginable that a fool could practice immortal cultivation, attain Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and be so strong!"

The crowd's attention was more concentrated on Cao Zhen and Zhu Peng.

Cao Zhen's gaze swept upward, and for a moment, he was unable to distinguish who was who among so many people. He simply waited for someone to speak.

He didn't have to wait long. From atop the mountain, a figure suddenly spoke, "You must be the Dao Companions from the Eastern Wasteland. I am Jue Jianzi, the Sect Leader of the Ultimate Sword Sect. This is the first time we are meeting you. Previously, you had a match with people from the Tianxing Sect, and we would also like to have a match with you, to experience the divine skills from the Eastern Wasteland.

After all, our Eastern Wasteland will eventually border the Eastern Border and will also connect to the Central Five Provinces. It wouldn't hurt us to exchange knowledge in advance, right?"

"That's true, but I wonder how you would like to have a match." Cao Zhen squinted his eyes slightly. The Ultimate Sword Sect was clearly the Main War Sect. This man seemed eager to start a fight, yet upon seeing him, he still had to make polite remarks, clearly a hypocrite.

Moreover, he also felt a match was necessary.

He didn't want to fight with the Eastern Border, and the opinions from the Eastern Border were mixed, so he thought it wise to demonstrate their strength to let the people of the Eastern Border recognize their power.

Upon hearing this, Jue Jianzi's heart delighted. His greatest fear was that the other party would choose not to fight, which would cause the Peaceful Sect of the Qingfeng Sect to intervene.

Now that the other side had agreed, even if the Qingfeng Sect wanted to stop it, they couldn't.

Atop the mountain, the Sect Leader of the Qingfeng Sect and several others from the Peaceful Sect shook their heads helplessly at Cao Zhen's voice. Did this man from the Eastern Wasteland not understand the situation?

The other party was clearly here for revenge, and they were well-prepared.

Why did you agree?

If you didn't agree, we could have found a way to help you escape.

But now that you've agreed, what can we say?

Jue Jianzi, hearing the other party ask how they would fight, became even more eager. He quickly spoke loudly, "Since you had a match before, let's not change the rules, shall we?"

He paused slightly, even pulling out a piece of paper and a pen from his Qiankun Bag, saying, "I remember you all signed last time, shall we sign too?"

With that, he directly tossed the pen and paper in front of Cao Zhen.

Cao Zhen caught it and found that the paper already had several names written on it, apparently the people they were to face in the match, and a passage saying that the match would not consider life or death.

Around them, the people from the Peaceful Sect, hearing this, immediately became anxious, shouting loudly.

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"Sword Extinction Sect Master, since it is a sparring match, it is better not to fight to the death."

"Yes, there is no need for that."

"Sparring should stop at the touch."

Amidst the cries of the crowd, Cao Zhen had already picked up a brush and swiftly wrote his name on a piece of paper, then handed it to Duo Duo, letting her write her name too, before he raised his hand and returned the paper to the other party, "Alright, we have already signed. I wonder which one of us you would like to challenge?"

The sounds from the people of the Peaceful Sect around them suddenly stopped, and their faces turned red with embarrassment. This was simply insane. Did you not realize that we were helping you? We were still speaking for you, and you just signed it yourself. Do you think you have lived too long?

Did you not know that the others came prepared, their words meant they wanted to kill you!

Jue Jianzi seemed to be afraid that someone would snatch the paper with the signatures as he grabbed it quickly, glanced over it, and immediately stored it back into his Qiankun Bag. At the same time, he looked towards the Sky Star Sect Master next to him.

The Sky Star Sect Master nodded slightly and suddenly leaped down from aside, speaking, "I am Fan Tianxing, the Sect Master of the Sky Star Sect.

This Peak Master Cao, your disciple Zhu Peng previously defeated my junior brother, so I wish to challenge another one of your disciples to see what divine skills your sect possesses."

"Since that is the case, Duo Duo, you will spar with him," Cao Zhen turned his head towards Duo Duo and instructed, "Duo Duo, be careful. Although it is said that deaths and injuries are normal in a sparring match, try to go easy on him, don't kill him like your junior brother did."

"Yes, Disciple understands," Duo Duo nodded solemnly.

The disciples of the Sky Star Sect on the opposite side heard this and were furiously enraged. The one going to battle was their Sect Master, the top expert of the Sky Star Sect, and yet in front of so many people, the opponent asked not to kill their Sect Master. What did this imply? Was this a disregard for the Sky Star Sect? Was this an insult to the Sky Star Sect?

Around them, the other cultivators of the Eastern Wasteland also had varied expressions.

"How can the other side be so confident?"

"Logically speaking, they have already seen Du Xingchen in action, Fan Tianxing is the Sect Master of the Sky Star Sect, they must know that Fan Tianxing is stronger than Du Xingchen, yet they are still so confident."

"Could it be that this Duo Duo is terrifying similar to Zhu Peng?"

"That should be impossible, Zhu Peng's strength could even rank within the top ten in our Eastern Wasteland."

"But why is she so confident?"

Not only the others, but Fan Tianxing himself also sensed the opponent's confidence and showed a solemn expression on his face. This woman was so confident, she must be extraordinary.

However, he was well-prepared this time!

A battle is not only a comparison of strength but also of treasures.

And he, as the Sect Master of the Sky Star Sect, even in the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, he was still the Sect Master, and he could use all the divine weapons of the Sky Star Sect!

