

## **My Master 541**

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"Yi Sheng is trapped in the cage, and next, she won't be able to dodge Shi Xiaolou's attacks."

"The Painting Way Prison, the most terrifying aspect is that the cage is continuously shrinking. Being trapped within, the space to move will become smaller and smaller. The only way out is to break through the cage."

"If Yi Sheng were also at the Perfect Completion Golden Core, she would naturally be able to break the cage, but she has not achieved Pill Fusion. How can she break the cage?"

Yi Sheng looked at the cage that had begun to shrink, yet excitement flashed across her face. Ever since she had achieved cultivation as the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix, she had not had a chance to unleash it.

The opponents she had encountered before did not require her to unleash the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix to defeat them.

Today, she was facing a being that had achieved Pill Fusion.

She was acutely aware of the gap between those who had and those who had not achieved Pill Fusion. Facing such an opponent, she knew she had to go all out in battle.

Today was the time to unleash the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix.

Moreover, as the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix, she had now condensed a Phenomenon Pill Golden Core.

Behind her, among the nine Phenomenon Pills, flames were burning wildly as if nine suns had descended upon the mortal realm.

Among the nine Golden Cores, the last one that was condensed shone even more brightly than the other eight.

Streaks of light fell upon her, making her whole body appear like a sun unleashing a wild blaze, yet within this fierce light, not a single piece of her clothing was damaged, let alone her body.

Suddenly, the sound of a phoenix's cry came from behind her.

Between Yi Sheng's hands surged out two Saint Beasts—a phoenix and a fenghuang—completely formed by flames, surrounded by purple flames on the outside and scarlet on the inside.

The phoenix carried the most intense and explosive aura, charging straight at the cage!

This was also a major advantage of the Painting Way Prison Divine Skill; the cage not only trapped the opponent but also their Divine Skills. If one wanted to attack another with Divine Skills, they first had to break the cage.

Shi Xiaolou was extremely confident in the Painting Way Prison. After casting it, he was already reaching for his brush to launch an attack toward Yi Sheng by pointing in the void, swiftly writing a "Kill" character.

Instantly, the mana gathered into the character "Kill," seeming to be formed by countless blood, filled with a stench of blood and an overwhelming aura of slaughter that condensed in this part of the space of the arena.

Yet just as his "Kill" character flew toward Yi Sheng, on the fighting platform, the sound of phoenix cries was already spreading.

Though the sound emanated from the platform, it made him feel as if it was coming from the far ends of the heavens, as if from ancient times, crossing through the river of history—a distant illusion.

Amidst the crisp cry, the phoenix engulfed in blazing flames rammed into the cage he had drawn.

Instantly, the sound of sizzling erupted, not the kind that came from slowly burning wood piece by piece in the fire, but from easily flammable kindling instantly devoured by the flames.

The cage that had just trapped Yi Sheng shattered with a crash!

As the cage broke open, Shi Xiaolou felt a taste of blood in his throat and spat out a mouthful of crimson blood.

The Sect Leader True Person of their Four Extremes Sect once said that there is no perfect Divine Skill in the world, and all Divine Skills have their weaknesses and shortcomings.

The Painting Way Prison can trap the opponent; they must first break the cage if they wish to attack with their Divine Skills. However, the caster's Divine Skills won't be hindered by the cage.

For such a powerful Divine Skill, there is a drawback—if the cage is forcefully broken, the person who executed the Painting Way Prison will also be injured.

Now, his cage was broken!

"Shi Xiaolou's Divine Skill has been broken?"

"How can this be? That's a Divine Skill executed through his Divine Weapon!"

"That's a Divine Skill that could only be executed by someone at the Earth Immortal Realm. Although Shi Xiaolou isn't at the Earth Immortal Realm and the Painting Way Prison he cast can't be compared with that of Earth Immortals, the skill itself is already powerful enough. Normally, it's difficult to break!"

"Shi Xiaolou, he has achieved Pill Fusion, but Yi Sheng has not? Yet, Yi Sheng, she... she broke the cage so effortlessly!"

"What kind of Divine Skill is this?"

"Yi Sheng, has she really not achieved Pill Fusion?"

In the midst of everyone's astonishment, Shi Xiaolou looked at the broken Divine Skill and the flames charging at him, horror filling his eyes. How could this fire be so terrifying? This fire, he even felt a threat to his own life...

In just an instant, his entire body uncontrollably broke out in goosebumps.

In the void, the "Kill" character he had just executed touched the flaming phoenix. In an instant, the "Kill" character was devoured, and the flaming phoenix appeared unharmed, still falling towards him without losing momentum.

Shi Xiaolou felt as if he was enveloped in endless terror. In his hand materialized a scroll which he quickly unfurled, revealing a landscape of mountains and rivers.

Four Cardinal Mountain and River Picture!

This Divine Weapon was a gift from the Sect Leader True Person upon his achievement of the Golden Core. It ranked even above the Dungeon Pen among the Divine Weapons of the Four Extremes Sect!

It was a Divine Weapon that even his sect brother, who had achieved the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, coveted greatly.

The Four Cardinal Mountain and River Picture was created by their sect's previous Sect Leader True Person upon Completion of Painting Dao. The painting depicted not the landscape of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty but that of the Four Extremes Sect.

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For a moment, continuous mountain ranges, winding rivers, and numerous cave mansions all appeared one after another.

One by one, the Four Extremes Sect disciples stared at the landscape of mountains and rivers materializing on the stage, even feeling the illusion that they had returned to Four Extremes Sect.

However, in the next instant, the flame phoenix attacked, and the scene of Four Extremes Sect that was as vivid as reality ignited in a flash.

The scorching flames seemed determined to burn Four Extremes Sect down completely, as a great fire engulfed the heavens, swiftly covering all the Four Extremes Sect's mountains and rivers.

"How could this be!"

Shi Xiaolou felt the high temperature assailing him from all sides, disbelief filling his eyes, and in the next moment, as the flames reached him, just one flame made him feel as though his body had been instantly incinerated.

The explosive aura of fire surged toward him, shattering his golden body protections one after another. His skin, bones, and internal organs seemed to ignite at that very instant.

The overwhelming force sent him uncontrollably flying backward until he landed on the edge of the stage, where he crashed down heavily.

Shi Xiaolou, lying on the stage, let out another mouthful of blood and looked at Yi Sheng amidst the distant flames, his heart filled with endless frustration and confusion.

Why?

He had already achieved Pill Fusion, even with ten Golden Cores, so why had he been defeated so cleanly by someone who had not even completed Pill Fusion?

The opponent had only used one Divine Skill, and he had been defeated!

Is this... is this really the power of someone who hasn't achieved Pill Fusion?

Yi Sheng...

He vaguely remembered this woman, having seen her beside Cao Zhen when he attended the Golden Core Club with his partner Qu Qingqing at Hundred Peaks Sect's Vermilion Bird Peak as a talented disciple of Li Ke's.

