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As Cao Zhen pushed open the door, her gaze immediately fell upon the six Golden Cores behind him.

"These vision-inducing Golden Cores... what terrifying power!" Li Ke sensed the immensely terrifying power emanating from the vision-inducing Golden Cores behind Cao Zhen, and she was greatly amazed. She herself was at the Golden Core Stage, yet she was also an existence of Great Perfection with ten visions.

She could not be more familiar with Golden Cores, especially the vision-inducing ones.

Ordinary vision-inducing Golden Cores did not possess such terrifying power. Cao Zhen's vision-inducing Golden Cores were abnormal, extremely abnormal!

The six vision-inducing Golden Cores, each surrounded by dragon and tiger illusions, were in line with Cao Zhen's previous vision-inducing dao platform, vision-inducing Immortal Bridge, and even his vision-inducing inner core, which all featured dragon and tiger visions. It was normal to retain these illusions even after condensing the Golden Cores into actual form.

But the issue with Cao Zhen's six Golden Cores was that they contained additional visions within them, and these visions were not only different from each other but also looked incredibly chaotic, as if they were formed by different forces converging.

Little Bei Yan had already finished writing 'Master is the greatest' a thousand times and had rushed over upon sensing the eruption of energy here. Now, looking at the six vision-inducing Golden Cores behind his own master, he suddenly exclaimed, "What did I say? I told you! My master couldn't possibly have just ten vision-inducing Golden Cores, yet you didn't believe me and even punished me, making me write 'Master is the greatest' a thousand times. Look now, does Master have only six vision-inducing Golden Cores?"

Cao Zhen's face darkened instantly as he looked at Little Bei Yan and asked, "Who exactly punished you just now?"

"My master..." Little Bei Yan, feeling the fierce glance of his Second Senior Sister, stopped mid-sentence, but his eyes were directed towards Yan Yourong, silently indicating to his master who had punished him just a moment ago.

"Very well," Cao Zhen said, looking towards Yan Yourong, "You are in charge of supervising your little junior brother. Make him go back and write 'Master is the greatest' another thousand times."

Little Bei Yan instantly collapsed, the situation not unfolding as he expected. Why was he the one getting hurt again?

Cao Zhen no longer stayed to speak with his disciples. Although he appeared to be at the sixth layer of the Golden Core Stage, his Golden Cores were not regular vision-inducing Golden Cores. Combined with the power of the heretical Golden Core, no one could compete with him for the first place in the Immortal Martial Competition.

Having broken through to the sixth layer of the Golden Core Stage, the leap in his cultivation base was tremendous. During this night, he was getting accustomed to his own power.

Before the second heavenly hour of the next day, he arrived at the competition stage on time with his five disciples from Four Treasures Peak, Li Ke, and Gu Chengyu, just as before.

As for Wu Jianzi and Lu Yiren, they both ultimately belonged to their own sects and could not stay indefinitely at Yi Mansion. Before yesterday, they had found their sect brothers and returned to their sect's formation.

The Immortal Martial Competition had progressed to its fourth round, and finally, Gu Chengyu was able to attend the competition in its entirety for the first time.

"This stage... there seem to be quite a few missing."

Upon reaching the mountain peaks, Cao Zhen immediately noticed that the number of stages had decreased.

It made sense; the number of participants was dwindling. If there were still so many stages, half a day would likely be enough to complete a round of matches.

A pace of one round of matches per day was already fast enough; there was no need to have two rounds in a day.

This was a battle between those at the Golden Core Stage, and injuries in battle were inevitable.

If one had just finished a battle in the morning and sustained heavy injuries, how could one fight another round in the afternoon?

Therefore, the limit for the competition was one round per day, leaving at least an evening to recover and heal.

As a result, it was unnecessary to keep so many stages. Each stage previously had its own code, such as Alpha Stage, Beta Stage.

One wonders, for those who were victorious on the now-absent stages, against whom would they fight?

Before long, as the second heavenly hour officially arrived, the fourth round of the Immortal Martial Competition also officially began.

The Alpha Stage had not been removed.

Below the stage, a referee announced loudly at the arrival of the second heavenly hour, "Alpha Stage, Alpha number twenty-six, Hundred Peaks Sect, Four Treasures Peak Master Cao Zhen versus Xi number thirty-seven, Clearfall Sect, from Qingtian Pavilion. Li Qingkong."

Cao Zhen instantly understood that the winners of the canceled stages had been randomly assigned to other stages.

But this Li Qingkong...

Cao Zhen didn't immediately fly down to the stage but asked with puzzlement at Lan Pili nearby, "Peak Master Lan, what is Li Qingkong's relationship with Li Qinglei?"

When they had just arrived at Capital City, inside Immortal Reception House, a pavilion master from Clearfall Sect named Li Qinglei had been constantly provoking them. Both people were from Clearfall Sect. Although the appellation mainly came from the pavilion they belonged to...

...their names were too similar and even bore the same surname.

Although Lan Pili did not participate in the Immortal Martial Competition, having come to Capital City, it wouldn't make sense to watch alone and then return to Hundred Peaks Sect on his own.

Thus, he also stayed to observe the competition. He had traveled with Cao Zhen to Capital City, which had made them quite familiar with each other. Lan Pili naturally stood beside Cao Zhen and heard Cao Zhen's question, quickly explaining, "Li Qingkong is Li Qinglei's younger brother.

Although Li Qinglei is the older brother, his talent is not as good as his younger brother's. The two brothers did not enter the same pavilion.

Thunderbolt Tower is considered one of the lower-ranked pavilions within Clearfall Sect, but Qingtian Pavilion is among the top ten. It is customary in Qingtian Pavilion to address the pavilion master as 'Qingtian', such as their current master whose surname is Zhang, and everyone calls him Zhang Qingtian."

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"And the Pavilion Master's senior brother would then choose another character for himself; the one Li Qingkong chose for himself was the character 'kong' (empty/sky)."

Little Beiyan stood by the side and upon hearing this, he suddenly understood and couldn't help saying, "Oh, so they are blood brothers. However, the Pavilion Master of one of the top ten pavilions of the Clearfall Sect must be at the Earth Immortal Realm by now. It turns out, the Pavilion Master's junior brother is only at the Golden Core Stage. That person's talent doesn't seem very impressive."

Lan Pili's face immediately turned bright red upon hearing this. He knew Bei Yan was talking about Li Qingkong, but why did these words sound so grating to the ear?

The Pavilion Master's junior brother, just a Golden Core?

He himself was a Peak Master and yet still at the Core Formation Stage.

What did that say about his own talent?

Although the Clearfall Sect was not one of the ten great Immortal Sects, it was still widely recognized that their strength was second only to the ten great Immortal Sects.

Though there was no official ranking, there was a tacit understanding among everyone when choosing their viewing spots on the mountain. Apart from the Grand Preceptor's spot, the remaining best positions were naturally reserved for the ten great Immortal Sects and sects like the Scholar Dao Sect that had the strength of the great Immortal Sects yet were not among them.

