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"Is this ... this is an Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill!"

"How terrifying this aura is, this aura, he hasn't even made a move, yet I feel like the whole world seems to tremble!"

"Why is this aura so terrifying? I even feel that the aura from his Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill is even more terrifying than the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!"

"How could someone have such a terrifying Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill!"

Though Song Nianzhu and Yang Yudong had seen Cao Zhen's Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill before, previously, Cao Zhen had concealed the Golden Pill right after he flew out from the white mist; they hadn't experienced its aura, knowing only that Cao Zhen was the possessor of Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

This was actually their first time feeling the aura of Cao Zhen's Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill.

There was no need for Cao Zhen to make a move, they merely felt this aura, enough to sense Cao Zhen's terror.

Yang Yudong even discovered that, being themselves at the stage of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, their own Golden Pills' aura wasn't as terrifying, yet they were at the Perfect Completion of the Golden Core Stage while the opponent had nine Golden Pills and had not yet completed Pill Fusion, how could the opponent's aura possibly be stronger than theirs!

Ever since Xia Congyun made her move, they had always believed that Xia Congyun would surely win, and this belief never wavered, even though Xia Congyun had fallen into a disadvantage during the two subsequent attacks, even though Xia Congyun was repelled, they always believed that Xia Congyun would not lose.

After all, Xia Congyun hadn't yet released her Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill. But now, after the release of the opponent's Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, their confidence truly wavered.

This Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill was truly too terrifying, they hadn't even seen such a horrifying Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill before.

Xia Congyun also felt the terror of the opponent's Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill and she was even closer to Cao Zhen than anyone else, able to feel the overwhelming terrifying pressure more clearly than anyone.

She didn't back down, still released her own Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, and still swung the silver longsword in her hand towards Cao Zhen.

Yes, the opponent's strength was stronger and his Golden Pill was also infinitely terrifying.

But so what?

As strong as the opponent was, he was still at the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

She, Xia Congyun, had never been defeated, never been afraid.

She hadn't been afraid before, she wouldn't be in the future, and certainly wasn't now!

Everyone was at Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, why couldn't the victor be her!

The aura inside Xia Congyun's body crazily climbed; in just a moment, it had reached its peak, yet her aura still continued to climb.

Endless mana converged in front of her, as if it would blow open the space in front of her, even herself.

With the rise of mana, behind her, behind the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, faintly and vaguely, even the phantom of the tenth Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill emerged.

"A breakthrough during battle?"

"Xia Congyun has condensed the phantom of the Tenth Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill!"

"Too bad, this phantom is too dim; if it were fully solidified..."

"If it were fully solidified, it would be the Ten Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, which would be an unfair advantage."

"How terrifying this aura is, this aura, it feels like Immortal Xia has changed into a totally different person!"

Xia Congyun's stature hadn't changed; she was still so tall, but at this moment, standing in the void, she gave people the illusion of standing on the earth with her head reaching the Heavens, a presence more majestic than mountains.

Streams of mana converged from her body, slowly forming layers of light that seemed tangible; from a distance, they appeared as scales, like dragon scales or fish scales, and possibly flood dragon scales, faintly and dimly, this light seemed to also be a thick carapace, like the carapace of a Mysterious Turtle, the carapace of a Poison Scorpion...

Her entire persona, under the sunlight above her head, shone brilliantly.

Her aura continued to rise, as if it had no end; gradually, as the aura on her body grew stronger, the phantom of the tenth Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill behind her also became increasingly solidified.

At this moment, she seemed to forget about the battle, only continuing to climb in aura.

Cao Zhen, however, was far away, looking at Xia Congyun with no intention of making a move.

The opponent was clearly breaking through in battle; however, the Golden Core Stage was special—after forming the shape of the Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, it needed continual solidification of the Golden Pill.

Now, the opponent was in the process of solidification.

He had no need to interrupt her.

Furthermore, in such a state, it was impossible for the opponent to completely solidify the Golden Pill and then perform Pill Fusion, and even if the opponent, against all odds, managed to break through directly to a Ten Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills Great Perfection, so what?

From a distance, Flowing Light Sect's Deputy Sect Leader Yan, looking at Cao Zhen who merely stood in place without the slightest intention of action, showed a look of gratitude on his face; he understood Xia Congyun well. Ever since Xia Congyun entered their Flowing Light Sect, because she was a High Level Immortal Body, she had been given special attention.

And Xia Congyun indeed lived up to expectations, with exceptional understanding; she broke through milestones, repeatedly astonishing everyone, and later she was even regarded as the most talented person in their Flowing Light Sect in thousands of years.

However, Xia Congyun's cultivation had been too smooth; not to mention encountering obstacles along the way, even people at the same cultivation realm couldn't interest her.

But he knew very well, Xia Congyun's competitive spirit was stronger than anyone else in the Flowing Light Sect!

Now, someone had appeared, who without fully exerting

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So, Xia Congyun had broken through.

And at this time, the opponent could have disrupted her breakthrough.

Although Xia Congyun, after being disrupted, could still break through and still become a being of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

After all, the shadow of the tenth Golden Pill turned into a phenomenon. Naturally, she would become a person at Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

But the enlightenment gained from a breakthrough during combat meant being much stronger than being disrupted and trying to break through again!

Such enlightenment could even influence Xia Congyun's cultivation afterward.

It can even be said that such a breakthrough during battle is somewhat akin to enlightenment, just not as intense.

If someone's enlightenment was disrupted, it could even lead to a deadly feud, which shows how precious this opportunity for breakthrough and enlightenment during battle is.

Cao Zhen could have disrupted Xia Congyun, and no one could have said anything. After all, they were not from the same sect, but individuals from different regions sparing. With no obligation to each other, why should I wait for your breakthrough? Isn't that just making trouble for myself?

However, Cao Zhen did not make a move but kept waiting; he was accommodating Xia Congyun.

Finally, Xia Congyun's aura finally stopped climbing, and the tenth phenomenon Golden Pill behind her appeared half as solid as the other phenomena.

She looked up at Cao Zhen with a hint of regret on her face and shook her head gently, "Forget it, let's not fight anymore."

"Not fight?" Cao Zhen was full of puzzlement, "Why stop fighting now?"

Xia Congyun simply said, "I have already condensed half a phenomenon Golden Elixir. I'm no longer just at Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills. I won't take advantage of you, so I won't fight."

Cao Zhen laughed, "You have gathered such strong battle intent, yet you decide to stop fighting just like that. Don't you think it's a pity?"

And, I haven't had my fill yet."