Back then, Yi Sheng hadn't even completed Core Formation, and he would not have remembered her if not for her figure and appearance after a mere glance.

But now, to have been defeated by her...

How much time has passed since then?

In less than half a year's time, he had been so easily vanquished by her.

Four Treasures Peak...

Back at the Golden Core Club, he had lost face because of the Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak, and now, in this grand martial tournament of the Immortal Sects, he was defeated again because of a disciple of Four Treasures Peak... himself...

Shi Xiaolou opened his mouth to vomit another mouthful of blood, and then completely lost consciousness.

"Little Lou!" Qu Qingqing cried out in alarm and swiftly flew out from the crowd of Hundred Peaks Sect, heading towards the stage.

From the direction of Four Extremes Sect, an Elder also flew out rapidly.

On the stage, after Yi Sheng's flames scorched Shi Xiaolou, a look of surprise appeared on her face as she quickly retracted the flames.

She looked apologetically at Qu Qingqing and the Elder of Four Extremes Sect who were rushing towards her and said, "I didn't mean to harm him so badly, it's just that this was my first time using this Divine Skill in combat..."

She truly hadn't expected the terrifying might of the Divine Skill.

After her cultivation turned into the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix, although she hadn't deployed it during the tournament, she had used it while sparring with her four senior martial brothers and sisters.

At the time, her senior martial brothers and sisters all praised the strength of her Divine Skill, but she knew they were just comforting her. After all, her Divine Skill couldn't harm her seniors in the slightest.

Like her eldest senior sister, whose defenses, gathered by Talismans, her flames couldn't breach.

The second senior sister could simply slash her flames with a single strike.

The junior martial brother was able to block her attacks with various wondrous phenomena.

And the most exasperating was her third senior brother who, without using any Treasures, bore her Flame Divine Power with his flesh and afterward merely commented to her "Not bad."

How was that "not bad" at all?

Yet today, under the wielding of her Divine Skill, she nearly burned her opponent to death.

If she had been any slower in retracting her flames, Shi Xiaolou might have already been a corpse.

Even though there were two stages with two groups in combat simultaneously, at this moment, almost everyone's gaze was fixed on the stage where Yi Sheng was.

Whether they were disciples from the ten major Immortal Sects, worldly and knowledgeable, or from various smaller sects, they all looked at the charred stage in horror.

"That flame? What kind of flame is that? It broke through Shi Xiaolou's three Divine Skills so easily!"

"Shi Xiaolou is a legacy of Four Extremes Sect; the Divine Skills he uses are not comparable to those from minor sects and schools. And yet, his perfectly suited Divine Skills and Divine Weapons were broken through so effortlessly?"

"Shi Xiaolou is a contender with ten Golden Cores integrated. Yi Sheng surely hasn't achieved Pill Fusion, yet she crushed him!"

"That Divine Skill's flame is too terrifying!"

"If Yi Sheng hadn't withdrawn her flames in time, Shi Xiaolou might have already been burned to death."

"The gap between them is too vast! They don't seem like they are on the same level at all."

"It's the Divine Skills, or rather, Yi Sheng's Divine Skill is too terrifying, likely coming from Peak Master Cao himself."

"This is the benefit of having a reincarnated Great Ability as a master, one can obtain supreme Divine Skills."

"I heard that Immortal Li Ke from Hundred Peaks Sect is Peak Master Cao's partner, and she also cultivates Fire-oriented supernatural powers. Do you think that Peak Master Cao might have passed this Divine Skill to Immortal Li Ke as well?"

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"This... If Immortal Li Ke also possesses this divine power, that would be terrifying."

At the Hundred Peaks Sect's location, Wu Xiang quietly looked towards Lie Yan, who stood not far from him, as exclamations of astonishment continuously rang out from around them.

Yi Sheng, with the cultivation base of nine abnormal phenomenon golden pills, defeating someone who merely had great perfection of four abnormal phenomenon golden pills—is there anything strange about that?

Originally, Lie Yan also had nine abnormal phenomenon golden pills and had not fused the golden pills either. When he sparred with himself, who possessed nine abnormal phenomenon golden pills and had reached great perfection, he only narrowly lost!

Certainly, he was not someone who could be compared to Shi Xiaolou.

It's just a pity that Shi Xiaolou was too weak and utterly incapable of displaying the full extent of Yi Sheng's strength, making it impossible for him to judge who was stronger between today's Yi Sheng and the Lie Yan of that day.

However, if he had to choose one of them, he still believed that Lie Yan from the past was stronger.

Today's Yi Sheng is strong because of her Fire of Departure and her divine skills.

But Lie Yan was strong in every aspect.

Xiang Ziyu, watching from a distance as Shi Xiaolou turned into a charred mess, nodded slightly and said, "Junior Sister's divine power is really not bad, even improved a bit since the last time we fought.

Yes, this divine power, being able to break my Record of Deities and Demons, is truly impressive."

"Did Junior Sister merely break your divine power?" Little Beiyan interrupted with a disdainful face, "Then who was it that, after sparring with Junior Sister, pretended to be fine while in fact secretly hid away to use a healing divine power to treat his own wounds?"

Xiang Ziyu, mercilessly exposed, didn't show a hint of embarrassment but instead righteously said, "That was for Junior Sister's own good, I feared she might become too arrogant. Besides, who can resist Junior Sister's divine power with just a protective divine power and their physical bodies?"

Also, Little Junior Brother, didn't you also heal after sparring with Junior Sister?"

"That was just a minor injury, a slight burn from the flame." Little Beiyan looked at Xiang Ziyu as if it were the most natural thing in the world, "Besides, I am the junior brother, weaker than both of you. How can you compare with me? If you have the ability, compare yourself with Second Senior Sister. She managed to split Junior Sister's divine power with a single slash."

"I only have one slash," Yan Yourong explained after hearing her two fellow disciples discussing her, "If my one slash failed to split Junior Sister's divine power, I would undoubtedly be the one seriously wounded. Instead, it's Senior Sister's talisman that's stronger."

Feeling slightly embarrassed, Ling Xi said, "I... I... I used the divine weapon of the Second Generation Substitute Sect Leader. Otherwise, I might not have been able to remain unharmed from Junior Sister's attack."

Around them, disciple after disciple of the Hundred Peaks Sect listened to the words of the disciples from Four Treasures Peak and felt that although they seemed to be praising Yi Sheng, it also sounded like they were boasting about themselves.

And they could not refute it, since all four of them are entities with the great perfection of ten different phenomena of the golden core.

Many others even turned their gazes towards Li Ke.

Li Ke also primarily used fire techniques, but they felt that Yi Sheng's flame seemed even more terrifying compared to Li Ke's flames.

Among the discussions of the crowd, the elder below the arena officially announced, "The winner is Yi Sheng, from Four Treasures Peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect."