The next best spots were reserved for sects like the Clearfall Sect.

Li Qinglei of the Clearfall Sect did not participate in the Immortal Martial Convergence, but he nevertheless stayed to watch it. Furthermore, their Thunderbolt Tower had neither any Golden Core Stage cultivators nor any prodigies, so naturally, no disciples participated in the conference.

Therefore, at the event, he always walked alongside his younger brother.

Listening to the voice of the referee below the Platform A, his face instantly showed a tinge of excitement.

"Qingkong, your opponent is that Cao Zhen, he's just at the Core Formation Stage. Your chance for fame has arrived."

"No, not just Qingkong senior brother's chance for fame, but a chance for our Clearfall Sect to make a name for itself!"

"To think we would encounter that Cao Zhen!"

"Cao Zhen is at the Core Formation Stage, even if he is a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability, even if his Exotic Pill is powerful, he wouldn't possibly be able to defeat uncle master Qingkong!"

"At the Hundred Peaks Sect, we don't know how many disciples have participated in the Immortal Martial Convergence. Defeating their ordinary disciples won't be anything special, nor will it be remembered by anyone.

But Cao Zhen is a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability; defeating him, everyone will remember that someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect was defeated by our Clearfall Sect!"

"Just like a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability, Star Lord Hao Yue has gone to the Thousand Caves Door and has already reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Yet Cao Zhen in the Hundred Peaks Sect is just at the Core Formation Stage. This is why we say Hundred Peaks Sect doesn't deserve to be counted as one of the ten great Immortal Sects!"

Li Qingkong, hearing the shouts around him, showed a confident smile, "Rest assured, everyone, after this battle, all will remember that someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect lost to our Clearfall Sect."

As his voice fell, he stretched his body, directly leaping onto the platform.

On the high mountain, most people's gazes also fell on Platform A.

Peak Master Cao is a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability, yet only at the Core Formation Stage.

Now, everyone is waiting to see when Peak Master Cao will be eliminated. A cultivator at the Core Formation Stage simply can't keep going in such a gathering that is mostly Golden Core Stage cultivators.

"Li Qingkong? A person from the Clearfall Sect? This just got interesting. There has always been a conflict between Hundred Peaks and Clearfall Sect, and now, someone from Clearfall Sect has encountered Peak Master Cao!"

"Li Qingkong, I remember, possesses eight Golden Cores, five of which are Exotic Golden Cores, right?"

"Although both Li Qingkong and Qiao Jingyao, who fought against Peak Master Cao yesterday, have five Exotic Golden Cores, Qingkong possesses three more Golden Cores. He is an existence at the eighth level of Golden Core."

"Moreover, Li Qingkong's Divine Skills are certainly not weak; he also possesses a Divine Weapon."

"Li Qingkong is no longer young; he must have lived nearly two thousand years now. With so many years of accumulation, how rich his experience must be. Such a person is even more difficult to deal with."

"I fear, this time Peak Master Cao is going to be defeated."

"It's going to be a boon for Li Qingkong."

On the platform, Li Qingkong, clad in a wide cloak, stared directly at Cao Zhen, with not even a trace of the respect that should be shown to a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability visible on his face.

If it were any other reincarnation of someone with Great Ability, he would certainly show much more respect.

But this Cao Zhen was from the Hundred Peaks Sect—his Clearfall Sect would not show respect to someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Moreover, this Cao Zhen had swindled his elder brother out of many Spirit Stones, and in the end, made him borrow Spirit Stones from him.

This was akin to Cao Zhen swindling him of his Spirit Stones!

After sizing up Cao Zhen from head to toe, a smug and arrogant look appeared on his face as he said proudly, "Peak Master Cao, I know you are a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability, but this time, you are still bound to lose! I am not like Qiao Jingyao, whom you defeated yesterday. I come from the Clearfall Sect! Not some small-time sect.

Today, you are inevitably going to lose to me. You, as a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability... only at the Core Formation Stage, participating in the Immortal Martial Convergence, was not wise."

Cao Zhen immediately laughed, the person in front of him, Li Qingkong, clearly wanted to provoke him, but as he talked, it seemed that because Cao Zhen was a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability, he didn't dare to offend him deeply, leaving such harsh words behind before not daring to say more.

In the end, he was a coward.

If that was the case, what was the point of provoking him!

As Li Qingkong spoke towards the end, he indeed started feeling a bit cowardly inside. He wouldn't show respect for people from the Hundred Peaks Sect, but the problem was, this was truly a reincarnation of someone with Great Ability. He had great ideas before, but when he actually faced the opponent and thought about the opponent's status, the words he wanted to say just couldn't be spoken anymore.

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He simply ceased to provoke with words, and instead released his Golden Core!

Eight Golden Cores, among which five were Phenomenon Pills, displaying shadows of eagles within the Golden Cores.

As his aura fully unfolded, a sudden piercing gust of wind blew over the arena, as if eagles were actually flapping their wings and flying low, producing a 'whooshing' sound.

In his hands, too, emerged two Divine Weapons.

A sky-blue long knife, its color almost merging with the horizon, making one feel as though the sky itself was held in his grasp.

In his other hand was a silver ring, within which blue patterns slowly meandered, giving one the feeling of a river flowing through his palm.

Behind him floated an enormous screen-like Treasure, upon which were painted eagles, below which were layers of white clouds, exuding an ethereal and mysterious aura.

Three Divine Weapons!

Yesterday, Qiao Jingyao, who fought with Cao Zhen, didn't have a single Divine Weapon, and Li Qingkong hadn't even made his move but had already revealed three Divine Weapons.

In a secluded part of the mountain, Qiao Jingyao had not left; she stayed to watch the competition among the immortals.

Normally, she didn't have the chance to witness so many experts compete in magic.

Next to her, an elder sighed softly and said in a low voice, "Jing Yao, it is your mentor who has let you down. If your Divine Skills were a bit stronger, if you had three Divine Weapons, after you broke through to the sixth layer of the Golden Core, you would have had the chance to defeat Peak Master Cao."

Qiao Jingyao shook her head and replied, "Master, you cannot say that. Without you and Celestial Plum Sect, perhaps I would just be another ordinary village wife, or I might've been married off, tending to my husband and teaching my children, without the slightest cultivation base. Maybe, I would've been dead.

Besides, if I really had three Divine Weapons, under the circumstances of yesterday, I wouldn't have made a breakthrough. Master, ... what is that, behind Peak Master Cao, is that a Golden Core! Isn't Peak Master Cao at the Core Formation Stage? How did he condense a Golden Core?"

"Golden Core?"

"Peak Master Cao, is that a Golden Core?"

"Six Golden Cores, all are Phenomenon Pills!"

"What situation is this?"

"Didn't the Grand Preceptor say that Peak Master Cao was at the Core Formation Stage? And that he hadn't even reached the pinnacle of Core Formation, how in just one day's time, has he advanced to the sixth layer of the Golden Core?"

"Even a reincarnated being of Great Ability wouldn't be able to cultivate this fast!"

