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Chapter 65: Dan Cheng_1

Time flew by swiftly... one day... three days... five days...

Gu Chengyu increasingly felt that Cao Zhen's mastery in alchemy was unfathomable. Merely sitting there, she could sense a nourishing aura slowly emanating from Cao Zhen's Pill Furnace, which, although smelling it couldn't increase one's cultivation base, could still refresh and clear the mind.

This was merely the leaked pill qi! What would it be like if the pills were actually formed? What kind of pill was this, after all?

Ten days passed... and above the Five-Element Pill Ground, tribulation clouds began to appear.

Gu Chengyu frowned upon seeing the slowly forming tribulation clouds in the sky. Although she had adjusted the monument for her breakthrough, there was still some time before her cultivation base would improve. Neither Cao Zhen nor Gai Su'e showed any signs of a breakthrough either.

Could these tribulation clouds be because of the pills Cao Zhen was refining? Alchemy Tribulation? What on earth did the Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak do?

Gu Chengyu had only heard about Alchemy Tribulation but never witnessed it. Even in the history of the Hundred Peaks Sect, there had never been an instance of Alchemy Tribulation; she had only read about it in ancient texts during her travels.

"Elder Gu, if the Alchemy Tribulation descends, please help me withstand it," Cao Zhen, who was completely focused on the Pill Furnace, said, "This tribulation might have the power of a Golden Core. My cultivation base isn't enough to hold it off."

A Golden Core? The power of the pill reached the level of a Golden Core in just ten days? Gu Chengyu began to understand why Cao Zhen used so many ingredients, and also why the Alchemy Tribulation had appeared.

A pill refined in just ten days possessed the power of a Golden Core... This was truly defying Heaven!

While Gu Chengyu was still mentally complaining, the thunders of Alchemy Tribulation in the sky already began to descend. She quickly waved her sleeves, shattering the heavenly thunder and then let the broken tribulation thunder fall into the Pill Furnace, using its power to once again temper the pills.

One day... two days... three days... five days...

For five consecutive days, apart from refining the pills entrusted by Cao Zhen, Gu Chengyu spent all her time warding off the heavenly thunders. She had thought the Alchemy Tribulation would dissipate quickly, but it showed no sign of abating; forty-nine bolts fell each day, tempering the All-creatures Pill within the Furnace.

Cao Zhen's eyes were as dark as a panda's, and in his heart, he constantly complained about Zhang Daoling. That old Zhang wasn't reliable at all! According to records, even if I forcibly refine the All-creatures Pill in a short period, committing actions against Heaven that would bring the Alchemy Tribulation, wasn't it said that the power of the tribulation would be average and wouldn't last too long?

It's been five days! Not even time to yawn! Did old Zhang have some kind of misunderstanding about being average, easy, and not lasting too long?

Another ten days passed, and Cao Zhen began to regret it; he was running out of oil and becoming exhausted... The All-creatures Pill took a lot more out of him than he expected! Knowing this, he should have attempted Core Formation and raised his alchemy level before attempting it.

Another ten days...

The might of the Dragon and Tiger surged from within the Pill Furnace of the Dragon Tiger Pill, and Gu Chengyu knew this meant the pills were formed; she quickly began the pill-drawing process.

Cao Zhen felt quite emotional upon seeing this scene. It was a good thing that when the other party was learning from him, he insisted on learning the pill-drawing technique, and thankfully, he taught it. Otherwise, we would really have a big problem this time.

One by one, the Dragon Tiger Pills flew out from the Pill Furnace, their seven-colored radiance illuminating the entire Five-Element Pill Ground and casting a mysterious glow over it.

Twelve Dragon Tiger Pills ascended, with dragon and tiger qis swirling around them, as if these pills were coming to life.

Cao Zhen sensed a change in his Zhonghua Cloud panel and quickly glanced over the data panel in his mind.

