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### Chapter 491: Invincible in the Core Formation Stage\_4

"Ji character, Thunder Heaven, numbers thirty-one to forty, come up to the stage."

Cao Zhen quickly turned his head to look at his youngest disciple, extended his hand, and patted Yi Sheng's shoulder, saying, "Relax, believe in yourself, you can definitely do it."

Yi Sheng was Ji number thirty-seven, and now it was her turn to make an appearance.

For his other disciples, he didn't need to say much, but since Yi Sheng came to Four Treasures Peak, she had become increasingly less confident, and he couldn't help but give her an extra boost of encouragement.

"Master, this disciple will certainly not disgrace you, Four Treasures Peak, or Hundred Peaks Sect." Yi Sheng nodded firmly, rose to her feet, and flew toward the direction of the arena.

Though the group from Four Treasures Peak was small in number, they had already become the focus of everyone's attention. As soon as Yi Sheng flew out, she was noticed by the crowd.

After she landed on the arena, the remaining nine cultivators that flew in immediately and tacitly surrounded Yi Sheng in the middle.

By this point, from the master on Four Treasures Peak to the disciples, everyone had received the same treatment, being besieged by the other nine.

Cao Zhen, watching Yi Sheng being encircled from afar, looked back at Lv Chaoqiong and Li Ke with a helpless expression, and asked, "Tell me, have our people from Hundred Peaks Sect offended all the Immortal Sects?"

Why is it that whenever someone from our Hundred Peaks Sect steps onto the platform, they are attacked by those from other Immortal Sects?"

"Watch your wording." Li Ke looked at Cao Zhen with disdain, saying, "There have been other disciples from Hundred Peaks Sect on the platform, and they weren't attacked. To be more precise, it's those of you from Four Treasures Peak who get attacked. And the reason? The commotion you caused ten days ago, with each of you breaking through to become Ten Phenomena Perfect Completion Golden Core—you think others wouldn't notice you?"

Li Ke's gaze harbored complex emotions as she looked towards Cao Zhen; she saw Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Little Beiyan all break through to become Ten Phenomena Perfect Completion Golden Core, and like everyone else, she was astonished!

She really couldn't understand how Cao Zhen had managed to help his disciples break through.

Just by following Cao Zhen into a room alone, then they broke through?

If it were that easy, she would also like to follow Cao Zhen, just to enter the room.

Cao Zhen, annoyed, said, "Fine, they're all Ten Phenomena Golden Core; I can understand being targeted, but as for me... Well, if they think of me, their master, as another Ten Phenomena Golden Core, I can accept that.

But the problem is my little disciple; as you know, she is not a Ten Phenomena Golden Core. She hasn't broken through, naturally, she wouldn't have caused that kind of Heavenly Phenomenon, so why would they target even my little disciple?"

"Perhaps it's habit?" Li Ke mused while looking towards the arena.

Above the arena, after the nine surrounded Yi Sheng, they immediately began to unleash their own combat power.

Two Golden Cores...

Three Golden Cores...

Seven Golden Cores...

Eight!

Among the nine, there was one just like Yi Sheng with eight Golden Cores. Within those eight Golden Cores, four were merely normal Golden Cores, while the other four contained shadowy images of lush and towering trees.

Almost simultaneously with the nine, Yi Sheng released her Golden Cores.

Eight Golden Cores, each containing flames that burned fervently—some like the blazing sun, others like Earth Fire, and some like seas of fire...

"Eight Phenomena Golden Cores?"

"She's not Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!"

"Indeed, there were only three who broke through that day."

"So, facing these nine..."

"Those nine have a chance."

Above the arena, the other nine, upon seeing Yi Sheng's eight Phenomena Golden Cores, were filled with soaring battle spirits.

Eight Phenomena Golden Cores were indeed frightening.

But, on their side, there was someone with eight Golden Cores as well. Although not as impressive as eight Phenomena Golden Cores, they were nine people altogether.

Moreover, they even had someone with Seven Jindan.

This battle, it couldn't be said for certain who would win or lose.

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In the Core Formation Stage, in most cases, the gap between cultivators wasn't especially large.

However, after entering the Golden Core Stage, this disparity began to widen, particularly between those with a phenomenon Golden Core and ordinary Golden Cores.

Although there were two experts with eight Golden Cores on the arena, all of Yi Sheng's Golden Cores were phenomenon Golden Cores, yet everyone still encircled him, their internal energies continuously rising.

Nine people, each brought out their own Divine Weapons.

Maybe at this grand assembly of competing Immortal warriors, one Golden Core Stage cultivator was not much to speak of.

But within their respective Immortal Sects, in their own sects, they were all considered genius disciples, naturally bestowed with Divine Weapons.

Even the poorest, smallest Immortal Sect would still scrimp and save to equip their Golden Core Stage disciples with a Divine Weapon, should one emerge within their ranks.

Yi Sheng also took out a Divine Weapon, a huge folding fan.

From the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, a pretty female disciple gazed at the Divine Weapon in Yi Sheng's hand from afar, feeling increasingly that she had seen this weapon somewhere before.

Suddenly, she turned her head to look at Ai Yunqi, who was leading the team.

This time, the Hundred Peaks Sect was led by three seniors from the Hidden Dragon Observatory, but this morning, Elder Gu Chengyu had vanished, his whereabouts unknown.

And Master Lu had flown over to Cao Zhen's side shortly after the competition began; presumably, he went to discuss with Cao Zhen about how to act as the future Master of the Hidden Dragon Observatory.

Now, of the three people leading the team, only Elder Ai Yunqi remained here.

The disciples who had come knew all too well Elder Ai Yunqi's temper and character.

After all, most of those who had come were at least a few held positions at least a head above ordinary disciples, and a number were even Peak Masters.

Breaking through to the Golden Core Stage during their time as disciples, they could be considered geniuses within the Hundred Peaks Sect. Being geniuses, they must have entered the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace and Hidden Dragon Observatory. Those who had entered the Hidden Dragon Observatory would certainly recognize Elder Ai Yunqi.

After all, who entering the Hidden Dragon Observatory didn't wish to try their luck in the Immortal Soldier Workshop's Divine Soldier Tomb, to see if they could obtain a weapon left by their predecessors?

Anyone who had been to the Divine Soldier Tomb would have encountered Elder Ai Yunqi.

She didn't know how long Elder Ai Yunqi had been in charge of the Immortal Soldier Workshop; her master once mentioned that when he was a disciple visiting the Divine Soldier Tomb, Elder Ai Yunqi was already managing the Hidden Dragon Observatory's Immortal Soldier Workshop.

Back then, Ai Yunqi was already hard to talk to, always stern-faced.