After employing all the divine weapons from the Sky Star Sect, how could he not be the match of his opponent!

He was destined to win this battle!

Behind Fan Tianxing, his pill fusion completed Golden Core emerged, showing that each of his ten Golden Cores exhibited the phantom of a Sharp Sword.

And the illusions of sharp swords from the ten Golden Cores eventually merged into the form of a Sharp Sword.

At the same time, a longsword appeared in his hand.

The whole longsword was emerald green, seemingly made of jade, with not a single impurity visible within the blade. As the longsword appeared, a series of ringing sounds ensued,

His junior brother, Du Xingchen used a long spear, but he cultivated swordsmanship!

Their Tianxing Sect alone cultivated the swordsmanship.

However, their lineage was the strongest in the Tianxing Sect, with the Sect Master of the Tianxing Sect always being a disciple from their lineage.

Before the arrival of the Reversal Mini Epoch Period, the Sect Master of their Tianxing Sect was his master.

Moreover, their lineage was extremely famous across the entire Eastern Border, the Tianxing Sect almost relied on their lineage to thrive.

It was unanimously recognized throughout the Eastern Border that the Ultimate Sword Sect was the top sword sect in the Eastern Border, who was second was always up for debate, with even some suggesting that if the entire Tianxing Sect practiced their lineage's swordsmanship, it might be the second best in the Eastern Border.

As the longsword moved, his entire aura suddenly transformed. In that instant, his being seemed to merge with the longsword in his hands.

From the longsword, a vast and boundless sharp aura surged around.

Although he had not yet swung the longsword, the space around him seemed to be filled with it, turning it into a world of swords, as if every inch of space contained invisible Sharp Sword.

"Sky-shielding Sun-blocking Sword!"

Someone in the crowd suddenly exclaimed.

"That's right, it is indeed the Sky-shielding Sun-blocking Sword, ranked second among the divine weapons of the Sky Star Sect!"

"He actually used this sword directly!"

"Although it's uncertain whose strength is greater, in terms of divine weapons, that Eastern Wasteland woman named Duo Duo is hardly a match."

Indeed, Duo Duo wielded an ordinary divine weapon in her hands.

She had once visited the Divine Soldier Tomb of the Hundred Peaks Sect and obtained a golden Sharp Sword.

Following the Sharp Sword in her hands, her ten Golden Cores also emerged just like Fan Tianxing's, each exhibiting the illusion of a Sharp Sword, and the phantoms of the ten Sharp Swords' Golden Cores also eventually merged into a Sharp Sword shape.

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Just as it is with the manifestation of the Golden Core of the sword, when the spectral Golden Core emerged behind her, her entire aura didn't become as sharp as Fan Tianxing's, nor did it give off the impression that she was one with the sharp sword.

However, after the emergence of the spectral Golden Core behind her, the air around her began to stir wildly, and a surging aura charged in all directions, seemingly even more ferocious than the aura emitted by Fan Tianxing's spectral Golden Core.

"This aura is so strong!"

"It feels like Duo Duo's aura might even be stronger than Fan Tianxing's!"

"No wonder she dared to accept the challenge!"

"But Fan Tianxing's Divine Weapon is clearly more powerful than Duo Duo's!"

"Interesting, both are practitioners of the Sword Dao, yet one seems to have a stronger aura, while the other wields a stronger Divine Weapon."

Many members of the Peaceful Sect felt a bit more at ease sensing the aura emitted by Duo Duo. As long as she was strong enough, there would be a chance to survive the confrontation with Fan Tianxing.

Of course, since she needed to be stronger than Fan Tianxing and Cao Zhen had already said not to kill the opponent, she likely wouldn't make a lethal move.

The outcome of this battle would certainly have an impact but wouldn't necessarily result in severe consequences. For them, the best result was that no one would die.

The sparring session between the two was different from the contests on the tournament stages of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty; there were no referees, no cries to start the match.

Both of them heightened their own auras.

Suddenly, a glint of light appeared on the emerald longsword in Fan Tianxing's hand, and with a fierce swing, his wrist tapped forward several times in a flash. In the void, several sharp sword shadows appeared.

They were clearly shadows of sharp swords, which should be brimming with sharpness, yet these sword shadows began emanating a rich aura of life.

In the void, the green glow on the swords showered down to the earth, falling upon the flowers, grasses, and trees below.

In a moment, all the flora in this part of the world seemed to come alive, growing wildly. A blade of grass, bathed in this light, rapidly expanded, and countless plants and trees fused with the shadows of the sharp swords.

Next, countless flowers and towering trees took flight, hurtling towards Duo Duo, while in the void, numerous sword shadows also fell towards her.

Duo Duo's exquisitely flawless face, with bright eyes calm as a still lake, revealed not a ripple of disturbance. She slightly raised her hand and casually waved it forward.

Instantaneously, golden shadows of sharp swords appeared in the air before her. Although there were fewer sword shadows than those of her opponent, these golden lights converged together, forming a substance as real as anything, creating a seemingly disorganized array that, upon closer inspection, subtly interconnected. The myriad of golden lights seemed to construct a Sword Array!

In less time than it takes to breathe, countless plants and the green sword shadows had already descended upon the golden lights in front of her.

Almost in an instant, the myriad of golden lights began to spin rapidly, forming a vast shield, followed by the crisp sounds of clashing weapons.

With each collision of the sword shadows, a string of dazzling sparks was struck, and the void filled with innumerable gleaming lights. For a moment, the sky above was alight with more sparks than the night sky on New Year's Eve.

