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Chapter 57: Let Me Show Off_1

Yu Haitang looked at the newcomer's face, brimming with confidence, and was reminded of how she had felt the same upon her own arrival, but after a clash... that confidence had vanished in an instant.

Only this time, it was not herself whose confidence would be shattered!

Behind Chang Tiance, nine Taoist Platforms rose, and the surging power created a whirlwind out of nowhere. Strands of spiritual energy wrapped around them, faintly forming elegant characters.

Yu Haitang raised her eyebrows slightly, a trace of surprise showing on her face. Although this youngster had not achieved the highest understanding of the Immortal Sect's cultivation techniques when he condensed his platforms, resulting in no extraordinary phenomena, his recent enlightenment had made up for it in certain respects.

That's why the spiritual energy swirling around him faintly formed characters.

Seeing the characters formed by the spiritual energy beside him, Chang Tiance's heart surged with pride, and he couldn't help but look at Cao Zhen with gratitude. The Peak Master was truly magnanimous; not only did he not take offense at his previous transgression, but he even intentionally left behind characters for him to enlighten upon.

"Stop posing there," Yu Haitang beckoned to Chang Tiance and urged, "Sister is in a hurry."

Chang Tiance moved first, tracing a 'sword' character in the air. The sharp sword intent burst forth from within the character, transforming into a hundred sharpened sword qi.

Yu Haitang raised her hand, the tips of her fingers sparkling with starlight. The sword qi pierced out from the starlight at her fingertips, instantly shattering the energy of swords and sabers.

The next moment, Chang Tiance saw an endless barrage of sword qi rushing towards him. It was too late to dodge, and with a muffled groan from Chang Tiance's chest, he was sent flying out of the door by the sword qi.

Yu Haitang withdrew her hand and, without a glance at Chang Tiance flying away, turned her attention to Cao Zhen. "Peak Master, your lackey has been defeated; it's your turn."

The Little Star Pointer? Cao Zhen nodded continuously as he watched. Although he had not cultivated it, he understood from the documents he obtained from Zhang Daoling what technique it was, and he also knew where the weakness of Yu Haitang's Little Star Pointer lay.

Cao Zhen suddenly realized that this didn't seem like a challenge for him; it was an opportunity to show off! It didn't matter whether this woman had practiced the Little Star Pointer incorrectly, even if she had done it right! It would be futile!

The Little Star Pointer is a technique that draws upon the power of the stars, unleashing the force of celestial bodies. If cultivated to the highest realm, a single strike would carry the power of a star!

But as long as...

"You're a disgrace to the elders!" Xu Ruyi awoke from enlightenment, unable to help commenting on Chang Tiance's outcome, interrupting Cao Zhen's thoughts about the Little Star Pointer.

"Elder! I am wrong!" Xu Ruyi's reaction was the same as Chang Tiance's, even their words were strikingly similar, "Allow me to handle this for you, elder. Such matters are beneath your dignity."

Yu Haitang rolled her eyes contemptuously. She had no respect for those who brownnosed a Peak Master, looking to cozy up with them.

"Never mind, I'll do it myself," said Cao Zhen, patting Xu Ruyi on the shoulder and stepping forward to face Yu Haitang. "As a Peak Master, it would be bullying to use the same cultivation base against you. How about this, you use nine Taoist Platforms, and I'll use eight to give you some pointers, how about that?"

Yu Haitang and her followers laughed together. This was the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace, after all! Even for a Peak Master, his words still seemed too arrogant!

"Let's keep it at the same cultivation base," Yu Haitang shook her head vigorously, "I don't have the habit of taking advantage of others, even if you are a Peak Master."

"Fine! Can we settle it in one match, then?" asked Cao Zhen, filled with confidence after seeing Yu Haitang's performance, "I am not obliged to instruct every single one of you. It would be boring if you can't accept defeat after our match and keep pestering me."

"Since the Peak Master has proposed it, let's do it that way!" Yu Haitang immediately agreed, fearing Cao Zhen might change his mind.

"Sister Haitang, the opponent is a Peak Master, surely not like those two we just saw. What if..."

Hearing someone voice concerns behind her, Yu Haitang confidently shook her head and said, "Our Hundred Peaks Sect has over a hundred Peak Masters, and I've seen the ones who rank higher in the catalog. This Peak Master's ranking must be low, probably in the eighties or nineties at best."

Upon these words, everyone hurriedly recalled the Peak Master catalog they had seen, realizing indeed that none of the top tens had featured this Peak Master.

"Once I defeat you, I can enter, right?" Cao Zhen wanted to confirm. "I hope that after I finish with you, the others won't jump out asking for my instruction."

Yu Haitang knew Cao Zhen probably felt confident in dealing with her after seeing her earlier technique, and so she quickly nodded, "I guarantee it!"

"Fine...Bring it on..."

Cao Zhen stepped forward, starting to channel the spiritual energy within his body.

