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Wu Jianzi, at the moment the referee's words had fallen, his entire momentum suddenly changed. The next moment, atop the arena, a resounding clang echoed.

He had drawn his sword!

As the sharp sword left its sheath, it seemed he was no longer human— not just fused with the sword, but as if he had entirely vanished.

Where he stood, only the sword seemed to remain.

A thrust pierced through, not so much his own action, but the sword itself seeming to fly forth, carrying him along.

In his eyes, his own existence appeared optional, merely a tool for the sword in his hands.

And that sword was incredibly fast!

With one thrust, the air around split in two, as if dividing heaven and earth!

Clearly, it was just a streak of sword light, a single blade without the ghostly projections of a thousand swords—yet at that moment, those watching felt as though the arena held nothing else but that one sword, nothing else at all!

The next moment, it seemed truly nothing else was left atop the arena.

In front of Wu Xiang, a great mountain was pierced by a single thrust, instantly crumbling—above it, waterfalls, rivers, boulders, volcanoes, weapons...

All were utterly destroyed in an instant.

Wu Xiang had just released his divine skills, just begun to wield his divine weapon, when the sword's presence engulfed him.

He had never felt such sharpness before.

The thrust didn't have alarming might, boundless strength, nor innumerable variations—it simply gave him a feeling of extreme sharpness, sharp enough that he believed no person, no treasure in this world, could withstand it.

A sense that everything under heaven would be pierced by this single stroke.

The next moment, the huge copper mirror in his hands split in two.

Then his body was impaled by the sword.

Just one stroke, yet in that instant, he felt as though he had been struck by countless swords, struck not from outside, but from within.

Countless currents of sword qi, like endless seas, surged into his body, wreaking havoc!

Inside him, every bone, every sinew, every organ, seemed to have been perforated by that sharp sword.

Only when agonizing pain struck, did he catch sight of Wu Jianzi's figure—just a glimpse, for in the next moment, Wu Jianzi had sheathed his sword, while his body fell straight down.

Gazing lifelessly at the scorching sun above.

He knew he would lose, facing a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection while only lacking one Phenomena Golden Core. But that one core's difference was immense perfection!

Yet, he hadn't imagined defeat would come so swiftly.

Wu Jianzi had previously warned him to be defensive—he knew Wu Jianzi had even held back.

Judging by Wu Jianzi's speed in drawing his sword, Wu Xiang's divine skills had not been fully executed, and he hadn't even presented his divine weapon when Wu Jianzi drew his blade.

Wu Jianzi had waited for him to be fully on guard before striking, yet still he suffered severe injury.

Just now, when Wu Jianzi's sword entered his body, he even tasted death.

If Wu Jianzi had sheathed his sword a bit slower, allowing more sword qi to flood in, if that strike had not hit his right chest but pierced his neck, he would likely be dead.

Even now, his injuries were such that without a hundred days or so, he wouldn't recover.

Wu Jianzi sheathed his sword and stepped back, looking down at the fallen Wu Xiang with a trace of surprise—Wu Xiang's strength was much weaker than he had expected.

Below the arena.

The referee, seeing Wu Xiang on the ground, immediately shouted loudly: "Victor of Arena A, Sword Sect, Wu Jianzi!"

As the words fell, disciples from the Sword Sect started shouting joyfully.

They knew Wu Jianzi had acknowledged Peak Master Cao from the Hundred Peaks Sect as his Pathfinder, but that did not dampen their cheer to see Wu Jianzi win.

In this Immortal Martial Gathering, besides disciples from the ten major Immortal Sects defeating each other or those from the Scholar Dao Sect, disciples from other sects cried out in triumph after beating one from the major sects.

After all, they had won against the ten great Immortal Sects!

From the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Cao Zhen, seeing Wu Xiang on the ground, flicked his finger, shooting a Tianyuan Yiqi Pill to Lv Chaoqiong, "Give it to him."

He knew for this Immortal Martial Gathering, the Sect Leader of Hundred Peaks would surely prepare healing pills, and as a disciple of Five Elements Peak, the Peak Master would have prepared healing medicine for Wu Xiang as well.

But how could those compare to his pills?

With Wu Xiang's injuries, even with those pills, it would take a month or two to recover.

The Immortal Martial Gathering was already down to the top 32, and it wouldn't be long before it ended—by then, were they to let Wu Xiang return to the Hundred Peaks Sect gravely injured?

Lv Chaoqiong took the pill, not bothering with pleasantries with Cao Zhen, flying straight to the arena—she didn't even check what pill it was and just stuffed it into Wu Xiang's mouth.

She knew Peak Master Cao was a person of great character and vision. The pill was for the betterment of the Hundred Peaks Sect and would certainly not harm Wu Xiang.

She truly felt fortunate to have such a great power reincarnated within their sect, who truly viewed the Hundred Peaks Sect as his foundation!

Another great reincarnate, Star Lord Hao Yue of Thousand Caves Door, did little for his sect. It seemed to be just a temporary stop for him.

Whereas Peak Master Cao had always been aiding the Hundred Peaks Sect, from the World Debate to now, the Immortal Martial Gathering, everything he had given.

But the Hundred Peaks Sect had done little for Peak Master Cao.

It was time for the Hundred Peaks Sect to do something for Peak Master Cao—even if they couldn't offer much, they could do something for Peak Master Cao's disciples!

The first thing she would do upon returning, she decided, was to seek out her senior brother, the Peak Master of Five Elements Peak.

After tossing the pill to Lv Chaoqiong, Cao Zhen's gaze returned to another arena.

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Cao Zhen had initially thought that he would encounter Qin Yao, since both of them were fighters in the Block A arena.

However, in the end, it was Li Ke who met the Sun and Moon Sect's genius disciple, Qin Yao.

The grand tournament of the Immortal Sects, the battle of the top sixty-four, was underway with two arenas simultaneously hosting fights. The battle between Wu Jianzi and Wu Xiang had already concluded, and on the other side, the arena had already become a sea of flames.

Under the burning of the intense flames, even the Great Formation above the arena was activated in an instant, with four light screens rising at the edges, isolating the flames to the top of the arena.

Despite this, people on the distant mountains could still feel the temperature around them beginning to rise sharply.

"These flames..."

"There's a Formation isolating the arena, yet even here we are still affected."

"The arena's Formation is intended to prevent the battles from affecting each other, not to completely isolate the aura of the arena."

"That's right. The reason we haven't felt the aura from the previous battles is that there were many people fighting and, moreover, those masters didn't use their full strength. Now, we have two Great Perfection Golden Core masters battling!"

"Actually, both arenas have Formations. This level of aura wouldn't interfere with each other, so it's not a big deal."

Above the arena, Qin Yao looked at the blazing inferno with a calm face and took a step towards the sky.

