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Chapter 63: What I Said, Not Even a Golden Immortal Can Save Him_1

"Good stuff," Cao Zhen exclaimed with a sigh, swiftly executing several alchemy techniques to manipulate the pill furnace, then frowning. He simply didn't have the time or energy to study this "Stele" while constantly controlling the furnace.

Upon hearing Cao Zhen's praise, Gu Chengyu couldn't help but feel curious. Could the master of Four Treasures Peak really understand it? Even he had spent a lot of time deciphering the first Chapter when he first saw it.

"However, there is a problem with the part you deduced yourself," said Cao Zhen, not waiting for Gu Chengyu to respond, and continued, "Based on your deductions, the second layer should be the River-Mountain Stele, but if one doesn't know oneself before recognizing the mountains and rivers, their cultivation base will indeed be suppressed and unable to make any progress..."

When Gu Chengyu heard that there was something wrong with his deduction, he instantly sneered internally, wanting to correct the great Pill Master before him by saying that alchemy is one thing and cultivation is another.

Otherwise, a Pill Grandmaster like you wouldn't have only reached the Immortal Bridge Realm by today.

Yet... before Gu Chengyu could speak, upon hearing that one's cultivation base could be stifled, he suddenly closed his mouth, confusion in his eyes and insecurity in his heart.

Gu Chengyu quickly recalled that his cultivation indeed hadn't advanced at all since he had mastered the River-Mountain Stele.

"Even if you did master the River-Mountain Stele..." Cao Zhen shook his head, "That would still just be a pseudo River-Mountain Stele, with the power but not the majesty of mountains and rivers..."

"Then what should I do?" Gu Chengyu blurted out, then suddenly found himself ridiculous. How could he, as a mighty cultivator in the Earth Immortal Realm Lifespan Period, be asking for advice on cultivation?

Although the other was a Peak Master, his modest cultivation base... surely couldn't offer any profound insights about cultivation.

"Naturally, one must first cultivate the Three Lifetimes Stele. Isn't the first Chapter the one about cultivating the Stele in reverse?"

Cao Zhen's words left Gu Chengyu stunned for a moment. Images of practicing the Dragon-Elephant Stele technique in reverse started to emerge in his mind, followed by an expression of pain as if suffering from an internal injury.

"So that's how it is, that's how it is, that's how it is..." Gu Chengyu awoke as if from a great dream, lamenting the waste of hundreds of years! The cultivation technique had been right in front of him all along!

A stream of spiritual energy burst forth from within Gu Chengyu, shooting into the sky, and three steles slowly materialized from the energy—one entwined with azure dragon qi standing atop an elephant's back, another showing three little figures, and the third depicting a magnificent landscape of mountain and rivers.

Having practiced the Stele for many years, Gu Chengyu suddenly grasped the understanding, and the years of accumulation erupted. Not only did he bring forth the second stele, the Three Lifetimes Stele, but his realm, which had been unable to advance for so long, also began to show signs of loosening.

"It worked... It really worked!" Gu Chengyu was too excited to maintain any pretense of composure. He looked toward Cao Zhen, wanting to express his gratitude, only to realize that the Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak was busy preparing several pill furnaces for alchemy with enchantments. He did not dare to disturb him and could only wait patiently.

"Congratulations to Elder Gu on the great achievement of your divine skills," Situ Fengzhan entered the courtyard of the Five-Element Pill Ground, gently swinging his folding fan before closing it and repeatedly clasping his fists in salutation.

"Hmm." Gu Chengyu's attention was entirely on Cao Zhen, and he replied to Situ Fengzhan's congratulations with a nod and a grunt, dismissing it.

This attitude caused Situ Fengzhan to frown slightly. Ever since becoming one of the Hidden Dragon Three Sons, he had been treated courteously wherever he went, even by seniors in the Hidden Dragon Observatory.

Situ Fengzhan had planned to familiarize himself with Gu Chengyu, letting the Four Treasures Peak Master Cao Zhen know that the status of a Peak Master from outside mattered not here; in this place, he himself was the one held high above.

He did not aim to defeat Cao Zhen merely in physical combat but to crush him thoroughly in spirit! Peak Master? Sure, that held weight outside! But in the Hidden Dragon Observatory? Impressive?

Situ Fengzhan's thoughts were clear, but Gu Chengyu's demeanor left him feeling slighted, and he knew it was futile to seek dignity from Gu Chengyu.

If he could not regain his dignity, he might as well get down to business! Situ Fengzhan quickly adjusted his mood, withdrew his congratulatory fists, and walked towards Cao Zhen.

Seeing the newcomer heading straight for Cao Zhen, who was in the midst of alchemy, Gu Chengyu blocked his path with an outstretched hand. As a Pill Master, he was well aware that disturbances during the execution of alchemy techniques were a serious taboo—they could spoil the pills at best or even injure the alchemist at worst.

