

## **My Master 201**

### Chapter 201: Don't Leave After School\_1

As the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Bai Fengzi had taken her place at the Golden Core Club, and though she remained seated at her designated spot the whole time, everyone still paid close attention to her every move.

Soon, people noticed that the Sect Leader, a True Person, made a move and it was toward Cao Zhen and others involved in the conflict.

At once, everyone moved aside to make way for her, and they all promptly shut their mouths.

"Purple Dawn Peak Master," Bai Fengzi said, coming to a halt before the group, her eyes full of authority as she swept her gaze around before fixing it on Han ZiXia, "No matter your reasons, you were the first to strike, violating the rules of the Hundred Peaks Sect. After the Golden Core Club concludes, go to the Law Enforcement Immortal Palace to accept your punishment."

Considering the other was a Peak Master, she gave him some face by allowing him to attend the rest of the Golden Core Club before being punished.

"Yes," Han ZiXia said, bowing his head to admit his mistake. He knew that once he resorted to violence, punishment would inevitably follow. Yet, he would still choose to act, driven by anger in the first place, and secondly because if he didn't take a stand, everyone would think his Purple Dawn Peak was easy to bully, which could lead to others walking over them in the future.

He just didn't expect Cao Zhen to be so strong, releasing some Divine Skill without laying a finger on him, completely blocking his attack.

The eyes of everyone present instantly turned to Cao Zhen, understanding that since the Purple Dawn Peak Master had taken action, he was definitely due for punishment. However, it was Cao Zhen who had taken the Purple Dawn Peak's place to begin with, prompting the Peak Master to act. Without Cao Zhen, there would have been no conflict. Cao Zhen wasn't unrelated to this; after punishing the Purple Dawn Peak Master, it would probably be Cao Zhen's turn next.

Amidst the expectant gazes of the crowd, Bai Fengzi turned to Chief Tu and inquired, "Chief Tu, it's about time, isn't it? Shouldn't the Golden Core Club begin now?"

"Of course, it should start," said Tu Zhuque quickly, addressing everyone around, "Thank you all for coming, the Golden Core Club officially begins now."

What "officially begins" meant was nothing more than the start of serving the dishes.

The crowd was immediately disappointed. That's it? Isn't Cao Zhen going to be punished?

It seems not?

The Sect Leader, a True Person, is approaching Cao Zhen.

Sure enough, I knew it, Cao Zhen couldn't escape this.

Everyone watched Cao Zhen with the look of someone watching an exciting drama unfold.

Bai Fengzi slowly turned to Cao Zhen, speaking calmly, "After the Golden Core Club, come see me."

Today, Lv Chaoqiong had sought her out and told her a great deal. She had not made a decision until she overheard the conversation between Cao Zhen and his disciple during the Golden Core Club, which helped her reach a conclusion. [freewebmovel.com](http://freewebmovel.com)

Cao Zhen responded without a ripple, "Yes."

Being summoned by the Sect Leader, a True Person, must be because Lv Chaoqiong had approached her, but he didn't know what terms the Sect Leader might offer him.

All around, everyone was stunned. What's going on? The Sect Leader isn't directly punishing Cao Zhen but asking him to go see her?

Having said her piece, Bai Fengzi then stepped away, leaving the area. As the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect, her attending the Golden Core Club was already a significant gesture of respect; it was unnecessary for her to stay any longer.

Watching Bai Fengzi depart, everyone was left feeling disappointed and perplexed.

"What... what is this situation?"

"The Sect Leader didn't punish Cao Zhen?"

"Probably giving Cao Zhen some face," conjectured a slightly chubby man in a green robe while pouring wine, analyzing the situation, "Cao Zhen may be a Peak Master, but he's only at the bottom, the hundredth peak. Would a Sect Leader have matters to discuss with him? If she wanted to summon someone, it would be the Peak Masters of the top ten or twenty peaks. How could it be his turn? Hence, if the Sect Leader is calling for him, it must surely be to discipline him."

"It must be so. As a Peak Master who has become one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils, he deserves to be disciplined."

"I've also heard that several Peak Masters have approached the Sect Leader, complaining that Cao Zhen has provoked widespread indignation. This time, it's likely to be more than just a reprimand. But no matter what, Cao Zhen is still a Peak Master, so the Sect Leader left him some face and did not scold him in front of everyone."

"He's now part of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils, why leave him any face?"

"Look, Peak Master Chen is leaving too."

Chen Qingluan had been waiting until Bai Fengzi was out of sight, then turned to Qu Qingqing and Shi Xiaolou and said, "Let's go, we're leaving too."

Today, she had suffered a huge loss of face; why should she stay any longer?

She would have liked to regain face, but Cao Zhen seemed to have the luck of the devil, being able to produce Spiritual Medicines as rare as Reincarnation Pills and Nirvana Pills. How could she regain face against that?

"So we're leaving now?" Tu Zhuque, hearing Chen Qingluan's intention to leave, couldn't help but reveal a triumphant smile as he tried to keep them, "Peak Master Chen, won't you stay for a bite to eat before you go?"

"No need, our Azure Pheasant Peak isn't so poor as to not afford a meal," Chen Qingluan replied, glancing at Cao Zhen not far away with a disdainful sense of sarcasm, "By the way, I almost forgot to congratulate Chief Tu again, for finding such an outstanding partner for your Li Ke. After all, Cao Zhen is also a Peak Master, and the famously notorious one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils.

Oh, and when the wedding feast for Cao Zhen and Li Ke comes around, do remember to inform me. No matter how busy I may be, I will certainly come to offer my congratulations personally."

Tu Zhuque's expression soured at her words. As she took her leave, Chen Qingluan was determined to have the last word. Did she have to specifically point out that he was a Peak Master?

She was clearly mocking him - Cao Zhen might be the master of the hundredth peak, but he was so poor he could hardly afford to eat, and now he was also one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils!

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Li Ke, how did she end up choosing Cao Zhen!

Tu Zhuque's expression was complex as she looked at Cao Zhen, her brows knitting and then relaxing in turns. She hadn't felt this conflicted in many years.

Had it been before, she would never have agreed to Li Ke choosing Cao Zhen as her Dao companion. Could Cao Zhen be worthy of her family's Li Ke?

But now the situation was different.

If one were to say Cao Zhen was unworthy of Li Ke, Cao Zhen had nonetheless started to rise to power.

Her Vermilion Bird Peak also had disciples within the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace, and disciples who could enter the Hidden Dragon Observatory. According to her disciples, three out of the four disciples of Cao Zhen had become the Hidden Dragon Three Sons. Even the one who had not become one of the Hidden Dragon Three Sons was hailed as the strongest below them.

Everyone knew that the upcoming re-ranking of the Hundred Peaks was bound to be different. Four Treasures Peak would no longer rank last as it had before; it had begun its rise. Moreover, today Cao Zhen had heavily slapped Chen Qingluan's face for her.

But did that mean Cao Zhen was now worthy of Li Ke?

She still thought Cao Zhen fell short by quite a bit.