Speaking, Cao Zhen turned to his disciple Duo Duo and said, "Previously, my disciple mentioned she had yet to demonstrate one of her sword moves. You might be curious about that move too. Let me show you that sword move. You'd best put all your effort into it; otherwise, you might actually die from this sword."

Since he had already made a move, he intended to thoroughly intimidate everyone, letting the people of the Eastern Border understand the strength of those from the Eastern Wasteland and completely dissuade those from the Main War Sect.

Now was the time to show off his skills.

Xia Congyun's eyes hardened upon hearing this. She had witnessed Duo Duo fighting someone, also hearing about that particular sword.

Now Cao Zhen wanted to use that move, even advising her to give her all; otherwise, she might die from it.

Since when had she needed such a reminder from others?

How disrespectful of him!

And he dares to remind her like this after her breakthrough!

A vast war intent surged within Xia Congyun, and the aura that had just calmed began to climb anew.

Cao Zhen also picked up the sword in his hand and turned to Duo Duo, saying, "The swordsmanship your third brother taught you is not as authentic as this. This is the true form of that sword."

Many of his divine skills had been gained vicariously through his disciples, but this Heavenly Illusion Sword Technique was not one of them, mainly because his Sword Intent was entirely different from that of Xiang Zi Yu.

His Sword Intent was that of the Heaven Illusion Sword Lord, whereas Zi Yu's was just a modified version.

Hearing this, Duo Duo concentrated her spirit and looked towards Cao Zhen.

The expressions of many around them changed slightly.

Cao Zhen intended to demonstrate the swordsmanship to Duo Duo, a Nine Abnormal Phenomemon Golden Pills teaching sword technique to a Perfect Completion Golden Core expert?

Remembering the days he had spent with Cao Zhen and others, Yang Yudong suddenly had a thought: Could Cao Zhen really be the master of Duo Duo and Zhu Peng?

What kind of swordsmanship would it be?

Among the gazes of the crowd, Cao Zhen suddenly raised his longsword, while Xia Congyun's aura had already climbed to its peak, reaching a level where it could not be contained!

In the next moment, Xia Congyun swung her sword at Cao Zhen!

Instantly, boundless Sword Energy surged forth, cutting a river of swords across the sky, from which roars of beasts echoed.

The river formed from nine ferocious beasts howling together.

Xia Congyun had swung once, but in the void, there appeared nine blades, each like a supreme beast capable of annihilating an Immortal Sect.

Each blade seemed capable of splitting mountains and severing the sun and moon!

Each blade was filled with the most primal, terrifying aura of wildness!

The surrounding void in that instant seemed utterly unable to withstand this terrifying aura and cracked like a dropped Copper Mirror.

Yang Yudong was utterly shocked. This blade was almost as powerful as his full-strength strike.

Xia Congyun was almost comparable to him?

But he was already at Perfect Completion Golden Core, whereas Xia Congyun had only condensed the tenth phenomenon Golden Pill, which wasn't even fully solidified or fused yet.

A freak, indeed a freak!

As he looked on in shock, Cao Zhen's figure suddenly soared into the air, following with a thrust of his sword.

In that instant, it seemed like a hundred Cao Zhens appeared in the sky, each swinging simultaneously.

A hundred swords thrust out, each gathering unmatched Sword Intent and abundant ethereal nuances.

At a glance, these hundred swords seemed entirely different, as if a hundred peerless swordsmen were unleashing their strongest strike, yet these hundred shadows were incredibly illusory.

It faintly felt like not a hundred people were performing the swordsmanship, but just one.

It was as if these hundred swords fused into one sword!

Indeed, the crowd felt that it was not a hundred swords in the void but a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand ordinary folks toiling away. Some were tilling the land, others forging iron, others feeding horses.

Yet, paradoxically, it felt not like countless ordinary people working but rather supreme beings at work, wielding picks cutting through mountains, the blacksmiths creating divine weapons...

Despite being one sword, it gave a completely different sensation to everyone.

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Xiang Ziyu had a talent that maybe due to the fact that he understood the universal link between all things, it seemed no matter what cultivation techniques, divine skills, or swordsmanship he received, he was able to modify them demonically.

He had demonically modified many divine skills, such as his so-called Record of Deities and Demons, and the Sun Moon Star Rotation. Even the Heavenly Illusion Sword Technique he practiced was a demonically modified version.

In fact, the Heavenly Illusion Sword Technique that Cao Zhen initially practiced was also modified by Xiang Ziyu.

Or it could be said that his sword intent was indeed that of the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch, but the moves he used in the Heavenly Illusion Sword Technique more closely resembled those of Xiang Ziyu.

For a long time afterward, his swordsmanship remained this way.

And he had always believed that his sword intent was truly that of the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch, until later, when he left the Hundred Peaks Sect and entered the mortal world. Living as a mortal and experiencing various aspects of mortal life, he returned after fifty years and finally realized that he had only touched a trace of the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch's sword intent, just the surface of it.

It wasn't until these fifty years had passed that he truly understood what the sword intent left behind by the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch was like. Only then did he truly comprehend the sword intent of the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch.

In fact, the small world left by the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch was intended to make those who entered it experience mortal life. After countless years of living as mortals and reaching their final destination, they would naturally comprehend the sword intent of the Heaven Illusion Sword Monarch.

Cao Zhen and the others were exceptional, not having experienced those decades of mortal life.

Later, when Cao Zhen left the Hundred Peaks Sect and entered the mortal realm, he made up for those decades of mortal life.

Therefore, his Heavenly Illusion Sword Technique also changed, becoming different from before. With one sword strike, various scenes of mortal life appeared.

Although the movements of ordinary mortal labor seemed simple, they subtly encompassed the Way of Heaven and Earth, and their power surged immensely.

The Nine Blades unleashed by Xia Congyun were terrifying enough, but merely upon contact with the sword light cast by Cao Zhen, these swathes of sword energy instantly shattered.

In that moment, the whole world became a realm of swords.

Countless sword lights surrounded Xia Congyun, skimming over her body, each beam of sword light looking razor-sharp, as if it could easily puncture the void.

Suddenly, one of the sword lights flew by at an astonishing speed.

Xia Congyun only felt a sword light swiftly pass by in front of her eyes. Just as she thought to react, her arm already felt a stabbing pain.

A sword light instantly pierced through her arm, the sword energy so sharp it effortlessly punctured it, leaving a hole.

Then, she felt stabbing pains in her other arm and both legs.

All her limbs were pierced by the sword energy, overwhelming and vast sword energy surged into her body, rampaging wildly, instantly shredding the meridians in her limbs.

