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The once desolate Four Treasures Peak saw a rare liveliness.

Several mortals alighted from an Immortal Cloud Carriage, carrying a variety of dishes full of color, fragrance, and taste into the courtyard.

Chen Shizhi, upon seeing the meal-delivery staff clad in "Immortal Taste Pavilion" attire, felt his heart, which had just settled upon snagging a few bottles of "Immortal Brew" for a bargain, once again grow restless with jealousy.

Too extravagant! The Immortal Taste Pavilion is a well-known establishment throughout the Hundred Peaks Sect. Each dish served there is not mere mortal food; the cultivated Spirit Rice, the bred Spirit Fish... not only do they taste exquisite, but they are also filled with abundant Spiritual Energy, which aids in cultivation to some extent.

However, this benefit is far less than the exorbitant price. Most people partake in these dishes mainly to chase the high-quality, delightful flavors. *freewebnovel.com*

Back when he was still a student, Chen Shizhi had confessed to Cao Zhen in private how wonderful it would be to have a meal at the Immortal Taste Pavilion just once.

But after truly becoming a teacher at the Taoist Institution, Chen Shizhi realized that his salary might only cover one meal before he'd have to endure a period of eating grass and drinking the north wind.

While Chen Shizhi was still caught up in his reflections, he saw several more mortals descend from the Immortal Cloud Carriage, each with a full sack of hemp emblazoned with the word "Spirit Rice" slung over their shoulders.

The mortals made several trips back and forth carrying the heavy sacks before all the Spirit Rice was placed into the small warehouse of Four Treasures Peak.

"How much money is that..." Chen Shizhi swallowed subconsciously, his heart a mix of envy and admiration. Although cultivators sitting in meditation to absorb the Spiritual Energy of heaven and earth is an option,

nothing compares to the consumption of food, letting the body absorb and digest from within, which explains why Alchemy Dao is held in such high regard.

"This meal along with the Spirit Rice is almost two thousand liang of Spirit Stones..." Ling Xi said with a heavy heart, already feeling the sting. If it wasn't for the presence of outsiders, she really wanted to advise her master that even with money, one shouldn't be so wasteful; otherwise, Four Treasures Peak would go bankrupt in a matter of days.

When Chen Shizhi heard the figure of over two thousand liang of Spirit Stones, the jealousy that had just kindled in his heart was instantly replaced by joy. His smile became even more sincere. In this way... Four Treasures Peak would soon go bankrupt! That'll wipe the smug look off Cao Zhen's face when he boasts to me! Let's see how he cries then!

"Old Cao, you're really living large!" Chen Shizhi raised his thumb in praise. "Under your leadership, Four Treasures Peak will soon rise above its ranking as the hundredth peak! The Hundred Peaks Sect's once-in-a-decade Peak Re-ranking Conference is also fast approaching. You'll need all the nutrition you can get! It would be best to buy some top-quality Pills too!"

"There's no need to buy Pills."

Cao Zhen's words sent Chen Shizhi's heart plummeting. Pill expenses represent a significant drain, and he had hoped to bankrupt him in one fell swoop. He didn't expect that Cao Zhen had no plans to buy them...

Chen Shizhi knew very well that Cao Zhen's disciples all had Ancient Immortal Bodies, and now they were considered Waste Bodies. No matter how many Pills they consumed, it would only be a waste.

"I'll just refine them myself."

Cao Zhen's next words lifted Chen Shizhi's heart, which had sunk to the bottom of the valley, once again to the elated comfort as if reaching the Immortal Realm! Buying pills might still be somewhat effective, but even for an experienced Pill Master, one moment of carelessness could ruin the medicinal materials during alchemy.

"That could work, and besides, just buying materials is much cheaper." Chen Shizhi nodded repeatedly, continuing his flattery, "I remember when you were in the school, you really liked to study the Alchemy Dao."

"Wasn't it because I was broke at the time? I thought that by making my own pills I could save some money, and perhaps even make some by selling them," Cao Zhen said, following the memories of his school days, revealing the past reasons for his diligent study of the Alchemy Dao, "Fortunately, I had a breakthrough with the Alchemy Dao a few days ago and made some significant discoveries."

