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Even though Cao Zhen split the Five-thunder Righteous Method into eight descending paths, the Prison clan before him still couldn't avoid the lightning.

Although the power of the lightning was greatly reduced due to its dispersion, it still broke through the defenses of those eight Prison clan members, striking their bodies.

This was a spell that could reach Earth Level!

Though the lightning wasn't severe enough to heavily injure these Prison clan members, causing them to fall from the void, it made their bodies twitch uncontrollably.

Soon, in the void, eight more paths of lightning descended, accompanied by Cao Zhen's loud shout.

"Why are you still standing there? Attack!"

These novices were really lacking; no matter what happened, they should have their own judgments. At this moment, shouldn't they quickly follow up and eliminate those Prison clansmen?

The people around woke up upon hearing this, and suddenly, spells began to fall one after another.

And Cao Zhen now held a longsword in his hand. With the longsword in hand, he suddenly charged forward, appearing instantly in front of a Prison clan member. The sharp sword in his hand swept across, and immediately an ugly and hideous head fell down.

Fast!

Whether it was the remaining Prison clan members or the humans behind, they all had one impression: fast!

Cao Zhen was astonishingly fast — fast in movement technique, fast in blade, and even faster in killing Prison clan!

The people behind even felt that they hadn't played any role at all, as in a blink of an eye, Cao Zhen's sharp sword had already severed ten heads, including the heads of those two Peak members of Immortality Regainment Realm of the Prison clan below!

This...

Is he really only at the Late Immortality Regainment Realm?

How did they feel that even those at the Peak of Immortality Regainment Realm weren't this powerful?

Cao Zhen's slaughter of these Prison clan members was entirely a steamroll; it didn't look like a fight between Immortality Regainment Realm ranks at all!

Among ten novices, one previously arrogant young man looked full of astonishment at the other four elders: "Is this... is this the top talent of the Outer Heaven Battlefield?"

"This... such a terrifying existence, it's also our first time encountering it!"

"Late Immortality Regainment Realm, possessing five thousand Immortal Mountain pages! And those spells, they seem to be Earth Level spells, not even Earth Level Low Grade spells, but feeling like Earth Level Top Grade spells!"

"What's important is that not only are his spells formidable, but his swordsmanship is also terrifying."

"His physical body is strong, with such speed, which makes any intricate swordsmanship unnecessary; just one slash here, with speed pushed to extreme, leaving opponents no time to react."

"So, we aren't unfortunate, we actually struck gold encountering such a master!"

In this brief and strange battle, the people's gaze directed toward Cao Zhen completely changed. Before, they truly did not regard this captain, who didn't tell them what to pay attention to on the Outer Heaven Battlefield and didn't teach them experience, as a real captain.

But now, they finally understood why Cao Zhen hadn't imparted his experience to them, just like he had said before, his experience was not usable by them.

In situations like this, if they encountered it, all they could do was escape, while Cao Zhen directly charged forward to kill, how could they compare!

Cao Zhen collected the heads and treasures from these ten Prison clan members. The remaining people didn't say anything, after all, those ten Prison clan members were practically killed by Cao Zhen himself.

"The chaos of void has vanished." Cao Zhen looked back at the group. After the chaos of time and space disappeared, treasures would certainly appear, although they were closest to Chaos Void Mountain, who knew if there were other aliens nearby, perhaps wanting to snatch these treasures.

At this moment, leading these people forward would be a bit risky.

"I am going to check out the treasures inside; you better find a place to hide. After I go in, I will come back to find you."

He himself wasn't sure how many aliens he might encounter, or if he would meet any existence that could threaten him.

If it were just him alone, he could escape in case of danger. But with these people along, even with his full power, he couldn't guarantee their safety.

"Hide ourselves?"

Among the ten novices, someone immediately shouted: "We want to go too, we're aware of the risks, but isn't every opportunity fraught with danger."

If anything happens and we die inside, it's our own lack of strength, our own misfortune.

But now that we've encountered such a chance, I want to take a shot."

"That's right, I also want to take a shot."

They had barely faced those Prison clansmen; they understood well that without Cao Zhen, most of them would likely be dead at those Prison clansmen's hands.

They also knew that entering Chaos Turbulent Mountain now might be even more dangerous.

However, when potential treasure lay before them, they couldn't possibly refuse to fight for it due to danger.

"Alright, the path is your choice; if you want to go, follow along behind. But, I cannot assure your safety. Those who don't want to go..."

"Those who don't want to go, follow me; we'll move forward a bit, where there is a Peony Valley, and we'll wait for you there."

Venerable Huang Tu spoke up and looked at the middle-aged people surrounding him: "Anyone who doesn't want to go, can come with me."

As his words fell, only two cultivators chose to leave with him; the majority wanted to take a chance.

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After all, they were so close to Chaos Turbulent Mountain, they must be the first to enter it. Perhaps after obtaining the treasure, they could immediately leave without encountering other alien races.

Time is limited; the longer the delay at this moment, the greater the likelihood of experts from other clans entering Chaos Turbulent Mountain, increasing the danger.

Cao Zhen did not delay either, immediately turned around, and flew towards the direction of Chaos Turbulent Mountain.

This time, he did not fly with everyone but took the lead instead. However, taking care of those behind him, he did not fly at full speed.

In fact, the appearance of the Chaos of Void is fleeting. Yet upon returning to Chaos Turbulent Mountain, they discovered that the ground had cracked even more severely, with huge fissures everywhere resembling great canyons!

And among these fissures, purple streams floated!

Electric snakes danced continuously around the streams, causing the surrounding air to tremble.

This purple Qi floated in the air, but the ground beneath was charred black, with violent forces continuously overflowing from it. Just a light touch with the ground below made it pitch black.

Thunder Qi!

Within the Outer Heaven Battlefield, the most abundant are various Qi!

This purple Qi, likely sliced by the Chaos of Void, fell from an unknown space, appearing here.

From afar, everyone felt violent Qi erupting from the purple stream, seemingly ready to blast them into powder.

"Thunder Qi!"

"I don't know what kind of thunder Qi this is, but the energy is enough to make us shudder from a distance, feeling as if destroyed by thunder. This is undoubtedly a top-tier thunder Qi, surpassing Immortality Regainment Realm's power!"

"Indeed, once the Chaos of Void disappears, treasures must appear, without doubt!"