The elder from the Four Extremes Sect, as soon as the judge's voice fell, rushed to the arena and took out a pill to administer to Shi Xiaolou.

Shi Xiaolou was severely injured.

Even though he immediately took out a holy medicine for healing, it would take two to three months for Shi Xiaolou to recover after returning.

Qu Qingqing, being weaker in cultivation base than this elder, flew to the arena one step behind.

Meanwhile, on a distant mountain within a crowd, another elder from the Four Extremes Sect suddenly shouted, "The Fire of Departure! The exterior being purple and the interior a bright crimson, such a distinctive flame in the world, can only be one kind—the Fire of Departure!"

"The Fire of Departure?"

Upon hearing this, everyone around turned their heads and looked at the elder with faces full of astonishment.

"Elder, are you saying that Yi Sheng just displayed the Fire of Departure?"

"The Fire of Departure? Has it not vanished for a long time now?"

"Since the last Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, our Guardian Immortal Dynasty has not seen the Fire of Departure again, and Yi Sheng has displayed it?"

"I remember now, I've read an ancient book describing the Fire of Departure. It indeed said that the outer layer of the Fire of Departure is purple and the middle is bright red, and given the terrifying potency of Yi Sheng's divine power, it must be the Fire of Departure!"

"She actually managed to use the long-lost Fire of Departure..."

"Don't forget, her master is Peak Master Cao, a reincarnated great ability!"

"No one today can wield the Fire of Departure, not because the lineage on how to cultivate it has been severed, but because there are no sufficient resources. Certain heavenly treasures have vanished... And Peak Master Cao being a reincarnated great ability, perhaps he had pre-emptively left behind some heavenly treasures. Thus, he could help Yi Sheng cultivate the Fire of Departure."

"So, although Yi Sheng has not yet fused her golden pills, now no one doubts that she will become an entity of the great perfection of ten abnormal phenomena of the golden core."

"That means, the Hundred Peaks Sect is destined to have another entity of the great perfection of ten different phenomena of the golden core."

"The Hundred Peaks Sect is truly terrifying."

"This is the fearsomeness of a reincarnated great ability."

"Therefore, those betting houses that set such low odds for Peak Master Cao against Star Lord Hao Yue are reasonable."

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"As long as Peak Master Cao and Star Lord Hao Yue don't encounter each other prematurely, the champion of this Immortal Martial Arts Tournament will certainly emerge from one of them."

Although Li Ke was a disciple of Vermilion Bird Peak, she didn't stand with the other disciples of Vermilion Bird Peak; instead, she was closer to Cao Zhen and the others.

At this moment, as she watched Yi Sheng descend from the arena, she curiously transmitted her voice in secret to Cao Zhen, "Is the way you cultivate the Fire of Departure something you learned from Senior Long Aotian?"

Now, everyone recognized that Cao Zhen was a reincarnated Great Ability, and the attitudes of the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect, even some of the accompanying Peak Masters, toward Cao Zhen had greatly changed.

Yet her attitude towards Cao Zhen remained as always.

Cao Zhen is a reincarnated Great Ability?

If there truly was a reincarnated Great Ability, it would be Senior Long Aotian, not Cao Zhen.

It's not that Cao Zhen is strong, but that Senior Long Aotian is too strong.

As for why Cao Zhen pretends to be a reincarnated Great Ability... it seems to be to hide the inheritance he received from Senior Long Aotian, to conceal the existence of Senior Long Aotian.

After all, Senior Long Aotian had said he had extremely powerful enemies in this world.

When Cao Zhen heard Li Ke's secret voice transmission, he couldn't help but sigh. The allure of the Fire of Departure was truly great. During this period, Li Ke had interacted more with his five disciples, and hadn't communicated much with him.

Now, suddenly discovering that Yi Sheng possessed the Fire of Departure, she immediately asked him about it. Clearly, Li Ke also desired that Fire of Departure.

It was a pity, though. Yi Sheng had already reached Perfect Completion Golden Core, and her alchemy level was not up to par. Even if he were inclined to help her, he couldn't enable her to cultivate the Fire of Departure by refining herself into a Human Pill anymore.

Of course, he could let her cultivate other flames, and indeed, he would be pleased to see Li Ke cultivate other flames by mastering a Divine Skill. After all, if Li Ke cultivated flames through mastering a Divine Skill, it would be as if he possessed the other flames himself.

The problem was, cultivating those flames would require immensely terrifying resources, which he could no longer afford to provide.

Unless Li Ke had them herself.

Li Ke, coming from Vermilion Bird Peak – a peak that has always been among the Top Ten Peaks of Hundred Peaks Sect – should have some capital.

It's just not known whether Tu Zhuque is willing to invest those resources in Li Ke.

After the Immortal Martial Arts Tournament ends, he could, using the identity of Long Aotian, inquire with Li Ke.

Speaking of which, it has been a long time since he communicated with Li Ke as Long Aotian.

As Cao Zhen pondered, he telepathically answered, "That's correct, it's a Divine Skill taught by Senior Long Aotian. I once told Senior Long Aotian that I had a disciple with decent talent, but I didn't know which Divine Skill I should teach him.

After Senior Long Aotian inquired, he passed on a Divine Skill called Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix to me, for me to teach to my disciple."

Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix – so that was the name of the Divine Skill Yi Sheng had used.

Li Ke, hearing Cao Zhen's words, was stunned. Senior Long Aotian had simply passed on a Divine Skill to Cao Zhen?

What about her?

It seemed she had never actively asked for a Divine Skill from Senior Long Aotian.

The next time Senior Long Aotian sought her out, she could perhaps inquire with him. However, it seemed that Senior Long Aotian had not contacted her for quite a while.

Unexpectedly, he had reached out to Cao Zhen. If Senior Long Aotian could communicate with her, then he could also communicate with Cao Zhen.

The Immortal Martial Arts Tournament continued.

Gradually, the disciples from Hundred Peaks Sect took the stage one after another.

Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, Xiang Ziyu, and Little Beiyang, as the four with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, did not encounter equally matched opponents. Today's battles were conquered with ease by all four.

In fact, today's battles did not witness any clashes between those with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. All those possessing it advanced smoothly today.

Hundred Peaks Sect had a total of ten people who successfully advanced to the top sixty-four today. Besides those with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, there was also Yi Sheng, and Wu Xiang from Five Elements Peak, who placed third in the sect's recent competition, and one other – himself.

His opponent today was someone with a fused ten Golden Elixirs, sporting eight different phenomena, but under his overwhelming Divine Skill attacks, the opponent failed to hold out.

As the day's battles came to an end, the most talked about were the members of Hundred Peaks Sect.

"Hundred Peaks Sect has ten people who advanced to the top sixty-four, the most among all the Immortal Sects, even surpassing Divine Dao Sect!"

"Divine Dao Sect has only seven people advance to the top sixty-four."

