

## **My Master 701**

Chapter 701:

In such circumstances, everyone could only choose to bury some of the deceased's personal belongings in Spirit Mountain.

This was Cao Zhen's first visit to Spirit Mountain.

As he walked among the mountains, gazing at each grave and tombstone, a profound sense of heaviness suddenly overcame him, and his mood grew increasingly oppressed.

Inside Spirit Mountain, disciples from various peaks had laid to rest their masters or elder fellow disciples at their own peak's designated areas.

Moreover, in most instances, disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect who had died in battle would opt to be buried at their respective peaks within the bounds of the Spirit Mountain cemetery.

As they interred those who had died for the Hundred Peaks Sect, cries of mourning resonated in unison for a time, forming a continuous lament.

"Master, rest assured, the Hundred Peaks Sect held its ground!"

"Master, look, the Hundred Peaks Sect is still here, Master..."

"Master, your disciple will surely avenge you, I swear..."

After burying those who had perished in the battle, Cao Zhen went alone to the front of the Brave Spirit Bell. He then took out an engraving tool and meticulously etched the names of the valiant souls from the Hundred Peaks Sect who had fallen that day onto the bell.

After completing this task, he did not immediately return to Four Treasures Peak. Instead, he wandered alone throughout the Hundred Peaks Sect.

He was now the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect, no longer just an individual, no longer someone who only needed to take care of a few disciples from Four Treasures Peak.

Unbeknownst to him, he found himself at Seven Star Peak before he knew it.

"Chao Zi Zai... I wonder how he is now."

Cao Zhen, reminded of the anguished Chao Zi Zai on Spirit Mountain, began ascending the mountain.

Though Seven Star Peak had risen considerably in ranking after the Hundred Peaks competition, the day to select disciples had not yet arrived, so it was the same disciples at Seven Star Peak.

As he climbed Seven Star Peak, from afar, he could hear the voice of Chao Zi Zai continuing to echo.

"Our master sacrificed himself for the Hundred Peaks Sect, for our Seven Star Peak, for every one of us! Master always said his lifespan was nearing its end, but in fact, Master could have lived a few more years. In these few years, what if Master had broken through another level? His lifespan could have been extended.

He did this to ensure that we could live well and rejuvenate Seven Star Peak! To allow us to make greater contributions to the Hundred Peaks Sect in the future!

To console the spirit of our master in Heaven, we must only enhance our cultivation. This level of cultivation is still insufficient!"

Finally, Cao Zhen saw Chao Zi Zai, who, along with all the disciples of Seven Star Peak, was fervently cultivating.

Chao Zi Zai had his back to him, and Cao Zhen couldn't see his face clearly. The disciples of Seven Star Peak, upon seeing him, did not greet him but continued their earnest cultivation until Cao Zhen spoke softly.

"Old Chao..."

At the sound of these two words, Chao Zi Zai immediately turned around, and Cao Zhen finally saw his current state. His rough face was fierce, his eyes bloodshot, and he appeared intensely stern.

Despite the dire situation, there was no hint of dejection about him, but rather a sense of madness, an obsession with cultivation.

"Old Cao... no, Sect Leader..." When Chao Zi Zai saw Cao Zhen, he finally stopped supervising his junior disciples and stepped forward to meet him.

"Old Chao, cultivation need not be rushed. Sometimes haste can hinder progress; they know that they've cultivated enough."

Cao Zhen glanced at the disciples of Seven Star Peak and walked away, with Chao Zi Zai following closely behind.

After covering some distance, Cao Zhen gazed at every plant and tree of Seven Star Peak, where visions of his past conversations and dealings with Deng Qixing flashed before his eyes.

Everything seemed like it happened only yesterday, and while Seven Star Peak remained as it was, Deng Qixing was no more.

"Old Chao, actually, all of this is my fault." Cao Zhen sighed once more and murmured, "If I had not left the Hundred Peaks Sect, they wouldn't have attacked us, and Peak Master Deng would not have had to sacrifice himself."

"No, Old Cao, this isn't your fault. They clearly had their sights set on the Hundred Peaks Sect a long time ago. Even if they didn't attack us this time, what about the future? As long as there are experts absent from the Hundred Peaks Sect, they would surely attack. This is not your fault. If blame must be assigned, blame the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, and the three Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty. What I hate is..."

As Chao Zi Zai spoke, he suddenly stretched out his hand and fiercely struck a large tree. With this punch, he did not use any mana but simply pounded the tree with his fist. Even so, the tree shook violently and emitted a dull thud.

"I hate my own uselessness, that I have not reached the Golden Core Stage. Knowing that Master was going to besiege the Hundred Peaks Sect, yet because I wasn't a Golden Core, I could only watch from the sect gate as Master departed, only to be told later that Master had been sacrificed!

If I had been at the Golden Core Stage, I could have stood with Master to defend our Hundred Peaks Sect... I despise my weakness! Cultivation is the only thing I want to pursue now, and then, to avenge my Master!"

"We will avenge Peak Master Deng's death, and not just his—all of our grievances, we will seek retribution for them. Blood debts must be paid in blood!"

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"But Old Chao," you don't need to be so hard on yourself. After some time, I will personally lead everyone to take our revenge!"

Cao Zhen consoled Chao Zi Zai with a few more words, then headed towards Four Treasures Peak. However, upon his return, he did not visit any of his disciples; instead, he locked himself in his room.

He had been feeling oppressed all day, especially after visiting Spirit Mountain and engraving the names of Deng Qixing and the others who had sacrificed themselves for the Hundred Peaks Sect on the Brave Spirit Bell. After seeing Chao Zi Zai, his feelings of oppression grew stronger, and he became deeply despondent.

Involuntarily, his thoughts turned to his parents.

Soon, Cao Zhen connected with the China Cloud and instantly his father's figure appeared in his vision.

In front of a reservoir at an unknown location, his father, Cao Xinbang, was wearing a black baseball cap, seated on a folding stool with both hands gripping a fishing rod, looking utterly leisurely.

Thanks to Boss Ma, his parents didn't have to worry about food or drink, and they knew their son was very safe. They had even started the cultivation technique he had given them, and the quality of their life couldn't be better.

His mother had many cats and dogs at home, and his father's greatest pleasure was fishing.

Seeing his father's relaxed appearance, Cao Zhen finally showed a hint of a smile and softly spoke up, "Dad..."

"Little Cao." Cao Xibang's body suddenly jolted. Although Cao Zhen had communicated with him many times in this way and he knew that he couldn't see his son, he still couldn't help but look around, muttering softly, "Appearing and disappearing so suddenly, a little warning would be nice, you scared away my fish, are you going to compensate me?"

"Dad..." Cao Zhen called out helplessly, "Only you can hear me when I talk, and I can't scare your fish..."

His father, clearly missing him terribly, began blaming him upon his arrival.