Amidst the astonishment, Cao Zhen was already before the thunder, waved his hand, and directly placed the Thunder Qi into his Heaven and Earth Ring.

The most fundamental Thunder Qi in Heaven and Earth!

Fundamental doesn't mean not powerful!

In fact, this fundamental, is even more precious than many Thunder Qi!

Because it can fortify the foundation.

This, is useless to him.

But his disciple Tang Xiaorui, who possesses the True Immortal Lightning Body, can use this Thunder Qi ideally.

Though he spent years outside, Yi Sheng was in the Hundred Peaks Sect and helped him refine pills for Tang Xiaorui. Now Tang Xiaorui has entered the Earth Immortal Realm, even reaching the late stage. Yet, wanting to break through into Immortality Regainment Realm might take a long time.

And now, giving this, to Tang Xiaorui might speed up her breakthrough into Immortality Regainment Realm significantly!

Indeed, the Outer Heaven Battlefield is filled with opportunities and treasures.

Cao Zhen swiftly collected the, while surrounding cultivators quickly began searching as well.

Seemingly due to the Chaos of Void fracturing space, treasures from other spaces might have fallen here.

The remaining people surprisingly picked up many treasures, though they cannot compare to yet worthwhile for them.

For Immortality Regainment Realm cultivators, it's quite a gain, truly substantial.

Cao Zhen fully extended his Qi, exploring everything around.

Suddenly, his expression changed as powerful auras approached swiftly from afar.

"Aliens are coming, hurry up!"

Though he said he wouldn't ensure everyone's safety, he couldn't really send them to their deaths. Now everyone has gained something; no need to take further risks and confront aliens upon arrival.

Though people wanted to keep searching for more treasures, seeing Cao Zhen's grave expression, they dared not linger and followed him flying away.

Fortunately, their flying speed was fast enough; the aliens behind did not catch up. Perhaps they saw certain treasures and went searching, instead of pursuing.

After flying away, Cao Zhen took out a map and found the Peony Valley location mentioned by Venerable Huang Tu, quickly descended and advanced.

Peony Valley is named by the Human Clan, aliens call it something unknown.

Called Peony Valley due to peony-like flowers around the valley.

Actually, Peony Valley lacks anything special, nor is it big; usually, aliens don't linger here, seldom marked even on alien maps.

The Human Clan marked it due to those peony-like plants.

Peony Valley is small but has two caves.

Venerable Huang Tu whispered to two newcomers: "There are two caves; let's each enter one and hide at the entrance, to better observe for any anomaly. If enemies are found, hide inside the cave immediately!"

Saying this, he stepped into the second cave.

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The two newcomers behind him nodded gently at the sound and entered the first cave.

In the second cave, after Venerable Huang Tu entered the cave, he immediately took out a talisman, then took out a pen and started writing on the talisman. Once he finished, he hid the talisman under a pile of stones, then went to the cave entrance and looked outside.

Before long, a few figures appeared in the void, followed by complex sounds from a nearby cave.

"They've returned; no danger was found." The voice carried the joy of finally seeing their reliable companion come back but was also filled with regret.

They truly regretted it. Why did they leave just because they thought there was danger? Seeing even the experienced Venerable Huang Tu choose to leave, they naturally chose to leave as well.

Who would have thought there was no danger at all? They really suffered a big loss this time!

After Cao Zhen and the others landed, both sides quickly regrouped and flew into the distance.

About an hour after everyone left, the talisman that was pressed under the stone suddenly ignited by itself. Before long, it had completely burned up, leaving not even a trace of ash. There was no evidence that anything had burned at all.

At the moment the talisman finished burning, on the Outer Heaven Battlefield, in an inconspicuous mountain, a figure looked at the characters appearing before him, a look of shock suddenly appearing on his face: "Late Immortality Regainment Realm, with a height of five thousand zhang for the Immortal Mountain, coupled with enormous size, possessing Earth Level Top Grade spells, and an invincible physique, excelling in swordsmanship?"

This person, if allowed to grow, will surely be trouble. He's even more dangerous than that Xiang Ziyu who rose before. Put him on the must-kill list.

It's a pity that this person will likely return to their Human Clan city soon. Even if various clans gather their geniuses, it will already be too late."

Cao Zhen and the others spent eight days on the Outer Heaven Battlefield. On the eighth day, he immediately led everyone back to Broken Chaos City.

They took fifteen days to come, and fifteen days to return, exactly a month.

After returning to Broken Chaos City, he did not delay and directly chose to return to the Human Clan's world.

To return to the Human Clan's world, one must go through a passage, and this passage is not outside but in the center of the city.

The passage is guarded by an existence in the True Immortal Realm.

Cao Zhen had already taken a team out and returned without a single death, so naturally, no one would trouble him further. He quickly passed through the Formation and returned to the Human Clan's Great Thousand World.

Back in Broken Chaos City, Venerable Huang Tu just took a break before setting off again. In the century he had spent near Broken Chaos City, he had become quite well-known.

Along the way, many cultivators greeted him.

"Venerable Huang Tu, leaving the city again? You just got back a day ago; why not rest a bit?"

"Venerable Huang Tu, what's this? Not taking newcomers this time?"

Venerable Huang Tu was walking toward the city gates with a smile, communicating with the people.

"I can't rest any longer, nor can I always bring newcomers. I need to go out, take a look, and find my own opportunities. Besides, I've stayed here for over a hundred years, and most of that time has been in the city; I can't even return to our Human Clan's Great Thousand World now.

I'm also planning to go back and take a look, as I have younger generations in the Great Thousand World who need guidance. So, I need to venture out more and return sooner."

"Oh? Venerable Huang Tu, are you going on an adventure alone? Please be careful."

"Don't worry, everyone. I've been in this Outer Heaven Battlefield long enough to avoid ordinary dangers."

Venerable Huang Tu walked out of the Outer Heaven Battlefield as he spoke. He was indeed serious about returning to the Human Clan's Great Thousand World sooner.

After leaving Broken Chaos City, he flew far into the distance.

After four days of flight, he entered a valley filled with countless caves.

He quickly entered one of the caves.

As soon as he entered, a magnetic voice resonated.

"This time, you've done well. These are your rewards."

As the voice faded, a Qiankun Bag flew over.

Venerable Huang Tu caught the Qiankun Bag, but didn't check the treasures inside.