"Who would have thought, before the tournament started, that Hundred Peaks Sect could be so strong!"

"Speaking of which, not just Hundred Peaks Sect and Divine Dao Sect, this Immortal Martial Arts Tournament makes it clear how strong the top ten Immortal Sects are. Most of the top sixty-four are from these top ten Immortal Sects."

"The top ten Immortal Sects, everything awaits tomorrow. Who knows if Peak Master Cao will encounter a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection opponent tomorrow."

"In this Immortal Martial Arts Tournament, there are a total of forty-three with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Tomorrow will see sixty-four progressing to thirty-two, and theoretically, those entering the top thirty-two should all possess the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

But now we have Peak Master Cao, who is not among them but is recognized as a reincarnated Great Ability."

"I have this feeling that tomorrow Peak Master Cao will most likely encounter one with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Tomorrow's battles will certainly see many fights between them."

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Night.

Knowing that tomorrow would inevitably bring the battle between the possessors of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, people such as Ling Xi and Yan Yourong returned to Yi Mansion. However, they didn't spar as usual but retreated to their own rooms to meditate, contemplate, and adjust their states, recalling their Divine Skills and their own ways of combat.

Li Ke also returned to her room early. She slightly closed her eyes and began to contemplate.

Recalling his conversation with Li Ke from earlier in the day, Cao Zhen securely closed his room door and then entered China Cloud to open Li Ke's link.

He immediately saw Li Ke sitting cross-legged in the room. Remembering every voice he had heard during each of his exchanges with Li Ke, he deliberately cleared his throat and spoke with a deep and aged voice.

"Junior."

Li Ke suddenly heard the voice in her mind that reminded her of the senior Dragon Long Aotian. A look of joy immediately appeared on her face as she respectfully said, "Senior."

"Hmm." Cao Zhen hummed deliberately, thinking of the upcoming Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth and realizing that if he were to contact Li Ke in the future, there would be a BUG. After all, when the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth truly arrived, with Long Aotian's cultivation base, he was supposed to be in a deep slumber.

If Long Aotian didn't go into slumber but instead continued to appear, that would be far too peculiar.

Thinking of this, he deliberately explained, "The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is about to begin. Although my current state is exceptional, it will be affected. It is somewhat troublesome for me to deceive the Heavenly Dao in my current state, and I haven't seen any of you during this period."

Li Ke nodded gently upon hearing the senior's words, no wonder the senior hadn't seen her for such a long time. It turned out to be due to the approach of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth.

Moreover, listening to the senior's meaning, she could shield herself from the Heavenly Dao, which was terrifying indeed.

Now, she had not yet heard of anyone who could shield themselves from the Heavenly Dao. Even for the Grand Preceptor, everyone wasn't sure if he could truly shield himself from the Heavenly Dao.

But senior Long Aotian had done it.

Furthermore, listening to the senior's words, it seemed like disguising oneself from the Heavenly Dao was a mere trifle for him in his current state. What about if he was in his prime?

She previously held senior Long Aotian in high esteem, especially after Cao Zhen's rise to power, her regard for him grew even higher.

After all, Cao Zhen was just one of the senior's disciples and not even one who was taught face-to-face; he simply obtained senior Long Aotian's legacy. At most, the senior's voice appeared in his mind, offering him brief guidance.

The fact that Cao Zhen was regarded by countless people as a reincarnation of a Great Ability showed just how powerful senior Long Aotian was.

But now, having heard senior Long's words, she realized she had underestimated him.

She felt that senior Long Aotian was like the high mountains she saw as a child among the clouds—the summit felt within reach, but with every new ascent, she realized what she saw was just a corner of the mighty peak.

Furthermore, if senior Long could shield himself from the Heavenly Dao...

Li Ke thought of her master, thought of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and eagerly asked, "Senior, if it wouldn't be too bold of this junior to ask, could you... could you possibly help this disciple's master shield himself from the Heavenly Dao?"

"Your master? That's absolutely impossible. I can shield myself from the Heavenly Dao. As for others..." Cao Zhen chuckled lightly, but said no more. He didn't know a damn thing about how to shield anyone from the Heavenly Dao.

Li Ke couldn't help but sigh. Although senior Long hadn't spelled it out, his implication was clear: other people couldn't shield themselves from the Heavenly Dao because they were too weak!

With limited time, Cao Zhen didn't dwell further on the topic but continued, "As I said before, once your Gold Light Spell is well developed, I will pass on other Divine Skills to you. Once your cultivation is sufficient, you could come to rescue me from my predicament.

Although the Gold Light Spell has not been completely mastered by you, you have cultivated it to the utmost limit possible for you. I could indeed pass on another Divine Skill."

Upon hearing this, Li Ke remembered the flower mentioned by Cao Zhen earlier that day. She pressed her palms together, thanking him profusely while saying, "Thank you, senior. However, this junior is currently participating in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's Tournament of Immortals. Another of your disciples is also participating.

If this junior could achieve the position of State Preceptor, or a place among the ten Immortal Generals, my status in the Immortal Sect would rise, and I would also have some authority in the Guardian Immortal Dynasty. That would make my cultivation proceed faster, allowing me to assist you out of your predicament sooner.

Yet, I can't assure that I will definitely attain the position of State Preceptor or of the ten Immortal Generals. Unless I receive a significant enhancement, I am... I possess the Bi Fang Immortal Physique. If there were a flame..."

Li Ke spoke softer and softer as she continued. Although Cao Zhen had mentioned going directly to senior Long Aotian and discussing Yi Sheng's situation, after which senior Long Aotian granted the skill to cultivate the Fire of Departure.

But she and Cao Zhen were different.

Senior Long Aotian hadn't contacted her during this time but had contacted Cao Zhen instead.

It seemed that senior Long Aotian, because he needed to shield himself from the Heavenly Dao, had limited energy and could only choose one person to contact between her and Cao Zhen; and senior Long Aotian chose Cao Zhen.

Not to mention the legacy Cao Zhen received.

Clearly, senior Long Aotian considered Cao Zhen as his heir, while he only wanted her to help him out of his predicament.

Her status in the heart of senior Long Aotian was different from Cao Zhen's.

Senior Long Aotian was willing to help Cao Zhen's disciple, but it was not certain that he would do the same for her, granting her that kind of skill that could create special flames.

Cao Zhen deliberately spoke up, "I know you recognize my other disciple. You saw her Fire of Departure, and that's why you want a flame like it?"

Li Ke nodded vigorously, "Senior is wise." What's wrong with flattering a bit if it could grant her a skill to cultivate special flames? If flattering senior Long Aotian in every communication could earn her such a skill, she'd never stop singing his praises!

"I have many skills for cultivating flames here, including the Samadhi True Fire, which I could allow you to cultivate as well.

However, cultivating such Divine Skills requires resources. What resources do you have? The resources I left at the legacy site have all been taken by my disciple."