In the void, even more sword energy soared.

"Not good!"

The onlookers watched the sword energy targeting Xia Congyun, their faces drastically changing at the terrifying sword light. If all of the sword energy hit Xia Congyun, she would undoubtedly die!

Yang Yudong's face instantly showed a look of panic. Such an attack, even a disciple who had achieved the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, felt terrified and doubted any ability to block it. Xia Congyun probably couldn't withstand it either.

Is Cao Zhen going to kill Xia Congyun?

Xia Congyun is from the Flowing Light Sect, and moreover, she is regarded as the future hope of the sect, even being groomed to be the next Sect Leader of the Flowing Light Sect.

If Cao Zhen killed Xia Congyun, it would mean completely offending the Flowing Light Sect, potentially causing them to side with the Main War Sect!

He...

Just as everyone watched with concern, the sword energy suddenly reversed direction, shooting towards the space behind Xia Congyun.

Xia Congyun only felt a chilling wind whistling past her ears, caused by the swiftly passing sword light that was so fast it pained her cheeks.

Sword lights flew and fell behind her, striking the ground.

Immediately, the ground burst open with sounds that seemed like meteorites from the heavens crashing to the earth or thunder from the Heavenly Tribulation striking the ground, the connected sounds shaking the entire space while the ground shook violently under the impact of the sword energy, as if an earthquake was arriving.

The ground was bombarded, creating huge deep pits, and plumes of dust soared into the sky, gathering like an umbrella in the void.

Suddenly, the next moment, springs of water shot out from the deep pits, clearing all the dust in the sky.

These deep pits had directly pierced the ground, allowing the water to burst forth!

In the distance, Deputy Sect Leader Yan of the Flowing Light Sect breathed a sigh of relief. Luckily, the opponent had held back. Clearly, the opponent had been waiting for Xia Congyun to breakthrough all this time and had not intended to kill her.

Yang Yudong also breathed a sigh of relief. Thankfully, Cao Zhen wasn't too impulsive; he knew to hold back. Since he spared Xia Congyun, things could be negotiable.

Jue Jianzi looked at Xia Congyun, who was only injured and not even seriously so, his face showing a hint of disappointment. Xia Congyun wasn't one of their Ultimate Sword Sect, if Xia Congyun died, it would even be for the better.

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If Xia Congyun died, the Flowing Light Sect would surely go mad and attempt to eradicate Cao Zhen. In that case, the Flowing Light Sect would naturally join the pro-war faction. But now, Xia Congyun is alive.

The Flowing Light Sect might even owe their opponent a debt of gratitude!

In the void, Xia Congyun was frozen in mid-air, paying no heed to the blood oozing continuously from her limbs. Her eyes were fixed on Cao Zhen across from her, finding it utterly impossible to accept the reality of her defeat.

She had made a breakthrough, even forming half a Golden Core with an anomaly. But what was the outcome? She had lost.

Had it not been for her opponent holding back, she would have died by now!

She, Xia Congyun, had to rely on someone of the same cultivation realm, no, someone with a lower cultivation realm, to show mercy in order to survive.

What kind of prodigy was she?

For the first time since she began her cultivation journey, Xia Congyun began to doubt herself.

In the distance, the cultivators from the Eastern Wasteland were staring at Cao Zhen in the sky, entirely in disbelief of the scene before them.

"Is this the power of a cultivator with a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill?"

"We from the Eastern Border have clashed with the people from the Eastern Wasteland three times, yet every time it has been our side that has lost! Even Xia Congyun, hailed as unmatched among the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, has been defeated."

"The main issue is that Cao Zhen is too terrifying!"

"We have seen cultivators with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection clash, but why do I feel that he is even more terrifying than them?"

"Today is not the first time I have witnessed a high-level master of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection in action. I've also seen masters of the same level spar in the past, and I can confidently say that the other two who fought earlier, both Wu Fa from the Eastern Wasteland and Fan Tianxing from our Eastern Border, are significantly stronger than the average Perfect Completion Golden Core.

Yet this Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, Cao Zhen, might not match up to their Eastern Wasteland's Perfect Completion Golden Core, but he gives me the impression that he's even stronger than Fan Tianxing!"

"Is Cao Zhen, just with his Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, actually stronger than someone with a Perfect Completion Golden Core?"

"He's still just a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill. Just imagine how terrifying he will become once he breaks through to the Perfect Completion Golden Core. By then, wouldn't he become the number one in the world during the Reversal Mini Epoch Period?"

Nobody could imagine, let alone accept, that a person with a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill could be so powerful, especially since he hadn't even completed Pill Fusion!

As everyone knows, in the Golden Core Stage, there's a world of difference between having completed Pill Fusion and not having done so.

In the crowd, Jue Jianzi, upon hearing the exclamations of the people around him, suddenly had an idea and turned to Song Nianzhu and the other masters, saying, "My friends, are you not worried?"

Jue Jianzi, filled with agitation, pointed at Cao Zhen and exclaimed, "You've seen his strength. Amongst us are those with the cultivation base of Perfect Completion Golden Core. Ask yourselves, how many of you are confident that you could withstand that sword strike?"

Around him, including Yang Yudong, many of the Perfect Completion Golden Core cultivators fell into silence—they indeed lacked the confidence to block that sword!

Jue Jianzi, seeing the silent crowd, raised his voice a bit and continued, "Have you not realized something? Those who came with him from the Eastern Border, they're probably the top masters from the Eastern Border. Why would they send so many experts? They're here to intimidate us.

Especially that Cao Zhen, who is currently just a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill. What if he breaks through to the Perfect Completion Golden Core? How powerful will he be then?

Fairy Song, you're recognized as one of the top five in our Eastern Border, actually, the top five only because you are modest. Your true strength could even place you among the top three in our Eastern Border. Do you have the confidence to defeat him after he becomes a Perfect Completion Golden Core?"

Song Nianzhu said nothing. She truly lacked confidence, especially considering the strength Cao Zhen had shown without even completing Pill Fusion.

Such a person surely couldn't fail to advance to a Perfect Completion Golden Core.

What horrors would await when Cao Zhen reached Perfect Completion and completed Pill Fusion? Could he possibly reach the legendary pinnacle of the Golden Core Stage?

Looking at the silent Song Nianzhu, Jue Jianzi's expression grew even graver as he said in a low voice, "Fairy Song, look, even you aren't confident you could stop him. Who in the Eastern Border could stand against him when the time comes?