On the mountain peak, as everyone noticed the six Phenomenon Golden Cores behind Cao Zhen, they began exclaiming in astonishment one after another.

"This... Could it be the Grand Preceptor was wrong?"

"The Grand Preceptor could be wrong?"

"Maybe the Grand Preceptor was wrong. After all, Peak Master Cao is a reincarnated Great Ability, with special methods that could deceive the Grand Preceptor, it's not incomprehensible."

"But why is Peak Master Cao revealing only six Phenomenon Golden Cores? Could it be that he thinks that to defeat Li Qingkong, only six Phenomenon Golden Cores are enough?"

The crowd buzzed with discussions.

Several Earth Immortal Realm experts suddenly realized something.

"No, the Grand Preceptor wasn't wrong!" At Dharma Apex Sect, an Elder from the Earth Immortal Realm suddenly spoke up: "Last night, a special aura emerged, but since the aura wasn't strong, it didn't attract much attention. Thinking about it now, that aura must undoubtedly have been that of the Golden Core!"

On another side, another Earth Immortal Realm Elder also spoke up, "Yes, that kind of aura appeared six times in total, and now Peak Master Cao has six Phenomenon Golden Cores."

"Although there is an Array on the arena that isolates the competitors' auras, we can still sense traces of both parties' auras. The aura emitted by Peak Master Cao's Golden Core corresponds exactly to the six auras from yesterday."

As the Earth Immortal Realm Elders started speaking up, everyone suddenly understood.

"So you mean to say, Peak Master Cao made his breakthrough yesterday?"

"In just one day, he broke through directly from seven Core Formation to the sixth layer of the Golden Core?"

"How could that be possible?"

"Can breaking through be that quick?"

In the crowd, Wu Jianzi and Lu Yiren listened to the exclamations of those around them but remained unfazed. Just a breakthrough from seven Core Formation to the sixth layer of the Golden Core, what's so astonishing about that?

Peak Master Cao's disciple, well, he went directly from Core Formation Stage to Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

Furthermore, that little disciple of Peak Master Cao went straight from the early stages of Core Formation to the eighth layer of the Golden Core, which is an even bigger leap.

If they knew about that, wouldn't they go insane?

Upon the mountain peak, many people's gazes shifted toward another reincarnated being of Great Ability, Star Lord Hao Yue.

Sensing everyone's gaze, Star Lord Hao Yue seemed to understand their curiosity and calmly said, "Advancing from seven Core Formation to the sixth layer of the Golden Core, what's so surprising about that? For a reincarnated being of Great Ability, it's just a common technique."

"A common technique?"

"This..."

"For us, to advance, to have one more Golden Core, how difficult it is, let alone to condense the first Golden Core. Yet for a reincarnated being of Great Ability, it's just common?"

The crowd realized that they had held reincarnated beings of great power in too high esteem and yet now felt that they still undervalued them.

On the A character arena, Cao Zhen looked at Star Lord Hao Yue in surprise. A common technique?

Could Star Lord Hao Yue also breakthrough so many levels in an instant, like him? Through alchemy?

What kind of pill was he refining?

Or was it another method?

Or could it be that Star Lord Hao Yue was just boasting?

Cao Zhen didn't make a move, across from him, Li Qingkong who had been brimming with confidence now wore a grave expression on his face.

Cao Zhen had already reached the Golden Core Stage, and though he had fewer Golden Cores, he had six Phenomenon Golden Cores, one more than his own.

Moreover, Cao Zhen was able to defeat those at the Golden Core Stage while he was still at Core Formation.

Now that Cao Zhen was at the Golden Core Stage, how could he be his opponent? In addition, Cao Zhen hadn't yet released his Phenomenon Pill.

In the midst of his panic, down below the A character arena, the referee's voice had begun to sound.

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The A character arena, as the referee's "begin" sounded off.

Above the arena, Li Qingkong launched his attack almost in sync with the starting signal. From behind him, mana surged out wildly from each Golden Core, causing the air above the entire arena to shake furiously, instantly whipping up a fierce tornado.

The howling wind lifted all the dust on the upper layers of the arena, turning one side of the space into a blurred haze.

Using the cover of dust, the two Divine Weapons in Li Qingkong's hands suddenly rose.

Suddenly, at the next moment, a blinding radiance shone forth.

Behind Cao Zhen, the light from a Golden Core burst forth dramatically, sending waves of an aura as vast as the galaxy in every direction, dispersing the rolling dust.

The next moment, that Golden Core exploded with an exceptionally dazzling brilliance.

Thunder imbued with the force of ten thousand jun shot out violently from within that Golden Core.

Not one bolt of thunder, but several: purple thunder, blue thunder, golden thunder...

Some were filled with an unyielding rightness, others were brutally savage, some were violent without equal, and others seemed to hail from beyond the Ninth Heaven, while some appeared to originate from the Nine Netherworlds.

And amidst this thunder, there were even flames that descended from the heavens!

Ten Divine Skills!

In just an instant, the ten Divine Skills converged, enveloping Li Qingkong entirely, leaving him no room to evade.

Under the onslaught of these ten Divine Skills, more and more Divine Weapons materialized behind Cao Zhen.

Originally, he obtained Divine Weapons from the Divine Soldier Tomb; he sold some, gave some to his disciples, and kept the rest for himself.

He had planned to sell this part too, but once he had money, selling these would not bring much profit; so he didn't bother selling them anymore and kept them instead.

Li Qingkong released three Divine Weapons at once?

Want to compete with him for having more Divine Weapons? Then let's see who has more Divine Weapons.

In an instant, Cao Zhen conjured up six Divine Weapons and unleashed them toward Li Qingkong.

For a while in the sky, water and fire intermingled, a pair of ring-shaped Divine Weapons entwined with each other, spinning rapidly as they fell; from within a house-sized Divine Weapon, over a dozen yellow

lock chains shot out from the windows, chimney, and wide-open doors, like hissing serpents darting through the air, one large and one small, a pair of male and female swords transformed into two blades of peerless sharpness...

The six Divine Weapons, combined with the Divine Skills released from within the Golden Core, sealed off all possible escape routes around Li Qingkong, leaving him nowhere to go.

From the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Zi Xuan, once one of the Hidden Dragon Three Sons and now a cultivator who had broken through to the Golden Core Stage, had also arrived here to take part in the martial arts tournament—even though he had only reached the first level of the Golden Core Stage, he still came.

Only to be directly eliminated in the first round.

At the Hundred Peaks Sect, there were quite a few, like him, who had been eliminated in the first round, and even among the top ten Immortal Sects, many had been ousted just like him.

Despite their elimination, they didn't leave immediately.

After all, the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty was too vast; if they were to leave on their own, even by flying, they wouldn't know how long it would take, and as the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth approached, the world became more chaotic. Even as cultivators at the Golden Core Stage, they couldn't guarantee their absolute safety.

Thus, individuals like them, being eliminated, generally made one of two choices.