Now, although she had already reached the Golden Core Stage and was considered a rare talent even among the ranks of Azure Pheasant Peak which was part of the Top Ten Peaks, she still preferred not to speak to Elder Ai Yunqi if possible, since he was just too stern.

But this Divine Weapon truly felt familiar, as if she had seen something similar somewhere in their Azure Pheasant Peak.

Looking at Ai Yunqi with some curiosity, she asked, "Elder Ai, why does this Divine Weapon feel so familiar to me? Does it have something to do with our Azure Pheasant Peak?"

Hearing the female disciple's question, Ai Yunqi began to introduce the weapon without much expression, "It's natural for you to find it familiar. This is the Divine Weapon once used by the twenty-first Peak Master of your Azure Pheasant Peak. Later, your Peak Master placed this weapon in the Divine Soldier Tomb.

The name of this Divine Weapon is the Green Sun Chasing Fan. Actually, it is particularly suitable for those who practice the Fire Technique and possess fire-oriented supernatural powers.

However, no one from your Azure Pheasant Peak has been able to resonate with it, nor has it been taken back to Azure Pheasant Peak.

Latterly, a Vice Peak Master from your peak crafted a new Divine Weapon based on this one, thus creating the Purple Sun Chasing Fan.

The effectiveness and power of both weapons are very similar, even their appearances are nearly identical—except one is green and the other is purple. That is why you find this weapon familiar."

She did not usually talk much, but when it came to Divine Weapons, that was an exception.

"So it turns out this is a Divine Weapon from our Azure Pheasant Peak, but we..." The female disciple from Azure Pheasant Peak began to speak but stopped as a realisation dawned on her. It was said that Cao Zhen had obtained a slew of Divine Weapons from the Divine Soldier Tomb, and he sold a major portion to people from various peaks, making a tidy sum in Spirit Stones.

At that time, the incident had caused quite a stir, and it was from this event that people began labeling Cao Zhen as one of the 'Six Evils of the Hundred Peaks.'

Thus, this Divine Weapon must be one that Cao Zhen had kept for himself rather than selling, and then given to his disciple, Yi Sheng.

Although Yi Sheng was not a disciple of the Azure Pheasant Peak, he was a True Yang Body, which many people had claimed to be a once-in-a-millennium talent within the Hundred Peaks Sect.

A True Yang Body is most suited for refining the Fire Technique and fire-oriented supernatural powers. The Green Sun Chasing Fan was indeed a perfect match for Yi Sheng.

Yi Sheng, looking at the opponents surrounding her, each with a Divine Weapon in hand, reached out to grab the Unparalleled Formation Plate.

This was her first time facing a siege from others, so to be safe, she might as well bring out the Formation Plate first.

From the side of the Hundred Peaks Sect, a group of disciples looked on at the Array Plate in Yi Sheng's hand, their expressions becoming strange.

During the last major competition within the Hundred Peaks, the disciples of Four Treasures Peak each had an Array Plate, which was highly effective in restraining their opponents.

But at that time, almost all of their opponents were at the Core Formation Stage.

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Facing the Golden Core Stage, and with so many Golden Cores at that, I wonder how much use that Formation Map will still be?

On the platform above, the other nine people had already begun to communicate through secret sound transmission.

"Brother Shuhe, you have the highest Cultivation Base among us. This time, our offensive will be centered on you, with the rest of us giving our full support.

We must learn from the lessons of those before us. We must attack together and cooperate closely, rather than each fighting on our own." One of the nine, who possessed six Golden Cores, looked towards the strongest among them on the surface.

Although they were not from the same Immortal Sect, this occasion was quite a coincidence, where he was paired with any two among the nine.

Looking at Yi Sheng, who was surrounded by them, Shuhe shook his head lightly and said, "Junior Brother Chen He, Yi Sheng is obviously cultivating the Fire Technique, with all her anomalies being Flame Anomalies. This counters me and isn't suitable for me to lead.

On the contrary, Junior Brother Kunshui, who cultivates the Water Technique, possesses Divine Skills of the Water system and has three of his Golden Cores as anomalies from The Five Elements of Water. He is the natural counter to flames, so we should let Junior Brother Kunshui lead the attack.

Junior Brother Kunshui, what do you think?"

Among the nine, a tall, thin young man nodded slightly and transmitted his secret voice, "I can make a move with all my might, and the rest of you will assist me. But even if I go all out, I hope that none of you will hold back.

Everyone knows the vast difference between an anomalous Golden Core and an ordinary one during the Golden Core Stage. If we start thinking about how to deal with others or hold back even before we defeat Yi Sheng,

then I think there's no need for us to join forces. We may as well face the opponent on our own and experience the power of a true genius."

Shuhe quickly transmitted his voice to reassure, "Of course! Before defeating Yi Sheng, we should not think about anything else. We will all make our move with full force and talk about defeating Yi Sheng first. Junior Brother, you surely trust my character, don't you?"

Kunshui's face showed determination as he transmitted back, "I naturally trust Brother Shuhe and Junior Brother Chen He. Since Brother has already promised, then later on, my attack will be the main effort. I hope everyone will help create conditions for me, fend off Yi Sheng's attacks, and I won't defend myself but will go all out to attack Yi Sheng."

"Fine, no problem. As long as we are here, Yi Sheng won't be able to harm Junior Brother even the slightest bit."

While they conversed, below the platform, the referee's signal had already sounded.

Above the platform, the Unparalleled Formation Diagram in Yi Sheng's hands suddenly unfolded.

The Formation Diagram spread out and rapidly extended toward the surroundings. In the blink of an eye, it covered the entire platform.

Around Yi Sheng, the expressions on the faces of the nine changed instantly.

At the moment the Formation Diagram spread out, they even felt as if they were suddenly in a different place.

Suddenly, Shuhe felt like he was no longer standing on the platform but in a place where the Earth Fire was burning. The scorching breath kept invading, burning his spirit to the point it became somewhat restless, his entire being felt indescribably uncomfortable.

Formation Diagram?

Was this a fire Formation?

Did it match Yi Sheng's own Fire Techniques?

However, Kunshui felt an endless surge of the Earth of Five Elements' Qi in that instant. Although he stood on the platform, it felt as if he was underground, surrounded by countless mounds of earth. This

earthy Qi seemed to form invisible large hands, tightly binding him and affecting the flow of Mana within his body.

Under this influence, he even felt that he could only exert about seventy to eighty percent of his normal strength.

The Techniques and Divine Skills he cultivated all belonged to The Five Elements of Water, which Earth counters.

Was Yi Sheng's Formation Diagram meant to counter him?

All Formations have an implied Bagua, and the Bagua has different positions. If his position turned into the earth position, then changing to another position should do the trick.

Kunshui stepped quickly to move aside.