Her Vermilion Bird Peak's Li Ke was exceptionally outstanding, not long into her immortal cultivation, yet already possessing ten Perfect Completion Golden Cores, each one a Golden Core of visions.

After the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth began, and once the masters entered their slumbers, Li Ke would inevitably become one of the strongest among her peers. Cao Zhen, however, hadn't even condensed a Golden Core yet.

Moreover, Cao Zhen's reputation wasn't very good now; he was even called one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils.

This... Cao Zhen, forget it; she should first ask Li Ke about her progress with him.

Tu Zhuque thought for a moment and then said to Cao Zhen, "After the Golden Core Club meeting is over, don't leave. I have some matters to discuss with you."

Cao Zhen felt helpless. Why is everyone looking for me to discuss matters?

"Little Sixth Son, you're quite popular, huh? Come on, let's eat first. Heaven and Earth may be vast, but the stomach is paramount. Let's go, go, go." BeiChen Ying dragged Cao Zhen towards the Four Treasures Peak's spot, and as they walked, he transmitted a message to Cao Zhen, "Little Sixth Son, that pill was refined by you, right?"

You say, now that I'm your fifth brother, when are you going to teach me alchemy? No need for other pills, just that Cycle of Nirvana Pill will do. Don't worry, after I've refined it well, I definitely won't cheat your maternal home. I'll sell it secretly to Azure Pheasant Peak."

"Later, we'll talk about it when there's time. For now, let's discuss the imminent re-ranking of the Hundred Peaks," Cao Zhen said without any surprise. BeiChen Ying had seen him practicing alchemy; if he couldn't guess that the pill was made by him, he would really have doubted BeiChen Ying's intelligence.

They hadn't walked far when they returned to Four Treasures Peak's table. Cao Zhen hadn't yet spoken when the usually reticent Ru Wenlin gently opened his mouth to ask, "Now that you're with us, you've indeed solidified your reputation as one of the Six Evils. Yet you seem very calm about it. Aren't you worried about anything? After all, our reputations are not that great."

"Reputation? That's just other people's opinions. How much is a reputation worth these days?" Cao Zhen scoffed, "Before, our Four Treasures Peak had a good reputation, right? But did you see us live well? Now, although my reputation is bad, at least our Four Treasures Peak is living better than before, and my disciples have also become much stronger.

Moreover, being called Five Evils or Six Evils doesn't necessarily mean one is a bad person. Now, even though I am called one of the Six Evils, I don't consider myself an atrocious villain, and you all don't seem like bad people either."

Cao Zhen paused for a moment and pointed in the direction Bai Fengzi had left earlier, "Besides, our Hundred Peaks Sect has its rules. If you really had done something outrageous, would the Sect Leader True Person have let you live until today?"

Today, the Sect Leader True Person would have seen you as well, yet she said nothing, which clearly indicates that you haven't done anything excessive. At most, you've deceived others a bit, and somehow, as it was spread around, the reputations turned sour."

"Right, Sixth Brother, you're absolutely correct!" Li Lingwei slammed the table and exclaimed, "Just like me, if I really were that evil, could I still be in the Law Enforcement Immortal Palace? Could I still be an elder?"

It's just that those people don't understand us. We all grew up in the Hundred Peaks Sect, our roots are in the Hundred Peaks Sect. Could it be that we don't love the Hundred Peaks Sect? It's just that we show our love for the Hundred Peaks Sect in different ways than others, so we are misunderstood.

In fact, when the eldest brother asked you earlier, he also wanted to tell you, don't take pride in being one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils, don't use this reputation to commit heinous acts. If so, we five will be the first to not forgive you. We, too, love the Hundred Peaks Sect and wish for its prosperity. We hope you feel the same."

While Cao Zhen gently filled the cup in front of him, he said, "Actually, there's no need to say these things to me. Because, I am indeed the Peak Master of one of the peaks within the Hundred Peaks Sect. I hope for my Four Treasures Peak to be better, and of course, I wish for the Hundred Peaks Sect to be better as well."

"That's the spirit! Old Six's character is still impeccable, otherwise I wouldn't have been able to bring Old Six into our circle." BeiChen Ying appropriately raised his cup and downed it in one gulp, adding, "Now, shall we discuss how to make money?"

Cao Zhen looked around and indicated to the others, "There are too many people here; let's go outside to discuss the re-ranking of the Hundred Peaks."

"No need for the hassle." Zhong Xinyi raised her hand to pull off a pearl hanging around her neck, placed it on the table, and with a flick of her finger, a spell entered the pearl. A nearly invisible barrier rose around them, "There, Sixth Brother, speak your mind."

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From afar, Tu Zhuque did not linger in the courtyard, but instead took Li Ke to a secluded spot. With a mixture of worry and anticipation, he looked at Li Ke and asked, "Tell me, when did you and Cao Zhen start this? How come I didn't know? And, how far have you two developed your relationship?"

"We..." Li Ke glanced around, seeing that there were no others nearby. Since that was the case, telling the truth was the plan... telling it...

No, if I tell the truth, Master will definitely continue to arrange a match for me, which would be endlessly annoying. Therefore, it's better to keep using Cao Zhen. After all, I spent two hundred thousand Spirit Stones on this; I can't let that go to waste.

"What about you two? If you have something to say, just say it." Tu Zhuque's brows furrowed, and a sense of worry began to surface in his heart. Since when had Li Ke become so hesitant? This matter...

"Master, we're doing well," Li Ke recalled her first meeting with Cao Zhen and slowly said, "We met while fishing, just before Cao Zhen's competition with Starshine Peak." As she spoke, she also reassured herself, We did meet at that time, so I shouldn't be considered as deceiving Master.

"Fishing?" Tu Zhuque asked dissatisfiedly, "What is a Peak Master doing fishing when there's nothing wrong? Also, you're doing well? How well is that? To what extent have you developed your relationship?"

"To what extent... well... it's deep, yes, our relationship has developed deeply," said Li Ke helplessly. Since she didn't understand anything about love, all she could say was that it was deep.

"Deep? You two..." Tu Zhuque looked at his disciple with this attitude and let out a heavy sigh in his heart, feeling that she was hopelessly in love.

"Why him out of all people?" Tu Zhuque sighed several times, pointing at Li Ke with a bitter resentment, "Look at Qu Qingqing; she chose the rising talent from Four Treasures Peak, Shi Xiaolou, who has reached Great Perfection Golden Core. And you... you choose someone who hasn't even reached the Golden Core Stage."

"What's so great about Shi Xiaolou?" Li Ke spoke dismissively, "He lost face at the banquet just now, didn't he? They say he's unparalleled in both calligraphy and martial arts, but what was the result? His writing couldn't compare to Cao Zhen's at all, and he even had an enlightenment from Cao Zhen's writing. Even the gift he gave was inferior to Cao Zhen's."

"Yes, I also just learned how well Cao Zhen writes. It indeed surprised me. There may not be many among the younger generation who can compare to Cao Zhen's writing. However... Calligraphy isn't Cao Zhen's way into Dao. If it were, I would have no objections. But now, it's impossible for him to abandon

Four Treasures Peak and go to Wonderful Pen Peak or Immortal Pen Peak to learn how to pursue Dao through calligraphy, and it's too late for that anyway."