In the air, visible waves of energy surged outwards in all directions.

"She blocked it!"

"It looks like Duo Duo easily stopped Fan Tianxing's attack."

"It feels like the Sect Leader of Tianxing's attack was already sophisticated, but Duo Duo's defense seems even more exquisite!"

The onlookers watching Duo Duo's swordplay techniques nodded in agreement. Being the Sect Leader of Tianxing Sect, which ranked just below the top ten Immortal Sects in the Eastern Border, Fan Tianxing's strength was undeniable.

Yet Duo Duo had managed to block Fan Tianxing's attack so effortlessly, despite her Divine Weapon being inferior—a remarkable feat indeed.

There were quite a few who had previously witnessed Zhu Peng competing with Du Xingchen showed puzzled expressions.

"Strange, didn't Cao Zhen say that Duo Duo and Zhu Peng are both his disciples? Why are his disciples practicing different techniques, one the stick method and the other swordsmanship?"

"Never mind the difference in Divine Weapons, but have you noticed, their styles of combat are also very distinct. Zhu Peng is clearly rough and relies on brute force, whereas Duo Duo's swordsmanship is full of mystery and variability, two completely different styles of fighting."

"Do you really believe that both of them are his disciples? Two with the spectral Golden Core, and one a Golden Core ninth stage disciple?"

Amidst the conversation of the crowd, Jue Jianzi suddenly raised his eyebrows, revealing a look of surprise and exclaimed, "A Sword Array, she used the sword light to create a Formation; because the shadows solidified, a Sword Array was formed!"

"A Sword Array?"

Upon hearing this, the crowd around was shocked again.

"I told you, the sword light shadows she cast seemed to all be connected."

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"She actually condensed her Sword Qi into a Sword Array!"

The few people nearest to Jue Jianzi had an even stranger look on their faces, as they could hear the surprise in Jue Jianzi's words.

Jue Jianzi, who was renowned as the foremost expert of the Sword Dao in the Eastern Border, was astonished—indicative of just how astonishing Duo Duo's techniques were moments ago.

Indeed, in that brief exchange of blows, Duo Duo had gained the upper hand.

Her Divine Weapon was just an ordinary one, while her opponent wielded the second-ranked Divine Weapon of the Tianxing Sect!

Fan Tianxing's attack was blocked, and a look of surprise flitted across his face, followed by an even faster flurry of his Sharp Sword. In an instant, the shattered plants and trees that Duo Duo had destroyed with her golden Sword Qi burst into the air again.

Each flying leaf, each branch, and each flower petal seemed to transform into razor-sharp blades capable of piercing through mountains, all thrusting towards Duo Duo with an even more astonishing force than before.

In just a moment, these countless leaves and branches had smashed against the shield formed by the golden Sharp Sword.

Next, a multitude of Sword Qi struck, an array of emerald Sword Qi merging together, resembling an endless flowing river, making it feel as if the rivers of the earth had risen into the void.

The golden shield, under this terrifying onslaught, shattered with a thunderous crash.

However, in the next moment, the shattered golden Sword Qi gathered again to form another shield before Duo Duo.

The overwhelming Sword Qi surged like a tsunami, wave upon wave, ceaselessly approaching.

Before Duo Duo, the golden Sharp Sword shield kept shattering and reforming, and with each formation, the shield got closer to Duo Duo, as though she would soon be engulfed by the Sword River.

Suddenly, a radiant golden light burst from the Golden Core Elixir behind her, shining onto the golden Sword Qi phantom before her.

Instantly, the golden Sword Qi shifted, forming a massive, circular disc, which was made up of two rings of Sword Qi circling each other.

The two Sword Rings turned in opposite directions, and the entire Sword Array drastically changed, emitting a pure, seemingly all-tearing sharpness.

Countless sharp leaves, petals, branches, and the seemingly infinite Sword River fell into the Sword Rings and were instantly ground to dust, disintegrating the Sword River.

In the next moment, the Sword Rings exploded violently, and countless flying swords shot out towards Fan Tianxing.

Everything happened too fast, a moment ago it was Fan Tianxing attacking and Duo Duo defending, but in an instant, it had turned into Duo Duo attacking and Fan Tianxing on defense.

A surprised look suddenly appeared on Fan Tianxing's handsome face; in his haste, he quickly brought out a red banner.

The banner unfurled in an instant, seemingly encompassing heaven and earth, shielding Fan Tianxing behind it, but as soon as the banner was unfurled, the sword lights had already struck, tearing the banner apart and slamming into Fan Tianxing's body with a thunderous crash.

On his body, the Protective Divine Power that had been summoned at the beginning of the battle was also shattered by the Sword Qi.

Sword Shadows pierced through his body in an instant.

In just a moment, his body was riddled with bloody holes!

They were merely Sword Shadows, yet each one contained an overwhelming power, crashing down like a falling mountain, and yet they were also incredibly sharp!

In an instant, Fan Tianxing had become a blood-drenched figure.

The opponent's strength was terrifyingly immense.

He couldn't understand why the other's Sword Qi was so incredibly sharp!

Before he could ponder further, Duo Duo's figure appeared in front of him, and she thrust her sword towards him.

Zhu Peng's technique was exquisitely effortless, while Duo Duo's Swordsmanship seemed mystically beautiful to the extreme, as if fireworks had burst forth in an instant, with Sword Qi like stars filling the sky.