With one step, a crescent moon shadow emerged in the void. She stepped onto the crescent, her body rising in the air, and as her body ascended, the endless flames below surged towards the sky, following her.

Suddenly, a patch of clouds appeared beneath Qin Yao's feet.

Layers of white clouds, stacked together, resembled garments of mana, fiercely as if they could burn the entire arena. As the flames touched these clouds, they immediately burnt through them.

In an instant, rain poured down from the broken clouds, quenching the endless flames below.

From the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Lv Chaoqiong had already brought Wu Xiang back and explained to the people of the Hundred Peaks Sect while looking towards the arena: "This is a Divine Skill of the Sun and Moon Sect, 'Ascending to the Clouds with a Moonlit Step.' Normally, it's used to escape when one is at a disadvantage.

Once executed, it is as if one steps onto the clouds. To attack that person, one must break through the cloud layer. However, Qin Yao used it to block Li Ke's fiery attack, which is extremely appropriate.

That's why one must know how to adapt during battles."

As Elders, their duty wasn't just bringing the disciples to the Capital City; they also needed to explain the battles to the disciples to foster their growth.

While she talked, she continued to infuse Wu Xiang's back with mana, aiding in his healing. She cultivated the Five Elements Peak's technique, and her Divine Skills were of the same origin as Wu Xiang's.

With her mana healing and the Tianyuan Yiqi Pill provided by Cao Zhen, even though Wu Xiang's injuries were severe, in just a short while, some color returned to his face. He opened his eyes, circulated his cultivation technique to treat his wounds, and looked towards the arena.

On the arena, Li Ke launched another attack on Qin Yao.

Red flames gathered around her body, forming fiery Sharp Swords that flew in all directions, aiming at Qin Yao in the sky.

For a moment, the air was filled with the hissing sound of the flames as if the air in the void was ignited, producing a burning sound, or as if space itself was pierced by the Sharp Swords.'

Thousands of swords were unleashed, each blazing hot and incomparably sharp.

Above the clouds, Qin Yao waved her hands calmly and deliberately.

"Sun and Moon cross the sky, rivers run through the earth..."

Above the sky, the Sun and Moon shadow emerged, traveling from one end of the horizon to the other, while on the arena, the silhouette of a river also materialized, flowing from one side to the other.

It was merely a shadow, yet it gave a sense of eternity. From a distance, the crowd felt as if they were experiencing day after day, seeing the sun rising and setting, the moon appearing and fading, the river flowing ceaselessly, in a never-ending cycle.

People even felt as if the arena naturally contained the rise and fall of the Sun and Moon and the flow of the river.

The Sharp Swords made of flames released by Li Ke were washed away by the impact of the Sun, Moon, and river streams, dissipating into nothingness.

After breaking through Li Ke's attack, Qin Yao didn't launch an offensive but continued to defend, while Li Ke, after having her Divine Skills blocked, released endless flames once again.

Both women were hailed as geniuses from the top ten Immortal Sects, both cultivators, yet their styles of fighting were completely different.

Li Ke unleashed various flames, continuously bombarding Qin Yao.

However, after Qin Yao attacked once, which was blocked by Li Ke's Gold Light Spell, she no longer attacked and focused on defense.

Li Ke's attacks were fierce, but Qin Yao's defense was watertight. The various Divine Skills of the Sun and Moon Sect, once unleashed by her, were akin to defensive Divine Skills.

On the surrounding high mountains, the people absorbed by the sight of one channeling full offensive power, and the other full defensive power, were mesmerized.

"This is the true caliber of a genius!"

"Such incredible control over Divine Skills."

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"The combat experience of the two of them, their ability to adapt and improvise during battle, each is a top-tier existence."

"It's impossible to tell who will win."

"I feel that Immortal Qin Yao might be slightly stronger. After all, Immortal Li Ke has been on the offensive the whole time, but her attacks just can't break through Fairy Qin Yao's defenses."

"Perhaps Immortal Qin Yao isn't attacking not because she doesn't want to, but because Immortal Li Ke's attacks are not only ferocious but also wave after wave, relentless, leaving no opportunity for Fairy Qin Yao to counterattack."

From the direction of Sun and Moon Sect, several Elders watched Qin Yao constantly defending, yet there was not a trace of panic or worry on their faces.

If it were other disciples of their Sun and Moon Sect facing Li Ke, they might indeed be sweating on behalf of their disciples; even those ferocious attacks, if encountered by the other two with the Great Perfection of the Golden Core Phenomenon of Sun and Moon Sect, would likely have meant defeat.

But Qin Yao was the strongest among the three with the Great Perfection of the Golden Core Phenomenon in their Sun and Moon Sect!

Among the Elders, one who looked very old, with dried and wrinkled skin covering her face full of wrinkles, watched the situation in the field and sighed softly, "Tu Zhuque has indeed taken on a good disciple. At this rate, if Qin Yao wants to win, she's probably going to have to use that Divine Skill."

"That Divine Skill was meant to be reserved for the very end, but, facing Li Ke so early, she'll have to reveal her final ace ahead of time."

Above the arena, a huge transparent gourd appeared in front of Qin Yao. Inside the gourd, two shadows of the sun and moon appeared.

The two shadows spun rapidly inside the gourd, creating a strong suction force that absorbed all the flames released by Li Ke into the Gourd Magic Artifact.

"Sun and Moon within the Gourd of Sun and Moon Sect! How many defensive Divine Skills does Fairy Qin Yao actually have?"

"Immortal Li Ke's attack has been thwarted once again."

"Look quick, Li Ke has launched another attack."

Behind Li Ke, from the huge Golden Core formed by the fusion of ten Phenomenal Golden Cores, streams of dense mana erupted like a volcano, surging out.

Waves of magma-like flames shot out from the Golden Core, hurtling straight toward Qin Yao.

As the flames flew past, a sizzling sound was heard in the air around, and even the surface of the arena, which was specially prepared for the Golden Core Stage, burst into sparks.

Qin Yao had already descended from the clouds above onto the arena, feeling the scorching force coming at her, a look of helplessness appeared in her eyes.

Li Ke's attacks were simply too fierce, so fierce that she could only defend continuously. Even the occasional counterattack couldn't break through the peculiar golden light of Li Ke's Protective Divine Power.

If this continued, she could defend against Li Ke's attacks but was unable to defeat Li Ke.

This continued drain would lead to one outcome: whoever depleted their mana first would lose. Both of them were at the Great Perfection of the Golden Core Phenomenon, both from top Immortal Sects, surely holding many treasures and mana-restoring talismans. Continuing this drain, it was uncertain who would deplete their mana first.

She was confident she would not be weaker than Li Ke, but she dared not gamble, nor could she afford to.

She still had a final ace up her sleeve, so why gamble, convinced that her mana could outlast Li Ke's?

By then, she might be unable to execute her final move.

Even though she wanted to save that Divine Skill for the very end, at this point, without using that Divine Skill, she truly saw no other chance of victory.