"Elder, no, please." Chang Tiance, clenching his injured chest, staggered to his feet; the forced movement made him spill a bit of blood from the corner of his mouth, "The secret technique you just used, it must be from the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace..."

"Shut your mouth!" Yu Haitang, fearing Cao Zhen might change his mind, quickly intervened, "The Peak Master won't go back on his word."

"If that's the case, then I shall simply put on an act." Cao Zhen, with his hands clasped behind his back in the manner of a sage, stepped into the center of the field and said, "Shall we begin?"

Yu Haitang and the others were full of confusion in their eyes. Put on an act? What act? What did 'put on an act' mean? Some profound Divine Skill perhaps?

Seeing that Yu Haitang had no intention of making the first move, Cao Zhen knew that the other party wanted him to strike first. The Nine Dragon Tiger Phantom Dao Platforms instantly rose behind Cao Zhen, and the front courtyard of the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace began to resonate with the sounds of dragons and tigers, while a dragon's aura seemed to stir faintly in the palace's back courtyard, as if it wanted to resonate with the Dragon-Tiger Dao Platforms.

"Four Treasures Peak Master?" Although Yu Haitang didn't recognize Cao Zhen, the ten perfect Dragon Tiger Phantom Dao Platforms at the Great Perfection realm was a title that had spread throughout the entire Hundred Peaks Sect due to the previous dual peak battle.

In the entire Hundred Peaks Sect, only the family of the Four Treasures Peak Master possessed the ten Dragon Tiger Phantom Dao Platforms!

The next moment, Yu Haitang and the seven people behind her all turned ashen-faced, realizing that they had kicked an iron plate. They finally understood what the 'put on an act' they had just heard meant.

Some of the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace's teaching officials had witnessed this dual peak battle and had explained it to everyone, especially how they had easily counter-killed after being sneak-attacked by the Demonic Path!

Finally, the teaching officials concluded that this person could rank within the top thirty of the Hundred Peaks Sect under the same realm and cultivation base.

The Hundred Peaks Sect is one of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's ten major Immortal Sects. The sect's Law-Enforcing Immortal Palace's sharp sword masters, the heads of various other Immortal Palaces' Elders, and the top fifty Peak Masters; each one of them possessed both exceptional talent and insight. To rank within the top thirty among so many was extremely difficult.

'If it wasn't for his lack of combat experience and insufficient combat secret techniques from his sect, his ranking might easily break into the top ten.'

Recalling the comments later provided by another Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace teaching official, Yu Haitang couldn't help but ask, "Does the earlier statement of the Peak Master, about eight Dao Platforms against nine Dao Platforms, still stand?"

Cao Zhen, smiling, withdrew two Dao Platforms, and then said, "Do I make the first move, or shall I let you?"

"Naturally, the Peak Master should take the second move." Yu Haitang wasn't going to stand on ceremony with Cao Zhen; while chatting away with a smile on her face, she raised her hand and launched a small Star Pointer.

At the pointing of her finger, vast starlight almost submerged the small front courtyard of the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace, many times stronger than the one that previously broke Chang Tiance's defenses, causing Xu Ruyi standing off to the side to gasp in shock. If he went up instead, he feared the outcome would be even worse than Chang's!

In an instant, Cao Zhen was engulfed by the starlight, his spiritual power quickly forming an Eight Diagrams Formation beneath his feet as he instantly completed the formation with Qi.

In the blink of an eye, the starlight at Yu Haitang's fingertips rapidly retracted, and the endless destructive power in her star pointer vanished all at once; she felt her connection with the star power she had cultivated for many days dissipating.

How could this happen? Yu Haitang was stunned – how could the abilities she worked so hard to cultivate vanish in an instant? Was this... the Eight Diagrams Death Gate beneath her feet? Why would the Death Gate be here?

Yu Haitang, too, had earned her place in the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace through her own abilities. In an instant, she saw an Eight Diagrams Formation composed of spiritual energy appear beneath her feet, and the Death Gate of this formation was right below her.

However, according to the directions of Heaven and Earth, this place should not be the Death Gate! What Divine Skill was this?

Without time to ponder, Yu Haitang twisted her ankle to move out of the Death Gate, and the intelligence of the Defeated Army Star reconnected with her. She launched another small Star Pointer, as the vast star force filled the space, bearing down on Cao Zhen, and then vanished once again.

Death Gate! Yu Haitang discovered that the position under her feet had again become the Death Gate, and her small Star Pointer had disappeared once again!

Fast movement! Small Star Pointer! Star force dissipated! Death Gate! Rapid movement again... Death Gate!

Yu Haitang felt like a gambler desperate to break even, moving quickly time after time, trying to escape the Death Gate, only to find she could never leave it behind.

No matter how she changed her position, the spot beneath her feet was still the Death Gate! Even if, according to its original position, it should have been the Gate of Life, as soon as she stood there, the Death Gate's spiritual energy formation would appear under her feet.