"You won't scare my fish, but you could scare me, and then what if I scare the fish? Do you know how many days I've been here prepping this spot?" Cao Xibang settled his fishing rod again and complained, "You haven't come to see me and your mom in a long while.

I don't really mind because I can come fishing, but your mom... You haven't contacted her in over a month, and she's getting anxious. She nags so much that I'm almost getting calluses on my ears."

"I've been busy..." Cao Zhen subconsciously replied, but after finishing the sentence, he suddenly realized that was the same excuse he used on Earth when his mother complained about him not coming home often – that he was busy...

But was he really? Couldn't he squeeze just a little time out of his day?

"Busy... Didn't your martial arts competition end? Didn't you tell me that you came out as the champion?" Cao Xibang secured his fishing rod with one hand and took out a cigarette with the other;

lighting it with a flick, he took a drag before asking, "What are you busy with now? Also, why are you contacting me this time, do you have something on your mind?"

Cao Zhen instinctively responded, "There's nothing on my mind."

He was used to hiding things like this. Back on Earth, he rarely talked to his parents about any troubles he faced.

And now, despite feeling oppressed and wanting to see his parents, he chose not to say anything once he saw his father.

Cao Xibang said dismissively, "No trouble? Don't think just because you're some kind of Immortal now and I can't see you that you can fool your old man. You're my flesh and blood; you can't trick me. Tell me, what happened?"

"There is something, dad. I told you about joining a sect called the Hundred Peaks Sect, right?" Cao Zhen began, "In our world, there have been some changes. All the powerful masters have fallen into slumber.

And now, I can say I'm one of the strongest people in that world, and maybe soon that 'one of' can be removed.

My disciples are also extremely capable, so the Hundred Peaks Sect chose me to be the Sect Leader, but a previous decision I made was a mistake, and we were attacked. By the time I got back, it was too late and many had died in battle."

"So, you think it's your fault they died?" Cao Xibang quickly understood and said, "I don't know how to comfort you on this matter. And don't tell your mother about this; she'll worry about your safety again. I'm telling you, actually..."

Cao Xibang tried to find the right words to comfort his son, yet after talking for so long, he realized he hadn't received any response.

"This damn kid, just like before, leaves without saying a word. He's probably gone to see his mother. Sigh... I don't even know what kind of situation he's in right now, being a Sect Leader, managing an entire sect..."

Without asking about the battle and whether his son had been injured, Cao Xinbang didn't inquire not because he didn't care, but rather because his son said he was one of the strongest people there. Even the strongest can face dangers.

After chatting with his father, Cao Zhen quickly found his mother and talked with her about everyday things.

Even though neither his father nor his mother had offered any comfort, and his mother even nagged him to hurry up and find a wife, his mood inadvertently brightened considerably after seeing his parents.

Great Lai Dynasty.

After the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and the people from the three major Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty had retreated to the Great Lai Dynasty, they finally stopped to tally their losses, which led to extremely somber expressions.

They did not count the Red Refinery Demonic Sect. After fleeing, the members of the Red Refinery did not enter the Great Lai Dynasty but left on their own.

These three major Immortal Sects, along with the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, had lost nearly four hundred Golden Core masters in this battle!

"Four hundred, all Golden Core masters! None of our Immortal Sects have this many Golden Core masters. We've lost so many and didn't even manage to take down the Hundred Peaks Sect! What's more important is that the masters from Hundred Peaks Sect, Cao Zhen, Xiang Ziyu, Ling Xi, and the rest have all returned.

If we attack their Hundred Peaks Sect today, once they recover, they will surely retaliate against us. What will we do then?"

The people from the three major Immortal Sects simultaneously turned their gaze towards the Sun Erosion Demon of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect.

No one knew where the lair of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect was. If the Hundred Peaks Sect sought revenge, they would naturally only target the three major Immortal Sects. What about the Sun and Moon Demon Sect then?

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Hundred Peaks Sect, after the great battle, took a whole day to recuperate.

The next day, numerous message-transmitting paper cranes flew towards various peaks within the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Hundred Peaks Call-to-Order!

Previously, Nie Jie, although he was the Vice Sect Master, in charge of the Hundred Peaks Sect, was still not the Sect Leader, and thus he could not issue the Hundred Peaks Call-to-Order.

Cao Zhen returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect and exercised the Sect Leader's authority on the second day. Moreover, this time, he summoned not only the Peak Masters of Hundred Peaks but also all the uninjured Golden Core Stage cultivators.

Ascension Peak, Peak Masters' Council Hall.

When Cao Zhen attended the Peak Masters' meetings in the past, he always sat at the very back. But this time, he was seated at the foremost main seat.

With many experts in deep slumber, and after yesterday's battle, several Peak Masters chose self-destruction, sensing their time was running out.

At this point, there were less and less familiar silhouettes in the seats of the Peak Masters.

Cao Zhen waited until the last Peak Master arrived,

Looking at each arriving figure, and when everyone from all the peaks had gathered, he slowly began, "Gentlemen, the reason I have called everyone here today is for one purpose only, and that is revenge!"

No sooner had his voice fallen than the crowd seated around him instantly stood, shouting in unison, "Sect Leader, just give the command, and we'll follow you and attack the Great Lai Dynasty immediately!"

"Yes, blood for blood!"

"Sect Leader, tell us, how should we fight!"

Cao Zhen looked at the fervently impassioned crowd, extended a hand, and slowly pressed downward, "To fight, we must, but we can't just rush in blindly."

If other Immortal Sects attacked them, the Hundred Peaks Sect, they had to strike back no matter what.

He was aware that battles inevitably led to death, especially when the three major Immortal Sects combined had more Golden Core cultivators than the entire Hundred Peaks Sect.

Their Hundred Peaks Sect would suffer many casualties in the quest for revenge, but fighting back was absolutely necessary.

If other sects sought to annihilate yours, and you won but chose not to seek vengeance, the word would spread, and everyone would deem the Hundred Peaks Sect weak. In time, none would fear the Hundred Peaks Sect, and some might even emulate the three major Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty in striking them.

Moreover, it was a tradition of the Hundred Peaks Sect to repay kindness with kindness and to avenge all grievances.

Therefore, even though they knew that attacking in return would lead to heavy casualties, the Hundred Peaks Sect still needed to make their move.

All he could do was to minimize the losses for the Hundred Peaks Sect as much as possible.

Cao Zhen's gaze swept across the crowd as he declared, "I know nobody here is afraid of sacrifice, but now is the Reversal Mini Epoch Period, and chaos has already begun across the land.

If we launch an assault and end up both parties severely wounded, the Hundred Peaks Sect would also suffer heavy losses. In such a dark and chaotic time, our sect could potentially become a target once again.

If we fail to defend the Hundred Peaks Sect, we will all become the sinners of our sect."

Around him, people nodded in understanding, their expressions becoming even more grave.