Instantly, everyone on the platform, except Yi Sheng, felt a constricting force that seemed to counter them.

They felt as if they could only exert about ninety percent of their strength.

They didn't attack immediately but instead moved to the side first.

They wanted to change their position, shake off this feeling of restraint, and then attack Yi Sheng.

With one step, Kunshui's entire being suddenly moved more than ten zhang away.

In the world of Immortal Cultivation, almost all Immortal Sects have a similar Shrink Ground to Inch Supernatural Power. Although he was far from reaching the level where he could shrink thousands of li into an inch and span such a distance with one step, moving more than ten zhang in one go was still possible.

As he took the step, his face suddenly changed.

The feeling of restraint did not disappear from his body; the Qi of the Earth of Five Elements kept assaulting him from the ground.

Was the distance of this earth position so vast?

Amid his astonishment, he took another step to the side. Yet, as his foot landed, the sensation of restraint refused to fade.

The other eight participants shared his astonished expression.

Despite their quick movements, the feeling of being countered and restricted did not weaken at all.

Although they had moved in just an instant, Yi Sheng had already begun her attack.

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Flame!

Skies of flame!

Behind Yi Sheng in the void, eight Golden Cores, in that instant, began to burn crazily, with the temperature on the platform rising sharply.

From the eight Golden Cores, the flames that burst forth connected into one, instantly forming a massive sea of fire that completely enveloped the vast platform, the scorching flames fiercely hurling toward the eight participants.

The ferocity of the fire seemed as if it had sucked away all the oxygen on the platform in an instant.

"Explosive Sun Flames!"

Within the Hundred Peaks Sect, numerous disciples instantly recognized this Divine Skill.

"That's a Divine Skill from Hidden Dragon Observatory, right?"

"Exactly, Explosive Sun Flames is a Divine Skill cultivatable at the Core Formation Stage, and its might is extremely fierce. It is said that at its ultimate, it can instantly dry up a river or a lake,

and even mountains can be burned to ashes.

Moreover, the secret records of Explosive Sun Flames are within the Divine Skills Pavilion of Hidden Dragon Observatory; as long as one can enter the observatory, anyone can learn this skill.

But within our Hundred Peaks Sect, it's rare to see anyone using Explosive Sun Flames."

"Not just rare, but it's only a few exceptional individuals who know this Explosive Sun Flames. I watched the entirety of the Hundred Peaks competition, and I saw only two people use Explosive Sun Flames— one is Elder Brother Lie Yan from Flying Immortal Peak, and the other is Elder Brother Wu Xiang from Five Elements Peak.

The latter, Elder Brother Wu Xiang from Five Elements Peak, is the third-ranked competitor in the Hundred Peaks competition. He is the third... no, the seventh among the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect.

Although not one with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he possesses ten Golden Cores, nine of them being of a different phenomenon."

Wu Xiang stood amidst the crowd of the Hundred Peaks Sect, his face showing an incredibly complex expression as he heard the discussions of the people around him.

Among the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect, he was once recognized as the third-highest, only behind the first-ranked Li Ke and Nie Jie of Flying Immortal Peak.

However, Four Treasures Peak suddenly produced four individuals with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and everyone naturally ranked these four ahead of him.

So, he had dropped from among the top three disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect to the seventh.

Even more, as far as he knew, he wasn't even seventh, but eighth.

Because the disciples of Flying Immortal Peak were no longer just Nie Jie as a Ten Golden Elixirs Phenomenon Great Perfection.

Falling from third to eighth would be difficult for anyone to bear.

Especially since Five Elements Peak ranked second among the peaks of Hundred Peaks Sect, yet its disciples' cultivation could only be ranked eighth in the sect, which was bringing shame upon Five Elements Peak!

However, the current times were extraordinarily special.

The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth was really coming.

At that time, those with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection would be the strongest combat force!

Don't even mention those of the Wind Fire Tribulation.

Those of the Wind Fire Tribulation would not dare to act rashly at that time.

Typically, they are prone to triggering the Wind Fire Tribulation in the later stages, and during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth with the changes in the Heavenly Dao, they are more likely to induce the Wind Fire Tribulation when they act. Then, they would either die within the Peak Fire Tribulation or become Earth Immortals after surmounting it and subsequently fall into a deep slumber.

So, the Wind Fire Tribulation is strong, but it can only be used as deterrence, to let others know that we have the Wind Fire Tribulation and not to provoke us. If provoked, we would...

He even heard of an incident.

There was an Immortal Sect by the name of Seven Empty Mountain.

That was from the previous Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth.

At that time, the forces of Seven Empty Mountain were substantial; it just so happened that among them were three of the most talented disciples, who all reached the level of Wind Fire Tribulation.

Since it was about the time of the previous Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, the Grand Preceptor was not yet born, so this region still had Demon Sects.

For some reason, Seven Empty Mountain caught the attention of the Red Refinery Demonic Sect.

The Red Refinery Demonic Sect, for some unknown reason, provoked Seven Empty Mountain, and an expert of the Wind Fire Tribulation from the mountain acted immediately.

As a result, the members of Red Refinery Demonic Sect saw someone of the Wind Fire Tribulation taking action and offered a bit of resistance before quickly fleeing.

Those who acted from the Red Refinery Demonic Sect had existences at the level of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection; although they were not opponents of the Peak Fire Tribulation, they could still manage to escape.

After incurring injuries, the members of the sect fled.

As a result, because that person from Seven Empty Mountain acted, he induced the Wind Fire Tribulation, and unprepared, naturally could not withstand it and ultimately perished within it.

And that was not the end.

Afterward, members of the Red Refinery Demonic Sect provoked Seven Empty Mountain again, and although the people of the mountain endured to their utmost, another Wind Fire Tribulation expert lost patience and acted directly.

Just like before, once he acted, the Red Refinery Demonic Sect's members instantly fled.

This time, however, they were not as lucky as before—one of their experts, though not one of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but a ten Golden Cores expert, was struck down on the spot by the Wind Fire Tribulation expert.

Yet, that Wind Fire Tribulation expert, for having acted, drew upon himself the Wind Fire Tribulation, and in the end, also failed to survive the Peak Fire Tribulation and fell.

Of the three Wind Fire Tribulation experts of Seven Empty Mountain, two perished, and the remaining one seemed to be so overwhelmed by grief and anger that without even acting, he attracted the Wind Fire Tribulation.

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Although he had passed the Wind Fire Tribulation, he had become an Earth Immortal and subsequently fell into a deep sleep.

All three masters of the Wind Fire Tribulation from the Seven Empty Mountain fell into slumber, leaving the strongest person in the entire Seven Empty Mountain, besides the three, to be an existence with Nine Golden Pills.

