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They knew that only after becoming an Earth Immortal could one reincarnate.

However, even among those with the ability to reincarnate, there must be varying levels of strength.

Peak Master Cao might be one of those top-tier reincarnated beings!

High upon the mountain, Li Ke had no idea whether or not others believed Cao Zhen's words, but she certainly did not. Her thoughts stirred and she directly transmitted her voice to Cao Zhen, asking, "How exactly did you do it? How did you manage to see through all of his Divine Skills?"

"Even if you had shared with Long Aotian all the Divine Skills previously used by Star Lord Hao Yue, Long Aotian could have broken those. But how did you break the Divine Skills that Star Lord Hao Yue used today?"

Upon hearing Li Ke's words, without even thinking, Cao Zhen immediately replied, "It's simple, because Long Aotian was indeed there just now!"

"Long Aotian was there?" Li Ke suddenly recalled the sound of Long Aotian's voice echoing from her mind and frowned.

Every time Long Aotian sought her out, the duration was short, definitely not long enough to sustain an entire battle, and many times Long Aotian had stated that his time was limited before hastily taking his leave.

But why then could Long Aotian appear in Cao Zhen's mind for such a long period?

Had Long Aotian previously deceived her?

But with Long Aotian's cultivation base and capability, he had no need to deceive her.

Therefore, there was only one other possibility: Cao Zhen was in fact Long Aotian's true successor. Cao Zhen must have practiced Long Aotian's techniques, which allowed Long Aotian to exist in his mind for a longer period.

That must also be why Cao Zhen, initially suppressed by Star Lord Hao Yue, eventually turned the tables and suppressed him instead.

It must be because Long Aotian had not shown up at first, so Cao Zhen was being suppressed.

After Long Aotian appeared, that was when Cao Zhen successfully overcame Star Lord Hao Yue.

Just as everyone was astonished that Cao Zhen could see through others' Divine Skills.

A voice suddenly emanated from the high platform, the voice of the Emperor: "Good, very good. I hereby announce that the winner of this Immortal Struggle Championship is Cao Zhen of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Cao Zhen shall be appointed as the State Preceptor of our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty.

In addition, from the Hundred Peaks Sect, Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, Xiang Ziyu, Bei Yan, Li Ke, Liè Yàn, from the Thousand Caves Door Hao Yue, from Divine Dao Sect Zong Wuji, from the Sword Sect Wu Jianzi, disciples of Old Man Zhi Ran, Freely Child—be the ten Immortal Generals of our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty!"

As his voice subsided, a chorus of cheers erupted from the direction of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

"State Preceptor! State Preceptor!"

"Six Immortal Generals!"

"Mighty is the Hundred Peaks Sect!"

They cared about the position of State Preceptor and the six Immortal Generals, but their cheers weren't merely for the honor of these positions; they were rejoicing because the Hundred Peaks Sect had triumphed over the other Immortal Sects in this championship—they cheered for the glory that brought!

Amidst the clamor of the crowd.

The Emperor's voice rose again: "As I have ascended the throne, the time has come to appoint an Empress. I have decided to marry the daughter of General Fang in five days and to establish her as my Empress.

Since you all are in the Capital City, there is no need to hurry away. I hope everyone will attend my royal wedding in five days."

Above the mountain, the crowd paused, startled by the Emperor's proclamation. Why such haste for a royal wedding? There had been no prior whisper of it.

Additionally, the Grand Preceptor had always disliked the Immortal Sects, and the Emperor had always treated the Grand Preceptor as his mentor. Why then invite all of them to stay for the wedding?

Soon, the Emperor's voice came again, dispelling their doubts.

"Of course, should any of you have urgent matters and must leave, I would not force you to stay against your will. Nonetheless, it is a day of great joy for me, as well as the day I appoint my Empress. The Empress is not just my wife but the Empress of the entire Dynasty.

Thus, at that time, I hope all the Immortal Sects will present congratulatory gifts. As for the gifts... I have heard that the Immortal Sects have plenty of medicinal ingredients, and I would be pleased to receive some as gifts."

At that moment, everyone was dumbfounded!

What was this about?

Was the Emperor shamelessly asking for gifts? And specifically requesting medicinal ingredients, Spiritual Medicine, no less?

Is this something an Emperor should say?

Was this the Emperor or a bandit?

Before his coronation, even though the Emperor had not yet ascended the throne, he had already been in control of the entire country. They did not hold the Emperor—who was only mortal—in any heartfelt esteem.

But being within the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, and with the Grand Preceptor's formidable presence, they had naturally sought to understand the Emperor.

They also knew that the Emperor was in all respects a wise ruler. And now, this wise ruler, upon his ascension, had resorted to such bandit-like actions.

The crowd waited until they left and returned to the Immortal Reception House, unable to comprehend the Emperor's actions, yet they speculated.

It didn't take long for them to think they had figured it out.

"It must be because of the Grand Preceptor. The Grand Preceptor must be close to entering his slumber, so they are preparing to make a great profit before the Grand Preceptor's sleep," they reasoned.

"But by doing this, aren't they afraid of offending us?"

"Have they not offended many before? The Emperor shamelessly requesting items like this must be preparation for after the Grand Preceptor's slumber!"

"Surely it is so."

"As for the gifts..."

"The congratulatory gifts must be given. After all, the Grand Preceptor is still present, and no one knows how long it will be before he enters his slumber."

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The State Preceptor and the ten great Immortal Generals, no matter how the other immortals viewed them, were considered officials of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty.

Although it is said that the ten great Immortal Generals were mere miscellaneous generals with no real authority, they were still generals.

As for the State Preceptor, there was even less need to say.

After the emperor finished discussing the tribute gifts required from the great Immortal Sects, he did not immediately leave but instead presented official tokens to the ten great Immortal Generals, as well as the State Preceptor.

Thereafter, the Grand Preceptor took out a large amount of medicinal ingredients as rewards for this occasion, distributing them among Cao Zhen and the others.

With this, the great assembly for the competition of immortals was officially concluded.

At this moment, everyone suddenly realized something.

Originally, the Grand Preceptor had wanted to appoint Cao Zhen as the State Preceptor, then everyone objected, even letting someone from the Scholar Dao Sect deliberately bring up this matter during the morning court, which then led to the great assembly for the competition of immortals.

In the end, following the conclusion of the assembly, Cao Zhen became the State Preceptor anyway.

Moreover, the Hundred Peaks Sect had six people who became ten great Immortal Generals; the biggest winner of this assembly, without any doubt, was also the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Now, everyone in the world knew of the Hundred Peaks Sect's dominance and had also learned that within the Hundred Peaks Sect there existed the Four Treasures Peak, whose Peak Master was a reincarnated being of great ability, and was exceedingly skilled at training disciples, treating them extremely well.