After a slight pause, Cao Zhen continued to address the crowd, "If we were facing only one of the three major Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty, I would lead you to battle right now.

But this time, we are up against three major Immortal Sects. They invaded our Hundred Peaks Sect yesterday, surely not with all their experts, as they must have left some to guard their sect's entrances.

We also don't know if the Red Refinery Demonic Sect and the Sun and Moon Demon Sect will continue targeting our Hundred Peaks Sect.

Likewise, in attacking them, we, the Hundred Peaks Sect, cannot dispatch all Golden Core cultivators; I will also need to leave some high-level experts to defend our gateways."

Everyone fell silent around him.

While speaking, Cao Zhen held up two fingers and elaborated, "So, to seek our revenge, we need to do two things. First, we must repair our sect's Mountain Protection Array and then set up another Great Formation.

After all, the previous Mountain Protection Array of our Hundred Peaks Sect wasn't designed to counter Golden Core Stage attacks.

Facilitating the formation took a great toll on us, plus, once the Lakeside Formation was destroyed, we lost the ability to counter-attack using our formations.

Hence, after mending the previous array, I personally plan to set up a new Formation.

However, setting up a new Great Formation requires a significant amount of resources. Relying solely on my own resources is far from sufficient, so I need to utilize all the accumulated resources of our Hundred Peaks Sect. I wish to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace! For this, I need everyone's consent."

Within the Hundred Peaks Sect, the Sect Leader's authority is naturally supreme.

Yet, even as Sect Leader, while he can manage many of the sect's resources, that does not include the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace!

What is stored within the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace is all the resources accumulated over hundreds of thousands of years since the founding of the Hundred Peaks Sect!

To open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace, besides needing the Sect Leader's initiative, it is also mandatory to have unanimous agreement from a Vice Sect Master, Grand Elder, Supreme Elder, Teaching Elder, Law Enforcement Elder, and other crucial Elders. Additionally, more than half of all the Peak Masters within the Hundred Peaks Sect must agree.

"Use all the resources of our Hundred Peaks Sect?"

"This..."

Upon hearing this, everyone was momentarily stunned before someone spoke up.

"Sect Leader, setting up the formation surely doesn't require opening the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace."

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"Sect Leader, our Lianzhang Peak has also accumulated some resources over the years. Should there be a need, our peak is willing to contribute these resources," one disciple said.

"Our Little Zen Peak can also offer our resources," another added.

"Purple Feather Peak is also willing to contribute resources," echoed a third.

"This is for the benefit of the Hundred Peaks Sect. We all belong to the Hundred Peaks Sect. Without the Sect, our individual peaks would not exist. To construct a new Mountain Protection Array for our Hundred Peaks Sect, we must contribute our resources," affirmed a fourth.

"Sect Leader, with the resources from all our peaks combined, we should have enough to build the new Great Formation. There's no need to dip into the resources the Hundred Peaks Sect has saved," they concluded.

Cao Zhen was a reincarnated being of great ability!

The crowd naturally supported the idea of Cao Zhen wanting to construct a new Great Formation.

However, the resources from the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace were the foundation of the Hundred Peaks Sect, not easily accessible under normal circumstances.

Indeed, many past Sect Leaders, from the moment they assumed office until they stepped down, only contributed resources to the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace but never once opened it.

Constructing a new Mountain Protection Array was certainly essential, but since it was a Golden Core Stage Array, it wasn't necessary to utilize the resources from the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace.

Listening to the advice offered by everyone, Cao Zhen was filled with gratitude. In normal times, especially the Peak Masters from various peaks, no matter how many resources they had personally, didn't each one of them desperately try to gather more for their own peaks at every opportunity?

Yet now, they were willing to part with their peak's resources to let him construct the Mountain Protection Array.

This was why the Hundred Peaks Sect had stood tall for hundreds of thousands of years!

He had scrounged around many peaks himself and knew that many, especially those in the Upper Fifty Peaks, were quite wealthy.

But that was still not enough.

Cao Zhen looked at the crowd and shook his head, "My friends, the reason I want to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace is not just to lay out another Mountain Protection Array. I also plan to craft a large number of talismans, concoct a vast number of pills. To defeat the three major Immortal Sects and ensure our Hundred Peaks Sect has enough strength to endure the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, we must enhance the cultivation base and power of all disciples in the Hundred Peaks Sect!"

As for alchemy, he naturally couldn't cater to individual disciples from Four Treasures Peak as he did before. Concocting such a quantity of pills was beyond his own energy capacity and even the Sect could not afford the massive amount of resources required.

"Craft talismans?"

"And concoct pills?"

"Talismans, are you talking about crafting something like the Supreme Gathering Spirit Talisman?"

Many were excited upon hearing this. They knew that the people of Four Treasures Peak were skilled at talisman crafting and that many from the Academy helped in the production of these talismans for Four Treasures Peak. They were also aware that the unique method used by Four Treasures Peak yielded a

high success rate when crafting Gathering Spirit Talismans; moreover, the talismans they produced gathered spiritual energy more effectively than the standard ones, making them the preferred choice for purchase.

In the current state of the Hundred Peaks Sect, most talisman crafters connected with the Four Treasures Peak produced and sold Gathering Spirit Talismans.

Furthermore, they knew that people from Four Treasures Peak could craft a Supreme Gathering Spirit Talisman, which could gather spiritual energy even while one slept, aiding in cultivation.

If Peak Master Cao were to publicly provide everyone with Supreme Gathering Spirit Talismans, their cultivation speed would naturally increase.

"Yes, that's right, Supreme Gathering Spirit Talismans," Cao Zhen nodded affirmatively. Once, he had used the Supreme Gathering Spirit Talismans as a trump card to keep those crafting talismans for Four Treasures Peak in line, warning them not to go too far, lest he released the Supreme Gathering Spirit Talismans to the market.

But now things were different.

As the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect, he held the fate of all its members in his hands.

Currently, during the Reversal Mini Epoch Period, what he needed to do was bolster the power of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and he could not afford to keep any secrets any longer.

"However, the Supreme Gathering Spirit Talisman is only a part of it. More importantly, it's about the pills. The resources needed for concocting them are far more substantial!"

"You need to access the resources of the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace, Sect Leader. What kind of pill are you planning to concoct?" many Peak Masters asked, their gaze then shifted towards the several disciples from Four Treasures Peak.

The disciples from Four Treasures Peak, except for Yi Sheng, were all bearers of the Ancient Immortal Body, which was thought to be non-viable for cultivation in this era.

Yet, all four with the Ancient Immortal Body from Four Treasures Peak managed to cultivate to the stage of Ten Abnormal Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and everyone knew that Sect Leader Cao was adept at pill crafting.

There were rumors that Peak Master Cao had concocted pills for his disciples, which enabled them to break through to Perfect Completion of the Ten Different Golden Cores.