At this time, the Red Refinery Demonic Sect launched an attack, directly breaching Seven Empty Mountain.

They even found the burial mounds of the masters of Seven Empty Mountain and dug them up one by one.

From then on, the world no longer had Seven Empty Mountain.

His master told him that the Red Refinery Demonic Sect deliberately provoked the individuals from Seven Empty Mountain who passed the Wind Fire Tribulation. The purpose was to utilize the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth's special nature during the Heavenly Dao to have the three individuals die amid the Wind Fire Tribulation.

In the end, they succeeded.

So it's said that during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, the Wind Fire Tribulation can only serve as a deterrence, to be invoked in a desperate, last-ditch effort.

In that period, the universally acknowledged strongest combat force was the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Despite that, within the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect, he became the eighth.

However, before him, there were seven others who had achieved the greatest combat force of this Reversal Mini Epoch Period with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Among the top ten Immortal Sects, seven individuals with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection are the most that any had.

Consequently, during the darkest times of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, Hundred Peaks Sect's ability to protect itself could even be considered the strongest among the top ten Immortal Sects.

Hundred Peaks Sect was strong, which naturally pleased him.

But he was pressed down by one individual after another.

His emotions at this time were extremely complex.

On the side, everyone was still engaged in discussion.

"Elder Brother Lie Yan from Flying Immortal Peak, during the Hundred Peaks Sect Competition, was already an existence with eight Golden Pills, and like Yi Sheng today, all were Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Cores."

"In the entire Hundred Peaks Sect Competition, only these two displayed the Explosive Sun Flames! There were no others besides them."

Wu Xiang, hearing the words of others, sighed once more in his heart.

Hundred Peaks Sect's other individual with Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection was actually Lie Yan. On the very day of the Hundred Peaks Sect Competition conclusion, Lie Yan broke through and became a practitioner of Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

As for why he knew about Lie Yan's breakthrough, it was because on that day, Lie Yan had approached him for a sparring match.

In the end, although he won, it was by a narrow margin, the kind that was almost a draw.

Even, he could sense that because it was a bout between disciples of the same sect, Lie Yan did not go all out. If Lie Yan had truly fought with all his might, he wasn't even certain of victory.

He was a cultivator with Ten Golden Pills, of which nine were Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, one more Golden Pill than Lie Yan.

Moreover, Lie Yan had just broken through and his control over his strength was somewhat lacking.

If Lie Yan were to immerse himself a bit more and become more familiar with his newfound power, their sparring could possibly result in a stalemate.

And the day before they came to Capital City, he found out even more.

Lie Yan had broken through once again.

He had become a Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

Although Lie Yan's breakthrough came later, he believed that Lie Yan was no weaker than Li Ke and Nie Jie, who had long since achieved Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Most of the people around were clearly unaware that Lie Yan had also achieved Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and they continued to discuss Explosive Sun Flames.

"Explosive Sun Flames is one of the most difficult Divine Skills to cultivate within the Hidden Dragon Observatory."

"Now, Yi Sheng has directly used the Explosive Sun Flames, and moreover, it looks so pure, he definitely has cultivated it for a long time."

"Yi Sheng is a genius too! Although currently the other four disciples from Four Treasures Peak all have Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, Yi Sheng only has Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Cores, but Yi Sheng has even greater potential."

"That's right, the breakthroughs achieved by Xiang Ziyu and the others might be related to the upcoming Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth where the Heavenly Dao will change. I don't know what method Cao Zhen employed, but he used this special period to help them break through.

However, as their Immortal Bodies are Ancient, it'll be difficult for them to break through again, and they might forever remain at the Perfect Completion Golden Core Cultivation Base.

But Yi Sheng is different. Before Yi Sheng had chosen his Peak, all one hundred Peak Masters of Hundred Peaks Sect tried every possible means to let Yi Sheng enter their Immortal Sects.

After all, everyone said that Yi Sheng's cultivation talent is a once-in-a-millennium occurrence for Hundred Peaks Sect!"

As everyone was discussing, Yi Sheng's flames had already reached the nine individuals before him.

The nine people were too late to move again. Even though they were restrained and suppressed, they still displayed their Divine Skills, trying to fend off the invading flames.

For a moment, beams of mana light screens, resembling the ages-old armor of a Mysterious Turtle and towering mountain phantoms, emerged one after another, blocking the scorching of the flames.

"Crack..."

Suddenly, a loud cracking sound rang out.

Above the fighting stage, a towering mountain phantom split in the middle under the relentless burning of the endless flames, as if the boundless flames had suddenly found an outlet, violently rushing forward.

And Yi Sheng, wielding the Green Sun Chasing Fan, gave a fierce wave.

Instantly, the wind aided the fire, intensifying the flames, giving the impression that the very void was going to be consumed into ashes.

The entire fighting stage was filled with flames, leaving no space untouched by fire.

The flames surged, cracking even the age-old armor of the Mysterious Turtle, and the defenses of the individuals broke one after another.

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Left with no choice, the group had to use their Divine Skills again to counter Yi Sheng's attacks.

From a distance, the onlookers felt surprised to see one person completely suppressing the other nine people.

"Although it's said that Yi Sheng has the Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, the other side also has eight people with Golden Cores and seven with Golden Cores, and there are nine of them altogether. Even if they can't beat Yi Sheng, they shouldn't be suppressed this badly!"

"No, I feel that these nine people, each one of them, seems not to have fully exerted their strength?"

"Not fully exerting their strength? Could it be that they are still holding back? Preparing for the fight after defeating Yi Sheng? What time is it now, they are about to lose, and still holding back? They shouldn't be so foolish.

Besides, could it be that all nine of them are holding back?"

"It's not about holding back, it's because of that Formation Map, that Formation Map is the reason."

"Formation Map? I saw Yi Sheng release the Formation Map, but it's just one Formation Map. Can it really affect everyone?"

"Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram..."

From the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, the crowd had already learned the name of the Formation Map through the Hundred Peaks Tournament and knew its effects.

But now, seeing that all nine people were affected by the Formation Map, the onlookers still wore a look of shock on their faces.

"This Formation Map? It doesn't just affect one person?"

"It affects all nine people?"

"Before, the people of the Hundred Peaks Sect, after deploying the Formation Map, always fought one-on-one with people, and we have always thought that this Formation Map could affect one person. But now it seems that this Formation Map can indeed affect... could it be that everyone on the Formation Map will be affected? That is too terrifying."

"I don't know if there's a limit to the number of people the Formation Map can affect, and have you guys noticed? The more people that are affected, the less impactful it seems to be on each individual."

"Even so, that is still terrifying enough."

"Where did Cao Zhen get this Formation Map from?"