"Sun Moon Eclipse!"

Behind Qin Yao, the Golden Core that had already fused into one suddenly began to show signs of splitting.

The next moment, the Golden Core fully separated into two Phenomenal Golden Cores. One of them was round, emitting a golden radiance like the sun in the sky, while the other was like the crescent moon in the sky.

And above everyone's heads, the real blazing sun also completely disappeared at that moment.

Sun and moon shining together!

"What is this?"

"After Pill Fusion, one could indeed separate their own Golden Core to use it, but that just means separating them one by one. What's going on with Fairy Qin Yao? She has split her Golden Core into two parts, and moreover, a sun and a moon."

"Does it feel like Immortal Qin Yao's Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill seems to be competing with each other?"

On Gao Shan, the disciples were astonished, while many Elders from top Immortal Sects couldn't help but cry out in alarm.

"Sun Moon Eclipse! Qin Yao has actually cultivated the Sun Moon Eclipse, and moreover, has successfully done so!"

"Those people from Sun and Moon Sect, they really dare!"

Hearing their own Immortal Sect's Elders exclaim, the group of disciples eagerly asked.

"Elder, what Divine Skill is Sun Moon Eclipse?"

"Is this Divine Skill very famous?"

Amid their doubts, behind Qin Yao, the split sun and moon Golden Cores each emitted a ray of light, the two rays of light merging at one point, rushing toward the flames released by Li Ke.

The next moment, as the flames touched the golden-silver light, they were instantly swallowed up.

And the swallowed flames did not disappear but appeared in the large Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill behind Qin Yao.

It appeared as if they were being devoured by the Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill.

Moreover, the radiance of the Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill was vying for the flames.

"Swallowed?"

"Immortal Li Ke's flames have all been swallowed."

"Look, Immortal Li Ke has once again released flames, but these flames are still being devoured."

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Elder Ai Yunqi, who rarely spoke, gazed intently toward the direction of the arena, observing the flames being incessantly devoured by the Sun Moon Golden Pill, and explained, "A Sun Moon Eclipse has not

occurred for a long time. To be more precise, disciples from the Sun and Moon Sect have not practiced the Sun Moon Eclipse for a long while.

It can even be said that almost none from our generation have cultivated it.

You all know that the divine skills of the Sun and Moon Sect actually aim for the sun and the moon to shine together, simultaneously releasing the sun and the moon to merge their powers.

However, the Sun Moon Eclipse is completely the opposite; it not only causes the sun and the moon to rise together but also makes them separate and vie for dominance.

The Sun Moon Eclipse runs counter to the normal divine skills of the Sun and Moon Sect. Precisely because of this, the cultivation is exceptionally perilous, and a single mishap could lead to demonic possession, severely damaging one's very foundation!

The Sun Moon Eclipse is a divine skill created by a predecessor of the Sun and Moon Sect from the previous generation. After he developed the skill, he sparred with the great experts from the top ten Immortal Sects and was undefeated.

He was even vaguely known as the first expert among the top ten Immortal Sects. His advantage was the Sun Moon Eclipse.

As a result, many people from the Sun and Moon Sect began to cultivate the Sun Moon Eclipse, and all the cultivators were genius disciples of the sect.

For that predecessor had once said, only geniuses could cultivate the Sun Moon Eclipse.

However, even among those geniuses of the Sun and Moon Sect who cultivated the Sun Moon Eclipse, not one succeeded. Moreover, several geniuses even damaged their foundations.

The Sun and Moon Sect, which had always been ranked towards the forefront among our top ten Immortal Sects, suffered a significant gap due to that group of geniuses who cultivated the Sun Moon Eclipse, causing substantial harm to the sect's vitality.

These were all geniuses at the Pill Fusion stage of the Golden Core from the Sun and Moon Sect, the Sun Moon Eclipse. Although we do not know how to cultivate the Sun Moon Eclipse, we also know that it can only be cultivated after completing Pill Fusion.

Moreover, once one has reached the Earth Immortal realm, there is no further cultivation of the Sun Moon Eclipse.

Since then, the Sun Moon Eclipse has become a taboo divine skill in the Sun and Moon Sect, and no one has been heard of attempting to cultivate it again!

Unexpectedly, now, they have let Fairy Qin Yao, one of the most outstanding disciples of the current generation in their Sun and Moon Sect, cultivate the Sun Moon Eclipse, and furthermore, Qin Yao has successfully cultivated it.

The most terrifying aspect of the Sun Moon Eclipse is that after absorbing the divine skills of others, it can transform them for personal use, strengthening one's own power.

Li Ke is likely in danger."

The disciples of the other Immortal Sects of the top ten also learned about the existence of the Sun Moon Eclipse from their elders.

"Sun Moon Eclipse? I feel like 'Sun Moon Tug of War' would be a more fitting name, the flames released by Immortal Li Ke are their food!"

"The predecessor of the Sun and Moon Sect who first mastered the Sun Moon Eclipse was able to fight against the top ten Immortal Sects without losing once, so Fairy Qin Yao..."

"Fairy Qin Yao has become the second genius in the entire world after the Sun and Moon Sect to cultivate the Sun Moon Eclipse!"

"Immortal Li Ke probably has no chance now."

"Although the Hundred Peaks Sect has many disciples who made it into the top sixty-four, the competition has just begun today, and the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect are about to lose two matches in a row."

Li Ke felt her flames being constantly absorbed, felt Qin Yao's steadily increasing aura, and a look of madness appeared on her face.

Absorbing my power, is it?

Absorbing my flames, is it?

Fine, I'll let you absorb them, and we'll see if you can handle the subordinate fire of the Vermilion Bird!

Behind Li Ke, upon the conjoined giant Golden Core, an image of a Vermilion Bird suddenly emerged, an aura filled with ferocity, violence, and frenzy sweeping the entire arena.

In the next moment, the cry of a Vermilion Bird rang out, and a Flame Vermilion Bird composed of flames appeared before everyone's eyes, charging straight towards Qin Yao.

The crimson flames cast across the sky, and even with the barrier of the Formation, everything but the neighboring arena was dyed a deep red.

She was reluctant to use the subordinate fire of the Vermilion Bird so easily; after all, such a trump card was better revealed as late as possible.

Yet now, other than unleashing the subordinate fire of the Vermilion Bird, she had no other option.

She refused to believe that Qin Yao's divine skill could devour even the subordinate fire of the Vermilion Bird.

The vast Flame Vermilion Bird nearly filled the entire sky above the arena, and its blazing aura spread to every inch of space within the mountains.

"This aura!"

"Flame Vermilion Bird?"

"Such crimson, such terrifying pressure... Is that the deterrent power of the Sacred Beast Vermilion Bird?"