Out of five disciples, four became ten great Immortal Generals, and the other disciple, Yi Sheng, did not become one of the ten great Immortal Generals only because he had not yet completed Pill Fusion. Furthermore, almost everyone now believed that Yi Sheng would indeed reach the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and then complete Pill Fusion!

By then, all five disciples from Four Treasures Peak would have attained the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Given such circumstances, those geniuses choosing which Immortal Sect to join would naturally first consider the Hundred Peaks Sect and flock towards Four Treasures Peak.

The various Sects all generally selected disciples in the same way.

Smaller Sects typically chose children with affinity for immortality from the vicinity of their gates, taking them into their Sect to begin as Taoist Boys.

Besides, if they accidentally came upon a child with outstanding talent for immortal cultivation, they would naturally bring them directly into their Sect.

But such chances were exceedingly rare.

They couldn't just do nothing and check the aptitude of every child in every city, right?

Investigating someone's aptitude, even if that person is a mortal, cannot be seen through at a glance.

It also requires some of the subject's hair or other items.

And they could not simply go to other cities to inspect the aptitudes of these mortals.

Because the city they go to may belong to a certain major Immortal Sect.

Belonging here doesn't mean that the city belongs to that Sect.

For example, Seeping Water City is extremely close to the Hundred Peaks Sect; whenever evil demons appeared, they would seek assistance from the Hundred Peaks Sect.

And all the children in their city would wait for representatives from the Hundred Peaks Sect to come and recruit Taoist Boys.

When the Hundred Peaks Sect's people came to recruit Taoist Boys, the citizens of Seeping Water City would also cooperate. After all, although the Guardian Immortal Dynasty, as well as the Grand Preceptor, always said that mortals and immortals are equal, almost all mortals would choose to pursue immortal cultivation when given the opportunity.

However, if people from other Sects came to Seeping Water City and asked the locals to cooperate with them in checking the aptitudes of all the children, the citizens would not comply.

After all, they only recognized the Hundred Peaks Sect.

The people living in cities surrounding the larger Sects also only recognized their respective Sects.

But, once the fame of the Hundred Peaks Sect spread throughout the world, the situation would be different.

Furthermore, some geniuses, such as those with Immortal Bodies, would exhibit qualities utterly different from other children at a young age, making it easy for others to spot their suitability for immortal cultivation.

If such a child also came from a somewhat knowledgeable family, they would naturally opt to send their child to a more powerful Sect.

It was the same with Yi Sheng; when she was very young, her family knew that she had exceptional talent and was the legendary Immortal Body. That's why Yi Qiancheng sent Yi Sheng to join one of the top ten Immortal Sects, the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Now, after the conclusion of the assembly for the competition of immortals, these geniuses would undoubtedly choose the Hundred Peaks Sect first and foremost.

Cao Zhen, however, didn't think much about it. He also knew why the emperor suddenly proposed that each Immortal Sect send tribute gifts.

After all, the Grand Preceptor had told the emperor before that there was no need for the emperor to worry about losing face; he could directly ask the top ten Immortal Sects and all the great Immortal Sects for medicinal materials and tribute gifts, then hand those materials over to himself as repayment for the favor.

But he never expected that the emperor would be so forthright, dispensing with pleasantries and directly asking others for tribute gifts.

Cao Zhen, walking back with the crowd, listened to Lv Chaoqiong, Ai Yunqi, and Gu Chengyu discussing beside him.

"With only five days' time, it's clearly not enough for us to return to the Hundred Peaks Sect, prepare the tribute gifts, and bring them back here."

"Does the emperor intend for the major Immortal Sects to use their Sect's chart to notify their Sect, and then send someone to come?"

"Why are they in such a hurry?"

"Do you think the emperor and the Grand Preceptor have some special intention? Even if the emperor is really preparing for the Grand Preceptor's awakening, there's no need for so many medicinal materials, and especially no need to be in such a rush, right?"

"Have you all considered something?" Lv Chaoqiong suddenly spoke up from within the crowd, whispering softly, "The Grand Preceptor has never experienced the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, and most likely, he is expected to remain asleep."

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No one knows what will become of the Guardian Immortal Dynasty after he falls into slumber, not even he himself. Do you think he's not worried?

The Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty has achieved its glory today solely because of his presence.

How could he bear to see the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty crumble overnight because of his slumber? Therefore, he must take action.

I have been speculating all this while as to why he wanted to hold the Great Tournament of Immortals. Now, I suddenly think of a possibility," said Lv Chaoqiong, pausing for a moment and glancing at the young masters from Hundred Peaks Sect like Cao Zhen and Li Ke, as well as the Peak Masters. She spoke in a low voice, "Do you think he wants everyone to stay in Capital City to trap them all with some special Formation?"

Then, would it force all the great Immortal Sects to be cautious in their actions, afraid of breaking the instruments? Would it deter the great Immortal Sects from acting rashly after his slumber?"

"This... That couldn't be," Gu Chengyu frowned and said, "Unless he has gone mad, he wouldn't do such a thing. Although we, the ten great Immortal Sects, dislike him and don't want to have an emperor above us,

at most, we would stop following the orders of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty and ignore its edicts. But it doesn't necessarily mean we would actually go disturb the Grand Preceptor's resting place!"

"The real enemies of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty are those Demon Sects that he expelled back in the day! The Sun and Moon Demon Sect, the Red Refinery Demonic Sect. If he does this, wouldn't that completely turn us against him?"

"He's about to enter slumber now, who knows what he's thinking during such a time? Who knows what means he has?"

If he really employs his means and takes control of all of us, then we, the ten great Immortal Sects, may even have to unwillingly do his bidding for our survival."

After pondering for a moment, Ai Yunqi spoke up, "We must be vigilant, and there's no need for us to stay here. Naturally, someone from our Hundred Peaks Sect will send a congratulatory gift. I suggest we leave Capital City as soon as possible. The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is less than a month away, and we need to go back and prepare."

Lv Chaoqiong nodded her agreement, "Indeed, we don't need to wait. As soon as we go back, we'll leave immediately."

"Are you in such a hurry?" Cao Zhen was slightly stunned and wanted to say that they were overthinking it. To his knowledge, the Grand Preceptor had no intention of directly confronting the great Immortal Sects.

Yet, he couldn't voice such thoughts, and he couldn't leave either.

Looking at everyone, Cao Zhen gestured with his hands and said, "You all go first, I can't leave Capital City for the time being."

"Can't leave Capital City?" Lv Chaoqiong visibly startled and asked with confusion, "Hasn't the emperor already granted you the State Preceptor's official token? And all the rewards have been given to you, so why stay?"

"There are still matters that I need to discuss with the Grand Preceptor," Cao Zhen replied in a low voice. How else could he explain? He couldn't just say that the emperor intended the gifts from all the great Immortal Sects for himself, could he?