"What's wrong? Not going to take a look?"

A figure walked out from the shadows. It looked human, but its entire body was wrapped in black cloth, leaving only the eyes visible, making it impossible to determine whether this was a Human or a member of the Demon Clan.

"I trust you. What you provide is undoubtedly valuable, so there's no need to look," Venerable Huang Tu shook his head gently. It wasn't that he didn't want to look; he didn't dare!

The things he did sometimes conflicted with his own conscience.

After all, he was selling out the Human Clan!

In fact, initially, he wasn't selling out the Human Clan, or perhaps he thought that providing such intelligence was harmless.

That was when he had just entered the Outer Heaven Battlefield not long ago. He lacked experience, and during one venture with a team, they were attacked by a group of Evil Clan members.

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Seeing that he was about to die at the hands of the Evil Clan, the mysterious person in front of him appeared and saved him and another companion.

As repayment, the person asked them to provide information about a Human Clan genius.

Of course, they didn't want to betray their Human Clan, but the person said that if they didn't, they would be killed.

They still refused to speak.

At that time, the person left a message: only one of them could survive, and whoever killed the other could leave.

Then, he acted and killed his own companion.

However, the person recorded everything with a Shadow Expand Stone when he killed his companion.

The person threatened him, saying that if he didn't do as requested, the shadow would be sent to the Human Clan, and then he would surely die.

If he followed the person's instructions, the person wouldn't give the Shadow Expand Stone to the Human Clan and would even give him treasures and various resources.

To survive, he had no choice but to agree.

At first, he did it just to survive, but later, the person gave him so much that he gradually began to actively provide information on Human Clan geniuses.

The person only had one request: to provide information on the Heavenly Pride of the Human Clan.

He knew why the person wanted this information. After all, those Heavenly Pride were very likely to grow in strength, so they targeted these prodigies.

He was also a Human Clan member, and he didn't want to be a traitor.

But on one hand, he was being blackmailed, and on the other hand, the person provided so much that if he gave information on one genius, he would receive a lot of resources.

If he didn't provide information for a long time, the person would threaten him again, and he could only continue to provide this information.

However, every time he heard of a Human Clan genius falling, his heart was in immense agony.

He also tried to delay as much as possible, but when the person discovered a Human Clan genius had come out of Broken Chaos City, he would threaten him again.

At the very beginning, if it was just about exposing those things, he would at most die.

But later, he did more and provided too much information on Human Clan geniuses. Who knows how many of those geniuses died because of it?

If those things were exposed, not only would he die, but could the sects behind those dead geniuses forgive his sect? Could they forgive his descendants?

Although the Human Clan had rules against internal killings, what if they acted in the shadows?

Furthermore, once things were exposed, his sect's reputation and his descendants' reputation would be utterly ruined.

Wherever his sect members went, people would say, "This is the sect that produced a Human Clan traitor." And his descendants would be pointed at and called the offspring of a traitor!

He had no choice but to continue providing information on Human Clan geniuses, his heart in torment.

Earlier, when providing information on Cao Zhen, his heart was also in great turmoil.

It was because he had seen too many Human Clan geniuses die earlier that he stopped providing information for a while.

Then, the person warned him again, and he had no choice but to continue providing information on Human Clan geniuses.

At that time, Cao Zhen appeared, and he had no choice but to provide Cao Zhen's information to the person.

If he had a choice, he really didn't want to provide Cao Zhen's information, because Cao Zhen was truly too much of a genius.

The geniuses he previously provided information on couldn't compare to Cao Zhen in the slightest!

In the Late Immortality Regainment Realm, the Immortal Mountain reached a height of five thousand zhang, what a genius!

In the Late Immortality Regainment Realm, if the Immortal Mountain reached four thousand five hundred zhang, that would already be an unparalleled Heavenly Pride, regarded by the sect as the backbone of the future, even cultivated as a future candidate for Sect Hierarch.

Not to mention, Cao Zhen's Immortal Mountain exceeded this standard by five hundred zhang!

He had never heard of a genius whose Immortal Mountain could reach five thousand zhang in the Late Immortality Regainment Realm!

Moreover, Cao Zhen's Immortal Mountain was incredibly grand, larger than many others combined!

The taller the Immortal Mountain, the stronger the power. Likewise, the larger it is, naturally the stronger the power!

But he had no choice. If he didn't provide information on geniuses, the person might truly expose him.

He knew the person wasn't just bluffing, as previously, in another major Human Clan city, there had been a Human Clan member who, after initially cooperating, suddenly chose to stop.

Then a force exposed that non-cooperating Human Clan member.

Clearly, the person was working with a powerful force.

He had no choice but to provide Cao Zhen's information.

But his heart felt even more uncomfortable, and he resolved to leave the Outer Heaven Battlefield!

As long as he left the Outer Heaven Battlefield, he naturally couldn't provide information anymore. Although he wouldn't get those resources anymore, his heart wouldn't suffer further torment!

He looked at the person, pondered for a moment, and still spoke: "I might not be able to provide you with information anymore."

"Hmm?" The person didn't say anything, just let out a soft question, but that sound made every hair on his body stand on end.

He felt as if he were being stared at by a legendary devil, and while enduring the terrifying pressure the person exerted, he continued, "Actually, I also want to keep giving you information, after all, getting so many treasures is tempting."

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It's just that I've been at the Outer Heaven Battlefield for too long, and there are some issues with my descendants, as well as our entire lineage, which is centered around me.

Now, I need to return to handle some matters, and I don't know how long it will take once I'm back."

At this point, he suddenly felt the air around him grow colder and hurriedly added in panic, "Of course, I will definitely come back."

As he spoke, he glanced at the other person's eyes.

To be honest, he still didn't know the other person's identity, only that they were not of the Human Clan. Initially, he guessed the other person might be from the Demon Clan, but later, as several human geniuses died in the Outer Heaven Battlefield, the culprits were not only from the Demon Clan but also from the Beast Clan and the Prison Clan.

He then started to doubt if the other person was from the Demon Clan, because the Demon Clan and Beast Clan were mortal enemies. If the other person was from the Demon Clan, how could they allow the Beast Clan to take action?

"Are you leaving? If you leave, then you are of no use. Since that's the case..." The other person's eyes suddenly flashed with a chilling light.