"It must be the pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird, originating from Vermilion Bird Peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect. A former Peak Master from Vermilion Bird Peak once cultivated the pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird! Vermilion Bird Peak must have the inheritance of the pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird!"

"Pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird versus Sun Moon Eclipse, who will win and who will lose?"

"The Sun Moon Eclipse has devoured the pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird."

At the moment when the Sun Moon Golden Pill on Qin Yao's back consumed the flames before her, her expression suddenly changed; these flames were so fierce, that pressure, that force, this was certainly not the pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird!

This is bad!

She frantically urged the Sun Moon Golden Pill on her back, trying to stop the absorption, but her Sun Moon Golden Pill was utterly out of control, still crazily devouring these terrifying flames.

The Sun Moon Eclipse, which made the powers of the sun and the moon compete for supremacy, would lead to a consequence after cultivation: if the divine skill was only cultivated to minor completion, it would become uncontrollable.

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And she, had not yet achieved minor success in cultivating the Sun Moon Eclipse, and she was no longer able to control it.

"This power, if I continue to absorb it, I'm afraid my Golden Core will be damaged!"

Qin Yao's heart was struck with terror, unable to control the Sun Moon Eclipse, and now the only thing she could do was to forcefully expel the Sun Moon Eclipse from her Golden Core.

Qin Yao suddenly opened her mouth wide and bit down hard on her own tongue, blood flowed out, and instantly, her entire aura surged explosively.

In the brief surge of power, she forcefully stimulated the Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill at her back to merge, reconstituting into a single Golden Pill.

Yet the Divine Skill of the Sun Moon Eclipse only left behind two silhouettes of the sun and moon.

Afar, the crowd witnessing Qin Yao's actions were stunned.

"What's happening?"

"How did she perform Pill Fusion again?"

"Fairy Qin Yao has performed Pill Fusion, so the Sun Moon Eclipse she was using..."

At the moment of Pill Fusion, the power of the flames previously absorbed by the Sun Moon Eclipse, along with the remnants of her own power within it, clashed wildly, and at that moment, the power of the Vermilion Bird's fire surged forth.

The collision of the three forces caused the silhouettes of the sun and moon from the Sun Moon Eclipse to explode violently.

In an instant, a sound as if the heavens and earth were shattering, the void collapsing, echoed with a massive boom.

In the center of the arena, chunks of broken stone soared into the sky, scattering in all directions. The next moment, at the heart of the explosion, waves of Flame swept up, forming into a giant vortex of flame under the force of the explosion, with terrifying power lashing out in all directions.

In just a single breath's time, this vortex of flame had engulfed the entire arena.

Not far away, after completing Pill Fusion, Qin Yao immediately took a step forward, a silhouette of the moon appearing beneath her feet.

Stepping on the Moon to Ascend to the Clouds!

In the blink of an eye, she was standing above the layers of clouds.

But the next moment, the endless vortex of Flame swept towards her, and the clouds that had blocked Li Ke's attacks several times instantly melted away, revealing raindrops that appeared and disappeared in a single breath as they too were completely evaporated.

The blazing Flame engulfed Qin Yao within it.

The genius immortal of the Sun and Moon Sect plummeted from the sky to the ground, crashing heavily onto the arena.

At the other end of the arena, Li Ke stood amidst the flames like a deity, the wild fire turning the arena pitch black and even melting the stone slabs, rendering them unable to inflict even the slightest damage on her.

This was her Flame after all!

The sudden turn of events left the onlookers on the surrounding peaks momentarily unable to react.

"What?"

"What's happening? Why did the flame suddenly erupt?"

"Did Immortal Li Ke turn defeat into victory?"

"Why did Fairy Qin Yao suddenly expel her Divine Skill from her Golden Core?"

"She forcefully separated the Divine Skill from her Golden Core," explained a kindly-faced old monk in a red kasaya from the direction of Infinite Temple, shaking his head: "She must have realized that the power of the flames Li Ke was using was too terrifying, exceeding the limit that her Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill could withstand, so she separated the Divine Skill, allowing the Golden Essence Pills to merge back into one.

She made the wisest choice. Otherwise, just looking at the Sun Moon Eclipse exploding in the end, if she hadn't separated the Divine Skill, the consequences would have definitely been severe damage to her Golden Core. Such an injury could have potentially damaged her Tao Base and affected her future cultivation."

"Unable to withstand? So if the Sun Moon Eclipse Divine Skill swallows even more terrifying powers and can't withstand it, will it explode on its own? If that's the case, then this Divine Skill doesn't seem that terrifying."

"Indeed, Sun Moon Eclipse is so difficult to cultivate, and once cultivated, it's so dangerous to use. In that case, why even cultivate such a Divine Skill?"

"No, Sun Moon Eclipse truly is a top-tier Divine Skill. It's just that Qin Yao is still at the Golden Core Stage and hasn't mastered it yet. Only when she reaches the Earth Immortal Realm will the true terror of the Sun Moon Eclipse Divine Skill be unleashed. Moreover, not everyone has a Vermilion Bird's fire like Li Ke, such terrifying flames."

The old monk from Infinite Temple continued, then shook his head again, puzzled: "Still, the Vermilion Bird's fire shouldn't be so strong that it could destroy the arena like this."

As Li Ke gathered all her flames back, the fire extinguished, revealing the scene atop the arena.

The arena was constructed of huge stone slabs stacked on top of one another, with a layer of hard greenstone plates covering them.

But now, the greenstone plates on the arena were completely melted away, revealing the stone slabs beneath, which were also burned down by more than half.

Qin Yao lay on one of the stone slabs, having fallen into unconsciousness. She had forcibly expelled the Sun Moon Eclipse from her Solar-Lunar Golden Essence Pill, suffered backlash from the expulsion, and was directly hit by the power of the flames from Li Ke's previous attack and the force of the Vermilion Bird. Even with her Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, she could not hold on.

"Qin Yao has fallen unconscious?"

"That's a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection! If it were someone with a Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill Perfect Completion, they would probably have died, such is the terror of those flames!"

"Look at the arena, there is a Formation on top of the arena that is supposed to withstand the full might of a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, yet now, the arena has still been destroyed like this!"

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"This is the first time the arena has been destroyed since the start of the Immortal Martial Arts Tournament!"

"Immortal Li Ke's final flame was too terrifying."

"That wasn't just the power of Immortal Li Ke's final flame, but also the residual force from her previous flames, as well as Fairy Qin Yao's divine skill's power, otherwise, such might wouldn't have erupted!"

"But the main force was still Immortal Li Ke's fiery power. Didn't you see? The other two forces were suppressed by the Vermilion Bird pseudo-fire released by Immortal Li Ke at the end. That's also why Immortal Li Ke didn't suffer any injuries."

"I know of the Vermilion Bird pseudo-fire, but this is still the first time I've seen such a flame. To think that just the pseudo-fire of the Vermilion Bird is already so terrifying, then the true Vermilion Bird's fire must be unimaginably fearsome."