In his haste, Fan Tianxing could only raise his Sky-shielding Sun-blocking Sword to defend himself, and was immediately struck by a powerful force, causing his body to uncontrollably fly backward, while his internal energy churned wildly.

His face was full of shock and disbelief.

This power... her Mana was so much stronger than his!

She had pushed him back, leaving him feeling completely unable to resist her sword strike—her Mana was stronger!

If he were just a regular practitioner of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, it would have been understandable, but he was one of the strongest among them, and still, he was so easily repelled.

How strong exactly was this woman?

He had never seen Zhu Peng in action, but at this moment, he was convinced that the woman before him was even stronger than Zhu Peng!

After the initial sword thrust, Duo Duo, without any pause, thrust out again.

This Second Sword was even more ferocious than the First Sword, the boundless Sword Qi surged forth and struck again on Fan Tianxing's Sharp Sword.

Instantly, Fan Tianxing felt a painful numbness in the tiger's mouth, and as someone at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he even felt his arm go out of control and his Sharp Sword, under the fearsome force, became unstable in his grip, plummeting down from the heavens.

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Little Duo Duo had already struck with the Third Sword!

In an instant, Fan Tianxing felt a chill envelop his entire body, and for the first time in his life, he felt the closeness of death.

"I admit defeat!"

Without a longsword in hand, Fan Tianxing could only hurriedly raise his arms to shield himself, while simultaneously letting out a loud cry.

However, Little Duo Duo's sharp sword suddenly swerved, transforming the thrust into a smack, which landed heavily on Fan Tianxing.

Immediately, Fan Tianxing felt an overwhelming force crashing down on him, knocking him from the void and dropping him heavily onto the ground.

With a thunderous boom, the coastline below was smashed into a huge crater. Inside the crater, Fan Tianxing's internal Qi blood churned, and he lay there for a long while without flying out.

He now truly had no face to fly out. He had come to restore the Tianxing Sect's honor, yet he was returning in a massive defeat. To save his life, he even cried out the words "I admit defeat"!

He was the Sect Leader of the Tianxing Sect, representing the sect's dignity.

His admission of defeat was as if the Tianxing Sect had conceded!

But just now, he had no choice but to admit defeat; even though the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill had claimed they wouldn't kill, who knew if Little Duo Duo would listen?

He had no doubts that if he hadn't cried out "I admit defeat," the opponent's sword would have thrust down instead of smacking.

Everything had happened too quickly; Fan Tianxing was initially suppressing Little Duo Duo's attacks, but in the blink of an eye, he had admitted defeat and was struck down from the sky.

Only now did the crowd start to react.

"Lost?"

"The Tianxing Sect Leader lost just like that?"

"Both were sword users, but how did the Sect Leader Fan lose so decisively?"

"The Tianxing Sect can rank within the top twenty in our Eastern Border, yet Fan Tianxing lost just like that!"

"It feels like the opponent didn't even exert full strength at the beginning, merely wanting to check out Sect Leader Fan's capabilities. After discovering the extent of Fan Tianxing's power, they got serious and easily defeated the Sect Leader."

"Sect Leader Fan even used the second-ranked Divine Weapon of their sect!"

The crowd initially had higher expectations for Fan Tianxing, or at least thought they were evenly matched. Who knew that Little Duo Duo would defeat Fan Tianxing so effortlessly?

"Are the people from the Eastern Wasteland all this terrifying? The two Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection they sent are so frightening!"

"These two are definitely not ordinary Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection cultivators. I suspect that they are within the top ten ranks of the Eastern Wasteland, and they purposely came to our Eastern Border to flaunt their power."

"It's possible they intentionally used a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill as a front!"

"With this level of strength, they must be the topmost powerhouses of the Eastern Wasteland!"

In the crowd, Yang Yudong listened to the surrounding people's comments, watching Little Duo Duo descend from the sky, and suddenly remembered what she had mentioned earlier – she had said that she was even more formidable than Zhu Peng.

He was initially skeptical, but now it seemed that perhaps her words were true, she really was stronger than Zhu Peng.

Fan Tianxing finally flew out from the crater. Even though he knew it was embarrassing, he couldn't keep hiding in the crater, which would only be more humiliating.

He rose into the air and cupped his hands towards Little Duo Duo, saying, "This Immortal's swordsmanship is truly exquisite; Fan admits he is no match. It seems that this Immortal must be a renowned figure in the Eastern Wasteland. Even there, perhaps no one can match your Sword Dao."

As Fan Tianxing's words fell, countless people from the Eastern Border, regardless of whether they were from the Main War Sect or the Peaceful Sect, or even the neutral faction, nodded in agreement. With such exquisite swordsmanship, it seemed to them comparable to that of the First Sword, Jue Jianzi, from their own region.

This must be the Eastern Wasteland's First Sword.

Even Jue Jianzi nodded in agreement, after a brief observation, he did indeed feel that Little Duo Duo's swordsmanship was not inferior to his. As for who was stronger, only a direct confrontation would reveal the truth.

After all, Fan Tianxing's defeat was too swift; he couldn't fully judge the opponent's true strength, only obtaining a rough estimate.

Little Duo Duo, hearing the crowd's words, merely shook her head gently, "I understand that your people have lost, so you want to praise me a little more to make your own seem less weak. But truly, I'm not as famous as you speculate."

Cao Zhen, upon hearing this, looked at his female disciple with an odd expression. Was this really Little Duo Duo, and not Bei Yan disguised? How could her manner of speaking be so similar to Bei Yan's?