Beichen Ying nodded silently at his side, realizing that Cao Zhen had been studying the Alchemy Dao previously, no wonder he was so knowledgeable about alchemy.

"What pills are you planning to make?" Chen Shizhi continued his malicious suggestions, "The ranking of the Hundred Peaks Sect isn't just about the Peak Master's strength; it's a comprehensive ranking. Competitions among disciples also account for a significant number of points. As long as you rise in the ranking of the higher peaks, the resources allocated by the sect will also increase by a lot. This investment is worthwhile!"

"Of course we must charge ahead!" Cao Zhen slapped the stone table in front of him with excitement. The resources that a peak of different ranking can obtain are completely different. Some materials for alchemy and Artifact Refining are even unobtainable in the Hundred Peaks Sect with money, simply because your peak's ranking isn't high enough.

Chen Shizhi felt he could barely contain the excitement in his heart. Although the competition for the Hundred Peaks ranking was not just about the grand arena, the Six Arts of Immortal Cultivation also accounted for a lot of points. However, Four Treasures Peak's inheritance in the Six Arts of Immortal Cultivation was very weak. If one wanted to compete in the rankings of Hundred Peaks, the best method was to enhance strength.

But these four Ancient Immortal Bodies! Now Waste Bodies! Chen Shizhi was very clear that even if Cao Zhen spent all the resources he had, it would be useless! Resources that even the entire Hundred Peaks Sect couldn't afford, how could Four Treasures Peak afford them?

Chen Shizhi felt like he could already foresee the pitiful downfall and bankruptcy of the Four Treasures Peak!

"Old Chen! I remember there's also a betting pool in the Hundred Peaks Sect's ranking competition, right?" Cao Zhen's eyes suddenly lit up as he mentioned the betting pool, "Your reminder is timely! When the time comes, place all the money you've made on my peak, betting that it will rise at least ten ranks!"

Ten ranks? Chen Shizhi forced a smile while nodding repeatedly, yet in his mind, he could only sneer. The Hundred Peaks ranking wasn't settled by a single arena match! It was a comprehensive competition! Not to mention that your disciples are Waste Bodies! Even if they weren't, they would still be much worse off in the Six Arts of Immortal Cultivation than others.

"By the way, Old Cao," Chen Shizhi decided to pour oil on the fire, "before the Hundred Peaks Gathering for the important ranking rearrangement, isn't there a talent scouting event? I can recommend a genius to you! If you recruit him, wouldn't it also net you additional points?"

"A genius?" Cao Zhen subconsciously glanced at his four disciples, "All four of my disciples are geniuses."

Besides the third, Xiang Ziyu, the others blushed and hung their heads upon hearing this, fully aware that they were Ancient Immortal Bodies, now Waste Bodies! They were truly embarrassing their master!

Chen Shizhi sneered internally at Cao Zhen's vanity but kept his mouth busy: "This talent is not bad either. Have you heard of the True Yang Body? This child has not even been tested yet, and he has already self-awakened the True Yang Body. Even people from the Top Ten Peaks have sent representatives to speak with him."

"Old Cao, someone with a True Yang Body won't possibly come to Four Treasures Peak. Don't even think about it," Chao Zi immediately doused the idea with cold water from the side, "That's one of the Immortal Bodies, he's bound to go to the Top Ten Peaks."

"Not necessarily! I am Yi Sheng's principal teacher," Chen Shizhi quickly retorted, "As a teacher, I can give him advice. Moreover, although the sect rules forbid peaks from offering any benefits to disciples

before they choose their peak, to prevent enticement, I can make the offer on your behalf, Old Cao! As long as you don't tell and I don't tell..."

Chen Shizhi's words were filled with temptation, but his heart was full of sneers. A disciple as outstanding as one with a True Yang Body wouldn't come to Four Treasures Peak even if he was offered the position of Peak Master! As for giving gifts? Once those resource gifts and Spirit Stones are in my hands, how could I possibly give them to someone else? It's the perfect opportunity to make up for the Spirit Stones I've lost!