From the direction of Thousand Caves Door, an elder frowned as he looked at the arena reduced to a charred mess, and turned to look at Star Lord Hao Yue with full of doubts, asking, "Star Monarch, this Vermilion Bird pseudo-fire..."

Star Lord Hao Yue's face showed a trace of disdain, not for Li Ke, but for the lack of knowledge among the surrounding people.

"Vermilion Bird pseudo-fire? Who said it was Vermilion Bird pseudo-fire? How could the pseudo-fire possess such might, how could it compare to this flame? This is the Vermilion Bird sub-fire!"

"Vermilion Bird sub-fire?" The elderly man beside him was completely dumbfounded; it was the first time he had heard this name.

"Vermilion Bird sub-fire, second only to the Vermilion Bird's flame itself, can be said that while the pseudo is the fake Vermilion Bird's flame, the sub-fire truly contains a trace of the Vermilion Bird's fire. It's just extremely, extremely faint, but no matter how faint, that is still the Vermilion Bird's fire."

Star Lord Hao Yue turned back to the elder of Thousand Caves Door and began to lecture, "Let me put it this way, cultivating the Vermilion Bird pseudo-fire has no connection to the true Vermilion Bird's fire, and it won't make it any easier to cultivate the Vermilion Bird's fire when the time comes. But, if you cultivate the Vermilion Bird sub-fire, one step further is to cultivate the true Vermilion Bird's fire."

As his words ended, the disciples of Thousand Caves Door couldn't help but exclaim in wonder.

"Vermilion Bird sub-fire?"

"It contains a trace of the Vermilion Bird's fire?"

"Such a flame exists in the world?"

"Why didn't we know about it?"

"It must be because of Peak Master Cao. Don't forget, Peak Master Cao is also a reincarnated Great Ability. And as for Immortal Li Ke, haven't the people of Hundred Peaks Sect already said it? Immortal Li Ke is Peak Master Cao's companion. If Peak Master Cao can help his disciple cultivate the Fire of Departure, there's no reason he wouldn't help his companion."

"So, this battle isn't about Immortal Li Ke defeating Fairy Qin Yao, but Peak Master Cao defeating Sun Moon Eclipse."

"Vermilion Bird sub-fire... Immortal Li Ke actually possesses such a flame; now the other experts will be in trouble when they encounter her again."

"In this case, if Immortal Li Ke doesn't meet Peak Master Cao or Star Lord Hao Yue too soon, it's very likely she's destined to enter the top eleven."

"That's not necessarily true. Don't forget, there's still Old Man Zhi Ran, the four great elders, and the disciples of Divine Dao Sect."

"Anyway, in terms of strength, I think Immortal Li Ke is a guaranteed quarterfinalist at least!"

"What a pity for Fairy Qin Yao. She was clearly so powerful, yet she was eliminated early on."

"Yes, if Fairy Qin Yao had been eliminated in the top sixteen, she would still have a chance to vie for the top eleven. Now, however, she has been eliminated."

For a time, the sound of sighs rose one after another.

This time the Immortal Martial Arts Tournament was to select a State Preceptor and ten Immortal Generals, a total of eleven people.

However, with the dueling format of two people facing each other, it wouldn't directly result in the top eleven rankings.

Therefore, the rules of the Immortal Martial Arts Tournament as announced by the Grand Preceptor before.

That is, the top eight automatically receive their respective rankings.

The remaining three spots will be chosen from the other eight eliminated competitors.

An eight-person duel ensues, and the last two remaining will claim the top ten positions.

The final spot is then contested by the los from the semifinals to determine the eleventh person.

Therefore, reaching the top sixteen means that even if one loses, there's still a chance to grasp a spot in the top eleven, but before reaching top sixteen, a loss means total elimination.

On the arena, as the referee announced Li Ke as the winner, she had already flown back to the position of Hundred Peaks Sect, while an elder from the Sun and Moon Sect naturally took Qin Yao back in his arms.

At this moment, the atmosphere among the elders and disciples of the Sun and Moon Sect was extremely solemn.

Firstly, Qin Yao was gravely injured, and secondly, with her loss, their chance for a spot among the top eleven had grown incredibly slim.

Qin Yao was the strongest among the three in Sun and Moon Sect bearing the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

The other two were likely to be somewhat weaker than Li Ke without deploying the Vermilion Bird sub-fire, probably on par with Nie Jie from Hundred Peaks Sect. How could they contend for the top eleven?

The battle between Li Ke and Qin Yao hadn't been short.

As their fight concluded with a victor, on another arena, a powerful master from Dharma Apex Sect, also bearing the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, defeated his opponent, a person who likewise had ten Golden Cores, but only eight of which were of a different phenomenon and not from one of the major Immortal Sects.

As such, two arenas were set to have their next contestants begin their matches simultaneously.

Peak Master Cao looked at the arena that had been damaged by Li Ke's fire, with several broken stone pillars, then at the distant Grand Preceptor who showed no intention of replacing the arena, and couldn't help but internally complain about how stingy the Grand Preceptor was, not even bothering to replace the damaged arena.

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Soon, the voice of the referee emanated once again from below the two stages.

"Alpha Stage, Divine Occurrence Sect, Xiao Zhongsheng to fight, Hundred Peaks Sect, Liè Yàn of the Flying Immortal Peak!"

"Beta Stage, Hundred Peaks Sect, Yi Sheng to fight Infinite Temple's Liao Kong."

As the referee's voice fell, countless exclamations once again rose from the surroundings.

"It's someone from the Hundred Peaks Sect again."

"This is only the fifth set of matchups, and Four Treasures Peak members are in four of them."

"Are they trying to finish off the Hundred Peaks Sect's contestants first?"

"This is getting interesting. Liao Kong from the Infinite Temple has acknowledged Peak Master Cao as his Pathfinder, and now he has to directly face a disciple of Peak Master Cao."

"Actually, it's not too bad, after all, Yi Sheng only has nine abnormal phenomenon Golden Pills and has not reached Pill Fusion, so it would be hard for him to go any further. He would lose to anyone who has reached the Ten Different Phenomena of the Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

In fact, if some of Peak Master Cao's other disciples, like Yan Yourong and Xiang Ziyu, were to meet Liao Kong, that would truly be spectacular."

"As for the other matchup between Hundred Peaks Sect's Liè Yàn and Divine Occurrence Sect's Xiao Zhongsheng, both have reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. It's hard to tell who would win."

In the Hundred Peaks Sect's area, Cao Zhen gently patted Yi Sheng and whispered, "My disciple, I am already very satisfied with how far you've come. Do not take unnecessary risks. You are the future of our Four Treasures Peak."

"Master, I will definitely not disgrace our sect," Yi Sheng nodded emphatically and flew towards the stage.