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Hundred Peaks Sect has been inherited for hundreds of thousands of years, and Vermilion Bird Peak has always been one of the Top Ten Peaks of Hundred Peaks Sect. Over these hundreds of thousands of years, who knows how many treasures and resources have been accumulated.

Li Ke is the most outstanding disciple of Vermilion Bird Peak in the current generation—a genius from the moment she joined the peak.

Tu Zhuque has even been grooming her as the next Peak Master of Vermilion Bird Peak, going so far as to entrust her with the sect's treasured Vermilion Bird Blood Jade.

Inside the Hundred Peaks Sect, many people are aware of the Vermilion Bird Blood Pool. In fact, the pool does not contain the blood of the Vermilion Bird. The Vermilion Bird is one of the Four Holy Beasts, an exalted existence; if there were really Vermilion Bird's Blood, how could it simply be placed into the pool water?

Of course, the Vermilion Bird Blood Pool is not entirely unrelated to Vermilion Bird's blood.

That's because, every so often, the Peak Master of Vermilion Bird Peak would place the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade into the pool. Although the Vermilion Bird Blood Pool lacks the actual blood of the Vermilion Bird, the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade itself is condensed from the essence blood of the Vermilion Bird!

Since Li Ke reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, Tu Zhuque has handed over the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade to her.

According to Tu Zhuque, she will enter into a deep slumber before long, and continuing to hold onto the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade would be of little use. On the other hand, it is the prime time for Li Ke to forge ahead with vigor.

Although due to the impending Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth most cultivators at the peak of the Golden Core Stage would not choose to breakthrough, or even touch the Wind Fire Tribulation.

But not all peaks of Golden Core are the same.

Even without making a breakthrough, one can still cultivate their Divine Skills.

Li Ke, with her Bi Fang Fire Body, mainly cultivates Divine Skills of fire and yang, making the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade an absolute treasure for her.

Actually, she also knows that her master giving her the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade has another implication.

Traditionally, the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade has always been held by the Peak Master of Vermilion Bird Peak. By giving her the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade, her master is also entrusting the future of Vermilion Bird Peak to her in advance.

After all, her master and the elders of Vermilion Bird Peak are all going to enter into a deep slumber.

Now, after hearing Dragon Senior's words, the first treasure that came to her mind was the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade, yet she still had some hesitations.

"Senior, this junior indeed possesses a blood jade condensed from the essence blood of the Vermilion Bird. However, it is the treasured relic that guards Vermilion Bird Peak. I wonder, is the blood jade sufficient? Yet, if using the entire blood jade as the price is required, this disciple has no right to use it," she said.

"Vermilion Bird Essence Blood?" As Cao Zhen listened to Li Ke's words, he couldn't help but inwardly exclaim—only a peak within the Top Ten Peaks would possess a treasure like Vermilion Bird Essence Blood.

With Vermilion Bird Essence Blood, wouldn't it be easy to refine some special flame? An idea immediately surfaced in his mind, so he spoke dismissively, "Consume the entire blood jade? I could indeed allow you to consume the entire blood jade and let you condense the true fire of the Vermilion Bird, but could you, at your minor Golden Core Stage, withstand it?"

After Cao Zhen had spoken, he felt that the time was about right and said directly, "Go find my other disciple. When I taught him how to condense the Fire of Departure, I also imparted several Divine Skills for refining flame to him. Just ask him."

"Thank you for your generosity, Senior!" Li Ke thanked him repeatedly. After finishing her words, she realized that there was no response in her mind from Dragon Senior.

"Indeed, Dragon Senior has disappeared again. He has agreed. It's clear from Dragon Senior's words—he would allow me to refine and consume the entire Vermilion Bird Blood Jade, but I wouldn't be able to withstand it.

So, thinking in reverse, this time I should only consume a very small portion of the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade."

Although the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade is the treasured guardian relic of Vermilion Bird Peak, it is not that it cannot be consumed.

They place the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade in the Vermilion Bird Blood Pool and soak it with a special technique, which is actually a form of consumption, though very minor.

Furthermore, there was once a Peak Master of Vermilion Bird Peak that consumed some of the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade to cultivate a Divine Skill.

The Vermilion Bird Blood Jade is not something that can't be consumed.

"Dragon Senior said earlier that if my cultivation was sufficient, I could even condense the true Vermilion Bird's flame. Moreover, he casually passed several Divine Skills to Cao Zhen... What exactly is Dragon Senior's background?"

Muttering to herself, Li Ke quickly left the room and went to Cao Zhen's door, knocking on it.

Hearing the knock on his door, Cao Zhen slowly rose from his meditation cushion, opened the door, saw Li Ke standing at the doorway, and feigned surprise, exclaiming, "It's so late, what brings you here to find me?"

No way? You're not planning to pretend to be Daoist partners with me and actually go through with it, right? I'll have you know, I'm a Peak Master and I can't be so casual about these things."

"What are you even talking about!" Li Ke glanced around swiftly, pushed Cao Zhen into the room, quickly shut the door behind her, and said in a low voice, "It's Dragon Senior. He sent me to find you."

If it weren't for the Divine Skill, she would never come to find Cao Zhen so late.

At the edge of the yard, Little Bei Yan watched the door close tightly with a gossipy look, then sprinted into the courtyard where he and a few fellow disciples lived. As if he had discovered a new Immortal Realm, he shouted, "Big discovery, I've made a big discovery! The teacher's wife has gone to the teacher's room, and they even closed the door!"

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In the room, Cao Zhen feigned surprise as he looked at Li Ke and asked, "Dragon senior Long Aotian? He sent you to find me, did he?"

Li Ke spoke softly, "Dragon senior wishes to transmit a Divine Skill to me. When it was your turn, he had already passed the Divine Skill on to you."

"What Divine Skill?" Cao Zhen still looked puzzled as he said, "Dragon senior has given me too many Divine Skills to count."

"Dragon senior Long Aotian said that when he taught you the Divine Skill for cultivating the Fire of Departure, he passed it on together with it," Li Ke explained, and to prevent Cao Zhen from being unsure which Divine Skill she referred to, she added, "I have a piece of jade stone formed from the Vermilion Bird Essence Blood. Dragon senior's intention is that, with this jade stone as the foundation, he can transmit a Divine Skill to me."

Cao Zhen put on a shocked expression and exclaimed in a low voice, "You from Vermilion Bird Peak, you actually have Vermilion Bird blood! What does Vermilion Bird Essence Blood look like? Show me quickly, I've never seen such a treasure."

"Li Ke reached into her Qiankun Bag and took out the Vermilion Bird blood jade, placing it in Cao Zhen's hand."

Upon holding the jade stone, Cao Zhen instantly felt a searing heat, as if a red-hot branding iron was being tightly clasped in his hand.

He hastily gathered some mana in his palm, yet even so, he could feel the burning sensation radiating from the jade stone.