As Little Duo Duo's words fell, the faces of the Northern Border people across them instantly reddened.

Yet Little Duo Duo seemed oblivious and continued, "Actually, that's not quite true, I am rather well-known in the Eastern Wasteland. However, my fame isn't due to myself, but because of my sect. Within our sect, every disciple receives the attention of the entire Eastern Wasteland. And I am the least remarkable among them."

She was indeed not lying. Among the several disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect, she truly was the most unremarkable. After all, like Zhu Peng, she joined the Hundred Peaks Sect later than the other senior brothers and sisters. Zhu Peng, being a simpleton, garnered more attention, making her indeed the least noticeable.

Duo Duo ignored the reactions of the crowd, still saying, "As for being first in swordsmanship? I'm far from being the first in the Eastern Wasteland's swordsmanship. At least, there's one technique I have yet to use which was taught to me by my third senior brother. He may not specialize in swordsmanship, yet his skill is no inferior to mine."

Cao Zhen, upon hearing this, shook his head internally. Little Duo Duo's previous words were fine, but now she was clearly bluffing. Xiang Ziyu knew swordsmanship, but his skill with the sword was certainly not on par with Little Duo Duo.

Nevertheless, Little Duo Duo mentioned that Xiang Ziyu had taught her a technique – which one could it be?

Surely not the Heavenly Illusion Sword Technique that Xiang Ziyu was cultivating.

It seemed that Little Duo Duo's words had genuinely stunned the crowd, and for a moment, no one replied. At the same time, many began to calculate in their hearts. Little Duo Duo mentioned she had a third senior brother, which meant there must also be a big senior sister and a second senior sister. Including her and that simple-minded guy, this indicated that at the very least, their generation within the sect comprised at least five people, and from her words, it was clear the other three were incredibly strong, stronger than her even!

What kind of sect was this?

Chapter 1027:

Cultivators from the Eastern Cultivation World had considered that although both they and the Eastern Wasteland were regions far removed from the Central Five Provinces, there had been no communication between them; each had developed their cultivation independently. Thus, there might be some disparities between their Immortal Cultivation worlds, but they speculated that the gap should not be particularly large.

Yet now, as they engaged in combat with two individuals from the Eastern Wasteland, they discovered that each seemed stronger than the next!

If these two were so formidable, what about the other with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?

Everyone looked toward the man named Sha Haoqiong with bustling curiosity. Although he had been low-key and spoken little—Cao Zhen even said that this man was not his disciple—who knew if this was intentional?

The Eastern Cultivators realized these people from the Eastern Wasteland had undoubtedly been well-prepared. That silent man must also be tremendously powerful.

Feeling the gaze of the crowd, Sha Haoqiong felt greatly flustered inside, What are you all looking at me for? You don't think I'm one of those freaks as well, do you?

Though I am also exceptionally strong and a genius within the Immortal Sect, I really can't compare with the disciples of Sect Leader Cao.

You're not treating me as if I'm the same as Duo Duo and Zhu Peng, thinking of finding some extraordinary master to challenge me, are you?

Jue Jianzi glanced at Sha Haoqiong, hesitating for a moment. Initially, he had thought to have Fan Tianxing of the Tianxing Sect challenge Duo Duo, and then let the second strongest of their Ultimate

Sword Sect spar with Sha Haoqiong. He himself was preparing to engage with Zhu Peng at the final moment.

Because, he had always believed that Zhu Peng was the strongest among them.

However, Duo Duo's strength far exceeded his expectations. Now that the Eastern Border had already lost two matches, if they were defeated in a third match, not just would it be a significant embarrassment for the Eastern Cultivation World, but the neutral factions might also wonder why bother provoking the formidable Eastern Wasteland. How could they possibly attack the Eastern Wasteland?

Currently, the Eastern Border truly could not afford another defeat.

They urgently needed a victory, and the best, most secure choice was Xia Congyun.

Even someone as proud as he had to admit that if Xia Congyun advanced to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he had no assurance of defeating Xia Congyun.

And if Xia Congyun had more time to stabilize her realm, he likely wouldn't stand a chance against her.

Even if the rival's Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill was exceptionally strong and unique, he did not believe they could win. Within all the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, none could match Xia Congyun.

Only, he wasn't sure if the opponent would accept the challenge.

Jue Jianzi's gaze moved from Sha Haoqiong to Cao Zhen and he suddenly spoke up, "Peak Master Cao, you have truly managed to cultivate such talented disciples, it is astounding. Coincidentally, we in the Eastern Border also have a person with the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills who is very keen on experiencing the wondrous skills of Peak Master Cao. I wonder if Peak Master Cao could enlighten her?"

Challenge Sect Leader Cao?

Hearing this, Sha Haoqiong breathed a sigh of relief, relieved that the challenge was not directed at him.

As for the person challenging Sect Leader Cao, all Sha Haoqiong could think was that they were truly courageous!

As soon as Jue Jianzi's words fell, cultivators of the Main War Sect from the Eastern Border began to praise Cao Zhen.

"I believe Peak Master Cao will certainly not refuse."

"Yes, to teach such disciples—there's no one else among the currently active cultivators in our Eastern Border who can do this!"

"Peak Master Cao, please enlighten us."

They intended to elevate Cao Zhen, making it difficult for him to decline.

But the cultivators from the Peaceful Sect began to worry. The Eastern Border had already lost twice and suffered humiliation twice; naturally, they also wanted a victory for the Eastern Cultivators.