Cao Zhen's hand, still in a patting motion, froze. Did I tell you not to disgrace the sect? Isn't my meaning clear enough? I'm telling you the future is yours, and it would be alright even if you lost this time.

By saying this, I meant to warn you against fighting to the point of grave injury. But from your reaction, it seems like you're ready to fight with all your might?

Fortunately, your opponent is Liao Kong.

Upon the stage, Liao Kong looked at Yi Sheng who had just landed and nodded slightly, a smile forming on his lips. "Junior Sister, I didn't expect that amongst us, I would be the first to face a disciple of the venerable Cao."

He did not make the gesture of bringing his hands together in prayer. If he were facing another contestant, he would perform the gesture and perhaps even chant a Buddhist mantra — those were only for show.

To Yi Sheng, who was almost one of their own, such falsities were unnecessary.

Yi Sheng knew that when Liao Kong referred to 'they,' he meant himself and the others who had acknowledged Master as their Pathfinder — Qing Mozi of the Pen and Ink Sect, Jiang Yan of the War Edge Sect, Wu Jianzi of the Sword Sect, and Lu Yiren of the Scholar Dao Sect. All five of them had also advanced to the top sixty-four, with Wu Jianzi having already moved on to the next round.

She clasped her fist towards Liao Kong and said, "I ask for guidance from you, senior brother."

Once full of pride, she had become very polite since entering Hundred Peaks Sect, recognizing her own mediocrity and ordinariness, and witnessing the talents of her fellow disciples. Even when asking for guidance from her senior brothers and sisters in daily life, she would always observe proper formality.

As her words echoed, the judge's voice signalling 'Begin' also rang out from below the stage.

Immediately, nine abnormal phenomenon Golden Pills appeared behind Yi Sheng, and she pulled out the Unparalleled Formation Diagram, which unfolded instantly.

Opposite her, the unified Golden Pills of Liao Kong also emerged. His ten abnormal phenomenon Golden Pills each contained a different scene, eight of which were respective of the Pantheon of Dragons and beings such as Yakshas, Asuras, among others.

Within one of the remaining two pills was a closed lotus flower, and in the other, a Bodhi seed.

After the fusion of the ten Golden Pills, they seemed to congregate into a towering Buddha statue!

A sense of solemn grandeur flowed from him. Though he was young, the onlookers felt as if they were gazing upon a high monk who had attained enlightenment.

Liao Kong did not attack but merely waited for the formation to unfold, sensing its power and the binding force it transmitted.

He could feel that under the suppression of the formation, his power was reduced to roughly ninety-five percent of its peak.

"What a marvelous formation. Indeed, no matter where I move, I am suppressed by the formation. This formation must have been created by Peak Master Cao, truly a rare genius capable of crafting such a miraculous formation. However, it seems more suitable for those at the Core Formation Stage; its effect on the Golden Core Stage is much less significant."

From a distance, in the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Cao Zhen looked towards his young disciple who had deployed the formation, then turned back to his other disciples and asked, "How much of your abilities would be suppressed by Yi Sheng's formation?"

"Around ninety-five percent," Ling Xi quickly replied. "After we attained Ten Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills Great Perfection, the suppression of the formation on us has lessened. We have tested it; with similar cultivation realms, deploying the formation can reduce an opponent's power to about ninety percent."

Cao Zhen nodded in understanding and sighed internally. He was still too poor. If he hadn't focused on elevating his own cultivation to the Golden Core Stage, he might have already acquired more resources to reforge the Supreme Unparalleled Formation for his disciples.

The Supreme Unparalleled Formation he originally crafted was more suitable for the Core Formation Stage. In the Golden Core Stage, while it still had a suppressing effect, it was much easier for someone at that level to break through using sheer power.

This was especially true against an opponent who had achieved Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, even if their power wasn't stronger; they could still muster enough force to shatter the formation.

If there was an exception, it would be Ling Xi. She had integrated the Supreme Unparalleled Formation diagram with her talisman, not only increasing its potency but also making it much harder for others to break through.

Cao Zhen curiously turned to Ling Xi and asked, "What about you? How much of an opponent's cultivation could you suppress?"

Ling Xi did not directly respond to Cao Zhen but instead secretly communicated, "Master, my brothers, sister, and I have tested it. If I deploy the formation with all my strength, I can suppress their cultivation to just eighty-five percent."

Eighty-five percent was significant indeed.

So it appeared that the strongest among his disciples might very well be Ling Xi.

Chapter 558: What You Can Do, I Can Do Better_1

The crowd had just watched the battle between Qin Yao and Li Ke, where Li Ke had been the aggressor while Qin Yao consistently defended.

Unexpectedly, in the next match, they witnessed another bout where one person launched a furious assault while another defended throughout.

Only, the defender this time...

"Why is Liao Kong the one constantly on the defense?"

"Clearly, Liao Kong is the stronger one; he should be the one attacking, and Yi Sheng defending, right? How has it been reversed? A being at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, not attacking but always defending?"

On the high mountain, the crowd looked toward the arena with surprised expressions.

Above the arena, endless flames had completely enveloped Liao Kong.

Around Liao Kong, an ancient lamp appeared, and he himself transformed into a figure of Buddha, waves of tranquil and auspicious energy emerged, infusing into the ancient lamp as if igniting it. Gentle light stretched out in all directions, enveloping Liao Kong within it.

This glow seemed dim and lacked the fearsome might that surged forth, yet the aggressive, seemingly mountain-incinerating flames unleashed by Yi Sheng couldn't penetrate this gentle light.

Liao Kong showed no intention of attacking. He hadn't even tried to forcefully break through the Formation Map before him; after all, Yi Sheng had said to give her some guidance, so he would do just that.

Yi Sheng's aura had already peaked. Five Thunderbolt Formation Method, Explosive Sun Flames... she had used all her tricks, yet she still could not breach Liao Kong's defense. Throughout, Liao Kong had not used other Divine Skills, only manifesting that ancient lamp.

Now, all she had left was her strongest Detached Fire.

"Brother Liao Kong, be careful."

Behind Yi Sheng, nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills vibrated wildly. Within the Golden Pills, clusters of flames seemed as if they were about to explode.

And among those nine Golden Pills, the last one to condense, the Detached Fire Golden Pill, shot forth a blazing beam straight up to the heaven.

Flames raged heavenward, split into two hues—the exterior purple and the core scarlet.

"Detached Fire."

"Yi Sheng is finally using her Detached Fire."

"Who knows how much power her Detached Fire can exhibit against the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection master."

The Detached Fire gathered into a phoenix, charging directly towards Liao Kong.

Liao Kong's expression suddenly changed, revealing a look of solemnity. He had been on the defense, partly indeed to let Yi Sheng exert herself, and partly because he also wanted to experience the power of this Detached Fire!