As soon as Cao Zhen finished speaking, Lv Chaoqiong suddenly realized something. When she first arrived in Capital City, she heard that right after the Hundred Peaks Sect entered the city on the first day, the Grand Preceptor had summoned them and even held onto Peak Master Cao alone.

It was apparent that the Grand Preceptor wanted to see Peak Master Cao. The presence of the others from Hundred Peaks Sect was merely incidental.

Afterwards, it was also the Grand Preceptor who appointed Peak Master Cao as the State Preceptor. It was merely due to some other reasons that the Great Tournament of Immortals was held.

She couldn't speculate about the relationship between Peak Master Cao and the Grand Preceptor.

After hearing Peak Master Cao's words, she didn't say more and simply asked with concern, "Then, Peak Master Cao, when do you plan to return to Hundred Peaks Sect? As you know, the position of the Hidden Dragon View Master will also be yours then."

"Five days. After the emperor's grand wedding is over, I will leave Capital City and return directly to the Hundred Peaks Sect."

"Master, you're leaving only after five days?" Ling Xi immediately spoke up after hearing her master's words, "Master, you need someone to take care of you. Let this disciple stay to take care of you."

"I will also stay," Yan Yourong outright stated her decision, without delving much into her reasons for doing so.

Seeing that both his senior sisters decided to stay, Yi Sheng also expressed his intention, "Master, my family is also here, so I'll stay as well."

"As for me, I won't stay on with Master," Xiang Ziyu gestured outward, speaking mysteriously, "Master, I have a feeling that I'm going to have a tremendous discovery near Capital City. Maybe I'll come across a relic or pick up a Divine Weapon. Master, I plan to explore on my own—I..."

Xiang Ziyu's speech was cut off abruptly as Cao Zhen interrupted roughly, "With those injuries, what wandering are you planning? You either go straight back to the Hundred Peaks Sect or stay here and return with your master."

Xiang Ziyu, that kid, had recently made quite a splash at the Hundred Peaks competition.

Even though besides himself, who became the State Preceptor, and Star Lord Hao Yue, who possesses Great Ability, the most remarkable performance throughout the Great Tournament of Immortals undoubtedly belonged to Xiang Ziyu.

Xiang Ziyu had previously made a name with Secret Techniques and a Divine Weapon.

Many people considered Xiang Ziyu to be the third-ranking individual, just behind himself and Star Lord Hao Yue.

Although the Grand Preceptor hadn't yet entered slumber, the Guardian Immortal Dynasty wasn't really peaceful. On his way here, Cao Zhen had encountered a Demon Head from the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, and moreover, he had offended someone from that sect.

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If the Grand Preceptor had not eradicated the old lair of the Red Refinery Demonic Sect back then, and if the remnants of the sect held a grudge, why wouldn't they remember to hate me?

Moreover, if they plan to stir trouble, they would definitely act beforehand to eliminate those with extreme combat prowess before the arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth.

He would bet that if Xiang Ziyu went out on a spree, the people of the Red Refinery Demonic Sect would definitely launch a direct attack on him.

"Then...then I choose to return to the Hundred Peaks Sect," Xiang Ziyu made his choice instantly. Staying in the Capital City would mean his master would definitely watch over him. If he returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect and then went out, who would be there to keep an eye on him?

Seeing that his fellow disciples had already expressed their intentions, Little Beiyan also opened his mouth and said, "Master, I... I'll just go back with my senior brother. I'll help you keep an eye on him and prevent him from running around when he gets back. He's definitely thinking about slipping away."

"You...you think you can keep an eye on him?" Cao Zhen turned to Lv Chaoqiong and requested, "Elder Lv, I would be grateful if you could keep an eye on that kid Xiang Ziyu when you return, so he does not run around everywhere."

Of course, I know Elder Lv has many matters to attend to. After you return, could you please find those five and have them watch over Xiang Ziyu?"

Xiang Ziyu's face immediately darkened. Little Beiyan, it was this guy again. If it weren't for his meddling, how would his master think to have someone monitor him?

Lv Chaoqiong nodded lightly and replied, "Don't worry, I will watch over him. I will also inform the five of them." She knew the five that Peak Master Cao referred to were naturally the Five Evils of Hundred Peaks.

After speaking, she then turned to look at Gu Chengyu and discussed, "Elder Gu, now that our Hundred Peaks Sect has made a big splash at the Immortal Martial Gathering, I fear many will be targeting us. This time, with you staying behind to protect Peak Master Cao and ensure his safe return, how does that sound?"

Gu Chengyu immediately nodded, about to agree, when Ai Yunqi's voice came through from the side.

"There's no need to trouble Elder Gu. I will be staying behind this time. Moreover, I plan to notify my senior brother. This time, I'll have my senior brother come here on behalf of the Hundred Peaks Sect to present a congratulatory gift. Then, we will return to the Hundred Peaks Sect with him. Elder Lv, you can rest assured."

Lv Chaoqiong was taken aback, "Elder Ai's senior brother? You're inviting Qiu Peak Master to come here? He's the Peak Master of Five Elements Peak, he..."

At this point in time, the Peak Masters above Earth Immortal Realm would rarely travel far, as they have too many matters to entrust to others.

Let alone the Five Elements Peak within the Hundred Peaks Sect, ranked second!

Although Five Elements Peak wasn't the One Peak, its disciples were the most numerous among all the peaks of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Qiu Peak Master had more matters to entrust than other Peak Masters. At this time, why would Elder Ai Yunqi invite Qiu Peak Master to come?

"I have an urgent matter that requires consultation with my senior brother. As for the affairs of Five Elements Peak, others will assist him in handling them," Ai Yunqi said, her gaze briefly sweeping over Yan Yourong.

If Yan Yourong, along with everyone else, returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect, she wouldn't stay behind, but would rather have Gu Chengyu protect Peak Master Cao and others.

But with Yan Yourong staying and then going to the Capital City, who knows how much time would pass by then.

By that time, there wouldn't be much left for her senior brother.

Thus, she had no choice but to have her senior brother come to the Capital City ahead of time.

The group quickly finished discussing their plans.

Except for Ai Yunqi, Cao Zhen, Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Yi Sheng, the members of the Hundred Peaks Sect set off today to return to their sect.

Cao Zhen and others stayed at Yi Mansion with Ai Yunqi.

Although Cao Zhen and his disciples had previously blown up quite a few rooms in Yi Mansion, the mansion was so large that finding another room was certainly not a problem.

Not long after Cao Zhen returned to Yi Mansion, someone informed him that the Grand Preceptor was looking for him.

He once again entered the Grand Preceptor's ancient residence.

Inside the residence, under the grapevine trellis.

The Grand Preceptor had already set out the tea set, quietly sipping tea.

In his previous life, Cao Zhen did not study tea much, nor did he drink it often. But now, he had acquired a considerable understanding of tea and had become accustomed to drinking tea.