Venerable Huang Tu's face changed drastically, and just as he intended to act, a cold light flashed before his eyes, and he didn't even have a chance to respond before his head was severed and fell.

"It seems like I'll have to find another traitor from the Human Clan. Such a nuisance."

The mysterious figure whispered softly and the next moment, they vanished from the cave.

Upon Cao Zhen's return, he quickly left the Fourth Dangerous Terrain and returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect.

"Sect Hierarch!"

"The Sect Hierarch is back!"

"The Sect Hierarch has finally returned!"

At the mountain gate of the Hundred Peaks Sect, each disciple who saw Cao Zhen return was overjoyed.

Cao Zhen realized that after a hundred years, the number of disciples in the Hundred Peaks Sect had significantly increased, and the sect appeared to be thriving. Furthermore, the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect and Extreme Formation Sect seemed to get along well, as it was common to see them walking side by side.

Upon returning to the sect, before he had a chance to return to the Four Treasures Peak, Nie Jie quickly came up to report the changes in the Hundred Peaks Sect over the years.

Overall, apart from sharing a mountain gate with the Extreme Formation Sect, the Hundred Peaks Sect remained unaffected.

A hundred years passed, yet the alien races still hadn't divided Central Continent completely and were still fighting over it.

From this point of view, the original strategy of the various Human Clan teachings abandoning Central Continent was not wrong. But at the same time, abandoning Central Continent also meant giving up a lot of resources there, which was still a loss for the Human Clan.

"By the way, Sect Hierarch, you returned at a perfect time. In a couple of days, our Taoist boys from the Hundred Peaks Sect will leave the Taoist Institution and join the various peaks. It's been a long time since your Four Treasures Peak accepted any disciples; aren't you considering taking on a new disciple?"

As Nie Jie finished speaking, the high-ranking members of the Hundred Peaks Sect all turned to look.

They truly hoped their Sect Hierarch would accept more disciples because each one of them possessed unparalleled combat strength!

Except for the unmatched, within the same cultivation realm, they were deemed unbeatable.

Even the unmatched, though not known for strong combat abilities, excelled in escape techniques.

Even the Sect Hierarch's newly accepted young disciple, Tang Xiaorui, though barely mentored by the Sect Hierarch, was already a formidable presence in the Earth Immortal Realm.

They believed that the Sect Hierarch accepting disciples would be beneficial for the entire Great Teaching.

"Accept disciples? Forget it. I'm currently limited in energy, without much to spare for teaching disciples, and besides, there are quite a few already on Four Treasures Peak, surpassing ten in number." Cao Zhen gently shook his head. Had it not been for the unforeseen circumstances that led him to acquire Thunder Shock Qi, he wouldn't know how to assist his young disciple Tang Xiaorui.

To take on another disciple, he truly lacks the resources to help them improve.

Without refining those pills for disciples, how would that work?

Given even the disciples have them, while the new ones don't?

Wouldn't that be showing favoritism?

So, for the time being, it's best not to accept disciples.

Of course, if able to encounter a reincarnated great ability like Ruo Yun, accepting them as a disciple would be nice; then he could win effortlessly again.

However, how often does one come across reincarnated great abilities? Even if encountered, such beings wouldn't easily agree to be his disciple due to their arrogance.

Everyone watched as the Sect Hierarch declined; they sighed helplessly, feeling that everything about the Sect Hierarch was admirable except for this reluctance to accept disciples trait; this truly wasn't good.

Even as Nie Jie saw the Sect Hierarch decline, he didn't give up, still urging, "Sect Hierarch, won't you reconsider?"

Meanwhile, others around also began to persuade.

"Indeed, Sect Hierarch, though your time is limited, Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Yi Sheng are mostly around, and can instruct them. Look at how well Tang Xiaorui was taught."

"Sect Hierarch, there are indeed many genius disciples this time, and two of them even possess top immortal bodies. Perhaps you should accept them?"

"Two top immortal bodies?" Cao Zhen was slightly surprised. Typically, finding one top immortal body among a group of Taoist boys was already difficult.

Back when Duo Duo, Zhu Peng, and Liao Youdi were part of the batch, such an occurrence of so many top immortal bodies was truly an unexpected surprise!

"Yes, two top immortal bodies, one is a genius from Longevity City, and the other is our Hundred Peaks Sect's own genius, the youngest brother of Shen Lid.

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"Sect Hierarch, do you still remember the Shen couple?"

Cao Zhen gently nodded: "Of course I remember, their children are all extremely gifted. So, is there another highly talented child?"

"This child can no longer be described as simply astonishingly talented."

When everyone saw Cao Zhen inquiring about the child, they suddenly felt a glimmer of hope and began to speak up.

"This disciple of Shen Lid, named Shen Pingyi, Yi as in Alien Race Yi! Although this child is young, his talent surpasses even that of Shen Lid!"

"Indeed, this child did not like to speak from birth, only starting to talk at the age of three. At first, the Shen couple were worried about the child.

But later, they realized that this child was not foolish, but exceptionally intelligent. In mortal terms, he is a prodigy."

"Yes, I have never seen such an intelligent child, and his comprehension is excellent; no matter what he's taught, he can deduce the rest.

Even more important is that aside from the Sect Hierarch, no one else can likely instruct this child. This child possesses a Pure Musical Immortal Body!

He must walk the path of musical rhythm, but Sect Hierarch, in our Great Teaching, aside from you, there is no one proficient in the path of musical rhythm."

"Yes, Sect Hierarch, you know that although our Hundred Peaks Sect has a peak dedicated to the cultivation of musical rhythm, their strength is insufficient. Entrusting the child to them would truly be a disservice to the child."

"Sect Hierarch, actually, after the Shen family discovered the child had a Pure Musical Immortal Body, they desired for you to accept him as a disciple. They just felt awkward to approach you. Speaking of which, the Shen couple has never fought for our Hundred Peaks Sect, yet all their children have bled for us as our disciples. We cannot let their hearts go cold."

"Yes, Sect Hierarch, aside from you, no one is suitable to take him as a disciple."

Cao Zhen felt a headache as he saw everyone imploring him to accept a disciple. Indeed, the path of musical rhythm at Hundred Peaks Sect is somewhat lacking.

The way of musical rhythm...

Once proficiency in musical rhythm is achieved, the speed of cultivation is indeed fast, yet it doesn't require much in the way of resources.