Feeling the fierce heatwave in the void, as well as the inviolable, terrifying aura, he lifted his hand and pointed towards the space before him.

Suddenly, a white lotus appeared in the void.

The lotus instantly bloomed, its ninety-nine petals scattering in all directions. In the center of the petals, a figure of Fa Xiang Golden Buddha appeared.

The Buddha figure dignified and compassionate, with merciful light on his face that seemed to rescue all sentient beings.

In the Buddha's hand, there was also a transparent vase with a willow branch sticking out.

The Buddha lifted another hand, forming a symbolic gesture, and lightly flicked the willow branch toward the incoming fire.

Suddenly, a few water droplets flew out.

In the next moment, under the endless Mana and Buddha Power, the droplets became a vast ocean, pouring over the fiery phoenix.

Waves of compassionate energy filled the arena and even spread up to the high mountain.

Instantly, many Zen Cultivation experts shouted in surprise.

"In the willow flask eternal spring abides, on the lotus throne, Buddha's mercy resides. This is our Zen Cultivation's Great Mercy Holy Water."

"Between Detached Fire and Great Mercy Holy Water, which is stronger?"

As fire met water, a sizzling sound erupted so loudly it seemed as if the void itself was continuously exploding.

In the void, the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix's flames and the Great Mercy Holy Water were like two equally matched contenders, resulting in a deadlock, neither being able to advance by half a step.

But gradually, beads of sweat appeared on Yi Sheng's forehead and instantly vaporized under the intense heat. However, her body swayed slightly.

In the sky, the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix's flames began to retreat under the impact of the Great Mercy Holy Water.

"Liao Kong has won."

"In the end, the Great Mercy Holy Water is superior by half."

A smile appeared on the faces of the Zen Cultivation disciples.

Others nearby gently shook their heads, saying, "It's not that the Great Mercy Holy Water is stronger; it's just that Yi Sheng only has nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills and hasn't completed the Pill Fusion. Her power can't match Liao Kong's."

"That's true, also water inherently overcomes fire."

"The outcome of this battle was actually predestined. No matter what, Yi Sheng could never have been Liao Kong's match."

Under everyone's gaze, the flames of the Scarlet Flame Heavenly Phoenix gradually dissipated. Yi Sheng had yet to concede, continuing to persevere.

Finally, the entire arena was filled with endless running water, the currents rushing wildly, sweeping her body to the edge of the arena, triggering the Formation light curtain.

As the light curtain lit up, Liao Kong immediately retracted his Divine Skills.

The endless water, as if it had never existed, disappeared without a trace.

"Sister, your Detached Fire is indeed astonishing," Liao Kong said toward Yi Sheng with a look of admiration. "If you became a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and completed the Pill Fusion, the outcome of this battle would be uncertain."

Chapter 559: What You Can Do, I Can Do Better_2

"However, thinking of Junior Sister's talent, achieving Pill Fusion shouldn't be far off," he said.

Although he had won, he had truly felt the terror of the Fire of Departure. Yi Sheng, with only nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills and without Pill Fusion, had managed to contend with his Great Sorrow Holy Water for a time, which already proved Yi Sheng's strength.

He said these words not out of a sense of obligation because Yi Sheng was Master Cao's disciple, thus deliberately speaking well of her. Rather, he truly believed that Yi Sheng was strong enough.

Liao Kong had merely controlled the flow of water to push Yi Sheng to the edge of the stage without truly aiming to seriously wound her. Yi Sheng quickly stood up, cupped her hands towards Liao Kong, and said, "Thank you, Senior Brother, for the lesson."

After that, she turned and flew back in the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect, landing beside Cao Zhen, her face filled with self-blame, "Master, I'm sorry, your disciple lost, causing shame for you, for our Four Treasures Peak, and for the Hundred Peaks Sect."

Out of the total five disciples of Four Treasures Peak, she was now the only one who had lost.

"It's okay, winning and losing are normal, everyone loses sometimes. Just like in this Immortals' Martial Gathering, your Senior Brothers and Sisters will also lose. After all, in the end, there can only be one number one, and it's not possible that all of them could take first place, right?"

Cao Zhen comforted Yi Sheng, patting her shoulder. It seemed like the time when one should tousle a disciple's hair to offer comfort, but Yi Sheng was now almost as tall as he was, making it rather inappropriate to ruffle her hair.

"But... disciple..." Yi Sheng felt a deep sense of guilt. Her master had gone out of his way to refine Human Pills for her and to pass on Divine Skills.

None of her Senior Brothers and Sisters had received such treatment.

However, she still let her Master down.

"There are no buts," Cao Zhen interrupted Yi Sheng. "If you lost, you lost. Just go back and continue your cultivation. Right now, you only have nine Golden Pills. When you have ten... at that time, let's go find Liao Kong, let's fight him again, and let's win against him once more!"

"Yes," Yi Sheng nodded solemnly, with utter seriousness, "After returning, your disciple will definitely strive hard in her cultivation. However your disciple lost to him today, at that time, that is how your disciple will win against her."

Cao Zhen looked at Yi Sheng, her face full of fighting spirit, and finally showed a smile of relief like that of a proud father. In a daze, he seemed to see once again that Yi Sheng who, before joining the Four Treasures Peak, was always filled with confidence and pride.

After comforting Yi Sheng, he turned his gaze toward another stage.

On the Alpha Stage, two contenders who were both at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and were both from top ten Immortal Sects, were crossing hands. However, the battle was now presenting a one-sided situation.

Liè Yàn from Flying Immortal Peak was completely overpowering Xiao Zhongsheng from the Divine Occurrence Sect, and, astonishingly, his method of attack, his Divine Skills, also involved flames.

As the fight on another stage concluded, everyone's gaze turned toward the Alpha Stage.

"Why do the people from the Hundred Peaks Sect all excel at using flames?" some audience asked.

"Both are Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but Liè Yàn from the Hundred Peaks Sect clearly has the upper hand over Xiao Zhongsheng from the Divine Occurrence Sect.

"Without any surprises, Liè Yàn is bound to win."

"I've heard of Liè Yàn before, a prodigy of Flying Immortal Peak in the Hundred Peaks Sect. Some even say that Liè Yàn's talent surpasses their sect's prime disciple, Nie Jie. I didn't believe it, but now I do."

"Flying Immortal Peak truly lives up to its reputation as the number one peak of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Besides having two individuals at the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection, Liè Yàn is also this powerful."

"I believe Liè Yàn definitely has the strength to aim for the top eleven!"

"Is the Hundred Peaks Sect going to rise to prominence once and for all?"

Across the various peaks, the crowd's exclamations could be heard everywhere.

Cao Zhen, observing Liè Yàn who had already injured his opponent, showed a trace of surprise in his eyes. He knew they had such a person in the Hundred Peaks Sect, after all, he had watched him during the previous Hundred Peaks competition.