If he started raiding through our Eastern Border, who could stop him? And what if he, leading a force from the Eastern Wasteland, invades our Eastern Border; what then?"

As his words sank in, the surrounding crowd seemed to realize the gravity of the situation. Their expressions grew stern, no longer dwelling on the fact that their Eastern Border had suffered three consecutive defeats, but rather contemplating the scenarios Jue Jianzi had just proposed.

The more they thought, the graver their expressions became.

If the Eastern Wasteland had such a high-level master leading a group of elites into their Eastern Border, it seemed they truly would be unable to resist!

Seeing the crowd deep in thought, Jue Jianzi's face revealed a deep murderous intent as he said fiercely, "Therefore, for the sake of our Eastern Border, we must nip him in the bud!

He is still just a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, not yet a Perfect Completion Golden Core holder, and as of now, the Eastern Wasteland isn't connected with us in the Eastern Border.

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"He has nowhere to retreat. With so many of us here, as soon as we make our move, he is bound to die."

"No!" the Vice Sect Master Yan from the Flowing Light Sect immediately objected upon hearing this, "The other party has not shown any hostility, and even just now when he crossed hands with our Flowing Light Sect's Xia Congyun, he showed mercy. If we, on the other hand, strike to kill him in return?

For such a figure, I fear the entire Eastern Wasteland would highly value him. If we killed their people, the entire Eastern Wasteland would probably fight us to the death."

"So what if it does? If he dies, are we in the Eastern Border afraid of them? Besides, isn't East Breeze planning to attack the Eastern Border? When the time comes, with us attacking from both sides, how could the Eastern Wasteland withstand us?" Jue Jianzi stared coldly at Deputy Sect Leader Yan and said, "Deputy Sect Leader Yan, are you really willing to disregard the safety of our Eastern Border?"

"I didn't mean that, it's just..."

Deputy Sect Leader Yan wanted to say more, but suddenly, the voice of Cao Zhen echoed from the void.

"So you want to kill me?" Cao Zhen raised his hand and pointed at Jue Jianzi, "If you want to kill me, just do it. I'll give you a chance. You and I will fight one-on-one. I won't let others interfere. If you have the skill, take advantage of my present state with only nine Golden Elixir and slay me. Why bother inciting others?"

Upon hearing Cao Zhen's voice, Jue Jianzi's face showed a hint of surprise. Although his voice had not been low, given the chaos here, and considering the distance between them, it was surprising the other party had heard. It meant the other's cultivation base was even higher than he had thought!

However, one-on-one...

Jue Jianzi looked up at Cao Zhen and confirmed once more, "Just the two of us, with no one else interfering? Are you sure?"

Although it wouldn't sound good for him, a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, to spar one-on-one with a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, the fact was that although the people of the Eastern Border had recognized Cao Zhen's terror, no one had yet clearly expressed the intention to take action. Now, Cao Zhen was offering to fight him one-on-one. This was the best chance to kill Cao Zhen.

Yes, Cao Zhen was indeed powerful and terrifying. Once Cao Zhen broke through to become a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he himself would no longer be Cao Zhen's match.

But now, Cao Zhen was merely nine Golden Pills.

And he was a presence that could be ranked among the top ten throughout the Eastern Wasteland. How could he not defeat Cao Zhen with all his strength? The only problem was not to give Cao Zhen a chance to concede defeat. He had to kill him before the other could concede.

Among the crowd, Yang Yudong felt once again that he was going insane. What was Cao Zhen thinking? He had heard Jue Jianzi plotting his death, yet he was still offering himself up!

Hadn't he heard Deputy Sect Leader Yan speaking up for him? With Sister Song present, they wouldn't have agreed to attack directly. He was already safe, yet he agreed to fight Jue Jianzi one-on-one.

Jue Jianzi, from the Ultimate Sword Sect, one of the ten major Immortal Sects, was a Peak Master who ranked among the top ten in the entire Eastern Border—not a usual Perfect Completion Golden Core!

How was Cao Zhen going head-to-head with Jue Jianzi not seeking death?

In the void, Cao Zhen He nodded slightly to Jue Jianzi and said, "Indeed, it will be a duel between the two of us. Do you dare to fight me?"

"What is there to fear?" Jue Jianzi responded, abruptly emerging from the crowd and landing in the void opposite Cao Zhen, then turning his head to Xia Congyun, who was still floating midair, and saying, "Sister Xia, now, I am going to fight with this Peak Master Cao from the Eastern Wasteland. Would you please step aside?"

Xia Congyun, hearing Jue Jianzi's words, seemed to finally come back to her senses. However, she did not move aside immediately, but looked at Cao Zhen and said, "You are strong, but you will not be his match."

Cao Zhen shook his head lightly, "Is that so? It appears to me that you cannot accept your defeat by me. Confidence and pride are good, but too much pride can be a bad thing. Soon, you will understand that it is quite normal to lose to me. Now, please step aside."

He had just sensed that Xia Congyun harbored no killing intent, which was why he had spared her.

Now that both duelists asked Xia Congyun to step aside, she had no option but to retreat to one side.

The people of the Eastern Border had not expected the situation to change so quickly. In the blink of an eye, a Peak Master from one of the Eastern Border's ten major Immortal Sects was going to face a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills combatant.

No matter how strong a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills might be, it was just that. How could it contend with the utmost top-tier Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?

If they were the so-called Peak Master Cao, they certainly wouldn't have accepted the challenge.

Yet, seeing the other party accept, many in the crowd felt a surge of joy. They truly thought that Jue Jianzi made sense—if they waited for the other party to grow, who could stop this man?

It was better to obliterate him before he fully matured.

After Jue Jianzi flew into the void, behind him, ten phenomenal Golden Cores suddenly appeared. His ten phenomenal Golden Cores were not all Sharp Swords; five out of the ten Golden Cores' phenoms were Sharp Sword Xu Yings, but the other five had human-shaped Xu Yings as their phenoms—hazy black figures, emitting an aura of treachery, eeriness, and gloom.

Cao Zhen even faintly felt that the aura emanating from these five Golden Cores' Xu Ying phenoms bore some resemblance to the Demon Sect's aura.

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Quickly, the nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills fused into one gigantic Golden Core, and the ten Golden Core shadows changed into a single shadow of a person wielding a Sharp Sword.

As the Golden Core completed the Pill Fusion, an intensely rich Mana began to circulate around Jue Jianzi.

His aura rapidly climbed, causing the surrounding air to shake continuously, and in his hands, a golden Sharp Sword appeared accompanied by Dragon chants that made the distant high mountains tremble.