Li Ke looked unhappy, "Then just say it outright, you don't think highly of Cao Zhen."

"That's not it. Master doesn't look down upon Cao Zhen; after all, his calligraphy is indeed good, and he's also a Peak Master. Now Four Treasures Peak is also on the rise, but..." Tu Zhuque looked at his disciple with a sense of regret, "It's just that you're too excellent; you could find someone better."

"There's no need. I think Cao Zhen is very good. No, he's the only one I consider good. And he's been good to me too," Li Ke said, and she even took out the Cycle of Nirvana Pill that Cao Zhen gave her, "Master, look, he even gave me this kind of pill."

You know the situation of Four Treasures Peak, how poor they have become; yet he didn't sell the pill for Spirit Stones but gave it to me, his disciple."

Seeing the pill, Tu Zhuque's expression softened a bit, and he nodded slightly, "In this regard, he did do well."

"Master, I haven't even used an ordinary Nirvana Pill before, and I haven't used this pill either," Li Ke said while handing the Cycle of Nirvana Pill over to Tu Zhuque, "Take this Cycle of Nirvana Pill for yourself."

"What do you take me for?" Tu Zhuque's brow immediately furrowed, and he said sternly, "What does it mean for me to take away the congratulatory gift your Dao companion gave you? Keep it for yourself. Later on, I will give you a Nirvana Pill."

Indeed, she wanted the Cycle of Nirvana Pill, but as she had said, it was a gift her disciple's Dao companion gave her own disciple; how could she take it?

Besides, with the approaching Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, she would enter slumber, and during that time, both Vermilion Bird Peak and Hundred Peaks Sect would rely on Li Ke. Li Ke needed the Cycle of Nirvana Pill more than she did.

"Well then... since you've decided on Cao Zhen, Master can't force you apart." In the end, Tu Zhuque sighed resignedly and, after a brief pause, slowly said, "However, his cultivation base is still too low; we must help him cultivate. Otherwise, by the time of your Dao Companion Ceremony, if he doesn't even have a Golden Core, it would sound too bad if it got out.

For now, let's go out; today is the Golden Core Club that our Vermilion Bird Peak is hosting for you. If both of us are absent, it would easily become a laughingstock. After the Golden Core Club ends, Master will have a good talk with him about how to enhance his cultivation base."

"Master, there's no need for that," Li Ke really wanted to tell her Master that she was just acting, let alone having a Dao Companion Ceremony, "You are thinking too much."

"How can it be unnecessary? This concerns not only yourself but also the face of our entire Vermilion Bird Peak. I have never been inferior to anyone in my life; how can I let Chen Qingluan outdo me? My disciple is stronger than hers, and my disciple's Dao companion also... also cannot be worse than her disciple's Dao companion."

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"Yes, yes, Disciple understands and will be going back now." Li Ke saw her master was about to start lecturing again and hurriedly left to look for Cao Zhen and the others.

In the huge courtyard, Cao Zhen glanced around at the nearly transparent screen of light, understanding that it must be some treasure that blocks sound, and without further concern, said to those gathered, "Folks..."

He had barely begun to speak when Li Lingwei slapped him hard on the arm and said, "What do you mean by folks? We all call you Little Sixth Son, so you should be calling us brother and sister."

As she spoke, she also raised her cup and looked at Ru Wenlin, asking, "Big brother, shouldn't we have a drink together today to celebrate gaining a new younger brother?"

Cao Zhen noticed that, not counting himself, among the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks, the most forthright was actually the petite-looking woman Li Lingwei; moreover, she loved drinking the most. She even carried a wine gourd that was almost as big as her.

Ru Wenlin nodded slightly, "That's indeed worth celebrating big time." With that, he raised his cup.

Everyone else lifted their cups as well and drank up.

After setting down his cup, Cao Zhen then said, "Big brothers and sisters, I just thought of something. Now everyone knows that our Hundred Peaks Sect is not weak, and the positions of the Hidden Dragon Three Sons are all held by my disciples.

Moreover, I have made a move in the Hidden Dragon Observatory before, and many are aware of my strength. Others are not fools; when it's time for Hundred Peaks to rearrange the rankings, I reckon many will bet on Four Treasures Peak rising.

However, the odds for Four Treasures Peak moving up the ranks will probably not be high. The profit we can make will likely not be much. Therefore, I suddenly think that during this Hundred Peaks ranking, we should simply keep Four Treasures Peak's ranking the same, continuing to stay at the hundredth position.

Probably no one would believe that we remain in the hundredth spot, right? The odds for us staying at a hundred will be the highest!"

"So, we directly bet on Four Treasures Peak not rising in the rankings!" Beichen Ying was instantly excited, "This could work! Big brothers, big sisters, let's join forces.

Later, after dinner, let's go out to exorcise demons and earn some Spirit Stones, then bet all on Hundred Peaks Sect staying in the hundredth rank. Just like Little Sixth Son said, definitely no one will believe that Four Treasures Peak would still be in the hundredth position."

Not far away, a Peak Master looked at Cao Zhen who was getting along famously with the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks and couldn't help sneering, "Cao Zhen has truly accepted being one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils. It seems he's beyond redemption."

"Looking at that smile on his face, I think he's even proud of it."

"Immortal Li Ke has arrived."

"Ah... it's a pity. Immortal Li Ke is so outstanding. In our Hundred Peaks Sect, many heroes hope to become her companion, yet Immortal Li Ke has chosen Cao Zhen, one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils."

"It's like a fresh flower stuck in cow dung."

"I really don't see what Immortal Li Ke sees in Cao Zhen."

"Alas, has Immortal Li Ke gone mad? She's actually taking the initiative to look for Cao Zhen!"

Li Ke looked at the screen of light in front of Cao Zhen and his companions, her face showing a hint of surprise, and quickly stepped into it.

Though the screen could block sound, it could not stop people.

Upon entering, she didn't wait for anyone to speak and asked, "What are you talking about?" She was really curious about what they were discussing that required sound to be blocked.

Li Lingwei, after taking a sip of her drink, casually said, "We're talking about the upcoming reordering of Hundred Peaks, asking Little Sixth how many ranks Hundred Peaks Sect will move up." With that, she even burped and, looking at Li Ke, praised, "The Vermilion fruit brew from your Vermilion Bird Peak is really good. When we leave, could you ask someone to prepare some for me?" After all, we're all on the same side; there's nothing to be embarrassed about.

"The drink is certainly no problem," Li Ke didn't care about the drink issue and instead, looked at Cao Zhen with curiosity, "By the way, I'm also quite curious, how much can your Four Treasures Peak move up?"

Cao Zhen was about to speak when Li Lingwei interjected again, "Move up? Move up what? Little Sixth said that this time, Four Treasures Peak's ranking will stay the same because that's the only way to make more money. After all, everyone knows that Four Treasures Peak is rising, they will all bet on Four

Treasures Peak moving up. If we do the same, we won't make much money. But the odds for staying the same will be high, and that's how we can make money."