"Elder Gu, what do you mean by this?" Situ Fengzhan paused, dissatisfaction hanging between his brows.

"What do you want to do?" Gu Chengyu asked with a menacing look in his eye.

"Junior here to beat someone up," Situ Fengzhan pointed toward the busy Cao Zhen and continued, "This guy hasn't been taught the rules for newcomers at Hidden Dragon Observatory yet. Time to teach him some manners..." *freewebnovel.com*

Before Situ Fengzhan could finish speaking, he felt a gale slamming into him from the front. A blur before his eyes, and he was thrown heavily to the ground outside the courtyard, immediately followed by Gu Chengyu's scolding voice.

"Get lost!"

Outside the gate of the Five-Element Pill Ground, Situ Fengzhan sat on the ground in a daze, feeling as if all his bones were about to fall apart.

After recovering for a moment, Situ Fengzhan jumped up, his words laced with anger, "Elder Gu, what is the meaning of this? Enforcing the rules on the newcomers is a regulation of Hidden Dragon Observatory. Are you trying to break Hidden Dragon Observatory's rules?"

In the face of Gu Chengyu, Situ Fengzhan was equally unflinching. In the Hundred Peaks Sect, as long as you're on the side of the rules, even the Sect Master can't do anything to you.

Of course, unavoidable would be the aftermath of getting the short end of the stick.

But facing Gu Chengyu, Situ Fengzhan had no such worries. The other was merely the Five-Element Pill Ground's Elder in charge. He wasn't afraid of whatever petty retaliation the man could attempt.

"Today, if you don't offer an explanation, don't blame this junior for taking the case all the way to the Observatory Leader!"

Gu Chengyu's brows locked as he stepped toward the outside, having received such a great favor from the Four Treasures Peak Master, if he couldn't protect him fully within Hidden Dragon Observatory, then his life would have been lived in vain!

Let alone Hidden Dragon Observatory, even in the entire Immortal Cultivation world of the Hundred Peaks Sect, he would go to great lengths to keep the Four Treasures Peak Master safe.

The path of Immortal Cultivation is long, one step at a time like climbing to the heavens!

Gu Chengyu was well aware that if it was not for Cao Zhen's words earlier, perhaps when his lifespan in the Ten Thousand Life Stage was up, that would have been the end of him.

"I am making pills, I'll hit you after I finish. Elder Gu, since it's a rule of Hidden Dragon Observatory, let's adhere to Hidden Dragon Observatory's rules after all," Cao Zhen, having finished a series of Alchemy Techniques, made up an excuse related to timing. He thought to himself, as long as I finish making this batch of Dragon and Tiger Golden Pills and consume them, I'll instantly power-level to Core Formation Stage with each pill resulting in a Dragon and Tiger Core Formation. Let's see who hits who then.

Gu Chengyu really wanted to stop Cao Zhen, this Situ Fengzhan was among the Hidden Dragon Trio of this generation, already at the peak of the Core Formation Stage, or even Great Perfection, only short of the number of core Divine Skills from Golden Core.

But since Cao Zhen had already spoken, as a Peak Master, once his word was given, all Gu Chengyu could think of was to sneak off while Cao Zhen was engaged in alchemy and secretly ambush Situ Fengzhan, injuring him to solve this matter.

"How long will it take?" Situ Fengzhan, upon hearing the man in charge speak, did not continue to provoke Gu Chengyu, "If it's to stall for time, then it would be pointless."

"Thirty days," Cao Zhen replied nonchalantly, feeling a surge of emotion, as the Pill Furnace and Earth Fire of the Five-Element Pill Ground were indeed useful! Only requiring a mere thirty days to concoct a batch of Dragon Tiger Pills, when it would take at least thirty years with the Pill Furnace at the foot of the mountain.

Situ Fengzhan took a piece of yellow paper from his sleeve, sketched an eye on it, and after muttering an incantation, cast a spell onto the yellow paper. A fist-sized eyeball burst out from the paper with a pop, hovering in mid-air and staring at the courtyard gate.

Spell — Observe Heaven and Earth!

Cao Zhen knew this was a surveillance spell, the highest level of Observe Heaven and Earth could even see thousands of miles away, with every move within the caster's grasp.

"I'm determined to beat this Cao Zhen! Not even a Daluo Golden Immortal could save him if they came! Mark my words!" Situ Fengzhan declared coldly, dropping these words before turning and walking away. He was very aware that after leaving the spell here, the entire Five-Element Pill Ground was under his

watch. If Gu Chengyu dared to break his spell, then the case would be taken all the way to the True Person Sect Leader, and the only winner would be him.

Gu Chengyu's expression was very grim. Although he didn't know the Four Treasures Peak Master for long, the man had twice bestowed him with favor. How could he not repay such a debt! Forget about a sneaky attack, he might as well openly beat up this Situ Fengzhan!

What's the worst that could happen? Incarceration in the Sect's dungeon for a few years or exile to guard the Blood River for a few years!