One was to take the opportunity of being outside to explore and gain experience around the Capital City, which only a few would do.

Many more, like him, preferred to stay in the Capital City to watch the martial arts tournament. For one, they could learn and, secondly, such grand events were truly rare.

Zi Xuan, as he watched Cao Zhen deploy one Divine Weapon after another, couldn't help but recall the first time he confronted Peak Master Cao at the Hidden Dragon Observatory and was summarily bested.

The scene playing out before him was so similar to that past moment.

In fact, Li Qingkong's situation was even worse—back then, he was only facing attacks from five Divine Weapons, and Peak Master Cao didn't release nearly as many Divine Skills.

Boom! The sky was filled with the crashing sounds of Divine Weapons colliding.

Although Li Qingkong had deployed three Divine Weapons and could barely fend off Cao Zhen's three Divine Weapons, he couldn't block the other three.

What was even more terrifying was that, after releasing several bolts of Thunder Strike and a heavenly flame, another Golden Core behind Cao Zhen also burst into a spectacular radiance, causing the temperature in the arena to skyrocket abruptly.

Countless flames shot out from within that Golden Core.

Ten types of flames, each representing a different Flame Divine Power!

Some flames burst forth from beneath the platform as if shooting up from underground, some descended from above like heavenly flames, while others gathered into giant fireballs, akin to erupting volcanoes...

For a moment, the entire platform was engulfed in flames, creating a sea of fire, with countless bolts of thunder still raging in the sky.

Cao Zhen had originally wanted to combine the ten types of Thunderbolt Proficiency within a single Golden Core, but although he had no problem gathering the ten types, some Thunderbolt Proficiency levels were not very high, so their power was naturally lowered.

Among his disciples, not many practiced Thunderbolt Proficiency. Although Yan Yourong was born with a Great Five Elements constitution, she focused more on her Sword Technique. She had only cultivated one type of Thunderbolt Proficiency.

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Aside from the fact that Xiang Ziyu had cultivated a modified version of Thunderbolt Proficiency, an abnormal Thunderbolt Proficiency, Little Beiyan's cultivation of the same divine power was slightly more advanced.

As for the Flame Divine Power, many more of his disciples and connected individuals truly practiced that.

Yan Yourong, being of the Great Five Elements innate holy physique, naturally cultivated the Fire Technique. Little Bei, while cultivating the Thunderbolt Proficiency, similarly trained in the Flame Divine Power; after all, one of his special phenomena was a bizarre Flame Evil Chicken.

Yi Sheng, with his True Yang Immortal Body, practiced the Fire Technique.

Even Li Ke, whom he had previously mentored, cultivated the Fire Technique.

Although Thunderbolt Proficiency alone could not amass a Golden Core, the Fire Technique could easily fill two Golden Cores with no issue.

Caught between thunderous assaults and seas of flame, Li Qingkong had no idea how to cope with such attacks. Even though his talent was decent, he was not an unparalleled genius. His current cultivation base was mostly the result of years of accumulation.

He had lived for nearly two thousand years, engaged in countless battles, sparred with innumerable individuals, and accrued vast experience.

But he had truly never encountered an attack like this.

Find the opponent's weakness? Counter the opponent?

With the sky-full of divine skills and divine weapons pressing down, how could he fight this?

He could only hastily employ various Protective Divine Powers to shield himself.

Yet, it was but the work of a single breath's time before all of his Protective Divine Powers were shattered. Furious bolts of lightning, scorching flames, and the onslaught of divine weapons all bombarded him.

In just one encounter, Li Qingkong was struck so severely that he vomited blood violently, his bones cracked one after another, his face pale to the point of being bloodless.

"I..."

He started to speak, as if to say something, but in the next moment, he had already passed out.

From a distance, among the high mountains, everyone looked towards the direction of the arena. Seeing Li Qingkong completely unconscious, they were utterly unable to remain calm.

"What is that? Why is Peak Master Cao's Golden Core so special?"

"The divine skills he unleashed, seemed to be shot out from within the Golden Core?"

"One Golden Core possessing ten types of divine powers, releasing ten divine powers at once?"

"He released two Golden Cores at once, which is equivalent to unleashing twenty divine powers in an instant. How can one fight against that?"

"No, the divine powers he released looked like ten types, but they're not true ten types. Or rather, their might is not as strong as the normal ten types of divine powers."

"Indeed, but regardless, the power is already terrifying enough."

"Li Qingkong has eight Golden Cores, including five with exotic phenomena, definitely not weak. Yet against Peak Master Cao, he was instantly defeated!"

"Is this the horror of a reincarnated being with great ability?"

"The disparity between them is simply too great."

"With six exotic phenomenon Golden Cores, already so terrifying, if Peak Master Cao were to reach Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, how dreadful would that be? By now, no one should doubt that Peak Master Cao can achieve Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection anymore."

Today, although there were fewer platforms, there were still several arenas where people were dueling simultaneously. However, at this moment, almost everyone's gaze was on the 'A' platform—the arena where the battle had just ended.

"Peak Master Cao, he has not yet released that incredibly terrifying Exotic Pill of his."

"Why do I feel that the combat power exhibited by Peak Master Cao today might be too much even for someone at Perfect Completion Golden Core to handle?"

"Perhaps even those at Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection might not be able to defeat Peak Master Cao."

The disciples of the various Immortal Sects, even the leading Elders, were all marveling and curiously watching Cao Zhen slowly retract his Golden Core.

They truly had never seen such an extraordinary Golden Core.

Thousand Caves Door.

An Elder leading the team turned around curiously to look at Star Lord Hao Yue and asked, "Star Monarch, that Peak Master Cao's exotic phenomenon Golden Core..."

"That Golden Core is indeed extremely powerful," said Star Lord Hao Yue gently with four words. Although he praised Cao Zhen's Golden Core, there was not a hint of seriousness on his face, and his whole demeanor was full of confidence, an absolute confidence in his own strength!

"No matter how strong his Golden Core is, it's still an exotic phenomenon one. There are strong and weak among exotic phenomenon Golden Cores. Powerful exotic phenomenon Golden Cores are not exclusive to Cao Zhen."

After defeating Li Qingkong, Cao Zhen returned to the top of the peak.

Now that he had finished refining his pills and no longer needed to rush, he simply stayed there. Since joining the competition, this was the first time he watched a whole day of contests from start to finish.

The five disciples from Four Treasures Peak easily won their round, including Yi Sheng who won very comfortably. Yi Sheng's opponent, although at the same eighth level of Golden Core, only had four exotic phenomenon Golden Cores. Facing Yi Sheng with eight exotic phenomenon Golden Cores, there was no chance of victory whatsoever.

Though Cao Zhen's duel had long concluded, he remained the topic of conversation for the day.

"Peak Master Cao did not release the mighty Exotic Pill from before. When he was at the Core Formation Stage, he relied on the Exotic Pill to defeat those at the Golden Core Stage. The power from that pill was very formidable."