However, what they feared more was that Xia Congyun might directly kill Cao Zhen.

Although Xia Congyun was not someone who delighted in slaughter, who could have anticipated her actions before?

Cao Zhen, who had not fought in a long time and had not been challenged for ages, now revealed a smile upon hearing the challenge, "Good, naturally since you seek to spar, I have no reason to refuse."

With those words, he stepped forward to the front.

Seeing Cao Zhen step forward and agree to the match, Jue Jianzi was instantly overjoyed. Whatever strength the other three with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection might possess, it no longer mattered. As long as they defeated one, that would be sufficient!

And Xia Congyun, undoubtedly, could defeat Cao Zhen—even kill him!

Meanwhile, Xia Congyun had yet to make a move, but a step forward from someone in the Flowing Light Sect of the Bliss Control Sect addressed the crowd, "The reason our Flowing Light Sect's Congyun intervened is due to some personal reasons. Her participation does not reflect our Flowing Light Sect's intentions."

After speaking, he stepped back, not wanting to say more.

They from the Flowing Light Sect truly did not want to involve themselves in the conflict between the Main War Sect and the Peaceful Sect; however, they hadn't expected Xia Congyun to be persuaded to confront people from the Eastern Wasteland.

He knew that after Xia Congyun's intervention, there would surely be misunderstandings, so he specifically accompanied Xia Congyun here to clarify to everyone.

Xia Congyun's actions represented only herself and not the Flowing Light Sect, which maintained its usual neutrality.

Listening to the words of the Vice Sect Master of Flowing Light Sect, Yang Yudong's face suddenly revealed a pleased expression—indeed, he had been curious why the Flowing Light Sect would suddenly aid the Ultimate Sword Sect. It turned out to be because of Xia Congyun's own accord.

Chapter 1028:

No, something is wrong...

Suddenly, the smile on his face disappeared. Xia Congyun was taking action for her own reasons, surely it must be because of the Ultimate Sword Sect. Had the people from Ultimate Sword Sect asked her to intervene, and even told her to kill the opponent?

If Xia Congyun killed Cao Zhen, the situation would still head towards the worst possible direction.

Why would Cao Zhen agree to it?

He had already told him how skilled Xia Congyun was, what kind of person she was!

Yet, he didn't believe it and insisted on a friendly match, while she thought about directly killing him.

This Cao Zhen, why did the Eastern Wasteland find such an unreliable person?

In an instant, Yang Yudong thought of many things, he thought of the consequences if Cao Zhen was killed by Xia Congyun; he even envisioned the gruesome battle scene that would erupt once the Eastern Wasteland and Eastern Border fully bordered each other.

As soon as Cao Zhen agreed to the friendly match, a female cultivator flew out from among the crowd.

Generally speaking, cultivators are good-looking, especially the female ones who are almost all beautiful. However, the Xia Congyun in front of him was as ordinary as could be, neither ugly nor pretty, with nothing particularly remarkable about her except for her extremely calm demeanor, her face showing no flicker of emotion.

Actually, she didn't want to get involved in this matter.

Although she always cultivated within the Sect, she was aware of the struggle between the Peaceful and Main War factions of the Eastern Border, and she knew her Flowing Light Sect always stayed out of these conflicts.

But she had no choice; her senior sister had asked for her help, and she could only agree to step forward.

After all, it was her senior sister who had taught her cultivation in the beginning, and she had taught her everything without holding back. Her senior sister had even sought treasures from other Immortal Sects to aid her cultivation.

This favor, she had to help.

Just to kill the opponent?

Xia Congyun shook her head gently; she could defeat him, but she wouldn't kill him—after all, she held no grudge against him. Moreover, killing him would only drag the Flowing Light Sect into the dispute between the Peaceful and Main War sects. For her Sect, she would not kill him.

In the next moment, nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills appeared behind her back.

Each of the nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills manifested as a different fierce beast; some appeared to be a Mysterious Turtle that had lived through countless eons, others seemed to be a Giant Ape capable of moving mountains, and yet others looked like a powerful Barbaric Ox that could shatter rivers and mountains...

With these nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills surfacing, the air around her uncontrollably surged wildly, a mixture of brutal, fierce, and cunning wild auras spreading out.

Although Xia Congyun was very famous in the Eastern Border, she spent most of her time cultivating within the Flowing Light Sect, and few had seen her in action. Many people here were even seeing her Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills for the first time, feeling their power, and many cultivators exclaimed in shock.

"This aura, just the nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills are this terrifying!"

"No wonder Immortal Xia could defeat a master of Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill Perfect Completion. I have seen a master of Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill Perfect Completion in action before, but their aura was not this strong!"

"After Immortal Xia breaks through to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, I can't imagine how terrifying she will become!"

People exclaimed in awe, looking towards Xia Congyun's opponent, the man from the Eastern Wasteland who claimed to be the master of Duo Duo and Zhu Peng. On seeing him, however, people became unsettled.

"What's going on? How come he has not released his Golden Pills?"

"Isn't he a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core? They are about to spar, but he is not releasing his Golden Pills, has he already given up?"

"If he has given up, then why did he agree at the beginning?"

"By doing this, is he showing disrespect towards Immortal Xia?"

"Yes, not releasing his Golden Pills, if that's not disrespect, then what is it?"