The jade stone was not large; it looked about the same size as ordinary jade buttons. This stone, though called jade, seemed more like a piece of chicken blood stone to him.

Li Ke fought the urge to snatch the Vermilion Bird blood jade back from Cao Zhen's hand, and asked, "Which Divine Skill did Dragon senior actually tell you about?"

Cao Zhen feigned ignorance, "Dragon senior Long Aotian didn't tell you which Divine Skill?"

"Dragon senior Long Aotian was pressed for time, he only said so much before vanishing. He asked me to come to you," Li Ke observed the doubtful look on Cao Zhen's face and suddenly realized that this Cao Zhen seemed somewhat unreliable.

"Is that so..." Cao Zhen looked down at the Vermilion Bird blood jade in his hand, feigning contemplation. After a long moment, he finally spoke slowly, "With Vermilion Bird Essence Blood jade like this, the Divine Skill Dragon senior wants you to cultivate is probably the Vermilion Bird Heaven Combustion."

"Probably?" Li Ke became even more doubtful of Cao Zhen as she heard the tone of his voice. She retorted, "Are you sure?"

Cao Zhen was still uncertain as he said, "It should be, right? Cultivating the Vermilion Bird Heaven Combustion should yield the Vermilion Bird's lesser fire."

"Vermilion Bird's lesser fire!" Li Ke's expression changed drastically as she did in a Sichuan opera face-changing act; her face, which had been filled with skepticism, immediately showed a burst of excitement as she exclaimed, "Yes, that must be the Divine Skill! How should I cultivate it?"

With her current cultivation base at the Golden Core Stage, she feared she wouldn't be able to condense the true fire of the Vermilion Bird.

And to her knowledge, within the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, no one had managed to condense the fire of the Vermilion Bird. However, there were some who could condense the Vermilion Bird's sham fire.

The so-called Vermilion Bird's sham fire appears like the true fire of the Vermilion Bird, but in reality, it is a counterfeit fire of the Vermilion Bird.

Even so, the Vermilion Bird's sham fire is strong enough.

The Peak Master of their Vermilion Bird Peak used the Vermilion Bird blood jade to condense the Vermilion Bird's sham fire, and had succeeded. The Peak Master also left behind the inheritance of how to concoct the Vermilion Bird's sham fire.

However, her mentor did not cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire.

In her mentor's opinion, while the Vermilion Bird's sham fire is strong, it's a bit of a waste for someone of the Earth Immortal Realm to use the Vermilion Bird blood jade to cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire.

Yet, her mentor did advise her to cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire.

Being at the Golden Core Stage, the boost to her combat power from the Vermilion Bird's sham fire would be substantial.

Her mentor even collected all the necessary materials for cultivating the Vermilion Bird's sham fire, but she did not rush to practice it.

Her mentor had said, using the Vermilion Bird blood jade to cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire was somewhat wasteful.

Why should she cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire?

Of course, if the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth arrived and their Vermilion Bird Peak or the Hundred Peaks Sect encountered danger,

she would naturally cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire to enhance her combat power.

Even when the Immortals' Martial Meet began, she did not cultivate the Vermilion Bird's sham fire unless doing so would guarantee her the position of State Preceptor.

Now, Cao Zhen was telling her that cultivating that Divine Skill could allow her to cultivate the Vermilion Bird's lesser fire!

The Vermilion Bird's lesser fire was different from the sham fire; it truly contained a trace of the Vermilion Bird's fire's essence!

How could she not be excited about the prospect of cultivating the Vermilion Bird's lesser fire!

Seeing Li Ke's excited demeanor, Cao Zhen couldn't help but interrupt, asking rather teasingly, "Are you happy?"

Li Ke nodded repeatedly; she didn't dare to provoke Cao Zhen now, for he was in control of the Divine Skill for cultivating the Vermilion Bird's lesser fire.

Cao Zhen shook his head in discouragement, "You're happy too soon. To cultivate the Vermilion Bird Heaven Combustion Divine Skill, it's not enough to have just a jade stone formed from Vermilion Bird Essence Blood. You'll also need various materials, and I don't know if you have the resources to buy them.

And even you have the money, you might still be unable to find certain materials, like the rhino horn of a thousand-year Fire Rhinoceros, and..."

Cao Zhen listed several precious materials in succession.

Li Ke, however, opened her Qiankun Bag and took out one material after another, saying, "Except for the rhino horn of a thousand-year Fire Rhinoceros, I have everything you just mentioned."

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Cao Zhen was truly stunned this time, "How do you have so many materials?" To cultivate the lesser Vermilion Bird Flame, as well as the divine skill of Vermilion Bird Heaven Combustion, all of these are Zhang Daoling's legacy, how could Li Ke possibly know about them?

Li Ke quickly explained, "Previously, my master had wanted me to cultivate another type of flame, so he prepared the materials for me. Unexpectedly, they turned out to be quite suitable."

"But it's still not enough, and there are still many materials that are hard to buy at this time. Even though due to the Immortal Martial Assembly, the Immortal Market did not close, some materials are still hard to purchase."

"Let me try first, and besides, we are in Yi Mansion; the Yi Family also sells materials."

Li Ke did not directly go to the Immortal Market to buy the remaining materials but found Yi Sheng, who then contacted Yi Qiancheng, to whom she listed all the materials she needed.

Indeed, some of the materials were extremely precious and couldn't be bought even with money, but Yi Qiancheng was known as the wealthiest man in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, the president of the biggest association, the Xing Kui Business Association.

There might be some materials he didn't have, but the Xing Kui Business Association did; as president, wouldn't it be possible for him to utilize some materials?

About an hour and a half later, Yi Qiancheng's subordinates delivered several precious materials.

Li Ke knew how to perform alchemy, but her alchemy skills were too poor, not sufficient enough to help her make a Human Pill with Cao Zhen's assistance.

Moreover, she had the Vermilion Bird Blood Jade and did not need to create a Human Pill.

Cao Zhen merely passed the divine skill on to Li Ke, and after she finished her divine skill cultivation, she would naturally be able to condense the lesser Vermilion Bird Flame.

Cultivating a special type of flame through divine skills was also a secret technique unique to Dragon and Tiger Mountain.

Dragon and Tiger Mountain pursued the Alchemy Dao.

And Alchemy Dao inevitably required the use of flames.

Zhang Daoling spent a long time researching various kinds of flames.

Eventually, he discovered the secret technique for cultivating special flames through divine skills.

After sending Li Ke away, Cao Zhen began to meditate and practice cultivation; although he could win by laying down, he still needed to practice.

He did not know the progress of Li Ke's cultivation.

Until dawn was almost breaking.

He suddenly felt waves of hot air coming from afar.

At the same time, the crisp cry of a Vermilion Bird reached his ears.

"Has Li Ke mastered Vermilion Bird Heaven Combustion?"