Zhonghua Cloud Level 4 Administrator: Cao Zhen

Gender: Male

Cultivation Base: Immortal Bridge Period, with five Immortal Bridges

Identity: Former Programmer, Current Peak Master of Four Treasures Peak of Hundred Peaks Sect, Pill King

Specialties: Programming, Grandmaster of Theoretical Alchemy, Grandmaster of Immortal Cultivation Theory

Possessions: Four Treasures Peak

Total Cultivation Experience: 31

Additional Experience: 0

Alchemy Level: 44

Talisman Level: 10

Formation Level: 0

Sword of Dodging: Level 7

My alchemy level increased by 3? Cao Zhen suddenly felt that the refining of the All-creatures Pill had become slightly easier, even though the ease was not substantial.

As the Dragon Tiger Pills were being readied, the Deception Pills that Gai Su'e was refining also began to take shape, and Cao Zhen's alchemy level finally reached 46.

Another ten days went by, Cao Zhen's eyes were deeply sunken, and he no longer had the elegance he had when he first arrived. He looked like a beggar begging on the streets, and the thick clouds of the Alchemy Tribulation in the sky started to become more violent.

Cao Zhen mustered his energy, knowing this was the crucial moment for whether the All-creatures Pill could be successfully formed! The All-creatures Pill was about to be finished, and this was the final Alchemy Tribulation.

Gu Chengyu was also very nervous, and the wall outside the Hidden Dragon Observatory was filled with people without anyone noticing when they had arrived.

Because the tribulation clouds over the Five-Element Pill Ground remained and lightning frequently struck, they attracted the upper echelons of the Hidden Dragon Observatory, and even the first Vice Sect Master of the Hundred Peaks Sect had come here previously, all curious about just what was being refined that signified such a high-end existence in the Alchemy Dao within the sect.

Whirlwind, heavenly fire, thunderclaps... every one of them descended from the clouds, solely to stop this defiance of Heaven, the All-creatures Pill.

"Don't shatter the tribulation, protect the All-creatures Pill with all your might! Don't let it explode amidst the tribulation. Restrain it with your power..."

Gu Chengyu's radiance surged around her as she fully opened her Earth Immortal Realm cultivation base, hastily following Cao Zhen's instructions.

The thunder, heavenly fire, and whirlwind smashed onto the All-creatures Pill, which then rapidly spun, absorbing each bout of Heavenly Tribulation, before it began to explode outward from the inside. In the blink of an eye, it went from the size of an infant's fist to the size of a human head, and it still showed signs of further expansion and bursting.

Gu Chengyu didn't dare delay and forcibly suppressed the All-creatures Pill with her power to prevent it from exploding. Numerous cracks started to appear on the surface of the pill, its seven-colored radiance gradually dimmed, and eventually, it turned as black as charred food.

A cracking sound came from the charcoal-like sphere, and more and more cracks appeared on the surface of the pill.

Despair filled Gu Chengyu's eyes; at the very last moment... at the very last moment, she still failed to protect it... Cao Zhen was too greedy, wanting the pill to absorb all the power of the Alchemy Tribulation. If she had helped it block the Tribulation, the potency might have been much lesser, but it would still unquestionably have been a rare wonder pill.

Now... all was in vain! Gu Chengyu felt the disappointed looks from all around her, and her heart sank even further.

The Vice Sect Master stood atop the wall and gently shook his head with a sigh before turning to leave; he knew that a great Alchemy power had emerged in the Hundred Peaks Sect, but now that power's pill had failed... Approaching to make acquaintances now would not be an opportune moment.

The other senior members also left one after the other, knowing this was not a good time to make acquaintances. They would find some quality materials later and pay a visit then.

Only the master of the Hidden Dragon Observatory did not leave; it wasn't that she didn't want to, but she had seen too many astonishingly precious materials consumed in making this pill! She couldn't leave! She had to deal with this aftermath.

But how should she handle it? The Hidden Dragon View Master, Lv Chaoqiong, was quite troubled. If the pill had been successfully refined, she could have simply complained about the excess use of materials, congratulated them, and then taken the opportunity to change the rules.

But now the Alchemy had failed! Lv Chaoqiong knew that if she went up now, there would be no way to offer congratulations, and complaining about the excessive use of materials would mean offending the top Pill Master of the Hundred Peaks Sect... Change the rules? That would be seriously offending them!