Ai Yunqi listened to the people's discussion, but looked toward Cao Zhen's direction. Others might not know, but she had personally witnessed Peak Master Cao create the Array Plate, even lending him a hand.

The Formation Map has indeed become terrifying enough now.

But if they knew that Peak Master Cao had said that this Formation Map is only the first layer, and that it could be further enhanced, I wonder what their reaction would be.

On the arena, flames kept shooting out from the Golden Core behind Yi Sheng, pouring into the sea of fire, causing it to burn incessantly, while she herself extended an arm. On her fair arm, streaks of purple lightning began to appear.

Five-thunder Righteous Method!

Purple thunder burst forth from Yi Sheng's arm, and in an instant, sounds of dull thunder echoed.

A bolt of lightning, as if flying down from the ninth heaven, came crashing down with the force of ten thousand jun.

The other nine people were busy using their Divine Skills to resist the oncoming flames and had no time to spare to resist the lightning.

In an instant, a bolt of lightning struck, hitting one person hard.

In a split second, that person managed to release a protective Golden Body.

But the golden light of protection had just emerged when, in the next moment, it shattered completely under the terrifying impact of the Five-thunder Righteous Method. That person was struck down instantly.

After the lightning struck, the tremendous force of the residual waves directly blasted the person up into the sky toward the heavens.

His body flying through the air, he even opened his mouth to spit out a mouthful of bright red blood before crashing back down to the ground, fainting straight away.

Yi Sheng looked at her opponent, who was now unconscious, as another streak of purple lightning appeared in her palm.

Cao Zhen, watching Yi Sheng on the stage, felt like she was completely playing with an electronic learning machine, striking wherever there was trouble. Those who were hit by her Five-thunder Righteous Method simply dropped like flies.

Especially since, with each person who fell, the group's strength decreased, and the more people who fell, the more difficult it became for the rest to hold on.

Towards the end, the few remaining could only focus on resisting Yi Sheng's flames, and didn't even have the spare strength to release a protective Golden Body.

However, the Five-thunder Righteous Method...

As Cao Zhen watched Yi Sheng using the Five-thunder Righteous Method, he began to ponder which Divine Skills were suitable for her.

Speaking of which, Yi Sheng was proficient in flames and also in Alchemy. He thought of a very special Divine Skill that he could teach Yi Sheng.

To learn that Divine Skill, one's Alchemy Technique needed to be perfected to a high level.

Given Yi Sheng's current level of Alchemy, she could indeed start practicing that Divine Skill.

On the arena, one by one they fell, until only one remained, Tree River, with his eight Golden Cores.

Speaking of which, this was also the combat strategy of many experts when facing a group weaker than themselves. Depending on the opponent's strength, they reduced their numbers, continuously eroding away their power.

Tree River had all eight of his Golden Cores working to their limits, but now he was the only one left, and he was at a disadvantage against Yi Sheng. Without even the need to use the Five-thunder Righteous Method, he was already struggling to hold on.

In front of him, succession of giant tree illusions formed by Mana in the flames kept falling. Although they were only illusions of trees, each one made a hissing sound of burning as they were scorched by the flames.

As the last tree fell, the endless flames surged forward and instantly turned Tree River into a man of fire.

Chapter 497: Danger is Also an Opportunity\_6

It was but a single breath's time when the flames suddenly disappeared, and on the ground, there was now a charred black figure.

Nine people faced Yi Sheng, yet not one could inflict even the slightest harm on him.

Atop the high mountain, the crowd watched as the victorious Yi Sheng flew down from the platform, each of them gasping in admiration.

"Strong! Although Yi Sheng isn't at the stage of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, he's certainly powerful enough!"

"Judging by her performance, even among those with Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Cores, she would be considered quite strong."

"Her divine powers are extremely potent; not to mention her Flame Divine Power, the remaining Thunder Law Divine Skills were also wielded by her master before, likely a heritage of their Four Treasures Peak.

Although it seemed somewhat mismatched with Yi Sheng's abilities, that skill was indeed formidable, likely a best quality divine skill."

"What's even more impressive is that formation map; she faced nine people, nine individuals from different Immortal Sects, each practicing different paths, yet within that formation map, all their strengths were suppressed."

"That's true, I also believe that the formation map was the most terrifying aspect. Fortunately, the other disciples of Four Treasures Peak did not use formation maps. It seems that because Yi Sheng was the weakest, her master gave the formation map to her.

Otherwise, if this formation map were given to Xiang Ziyu, or the unparalleled in sword technique, Yan Yourong, I fear that even the two geniuses of our Immortal Sects, at the stage of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, would have cause for concern."

Although Yi Sheng had won, after returning to her place among the Four Treasures Peak disciples, there was still no trace of joy on her face; she had won, but she had to rely on the Supreme Unparalleled Formation Map, a tool none of her fellow senior brothers and sisters had used.

She still fell short when compared to her senior brothers and sisters.

After Yi Sheng's battle came to an end, for a while, there were no geniuses with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection ascending the platform, nor was there any match that drew as much attention as Yi Sheng's.

For a moment, many eyes wandered elsewhere, and some had already begun speculating about which of the previously appearing geniuses with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection was stronger.

"Based on what we've seen so far, I think that Xiang Ziyu is the stronger one. He hails from the Sun and Moon Sect and is capable of executing the Sun Moon Stars Rotation. That move, Sun Moon Stars Rotation, is not easy to deal with. Moreover, Xiang Ziyu, in the past, set up a platform at the Immortal Reception House to accept challenges and didn't lose a single match.

Even though he is at the level of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, when accepting challenges, he would suppress his cultivation realm to match that of his opponent."

"Xiang Ziyu is indeed strong, but as you've heard, his Sun Moon Stars Rotation skill works best against those with lower cultivation levels than his own, nearly unbeatable, but it doesn't have the same effect on those at the same cultivation realm.

Besides, it's not only Xiang Ziyu who can perform Sun Moon Stars Rotation; his master, Cao Zhen, can do the same, can't he?"

"Let's not bring Cao Zhen into this discussion. After all, he has never fully unleashed his power, nor has he revealed his Golden Core."

"That's true. Honestly, I believe Cao Zhen is at the level of a Perfect Completion Golden Core, but I'm not convinced that he is at Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

"Reaching Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection is truly rare. Previously, when Cao Zhen's disciples had breakthroughs, everyone inquired about it. Cao Zhen has five disciples, four of whom possess Ancient Immortal Bodies.

Although these Ancient Immortal Bodies are considered unviable for cultivation in today's age, dubbed as Waste Bodies,

the fact that they are Ancient Immortal Bodies means they possess certain unique traits when they break through. It's not surprising that they all became Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Cores after their breakthrough. After all, in ancient times, they were the true Immortal Bodies!"