Cao Zhen was instantly speechless, your mouth is really quick enough, now, thanks to you, one more person knows that I don't plan to move up the rankings, and there's one more person to split the money with.

Li Ke showed a brief moment of surprise, then her face lit up with excitement, "That's a great idea. In the next few days, someone should start setting up the book, and I'll bet all I have on it when the time comes."

"Wait a moment," Cao Zhen stopped Li Ke, "you can't bet. Now everyone knows that we two are companions. If you bet, others will surely suspect something. Who else will bet on us moving up? Everyone will definitely follow your lead. Then we won't make anything."

Without a second thought, Li Ke said, "That's easy, I just won't bet myself. I can have someone else place the bet."

Cao Zhen shook his head, "Who can you ask? People from your Vermilion Bird Peak? If you ask people from Vermilion Bird Peak, others will also think something's up. Besides, what if the person you ask leaks the information?"

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"Then we'll just find someone who won't leak the information." Beichen Ying pointed at himself and said, "Junior sister, you can give all the Spirit Stones to us and let us place the bet. That way, you won't have to worry about any leaks. Of course, since we're placing bets for you, junior sister, shouldn't you give us a little something for our troubles? Not much, just thirty percent will do."

"Thirty percent? Why don't you just go rob someone!" Li Ke's brows furrowed tightly as she glared at Beichen Ying fiercely, "Ten percent, I'll give you at most ten percent. Any more than that, and we might as well all go down together. Then nobody will get anything."

Beichen Ying was completely stunned; he even doubt if the person in front of him was really Li Ke, "You... Everyone calls you Immortal, and yet you're still greedy for money?"

"So what if I'm called Immortal? Can an Immortal not love money? Does an Immortal not poop or fart? Does an Immortal not pick at their toes? I'll tell you, what I love most is money. If you take more than ten percent, then we might as well all go down together."

The Five Evils of Hundred Peaks, even including the always gentlemanly and composed Ru Wenlin, were all stunned, watching Li Ke with shocked faces.

Around them, several people who had been paying attention to the situation here since Li Ke arrived suddenly showed excitement on their faces.

"Look, look, is Immortal Li Ke getting mad?"

"It's more than just anger, it seems like Immortal Li Ke is really furious."

"I told you, how could Immortal Li Ke possibly collude with the Hundred Peaks Six Evils? It looks like she's going to break off with Cao Zhen."

"It's better if they break off. Cao Zhen, how could he be worthy of Immortal Li Ke!"

"What, you think you have a chance?"

"And what if I do? If Immortal Li Ke could fancy Cao Zhen, why couldn't she possibly fancy me?"

Inside the light screen, Beichen Ying was stunned for a long time before he suddenly sighed, "I've realized I was wrong. I think compared to Little Sixth Son, you're actually more suited to be one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils."

Li Ke shook her head, "That won't do, master would never agree to it."

However, Zhong Xinyi suddenly asked, "Doesn't it tire you to maintain the image of a cold and distant Immortal outside all the time?"

"Tired, how could I not be tired? But there's no choice. I am a disciple of Vermilion Bird Peak, and moreover, I am master's direct disciple. Only in front of a few close people can I truly be myself." Li Ke looked at Zhong Xinyi and Li Lingwei across from her, a hint of envy appearing in her eyes.

These two, although they're called the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks, don't have to live behind masks. If they want to drink heavily, they drink heavily. Whatever they wish to do, they just do it, without caring about the gazes of others or having to feign a cold appearance.

"It's all right, junior sister. We're all our own people here. From now on, in front of us, you can do whatever you want and don't need to pretend," Beichen Ying said, "Since we're all our own people, then we'll just take ten percent."

"Fifth brother, wait a moment..." Cao Zhen interjected, "Actually, not only can Li Ke not bet on Hundred Peaks Sect not rising in rank, but you can't bet either.

Now, everyone knows I'm part of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils. We are one. If you bet that our Four Treasures Peak doesn't rise in the ranks, others will suspect there's a problem as well."

"That's easy, you've only been officially recognized as one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils today. So long as you're not one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils, isn't that problem solved? We can just put on a show."

As he spoke, Beichen Ying suddenly grabbed the wine cup in his hand and slammed it down onto the table.

"Bang!"

The wine cup shattered against Zhong Xinyi's pearl Treasure, immediately emitting a crisp sound as it broke into pieces, scattering around and the wine splashing everywhere, as the light screen also vanished.

The sudden change made everyone around turn their heads to look.

Beichen Ying pointed at Cao Zhen and shouted loudly, "Little Sixth, I'll still call you Little Sixth. Tell me, who do you choose, us or that Li Ke?"

If you call me 'Fifth Brother' one more time, I'll assume none of this ever happened and you'll still be our Little Sixth!"

Cao Zhen was completely dumbfounded, weren't you supposed to give me a heads-up before you started performing? You just started acting out of the blue? Aren't you afraid I can't keep up with your pace!

Before he could speak, Li Ke had already started playing her part, "Are you hesitating?" Her soft voice began to ring out, clearly reaching the ears of the onlookers around them.

"No, I'm not hesitating," Cao Zhen instantly got into character—it's just acting, isn't it? I might not have eaten pork before, but haven't I seen a pig run? I saw so many movies and TV shows in my past life, can't I out-act you? Who are you to look down on me?"

Cao Zhen imagined that Li Ke in front of him was made of countless Spirit Stones and said with deep emotion, "I might hesitate about other things, but I will never hesitate about you."

Do you know? Ke, from the first day I met you, no one else could fit in my eyes. You are the sun and the moon in my heart. All I think about every day is you, wishing to be with you every single day."

"Very well!" Unable to maintain his scholarly composure anymore, Ru Wenlin suddenly stood up, dramatically flicked his sleeves, and said fiercely, "We must have been blind. Let's go!"

With that, he turned and walked towards the exit, and the crowd around him hurriedly made way, even from a distance feeling the overwhelming anger emanating from Ru Wenlin.

"Cao Zhen, you just wait!" Beichen Ying couldn't resist threatening before he left.

The crowd watched in stunned silence as the Five Evils walked away and took a moment before they could react.

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"Is this... are they breaking up?"

"The Hundred Peaks Sect just recently got the Six Evils, and in less than a day, it's back to the Five Evils?"

"What? Isn't it enough that our Hundred Peaks Sect has the Five Evils? You want a Six Evils too?"

"Yes, Peak Master Cao did the right thing. It's not too late for him to realize he's lost his way and come back."

Li Ke listened to Cao Zhen's nauseating declarations and felt her skin crawl. She quietly transmitted her voice through a secret channel, "You truly are nauseating."

Cao Zhen immediately felt displeased and responded through the secret channel, "Nauseating? This is called being deeply affectionate. I'm saying, I've made such a huge sacrifice to make this act look real, and uttered such affectionate words. Don't you think you should compensate me with ten thousand spirit stones?"

Li Ke was at a loss for words. "Compensate you? I had to listen to such nauseating words and forcefully hold back. My sacrifice is huge. You should be the one giving me ten thousand spirit stones."