Seeing Cao Zhen's arrival, the Grand Preceptor did not say anything but simply gestured to the seat opposite him.

Cao Zhen did not hesitate and directly sat down. He picked up the teacup and lightly sipped, praising, "This tea is excellent, it's even more to my taste than the one I had here before."

"If you like it, take a cake of it with you when you leave," the Grand Preceptor said, then looked up at Cao Zhen, "I predicted that you could claim the title of State Preceptor, but I didn't expect you to defeat Hao Yue in such a manner."

"Oh? The Grand Preceptor thinks even more highly of me now?" Cao Zhen looked curiously at the Grand Preceptor. If not for the fact Hao Yue had been injured earlier, and his two disciples, Ling Xi and Xiang Ziyu, had destroyed one of Hao Yue's treasures and one Divine Weapon, and if he had not connected with Hao Yue, he might truly have been defeated. He was curious why the Grand Preceptor thought highly of him.

The Grand Preceptor said calmly, "Naturally, I think more highly of you, otherwise, I would not have made a heavy bet on you to win the championship."

"That person was you? You bet as well?"

A look of astonishment appeared on Cao Zhen's face. Originally, when the Grand Preceptor publicly declared him as Core Formation Stage, his odds had instantly risen a lot.

At the time, he intended to have Yi Sheng bet all of his remaining wealth on his victory. Unfortunately, when Yi Sheng went to do so, his odds changed.

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Moreover, Yi Sheng said that her father got a message that at the time, someone placed a heavy bet on him to win. Now, the Grand Preceptor is telling him that this person was none other than the Grand Preceptor himself.

"Wait. Did you intentionally say that I was at the Core Formation Stage," Cao Zhen suddenly realized and exclaimed, "luring you to calculate that my odds would rise, and then you placed a bet on me!"

The Grand Preceptor didn't answer Cao Zhen's question but instead countered, "At that time, were you not at the Core Formation Stage?"

"I indeed was at the Core Formation Stage, but the problem is..." Cao Zhen looked at the Grand Preceptor with disapproval and called out, "What you did was somewhat dishonorable. If you used me to make money, you should have communicated with me in advance. This selfish habit of yours is not good."

He was furious!

He was truly furious!

He had bet a hundred thousand Spirit Crystals and forty million Spirit Stones.

The final odds were triple.

Minus the handling fee deducted by the gambling house.

In the end, he only got about four hundred and ten thousand Spirit Crystals in his hands.

If he had waited for the Grand Preceptor to finish speaking before betting, how much could he have earned!

"I originally had no intention to place a bet," the Grand Preceptor said as he lightly poured some tea into his cup, finally addressing Cao Zhen's initial question. "However, later on, when the odds changed, then I placed my bet."

"As for why I placed a bet, it was naturally for the sake of this dynasty. If, after I woke up, the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty no longer existed, I would need a large amount of money to establish a new Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty!"

"Furthermore, the reason I have asked you to come here is to entrust you with a matter."

As he spoke, the Grand Preceptor raised his hand, took out a Jade Talisman, and handed it to Cao Zhen.

"A Jade Talisman? Grand Preceptor, hadn't you already given me the State Preceptor's Jade Talisman before? Why are you giving me another Jade Talisman... this Jade Talisman..."

Cao Zhen took the Jade Talisman and was momentarily stunned. This Jade Talisman was emanating a dense Spiritual Energy; clearly, it was not an ordinary talisman but a Treasure.

"This is the Jade Talisman of the Governor of Ghost Province. You must have noticed that this is a Treasure. Its might can only be said to be average. However, it is the key to a secret place.

The current Governor of Ghost Province is not the true governor but an acting governor. Beneath the governor's mansion, I have set up a Formation. Inside the Formation, a person is being suppressed.

After I fall into slumber, you must keep an eye on that Array and ensure that person doesn't escape.

If that person tries to flee, the Jade Talisman will warn you; at that time, you need to go and completely annihilate the opponent!"

Cao Zhen was rendered speechless. Why did the Grand Preceptor have such a penchant for imprisoning people?

It was the same with the Immortal Warrior in the past. Now, he's still imprisoning someone who he speaks of with such gravity, which means the person must be incredibly important.

But the question is, why didn't the Grand Preceptor just kill this person instead of imprisoning them? What was he really thinking?

Cao Zhen internally criticized and inquired, "Who is that person? And what is their Cultivation Base?"

He couldn't possibly remain unaware of even the name of the opponent.

"That person is the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect."

"The Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect?" Cao Zhen was taken aback. "The Bleeding Tears Demon Sect, one of the three great Demon Sects under the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty back then?"

He had once heard Lan Pili mentioning that the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty had three great Demon Sects, namely the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, and the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect.

It was common knowledge how the Grand Preceptor uprooted the Red Refinery Demonic Sect and the Sun and Moon Demon Sect.

But no one knew how the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect was expelled from the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty by the Grand Preceptor—it seemed as if overnight, the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect had vanished from the dynasty.

Of course, although no one saw who took action, everyone knew that the only person with the power to make the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect disappear was the Grand Preceptor.

"Indeed, it is the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect," the Grand Preceptor said gravely. "The Bleeding Tears Demon Sect, although one of the three great Demon Sects... in any case, you need not know why I did not slay the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect.

You only need to know that among the Sect Masters of the three great Demon Sects of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, he was the strongest. That's all you need to know."

Moreover, the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect may seem to have been uprooted just like the Sun Moon Demon Sect and the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, but their losses were the least.

Initially, the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect did not wait for me to act; they voluntarily withdrew from the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, thus preserving their strength intact."

Cao Zhen immediately thought of many things. It was typical of the Grand Preceptor not to kill the opponent.

For instance, with the Immortal Warrior, didn't the Grand Preceptor likewise refrain from killing him?

However, everyone knew why the Grand Preceptor did not kill the Immortal Warrior—it was because, after all, the Immortal Warrior was not a Cultivator, and the Grand Preceptor himself felt that he had already violated his promise by acting, so he did not slay him.

But the Grand Preceptor's reasons for not killing the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect remained unspoken.

That was strange.

Or could there be some kind of grudge or complex relationship?

Could the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect possibly be a woman?

As Cao Zhen speculated in his heart, he continued to inquire, "Since you say the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect was the strongest out of the three great Demon Sect Masters of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, then his Cultivation Base must have already exceeded the Golden Core Stage.

After the arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, wouldn't he fall into slumber?"

"She might fall into slumber, but then again, she might not," the Grand Preceptor pointed to himself and said. "I could continuously sever myself with a cut to reduce my Cultivation Base to a level undetectable by the Heavenly Dao. And she can do the same."

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"If I hadn't fallen asleep, she wouldn't have severed her cultivation base, but after I fell asleep, she might have cut down her own cultivation base to escape," he said.