"But it's odd, how could Ancient Immortal Bodies ever become Golden Cores? Especially Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!" A rather ordinary-looking man with particularly thick eyebrows voiced his confusion to another person from a different Immortal Sect: "I'll be honest, our Immortal Sect also has an Ancient Immortal Body, yet that person has not even managed to consolidate an Immortal Bridge."

While each Immortal Sect gathered in clusters atop the high mountain, it was still possible for the outer disciples of one sect to be adjacent to those of another sect.

Immediately, a disciple from another Immortal Sect shook his head and replied, "Who knows? Our Immortal Sect doesn't have any Ancient Immortal Bodies, so we're clueless about the whole thing."

"Haven't the elders speculated already? It's because the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is approaching, creating a change in the Heavenly Dao. Possibly, a minute flaw has appeared in the shackles.

Therefore, it is possible for an Ancient Immortal Body to achieve a breakthrough. Cao Zhen must have found this loophole. However, even if it can break through, it must consume a terrifying amount of resources.

With those resources, I don't know how many disciples could be nurtured. Moreover, because of the imminent arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, the Heavenly Dao has changed; its shackles have shown flaws.

But once the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth ends, the Heavenly Dao will restore itself. By then, Ancient Immortal Bodies will not be able to break through any longer.

The disciples of Four Treasures Peak, having consumed so many materials, could only achieve the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. It seems rather wasteful."

"Actually, it's because they are special that they consumed so much material," analyzed a man with a small mustache mysteriously, "Everyone knows that after the arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, all experts above Golden Core will fall into slumber.

Those experiencing the Wind Fire Tribulation wouldn't dare to move recklessly, only serving as a threat, and even need to worry that others might deliberately harm them,

Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection is the strongest; they will not be limited. And Ancient Immortal Bodies, despite being dubbed 'the Immortal Bodies of today', we must admit that they are truly strong in the same realm of cultivation.

Therefore, Hundred Peaks Sect might have specially created this batch of experts for safety during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, thus preserving their Hundred Peaks Sect."

"This seems quite reasonable."

"Indeed, including those four Ancient Immortal Bodies, Hundred Peaks Sect now has six Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, the highest number amongst the ten great Immortal Sects."

"Even, if Hundred Peaks Sect wishes, they could go out and do certain things."

"Fortunately, Hundred Peaks Sect belongs to our righteous Immortal Sects; they wouldn't attack other Immortal Sects without a reason, otherwise, the other sects would have to worry."

"The ones who should worry first would probably be Clearfall Sect and Divine Occurrence Sect, especially Clearfall Sect."

"They might not attack our great Immortal Sects, but with such strength, they could do many things. I fear that Hundred Peaks Sect is not just seeking self-preservation.

To self-preserve, there's no need to create so many Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection experts. The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is indeed dangerous, but during that period, there are also special opportunities, it's just that no one knows what they are. Perhaps Hundred Peaks Sect is also after those opportunities."

"You've gone off-topic. Everyone is saying that the strongest among those who have appeared is Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. But I don't think it's Xiang Ziyu, rather it's that swordsman from Four Treasures Peak."

"You're talking about Yan Yourong, the second disciple from Four Treasures Peak. I also believe she is stronger than Xiang Ziyu. Xiang Ziyu wields one of the Sun and Moon Sect's three great sect-defining Divine Skills, and moreover, it is a Divine Skill that only an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator can learn and use. It is natural for him to be strong.

But Yan Yourong, she wields a sword directly, using her own Sword Technique, and with just one stroke, she defeated everyone; that is genuine strength."

"Such aura is beyond comparison to Xiang Ziyu's."

"I also agree that Yan Yourong is stronger, as for that fourth disciple, it seems he wouldn't match up to Yan Yourong and Xiang Ziyu."

"Their senior sister is probably not as good as Xiang Ziyu and Yan Yourong either."

"Don't always talk about the people of Four Treasures Peak. Before this, Fairy Qin Yao also appeared. Fairy Qin Yao was someone who broke through to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection even earlier! Yet I think Qin Yao Xian Zi is stronger!"

Amidst the ongoing discussions of the crowd, another battle concluded on a stage, and ten people flew toward the stage from different directions.

Cao Zhen's gaze suddenly sharpened, looking towards the direction of the stage.

Star Lord Hao Yue!

From Thousand Caves Door, the one claimed to be a reincarnation of a great power, he too had joined the Immortals Fighting Tournament!

Cao Zhen's attention was fully on that platform.

He wanted to see if this Star Lord Hao Yue truly was a reincarnation of a great power!

Chapter 498: The Frequent Emergence of Heavenly Pride\_1

Star Lord Hao Yue flew onto the platform, without any particular show of power, simply landing on the platform with simplicity. Yet, as he touched down, almost everyone's gaze on the high mountain fell upon the platform he occupied.

Sighs of amazement kept spreading incessantly.

"The Star Monarch Hao Yue of the Thousand Caves Door!"

"It is said that he is a reincarnated being of great ability!"

"No need for rumors, there won't be any falsehood at this moment. The Thousand Caves Door is one of the top ten Immortal Sects, they wouldn't speak recklessly about such matters."

"This one is a reincarnated being of great ability, I don't understand, would he also want to vie for the position of the State Preceptor? It's totally unnecessary."

"Perhaps it's for Thousand Caves Door."

"But, a reincarnated being of great ability, he is actually not from Thousand Caves Door."

"Whatever the reason, the fact is, he's now standing on the platform. With the participation of such a reincarnated being of great ability in the grand assembly of martial competition among immortals, is there even a chance for others to be the first? Who can snatch victory from him!"

"Indeed, a reincarnated being of great ability! Being able to reincarnate, just how high had he ascended in his previous life, and he has the accumulation of countless years from his past life, plus, he reached such heights, how could anyone of the same cultivation realm possibly be his match."

"Yes, those heavenly prodigies, no matter how talented, have only lived a single lifetime, their years in cultivation are ultimately finite, how could they compare to him."

Someone guessed in a low voice, "But that might not be the case, perhaps he still hasn't reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

No sooner had his voice dropped than someone retorted, "Since he has come to participate, he must surely be at the stage of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection."

You can't possibly naively think that a reincarnated being of great ability can't achieve the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection, can you?"

"I didn't mean that; what I mean is, perhaps he reincarnated late and hasn't yet had the time to break through to the Ten Different Phenomena of the Golden Core."

"Impossible, if he has come to take part in the grand assembly of martial competition among immortals, he must surely be very confident of his ability, assuredly having advanced to the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection."

Otherwise, being a reincarnated being of great ability, if he lost, wouldn't it be a tremendous loss of face?"

"Indeed, as a reincarnated being of great ability, his pride absolutely does not allow him to lose."