Cao Zhen no longer discussed the issue of the ten thousand spirit stones with Li Ke. He suddenly discovered that many people around him no longer looked at him with as much hostility. How many people did his five brothers and sisters offend on regular days?

However, there were still many people looking at him with the same hostile gaze.

Could these perhaps be disciples from the peaks where he sold divine weapons or jealous 'rivals' feeling bitter?

"Smooth talker." Not far away, a young disciple murmured quietly to his companion, "He can actually say those words."

"Exactly, truly shameless, saying those words in front of so many people!"

"And yet, Immortal Li Ke actually seems to enjoy it!"

"Immortal Li Ke couldn't have been deceived by his sweet nothings, could she?"

"It's not impossible. Think about it, Immortal Li Ke is purely focused on cultivation, she must be simple-minded..."

Hearing their words, Cao Zhen could only think of five words to describe these people—so naive, so innocent. Li Ke simple-minded? If she's simple-minded, you all are single-celled organisms.

At a distance, Tu Zhuque revealed a smile. Very good, his disciple indeed understood the situation. By making Cao Zhen disassociate himself from the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks, with the support of his Vermilion Bird Peak, Cao Zhen's reputation could gradually be recovered. What remained was to enhance the strength of Cao Zhen and Four Treasures Peak.

After the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks left, Cao Zhen discovered that he still couldn't find peace.

Since Li Ke was the star of the day, people continuously approached her, attempting to curry favor. There were even some who were prepared to take a more indirect approach, thinking of using her husband's connection.

He really wanted to tell these people that schmoozing was useless; they needed to offer something substantial because the Immortal they all admired admitted herself that she loved money the most.

Moreover, apart from these people, the Peak Master of Immortal Pen Peak, Song Xianbi, and the Peak Master of Wonderful Pen Peak, He Miaobi, also brought their disciples over to cozy up to him. They kept at it until the Golden Core Club meeting ended, still talking incessantly.

"If Peak Master Cao is free, he must visit our Immortal Pen Peak. We will certainly provide a hospitable welcome."

"Peak Master Cao, if you have time, please also visit our Wonderful Pen Peak. We will welcome you with the highest standard."

Cao Zhen, really annoyed by these two Peak Masters' pestering, could only reply, "Certainly, certainly. When I have time, I will definitely visit."

"Then, Peak Master Cao, when can we expect the honor of your visit?" At this moment, Song Xianbi didn't at all resemble a Peak Master, even using the word "honor" with him.

Cao Zhen also felt helpless. The two Peak Masters had always been polite, and had even spoken on his behalf before, so he didn't feel it was appropriate to chase them away.

Fortunately, Tu Zhuque's arrival finally relieved him.

"Ke, you and Cao Zhen, come with me, I have something to tell you."

The Golden Core Club had finally ended, and she at last had time to speak with Cao Zhen. Although Cao Zhen was a Peak Master, he was also the daoist partner of her disciple, so calling him directly by his name elicited no objections from anyone.

"If that's the case, then I'll return to Immortal Pen Peak and await Peak Master Cao's visit."

"Peak Master Cao, we'll be heading back to Wonderful Pen Peak too, waiting for Peak Master Cao."

Seeing this, Song Xianbi and He Miaobi had no choice but to take their leave.

It didn't take long for both of them, along with their respective disciples, to leave Vermilion Bird Peak, each casting a disgruntled look at the other as they headed toward two different Immortal Cloud Carriages. Their peaks were located in opposite directions, east and west.

Song Xianbi, having just boarded the cloud carriage with Chang Tiance, disembarked soon after at the next stop.

Chang Tiance looked at his master with confusion, "Master, weren't we heading back to Immortal Pen Peak? Why have we suddenly got off?"

Song Xianbi explained matter-of-factly, "Getting off to change carriages to head to Four Treasures Peak, of course."

"Four Treasures Peak?" Chang Tiance asked puzzled, "Master, didn't you just say we were going back to await Peak Master Cao's visit?"

"Are you stupid?" Song Xianbi looked at his disciple with exasperation and said, "With a calligraphy master like Peak Master Cao, how can we wait for him to visit us? Naturally, we should take the initiative to visit Peak Master Cao."

When I said that we were waiting for Peak Master Cao at Immortal Pen Peak just now, that was simply to mislead the people from Wonderful Pen Peak. Only then will they obediently go back and wait for Peak Master Cao, while we can meet him before they do."

Chang Tiance instantly understood, exclaiming, "Master, you're brilliant!"

As one of the Top Ten Peaks, Vermilion Bird Peak naturally had many disciples. With the Golden Core Club over, there were disciples to take care of everything.

Cao Zhen and Li Ke followed Tu Zhuque into a side hall.

Once a disciple of Vermilion Bird Peak brought Fragrant Tea and left, Tu Zhuque looked at Cao Zhen and nodded slightly, "I am relieved that you have severed ties with the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks."

Cao Zhen offered an awkward smile, thinking to himself that she might be relieved now, but wait until she learns that they hadn't cut ties at all and that her beloved disciple had even acted in a play with them—if she doesn't get so angry that it makes her ill.

Tu Zhuque's gaze upon Cao Zhen had softened much more than before. She tapped gently on the armrest of the wooden chair, slowly beginning to speak, "As a Peak Master, you are certainly a good match for our Ke. However, your Four Treasures Peak ranks too low.

The day for the new ranking of Hundred Peaks is not far off. I hope you can elevate Four Treasures Peak's rank a bit more. That way, it wouldn't be demeaning to our Ke when spoken of."

"Yes, I will definitely do my best to raise the rank of our Four Treasures Peak in this Hundred Peaks ranking," Cao Zhen promptly nodded to show his stance. After all, Li Ke had given him 200,000 Spirit Stones to put on an act; having taken the money, he surely had to play his part well.

Besides, the more people that knew about his intention to push for a higher rank for Four Treasures Peak, the higher they believed it would be, the betting odds for the peak not rising in rank would be more favorable. That way, he could earn even more.

His goal was to make everyone around him believe that he was aiming for a higher rank!

This was the only way to deceive everyone.

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Hundred Peaks Sect, with over a hundred peaks, each one places great emphasis on the re-ranking of Hundred Peaks.

The ranking of a peak determines the resources it can obtain, and a higher ranking naturally means access to more resources.

More importantly, the ranking symbolizes the honor and status of a peak. Who would want their peak's ranking to be lower than others?

Tu Zhuque likewise attached great importance to the rankings of Hundred Peaks.

Her goals had always been twofold.

First, to become the number one ranked peak within the Hundred Peaks Sect!

Second, if the first goal could not be achieved, then at least to rank higher than Azure Pheasant Peak.

She had never considered that she would have a third goal in the Hundred Peaks ranking.

"To be credible, Four Treasures Peak must at least become one of the Upper Fifty Peaks," she mused.

Tu Zhuque rubbed her temples with a hint of a headache—she had never worried about Vermilion Bird Peak falling out of the top ten, but now, she found herself troubled about how a peak could break into the top fifty.