"Fine, I'll take him as a disciple. However, my time is limited, as I must return to the Outer Heaven Battlefield soon. I cannot stay long this time, so I'll first accept him. When I return, I'll instruct him."

After exchanging a few more words with everyone, Cao Zhen returned to Four Treasures Peak.

Currently, at Four Treasures Peak, Xiang Ziyu was not back yet, while Ling Xi and Yan Yourong had just left for the Outer Heaven Battlefield.

Bei Yan, that kid, has become the senior brother.

However, that kid basically doesn't handle matters, leaving everything at Four Treasures Peak to Yi Sheng.

Upon seeing everyone, Cao Zhen handed the Thunder Shock Qi over to Tang Xiaorui, then took out the Life Ancient Tree's branch and grafted it back to the Life Ancient Tree.

He had initially planted the Life Ancient Tree on Four Treasures Peak, and now with the Medicine Tribe's Hundred Cocoon Tree branch grafted back, even if he's not around, it will be easy for the disciples at Four Treasures Peak to care for it.

Just as he finished grafting the Life Ancient Tree, Yi Sheng brought a child over.

Shen Pingyi!

Cao Zhen looked over at the child, with a look of surprise on his face. This child must have known his identity; he is, after all, the Sect Hierarch of Hundred Peaks Sect, and within Hundred Peaks Sect, he is held in high regard.

Not to mention the Taoist Boys who have just walked out of the Taoist Institution, even the younger disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect become exceedingly excited upon seeing him.

However, this child remained silent from the moment he stepped on Four Treasures Peak until he saw him, with no change in his expression at all.

Come to think of it, among the disciples at Four Treasures Peak, none have such a silent demeanor.

The initiation ceremony quickly concluded.

Cao Zhen left behind a few scores before returning to his cave mansion.

He truly didn't have time to instruct Shen Pingyi, as today, he had to return to the Outer Heaven Battlefield to seek the Myriad Moisture Holy Water!

Soon, in front of him, an identical figure appeared.

Doppelgänger!

He had obtained an Unknown Immortal Demon Bead, though he didn't know if there were any terrifying spells within, so it was best to have a doppelgänger open it.

Unfortunately, it's an Unknown Immortal Demon Bead that can only be opened at the Immortality Regainment Realm, requiring more power to be siphoned into his doppelgänger to reach that realm's level to open it.

Once the doppelgänger appeared, he exited the cave mansion.

Within the cave mansion, the doppelgänger injected immortal energy into the Position Immortal-Demon Bead.

The next moment, his cave mansion was suddenly illuminated, the entire house radiating a dazzling purple light that pierced through, shooting skyward, and for a time, everyone in the Hundred Peaks Sect could see the beam from Four Treasures Peak.

"This light, is it an extraordinary treasure appearing?"

"The Sect Hierarch just returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect, and Four Treasures Peak emitted light; it must be a treasure brought back by the Sect Hierarch!"

"The Sect Hierarch is truly remarkable; there are always spoils upon return from the outside!"

"Speaking of which, I too want to go to the Outer Heaven Battlefield!"

"Yes, I've heard there are great opportunities at the Outer Heaven Battlefield! Next time, when there's a recruitment call, I must apply to go there!"

"I've heard that even without recruitment, one can go to the Outer Heaven Battlefield, but to go directly there, one must pass the scrutiny of the Vice Sect Hierarch and other experts. They must deem us strong enough to survive and return before allowing us. I applied once before but was rejected, so I must wait for the next recruitment opportunity!"

"It's also for our own good; some brothers who went to the Outer Heaven Battlefield for the first time never returned."

"I wonder what treasure the Sect Hierarch brought out!"

From the direction of the Extreme Formation Sect, Immortal Lord Xi Mu watched in shock at the sudden burst of purple light; that light, that aura...

That is an Earth Level Treasure!

Moreover, it's not the most ordinary Earth Level Low-Grade Treasure but an Earth Level Top-Grade Treasure!

Cao Zhen quickly darted into the cave mansion, gazing at the floating purple sharp sword within.

An Earth Level Top-Grade Treasure!

This time, he truly struck it rich!

He wondered, if Venerable Lin Feng knew that within the Unknown Immortal Demon Bead was an Earth Level Top-Grade Treasure, would she regret it!

But perhaps not; perhaps for her, the Divine Thought of the Poison Tribe held more value.

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The longsword was entirely transparent like an exquisite piece of amethyst, appearing to be a sword-shaped purple crystal at first glance. The sword's body and handle were seamlessly integrated.

Upon closer inspection, however, one could see a faint black thread within the sword's body.

"I didn't expect to switch from a rifle to a cannon so soon, directly upgrading to an Earth Level Top Grade treasure."

Cao Zhen muttered to himself, taking out a piece of Blood Coagulation Crystal. A slight force from his palm crushed the crystal into powder, which gathered on his palm as he grasped the longsword.

For any treasure to recognize a master and become its possessor's treasure, Blood Coagulation Crystal is necessary.

He had acquired many treasures from elsewhere that recognized him as their master, and it usually went smoothly. However, when he placed his palm on the purple longsword and let his celestial energy enter the sword's body, he felt a strong sense of rejection.

The sword was rejecting him?

A look of surprise appeared on Cao Zhen's face. This was the first time he encountered such a situation. The sword rejecting him? What did it mean? Could it be disdainful of his cultivation base?

Unconvinced, Cao Zhen stirred his celestial energy into a frenzy and directed it towards the sharp sword. Yet the next moment, the sense of rejection intensified, pushing back his celestial energy forcefully, so much so that it made him stagger backward slightly.

"Let's see how strong you can be!"

Behind Cao Zhen, an Immortal Mountain emerged, towering and grand, with celestial energy swirling like rolling immortal clouds. His aura instantly surged to a peak, as he furiously channeled it into the sharp sword before him.

Under the vast impact of celestial energy, it finally surged into the sword.

Simultaneously, a deep voice of doubt sounded.

"Late in the Immortality Regainment Realm, yet possessing a five-thousand-zhang Immortal Mountain? That's rare."

With these words, the black thread within the longsword emerged and transformed into a shadow in front of him.

"Sword Spirit?"

Full of surprise, Cao Zhen looked at the scene in front of him. It was already an Earth Level Top Grade treasure, so it was not unusual for it to harbor a Sword Spirit. What surprised him was that the Sword Spirit was a shadow of a Black Dragon.