"But he has lost before." Someone spoke up amidst the crowd, "I have heard that when Cao Zhen went to the Thousand Caves Door, he debated with the people there, cutting through the entire sect, and out of helplessness, they even brought out Star Lord Hao Yue to debate with Cao Zhen. However, in the end, Star Lord Hao Yue still lost to Cao Zhen."

"This..."

"Speaking of which, that Cao Zhen is also quite extraordinary, how is he so powerful that he can debate and win against everyone?"

"I've heard a theory..."

In the crowd, a burly man started to speak, his towering figure looming like an iron tower, yet the voice he produced was incredibly gentle, akin to a woman's.

"Some speculate that Cao Zhen himself might also be a reincarnated being of great ability. Otherwise, there's no explanation for why he knows so much. And there aren't a few who hold this speculation."

"This... if that's the case, wouldn't that mean Cao Zhen is also at the stage of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection?"

"Quite likely. Think about it, why did the Grand Preceptor summon Cao Zhen alone, calling upon the Peak Master of the Hundredth Peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect? And to even appoint Cao Zhen as the State Preceptor, which is completely inexplicable. But if Cao Zhen is a reincarnated being of great ability, then it all makes sense."

"I still can't comprehend it, if Cao Zhen is a reincarnated being of great ability, then why would he be the Peak Master of the Hundredth Peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect, ranked the lowest? This obviously doesn't match his status as a reincarnated being of great ability. Could he really tolerate that?"

"What's there to be puzzled about? After his reincarnation, he became the Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak, and that couldn't be changed."

"Cao Zhen has never acknowledged to the outside world that he is a reincarnated being of great ability. Maybe he just wants to keep a low profile..."

"Keep a low profile? Does he look like he's keeping a low profile to you? How could someone trying to keep a low profile challenge people everywhere to debate? I think he may not want to be low-key, but rather, he may have too many enemies from his previous life. Those enemies might have many descendants still living, or perhaps some of his enemies haven't died yet, so he dares not expose his identity."

"Makes sense."

Cao Zhen, hearing the exclamations around him, his face revealed a look of surprise; he had thought that very few knew of Star Lord Hao Yue's identity as a reincarnated being of great ability.

It turned out it was no secret at all.

By Cao Zhen's side, Lv Chaoqiong looked towards the distant platform, her gaze falling on Cao Zhen beside her, a look of fortune spread across her eyes. Being equally a reincarnated being of great ability, Star Lord Hao Yue was obviously much more ostentatious than Peak Master Cao, directly revealing his identity as a reincarnated being of great ability.

Even his name, remained that of his previous life, still being addressed as Star Lord Hao Yue.

Clearly, he had not severed ties with the past, and he might not hold much sense of belonging to Thousand Caves Door either, otherwise, he would have used a name from this life like Peak Master Cao.

In contrast, Peak Master Cao not only does not speak of his past life, but he also has had his people help keep the secret of him being a reincarnated being of great ability.

He is wholeheartedly devoted to the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Especially his four disciples with Ancient Immortal Bodies, all four became capable of reaching Perfect Completion of the Golden Core because of Peak Master Cao, which must have required a tremendous amount of resources and materials.

Chapter 499: Frequent Appearances of the Heavenly Pride\_2

Others might not be clear, but how could she not be?

Peak Master Cao indeed used many materials from the Hidden Dragon Observatory to help his disciples refine pills.

However, those materials were far from enough. No one knew how much more the Peak Master privately supplemented to enable all four people to break through to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

All of this was for the Four Treasures Peak, for the sake of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Both were reincarnated beings of great ability, but Peak Master Cao already completely identified himself with the Hundred Peaks Sect. That was the difference, and it was also the fortune of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

At the very least, thanks to Peak Master Cao, the Hundred Peaks Sect now had four more Complete Golden Pill of Ten Strange Phenomena practitioners during the crucial Reversal Mini Epoch Period.

Above the fighting stage, the nine opponents of Star Lord Hao Yue obviously knew that he was a reincarnated being of great ability. Each one had a look of helplessness on their faces.

They really didn't know whether their luck was good or bad. Just like that, they had encountered a reincarnated being of great ability.

Winning?

The moment they saw Star Lord Hao Yue, they knew there was absolutely no possibility of advancing to the next round.

Now, all they could do was comfort themselves that they had encountered a reincarnated being of great ability and could fight with all their strength to experience how magical and exquisite the divine skills of a reincarnated being were.

Soon, the voice of the referee calling 'begin' came from below the stage.

As the sound of these two characters fell, ten Elixir Phenomena suddenly emerged behind Star Lord Hao Yue.

His ten Golden Cores seemed to be divided into two parts, with three moon phenomena in the middle.

However, some moons looked like crescents, others were like half-moons, and some were like full moons.

Around these three moon phenomena were stars.

The ten Elixir Phenomena radiated dazzling radiance at the same time.

In an instant, the sky above manifested the illusions of three moons, as if there were three different moons hanging in the high sky, surrounded and guarded by a host of stars.

It seemed as if the stage had turned into night in a flash, the only light being the three moons in the void and the bright stars.

That night appeared just for a moment, and then in the sky above, the illusions of the stars and the three moons all disappeared.

And on the stage at that moment, there were already nine figures lying on the ground.

"This..."

"Is it over?"

"What did he do?"

"The stage suddenly darkened, followed by restoration to light, and everything was over? We didn't even see how he attacked."

"Is the disparity that great?"

"Is this the method of a reincarnated being of great ability?"

"A complete domination!"

"Although they are both of Great Perfection in the Ten Strange Phenomena Golden Core, those who appeared before can't compare to Star Lord Hao Yue at all."

"The first place in the Immortal Martial Meet has already been decided in advance."

Everyone was utterly astounded that though they were all at the Golden Core Stage, they were unable to see how their opponent made a move. Many disciples turned their heads to look at the elders of their Immortal Sects who were in charge of leading their groups.

"Elder, how did he make his move?"

"Elder, you should have been able to see clearly what happened during that night, right?"

One by one, the elders in the Earth Immortal Realm began to explain to their disciples, "The moment the sky turned to night, those three moons each emitted three rays of moonlight that struck down nine people."

"Is it that simple?"

"Indeed, a reincarnated being of great ability truly is incomparable to the average person."

Cao Zhen, however, furrowed his brows. After the stage turned dark, he also couldn't see what had happened.

But then again, he was too far away. If he had been nearer, directly on that stage, he wondered whether he could have seen what was happening around him.

Moreover, the strength of Star Lord Hao Yue's opponents seemed quite limited, rendering it impossible to judge Star Lord Hao Yue's cultivation base.

He looked around once more, looking at the dense crowd of people and suddenly spoke, "I see that this tournament cannot continue to the second round today."