On the other side, behind Cao Zhen, the nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills reappeared.

The nine Golden Pills seemed to entirely stretch the world behind him, causing the air around him to tremble wildly, and with a series of loud sonic booms filling the air.

An immense oppressive force seemed to surge boundlessly in all directions.

Around him, the cultivators felt the power of the Golden Core, their faces dramatically changing. Especially Xia Congyun, who had stepped aside, his face once again showing a look of horror.

"This aura, his aura is even stronger than before, he was not using his full strength before! The power he had shown was already so strong, and yet he had not used his full strength!"

After releasing the nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, Cao Zhen did not stop; the Heretical Golden Core appeared above his head, spinning frantically, and an immeasurably vast aura poured into his body.

His entire aura, with the appearance of the Heretical Golden Core, wildly surged to a level that seemed impossible for this Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth!

In that moment, everyone in the vicinity stood frozen.

"This aura... Is this the aura of the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills?"

"Jue Jianzi is already one of the foremost powerful beings in our Eastern Border, but the opponent's aura is even more terrifying than Jue Jianzi's!"

"How is this possible, an aura from a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core stronger than Jue Jianzi's!"

"This aura..."

Yang Yudong suddenly turned to look at Sister Song who was next to him; this aura seemed even stronger than Sister Song's.

Song Nianzhu's face was extremely grave.

He had never seen Sister Song look so serious.

In the Void, Jue Jianzi's climbing aura suddenly stalled; how could there be such a strong aura? This aura?

How could a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core have a stronger aura than his own, even much stronger? This Cao Zhen, he had not even completed Pill Fusion!

Amidst his frightened and puzzled gaze, behind Cao Zhen, a Golden Core suddenly burst forth with dazzling radiance, and immediately, thunderbolts violently shot out from that Golden Core!

In an instant, numerous thunderbolts erupted, varying in colors from purple, gold, and deep blue, some seemed to fall from the sky while others seemed to burst from the ground.

These myriad thunderbolts had differing auras, giving the impression of ten different Thunderbolt Proficiencies, each cultivated to the extreme of the Golden Core Stage, each with terrifying power, each thunderbolt containing the might to destroy mountains.

"Is this... ten Divine Skills?"

"What's happening? How can someone release ten continuous Divine Skills in an instant!"

In that space, aside from Duo Duo, Zhu Peng, and Sha Haoqiong, all the cultivators from the Eastern Border were utterly dumbfounded, having never seen such a person or such an attack method before.

How could someone release ten Divine Skills in an instant?

And moreover, these ten Divine Skills seemed to come from a single Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core?

As everyone watched in confusion, the ten Divine Skills smashed toward Jue Jianzi!

Since becoming the Sect Leader of the Ultimate Sword Sect during the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he had never felt so powerless. Facing these ten Divine Skills, he even sensed the onset of death.

He swiftly swung his Sharp Sword, stabbing out one sword strike after another.

In the Void, streaks of sword light shot out, but upon contact with the thunderbolts, they instantly dispersed, and no matter how fast he swung his sword or how many Sword Shadows he emitted, he could not match the ten Thunderbolt Proficiencies!

In the blink of an eye, a purple thunderbolt had already ferociously struck down.

At nearly the same time, around Jue Jianzi, a swirl of black mist emerged, a thick Demonic Qi soaring up as if a dark river from the Nine Netherworld had burst forth, enveloping Jue Jianzi in its midst.

But in the next moment, as the thunderbolt struck, the black Protective Devilish Qi vibrated violently, instantly dissipating mostly, followed by more thunderbolts crashing down, causing the black Protective Devilish Qi to explode and each thunderbolt striking Jue Jianzi directly.

Instantly, Jue Jianzi was bombarded, his blood and internal organs seemingly displaced.

A mouthful of fresh blood uncontrollably sprayed from his mouth.

"I concede, I concede..."

Jue Jianzi knew he was the Sect Leader of the Ultimate Sword Sect during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, representing the face of the Ultimate Sword Sect. If he could continue to resist, he absolutely would not concede.

But the opponent's attack was simply too terrifying; if he did not concede, he would surely die.

Almost the instant he shouted his concession, another Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill burst forth from behind Cao Zhen, sending out ten different beams of light that swept across like an arc of a rainbow after a rain.

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A flash of light burst forth, and within the void, suddenly resounded ten distinct sounds.

Some were crisp, others deep, some ethereal as if heavenly music, while others carried a terrifying sound, reminiscent of the angry roars of a peerless ferocious beast from the Ancient Era...

Ten different sounds rose simultaneously, the waves of light and sound converging into one, stirring against each other in the void, forming visible sonic waves that instantly surged into Jue Jianzi's body.

In a flash, Jue Jianzi felt as if ten different musical instruments were playing in his heart, yet these sounds were filled with endless power. In an instant, the channels of his body, his internal organs, all burst apart!

The two had only just come to blows, Cao Zhen had only displayed two Divine Skills, and in the blink of an eye, Jue Jianzi's body had exploded with a loud bang.

Jue Jianzi was dead!

Countless pieces of flesh and blood scattered in all directions.

He had indeed struck with intent to kill, not that he had wanted to from the start, his purpose in coming to the Eastern Border was to discuss peaceful coexistence and mutual non-aggression with the people there.

However, this Jue Jianzi had relentlessly provoked him, attempting to incite a battle between the Eastern Wasteland and the Eastern Border, and even harbored killing intent towards him.

Since that was the case, he could only kill the other party.

Moreover, by killing Jue Jianzi, he could more directly showcase his power to the people of the Eastern Border, letting the neutral factions and the Main War Sect consider whether they really wanted to wage war with the Eastern Wasteland!

Now, he felt the effect was quite good!

All around, silence fell as if death itself had descended.

One after another, the cultivators of the Eastern Border found it unimaginable that one of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, the top-tier among them and one of their top ten experts, had been blasted to pieces by a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill in just two moves.

Let alone a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, even if someone told them that another expert of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection had killed Jue Jianzi in two strikes, they wouldn't have believed it.

But now, everything had unfolded before their eyes.

Within the still silence, suddenly a voice exclaimed, "Wow, Master is so powerful, even more so than Zhu Peng, even more than my senior brother!"

Zhu Peng cried out in surprise, his voice naturally loud, now cutting through the quiet, instantly reaching everyone's ears.

Though he was Cao Zhen's disciple, it was his first time witnessing his master unleash his full strength!

Upon hearing Zhu Peng's words, everyone else began to come back to their senses.