Xia Congyun looked at the man opposite, who had not released his Golden Pills; her usually unchanging face finally showed a trace of emotion. Although she did not make a move or even take out her Divine Weapon, she just looked at Cao Zhen and said, "Release your Golden Pills."

Cao Zhen gently shook his head and said, "When it's time for me to release my Golden Pills, I will naturally do so. You don't have to worry about me—just make your move."

He wanted to test, to see how much fighting power he had without releasing his Golden Pills.

Of course, he didn't intend to withhold his Golden Pills forever, for the strength at the Golden Core Stage comes from the Golden Pills. He just wanted to challenge himself.

As soon as Cao Zhen finished speaking, an uproar erupted!

"He actually said he won't release his Golden Pills for now!"

"This is really a challenge!"

"Challenging Immortal Xia at the same cultivation realm!"

"Immortal Xia, don't be polite with him, let him know your strength!"

All the cultivators from the Eastern Border were heated!

Yang Xudong felt like he was going crazy. You're already not her match, yet you're not releasing your Golden Pills? Who do you think you are?

Even the top expert of the Eastern Border wouldn't dare face Xia Congyun without releasing his Golden Pills.

Not releasing Golden Pills, does that even count as being in the Golden Core Stage?

You're courting death, you...

Yang Xudong mentally ranted incessantly, and as he was doing so, suddenly, he froze; in his sight, Xia Congyun's admirable Golden Pills had also been retracted.

Chapter 1029:

This is...

Xia Congyun is also not using the Golden Core anymore?

The surrounding crowds quickly realized this, and in an instant, the cultivators from the Eastern Border began to cheer again.

"Not only does Immortal Xia not use the Golden Core, but I also won't use the Golden Core; I won't take advantage of you!"

"This is Immortal Xia's pride, this is her confidence and courage!"

"The intention of Immortal Xia is clear—she can defeat you without using the Golden Core!"

Cao Zhen immediately laughed. "This is interesting. Not using the Golden Core doesn't really matter; it was my own choice not to use it, but you can unleash yours."

However, Xia Congyun did not respond to him. Instead, her gaze sharpened as she looked over. At the same time, mana surged around her, and as the mana flowed, the air behind her visibly shook.

"See, this is Immortal Xia. Even without using the Golden Core, the flow of her mana can shake the air, something only a cultivator at the Golden Core Stage can achieve."

"Immortal Xia has made her move!"

Xia Congyun originally intended for her opponent to strike first, but seeing that he had no intention of doing so, she no longer waited.

Slowly, the silhouette of a bull emerged behind her.

This bull was all a dark blue-green color, without horns, and with only one hoof. As the colossal shadow of the bull materialized, dark clouds appeared overhead, and the entire sky seemed to darken.

Yet, strikingly, the bull's body radiated dazzling light, resplendent as the sun and moon.

The legendary Ancient Beast, Kui!

The next moment, a tremendous roar resonated, echoing all around, and the shadow of the Kui bull charged forward.

At the same time, the world around them suddenly reverberated with the sound of a mighty eagle flapping its wings.

The howling wind arose, picking up pieces of earth shattered from the previous battle and blowing them all toward Cao Zhen.

At the same time, from the dark clouds above, endless rain poured down.

The dense rain, however, solely covered the vicinity around Cao Zhen.

Cao Zhen felt the rain fall upon him, feeling just like ordinary water with no special properties. Yet, when it landed on the ground, the earth beneath his feet instantly turned muddy, as if countless hands within the mud were gripping his feet, preventing him from moving an inch.

Cao Zhen exerted a little force, and the mud loosened slightly under his feet. The binding force was indeed strong, but it was not enough to prevent him from moving; still, he chose not to move, wanting to test his opponent's methods.

Before him, the swirling winds had already gathered and quickly formed another huge Kui bull shadow.

Even without releasing the Golden Core, Xia Congyun's shadow gave a solid impression, as if a real Kui bull were charging at him head-on.

As the Kui bull landed on one foot, it leaped forward, each of its steps causing the ground to tremble profoundly. In an instant, it was right in front of Cao Zhen and hurtled toward him, filling the void with immense primeval power.

As the Kui bull shadow was about to hit Cao Zhen, a potent and dense aura burst forth from within him. His black hair billowed, and he suddenly swung his arm forward, palm striking out.

The next moment, his palm contacted the Kui bull shadow. At the moment of contact, a gigantic palm shadow suddenly appeared on his palm, shading the heaven as if covering the entire sky.

Cao Zhen, too, had not unleashed his Golden Core, yet the impact of his palm seemed to turn the entire heaven upside down.

The massive Kui bull shadow shattered under this palm.

"This..."

The cultivators from the Eastern Border surrounding them, seeing that palm fall, were greatly shocked.

"The Empty Palm Seal is a very common Divine Skill, but his version seems different, incorporating his own physical strength within it."

"This palm of his—I'm already at the Second Layer of the Golden Core, but why do I feel that even with my full power, using the Empty Palm Seal couldn't be this terrifying?"

"He has refined the Empty Palm Seal to its utmost limit!"

"Such a powerful strike! This person, within the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, must also be a top existence!"

With just one palm, the crowd could judge the terror of the person before them, yet they still believed that Xia Congyun would be victorious, no one at the Ninth Layer of the Golden Core could defeat Xia Congyun.

Xia Congyun's attack was effortlessly shattered, and her expression instantly grew solemn, meanwhile, a faint anger seemed to flicker between her brows.