Cao Zhen confidently assured, "Peak Master Tu, rest assured, our Four Treasures Peak should have no problem entering the top fifty. From now on, we must start our plan, showing our confidence in reaching the top fifty, so that others will bet more on our ranking rise, and the odds of Four Treasures Peak moving up from the hundredth rank will be even higher."

"Although breaking into the top fifty is not difficult, it is not as easy as you think," Tu Zhuque stated gravely. "I know that your disciples are not weak in cultivation; some disciples of my Vermilion Bird Peak even say that instead of 'Hidden Dragon Three Sons', there should now be 'Four Sons of the Hidden Dragon', representing the four disciples of Four Treasures Peak.

However, the rankings of Hundred Peaks are not just about cultivation level or who can fight better, but also about the six arts of immortal cultivation—Pill, Talisman, Formation, Artifact, Agriculture, and Beast. As far as I know, the inheritance of these six arts at Four Treasures Peak seems to be rather scant."

"The inheritances might be few, but as it happens, I've encountered some opportunities and acquired a few inheritances," Cao Zhen felt that in the realm of the six arts of immortal cultivation, within the Hundred Peaks Sect, if he claimed to be second, probably no one dared claim to be first.

After all, he possessed the knowledge of Zhang Daoling—how could such a being with great ability not understand the six arts of immortal cultivation?

In the six arts, Pill refers to alchemy, and currently, my alchemy level has reached an astonishing high of Level Fifty-five, the existence of a Pill King, moreover a Great Grandmaster in alchemy theory.

Talisman, naturally, pertains to various talismans, and my current Talisman Level is also over forty levels, not to mention having Ling Xi, the possessor of the Ancient Talisman Immortal Body, which keeps us in a constant state of benefit without struggle.

Formation is of course about various formations, and my current Array Level just broke through to Level Forty-one not long ago, probably unmatched within Hundred Peaks Sect.

Artifact refers to artifact refining, which although I have not yet practiced, the knowledge imparted by Zhang Daoling also includes how to craft artifacts, and I could elevate my level in artifact refining whenever I wish.

Agriculture pertains to the cultivation of various Spirit Fields and Spiritual Medicines. While I might not be adept at farming, I have connected with the land, so how could farming be an issue?

Beast is about the breeding, nurturing, and handling various spirit beasts—all of which are also recorded in the documents of Zhang Daoling.

In a flash, Tu Zhuque thought of the Cycle of Nirvana Pill that Cao Zhen had given her. The opportunity Cao Zhen spoke of is likely from the place where he acquired the Cycle of Nirvana Pill. If the inheritances he gathered there include the six arts, they must be significant—indeed, if there is an inheritance of alchemy technique, it might even be stronger than the alchemical inheritance of Vermilion Bird Peak!

The alchemy inheritance of Vermilion Bird Peak is indeed more robust than that of an average mountain, but within the Top Ten Peaks, it is only considered mediocre.

Suddenly, she remembered a rumor—some said Cao Zhen excelled in alchemy. She had not paid much attention to this, for how proficient could Cao Zhen be in alchemy? Could he be better than those from Drunken Pill Peak? Now that she thought about it, the rumors of Cao Zhen's prowess in alchemy might indeed be true, and his skill might be far greater than she had imagined, especially since one of the opportunities he had was the now-extinct Cycle of Nirvana Pill.

His proficiency in alchemy... It couldn't be, the Cycle of Nirvana Pill wasn't concocted by him, was it?

Thinking this, Tu Zhuque shook her head. No matter how powerful the opportunity Cao Zhen obtained was, it was implausible he could have concocted the Cycle of Nirvana Pill, a pill that no one in the entire Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty could make. After all, possessing an inheritance doesn't guarantee the ability to produce a particular pill.

She cast aside the impractical thoughts in her mind and focused, saying, "Since you have the inheritances of the six arts, then you should select the appropriate arts for your disciples. Each art requires a different natural proclivity. You need to find out quickly which one suits each disciple, as Four Treasures Peak still has too few people."

As she spoke, Tu Zhuque unconsciously rubbed her temples again, truly feeling overwhelmed. Just like her Vermilion Bird Peak could redirect a disciple not suited for artifact refining to other arts amongst the six - with so many disciples, it was always possible to find the ones suited for each art.

But Four Treasures Peak only had five disciples in total, with one being a newly entered novice from the Taoist Institution. Even if these disciples were not a good fit, they would have to be taught forcefully.

"After you return, if your disciples encounter anything they don't understand or have questions about during the practice of the six arts, they can come at any time to ask and learn," she added.

While the core arts of Vermilion Bird Peak couldn't be directly imparted to Four Treasures Peak, some of the foundational arts, and even the inheritances obtained from elsewhere, could be taught to them. Even more crucially, Vermilion Bird Peak could share the experience of practicing the six arts with Four Treasures Peak.

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As for the six arts included in the opportunities Cao Zhen obtained, especially alchemy, she was curious and even tempted, but she would not directly ask about it. After all, it was an opportunity that Cao Zhen had found for himself.

If Cao Zhen decided to share it with Li Ke, that would be even better, but if not, she wouldn't insist. The Hundred Peaks Sect had its own rules, after all.

"Moreover," Tu Zhuque pointed outside the door and said, "Your newly accepted disciple Yi Sheng has a True Yang body, and we at Vermilion Bird Peak excel in the Fire Technique within the Hundred Peaks Sect. Should she encounter any issues during her cultivation, she can come to Vermilion Bird Peak to seek advice at any time. The same goes for your other four disciples."

Cao Zhen immediately broke into laughter. He had been worrying about how to broach the subject of the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool for Yi Sheng, yet Tu Zhuque had brought it up proactively. This was an offer of help from her.

"Chief Tu, actually, concerning my disciple Yi Sheng, I do have a favor to ask of the Peak Master," said Cao Zhen somewhat sheepishly. "I heard that Vermilion Bird Peak has the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool, and my disciple just so happens to have a True Yang body..."

"You wish to enter the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool?" Tu Zhuque's face showed a smug smile as she said, "Indeed, the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool offers tremendous benefits to anyone who cultivates Fire Techniques or Divine Skills, as well as those with a fire system physique. And within the entire Hundred Peaks Sect, only Vermilion Bird Peak possesses the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool; even Azure Pheasant Peak doesn't have one.

Normally, let alone individuals from other peaks, even our disciples at Vermilion Bird Peak don't all qualify to immerse themselves in the Blood Pool. After all, with each additional person soaking in the Vermilion Bird's Blood, it becomes more diluted.

However, since you and Ke have reached this stage, your disciple can be considered half a disciple of Vermilion Bird Peak. Given that she has a True Yang body, she is eligible to enter the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool.

After she soaks in the Blood Pool, her strength will increase significantly. This will also help Four Treasures Peak improve its ranking when Hundred Peaks reorganizes."

As Tu Zhuque spoke, she stood up from her chair and walked outside: "It just so happens that the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool is currently unoccupied. I will personally take you there."

"Thank you very much, Chief Tu," Cao Zhen hastily expressed his gratitude. Before coming to Vermilion Bird Peak, he hadn't imagined that gaining access to the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool for Yi Sheng would go so smoothly, and he had Li Ke to thank for it.