Cao Zhen quickly opened the door and went out, and at a glance, he saw a pillar of fire rising to the sky in a courtyard not far away, the intense flames completely engulfing the entire courtyard.

Even though it had already entered autumn and the weather had turned cool, under the burning flames, he felt as if he were in the scorching heat of summer.

In the center of the flames, Li Ke, feeling the terrifying flame energy in her body, couldn't help but want to let out a long howl towards the heavens.

The lesser Vermilion Bird Flame was by no means weaker than the Fire of Departure.

In fact, in terms of destructive power, the lesser Vermilion Bird Flame had even greater destructive power than the Fire of Departure.

Of course, that's not to say that the lesser Vermilion Bird Flame is stronger than the Fire of Departure; the Fire of Departure is the basis of many flames, and each has its strengths.

When Li Ke cultivated the lesser Vermilion Bird Flame, it was merely a flame soaring into the sky, not like Yi Sheng initially condensing a Golden Core, nor did it cause a Heavenly Phenomenon or attract too much attention from others.

She quickly retracted her divine skill.

Her previous residence and courtyard had been burnt down, so she simply sat down in the center of the destroyed courtyard and meditated with closed eyes, waiting until daybreak before opening her eyes and joining Cao Zhen and others to head to the arena outside the Capital City.

The Immortal Martial Assembly, continuing today, would finally see powerful contenders clash for the first time.

The sixty-four masters were divided into thirty-two pairs to battle against each other, but with over forty of them being Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, it was inevitable that they would encounter battles between those of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Before today's assembly started, the members of various Immortal Sects were already discussing among themselves.

"Who knows who will be unlucky enough today to face an opponent with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

"Indeed, although to keep winning until the end, one inevitably has to face an opponent with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, obviously, it's better if you encounter such a powerful opponent later. If you meet a strong opponent early on, you might be forced to reveal your trump cards, allowing others to be prepared early on."

"Not only that, but if you encounter a somewhat weaker opponent, you might crush your opponent. But if you come across an equal contender too soon, it allows others more opportunities to observe you and even discover your weaknesses."

"Moreover, the more intense the battle, the more likely to get injured. What if you sustain severe injuries and can't recover in time for the next round?"

"So, whoever meets a weaker opponent is truly fortunate."

"That being the case, whoever encounters Yi Sheng from the Hundred Peaks Sect might just have luck on their side. Among today's top sixty-four, only Yi Sheng and Peak Master Cao have not achieved Pill Fusion.

But Peak Master Cao is a reincarnated being of great ability, and no one knows how many more methods he has."

"Do you think, the Hundred Peaks Sect members, will they fight against disciples from ten different Immortal Sects, even encountering all the opponents from the other nine major Immortal Sects in turn?"

Although the Immortal Martial Assembly has not made it clear, everyone can see that as long as there are enough disciples, they will not allow disciples from the same sect to fight each other.

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And now, the Hundred Peaks Sect still had ten people left, meaning that the ten disciples from the Hundred Peaks Sect would face ten opponents from different Immortal Sects.

Murmurs of discussion rose among the crowd.

The battle for the top sixty-four in the Gathering of Immortals Martial Competition officially began.

The platforms were still two in number, and beneath both stages, the referees' voices rang out simultaneously.

"On the Alpha Stage, Sword Sect's Wu Jianzi is up against Hundred Peaks Sect's Five Elements Peak, Wu Xiang."

"On the Beta Stage, from the Hundred Peaks Sect, Vermilion Bird Peak's Li Ke, versus Sun and Moon Sect's Qin Yao."

As the referee's voice fell, almost everyone's gaze on the entire mountain fell upon the position of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

"Although the Hundred Peaks Sect has many disciples left, it's a bit too much that they are involved in two battles right as it begins."

"Wu Jianzi is a figure who has reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, while Wu Xiang from Five Elements Peak, despite also being at Perfect Completion Golden Core, has only nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills. This battle has no suspense whatsoever."

"The real highlight is the battle between Immortal Qin Yao and Immortal Li Ke!"

"Both immortals are from the top ten Immortal Sects, and they're both ranked within the top ten on the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's Most Desired List. They have always been compared, and now it's their first direct confrontation!"

"You're out of date with your news. Our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's Most Desired List no longer includes Immortal Li Ke. People from Hundred Peaks have already said that Li Ke found her Dao companion; he's Peak Master Cao."

"While Immortal Li Ke may not be on the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's Most Desired List anymore, the latest list now features two additional female disciples from Hundred Peaks."

"You're talking about Azure Pheasant Peak's Ling Xi and Yan Yourong, right?"

"No, not Yan Yourong." A disciple who clearly paid close attention to the Most Desired List began to enlighten his fellow sect members, "Ling Xi is not only on the Most Desired List but has also directly entered the top five."

After all, her Cultivation Base is high enough, she has beauty, and she also seems very gentle. Besides... everyone understands. I feel that it's only a matter of time. If she had more time and her reputation grew even greater, entering the top three wouldn't be a problem at all.

As for Yan Yourong, her Cultivation Base may be high, but she comes across as too icy and fierce, so she is not on the top ten of the Most Desired List."

A curious disciple asked from the side, "If it's not Yan Yourong, then who could it be?"

"Of course, it's Yi Sheng!"

"Yi Sheng? How could it be her? She only has nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, and before yesterday, no one knew she was that strong, no one knew she had the Fire of Departure. A single day isn't enough for her to break into the top ten."

The disciple who just spoke looked at the questioner with a mixture of frustration and disappointment, "Junior brother, you really have cultivated yourself silly. It's the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's Most Desired List, not a list based on Cultivation Base.

Who is Yi Sheng? Her father is the wealthiest man in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty. Her Cultivation Base is high enough already—what's the problem with entering the Most Desired List?"

"This..."

Amidst the fervent discussions, from the direction of Hundred Peaks, Wu Xiang and Li Ke flew down to their respective stages.

Both stages began their battles at the same time, but more people were focused on the Beta Stage.

Leaving aside the match between Wu Jianzi and Wu Xiang, which seemed predictable, even if it was a duel between two figures at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, the crowd would still be engrossed in the fight between Li Ke and Qin Yao.

On the Alpha Stage, Wu Xiang watched his opponent across the platform: Wu Jianzi from the Sword Sect, who, despite being a cultivator of the Sword Dao, did not show any sharp or aggressive demeanor.

Wu Xiang, however, did not exhibit any sense of bitterness or helplessness as he looked at Wu Jianzi, his gaze couldn't be more ordinary—as if he were facing the most commonplace opponent.

As early as yesterday, he was aware that in the round of sixty-four, he would inevitably face an opponent who had reached the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, with the only difference being who that opponent would be.

Quickly, behind him, ten Golden Cores, each manifesting the power he had condensed, appeared. It was clear that of these ten Golden Cores, nine possessed special phenomena representing metal, wood, water, fire, and earth.