"Our Immortal Sect's Elders have assessed it, saying that Peak Master Cao's Exotic Pill is equivalent to five exotic phenomenon Golden Cores. In that case, coupled with his six exotic phenomenon Golden Cores, doesn't that mean he is equivalent to having eleven exotic phenomenon Golden Cores?"

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Of course, even though gaining more Golden Cores doesn't directly increase their number, the strength of the other Golden Cores will become stronger, especially when one has nine Golden Cores, this

increase in power becomes more evident. At the Perfect Completion Golden Core level, there will be a qualitative change, so one can't calculate it too simplistically.

However, after making such a comparison, I feel that Peak Master Cao truly has a good chance of taking the final championship."

"I had bet on Peak Master Cao before; with these developments, I might actually have a chance to win."

"I'm doomed; I bet on Star Lord Hao Yue yesterday. It was at the Xing Kui Betting Shop, the odds were one to three. I was secretly thrilled at the time, but now..."

"Now, it seems that Star Lord Hao Yue still has a greater chance of coming in first. Of course, if Peak Master Cao can break through again today, then it's hard to say."

"Yesterday, the odds for Peak Master Cao must have been incredibly high. If someone bet on him yesterday, then... wouldn't they have made a fortune?"

"I checked yesterday, the odds for Peak Master Cao at the Xing Kui Betting Shop hadn't changed, but the odds at the Tongbao Gambling House were one to ten."

"One to ten? How can they be so low?" someone asked full of curiosity. "Logically, since it had been confirmed yesterday that Peak Master Cao was at the Core Formation Stage, his odds should have been extremely high.

The unchanged odds at the Xing Kui Betting Shop are understandable. After all, I've heard that Yi Sheng, a disciple of Peak Master Cao, is the chairman of the Xing Kui Business Association, which is affiliated with the Xing Kui Betting Shop.

Perhaps, the Xing Kui Betting Shop has inside information, which is why they didn't raise Peak Master Cao's odds. But then, why did the Tongbao Gambling House set such low odds? They should have been at least one to fifty."

"Who knows why they're so low. Maybe they saw that the Xing Kui Betting Shop didn't adjust Peak Master Cao's odds, so the Tongbao Gambling House, being cautious, didn't raise them too high either. It could also be possible that..."

"They want to make money. With the Xing Kui Betting Shop not offering high odds, all they had to do was offer odds slightly higher than theirs, and naturally, more people would place their bets on Peak Master Cao at their establishment.

Just a bit higher would do the trick. The reason for the tenfold odds is probably because there are other betting shops in the Capital City, so they raised it to ten times.

As for the higher multiples, after all, Peak Master Cao has Great Ability, no one knows if he has a backup plan, so too high an odds also carries a risk. The gambling house setting Peak Master Cao's odds to ten times yesterday was already quite high.

It seems that today, the betting shop's odds must have come down."

The odds at a betting shop aren't fixed; they are constantly changing with different pieces of news.

At the Tongbao Gambling House, the owner sat alone in a room at this moment, looking at the flow of people outside the window, his face a shade of iron blue.

Cao Zhen had broken through to the Golden Core Stage, with six distinct phenomena Golden Cores, no less, and his combat power was incredibly terrifying, easily overwhelming someone with eight layers of Golden Core and five phenomena.

Upon receiving this news, he swiftly adjusted the odds for two individuals: one for Cao Zhen and one for Star Lord Hao Yue.

Now, he had adjusted Star Lord Hao Yue's odds to one to two, while Cao Zhen's odds were also one to two.

The odds for the two reincarnated Great Abilities had been adjusted to the same level for the first time.

Both were reincarnated Great Abilities, and even if Cao Zhen's combat power displayed today was strong and terrifying, Star Lord Hao Yue was at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, while Cao Zhen only had six phenomena Golden Cores.

Even though Cao Zhen's Golden Cores were special, with unique methods, did that mean Star Lord Hao Yue, also a reincarnated Great Ability, had no special techniques of his own?

Thus, no matter how one looked at it, Star Lord Hao Yue seemed stronger.

The reason he adjusted the odds for both to the same level was that many people believed that since Cao Zhen could break through to the sixth layer of Golden Core in a single day, he might continue to make breakthroughs.

These people wanted to take a chance and bet that Cao Zhen would make another breakthrough, so they bet on him.

And he, he too feared that Cao Zhen really might continue to break through, and so, he had no choice but to level the odds for Cao Zhen and Star Lord Hao Yue.

Truth be told, those people didn't bet too much, and even if Cao Zhen really won the championship, this Immortal Striving Assembly would still be a sure profit for him.

The key was yesterday!

Because of the Immortal Striving Assembly, their betting shop was open for business for all twelve hours of the day.

And last night, suddenly, a mysterious person came to their betting shop and placed a terrifyingly large sum on Cao Zhen to win.

At that time, Cao Zhen's odds were ten times!

If Cao Zhen really wins, then this Immortal Striving Assembly will not just be a matter of not making money for the Tongbao Gambling House; they don't even know how much money they will have to pay out!

That sum was just too, too large!

"Who in the world would bet that much? Even Yi Qiancheng couldn't come up with that much money. After all, although Yi Qiancheng is wealthy, he is known as having subdued the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty because he deals in silver taels used by mortals, not Spirit Stones or Spirit Crystals.

Moreover, Yi Qiancheng needs Spirit Stones and Spirit Crystals to stock up goods and for circulation; he can't produce that many Spirit Crystals either.

Only the Ten Great Immortal Sects or the Scholar Dao Sect would be able to produce such an amount of Spirit Crystals... If it were the Ten Great Immortal Sects, could it be someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect who placed the bet?"

The owner of the Tongbao Gambling House sighed deeply. Now, all he could do was hope, hope that Cao Zhen would not break through again, and that Star Lord Hao Yue would eventually win the championship, otherwise, he was really going to suffer a disastrous loss this time.

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Today, countless people were paying attention to the Yi Mansion's direction, but even when the next day arrived, there were no significant movements from the Yi Mansion.

"Could it be that because our cultivation bases are not high enough, we can't sense that aura?"

"Yesterday, there were some elders in the Earth Immortal Realm who said they briefly felt that aura."

"Ask the elders."

Disciples led by Earth Immortal Realm elders from various major sects hurriedly went to their Immortal Sect's elders to inquire, but they soon all received the same answer.

"No, yesterday Peak Master Cao did not make another breakthrough; he is still at the sixth level of the Golden Core."

For four consecutive days, every evening, people kept an eye on the situation at the Yi Mansion, but Cao Zhen did not make another breakthrough.

Meanwhile, during these days, everyone from the Four Treasures Peak had advanced as well.

Over these days, the major betting houses in the Capital City also very tacitly did not adjust the odds for Cao Zhen and Star Lord Hao Yue, both of their odds remained the same at two to one.

However, the Tongbao Gambling House was completely outdone by the Xing Kui Betting Shop this time.

The people at Tongbao Gambling House couldn't comprehend how the Xing Kui Betting Shop could come up with so many messy new kinds of betting methods.

After proposing several parlays, they came up with something called the Bet of Nine.