Sha Haoqiong, as someone from the Eastern Wasteland, was likewise shocked; he finally understood why Cao Zhen's orders were undisputed throughout the Eastern Wasteland.

Around him, the cultivators of the Eastern Border still looked incredulously at Cao Zhen.

At that moment, Yang Yudong finally began to believe something, he now believed that Cao Zhen was indeed the master of Duo Duo and Zhu Peng. He suddenly remembered something as well, that Cao Zhen once claimed that he was the number one expert of the Eastern Wasteland while at the sixth level of the Golden Core Stage, a claim he had not believed in the slightest.

If one at the sixth level of Golden Core was the strongest in the Eastern Wasteland, just how weak was the Eastern Wasteland?

But having witnessed the might of an Eastern Wasteland expert through Zhu Peng, it was clear the Eastern Wasteland was not weak. Thus, the credibility of Cao Zhen's words was nil.

But now, having seen Cao Zhen make his move, he suddenly started to believe, perhaps when Cao Zhen was at the Golden Core's sixth level, he truly was the Eastern Wasteland's top expert?

Xia Congyun's brain was nearly mush, having just crossed hands with the opponent, and had even thought of defeating him?

Before, he had always believed that among the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, he was unbeatable, and that once he reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he would be number one in the world!

Compared to Cao Zhen, what was he truly unbeatable? How could he claim to be the best in the world!

Although Zhu Peng had suddenly broken the quiet, the cultivators from the Eastern Wasteland still remained silent, with only the disciples of the Ultimate Sword Sect letting out cries of grief.

"Senior brother!"

"Master!"

The disciples of the Ultimate Sword Sect cried out, quickly moving to gather the remains of Jue Jianzi, which had exploded into dust.

Their Sect Leader had died so quickly, yet not a single one of them made a move.

They were too few, and with their Sect Leader so easily slain by their opponent, even if all of them at the scene combined forces, they would not be a match.

To act now would only mean certain death.

They would have to wait to return to the Immortal Sect, then mobilize the Sect's entire force to seek revenge on Cao Zhen!

Suddenly, Song Nianzhu's voice rang out, "Golden Core Period Limit, you have reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage. The reason you haven't broken through to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection is that it is now the Reversal Mini Epoch Period. Even at the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill, you've reached the Golden Core Period Limit. Heavenly Dao does not permit a stronger force to appear, and thus, you have always been trapped at the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill!"

"Golden Core Period Limit?"

Around him, many looked up in astonishment after hearing this, gazing at Cao Zhen. Was this really the limit of the Golden Core Stage?

To be called a Perfect Completion Golden Core, one must congregate ten Golden Cores, and the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Pills would be even stronger.

But no one had ever referred to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection as the limit of the Golden Core Stage.

They were cultivators from various Immortal Sects, where there were records of the Golden Core Stage Limit, but reaching that limit was truly arduous.

Chapter 1038:

"The limit of the Golden Core Stage," it proved, "that was the enhancement of strength to what the Heavenly Dao considered the absolute limit of the Golden Core!"

"That is the Heavenly Dao!"

Even to put it another way, the power of the Heavenly Dao, at the Golden Core Stage, could only reach the limit of the Golden Core Stage!

From this, one could see how incredibly difficult this limit was to achieve.

Even many from the Immortal Sects knew that in their Eastern Border, there once was a reincarnated Great Ability who lamented that in his rebirth, even during his Golden Core Stage, he had never reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage.

From this, one could see just how hard it was to reach the limit of the Golden Core Stage.

Yet now, Song Nianzhu was saying that the other party had reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage.

If someone had told them before that a person had reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage during the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills stage, they would never have believed it, but here and now, this cultivator with the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills had defeated Jue Jianzi, one of the top ten masters of the Eastern Border, in just two moves.

How could this be possible if the other party had not reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage?

This statement still came from Song Nianzhu, one of the top five masters of the Eastern Wasteland, and moreover, Song Nianzhu's words were very reasonable.

Unless the other party had reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage, how could they be so strong and yet not form the tenth extraordinary Phenomenon Golden Pill, why not complete the Pill Fusion?

Perhaps the only reason was that now was the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, and the Heavenly Dao did not permit the existence of power beyond the limit of the Golden Core Stage, which was why the other party stopped at the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills!

Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, he just by being Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills had reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage, how did he manage that?

What would happen if he managed to become Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?

Wouldn't he surpass the power of the Heavenly Dao in the Golden Core Stage?

Everyone's thoughts were in turmoil for a moment!

Cao Zhen, after hearing Song Nianzhu's voice, nodded slightly in agreement and said, "You may be right. It seems I have truly reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage, at least, I indeed cannot break through and form another Golden Core. At least that is the case during the Reversal Mini Epoch Period."

"So, you are the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland," Song Nianzhu sighed internally. If the other party had reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage, how could he not be the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland? It's not like there could be two people in the Eastern Wasteland who reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage.

Yet she had been unaware that he was the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland.

Cao Zhen smiled lightly without speaking.

Below, Sha Haoqiong, seeing Sect Leader Cao's expression, felt it was his turn to speak. As the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland, it naturally carried the demeanor of the top master, and it wouldn't be appropriate for him to directly acknowledge it.

Duo Duo, being a disciple of Peak Master Cao, also should not say much.

As for Zhu Peng, forget it... Now was the time for him to speak.

He stepped forward and proudly declared, "Peak Master Cao is the number one master of our Eastern Wasteland. Moreover, Peak Master Cao had already stated before that he was the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland, it's just that you didn't believe it at the time."

For a while, Song Nianzhu did not know what to say, Cao Zhen indeed had claimed he was the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland, but the issue was, he said that when he was at the sixth level of Golden Core, he was the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland, who could believe that?

Around them, the eyes of the crowd from the Eastern Border suddenly turned to Song Nianzhu and Yang Yudong, and they looked incredibly strange. Cao Zhen had told them he was the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland, yet Song Nianzhu and the others hadn't mentioned it?

Upon hearing this, Yang Yudong's face also turned red, they indeed couldn't explain this situation, but if they didn't explain, others would misunderstand them.

Suddenly, an idea struck him, and he asked, "Peak Master Cao, now that you are the number one master of the Eastern Wasteland, you said your Four Treasures Peak is the hundredth peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect, so now... this..."

The other's power was too strong, and he dared not question directly, but as his words fell, everyone around understood.

This number one master of the Eastern Wasteland seemed to be concealing his identity intentionally, deceiving them, otherwise, why would he say his peak was the last ranked one in the Hundred Peaks Sect?