Unfortunately, while there were two Golden Cores representing metal, wood, water, and fire phenomena, there was only one for the earth phenomenon.

His opponent, Wu Jianzi, had ten Golden Cores rising behind him as well, each one possessing a phenomenon, and in these phenomena were swords!

Longsword, broken sword, shortsword, broadsword, flexible sword... Various kinds of swords!

Ten Golden Cores of sword phenomena combined into one massive Golden Core, appearing like a colossal ring of swords flying behind his head.

From the direction of Hundred Peaks Sect, Lv Chaoqiong watched the nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills behind Wu Xiang and shook her head slightly in disappointment before speaking to Cao Zhen, "Five Elements Peak, although it's the second-ranking peak within our Hundred Peaks Sect, specializes in the Five Elements. Each of these elements, taken alone, cannot be considered top-notch.

For example, in terms of fire alone, Five Elements Peak cannot compare to Vermilion Bird Peak and Azure Pheasant Peak... To reach the highest realm and possess the greatest battle strength in Five Elements Peak, one must cultivate all five elements together.

What truly makes Five Elements Peak formidable is the total mastery and integration of all the Five Elements, resulting in a terrifying burst of combat power when they're fused together."

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What a pity, as far as I know, the disciples of the Five Elements Peak this year either lack the sufficient talent, or they aren't suitable to cultivate all five elements.

Just like Wu Xiang, his talent for the Earth of Five Elements is obviously insufficient. If it weren't for the fact that his last Golden Pill was forcibly cultivated in the Earth of Five Elements, leaving him to cultivate any other single element, I believe, with his talent, he would inevitably reach the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

But he still wanted to take a chance and cultivate the Invisible Earth, which not only failed to make him achieve the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but also affected the balance of his Five Elements.

The Divine Skills of the Five Elements Peak require a balance of the Five Elements to truly unleash their might. Wu Xiang's Earth of Five Elements was clearly weaker than the other four elements, naturally, he couldn't achieve the balance of the Five Elements."

She knew that Li Ke was Peak Master Cao's Dao companion, and now Li Ke was about to compete with Qin Yao. Still, she took the initiative to speak to Cao Zhen about Wu Xiang, about Five Elements Peak.

Because, she knew that Yan Yourong, Cao Zhen's disciple, possessed the Great Five Elements Innate Saint Body.

In fact, Yan Yourong was the most suitable to cultivate the Divine Skills of the Five Elements Peak.

It's just that Yan Yourong carried the Ancient Immortal Body.

But now, Yan Yourong had already achieved the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

And the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth was imminent...

Although she was the Master of Hidden Dragon Observatory, before she became the master of it, she came from the Five Elements Peak!

Hundred Peaks Sect's rule is that once a disciple breaks through and becomes an Earth Immortal, they can no longer be called a disciple.

After becoming an Earth Immortal, there are two choices: one is to continue to stay on your current peak, becoming the Peak Master, Vice Peak Master, or an Elder of the peak.

The other choice is to leave your peak and become an Elder of the Hundred Peaks Sect, or a Law Enforcement Elder, or to take a position in a place like Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace.

She didn't want to leave Five Elements Peak initially; she wanted to stay and train more disciples. It's just that at that time, the Master of Hidden Dragon Observatory had reached the end of his lifespan. Apart from her, only one person was suitable to be the Master of Hidden Dragon Observatory, and that was her senior brother, the current Peak Master of Five Elements Peak.

She knew her senior brother had a higher Cultivation Base than her, he was more insightful and could teach disciples better; he was more suited to be the Peak Master of Five Elements Peak. Therefore, she chose to leave Five Elements Peak to become the Master of Hidden Dragon Observatory.

But so many years have passed, and she somewhat regrets her decision of that day. Her senior brother might have a higher Cultivation Base than her, but he doesn't necessarily suit the role of Peak Master better than her.

If she were the Peak Master of Five Elements Peak, she would never have forcibly made Wu Xiang cultivate all Five Elements.

Thinking of this, she glanced in the direction of Yan Yourong once more, then turned her attention back to the arena.

On the stage, Wu Jianzi was holding the sheath with his left hand and pressing on the hilt with his right, looking at Wu Xiang opposite him. He reminded, "Elder Brother Wu Xiang, my Sword Dao decides victory or defeat, life or death with one strike. Facing an opponent like you, I can't hold back, so please be extra careful later."

Wu Xiang nodded slightly. If someone else were to say this to him, he might feel that the other person was insulting him, provoking him.

He might even think that this was the other person's plot, to make him defend with all his might.

But facing Wu Jianzi, he knew that Wu Jianzi was reminding him. After all, he was from Hundred Peaks Sect, and Wu Jianzi had acknowledged Peak Master Cao as his Pathfinder, so facing a disciple of Hundred Peaks Sect, Wu Jianzi specifically gave him a warning.

He had also seen Wu Jianzi compete with others before. Wu Jianzi's battles were always decided with one strike.

Wu Jianzi, facing opponents he could easily crush, naturally didn't need to give it his all and could control his power to not seriously injure his opponents, let alone kill them with one strike.

But he was a Perfect Completion Golden Core, possessing Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills.

Presumably, when Wu Jianzi faced him, to ensure victory, he couldn't hold back. That's why he specifically warned him.

In fact, this couldn't be said to be because Wu Jianzi's Sword Dao wasn't pure enough or that he lacked control.

Rather, it could only be said that Wu Jianzi's sword, once unsheathed, seals life or death. This kind of Sword Dao was not suitable for sparring! Once he drew his sword, it was a battle of life and death!

"Begin!"

"Begin!"

Below the stage, two judges under the two stages spoke at the same time.

At once, four people on the two stages made their moves simultaneously.

Behind Wu Xiang, within the colossal Pill Fusion, a surge of vast energy oscillated as mana from all around him converged.

In the blink of an eye, the power of the Five Elements emerged.

A gigantic mountain suddenly rose from in front of him, and on the mountain, numerous towering trees broke through the soil, their branches and leaves lush and dense, completely covering the sky above the stage.

The mountain was covered in boulders, atop which were inserted many sharp weapons.

Halfway up the mountain stood a waterfall that cascaded down like an inverted Milky Way, hitting the ground and forming a river that coiled around the great mountain.

And at the summit of the mountain, there was a vast volcanic crater from which streams of magma erupted.

In Wu Xiang's hands, he held a huge Copper Mirror that shone with the five colors of gold, wood, water, fire, and earth.

Lv Chaoqiong watched from afar as Wu Xiang displayed his Divine Skill, gently shaking her head.

This was the Divine Skill of the Five Elements Peak, Five Elements and Five Objects.

This skill used the power of the Earth of Five Elements as the foundation, gathering as all the power of the Five Elements together, and was one of the top defensive Divine Skills of the Five Elements Peak.

However, after Wu Xiang executed this skill, even though it was based on the Earth of Five Elements, the mountain he formed was the weakest among the Five Elements.