And then there was Yi Sheng. Although she possessed an extremely good cultivation talent with a modern-day Immortal Body, Yi Sheng's progress was strikingly rapid. With not much time spent in cultivation, she had already reached the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pill Perfect Completion stage.

All this was likely due to the pills crafted by Peak Master Cao.

Now, Peak Master Cao stated he would concoct pills for everyone. If he were to produce these types of pills, how many more Golden Core stage cultivators would the Hundred Peaks Sect gain?

Or even how many more cultivators would achieve Ten Different Golden Cores of Great Perfection?

Cao Zhen had no intention of keeping this a secret; he addressed the crowd straightforwardly, "The pills I intend to concoct are those that can boost cultivation base. The specific pills I will make depend on what resources we have in the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

My consideration is that all disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect must be treated equally; it wouldn't do to concoct pills for disciples of one peak and not another or to cater to those at the Core Formation Stage but neglect those in the Immortal Bridge Period.

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Of course, everyone had different priorities.

"Below the Core Formation Stage, most have a brief cultivation period, so the pills I refine for them will mainly aim to stimulate their potential. For those at the Core Formation Stage and Golden Core Stage, the pills will directly increase their cultivation base, helping them to break through to the Golden Core Stage or further condense one or two Golden Cores!"

"Increase cultivation base!"

"Stimulate potential!"

Although everyone had guessed what kind of pills Cao Zhen intended to refine, they couldn't help exclaiming out loud when they heard Cao Zhen personally confirm that he was going to refine such pills.

The pills that stimulated potential could unlock an uncertain amount of potential, but the pills that increased cultivation base offered a clearly visible effect.

In the world of immortal cultivation, pills that directly increased one's cultivation base were very difficult to come by.

Yet Peak Master Cao had said he would help those at the Core Formation Stage break through to the Golden Core Stage and help those already in the Golden Core Stage condense one or even two more Golden Cores!

This...

It took a while for everyone to calm down.

Cao Zhen looked at everyone and asked, "Now, make your choice. Do you agree to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace?"

Even though everyone was excited just moments ago, no one immediately answered when Cao Zhen asked again.

Improving the cultivation base of every member of the Hundred Peaks Sect was obviously something everyone was happy to hear, but this would involve using the resources of the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace.

Nie Jie looked around, and after a moment of silence, he was the first to speak up, "I agree to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace. Under normal circumstances, even with the prospect of improving everyone's cultivation base, I wouldn't agree to this, for it represents the resources accumulated by the Hundred Peaks Sect over countless years and forms the foundation of our sect's strength.

These are resources to be used only at critical moments.

However, we are now in the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth. To evaluate whether an Immortal Sect is strong, aside from looking at the top combatants of the sect, one must see how many are at the Golden Core Stage.

With Peak Master Cao, Ling Xi, Xiang Ziyu, and others, our peak combat strength is already formidable. What we lack now are those at the Golden Core Stage!"

As soon as Nie Jie spoke, Wu Xiang also spoke, "I also agree to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace. Our Hundred Peaks Sect needs to enhance its power. Previously, had it not been for the Grand Preceptor's disciple Yu Tuoyu who arrived in time, and if Sect Leader Cao and other key figures had not returned promptly, it's uncertain whether we could have withstood the attacks from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and the Great Lai Dynasty.

Had our Hundred Peaks Sect fallen, not only the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace would be lost, but perhaps our entire sect could have been plundered by the enemy."

"I too agree to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace."

"We have Sect Leader Cao with us to refine those pills. No other sect has such an opportunity!"

"However, the Sect Leader is just one person, with limited energy. Our Hundred Peaks Sect has so many members, and for the Sect Leader alone to refine..."

Hearing an Elder's words of concern, Cao Zhen quickly replied, "Do not worry; my disciple Yi Sheng can also help me refine the pills. Moreover, I can..."

As he was saying this, Nie Jie secretly transmitted a message, "Sect Leader, you must not teach the art of alchemy lightly. Although I trust the disciples of our Hundred Peaks Sect, who knows if there are those among us possessed by demonic beasts. Recall that during your confrontation with Starshine Peak, your opponent was possessed by a demonic beast. Sect Leader, you must be cautious."

Hearing this, Cao Zhen nodded slightly and transmitted back, "I have already considered this matter. Rest assured, the core techniques are with me. I am merely having them assist in refining the pills."

After responding to Nie Jie, Cao Zhen turned to address the crowd, "You may send your disciples who are skilled at alchemy to assist me in refining the pills."

Upon hearing this, everyone nodded their heads immediately.

"Of course."

"This is for the sake of our Hundred Peaks Sect, and we must lend our efforts. Moreover, assisting the Sect Leader in refining pills is also a rare opportunity for them to improve themselves."

"I also agree to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace."

One Elder after another began to voice their agreement to open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace, and while some Elders remained silent, the number of Elders who agreed had already surpassed fifty within that brief period.

"Since this is the case, then let us open the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace," Cao Zhen said, pausing briefly before looking at the crowd, "Since this is the case, let us, go to the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace!"

In the Hundred Peaks Sect, there was a mountain named Hidden Treasure Peak, and the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace was built there.

To open Hidden Treasure Peak, in addition to needing the Sect Leader Order, the Grand Elder Order, the Deputy Sect Leader Order, etc., the tokens of at least fifty-one Elders were also required.

After Cao Zhen returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect, Nie Jie had handed over the Sect Leader Order that he had previously kept safe on his behalf.

The Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace stood nine levels tall, with an extremely large stone door at the front of the palace, and the door was inscribed with complex scriptures.

Due to the Reversal Mini Epoch Period, the formation of the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace could only exert the power of the Golden Core Stage.

The Elders from various peaks soon came to the front of the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace with their tokens, placing them on the massive stone door and channeling the cultivation techniques unique to their peaks to infuse mana into the door.

It wasn't enough for the tokens of each peak to be present to open the door; the corresponding cultivation techniques were also necessary.

As the techniques were infused, beams of light began to shoot out from the vast stone door.

Soon, the light covered the surrounds of the door, leaving only the middle area untouched.

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Following that, Nie Jie and others also stepped forward one by one, holding tokens in their hands and channeling mana into them.

After everyone had finished, Cao Zhen then walked up to the stone door, taking out the Sect Leader's token from the Hundred Peaks Sect, a small pagoda-like treasure, the Bai Feng Tower.

The reason it was named so was that it actually resembled a mountain peak but looked like a pagoda.

This time, Cao Zhen did not use the cultivation technique of Dragon and Tiger Mountain but instead activated the technique of Four Treasures Peak.

As rich mana surged into the stone door, it immediately emitted a bright light, followed by a series of clacking sounds.

The stone door slowly rose, and Cao Zhen stepped inside.

Upon entering the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace, a wave of rich spiritual energy immediately rushed to his nostrils.