Apart from Lv Chaoqiong, Situ Fengzhan also stood outside the gate, and as the All-creatures Pill turned to charcoal, a smile appeared on his face.

Unlike the other seniors, Situ Fengzhan looked down on pills. Since beginning his cultivation, he had never once used a pill. In his view, how could cultivation rely on external aids! He would never seek the help of a Pill Master in his life!

Given this, there was naturally no need to care whether the person was a great Alchemist or not! All he needed to do was to fulfill the promise he had previously made.

Crack... crack...

The blackened pill body cracked open, and from the cracks began to ooze out golden radiance. The glow wasn't strong... but it was incredibly eye-catching.

At last, the black shell of the pill broke apart and fell to the ground, revealing a golden core the size of a broad bean suspended in midair, slowly radiating life force from within.

Cao Zhen beckoned lightly to the All-creatures Pill, and it drifted into the palm of his hand.

"Is it done?" Gu Chengyu's astonished face was streaked with tears of old age.

Lv Chaoqiong, in this moment, exhibited the demeanor of the Hidden Dragon View Master. While Gu Chengyu still had tears streaming down his face and Gai Su'e remained in a daze, the Hidden Dragon View Master already had a smile on her face, with her hands clasped in front of her chest as a salute,

stepping into the courtyard and saying, "Congratulations Peak Master Cao! You have refined a miraculous pill!"

Having seen pictures in old books, Cao Zhen recognized this person as the Hidden Dragon View Master. He opened his mouth and inhaled, drawing the All-creatures Pill into his mouth before swallowing it down.

With the Golden Core in his belly, Cao Zhen felt an indescribable comfort spreading through his limbs and bones, his previous fatigue rapidly dissipating.

No wonder it was developed by Zhang Daoling as a Heretical Golden Core! Cao Zhen couldn't help but exclaim. This Heretical Golden Core could be taken daily, nourishing the body and the inner core even without cultivation. It would automatically help with cultivation, and during combat, it could simply be spat out.

The most important point! This Heretical Golden Core, its power was real Golden Core Battle Power! Although it was the power of five Immortal Bridges, because of the Heretical Golden Core, the battle power was the genuine Golden Core Battle Power!

Of course, no one in the Hundred Peaks Sect knew what a Heretical Golden Core was. To others, it was just a pill that could be taken orally.

"Master, I apologize... We've used up too many of our medicinal herbs," Cao Zhen quickly responded with a clasped hands salute. "Unfortunately, we've only refined one All-creatures Pill this time, with no extra pills left for our Hidden Dragon Observatory. I'll compensate by refining some other pills for us."

Lv Chaoqiong's eyes twitched involuntarily, thinking that the Four Treasures Peak Master was truly cunning, blocking the way of claiming what an All-creatures Pill was and even providing a solution to it. What more could she say?

"Since the pill has been refined, I wonder if Peak Master Cao remembers what he said the other day?" Situ Fengzhan stood outside the courtyard and shouted loudly.

Cao Zhen had intended to take the opportunity to foster a good relationship with the Hidden Dragon View Master, using the excuse of repaying the debt of herbs to refine pills, and to take extra pills away later on. He didn't anticipate Situ Fengzhan jumping out again.

"I remember, just wait a moment for me. I'm a bit weary and drained after refining the pill, let me take some more pills to recover before I come out and fight you," Cao Zhen said, taking nine Dragon Tiger Pills from Gu Chengyu's hand, thinking to himself, once I've leveled up with my drugs, I'll use my recently cashed in treasure, the All-creatures Pill, to teach you a lesson.

As for the Heretical Golden Core... Cao Zhen felt it was his lifesaving trump card. If possible, it was better not to use it and to keep it a secret.

Situ Fengzhan sat cross-legged with a light smile, assuming a grand air as he meditated outside the Five-Element Pill Ground's entrance. He knew that this time the opponent had no way to delay. Before long... the opponent must come out!

Unless? This man no longer cared for the reputation of Four Treasures Peak!

Cao Zhen picked up a Dragon Tiger Pill...