Ai Yunqi took up the conversation, "It would be good if today's meeting could even finish the first round, after all, there are too many people participating in the Immortal Martial Meet."

"Since that's the case, then let's head back," said Cao Zhen as he turned around and walked outside. His pills were still not fully refined. He couldn't let Gu Chengyu do all the work for him forever.

"You're going back?" Lv Chaoqiong was taken aback.

Full of surprise, Cao Zhen asked, "What? Is there a rule in the tournament that prohibits leaving after one has finished competing?"

"There's no such rule, but everyone usually stays to see if there are any talents. Also, leaving directly is somewhat disrespectful to the Grand Preceptor, so as you can see, no one is leaving now."

"Disrespectful? How is it disrespectful?" Cao Zhen turned back to his disciples, "I'm heading back first. You can continue watching here."

He needed to rush back to alchemy, to push for further breakthroughs. Otherwise, how would he claim first place in the tournament?

Seeing that his master was about to leave, Ling Xi quickly expressed, "Master, I would also like to go back."

"I'll go back too," Yan Yourong had already turned to follow Cao Zhen. It was better to go back and continue refining her sword technique than to spend that time watching others fight.

Xiang Zi Yu shrugged and said, "Well, the battles of these ordinary people really don't interest me. I'll go back too."

Chapter 500: Heavenly Pride Appears Frequently\_3

"The disciple also needs to return to cultivation," Yi Sheng said. After he finished, all eyes suddenly turned to Little Beiyang.

Feeling everyone's gaze, Little Beiyang vigorously shook his head and said, "Master, I should stay behind. After all, we do need someone here to watch over the ensuing developments. Leave this matter to your disciple."

He wasn't foolish; he had no intention of going back.

If he went back, he would definitely have to spar with his senior brothers and sisters.

Unless he could spar with his junior sister.

But his junior sister was into alchemy, and it seemed the master was also occupied with alchemy. What if his junior sister got called by the master to do alchemy again?

Then wouldn't he be subjected to another lesson from his senior brothers and sisters? He definitely didn't want to go back.

"Everyone else is leaving, what will you do by yourself? Go back, and properly cultivate your divine skills. All of you, go back and properly cultivate your divine skills. At the very least, cultivate the divine skills you currently have to the limits of your abilities." Cao Zhen didn't buy Little Beiyan's excuse; naturally, he wanted these disciples to properly cultivate their divine skills once more.

Now, Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Little Beiyan had all reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Their divine skills could indeed be cultivated further.

They possessed the Ancient Immortal Body and, although they couldn't breakthrough in their repairs, they could still cultivate divine skills, and, what's more, any divine skills that suited them could be cultivated much faster than by others.

However, currently, there were only ten days left until their breakthrough, and no matter how quickly the three of them cultivated divine skills, they couldn't compare to Xiang Ziyu.

So, their current divine skills could still improve, as each of his Golden Cores needed ten kinds of divine skills.

Little Beiyan's face immediately darkened, as he made one final struggle.

"But, Master, Immortal... no, Immortal Li Ke has not yet taken the stage. Shouldn't we stay to watch her fight before leaving?"

"No need, she has reached Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. She won't lose."

"Then, there are Wu Jianzi and Lu Yiren..."

"They have also reached Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Enough said, hurry up and come back with me." Cao Zhen said, dragging Little Beiyan away.

With so many people participating in the Gathering of Immortals Martial Conference, not a single person had left after their own match had ended. As the people from Four Treasures Peak left, many immediately noticed their departure.

"Is that... the people from Four Treasures Peak?"

"Are they just leaving directly?"

"Aren't they going to watch?"

"Are they that confident?"

"Actually, leaving now makes some sense. This is only the first round, the real experts won't be forced to use their true abilities. Continuing to watch doesn't hold much significance.

But the conference has just started. Leaving now is somewhat disrespectful to the Grand Preceptor. It would have been much better to leave after the afternoon."

"Is Cao Zhen not afraid of offending the Grand Preceptor?"

"Look over there, Star Lord Hao Yue, who has just finished his match, is also flying away."

"Star Lord Hao Yue has stopped Cao Zhen; what does he want to do?"

Cao Zhen had just flown a short distance when a figure in the distance also flew away from the mountain, heading in the same direction. This figure was moving even faster, and in the blink of an eye, caught up to him.

Star Lord Hao Yue flew in front of Cao Zhen and while flying leisurely opened his mouth to ask, "Which era are you from?"

Cao Zhen raised an eyebrow, but said nothing.

Star Lord Hao Yue chuckled and said, "Not saying, huh? It doesn't really matter, after all, reincarnated beings of great ability differ from one another."

Star Lord Hao Yue exuded an intense and boundless confidence, flashed by, and in the blink of an eye, surged past Cao Zhen and others, heading towards the Capital City.

Though Star Lord Hao Yue and Cao Zhen were conversing on the outskirts of the mountain, Star Lord Hao Yue had no intention of hiding, and with most of the onlookers being at the Golden Core Stage, even with some leading Elders at the Earth Immortal Realm, many were listening in.

And with him and the people from Four Treasures Peak being the most eye-catching in the conference, their conversation in the sky drew the attention of everyone else. With their cultivation levels, they clearly heard what Star Lord Hao Yue said.

"A reincarnated being of great ability!"

"Star Lord Hao Yue is saying that Cao Zhen is a reincarnated being of great ability."

"Star Lord Hao Yue's last words clearly mean though they are both reincarnated beings of great ability, there are strong and weak among them, and Star Lord Hao Yue is confident he's much stronger than Cao Zhen!"

"Since Star Lord Hao Yue, a reincarnated being of great ability, has said Cao Zhen is one, doesn't that confirm Cao Zhen as such?"

"Cao Zhen didn't say which era he's from; it seems like our previous analysis was correct. In this world now, Cao Zhen surely has enemies, and powerful ones at that, so he dares not reveal too much."

"It's strange, now Cao Zhen is part of one of the Ten Immortal Sects, the Hundred Peaks Sect. If someone moved against him, the Hundred Peaks Sect wouldn't sit idly by. What is he afraid of? Could his enemy be the Grand Preceptor?"

"It can't be the Grand Preceptor, can it? If it really were the Grand Preceptor, he would not have failed to notice, nor would he have allowed Cao Zhen to become the State Preceptor. Given the Grand Preceptor's character, he would have taken action directly."

"Perhaps, his enemy isn't even from our Guardian Immortal Dynasty."

"I am even more confused now. If Cao Zhen is a reincarnated being of great ability, does he need to hide his cultivation? Look at Star Lord Hao Yue, also a reincarnated being of great ability, he openly displays his strength, telling everyone that he will surely come first."