Before Cao Zhen could answer, Sha Haoqiong had already spoken again: "Peak Master Cao's Four Treasures Peak is indeed the hundredth-ranked peak in the Hundred Peaks Sect, in this aspect Peak Master Cao did not deceive you.

Whenever the Eastern Wasteland is connected to your Eastern Border, and you enter the Eastern Wasteland, you can ask any cultivator you meet about the Hundred Peaks Sect's hundredth-ranked peak, and they will tell you it's Four Treasures Peak."

Everyone was stunned again, was this the truth?

The number one master of the Eastern Wasteland was only ranked hundredth in their Immortal Sect? Were the rankings reversed?

Yang Yudong was stunned for a moment and could only plow ahead and say, "It seems that Peak Master Cao is a man indifferent to fame and wealth and does not care about the ranking of his peak."

After saying that, he suddenly asked, "Peak Master Cao, your two disciples are already extremely strong, I had heard before that Peak Master Cao has a few more disciples, and I imagine the cultivation of the other disciples of Peak Master Cao must also be formidable."

Cao Zhen having reached the Golden Core Period Limit had indeed shocked everyone, but now he had come to think of another question, just how strong was the Eastern Wasteland!

He couldn't directly inquire about the Eastern Wasteland, but he could find out by asking Cao Zhen.

Now, the people of the Eastern Border were no longer considering attacking the Eastern Wasteland but were worried that the Eastern Wasteland would attack them.

Sha Haoqiong did not speak this time; he indeed knew everything about Four Treasures Peak, as it was known by everyone, but he was not clear about more specific matters, it was still for the people from Four Treasures Peak to speak, and whether to inform the other party was not his decision to make.

Duo Duo looked at her master, and seeing no reaction from him, she stepped forward and said, "Our Four Treasures Peak, apart from master, has a total of seven disciples, and Zhu Peng and I are the youngest two, and also the latest to join. And among our several senior brothers and sisters, at least four have strength above us two."

She knew her master had come to the Eastern Border wanting to establish a preemptive non-aggression pact with the Eastern Border, and since her master had shown his strength, he naturally wanted the Eastern Border to be aware of the might of the Eastern Wasteland. Therefore, she naturally had to let them know the strength of the Eastern Wasteland, starting with letting the Eastern Border understand the power of Four Treasures Peak.

Chapter 1039:

Among the last two disciples Cao Zhen took in, Zhu Peng was a simpleton, while Duo Duo was quick-witted. Many a time, Cao Zhen didn't even need to utter a word; Duo Duo would understand what her master intended to do.

The people of the Eastern Border, listening to Duo Duo's words, were filled with disbelief. They had already witnessed Duo Duo and Zhu Peng take action, and the strength of these two was probably enough to rank them in the top ten in their Eastern Border.

Yet now Duo Duo was claiming that there were another five disciples at Four Treasures Peak, four of whom were even stronger than her and Zhu Peng. How powerful could they be?

If everything she said was true, wouldn't that mean that Four Treasures Peak, just one peak of an Immortal Sect within the Eastern Wasteland, could rival the entire Eastern Border in terms of high-end combat power?

Even though they had seen Duo Duo and Zhu Peng demonstrate their abilities, and even witnessed Cao Zhen's invincibility, from the depths of their hearts, they still did not want to believe Duo Duo's words.

Duo Duo seemed to know that the crowd would react this way. She cleared her throat and continued to speak, "Among them, my eldest martial sister excels in rune techniques, the top runic master in the Eastern Wasteland. My second martial sister is unrivaled in sword techniques and also serves as a Law Enforcement Elder of the Law Enforcement Immortal Palace in our Hundred Peaks Sect. My third martial brother is the Inheritance Elder of our Hundred Peaks Sect."

Duo Duo paused for a moment before looking at the crowd and adding, "By the way, do you know about the Great Ability that is reincarnated? There are three reincarnated Great Abilities in our Eastern Wasteland nowadays. One of them had sparred with my third martial brother for several years. Initially, they were evenly matched, but later on, my third martial brother gradually gained the upper hand."

The surrounding crowd was stunned upon hearing this.

"Three reincarnated Great Abilities in the Eastern Wasteland?"

"Is she saying that there are three reincarnated Great Abilities right now? Surely all three haven't remained awake?"

Yang Yudong, sensing the implication in Duo Duo's words, asked in shock, "Are you implying that all three reincarnated Great Abilities in the Eastern Wasteland are present right now during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth and that they are all at the Golden Core Stage?"

"Of course," Duo Duo nodded with certainty.

Upon hearing Duo Duo's affirmative response, the surrounding crowd burst into exclamations.

"The Eastern Wasteland actually has three reincarnated Great Abilities! And they are all still around!"

"In our Eastern Border, we don't even have one reincarnated Great Ability now!"

"Three reincarnated Great Abilities, this..."

"No, wait, if there are three reincarnated Great Abilities, then wouldn't that mean..."

"Her master is the first in the Eastern Wasteland; so, is he also a reincarnated Great Ability?"

The crowd turned their heads toward Cao Zhen.

Duo Duo, sensing the crowd's gaze, nodded slightly and said, "Yes, my master is indeed a reincarnated Great Ability."

Upon hearing this, the crowd did not express surprise again, but instead felt that it made sense.

"No wonder he is so terrifying. He is a reincarnated Great Ability!"

"But among the reincarnated Great Abilities, he must be extremely powerful. The reincarnated Great Ability of our Eastern Border did not reach the limit of the Golden Core Stage when he was at the Golden Core Stage!"

"So, he is a reincarnated Great Ability!"

The crowd instantly understood—no wonder his disciples were so strong; their master was a reincarnated Great Ability.

In an instant, the crowd thought of many things.

"If Peak Master Cao is this strong, then the other two reincarnated Great Abilities must not be much weaker than him."

"The Eastern Wasteland is too terrifying. Why did all the reincarnated Great Abilities go to the Eastern Wasteland?"

"Peak Master Cao is a reincarnated Great Ability and can cultivate so many outstanding disciples; what about the other two reincarnated Great Abilities? How many disciples have they cultivated?"

"Wait a minute, did you hear what she just said? She said, her third martial brother defeated a reincarnated Great Ability?"

"Defeated a reincarnated Great Ability, this..."

The crowd realised there was too much information contained in just a few words from Duo Duo.

"Strong enough to defeat a reincarnated Great Ability? How strong would that be?"

"Such a formidable person shouldn't be talking nonsense, right?"