The Black Dragon Sword Spirit scrutinized the human in front of it from top to bottom before gently shaking its head. "Although your talent is impressive, you are indeed among the top within your realm, you are not unique.

I have even seen those in the Late Immortality Regainment Realm with a taller Immortal Mountain than yours. The previous owner of this Purple Dawn Sword, True Monarch Purple Sun, had an Immortal Mountain reaching five-thousand-one-hundred zhang at the Late Immortality Regainment Realm, taller than yours by a hundred zhang."

"Oh? True Monarch Purple Sun? True Immortal Realm? Or Golden Immortal Realm?" Cao Zhen nodded lightly. A being capable of possessing an Earth-Level treasure must be at least in the True Immortal Realm.

Upon hearing this, the Black Dragon Sword Spirit showed a look of disdain and scorned, "Perhaps all you know are the True Immortal Realm and the Golden Immortal Realm. Do you know that above the Golden Immortal Realm, there is also the Taichi Golden Immortal?"

True Monarch Purple Sun, was a Taichi Golden Immortal!"

Cao Zhen was greatly astonished. Taichi Golden Immortal, he had mostly heard about the Golden Immortal Realm before, but this was the first time he heard about the existence of Taichi Golden Immortals in the world.

After the initial shock, he quickly regained his composure, looked at the Black Dragon Sword Spirit, and, mimicking the other's earlier behavior, retorted with disdain, "Taichi Golden Immortal? I also know about the existence of the Daluo Golden Immortal. Moreover, the Taichi Golden Immortal isn't necessarily above today's realm; they are still Golden Immortals, just as the Daluo Golden Immortals are also Golden Immortals.

In fact, in the beginning, there was no high or low distinction between Taichi Golden Immortals and Daluo Golden Immortals. Taichi Golden Immortals could be stronger than Daluo Golden Immortals. The reason for the different titles is solely that Taichi Golden Immortals reached the Golden Immortal realm through the byways, while Daluo Golden Immortals achieved it through orthodox great paths.

Over time, however, the distinction between Taichi Golden Immortals and Daluo Golden Immortals became one of strength and weakness.

Daluo Golden Immortals are the pinnacle of existence within the Daluo Heaven as Golden Immortals, while Taichi Golden Immortals are somewhat weaker, and mere Golden Immortals are the most ordinary, weakest among them."

An obvious look of surprise appeared on the Black Dragon Sword Spirit's face, but it quickly came to its senses and said, "You seem to know quite a lot, probably documented in the ancient books of your Great Teaching.

But knowing these things doesn't help you. Forget about Golden Immortals, you're not even in the True Immortal Realm. As just a mere being of the Immortality Regainment Realm, how dare you claim the right to wield an Earth-Level Top Grade treasure!

At the very least, you should reach the True Immortal Realm before I allow you to wield this treasure, otherwise, it's an insult to this Purple Dawn Sword, an insult to True Monarch Purple Sun, and an insult to me!"

"Wait, what did you say? Using this sword is an insult to you?" Cao Zhen was immediately enraged, "Using this sword should be your honor!"

"You?" The Black Dragon Sword Spirit looked Cao Zhen up and down condescendingly, "Where do you, a mere being of the Immortality Regainment Realm, get your courage from? Although I admit you're not bad for the Late Immortality Regainment Realm, this is your greatest pride, yet compared to True Monarch Purple Sun in the same cultivation realm, you still fall short."

"I fall short of him?" Cao Zhen pointed at the Immortal Mountain behind him, "You're saying my Immortal Mountain isn't as tall as his, but what's the use of height? Is his Immortal Mountain as thick as mine? Have you ever seen one as thick as mine? You must know that the thicker and mightier the Immortal Mountain, the stronger it is."

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The Black Dragon Sword Spirit looked up at the Immortal Mountain darting out of the cave mansion. A flicker of shock flashed through his eyes. He had only glanced at the height of the other's Immortal Mountain and hadn't paid attention to how massive it actually was. After all, he was just a sword spirit

now, with limited power. That Immortal Mountain had already burst out from the cave mansion, and if he wanted to look at the Immortal Mountain, it would deplete some of his energy,

Of course, if he were inside the Purple Dawn Sword, such expenditure would be negligible. But the problem was, he was currently outside the sword.

He had followed True Monarch Purple Sun for many years, becoming well-versed in the world, yet never had he seen anyone with such a majestic Immortal Mountain. That boundless range of mountains made him even suspect how this guy cultivated to the late Immortality Regainment Realm.

Immortal Mountains wouldn't just become grand and powerful simply because you want them to be. If that were the case, everyone would endlessly expand their Immortal Mountains knowing they become stronger the bigger they are.

The Immortal Mountain is related to the path a cultivator walks and the cultivation techniques they practice.

Yet, the Immortal Mountain in front of him seemed so peculiar, showing signs of a wide array of influences. Some peaks were like sharp blades, some resembled talismans, some seemed like yin-yang peaks, and others like flames...

This guy, just how many things has he cultivated? And how is his Immortal Mountain still this mighty?

Cao Zhen, upon noticing the expression on the Black Dragon Sword Spirit's face, burst into laughter: "Surprised, are you? It's not that big of a deal. And it's far from my limit; someday, you will see to what extent my Immortal Mountain can reach. For now, just obediently be my sword spirit."

"Be your sword spirit? Absolutely not, never!" The Black Dragon Sword Spirit instantly reacted to the voice, exclaiming loudly, "Do you know who I am? I am the Black Dragon. Do you know how powerful I was before being confined here? At that time, I was at the peak of the True Immortal realm. If I hadn't been forcibly trapped in this sword, I'd already be a half-step Golden Immortal.

And you, just at the Immortality Regainment Realm, thinking you can command me? You're dreaming!"

"Hmm? You were imprisoned here? Was it True Monarch Purple Sun?" Cao Zhen was taken aback for a moment and finally understood why the sword spirit had the form of a dragon—it indeed used to be a dragon, locked up inside here.

"Of course not True Monarch Purple Sun." The Black Dragon uttered resentfully, "It was a guy named Hunting Dragon Immortal Monarch, that bastard who specifically hunts our Dragon Clan!"

When he first obtained the Purple Dawn Sword, the blade was already somewhat damaged, showing a crack that couldn't be repaired.