It seemed from what Chief Tu said, were it not for the connection with Li Ke, his disciple might not have been granted access to the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool.

The Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool was situated on a Great Stone at the rear mountain of Vermilion Bird Peak, extremely close to the summit. The stone seemed as if it had flown in from beyond the heavens, standing out alone with just one area connecting to the main peak.

The entirety of the Great Stone was fiery red, and walking on it one could feel waves of searing heat. Cao Zhen even suspected that if he stood there much longer, the soles of his shoes would melt due to the high temperature of the stone.

Cao Zhen glanced at the ground beneath his feet, speculating whether the Great Stone was formed from the solidification of volcanic magma.

In the middle of the stone lay a square pool filled with a fiery red liquid that bubbled up from time to time.

Does this really contain the blood of the Vermilion Bird?

Cao Zhen eyed the so-called Blood Pool skeptically and looked around. Engraved throughout the red stone were various patterns.

Upon closer inspection, he could also see that several Crystal Stones were embedded into the stone.

There's clearly a Formation on this Great Stone...

No, that's incorrect! There are two Formations, merged together here, and the Blood Pool is the Formation Eye of both.

Moreover, there seem to be scents of several materials in the Blood Pool.

Cao Zhen sniffed, trying to discern the scents of materials within the Blood Pool...

Tu Zhuque, paying no mind to Cao Zhen, pointed at the Blood Pool and said to Yi Sheng, "This is the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool. Take off all your clothes and soak in it. How long you can stay in there will be up to your own fortune.

Remember, once you can't endure any longer, get out immediately. Otherwise, at the very least, your meridians could be damaged, or at worst, you could be burned to death by the intense fire."

"Yes, thank you, Chief Tu," replied Yi Sheng, suppressing the excitement in her heart. She bowed to Tu Zhuque first, then began to remove her clothes, quickly exposing her long legs to the air.

Tu Zhuque watched Yi Sheng as she slowly undressed, but suddenly felt that something was amiss.

"Cao Zhen!"

In the next moment, she realized her error and turned her head to glare at Cao Zhen with anger: "Get out now!"

"Ah?" Cao Zhen was taken aback for a moment, then quickly realized the issue and turned his head away, chuckling inwardly. So this was the Vermilion Bird's Blood Pool; when he returned, he'd consider setting up a similar Blood Pool at Four Treasures Peak if he had time.

As he left the Great Stone of the Blood Pool, it wasn't long before Tu Zhuque and Li Ke also departed from within.

Seeing that there was nothing left for him to do at Vermilion Bird Peak, Cao Zhen took the initiative to say, "Peak Master, the Sect Leader previously asked me to find her. Shall I go now? Don't worry, once I return to Four Treasures Peak, I will certainly accelerate my cultivation and will also push my disciples to do the same. If there's anything they don't understand, I'll have them come and ask."

Tu Zhuque nodded slightly, her expression easing. Cao Zhen's ambition was commendable. Although from any point of view, Cao Zhen didn't seem to match her disciple, there was nothing she could do since her disciple fancied him. All she could do was help both Cao Zhen and Four Treasures Peak as much as possible.

Cao Zhen quickly departed from Vermilion Bird Peak and, unexpectedly, as he left the mountain, Li Ke even handed him a Spiritual Stone Ticket worth two hundred thousand taels.

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"This girl actually gave it?"

Hadn't she said that she was the most fond of wealth? He had thought she would tell him that because of her, Yi Sheng could enter the Vermilion Bird blood pool, that the two hundred thousand Spirit Stones should be waived, or at least offered at a discount. He hadn't expected her to give him the Spirit Stones so readily.

Cao Zhen was reminded of the time he had won the competition against Starshine Peak, and Li Ke's cat had voluntarily given him Spirit Stones. So, Li Ke loved wealth, but she was sure to keep her word once given and would repay any debt she owed to others.

Vermilion Bird Peak was indeed much closer to Ascension Peak than Four Treasures Peak was.

When Cao Zhen met Bai Fengzi again, he felt that the Sect Leader seemed much more affable than before.

"Lv Chaoqiong has looked for me," said Bai Fengzi, not sitting in his usual chair but standing before Cao Zhen as he began, "You probably know why she came to me.

I agree with her suggestion to appoint you as the deputy chief of Hidden Dragon Observatory. To be frank, although you would be the deputy, I could grant you all the powers that a chief should have. Furthermore, you may use all the materials within Hidden Dragon Observatory at will without having to consult me."

Cao Zhen was completely dumbfounded, as he had been prepared to ask for much more, but being allowed to freely use all the materials inside Hidden Dragon Observatory was something he had not even dared to contemplate.

Hidden Dragon Observatory was the place specifically for nurturing the talents of Hundred Peaks Sect. Who didn't know that cultivating talents consumed a tremendous amount of materials, and the materials in Hidden Dragon Observatory were staggeringly vast.

"Sect Leader... do you realize what I could do with these powers you've given me?" Cao Zhen couldn't understand why Bai Fengzi would endow him with such great powers.

Bai Fengzi looked at Cao Zhen serenely and said slowly, "Are you trying to say I am mad?"

I know what I am doing. Perhaps others, upon learning of the powers you've received, might think you would exhaust all resources within Hidden Dragon Observatory, even try to convert them for the use of Four Treasures Peak, or even for your own personal gain.

But I am aware that you would not do such things, and I understand that you do many things for the sake of enhancing your own Cultivation Base, to better the Hundred Peaks Sect.

I also hope that before the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth arrives, our Hundred Peaks Sect could have more experts at the Golden Core Stage. This will only benefit our Hundred Peaks Sect, as after all, once the Qiankun small epoch descends completely, the highest realm of cultivation won't exceed the Golden Core.

Every additional expert at the Golden Core Stage in our Hundred Peaks Sect means more security for us."

As she spoke, she paused slightly and showed a strange expression, saying, "Though I don't understand how you manage it—consuming a pill and having your cultivation level surge each time—it's completely illogical.

Yet you've achieved it.

And as for those Disciples of yours, I wouldn't ignore Four Treasures Peak just because it's ranked one hundredth, especially when your Disciples all possess the Ancient Immortal Body, which everyone knows is extremely difficult to cultivate.

I am fairly aware that the Cultivation Bases of your Disciples weren't high before, but now they have each broken through to the Nascent Soul Stage, presumably thanks to your pills.

Perhaps your ability to do so is because you're an Alchemy Master, a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability."

"Peak Master. The era in which I was born has long passed, and now, I am merely Cao Zhen, the Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak, a Disciple of Hundred Peaks Sect, and this is my home."

Cao Zhen was not surprised in the least. If Lv Chaoqiong intended for him to take over the management of Hidden Dragon Observatory, then Ai Yunqi would inevitably have told her that he was a reincarnated Great Ability. And such crucial information could not have been kept from Bai Fengzi by Lv Chaoqiong.

Bai Fengzi nodded gently, "I believe you, which is why I have bestowed you with such significant powers. I know that you will assist the Hundred Peaks Sect in your own way.