"If her third martial brother can defeat a reincarnated Great Ability, doesn't that mean he is the second strongest in the Eastern Wasteland?"

As the crowd was marveling, Duo Duo's voice came again.

"My eldest martial sister is not much inferior to my third martial brother."

The people were shocked anew.

"What? Her eldest martial sister is almost on par with her third martial brother?"

"Doesn't that mean her eldest martial sister could also defeat a reincarnated Great Ability?"

"They said she is not much inferior, but still inferior, she couldn't be that strong."

"According to her, it seems her eldest martial sister is almost as strong as a reincarnated Great Ability?"

As the crowd buzzed with discussion and exclamations, Duo Duo's voice came once more,
"Furthermore, I don't know how strong my fourth martial brother is. In certain situations, my fourth martial brother might even be stronger than my third martial brother!"

She wasn't exaggerating; her fourth martial brother possessed the cultivation base from the Wind Fire Tribulation, and indeed, he could freely undergo the Heavenly Tribulation and fight chaotically. In such moments, her fourth martial brother really might be stronger than her third martial brother.

"Someone who might be stronger than her third martial brother under certain conditions?"

"How come it sounds like all her martial brothers and sisters are on par with reincarnated Great Abilities?"

The crowd had become completely numb.

After a long silence, from within the crowd, Song Nianzhu, who had not spoken since her initial remark, finally addressed Cao Zhen after a lengthy silence, "So Peak Master Cao, what exactly brings you to our Eastern Border this time?"

Chapter 1040:

Her words had just fallen when everyone around ceased their discussions and looked towards her.

"I've already said that I'm not the belligerent type," he spoke with a slight pause and then raised his voice, "Our enemies are not each other but rather those sects from the Central Five Provinces who pose the most threat to us!"

Yang Yudong and the other proponents of peace immediately nodded and said, "Peak Master Cao is right; our enemies are not each other."

"We in the Eastern Border also naturally desire non-aggression with our neighbors."

Aside from the members of the Ultimate Sword Sect, the rest of the neutral and even the war-favoring cults remained surprisingly silent.

The power of the Eastern Wasteland was truly beyond their expectations. Even if the disciple of Peak Master Cao had exaggerated to some degree, they had seen Peak Master Cao's strength for themselves, a being at the limit of the Golden Core Stage.

Becoming enemies with such a person was truly unwise.

As Cao Zhen listened to the crowd, he nodded slightly and said, "Although I've not been in your Eastern Border for long, I know it is governed by ten major Immortal Sects. I hope you can convey my thoughts to the other sects, discuss a result soon, and inform me. If you agree to a non-aggression pact with the Eastern Wasteland, I can sign the pact with you at any time."

"We will discuss it as soon as possible."

Song Nianzhu slightly nodded. Yang Yudong next to him, however, curiously asked, "Peak Master Cao, I know you are the foremost expert of the Eastern Wasteland, and I mean no disrespect by my query.

However, since you belong to the Four Treasures Peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect, wouldn't it be better to also have the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect come over when we sign the pact?"

Although Cao Zhen was indeed the first master of the Eastern Wasteland, he was after all just an individual; he felt that having the opposing Sect Leader present would be better when signing the pact.

Cao Zhen chuckled lightly, "I am the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect."

Yang Yudong was momentarily stunned, then internally complained endlessly. 'You are the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect and you didn't say so earlier, talking about being the Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak! You...'

While he internally complained, Cao Zhen's voice came again.

"Also, I am the State Preceptor of the greatest dynasty in the Eastern Wasteland, the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty. Alone, I can represent the Eastern Wasteland in signing the pact with you."

Now that the people of the Eastern Border knew Cao Zhen's identity, they naturally couldn't allow him to roam outside unchecked, as it would show a lack of hospitality on their part.

Soon, they invited Cao Zhen into the Qingfeng Sect, and the Sect Leader of the Qingfeng Sect promptly informed the other nine Immortal Sects of Cao Zhen's presence.

Suddenly, the previous neutral factions, upon learning that Cao Zhen had reached the Golden Core Limit and knowing about the three reincarnated figures of great power in the Eastern Wasteland, as well as the astonishing cultivation base of Cao Zhen's disciples, all agreed to sign the pact.

Neither of the two primary war sects objected.

Even the Ultimate Sword Sect was inactive for a moment.

The Ultimate Sword Sect at this time had already hung up white fabrics throughout the vast sect.

Inside the Conference Hall, all the high ranks of the Ultimate Sword Sect were dressed in plain clothes.

"Sect Leader, what do you mean by this? Our former Sect Leader was killed by someone, and now, the entire Eastern Border's cultivators know about it. The Ultimate Sword Sect has taken no action; how can we maintain face in the Eastern Border cultivation world!"

"Yes, Sect Leader, he may be strong, but they only have four people, and we are an entire sect. Are we really afraid of them?"

"They killed our Sect Leader, we must take revenge, and no one can find a reason to stop us!"

"Sect Leader, don't forget that your fellow brother looked after you quite a bit when he was still around!"

Jue Jianzi was dead; the Ultimate Sword Sect naturally had to establish a new Sect Leader, a new Jue Jianzi.

Yet to their surprise, their new Sect Leader was hindering their desire for revenge.

"Revenge? Do you think I don't want to avenge my senior brother? Do you think I don't want to uphold the reputation of our Ultimate Sword Sect? But what can I do? Among them, one isn't from their Hundred Peaks Sect, so his life and death are hardly relevant to Cao Zhen. Chasing Cao Zhen for revenge... You've seen Cao Zhen's strength yourselves, and those who haven't seen it must have heard— he has reached the limit of the Golden Core Stage! The capabilities of his two disciples are terrifying, nearly rivaling the former experts of our Eastern Border.

Yes, we have the numbers, but won't they just run? If they plan to escape, can we stop them? On the other hand, if they choose to retaliate, they have myriad ways to do so.

Once we are isolated, they will surely slay us. Are we then meant to stop cultivating and stick together all day? Even if we were all together, if they desired to kill several of us and then leave, we would still be unable to stop them.

When that time comes, we could only watch helplessly as they kill our disciples and then gracefully depart! We would all become sinners of the Ultimate Sword Sect!"

"Then are we to just watch helplessly as they killed our former Sect Leader and still strut around in our Eastern Border?"

"Revenge is of course necessary. He has no enemies in the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, but what about after the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is over? It has been fifty years since the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth began. Besides, we don't even have to wait until the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth ends. Once we connect with the Central Five Provinces, that will be our day for revenge."