So he sought out the strongest artifact refiner in the world to help repair the treasured sword, but the so-called master swordsmith couldn't restore it, and proposed using our Dragon Clan's tendons to mend the crack, with a stronger dragon's tendon required as the main tendon.

That bastard captured me and my kin, using our sinews and bones for the restoration, and made me the primary tendon. Finally, that artifact refiner repaired the Purple Dawn Sword. And he even trapped our souls in the sword, preparing to refine us to enhance its power.

Alas, he only managed to refine the souls of my ninety-nine kin before True Monarch Purple Sun appeared. True Monarch Purple Sun and that refiner were lifelong enemies; he killed the refiner and exterminated Hunting Dragon True Monarch.

He avenged me, so I naturally helped him. Therefore, even if my soul wasn't fully refined, I allowed him to use our power!

All in all... well, unless your Immortal Mountain surpasses True Monarch Purple Sun's mountain at the same cultivation realm, I will not allow you to wield the Purple Dawn Sword!"

"Surpass him at the same cultivation realm? I doubt you know, but I've just recently broken through to the late stage of the Immortality Regainment Realm. Surpassing him is only a matter of time." Cao Zhen could quickly surpass the three-thousand-one-hundred-foot mark by spending some extra effort, but doing so seemed quite wasteful and unnecessary.

Moreover, this was just a sword spirit. Why would he listen to it just because the sword spirit said he couldn't?

"Today, I am determined to use this sword." Cao Zhen stubbornly directed the celestial energy within him into the purple sharp sword in his hand.

The Black Dragon Sword Spirit sensed the change in Cao Zhen's aura and instantly entered the Purple Dawn Sword. Instantly, a horrifying aura burst forth.

Cao Zhen felt that if his celestial energy was like a trickling stream, then the aura surging from the Purple Dawn Sword was like a vast ocean, devouring his celestial energy in an instant.

The disdain-filled voice of the Black Dragon Sword Spirit resonated from the sword: "Useless, you're merely someone at the late Immortality Regainment Realm, and I—had it not been for unforeseen circumstances—I would be a half-step Golden Immortal. Do you still think you can contend with me?"

"Don't talk about the past. Now, you are merely a sword spirit, and you can only leverage this sword's power, yet even a sword spirit cannot fully utilize a sharp sword's power, right? Let's see how long you can hold out."

Cao Zhen did not feel discouraged and continued to channel celestial energy into the sword, though each attempt ended the same way. As soon as he entered the Purple Dawn Sword, the spirit's aura would forcibly push him out.

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The Sword Spirit was likely correct. Before its death, it was indeed close to becoming a Half-step Golden Immortal. He could feel the immense power gap between them.

However, he was not without advantages.

The Sword Spirit was, after all, just a Sword Spirit. It had to rely on the power of the Purple Dawn Sword. Previously, the Purple Dawn Sword had no owner. He didn't know whether something happened to this sword, or if some True Monarch Purple Sun knew they were going to die, or for some other reason, wiped the aura of this Purple Dawn Sword.

Without an owner, after he used the Blood Coagulating Stone, he naturally became half the owner of this Purple Dawn Sword. However, the Sword Spirit constantly prevents his aura from fully entering the sword, so the Purple Dawn Sword has not fully acknowledged him yet.

Even so, the Purple Dawn Sword tends to accept his aura, so the Sword Spirit cannot fully borrow the aura of the Purple Dawn Sword.

Therefore, a slow consumption it shall be.

The Black Dragon Sword Spirit seemed to understand what Cao Zhen was plotting. While continuously preventing Cao Zhen's aura from fully entering the sword body, it said, "What? You still want to consume me? Don't delude yourself. When your immortal energy is exhausted, my power doesn't diminish much, and recovery..."

By relying on the Purple Dawn Sword, my recovery speed is definitely much faster than yours. By the time you recover, I will have long been restored. So, you'd better obediently use your previous treasures. Wait until your Cultivation Base realm can surpass True Monarch Purple Sun, or when you enter the True Immortal Realm, I will naturally allow you to use this sword.

Of course, I only allow you to use it, but it doesn't mean I recognize you. I definitely won't let you borrow the power of our Hundred Dragons!"

Upon hearing this, Cao Zhen laughed immediately: "Don't make it sound so nice. You said you'd allow me to use it after I enter the True Immortal Realm. If I really enter the True Immortal Realm, would I still need your permission? At that time, could you stop me?"

Besides, don't say when I enter the True Immortal Realm, even now, you can't stop me. You think you can consume energy, right? Then let's compare. I've never seen anyone who can outlast me in energy consumption."

The Black Dragon Sword Spirit laughed disdainfully: "Such arrogance. A little Late Immortality Regainment Realm like you... You've never seen anyone who can outlast you, only because you lack experience."

Cao Zhen retorted: "What if I win? If you can't outlast me in the end, then what? Why don't we make a bet? If I can't outlast you, then before I reach the True Immortal Realm, I won't touch this sword. But, what if I win?"

The Black Dragon Sword Spirit confidently replied quickly: "If you win, I will let you control the Purple Dawn Sword, but you will never win."

"Wait a minute... There is a problem in what you said." Cao Zhen looked at the purple sharp sword in front of him as if questioning if its mind was intact, "If I win, even if you want to stop me, you can't. By then, this sword will naturally be mine. In concluding this bet, I would be penalized if I lose, but gain nothing if I win, right?"

"What's problematic there? Don't think that just because I'm a Sword Spirit, I'm an idiot! If I win, it benefits me nothing. When you lose, it proves my existence, meaning you can't use the Purple Dawn Sword. So, refraining from touching the sword before the True Immortal Realm doesn't benefit me, does it?" The Black Dragon Sword Spirit's tone carried an intellectual superiority, as if finding the human laughable for trying to deceive it.

"How doesn't it benefit you? Let me ask you, if we don't bet, even if I fail this time, can I freely touch this sword afterward, invoking immortal energy whenever I wish, keeping you on constant alert? Wouldn't that be annoying for you? But if I lose, I won't touch the sword before the True Immortal Realm, which means I won't disturb you, so how doesn't that benefit you?"

Cao Zhen continued, not giving the Black Dragon Sword Spirit a chance to react, catching a slight breath before proceeding: "But if I win, there's no benefit. That's unfair. How about this.