He looked up and saw resources piled up like mountains, materials for making talismans, materials for forging divine weapons, as well as materials for concocting pills...

Firstly, Cao Zhen looked towards various materials for creating formations, while simultaneously recalling the formations he knew and those held by Star Lord Hao Yue.

Although Star Lord Hao Yue was not comparable to Zhang Daoling, he was a reincarnated being of great ability and there was still something to learn from him.

Moreover, as he examined various materials and thought about different formations, other knowledge involuntarily emerged in his mind, such as where to set up a formation for what purpose, the angle of the formation, and what the enemy might do if they attacked from another direction after one formation was set up.

"This... This knowledge comes from Sun Zi, Mozi's military strategies, no, it also includes the knowledge of Yu Qian and Yu Shaobao."

It took Cao Zhen two full days just to select materials for making formations.

For one thing, the resources accumulated over tens of thousands of years by the Hundred Peaks Sect were indeed too vast, and just reviewing the materials here took a long time. Secondly, he originally planned to create one formation, but after integrating various military strategies and considering the

geography of the Hundred Peaks Sect, he decided to create three formations and then combine them into a great formation!

As he decided to craft more formations, he realized that his array level was somewhat low.

He had no choice but to improve his own array level once again.

'Array Level Upgrade Breakthrough, Administrator Level Up One Level, Access Permission for One Random User, Access Permission for One Designated User.'

The administrator level was raised again.

The voice from China Cloud echoed in Cao Zhen's mind shortly thereafter.

'Random user access completed, accessor: Golden Light Sage.'

Cao Zhen's spirit jolted, 'Golden Light Sage', the name sounded familiar, and the title 'Sage' suggested that she was no ordinary person.

Being referred to as a Sage, how could she possibly be weak!

This person, what kind of existence might she be!

Just as he was about to open China Cloud to check the information of Golden Light Sage, China Cloud's voice came again in his mind.

"Please select a designated user."

A designated user?

Who should he connect with?

Cao Zhen hadn't really decided whom to connect with, or he could try connecting to the Grand Preceptor, but the problem was, he didn't even know the name of the Grand Preceptor.

Then connect with...

Why should I connect with one of our own?

Cao Zhen suddenly realized, with a designated user, he could observe and speak to the other party, so why not directly connect with an enemy and constantly monitor their situation?

"Connect me with Eclipse Demon of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect!"

By connecting with Eclipse Demon, getting the Sun and Moon Demon Sect's divine skills and cultivation techniques was secondary. The key was to keep track of what the opponent was doing and what the people from Sun and Moon Demon Sect were planning.

This Eclipse Demon was not a real name but a code name, and he was unsure if it would work.

However, it should be feasible. After all, many people in the Immortal Cultivation world are referred to in this way, which is different from the Grand Preceptor.

The Grand Preceptor is an official position, so connecting to the Grand Preceptor might fail, but connecting to Eclipse Demon should be successful, right?

Soon, a voice from China Cloud came through.

"Sun and Moon Demon Sect's Eclipse Demon, connection completed."

Cao Zhen stood in the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace, directly opening the file of Eclipse Demon.

User: Eclipse Demon.

Name: Hong Jiang.

Gender: Male.

Cultivation Base: Perfect Completion Golden Core.

Identity: Sun and Moon Demon Sect, Eclipse Hall Hall Master during the Reversal Mini Epoch Period.

Extra available experience points: 80000.

Alchemy Level: 20.

Talisman Level: 25.

Array Level: 20.

This guy has already reached Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and is just a hall master of a hall in the Sun and Moon Demon Sect? Could it be that it's his responsibility to deal with the Hundred Peaks Sect this time, so is the attack on the Hundred Peaks Sect just the work of one hall from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect?

How vast is the power of the Sun Moon Demon?

After glancing at Eclipse Demon's information, a thought struck Cao Zhen, and the image of Eclipse Demon soon appeared in his vision.

On a towering mountain, two peaks stood tall.

Atop one of the peaks, Eclipse Demon and a group of Sun and Moon Demon Sect disciples gathered. Besides the Sun and Moon Demon Sect members, there were also a few from East Sea Mirage, Void Breaking Sect, and Star Moon Mansion.

Eclipse Demon looked at everyone and pointed to the earth below, "To go from the Hundred Peaks Sect to the Great Lai Dynasty, if one wishes to attack the nearby East Sea Mirage, they must pass through Gemini Peak. My Sun and Moon Demon Sect will be stationed here.

"If the people from Hundred Peaks Sect come seeking revenge, they will surely look for the East Sea Mirage first and must pass through here. They will inevitably be discovered by us. With this arrangement, can everyone rest assured?"

Facing Eclipse Demon, the people from the three great Immortal Sects nodded one after another.

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"That's very good."

"With this, I can go back and report to the Mansion Master. Everyone, our Star Moon Mansion has suffered heavy losses this time, and there are still many matters to deal with inside the mansion, so I, as an Elder, will take my leave first."

"Our Void Breaking Sect has also suffered no small losses, so I will be leaving as well."

Soon, everyone from the Void Breaking Sect and Star Moon Mansion had left the mountain peak, leaving only the people of the Sun Moon Demon Sect and the East Sea Mirage Tower.

Cao Zhen looked on with some excitement.

So, were there any private dealings between the people of the East Sea Mirage Tower and the Sun Moon Demon Sect?

In his expectant gaze, the people of the East Sea Mirage Tower exchanged a glance with the Eclipse Demon, nodded to each other, and then the Mirage Tower's people also vanished and left.

Cao Zhen felt completely off.

Just like that, it's all over?

Shouldn't you at least discuss your plans or something?

What does exchanging glances mean? If you have something to say, just say it.

The East Sea Mirage Tower and the Sun Moon Demon Sect...

But now, at least, he had confirmed one thing for sure—there were definitely secrets between the Sun Moon Demon Sect and the East Sea Mirage Tower.

His designated surveillance subject, although communication was limited, allowed him to watch as he pleased every day.

During this period, he had been preparing pills and setting up formations; as long as he was free, he would observe the Eclipse Demon. He didn't believe he wouldn't discover anything.

Still thinking of targeting the Hundred Peaks Sect and scheming plots and tricks?

Now, it's as if I've secretly installed a monitor on you, let's see how you can scheme now.

Cao Zhen saw that the Eclipse Demon was no longer speaking and had even found a place to sit down and begin cultivation. He simply stopped watching the Eclipse Demon and withdrew.

Surveilling and observing the Eclipse Demon was but the first step. When he had the time, he would thoroughly consider how to further deceive the Eclipse Demon.

Before figuring out how to deceive, however, he temporarily wouldn't communicate with the Eclipse Demon.

Withdrawing from the Eclipse Demon's line of sight, Cao Zhen recalled the previously randomly accessed user and quickly opened another document to look at.

User: Golden Light Sage.