This time at the Great Immortals' Martial Tournament, they were selecting one State Preceptor and ten Immortal Generals—a total of eleven people.

So the Xing Kui Betting Shop came up with the Bet of Nine, where you could choose any nine people—without having to pick the champion. As long as the nine people you chose all won, the Xing Kui Betting Shop would only take a twenty percent cut of the Spirit Stones and Spirit Crystals wagered in the Bet of Nine, and the rest would be split among the people who bet correctly.

Following that, the Xing Kui Betting Shop opened various other betting methods—like who would run into whom the next day, how long it would take for a certain person to defeat their opponent...All sorts of betting methods. Tongbao Gambling House could only emulate them.

Now, Tongbao Gambling House, and even the other major betting houses in the Capital City, were constantly staffing their people in the Xing Kui Betting Shop. As soon as the Xing Kui Betting Shop

introduced a new betting method, they would immediately notify their own betting house and then directly copy it.

But copying also took time, so more people went to the Xing Kui Betting Shop instead.

On the night of the fifth day, Cao Zhen had still not made any breakthrough after so many days, and quite a few people had already started to feel that, although Cao Zhen was a reincarnation of a great being, he could not keep breaking through continuously.

The reason why Cao Zhen had only broken through to the sixth layer of the Golden Core, rather than the seventh, eighth, or even to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, might be because he could only advance to the sixth layer of the Golden Core in a short period of time.

Nevertheless, there were still many people closely watching the location of the Yi Mansion.

Suddenly, just as the hour of Zi arrived, a fiery red light shot up into the sky above the Yi Mansion, extremely conspicuous in the darkness of the night.

Within the blaze, the phantom of a Phoenix emerged, surrounded by scorching flames that seemed as if they were going to burn the entire sky to ashes.

At the Immortal Reception House, many Immortals who were watching the Yi Mansion raised their heads and gasped.

"Has there been a breakthrough?"

"Someone has formed an abnormal phenomenon Golden Pill after a breakthrough."

"Normally, the formation of an abnormal phenomenon Golden Pill would also manifest an anomaly, but it would not be particularly noticeable. To exhibit such a manifestation when not even reaching the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection signifies that the abnormal phenomenon Golden Pill is extremely powerful."

"Is this... Has Peak Master Cao finally made his breakthrough?"

"No, this aura... This is not Peak Master Cao's aura."

"It seems like... a little disciple from Four Treasures Peak has made a breakthrough?"

"Yi Sheng of the Yi Mansion? She was at Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core before, but now, has she directly advanced to a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core?"

"It's not Peak Master Cao who has broken through... even if Yi Sheng has become a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, she probably won't get far."

Yi Sheng had finally advanced.

Unlike Ling Xi and Xiang Ziyu, who were unable to cultivate and break through on their own, Yi Sheng was capable of cultivating on her own, and, moreover, she was an Immortal Body, which meant she cultivated much faster than ordinary people.

Previously, with Cao Zhen's assistance, she turned herself into a Human Pill and, having reached Enlightenment, continuously fought over the past several days, ultimately taking a step further and becoming a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core.

Cao Zhen sat in his room, gazing at the abnormal phenomenon Golden Pill that formed after Yi Sheng's breakthrough, feeling deeply moved.

"Truly the body of a modern immortal is different. It hasn't been long since she became an Eight Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core, and she has already made such a breakthrough."

Although Yi Sheng had made a breakthrough, there was no sign of joy on her face. Instead, she quickly became accustomed to the power after her breakthrough. The Great Immortals' Martial Tournament had been going on for so many days and was already into the second half. Tomorrow would be the battles for advancing from the top 128 to the top 64.

Even as a possessor of Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, she was still one of the weaker ones in the competition.

The next day, the Great Immortals' Martial Tournament continued.

Today, a total of sixty-four battles would take place.

Now, only two stages remained.

The battles at the Golden Core Stage would not last several days and nights, so two stages were sufficient to ensure that one round could be completed in a day.

As the hour of Chen arrived, two judges in charge at the foot of the two stages spoke.

"On the Alpha Stage, Clear Understanding of the Infinite Temple will fight against Fang Huaiyi of the Scholar Dao Sect."

"On the Beta Stage, Yi Sheng of Hundred Peaks Sect's Four Treasures Peak will fight against Little Lou of the Four Extremes Sect!"

At the sound, Yi Sheng immediately soared into the air and flew towards the direction of the stage.

A total of four people from different Immortal Sects were dueling, and at this moment, around the elevated area, the people from various Immortal Sects had not left. Even without their sect's representatives fighting, everyone seemed relaxed, and they began discussing among themselves.

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"The Clear Understanding from Infinite Temple and Fang Huaiyi from Scholar Dao Sect, although both have reached the Ten Golden Cores of Great Perfection, Clear Understanding only has five Phenomenon Pills, whereas, Fang Huaiyi possesses seven Phenomenon Pills. There's no suspense in this battle; victory will inevitably belong to Fang Huaiyi."

"However, the outcome of the other battle isn't so easily predicted."

"Yi Sheng from Hundred Peaks Sect made a breakthrough last night, and now has Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, but her opponent, Shi Xiaolou, although having reached the Ten Golden Cores of Great Perfection, only has four Phenomenon Pills. The outcome of this battle is really hard to say."

"Yes, after all, Little Lou has already achieved Pill Fusion; the gap between having fused and not having fused the pills is too great."

"If Yi Sheng had also achieved Pill Fusion, there would be no need to discuss it. Even if Little Lou had reached Ten Golden Cores of Great Perfection, I would still favor Yi Sheng. However, given Yi Sheng's immense talent, with nine golden cores, all of them Phenomenon Pills, she surely wouldn't have done Pill Fusion."

"After forming nine golden cores, the last step in the Golden Core Stage is to merge these nine golden cores into one even larger golden core.

But to achieve ten cores and then merging them, that is what truly defines Perfect Completion Golden Core. With Yi Sheng's talent, she could reach the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection; she certainly wouldn't settle for a temporary victory at this Martial Arts Competition and opt for Pill Fusion with just nine cores."

"After the Pill Fusion, the power of all golden cores is unified. The disparity between having fused and not having fused is simply too vast. In fact, among the one hundred and twenty-eight people today, only Yi Sheng hasn't undergone Pill Fusion."

"Actually, it's Yi Sheng's good fortune. The opponent she faced yesterday was almost the weakest in all of yesterday's matches."

"Little Lou's luck isn't bad either; although his opponent yesterday had completed Pill Fusion, they had only achieved pill fusion with nine golden cores, and they had only one more Phenomenon Pill than Little Lou. In the end, it was Little Lou who emerged victorious.

Today, Little Lou once again faces the only opponent who hasn't completed Pill Fusion; his luck is truly good."

Everyone knows that Phenomenon Pills are stronger than ordinary golden cores.

However, Little Lou, even with fewer Phenomenon Pills than his opponent, defeated them because he had achieved fusion with ten golden cores, while his opponent had merged only nine.