You just mentioned the power of Hundred Dragons you control. If I win, let me borrow the power of Hundred Dragons. How about it?"

"Impossible!" The Black Dragon Sword Spirit responded, denying it without hesitation, "The power of Hundred Dragons represents the power of all our clan members. I may use it, but I cannot decide for them. You must gain the recognition of our clan before you can use the power of Hundred Dragons. I absolutely won't grant it to you lightly!"

Cao Zhen felt that this Black Dragon Sword Spirit was insulting his intelligence. What did it mean by needing the Black Dragon Sword Spirit's clan's recognition? The souls of those in the Black Dragon Sword Spirit's clan had already been refined, so how to gain recognition?

It all depended on what the Black Dragon Sword Spirit said!

"Are you afraid of losing? Is that why you don't dare to bet with me?" Cao Zhen could only turn to provoking it.

Upon hearing this, the Black Dragon Sword Spirit was filled with disdain: "Lose? How could I lose to a little Late Immortality Regainment Realm like you? What a joke."

"Then why don't you dare to bet with me?"

"Is it that I don't dare? It's because I can only represent myself, not our clan! Tell you what, if you win, I cannot let you borrow our clan's power, but I can allow you to borrow my power. But, just so you know, you won't win anyway."

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"Really?" Cao Zhen increased the flow of immortal energy, realizing that borrowing the Power of Hundred Dragons was impossible, but borrowing the power of the Black Dragon was sufficient.

Isn't it just consumption?

He had the entire prosperity of the Eastern Wasteland to support him, what was he afraid of?

Slowly, the Black Dragon Sword Spirit sensed something was wrong. How was this kid continuously impacting with immortal energy? This kid was just at the late Immortality Regainment Realm, so how could he possess so much immortal energy?

Was his Immortal Mountain larger?

Even if his Immortal were larger, he was just in the Immortality Regainment Realm, it shouldn't be like this!

Unknowingly, another eight hours passed, and the Black Dragon Sword Spirit even began to feel a bit anxious. This kid's ceaseless impact shouldn't occur; even for those in the early True Immortal Realm, their immortal energy should almost deplete. How did this kid not show any signs of his immortal energy being consumed, remaining as vigorous as ever?

Cao Zhen had originally started battling with the Black Dragon Sword Spirit in the afternoon, and unknowingly, a whole night had passed, dawn had arrived, and the Immortal Mountain behind him still stood towering.

Within the Hundred Peaks Sect, disciples looked up to the soaring Immortal Mountain atop the Four Treasures Peak with faces filled with admiration.

"The Sect Hierarch's Immortal Mountain is still there!"

"An entire day and night has passed, and there hasn't been any weakening of the Sect Hierarch's aura; truly worthy of being the Sect Hierarch!"

"However, I wonder what the Sect Hierarch is contending against; it's been so long, yet he hasn't succeeded!"

"It should be the Earth Level Treasure that appeared before; such a treasure can't be easily subdued."

"No matter how hard it is to subdue, in front of the Sect Hierarch, it will eventually be subdued. The Sect Hierarch is a reincarnated great ability!"

Within Cao Zhen's Cave Mansion, his aura remained as robust as it was at the start, but within the purple Sharp Sword, the aura of the Black Dragon Sword Spirit grew weaker and weaker. He even felt that his immortal energy could penetrate the sword, reaching the hilt.

The Black Dragon couldn't understand, was this truly just a late Immortality Regainment Realm, and not a late True Immortal Realm?

No, even in a late True Immortal Realm, consuming like this, the immortal energy should deplete.

This kid wasn't slowly depleting immortal energy; rather, he was continuously assaulting, even a True Immortal wouldn't dare to assault like this, releasing immortal energy to such an extent!

He now even suspected, was this child's immortal energy inexhaustible?

"Kid, what's your situation? Where do you have so much immortal energy from?" The Black Dragon Sword Spirit finally couldn't help but speak.

Cao Zhen did not reply to the Black Dragon Sword Spirit immediately; at the moment the other party spoke, he felt the Black Dragon Sword Spirit stop blocking his energy from pouring into the Purple Dawn Sword.

Immediately, he controlled his inner immortal energy, surging rapidly into the treasure sword.

In an instant, his immortal energy circulated through the Purple Dawn Sword, intertwining with the original aura of the sword.

Now, he could finally wield this sword himself.

In truth, making a treasure recognize a master was simple; just use a Blood Coagulation Crystal, then let your immortal energy circulate the treasure, it would naturally acknowledge you.

Previously, the Black Dragon Sword Spirit continuously blocked his immortal energy to prevent it from circling around the Purple Dawn Sword.

Now, the immortal energy finally circled completely, and even the Black Dragon Sword Spirit couldn't stop him from using this Earth Level Top Grade treasure!

He felt the overwhelming, yet mysterious and fierce energy emanating from the Purple Dawn Sword in his hand and smiled. Just by holding this sword, he felt an urge to unleash endless power, as if he could destroy the land beneath him and the scorching sun in the void with a single swing.

This was the power of an Earth Level Top Grade treasure!

Simultaneously, he could sense the existence of the Black Dragon Sword Spirit, recalling its earlier question, he smiled and slowly said, "My immortal energy is inexhaustible. You will never see the day my immortal energy runs out."

"Impossible!" The Black Dragon Sword Spirit, though just overwhelmed by Cao Zhen's immortal energy, still didn't believe it and said, "There's no such thing as inexhaustible immortal energy in the world, even Yin Yang Qi, with its ceaseless cycle, cannot achieve that."

Because even the cycle of Yin Yang Qi requires time to regenerate energy. If consumption is fast, there will still be a lack of immortal energy!"

It spoke because it felt it couldn't endure much longer after Cao Zhen used his immortal energy to bombard it for so long, achieving its acknowledgment. Such a person could begrudgingly use the Purple Dawn Sword.

However, acknowledging Cao Zhen could use the Purple Dawn Sword didn't mean believing his energy was inexhaustible.

"The endless cycle of Yin Yang Qi can theoretically be endless; I know you mean that if consumption outpaces the generation of energy, a shortage occurs. But that's because the emergence of new energy is slow; if new energy appears rapidly enough, it truly becomes endless."

Don't argue with me on this, I have a disciple who cultivates Yin Yang Qi, and if there's a chance, I can have him discuss the endless cycle of Yin Yang Qi with you thoroughly."