Name: Zhu Peiniang

Gender: Female

Cultivation Realm: True Immortal Realm.

Cao Zhen was stunned when he saw this. True Immortal Realm—what kind of cultivation realm was that? He knew about the Earth Immortal Realm, which is succeeded by the Immortality Regainment Realm.

The Guardian Immortal Realm was certainly above these two realms, but he didn't know how much it lagged behind a Daluo Golden Immortal.

After connecting to Sun Zi, Mozi, Gao Jianli, and others, he finally connected to an immortal with significant cultivation base.

Cao Zhen continued to read on.

Identity: One of the Five Great Holy Mothers under the Heaven-reaching Leader and one of the Ten Lords of Golden Turtle Island.

He certainly knew the Heaven-reaching Leader, but he had no impression of the Ten Lords of Golden Turtle Island.

Specialty: Golden Light Array.

Array Level: 71 Level Grandmaster!

Level 71—this level of array, only six levels lower than Zhang Daoling.

An array grandmaster, specialized in the Golden Light Array.

He wondered how powerful this array was.

Cao Zhen began to rapidly absorb all kinds of cultivation knowledge related to the Golden Light Sage.

'The Golden Light Array... this array is impossible to set up during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, but I can modify it to suit the Golden Core Stage. As long as I have the materials, it can still be done.'

And this formation was the strongest among all the formations he currently knew!

Although the Golden Light Sage's array level wasn't as high as Zhang Daoling's, Zhang's high level represented his research into various formations.

However, the Golden Light Sage's array level was almost entirely due to her Golden Light Array.

In comparison of a single array, even Zhang Daoling couldn't outmatch the Golden Light Sage.

Cao Zhen rapidly absorbed all knowledge of the Golden Light Sage.

Meanwhile, the Peak Masters of the Hundred Peaks Sect were staring blankly at the motionless Cao Zhen. After a long while, when they saw Cao Zhen turn around, they all asked with concern, "Sect Leader, is something wrong?"

"No, nothing's wrong. I just suddenly thought of a formation. That formation is extremely formidable. With my current cultivation base, I have no way to set it up.

But, the power of that formation is too great. I thought about it for a long time and finally figured out a way that might allow me to set up the formation. Let's gather some more materials."

The others naturally agreed upon hearing this.

It took half a day for Cao Zhen to select the right materials for the modified Golden Light Array and then he led everyone to various places at the gates of the Hundred Peaks Sect to start setting up the formation.

Even a Golden Core Stage version of the Mountain Protection Array was extremely complex to set up. Relying on him alone, who knew when the array could be completed.

Even now, with the help of many Golden Core Stage cultivators of the Hundred Peaks Sect, it took six days to set up three types of formations.

And for the modified Golden Light Array, it took another seven days to complete the setup.

After setting up the array, Cao Zhen and the others reactivated the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace. This time, he was selecting elixirs that would help improve the cultivation and potential of the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

This time, just selecting elixirs took him five days.

The main reason was that there were too many disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Although the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace had many ingredients, the quantity of each ingredient was limited. He couldn't manage to prepare a specific elixir for the disciples at each cultivation realm.

He could only pick and match from the materials in the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace.

After five days, Cao Zhen led a group of disciples, each peak's chosen experts in elixir preparation, to the Hidden Dragon Immortal Palace Five Elements Pill Ground.

A row of Pill Furnaces was arranged.

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Cao Zhen began to lecture many disciples on how to refine pills, and he was personally responsible for ten pill furnaces.

While Cao Zhen was performing alchemy, he also notified all disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect to come and attend the lecture.

The Sect Leader was about to begin teaching.

His previous discussions with others had led to many having moments of enlightenment.

Yet, among the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect, there were not as many who had experienced such enlightenment.

Now, he was ready to lecture, inviting disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect who pursued the Dao of Calligraphy, the Dao of Musical Rhythm, the Dao of Military Law, and so on, to come and listen in batches.

At that time, the number of disciples who would experience enlightenment would be counted as they came.

Inside the Five-Element Pill Ground.

One disciple after another listened to the Sect Leader's narration, some scratching their heads, others exhibiting deep contemplation...

Meanwhile, the disciples who were refining pills were completely focused on the pill furnaces before them. They were already careful enough, but even so, the Sect Master would occasionally pick up some herbs and throw them into their pill furnaces, seemingly at random.

They had never seen anyone refine pills in this way before.

Isn't alchemy supposed to require full concentration on a single pill furnace?

But the Sect Leader was directly in charge of ten furnaces.

Besides, the Sect Leader wasn't just refining his own ten furnaces; he paid attention to the pill furnaces of the several hundred alchemists present, except for Yi Sheng and Gai Su'e, the Elder of the Five-Element Pill Ground. He tended to each person's pill furnace.

Furthermore, whenever he detected a problem, the Sect Leader would immediately add some herbs into a particular pill furnace or even adjust the temperature of the flame.

Even more frightening was that Peak Master Cao, when adding herbs to each pill furnace, differed in the timing, the amount of herbs, and even the types of herbs.

If the person before them wasn't their Sect Leader, wasn't a reincarnated being of great ability, they would have already started to doubt, for who ever refined pills in this way?

Even now, they wondered, with the Sect Leader so distracted, dividing his attention between refining his own pills, managing so many people's furnaces, and even lecturing, could the pills be successfully refined?

In the midst of many doubts, Cao Zhen suddenly raised his hand and cast a series of hand seals toward the pill furnace before him.

"Is he starting the pill decoction method?"

"Has the Sect Leader's pills already taken shape?"

"Using the same alchemy method, our pills are far from taking shape, yet Peak Master Cao is about to perform pill decoction?"

Many eyes turned towards Cao Zhen.

They soon realized that they had neither seen nor heard of the Sect Leader's pill decoction method before.

Soon, round pills emitting seven-colored radiance flew out of the pill furnace, forming a straight line in the air and landing in a jade bottle beside it.

Seven-colored radiance?

Best quality!

Instantly, the Disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect who were attending the lecture were taken aback, sitting up straight all of a sudden, and some even stood up in surprise, their faces filled with astonishment as they looked over.

Best quality, all of them were best quality pills!

In this alchemy furnace, the Sect Leader altogether drew out forty-nine pills.

And each one was of the best quality!

This was best quality, after all. Even if they weren't alchemists, they knew that although there were gaps between mid-grade pills and high-grade pills, and between low-grade pills and mid-grade pills, those gaps weren't especially big.

But the gap between best quality pills and high-grade pills, that was just too large!

Now, the Sect Leader had refined a batch of pills where all were of the best quality, a situation they were seeing for the first time and hearing of for the second time.

The first time they heard of it, it was Peak Master Cao. They had heard that Peak Master Cao went to Thousand Caves Door to debate alchemy, and the pills he refined were all of the best quality!