If neither had achieved Pill Fusion, and one had more golden cores while the other had more Phenomenon Pills, it would really be hard to say who would win.

But when both have achieved Pill Fusion, the people in the Immortal Cultivation world all know that the one with ten golden cores will inevitably win; otherwise, it wouldn't be called Great Perfection."

Someone asked in confusion, "Speaking of which, it's strange that Little Lou has reached the Ten Golden Cores of Great Perfection, but he only has four Phenomenon Pills?"

Indeed, it's very difficult to form Phenomenon Pills once you've reached the Golden Core Stage.

First of all, when you're at the Core Formation Stage, the pills you form must be Phenomenon Pills, only then can you form more Phenomenon Golden Cores on that foundation.

Even if you did form Phenomenon inner cores at the Core Formation Stage, it doesn't guarantee you could form Phenomenon Golden Cores later on.

Some people, in the Core Formation Stage, might have nine out of ten inner cores as Phenomenon Pills, but end up with only two Phenomenon Pills at the Golden Core Stage.

Having four Phenomenon Pills is actually not a small number.

The issue here is that Little Lou is at Perfect Completion Golden Core.

In the Golden Core Stage, forming Phenomenon Pills is difficult, but reaching Ten Golden Cores of Great Perfection is even harder.

To have reached Perfect Completion Golden Core, one is considered an absolute genius in any Immortal Sect. Such a genius would typically have at least half of the golden cores become Phenomenon Pills.

Yet Little Lou has only four Phenomenon Pills, which is indeed rare."

"The case of Little Lou, although rare, is not singular. You may have not noticed, but in the previous matches, there was a participant who had achieved fusion with ten golden cores, and yet only three of their golden cores were Phenomenon Pills. Unfortunately, he was rather unlucky and faced Wu Jianzi from Sword Sect and was directly eliminated."

"So sometimes, whether one can advance to the next round also depends on luck. However, as the competition goes on, the opponents will only get stronger, and by tomorrow, such instances of advancing on luck will become much rarer."

"Tomorrow? After tomorrow's matches, everyone who advances will certainly be at the Ten Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills Great Perfection."

"Are you suggesting that Peak Master Cao will be eliminated tomorrow?"

"That...Peak Master Cao is a unique case. After all, he is a Great Ability reincarnated, and should not be judged by ordinary standards."

As the crowd buzzed with discussion, from the direction of Four Extremes Sect, an elder gently patted Shi Xiaolou, whispering, "Don't take it lightly; though Yi Sheng surely hasn't achieved Pill Fusion, you've seen what happened when she broke through her ninth Phenomenon Golden Core yesterday. Such phenomena indicate an extremely strong Phenomenon Pill.

During the upcoming battle, prioritize stability. Defeat Yi Sheng to enter the top sixty-four, and once we're back, I'll reward your achievements!"

Although the Martial Arts Competition only rewards the top eleven, it doesn't mean that achieving other rankings comes without benefits.

This Martial Arts Competition is obviously aimed at the position of State Preceptor and the ten Immortal General spots, but on the other hand, it is also a chance for each Immortal Sect to showcase their strength.

The higher the ranking secured by a disciple from an Immortal Sect, the more it represents the strength of that sect, and when talented individuals choose an Immortal Sect, they will naturally favor the stronger ones.

Chapter 539:

Just like the ten Immortal Sects, although they all seem to be on the same tier, everyone knows that Divine Dao Sect is stronger, the number of people entering Divine Dao Sect each year is higher, and they have more disciples with greater talent.

Moreover, the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is about to arrive. If an Immortal Sect does not achieve good results at this time, it will be perceived as being on the decline, and it might become a target for others.

Although, being one of the ten Immortal Sects, under normal circumstances, few would seek discomfort by provoking the Four Extremes Sect,

nothing is absolute.

The annals of their Immortal Sect record several instances during the Minor Eras of Inversion of Heaven and Earth when Sects not weaker than the Four Extremes Sect were plotted against.

Even Sects whose strength was on par with the ten Immortal Sects were attacked and broken by a coalition of several Sects.

Therefore, all the major Immortal Sects encourage their disciples to strive for higher rankings.

At this time, if an Immortal Sect performs strong enough, like Hundred Peaks Sect, which now has a large number of disciples who have entered the top one hundred and twenty-eight.

Among them, there are as many as seven disciples who have reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

Hundred Peaks Sect really kept a low profile this time.

Previously, everyone knew that Hundred Peaks Sect had two disciples who achieved Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, one is Nie Jie from Flying Immortal Peak and the other is Li Ke from Vermilion Bird Peak.

Also, he knew something else, initially, Little Lou's master had once considered pairing Little Lou with Li Ke as Dao companions.

After all, the relationship between Four Extremes Sect and Hundred Peaks Sect has always been good.

But later, after realizing that Li Ke's cultivation progressed diligently, and all nine of her Golden Cores were Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, while Little Lou initially coalesced four Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills and then failed to coalesce any more, Little Lou's master abandoned this idea and eventually paired Little Lou with another disciple from Hundred Peaks Sect.

Nie Jie and Li Ke were known by everyone as Hundred Peaks Sect's two Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and the third person was Wu Xiang from Five Elements Peak, who had Ten Great Perfection Golden Cores, nine of which were Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

But who could have expected that a new revelation would emerge that Xiang Ziyu from Four Treasures Peak was also a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Following this, Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Little Beiyan from Four Treasures Peak were all revealed to be Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

With this, Hundred Peaks Sect now had six Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

However, it didn't end there.

Just yesterday, Liè Yàn of Flying Immortal Peak from Hundred Peaks Sect also revealed his true cultivation base, which is also a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

As such, Hundred Peaks Sect now has seven Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection disciples!

Moreover, he discussed with another Elder from Four Extremes Sect yesterday that Liè Yàn's combat power is terrifyingly strong; he felt that Liè Yàn was stronger than both Li Ke and Nie Jie, also Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and by no small margin.

Not to mention, Peak Master Cao Zhen, who is a reincarnated being of great ability.

Although the contest of all immortals hasn't come to an end, one of the biggest winners this time is definitely Hundred Peaks Sect.

After this time, the whole world will know of Hundred Peaks Sect's strength, including ordinary mortals.

Who knows how many talents with extraordinary gifts will be discovered and join Hundred Peaks Sect.

And moreover, once the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth arrives, there will likely be no one, no Sect, willing to target Hundred Peaks Sect.

Who would seek death by provoking an Immortal Sect with seven Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and a reincarnated being of great ability?

However, Four Extremes Sect's performance in this tournament of all immortals has not been good. In the current top one hundred twenty-eight, there are only four from Four Extremes Sect, which is the fewest among the ten Immortal Sects.

This is not unrelated to Hundred Peaks Sect.

It is precisely because of Hundred Peaks Sect's sudden rise, or more precisely, the emergence of Four Treasures Peak. Four Treasures Peak currently occupies six spots in the top one hundred twenty-eight.

And they, Four Extremes Sect, already had two strong cultivators eliminated by disciples from Hundred Peaks Sect.