Grand Preceptor looked firmly at Cao Zhen and instructed, "Although I have never seen her Golden Core Stage cultivation, I can be sure if she were at the Golden Core Stage, Hao Yue would stand no chance against her today. Even if Hao Yue were at her peak, even if her Treasure and Divine Weapon were intact, it wouldn't be enough!"

"If at that moment, you only possess your current cultivation base, even if you could see through the weaknesses in her Divine Skills, you would still be unable to defeat her.

Moreover, I don't believe you could see through the weaknesses in her Divine Skills,"

"That remains to be seen," Cao Zhen's interest was piqued when he heard Grand Preceptor say that she had severed her cultivation to the Golden Core; the situation seemed not unlike that of a reincarnated Great Ability from the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect.

I, for one, have my next designated link.

But what is her name?

With so many generations of Sect Masters from the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect, what if I say I am linking to the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect and end up connected to a different Sect Master?

And what if, because the Grand Preceptor has imprisoned the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect, they have a new Sect Master by then?

Therefore, I still need to know her name.

Cao Zhen continued to ask, "Grand Preceptor, you've said so much, yet you haven't mentioned her name. What exactly is the name of the Sect Master of the Bleeding Tears Demon Sect?"

I can't possibly go there not knowing her name. How should I address her? Sect Master? She is not my Sect Master."

Grand Preceptor paused upon hearing this, but still spoke, "Luo Yanchen."

"Luo Yanchen?"

This name sounded distinctly feminine, not at all like the name of a person from the Demon Sect, but rather like the name of an Immortal from an Immortal Sect.

Grand Preceptor had not killed her.

There was a problem, definitely a problem!

"Good, I understand now," Cao Zhen nodded, not troubling himself to ask why she had a name that didn't fit, but instead inquired, "So, Grand Preceptor, when are you likely to fall asleep?"

Grand Preceptor stopped his tea-drinking gesture, stood up from the stone seat, and looked up at the sky with a calm voice, "In seven days."

He had already severed his powers once before; otherwise, he would have been asleep already. But ever since the last time he resonated with the heavenly flame, he knew that even if he cut down his power again, it would be futile.

The Heavenly Dao had already memorized his aura.

His sleep was inevitable, and there were many things in his heart that he couldn't let go of. Before his deep sleep, he had planned far too many things.

Yet, when he finally spoke of the time he would fall asleep, now that only seven days remained, he found himself calm.

On that day, not only the Hundred Peaks Sect but people from various Immortal Sects chose to leave.

Perhaps, like the Hundred Peaks Sect, they also feared the Grand Preceptor's schemes.

Some smaller Immortal Sects did not rush to leave. They knew if the Grand Preceptor were to scheme, it would be against the larger Immortal Sects, and they were unlikely to be targeted.

Besides, those larger Immortal Sects could dispatch experts from great distances, who could reach the Capital City within five days.

But these smaller ones couldn't do that, so they chose to stay in the Capital City and managed to gather some herbs to present as congratulatory gifts.

Five days later, the emperor of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty was formally wed.

Although Cao Zhen had not witnessed the emperor's coronation, he did see the emperor's wedding ceremony.

Yet this royal wedding, while sufficiently grand, lacked any joyous atmosphere.

Fortunately, the wedding was not the main focus; the gifts from the various Immortal Sects were.

Since the emperor had said so, the Immortal Sects naturally brought various herbs and Spiritual Medicines as congratulatory gifts, and with the Grand Preceptor present, they surely didn't present anything mediocre.

And the emperor, on receiving the gifts, immediately handed them all to the Grand Preceptor, who in turn gave all of them to him.

All of them, the Grand Preceptor didn't keep any gifts for himself; he took out all the materials.

Looking at the array of gifts, Cao Zhen felt one thing for sure: the ten great Immortal Sects were truly wealthy!

The great Immortal Sects were indeed wealthy!

With these herbs, once back, not to mention anything else, if he started Alchemy, he could condense at least two more Golden Cores.

Then, he could directly infuse the two types of Flame Divine Power, which Yi Sheng and Li Ke used for their joint cultivation, into the Golden Cores.

Moreover, if he could gather enough critical ingredients, he could even help his disciples break through to the Wind Fire Tribulation!

Cao Zhen did not wait for the Grand Preceptor to fall asleep; on the fifth day after receiving all the materials, he began his journey back to the Hundred Peaks Sect.

And there, he once again encountered Qiu Wuxing.

This time, the person from the Hundred Peaks Sect who came to deliver the congratulatory gift was Qiu Wuxing!

Aboard the Flying Boat, upon seeing Cao Zhen, Qiu Wuxing did not engage in much conversation with him, but quickly entered a room with Ai Yunqi.

After a short while, Ai Yunqi's voice was heard, asking Yan Yourong to come to the room where the two of them were.

Chapter 617: Part 1

Cao Zhen had encountered Qiu Wuxing.

Originally, when Sect Leader True Person Bai Fengzi convened the assembly of the Hundred Peaks Sect's Peak Masters due to all the major Immortal Sects and experts sending out disciples to exchange their views, Qiu Wuxing had even mocked him.

As for the reason, he still did not know to this day.

And the reason why Qiu Wuxing was looking for Yan Yourong puzzled him as well.

During the competition among immortals, he had noticed that Ai Yunqi's gaze towards Yan Yourong was somewhat special.

He also learned that Ai Yunqi came from the Five Elements Peak.

And his disciple, Yan Yourong, was born with the Great Five Elements Innate Immortal Body.

His disciple was indeed very suitable for cultivating the Divine Skills of the Five Elements Peak. Although he possessed many top-notch Divine Skills, whether it was the fire of the Five Elements or the earth of the Five Elements...

The problem was, these Divine Skills were individual and could not integrate the power of the Five Elements. He did have the cultivation heritage of Zhang Daoling.

But even though Zhang Daoling was formidable, he had not delved into this kind of combined Five Elements Cultivation Technique and Divine Skills.

And what the Five Elements Peak researched was precisely how to integrate the power of the Five Elements.

The problem was, Yan Yourong was a disciple of the Four Treasures Peak, could the Five Elements Peak's people possibly impart their Cultivation Techniques and Divine Skills to Yan Yourong?

In a room on the side, Yan Yourong walked in full of doubts,

She truly did not understand why Ai Yunqi and Qiu Wuxing, the Peak Master, wanted to see her.

Inside the room, Qiu Wuxing watched Yan Yourong with a complex expression. He sighed and suddenly asked, "Are you born with the Great Five Elements Innate Immortal Body?"

Yan Yourong was startled and blankly stared at Qiu Wuxing. Why would the Qiu Peak Master suddenly ask her this question?

After a slight pause, she responded with a somewhat cold voice.

"Indeed, I am born with the Great Five Elements Innate Immortal Body."