Soon, Cao Zhen began to draw pills from the second pill furnace, and this batch, too, yielded forty-nine pills, all of best quality!

Not just the second furnace, but for ten furnaces of pills, Cao Zhen drew out forty-nine pills from each one, with every single pill being of the best quality!

All around, the disciples were completely astounded. They had heard that the Sect Leader was skilled in alchemy and had also heard legends about the Sect Leader's alchemy.

But no matter how much they had heard, nothing could compare to the shock of seeing it with their own eyes!

Moreover, the Sect Leader seemed to be refining the pills so casually.

The Sect Leader was multitasking, observing their alchemy while simultaneously teaching a lesson.

Suddenly, the disciples who were listening to the lesson also began to exclaim in astonishment.

"Look at Senior Sister Yi Sheng, she's about to draw the pills!"

"Is Senior Sister also that fast?"

Yi Sheng was an extremely late starter and could be said to be among the last batch of disciples to join the various peaks of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Normally, when others saw her, they would address her as Junior Sister.

Initially, she was also called Junior Sister.

But now, she had attained the state of Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills, and apart from those with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection or those who had completed pill fusion among her peers, who would feel comfortable calling Yi Sheng Junior Sister?

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Yi Sheng quickly completed the pill drawing process.

"Seventy-seven, forty-nine pills. Senior Sister Yi Sheng has also drawn out forty-nine pills, and all are of the best quality!"

"Has Senior Sister's alchemy skills reached such a high level?"

"This... this is the Pill King!"

Amidst the exclamations, Cao Zhen gave Yi Sheng a slight nod, and contentedly said, "Very good, you've refined such a batch of pills and are familiar with the process now. You also help oversee their pill refinement. Soon, when their pills are ready, I will be too busy to handle all of it alone, so you can help me out. Additionally, if you see anyone having problems in their alchemy, help correct them and rescue their efforts."

"Yes, Master!" Yi Sheng promptly nodded and soon everyone finally realized just how big the gap was between them and Yi Sheng, and they also finally understood that apart from the Sect Leader, Yi Sheng could also add various ingredients into their alchemy furnaces at any time to help them refine their pills.

Although Cao Zhen had explained to everyone how to refine pills, he had not taught them the critical final step of completing the pills, nor the pill decantation method.

The final steps of completing the pills and drawing them had to be done by him and Yi Sheng.

Since the other pills were not refined by him and Yi Sheng, after completion there were rarely any that were of the best quality.

That was an unavoidable circumstance; to refine pills for so many disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect, just him and Yi Sheng—even if they were to be joined by Gai Su'e who hadn't fallen into sleep because she hadn't yet reached the Earth Immortal Realm—they would still be a trio, and who knew how long the refinement would take.

They could only have everyone help with the pill refinement together. As for the lower quality of the pills, they would just have to find a way to distribute them as fairly as possible.

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Cao Zhen himself wasn't sure how much progress the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect would be able to make with the pills he concocted. Apart from the medicinal properties of the pills, it also depended on the natural talent and resilience of the individuals taking them.

Moreover, it certainly wouldn't be like the situation with Xiang Ziyu and the others, where taking the pills would directly cause a breakthrough from the Core Formation Stage to the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Firstly, the pills being concocted were different, and secondly, those absorbing them wouldn't experience the same effects as Xiang Ziyu and his group when absorbing the pills.

Xiang Ziyu and his companions possessed Ancient Immortal Bodies. Although they were unable to cultivate, once they concealed themselves from the Heavenly Dao, their inherent talents as Ancient Immortal Bodies were beyond comparison.

After Cao Zhen finished concocting the initial ten batches of pills and saw that Yi Sheng had become familiar with the alchemy process, he stopped focusing on concocting pills for the other disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect and began to concoct the pills he needed for himself.

He had yet to reach the Perfect Completion Golden Core stage; previously, he hadn't made the breakthrough because of limited time and insufficient materials.

But this time, he directly opened the Hidden Treasure Immortal Palace of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

The medicinal ingredients inside were sufficient for him to concoct a batch of pills that could help him break through to Perfect Completion Golden Core stage. Of course, this batch of pills couldn't possibly be concocted successfully in a short time; it would take at least a year or more.

Cao Zhen continued to concoct pills while preaching to everyone.

Although he wasn't addressing a single person, with so many disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect listening to the sermon, naturally, some would achieve enlightenment.

Cao Zhen preached continuously for ten days.

The Hundred Peaks Sect had dozens of people achieve enlightenment because of his sermons.

It's true that not everyone who achieved enlightenment would immediately breakthrough, but over time, those who had achieved enlightenment were indeed more likely to do so again.

Even after he finished preaching, Cao Zhen did not stop.

Since Nie Jie was handling all sorts of miscellaneous affairs of the Hundred Peaks Sect, he could focus on alchemy.

While concocting pills, his thoughts turned to Eclipse Demon.

He wondered if Eclipse Demon was still at the Gemini Peak.

With a thought, Cao Zhen activated his China Cloud and stealthily connected to observe Eclipse Demon.

"Gemini Peak? He's still staying at the original place? This guy has a lot of patience. Could it be that if we from the Hundred Peaks Sect don't attack the three great Immortal Sects in the East Sea Mirage Tower, he'll just stay there forever?"

Is this guy from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect or the Mirage Tower in the East Sea? Is he determined to protect the three great Immortal Sects of the East Sea Mirage Tower, since when did the people from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect become so reliable?"

Cao Zhen mumbled in his heart, but then he noticed that Eclipse Demon suddenly stood up, and figures in black clothes emerged in the skies.

This is...

People from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, are more people from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect arriving?

Cao Zhen became unsettled. Previously, when the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and the three great Immortal Sects attacked the Hundred Peaks Sect, the Sun and Moon Demon Sect suffered more casualties. But now, with these figures arriving, the disciples of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect have reached over three hundred people again.

These were disciples at the Golden Core Stage. How many Golden Core Stage disciples could the Sun and Moon Demon Sect have for them to keep arriving like this?

While Cao Zhen was puzzled, he noticed that Eclipse Demon's expression turned grim upon seeing the newcomers.

A look of distaste flashed across his face, then he eyed the leader opposite him—a young man in a black robe with ordinary features but a distinctively hooked nose, which made him appear much more sinister—as he saluted with his fists and said, "Brother Hei Xing."

Hei Xing landed on the peak, nodded slightly, and scanned the surroundings with his cold gaze. His chilling voice followed, "Eclipse Demon Junior Brother, it seems you've suffered substantial losses this time."

As Cao Zhen watched the two converse, his expression became more solemn. Eclipse Demon was already a Hall Master of one of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect's halls, and his Golden Core had reached Great Perfection with Ten Different Phenomena.

Yet from the current scenario, this newly arrived Hei Xing clearly held a higher position than Eclipse Demon, and even seemed entitled to question him.