Among them, Liè Yàn, who defeated a disciple from Four Extremes Sect yesterday, is a disciple with Ten Great Perfection Golden Cores, nine of which are Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

Similarly, another disciple from Four Extremes Sect with Ten Great Perfection Golden Cores, of which nine are Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, was eliminated by Xiang Ziyu from Four Treasures Peak.

If not for the sudden rise of Four Treasures Peak, if not because of Liè Yàn, those two disciples of theirs would likely have advanced.

The results of Four Extremes Sect could have been much better.

But they had the misfortune to encounter Hundred Peaks Sect.

Four Extremes Sect had many matches against disciples from Hundred Peaks Sect this time. He could tell that Grand Preceptor did it on purpose.

Why did Grand Preceptor change the order of the battles? He deliberately arranged for Immortal Sects with good relations to fight against each other, seeking to slowly deteriorate the relations between the two Sects.

At the same time, Grand Preceptor also matched disciples from Sects with bad relations against each other, increasing the animosity between the Sects.

After all, it's evident to everyone that Grand Preceptor is suppressing the world of immortal cultivation.

And the ten Immortal Sects are his primary targets to suppress.

Now, the encounter between Shi Xiaolou from Four Extremes Sect and Yi Sheng from Hundred Peaks Sect is not because the two of them are lucky to face comparatively weaker opponents; it is something that Grand Preceptor can arrange!

But even though he knows this can be arranged by Grand Preceptor, he still insists on Shi Xiaolou fighting with all her might because it concerns the face of Four Extremes Sect.

In the direction of Hundred Peaks Sect, Little Beiyan suddenly looked towards Qu Qingqing of Azure Pheasant Peak, curiously asking the sect sister who had already been eliminated, "Sister Qingqing, our Shi Xiaolou from Four Extremes Sect is going to fight with Yi Sheng from Four Treasures Peak. Yi Sheng is our sister from Hundred Peaks Sect, but Shi Xiaolou is also your Dao companion. I'm quite curious, who will you be cheering for later? Who do you hope will win?"

Beside her, Li Ke, who had maintained the appearance of an Immortal in the eyes of outsiders since the beginning of the contest of all immortals, couldn't help but laugh out loud and looked towards Qu Qingqing, equally curious about the question.

Chapter 540:

All ten Immortal Sects, no matter which one, no matter how much their disciples fight and have conflicts amongst themselves in usual times, once they leave the sect and face outsiders, they always present a united front.

But, when this 'outsider' happens to be a Daoist couple...

Everyone from the Hundred Peaks Sect looked towards Qu Qingqing, curious as to who she would hope would win when her Daoist partner, Shi Xiaolou, faced a disciple of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Feeling everyone's gaze, Qu Qingqing's beautiful face immediately turned red with embarrassment. How could she answer this question?

Although she indeed disliked Four Treasures Peak, she was also a disciple of the Hundred Peaks Sect; naturally, she would wish for the Four Treasures Peak's disciple to win when facing others.

But, the disciple from Four Treasures Peak was facing her Daoist partner.

Naturally, she hoped Shi Xiaolou would win, but she could not tell the truth surrounded by disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Yet, if she were to deny her true feelings and say she hoped Yi Sheng would win, she couldn't bring herself to say such a thing either.

At that moment, her face flushed with color, she was unable to respond, and could only raise her hand and point towards the direction of the arena, saying, "I can't decide their battle. Who wins doesn't matter to me, it's for them to battle it out."

Above the arena, behind Shi Xiaolou, ten Golden Cores had emerged, four of which were Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

In one Golden Core, there was the phenomenon of a sheet of paper, and everyone could see a blank white paper void of any marks or writing, even from a distance.

In another Golden Core, there resided a pen surrounded by golden light.

In yet another Golden Core, there was an inkstone made of transparent jade, with streams of text flowing and surging simply within it.

In the last of the Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Cores, there appeared a grinding slab, with streams of black ink flowing within the Golden Core, like a rolling black river.

The four Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Cores represented the Four Treasures of the Study.

The ten Golden Cores emerged in the void, converging towards the center to form one massive Golden Core.

Pill Fusion!

The final step in the Golden Core Stage is Fusion.

Of course, during combat, it's also possible to release only a few of the Golden Cores, or release all ten without combining them.

But, no matter who it might be, only in a Fused state could one present their strongest state.

Opposite Shi Xiaolou,

behind Yi Sheng, nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills emerged one after another. Within each Golden Core blazed flames, the last Golden Core's light was the brightest, with two colors of flame within it: around the outside were purple flames, and in the center, crimson flames. The flames combined to form the shapes of a phoenix and a phoenix.

A torrent of noble, inviolable pressure surged from those Golden Cores.

Shi Xiaolou felt the oppressing aura emanating from that one Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Core across from him, his face revealing a complex expression.

He too was such a dazzling talent once.

During the Core Formation Stage, he possessed an inner core of Ten Different Phenomena.

After entering the Golden Core Stage, his first four Golden Cores were also all Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

People hailed him as a genius, and he too firmly believed that he could face the Wind Fire Tribulation with a Perfect Completion Golden Core of Ten Different Phenomena.

However, his fifth Golden Core turned out to be an ordinary one, and afterwards, all his Golden Cores were ordinary.

Although people still called him a genius and hailed him as unparalleled in both calligraphy and painting, he knew that in the eyes of true geniuses, he was no longer one of them.

Yet the current opponent, Yi Sheng, although possessing Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, was already being considered equal by those geniuses.

True, her talent was great, but however high her talent, she still had only nine Golden Cores, and she hadn't achieved Pill Fusion yet!

And he, even if he had fewer Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, he was still one who had achieved the Great Perfection Fusion of ten Golden Cores!

A surge of dissatisfaction roiled within Shi Xiaolou, transforming into boundless fighting spirit.

As the referee started the match, a brush of grayish-brown appeared in his hand, and from the Fusion within him, streams of energy like an oceanic mist surged into his body and into the brush.

In that instant, his whole presence surged. Waves of energy swept outwards, the surrounding air buzzing.

Visible ripples of energy radiated from him, pushing outwards in all directions.

This is the might of a ten Golden Core Fusion master!

With a single stroke of his brush in midair, the air above the arena seemed to be split open.

"Dungeon Pen!"

"This is a Divine Weapon once used by a Sect Leader of the Four Extremes Sect; they actually gave this Divine Weapon to Shi Xiaolou!"

Amidst everyone's exclamation, Shi Xiaolou swiftly wielded his brush.

Suddenly around Yi Sheng, beams of pitch-black light emerged within the Void, as solid as reality, looking from afar like cages containing unparalleled fierce creatures, trapping Yi Sheng within.

"Draw the Prison!"

"The Divine Skill 'Draw the Prison' of the Four Extremes Sect is one that only an Earth Immortal can perform. However, due to the Dungeon Pen containing the Divine Skill, Shi Xiaolou, who is only at the Golden Core Stage, can perform 'Draw the Prison.'"