And the reason I've granted you these powers is because your current Cultivation Realm is admittedly somewhat lacking. I hope you can swiftly elevate your Cultivation Base.

After all, the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is drawing increasingly near, and I've started to feel somewhat overwhelmed. I fear that in about half a year, I will have to go into slumber."

"Half a year?" Cao Zhen looked at Bai Fengzi with utter astonishment. He was aware that the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth was looming, but he had not expected that Bai Fengzi would be unable to sustain it so soon.

Bai Fengzi heaved a sigh and said, "You should know that people with a high enough Cultivation Base have already begun feeling the effects even before the actual arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth. The higher the Cultivation Base, the more severe the impact.

When the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth finally arrives, it will be extremely intense. Moreover, every Qiankun small epoch is different, and nobody knows just how fierce the incoming one will be.

Nobody knows how long it will last either. Some Qiankun small epochs may persist for only a few decades, while others may last several hundred years.

And there are Qiankun small epochs where, after their arrival, all experts above the Golden Core Level will enter slumber within a year, and in others, it could take ten or even a hundred years for every expert above the Golden Core Level to succumb to slumber.

But no matter how many years it takes, all experts above the Golden Core Level will eventually enter slumber. I estimate that in about half a year, the Qiankun small epoch will truly descend, and at that time, I will also enter slumber immediately."

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"After I've gone into slumber, after all the masters of the Hundred Peaks Sect have also slept, I hope that you can take good care of the Hundred Peaks Sect."

Cao Zhen nodded solemnly, "I've said it before, this is my home. Even if you didn't say so, I would take good care of the Hundred Peaks Sect."

A smile appeared on Bai Fengzi's face. At this moment, when the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth was about to arrive, it was indeed a great fortune for the Hundred Peaks Sect to have a reincarnated being of great ability.

"By the way, there is one more thing," Bai Fengzi remembered the message he had just received and after some thought, he spoke, "Actually, the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks are not as bad as everyone thinks. They are not inherently evil; it's just that some of their actions are not accepted by others. You don't have to sever ties with them.

Of course, if you do break off relations with them, it's also alright. After all, you are the Peak Master of One Peak, and being with them could affect your reputation."

"However, their hearts are not evil, and I hope that if they encounter difficulties in the future, you can lend them a hand."

"Sect Leader," Cao Zhen said earnestly, "I also know they are not bad. Moreover, they are disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect. If the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect are in trouble, naturally, I will help. After all, I am a member of the Hundred Peaks Sect."

Bai Fengzi felt Cao Zhen's sincerity and remembered the words Cao Zhen had shared with him before, as well as the conversations between Cao Zhen and his disciples. His confidence in the Hundred Peaks Sect's safety through the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth grew even stronger.

After a brief exchange with Bai Fengzi, Cao Zhen left the Hundred Peaks Sect and headed toward his own Four Treasures Peak.

At the foot of Four Treasures Peak.

The two Peak Masters of Immortal Pen Peak and Wonderful Pen Peak glared fiercely at each other.

"Song Xianbi, your Immortal Pen Peak is so shameless. Didn't you say you would go back and wait for Peak Master Cao to grace you with his presence? Why did you come here on your own?"

"He Miaobi, you have the nerve to talk about me. Let me ask you, why are you here?"

"Don't think I don't know what you're planning. Are you here to beg for some calligraphy, then secretly study it back at your peak, trying to surpass our Wonderful Pen Peak?"

"A joke? Our Immortal Pen Peak is already stronger than your Wonderful Pen Peak, what's there to surpass?"

"Stronger? Is your ranking in Hundred Peaks higher than ours?"

"What do rankings in Hundred Peaks matter? At the last calligraphy competition, didn't our Immortal Pen Peak come out on top?"

"Where did you come out on top..."

Chang Tiance and Xu Ruyi looked helplessly at their arguing masters, feeling both compelled to intercede and at the same wanting not to.

If this were in the past, the masters would bicker amongst themselves, and the disciples would squabble among themselves. But due to Peak Master Cao, although they couldn't be called friends, their relationship had softened quite a bit. They had just wanted to argue when they realized they couldn't quite bring themselves to do so.

Suddenly, an Immortal Cloud Carriage stopped not far away. Chang Tiance, seeing the figure who alighted from the Immortal Cloud Carriage, promptly called out, "Master, stop arguing, Peak Master Cao is back."

"Peak Master Cao is back? Quick, welcome Peak Master Cao."

"Quick, go pay respects to Peak Master Cao."

Chang Tiance and Xu Ruyi immediately ceased their quarrel, straightened their attire, and quickly advanced to greet him.

Cao Zhen looked at the four approaching figures and was speechless. Aren't you two supposed to be adversaries? How come you've conspired to come and find me together, even blockading my doorstep?

Song Xianbi dashed ahead, hurrying to Cao Zhen, "Peak Master Cao, you've returned. Tian Ce, hurry, get..."

Halfway through, he paused, a look of embarrassment crossing his face. He had wanted his disciple to take something from Cao Zhen's hands, but upon finishing his sentence, he realized that Cao Zhen was standing there empty-handed.

He Miaobi, seeing Song Xianbi's embarrassment, could hardly contain his delight and quickly approached with concern, "Peak Master Cao, you've returned. Did the Sect Leader need you for anything serious?"

Peak Master, we at Wonderful Pen Peak can vouch for your integrity. It was someone from a certain peak who tarnished your reputation, and I can go explain things to the True Person of the Sect Leader."

"Right, we from Immortal Pen Peak can do the same. Later, I will instruct my disciples to spread the word of Peak Master Cao's benevolence."

"Indeed, we from Wonderful Pen Peak can promote that as well."

"Peak Master Cao, your calligraphy is indeed unparalleled in the world. I wonder when we'll have the chance to witness your writing again."

"Peak Master Cao, you..."

The two Peak Masters had none of the demeanor that befitted their status; they even seemed to be placing themselves in the position of juniors, ceaselessly singing Cao Zhen's praises.

Cao Zhen was at a loss for words. It was only a bit of showing off on his part that attracted the two Peak Masters, who now, with good intentions, were eager to help him. But where would he find the time to visit their peaks and give them guidance? He still had alchemy to attend to.

"Enough, since both Peak Masters want calligraphy, I, Cao, will give each of you a few characters." With that, he turned to look at a nearby grove, transformed his palm into a knife, and made a chopping gesture in the air towards the trees.

Suddenly, two rectangular planks fell down, looking like signboards.

Without him having to give the command, Chang Tiance and Xu Ruyi were already swiftly preparing the ink and paper.

Cao Zhen placed one of the planks on a waist-high stone, picked up the writing brush, slightly closed his eyes, and concentrated, calming his breath.

By his side, the four were so cautious they hardly dared to breathe. When Cao had written words that caused the well-versed Shi Xiaolou and the two Peak Masters to reach Enlightenment at the Golden Core Club, it had seemed so effortless.

But now, Peak Master Cao was clearly serious; what kind of stunning, amazing characters would he write this time?