She had no need to hide it.

Many Immortal Bodies could be discerned by others through combat, they could tell what kind of Immortal Body you have. With her Immortal Body, others did not even need to see her fight, just by observing her Golden Core with Phenomena, they could guess it must have a connection with the Five Elements.

Moreover, when she initially joined the ranks, what Ancient Immortal Body she had, the people of each peak already knew as well.

"The Great Five Elements Innate Immortal Body..."

A nostalgic look crossed Qiu Wuxing's face as he murmured to himself, "Indeed, it's that Immortal Body. Back when you stood out from the Taoist Boys and chose a peak,

One of our Five Elements Peak's brothers responsible for recruiting disciples had mentioned to me. Among that batch of Taoist Boys, there was one particularly apt for practicing our Five Elements Peak's Cultivation Techniques and Divine Skills. Unfortunately, it was an Ancient Immortal Body, hence you were not accepted into our fold."

Their Five Elements Peak had the most disciples amongst all the peaks of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and as a Peak Master, he had too many responsibilities.

Unless a genius like Yi Sheng appeared, he normally would not be concerned with the recruitment of disciples. He had never paid much attention to that matter.

Even then, when the Hundred Peaks competition occurred, though he noticed Yan Yourong, he still did not pay much attention.

So what if she was very suitable for practicing the Divine Skills and Cultivation Techniques of the Five Elements Peak?

The Ancient Immortal Body was almost impossible to cultivate, reaching the peak of Core Formation was already the limit.

However, after this competition among immortals concluded, his junior sister sought him through the Sect's chart and insisted he come to Capital City.

Actually, he was very unwilling to leave the Hundred Peaks Sect.

He was also a master of the Earth Immortal Realm, ranking amongst the very top.

His time for seclusion was not far away either. As the Peak Master of Five Elements Peak, he still had many things to do.

Yet, the person who requested was his junior sister. He truly could not refuse her, and ultimately, he came to Capital City. Then his junior sister told him an idea that was utterly shocking and inconceivable in the current world.

His junior sister actually asked him to impart the Five Elements Peak's Cultivation Techniques and Divine Skills to Yan Yourong!

How could that be possible!

Although Yan Yourong was a member of the Hundred Peaks Sect, she was a disciple of the Four Treasures Peak. Why should the Five Elements Peak impart Cultivation Techniques and Divine Skills to Yan Yourong?

Yet his junior sister eventually convinced him.

Or rather, his junior sister challenged him, questioning what he had achieved over the years!

Why was the Five Elements Peak declining year by year.

During this competition among immortals, the Four Treasures Peak had four disciples become one of the ten Immortal Generals, and Flying Immortal Peak also had a disciple who became one. Even the Vermilion Bird Peak had Li Ke become one of the ten Immortal Generals!

And what about the Five Elements Peak?

The Five Elements Peak did not even have one among the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Even the strongest Wu Xiang was far less capable than the others.

His junior sister went as far as to say bluntly that he had failed Wu Xiang, who was not suitable for pursuing the balanced path of the Five Elements' Perfection!

His junior sister brought up the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, asking him what he planned to do during that period.

Could it be that the Five Elements Peak, ranked second amongst the peaks of the Hundred Peaks Sect, intended to contribute nothing during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth and leave the security of the Hundred Peaks Sect in the hands of others?

His junior sister further questioned whether the Five Elements Peak belonged to the Hundred Peaks Sect and whether he still remembered the words their master taught them.

Before their master passed away, he had called all his Closed-door Disciples to his side and exhorted them. Although they were from the Five Elements Peak, first and foremost, they were disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and only after that were they disciples of the Five Elements Peak!

Now, with the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth approaching, the Five Elements Peak had the opportunity to enhance the strength of the Hundred Peaks Sect! Would he really not act!

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At last, he was persuaded.

Qiu Wuxing sighed inwardly, raised his head to look at Yan Yourong, and suddenly said, "Junior Sister, I've seen your battles at the Conference of Immortals and Martial Arts. Your sword technique is extremely powerful. However, as an inheritor of the Great Five Elements Immortal Body, you are most suited for cultivating the Five Elements Divine Skills, yet you haven't shown aptitude in this area."

In fact, you are the most suitable candidate for learning our Five Elements Peak's divine skills and cultivation techniques. Although you joined Four Treasures Peak, the times are exceptional now, as the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is upon us.

I, too, wish to enhance the strength of our Hundred Peaks Sect.

I can impart all the supreme cultivation techniques and divine skills of my Five Elements Peak to you."

Yan Yourong listened to Qiu Wuxing's words and her face showed a trace of astonishment once again. Although everyone was from the Hundred Peaks Sect, there were still factional views between the peaks.

It's like how each peak would contribute their divine skills to the Hidden Dragon Observatory, but the contributions were never the peaks' strongest divine skills.

Now, Qiu Peak Master is saying he wants to pass on their peak's supreme techniques and divine skills to her.

This...

Yan Yourong turned to look at Ai Yunqi beside her and bowed deeply, saying, "Thank you, Elder Ai and Qiu Peak Master." Combining this with Elder Ai Yunqi's earlier intention to stay behind and her request for Qiu Peak Master to come to the Capital City, she knew that this must have been arranged by Elder Ai Yunqi.

However, after expressing her thanks, she didn't agree immediately but said, "Thank you for your kindness, Elder and Qiu Peak Master, but as a disciple of Four Treasures Peak, everything must be decided by my master."

Being born with the Great Five Elements Innate Holy Body, she naturally wanted to cultivate the techniques and divine skills of Five Elements Peak; however, as a disciple of Four Treasures Peak, she must not practice other peaks' techniques and divine skills without her master's consent.

Cao Zhen!

Upon hearing this, Qiu Wuxing's face immediately changed. He knew Cao Zhen was a person of great ability, but what of it?

It had nothing to do with his disgust for Cao Zhen. Wasn't it Cao Zhen who caused him to lose all his private money?

Even later, during the Great Competition of Hundred Peaks, he secretly gambled again by betting on the rise of Cao Zhen's Four Treasures Peak's ranking, only for Cao Zhen to once again cause him to lose all his money.

Some of that money was again his privately saved funds, but most of it was secretly taken from his family.

At first, he thought he would quietly return the money after winning, but since he lost, there was naturally no way to return it.

His mother at home, a veritable tigress, often scolded him over this matter.

Everything was Cao Zhen's fault, and now Yan Yourong had to bring up Cao Zhen again.

It seemed that Ai Yunqi wasn't aware of his aversion to Cao Zhen. Upon hearing the conversation, she immediately called out to the outside, "Peak Master Cao, please come in. My senior brother and I have something to discuss with you."