The Sun and Moon Demon Sect did not think it sufficient to send one Hall Master with a group, but sent another highly ranked individual. What exactly were they planning?

Upon hearing him, Eclipse Demon sighed softly and explained in a low voice, "I didn't want this either. Everything was going according to plan, but out of nowhere, Yu Tuoyu brought his men and attacked. Then Cao Zhen and his group returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect. Otherwise, by now, we would have taken the Hundred Peaks Sect."

At that, Hei Xing scoffed, not responding immediately. Instead, he motioned to the crowd of Sun and Moon Sect disciples around him, and they swiftly departed the area.

Only then did Hei Xing speak again, "If everyone in the Hundred Peaks Sect were so staunch and ready to self-destruct, do you really think you could have taken the Hundred Peaks Sect?"

Besides, capturing the Hundred Peaks Sect would be good, but it's not the outcome we most desire.

Now, the Hundred Peaks Sect remains and has become locked in a fight to the death with the three great Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty. This is the ideal situation for us.

The more chaotic the Guardian Immortal Dynasty becomes, the more it benefits us. However, what you have done subsequently has let us down."

Hei Xing glared at Eclipse Demon with an icy look and spoke coldly, "Tell me, don't you know that what we want is a chaotic Guardian Immortal Dynasty?"

Even if the Hundred Peaks Sect wins, they have to deal with the aftermath, and then there is the continual repair of their Mountain Gate and the Mountain Protection Array. Don't you know that?

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"Don't you know what you should be doing at this time? The Hundred Peaks Sect is busy with their own defenses, they simply have no time to care about anything else."

"Shouldn't you be leading our Sun and Moon Demon Sect's disciples to visit the towns around the Hundred Peaks Sect, to slaughter those mortals, and to the nearest small sects, to exterminate them, causing the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty to descend further into chaos?"

"Yet you have done nothing and just stayed here!"

Eclipse Demon was silent for a moment. Of course, he knew that his task was to plunge the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty into greater chaos, and he knew that was what he should do. But what would be the consequences of such actions? What if Cao Zhen and the others really did come to kill him?

Then, they would have to face the wrath of the Hundred Peaks Sect and withstand the attacks from experts like Cao Zhen. At that time, he might not even be able to escape.

But it was different being here. If the people from the Hundred Peaks Sect really did attack, he could immediately retreat into the sect doors of the East Sea Mirage and join forces with them to confront the Hundred Peaks Sect.

In that case, even if a big battle ensues, the chaos would give him a much better chance to escape.

Before encountering those Golden Core Stage cultivators from the Hundred Peaks Sect, he had never imagined that the Golden Core Stage could be so powerful.

He was truly frightened!

Yes, he had ordered his subordinates to attack the Hundred Peaks Sect fearlessly, but just because he told his men not to fear death didn't mean he wasn't afraid of dying.

He had cultivated so hard to reach this level, achieving the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and had managed to survive until the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth. Now, with the relics of the Reversal Mini Epoch Period yet to emerge, how could he die so easily!

Cao Zhen was shocked. He finally understood the purpose of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect: it was not to breach the Hundred Peaks Sect, but to create more chaos in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty.

Just like the current situation, even if the three Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty did not defeat the Hundred Peaks Sect, the Hundred Peaks Sect would still have to retaliate against them.

By then, not only the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty but even the Great Lai Dynasty would be thrown into chaos as a result.

And after the Hundred Peaks Sect attacks the three Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty, their ability to defend their own region will be weakened.

Then it will be even easier for them to stir up trouble.

But what is their purpose in doing this?

If it had been before, he might have suspected that the Sun and Moon Demon Sect simply wanted revenge on the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty. However, Yan Yourong had previously informed him that Yu Tuoyu had left a message.

"The Sun and Moon Demon Sect and Red Refinery Demonic Sect may be colluding with the remnants of the former dynasty!"

If they were indeed colluding, then everything makes sense.

They muddy the waters of the entire Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, pushing it into disorder, hence making it easier for the remnants of the former dynasty to stage a comeback.

Speaking of this world, and not just his previous life, throughout the entire history, the rise and fall of dynasties have always been due to the chaos of one dynasty, which provides an opportunity for another dynasty to rise and overthrow the current rule.

And if the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and Red Refinery Demonic Sect are doing this, it must be because the remnants of the former dynasty promised them benefits. Perhaps after the restoration of the old dynasty, they would establish the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and Red Refinery Demonic Sect as the state religion, or perhaps something else.

After giving almost a reprimand, Hei Xing pointed to the distance and said, "Call all disciples. Now, follow me to Cheng Ji Jiang City and let's obliterate that city."

The Hundred Peaks Sect has made no move, evidently continuing to build up their strength. We can't give the Hundred Peaks Sect this opportunity. We have to make them dance to our tune, lead them by the nose!"

Cao Zhen saw that the people of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect had already begun to gather and quickly retreated from the China Cloud.

Jijiang City and Ten Thousand Horse City are both close to the Hundred Peaks Sect, but one lies to the west of the Hundred Peaks Sect and the other to the east.

This east-west division creates a great disparity.

To the west of the Hundred Peaks Sect, it is closer to the border and more chaotic, but to the east of the Hundred Peaks Sect, thanks to the barrier set by the Hundred Peaks Sect, the people of the Great Lai Dynasty would never invade, making the cities on the east side of the Hundred Peaks Sect much more prosperous.

Jijiang City, in particular, is a large city with a population of over 500,000.

If the Sun and Moon Demon Sect were to enter the city and start a massacre, who knows how many would die.

Cao Zhen did not consider himself a saint, but upon learning this news, he couldn't just watch as Jijiang City was slaughtered by the Sun and Moon Demon Sect!

But how could he save them?

The disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect will surely suffer many casualties if they go into battle. If he and the others from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect go, they only have slightly over three hundred Golden Core Stage cultivators.

Among these Golden Core Stage cultivators, there are even those at the First Layer and Second Layer of Golden Core.

If he went along with Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Little Beiyang, and they suddenly struck, inflicting heavy damage on some of them first, followed by the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect joining the fight... This way, they could avoid casualties among the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

After pondering for a moment, Cao Zhen soon had an idea.

He did not tell anyone the news he had learnt. After all, the people of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect were still in the Great Lai Dynasty; daring to come also takes time. What he needed to do was just to arrive at Jijiang City before the people of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect.

Two days later, Cao Zhen stopped his alchemy, instructed Yi Sheng to watch the Pill Furnace for him, and then gathered two hundred Golden Core Stage cultivators. Along with Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Little Beiyang, he quietly set off for Jijiang City.

This time, he left Xiang Ziyu behind.

After all, that young man was now the Transmission Elder, needing to learn all kinds of cultivation techniques and Divine Skills of the Hundred Peaks Sect first—just right to leave him at the Sect.

In truth, taking so many people away this time, he wasn't so worried.