Back then, although Liè Yàn was only a mere Golden Pill, he had made it into the top ten. However, Cao Zhen had not expected that Liè Yàn would advance so quickly, now already achieving the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and possessing such formidable combat strength.

If he hadn't assisted Li Ke in cultivating the Vermilion Bird Subordinate Flame, Li Ke would most likely not be a match for Liè Yàn.

As he was observing, the voice of the referee from below the Beta Stage could be heard. After all, one fight had already ended, and they couldn't leave the stage empty for too long.

"On the Beta Stage, from the Hundred Peaks Sect, Four Treasures Peak's Cao Zhen, will face off against the Four Extremes Sect's Sishu Yueji."

Ling Xi and the others immediately looked in that direction.

"Master, it's your turn," they said.

"Master," Zi Yu looked towards the distance and added, "Master, you haven't achieved Pill Fusion yet. If you truly find yourself overmatched, just concede the fight.

I have a feeling that the Four Extremes Sect is like a typical villain, and such villains often have some schemes. So for safety's sake, Master, if you cannot win, you must concede.

You can be assured, as the main character, I will definitely encounter Sishu Yueji in the next round after you concede, and then I'll avenge you."

Focus on making it to the next round yourself first," Cao Zhen, not in the mood for further discussion with Zi Yu, stood up and flew toward the stage.

After this round started, the Golden Pill Great Perfection contenders began meeting each other, so it was not surprising that his opponent was also at Golden Pill Great Perfection.

When Cao Zhen's name was heard,

the crowd, which was still watching the battle on the other stage, collectively turned their heads, gazing towards the now vacant stage.

Chapter 560: What You Can Do, I Can Do Better_3

"Peak Master Cao is about to make his appearance."

"Those from the Four Extremes Sect are really unlucky to have encountered Peak Master Cao."

"Actually, that's not necessarily true."

In the crowd, there were some people who quietly said, "Speaking of which, Peak Master Cao has come all this way without facing any particularly strong opponents. Although Peak Master Cao is a reincarnated powerhouse, he hasn't undergone Pill Fusion, and he also has only six Heretical Golden Cores. No one knows just how strong Peak Master Cao really is."

"That's right, I've been wanting to say this as well. After all, the difference between having undergone Pill Fusion and not is just too great."

At this moment, aside from the people of Divine Occurrence Sect and those from Flying Immortal Peak, no one else paid attention to the other stage's battle. Everyone's eyes were focused on the stage where Cao Zhen was.

Everyone knew that Cao Zhen was a reincarnated powerhouse and certainly had countless methods up his sleeve. But the fact remained that no one had truly witnessed Cao Zhen's techniques, let alone knew the extent of his strength.

Now, Cao Zhen was facing an opponent with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, which would allow them to observe Cao Zhen's strength and see his techniques firsthand.

Sishu Yueji from the Four Extremes Sect, even if he could not win, might be able to force out many of Cao Zhen's moves and trump cards.

Sishu Yueji was incredibly handsome, and Cao Zhen even felt that this Sishu Yueji could be considered the most handsome person he had seen.

Moreover, there was an effortless elegance about him, unlike the affected elegance many people tried to project. The elegance of Sishu Yueji seemed innate.

As Sishu Yueji landed on the stage, ten Golden Cores rapidly emerged behind him, among which three had giant characters within them.

[Four][Extremes][Sect]!

Within another three Golden Cores, there were three scrolls, but it was unclear what exactly was depicted on them. One could only roughly see that one seemed to feature landscape painting, another depicted various Strange Beasts, and another showed people.

The phenomena within the remaining four Golden Cores were, respectively, three musical instruments—a flute, a zither, and a guzheng—in three of them.

The phenomena within the next Golden Core was a palace.

His eyes, like stars, looked at Cao Zhen across the stage, a hint of wariness in his gaze. After all, he was facing a reincarnated powerhouse.

However, in his wariness, there was also a trace of excitement.

Even though the opponent was a reincarnated powerhouse, Cao Zhen hadn't undergone Pill Fusion. Sishu Yueji had the advantage of Pill Fusion, and it wasn't certain that he would lose to his opponent.

If he could defeat a reincarnated powerhouse, regardless of whether the opponent was at the Perfect Completion Golden Core level, Sishu Yueji was destined to become famous throughout the land, and people would remember the Four Extremes Sect, remembering that it was someone from their sect who defeated a reincarnated powerhouse.

Behind Cao Zhen, six Heretical Golden Cores had also emerged, and his Heretical Golden Core floated above his head while several Divine Weapons encircled him.

He did not use the Unparalleled Formation Plate, as his current Cultivation Base was after all that of only six Golden Cores. Using the Unparalleled Formation Plate, the suppression on his opponent would be limited.

More importantly, should the opponent attack with full force, the Array Plate could be broken. If that happened and the Array Plate took damage, he would have to spend money to repair it.

So, he simply chose not to use the Array Plate.

Soon, the referee's voice rang out from below the stage, signaling 'begin'.

The instant the voice fell, Sishu Yueji's hand revealed a Formation Map, which unfolded swiftly as mana poured into it.

Strangely, there seemed to be no Formation within the map, as if it were merely an ordinary piece of white paper.

Yet just a piece of white paper made Cao Zhen feel as though it had no bounds, or rather, as if his own figure had shrunk several times over.

In Sishu Yueji's hands, a black brush emerged, waves of pure mana flowing into the tip of the brush, forming a fluctuating black light.

Instead of going directly for the attack, he raised his hand and drew a stroke on the Formation Map below.

A black line appeared on the white Formation Map, as if a majestic mountain had suddenly emerged, bearing down on Cao Zhen.

"The Qiankun Unbounded Formation Picture of the Four Extremes Sect!"

"Entering that Formation Picture is like entering a boundless world. And on the Map, deploying the various Divine Skills of the Four Extremes Sect amplifies their power even more.

On the Formation Map, drawing each stroke is like mountains and rivers falling; playing music on the Formation Map is like thunder exploding..."

"Let's see how Peak Master Cao copes with this Formation Map."

As the mountain fell, Cao Zhen quickly retreated, but no matter how he withdrew, the mountain came crashing down on him.

After Sishu Yueji made his first stroke, he did not pause at all. His brush continuously wrote characters and painted scrolls.

In a moment, Cao Zhen felt as though he had entered a desolate region, with rivers surging towards him from the sky, followed by howling winds and flying dust, as yellow sand emerged from the far reaches of the sky.

Amidst all this, roars of Beasts resounded, and terrifying ferocious beasts that had disappeared long ago appeared, radiating boundless viciousness and charging at him with roars.

Facing these frightfully powerful attacks, the Golden Cores behind Cao Zhen, amassing the Record of Deities and Demons, Gold Light Spell, Dragon and Tiger Golden Body, and other Protective Divine Powers, suddenly burst forth with a beam of light.