Cao Zhen quickly handed over the control of the flying boat to his disciple Ling Xi and entered the adjacent room. Before he could speak, Ai Yunqi had already said, "The situation is like this. I discovered Yan Yourong's talent and Immortal Body at the Conference of Immortals and Martial Arts, and I'm not ashamed to lose face. In front of Peak Master Cao, there's nothing to hide, and I suppose you can tell, Peak Master Cao, that not a single one of the Five Elements Peak's present disciples is suited for the Balanced Cultivation Method of Five Elements Great Perfection."

Unfortunately, our Five Elements Peak's most powerful techniques and divine skills pertain to the Balanced Cultivation Method of Five Elements Great Perfection. Your disciple, Yan Yourong, is the most suitable candidate.

The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is about to arrive, and no one knows what chaos will descend upon the world at that time. Five Elements Peak, too, is part of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and we wish to enhance the Sect's strength.

Therefore, my senior brother and I have decided to pass on our Five Elements Peak's divine skills and cultivation techniques to Yan Yourong.

After all, she is the most suitable person to practice our Five Elements Peak's techniques and divine skills, and she is a disciple of our Hundred Peaks Sect, not to mention a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Core Great Perfection!

However, Yan Yourong is a disciple of Four Treasures Peak, and she said that she needs to seek Peak Master Cao's opinion on this matter; that's why we have invited Peak Master Cao here."

When Cao Zhen heard this, he was dumbfounded for a moment. His own speculation was actually correct; they indeed intended to pass on the Five Elements Peak's divine skills and cultivation techniques to Yan Yourong.

This...

What's there to hesitate about!

Realizing the situation, Cao Zhen quickly said to Yan Yourong, "Qiu Peak Master and Elder Ai are wise and benevolent, imparting divine skills and cultivation techniques to you for the sake of our Hundred Peaks Sect, and they're showing no factional bias. Why need you ask me?

Moreover, within our Hundred Peaks Sect, all Hundred Peaks are branches of the same tree, inherently brethren. How could this matter require consultation? You... what are you waiting for? Go and pay your respects to your Pathfinder!"

Such a fortunate opportunity and still asking?

His disciple was truly foolish.

Why hesitate? Agree to it quickly!

It's probably because the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth is approaching, and there really isn't an especially outstanding disciple among those of Five Elements Peak, that Qiu Wuxing of Five Elements Peak would agree to pass on their peak's techniques and divine skills to Yan Yourong.

After all, when the darkest moment of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth arrives, the high-level Golden Core experts from their Five Elements Peak will be in slumber.

At that time, if either the Hundred Peaks Sect or the Five Elements Peak encounters danger, what will they do? Without even a top-tier Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Core Great Perfection fighter, are they expected to take things lying down and hope to emerge victorious by default?

Hence, their desire to impart the cultivation techniques and divine skills to Yan Yourong includes their wish for her to help take care of Five Elements Peak.

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This kind of event is not just a rarity in a hundred years, but hard to come by in ten thousand, or even a hundred and fifty thousand years—it naturally warrants an immediate acceptance!

Upon hearing her master's words, Yan Yourong showed no hesitation, immediately turned around, and knelt before Qiu Wuxing, declaring in a clear voice, "Disciple Yan Yourong wishes to take Qiu Peak Master as my Pathfinder."

"Good, good, good!" In this moment, Qiu Wuxing's entire hatred for Cao Zhen dissipated; originally, he had indeed agreed to impart the cultivation techniques and divine skills to Yan Yourong, but now that she had taken him as her Pathfinder, the meaning was entirely different.

Now, as he looked at Yan Yourong, for some reason, he found her more and more pleasing to the eye—what an excellent disciple.

Not to mention her high cultivation base, she was born with the body of the Great Five Elements, naturally yearning to cultivate the divine skills and techniques of the Five Elements Peak. It was only because her master did not speak out that she didn't agree to him immediately.

Yet, after her master spoke, she wasted no time in taking him as her Pathfinder without any hesitation.

What profound respect and adherence to the teachings this demonstrated.

Furthermore, she lacked any divine skills and techniques to fuse the power of the Five Elements, but simply through her sword technique, she became one of the Ten Great Immortal Generals. What would happen if she was given divine skills and techniques that could fuse the power of the Five Elements?

Now, people are saying the strongest disciple of Four Treasures Peak is Xiang Ziyu, with Ling Xi being the second strongest.

After Yan Yourong has cultivated the techniques and divine skills I have taught her, we'll see who is stronger!

Such a disciple—why didn't Five Elements Peak accept her at the beginning... If we had accepted her—

But it's better this way; had we accepted her, it likely would have been a disservice to her. Five Elements Peak wouldn't smash down a massive amount of resources to help her improve her cultivation realm.

Moreover, even with resources, he couldn't be confident in raising Yan Yourong to the Ten Different Phenomena of the Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Thus, joining Four Treasures Peak was her best choice after all.

Thinking of this, Qiu Wuxing sighed inwardly and, lifting his hand, said to Yan Yourong, "Rise. Since you've taken me as your Pathfinder and you're a disciple of my Hundred Peaks Sect, I will naturally impart to you the strongest divine skills and techniques of Five Elements Peak. However, once I have imparted these skills and techniques to you, you must not teach them to anyone else."

Yan Yourong stood up and nodded, "Disciple understands."

Qiu Wuxing nodded slightly, then turned to look at Cao Zhen and Ai Yunqi beside him, "I am about to impart the cultivation techniques and divine skills. Grand Preceptor Ai and Peak Master Cao, please step outside."

Cao Zhen was momentarily stunned, then his heart filled with joy; Ai Yunqi hails from Five Elements Peak, so she would know all the divine skills and techniques of that peak.

Now, Qiu Wuxing had asked Ai Yunqi to leave, which could mean only one thing—the techniques and divine skills he was going to impart to Yan Yourong were not known to Ai Yunqi.

They must be extremely top-tier divine skills and techniques.

A look of astonishment appeared on Ai Yunqi's face, what exactly was her brother going to impart to Yan Yourong that even she had to avoid it?

She might not know what Yan Yourong had learned, but in less than half a day, Cao Zhen found out exactly what his disciple had been taught.

A cultivation technique by the name of Five Elements Mutual Generation True Understanding.

He had long since connected to Yan Yourong and was in the loop of all she learned—how could he not know?

And so, Qiu Wuxing continued imparting techniques and divine skills to Yan Yourong within the room, while Cao Zhen, together with Ai Yunqi, Ling Xi, and Yi Sheng, controlled the flying boat outside. Meanwhile, he occasionally checked his own panel, watching with great delight as new divine skills were added.

The speed of the flying boat's flight depends on two factors: one is the inherent strength of the boat itself, and beyond that, it's the skill of the individuals controlling it.

Though the boat was the same as before, with the presence of Ai Yunqi, who had attained the Earth Immortal Realm, it flew much faster than previously.