To easily shatter her attack also meant that he could easily escape from the muddy earth at his feet, but he had not done so, clearly belittling her.

Since she began her cultivation, from the first day, she had been praised as a prodigy. As time passed and her cultivation speed increased, such praises had only grown.

This was the first time she encountered someone who looked down on her.

Xia Congyun's expression chilled, and she suddenly charged forward, almost reaching Cao Zhen. In her hand appeared a silver long blade, and at that moment, a crisp slicing sound broke through the void.

Chapter 1030:

A blade fell, and the air between the two seemed to be split in two by the strike.

The air was instantly torn apart, revealing a clear streak of whiteness, and atop the blade's edge, silver light shimmered, tracing a perfect arc that seemed to streak across the dark night like a crescent moon.

For a moment, the entire world turned into a land of silver white, with monstrous waves of blade energy filling the space. This singular strike seemed capable of sweeping away all in existence,

and behind her, a faint shadow of protection seemed to emerge.

A wave of domineering, ferocious, and brutal aura attacked!

Cao Zhen had a sharp sword materialize in his hand, yet he did not retreat a step. Facing the oncoming long blade, he thrust out with his sword.

The next moment, blade and sword collided, emitting a thunderous explosion as if two supreme Divine Skills had met, giving rise to a string of brilliant sparks where they struck.

Up until now, neither had unleashed their Golden Core, but with the collision of their Divine Weapons, the surrounding space began to tremble violently.

Waves of energy visible to the naked eye shot out in all directions, shattering stones into dust wherever they passed.

Billowing dust rose up, reaching towards the sky.

Xia Congyun felt an incomparable force rush towards her like a breached dike the moment her blade came crashing down. Her arms instantly went numb from the shock, and even her internal energies began to roil.

She found herself unable to withstand the force, retreating backwards in flight.

Such formidable strength!

Astonishment filled Xia Congyun's eyes. She was of the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, and so was he. Why then was his strength so much greater than hers?

This was not a gap in mana. Neither had unleashed their Golden Core, and even if there were differences in mana, it wouldn't be significant. This was purely a difference in physical strength.

But at the same Cultivation Realm, such disparity should not exist.

All around, spectators watched Xia Congyun as she was sent flying backwards, their eyes widening in disbelief.

"Immortal Xia has been repelled?"

"Immortal Xia was sent flying?"

"After two exchanges, it seems Immortal Xia is at a disadvantage?"

"Is that person stronger than Immortal Xia? How is that possible!"

"What's happening here?"

For a moment, everyone was utterly unable to believe what they were seeing.

After repelling Xia Congyun, Cao Zhen shook his head and said, "You don't need to do this. I've had some magical encounters; my Physical Strength far exceeds the ordinary. Without unleashing the Golden Core, simply comparing pure strength, you have no advantage."

He had cultivated the Record of Deities and Demons, which already gave him a formidably strong physique. Furthermore, during the breakthrough to the Golden Core Stage, he had repeatedly reformed his body. Their advantages were too great when neither used their Golden Cores.

He simply wanted to see his strength without relying on the Golden Core, but Xia Congyun, realizing she was no match without using hers, still refrained from unleashing her Golden Core and decided to strike with the blade again.

Since he wasn't using his Golden Core, she would not either.

Indeed, she knew her strength was inferior, her physical robustness not a match for his, but that did not necessarily mean she could not defeat him. If she was lacking in strength, then she would triumph with even more exquisite swordsmanship.

Xia Congyun's long blade descended, silver blade light soaring to the sky, like a reverse cascading milky way from above nine heavens, continuous and boundless.

Cao Zhen, looking at the trajectory of the falling long blade, brought forth a dazzling light on his sword, and fierce Sword Qi surged out, like thunderbolts from beyond the skies, piercing the silver long blade in an instant.

For a moment, two terrifying forces erupted, causing the surrounding air to detonate with sounds of explosion, sending waves of destructive Qi Wave radiating from the two at the center, disrupting everything around.

Xia Congyun had already felt the terror of Cao Zhen's strength, and now with another collision against his Divine Weapon, she felt even more fierce and dreadful power.

An overwhelming force rushed at her, combined with the surging Qi Wave, rushed into her and sent her body flying backwards!

In that instant, she even felt a pain in her chest, and a taste of blood surged from within, rushing towards her throat.

Yet she forcefully suppressed the uprising energies, and with a somersault in midair, she stabilized her form and landed on the ground.

"Still not unleashing the Golden Core?"

Cao Zhen looked at Xia Congyun, who had yet to unleash her Golden Core, and sighed softly. This cultivator clearly hadn't experienced the harshness of society, for she wasn't using her Golden Core simply because he hadn't.

"Forget it."

Cao Zhen shook his head, looking at Xia Congyun across from him and slowly spoke, "I didn't expect you to be so stubborn. I won't use my Golden Core, and neither will you. How about we both unleash our Golden Cores now?"

As he spoke, nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills manifested behind him.

With the emergence of these Golden Pills, the space behind him was suddenly burst open, and a series of loud noises ensued, connections of divine forms exploded into being as if to shatter the very space. A terrifying power flooded into his body.

Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, each radiating brilliant light. The light was so intense that many cultivators of the Golden Core Stage with weaker Cultivation Bases had to squint their eyes.

In that moment, on the entire coast, whether it was Song Nianzhu or Jue Jianzi, or Yang Yudong, everyone was stunned, dumbly watching the nine Golden Pills in the sky, each seemingly outshining the sun above their heads.