Two days later, the flying boat soared as usual. Although it had been only two days, the distance covered by the boat was even more than what Cao Zhen and his group had covered in four days of piloting.

In the midst of their flight, suddenly and without warning in the distance, they saw a bright moon rising in the sky around them.

"How can there be a moon rising when it's broad daylight?"

"A heavenly phenomenon, sun and moon shining together! The Heavenly Dao has changed!" exclaimed Ai Yunqi while piloting the flying boat, staring towards the distance, her eyes widening abruptly.

In the sky, the sun and moon simultaneously projected a ray of light, illuminating something far off, at which a terrifying presence rose from afar.

Even though it was extremely distant, everyone immediately felt the existence of this presence at that moment.

It even gave everyone the illusion that at this moment, the entire Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty could feel that presence.

A breathtaking aura that reigned supreme under heaven and earth—an unmatched presence!

That was the Grand Preceptor's presence!

However, the next moment, that presence abruptly vanished, disappearing without a trace as if it had never existed in this world.

Yi Sheng, looking towards the distance, asked in a daze, "Was that... the Grand Preceptor's presence?"

Ai Yunqi nodded, "It must be the Grand Preceptor. There's no one else in the entire Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty capable of such a terrifying presence."

"So then..." Yi Sheng asked with a face full of shock, "The sudden disappearance of the Grand Preceptor's presence, does this mean..."

"The Grand Preceptor has entered slumber!"

At this, the always-shut door opened, and Qiu Wuxing, who was busy imparting divine skills to Yan Yourong stopped teaching and came out, an expression of admiration on his face, "Although I don't like the Grand Preceptor, I must admit his power now!"

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Before the Grand Preceptor, there were already those who had fallen into a deep sleep. However, no one had ever managed to bring about a heavenly phenomenon while sleeping as he did. We are now extremely far from the Capital City, yet we still feel the aura."

Speaking thus, his expression turned solemn once again, and he said aloud, "Although everyone believes that the Grand Preceptor would eventually sleep, as long as he hadn't, no one could be absolutely certain that he would definitely sleep. Everyone just thought it more likely that the Grand Preceptor would sleep. After all, given his cultivation base, he should have slept a long time ago.

Now that the Grand Preceptor really has slept, the world will surely fall into chaos. We should also head back early and make preparations."

That day, everyone in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty knew that the Grand Preceptor had slept.

For a moment, all the Immortal Sects, both major and minor, started to make their own moves.

This was Cao Zhen's second journey from the Capital City towards Hundred Peaks Sect. He had traveled this road before, but even as the flying boat sped through the air, in his hurried flight, he could feel the changes that followed the Grand Preceptor's sleep.

Some cities he had seen before were completely tranquil and prosperous.

Now, as he passed by again, the cities remained prosperous, but were no longer as peaceful as before.

This was just after the Grand Preceptor had begun his slumber, and his disciples above the Golden Core stage were still present. What would the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty become if those disciples also entered sleep?

With Ai Yunqi present, especially after discovering that the Grand Preceptor had fallen asleep, Ai Yunqi further increased the flying boat's speed, and in four days, they were back at Hundred Peaks Sect.

Cao Zhen returned to Hundred Peaks Sect only to find that there had been many changes compared to before.

The first thing he noticed was that the gate outside the mountain was different.

Previously, the gate of Hundred Peaks Sect was guarded by turns by the younger disciples from various peaks.

Back then, Yi Sheng had also been assigned to guard the gate.

Typically, the number of disciples guarding the gate did not exceed ten.

But now, as the flying boat landed, he saw that the number of disciples guarding the gate had exceeded twenty, and among them were three at the Golden Core stage.

On an ordinary day, the gate would be guarded by disciples of the Immortal Bridge Period, and at most, occasionally by those at the Core Formation Stage.

Yet now, there were disciples at the Golden Core stage, and not just one or two, but three at a time.

Moreover, he noticed that the entrance to the gate also differed from before.

In the past, at either side of the gate, there were two great stones buried in the ground, revealing only a shallow surface. Now, these two stones were almost fully exposed to the air.

Clearly, this was one of the Hundred Peaks Sect's formations for protecting the gate. Typically, the formation remained deactivated, but now, it was clearly activated.

It was likely that this formation had been activated after the Grand Preceptor fell asleep.

After all, with the Grand Preceptor around, no Immortal Sects or Evil Demons dared to make significant moves.

But now that the Grand Preceptor was asleep, the figure who loomed over the heads of all cultivators of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, who kept everyone in check and made them follow the rules, was no longer there.

No one could guarantee whether, emboldened by this absence of restraint, some might act against them.

Of course, although the Sect's formation was now activated, it was clear that the disciples guarding the gate still seemed relatively relaxed.

They knew that the Grand Preceptor had gone into his slumber and that the world was showing signs of unrest, but they were not overly worried or tense.

The activation of the Sect's protective formation was merely a precaution.

They were, after all, one of the ten major Sects, and there weren't many forces that could trouble them.

Furthermore, the outcome of the Recent Immortal Martial Gathering was clear to all; among the top eleven competitors, seven were from the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Who would dare trouble them?

They must fear what would happen if, after all the experts above the Golden Core stage had slept, Hundred Peaks Sect would turn the tables and trouble them!

It didn't take long for people to notice the presence of the flying boat.

"Isn't that flying boat Peak Master Cao's flying boat?"

"Yes, that's right. When my junior brother was guarding the gate, he saw Peak Master Cao's flying boat, and he described it to me as looking exactly like that."

"Peak Master Cao has finally returned!"

"Quick, go back and inform the Sect that we should welcome Peak Master Cao."

As Cao Zhen disembarked from the flying boat, the disciples responsible for guarding the gate had already come to greet him, offering their salutations in unison, "Greetings to Qiu Peak Master, greetings to Peak Master Cao, greetings to Elder Ai, and greetings to the three senior sisters."

Qiu Wuxing, ranking second and the Peak Master of Five Elements Peak, naturally had to be greeted first by them.

Cao Zhen felt that things were indeed different now; in the past, the disciples of Hundred Peaks Sect were not so enthusiastic when they saw him.

Yet this time upon returning to the heart of Hundred Peaks Sect, he found that not only were the Sect's disciples more welcoming than before, but even other Peak Masters, upon seeing him, were much warmer than usual.

He hadn't even returned to Four Treasures Peak when one Peak Master after another came to him to curry favor.

There was no helping it; the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth was drawing near.

And Four Treasures Peak had four experts of the Perfect Completion Golden Core with Ten Different Phenomena and Cao Zhen, the victor in securing the position of State Preceptor.

When the time came, they would indeed be relying on Four Treasures Peak.

It wasn't that they needed Four Treasures Peak to protect their own peaks.

After all, they were part of Hundred Peaks Sect; to attack them would naturally mean to attack Hundred Peaks Sect, and Four Treasures Peak would certainly take action.