

## **My Master 761**

Chapter 761:

Even from a high vantage point, the instant he saw this cluster of mountains and palaces, his heart was seized by a feeling of shock.

Surrounding the high mountains, there were layers upon layers of clouds and mist enshrouding them.

The island was enormous, far bigger than Capital City, even multiple times larger.

As the flying boat continued to approach, Cao Zhen could see clearly that the island's periphery was already crowded with people.

Their Hundred Peaks Sect was at the very western edge of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, while this place was at the Dynasty's southern border. The journey here was not close; though they had rushed here as fast as possible, many others had arrived sooner.

"Strange..." Li Ke said, looking down at the island below, "Have you noticed? Although there are many people on the island, no one is entering the mountains. Everyone is outside the mountains, but not a single person is inside. I'm afraid that these mountains are either impossible to fly into directly or, perhaps, the mountains themselves are a Great Formation!"

Moreover, have you noticed that given the immense area of the island, people would be unable to completely cover it even if there were many of them spread out?

However, there are many places completely devoid of people, probably because those areas have already been explored. The places where people are gathered are likely the entrances to the Formation. Now, the Great Formation has not opened, so everyone is staying by those entrances."

"Therefore, we don't need to attempt to fly directly into the mountains; let's just find an entrance and descend," said Cao Zhen. However, he did not control the flying boat to descend immediately but started to fly around the perimeter.

There was a knack to choosing where to descend. Though the four of them were strong, the problem was, so were others.

If he were to land directly in an area gathered by the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, and others, wouldn't he instantly become the target of all?

He thought that it was better to quietly strike it rich upon entering the ruins; it would be best to find a spot where no one recognized them and land directly without letting others know that the people from the Hundred Peaks Sect had arrived.

After all, this flying boat did not bear the emblem of the Hundred Peaks Sect, nor did anyone know which Immortal Sect this flying boat belonged to.

This place was in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty territory, so naturally, there were also plenty of people from the Dynasty. In choosing where to land, he preferred to avoid those from the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty.

As the flying boat flew around, Cao Zhen's gaze continuously scoured the ground below, seeking a suitable place to land.

An area with neither too many nor too few people, but where the crowd was quite mixed, immediately caught his attention.

Pointing down, Cao Zhen said, "This place, these people, not many are wearing uniform clothing, and they seem like they do not know each other. Even those in uniform don't seem like they're from our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty."

"Their clothes are quite unique; they must be from countries outside the island," Li Ke said softly. "To the south of our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, across an endless sea, there are many islands of considerable size, including some archipelagos. Each of these islands is home to small nations, some Immortal Cultivation Sects, and even individuals who have committed offenses against the major dynasties and fled here for refuge."

Since they are far from the major dynasties and seldom visit our Central Plains, our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, along with the Great Jin Dynasty, the Great Chu Dynasty, and other dynasties, haven't paid much attention to them and rarely interact."

Cao Zhen laughed upon hearing this. No interaction? That's good. No interaction means these people wouldn't recognize them, and they could quietly reap a fortune.

Below, the arrival of the flying boat also caught the attention of quite a few people.

Among them, a man with an audacious expression holding a scimitar that resembled a crescent moon and with dark skin looked up and said, "A flying boat? Which force's flying boat is this? There's no emblem."

Next to him, a man as robust as a tower, with a bare upper body that showcased his rocky, solid muscles and a giant lizard tattoo on his chest, heard the comment and sneered, "The sneaky ones, always hiding their heads and tails."

Although the gathering here had notably darker complexions, there was a woman who stood out with her strikingly fair skin amidst the crowd.

Draped in a blue, semi-transparent veil, her white skin faintly visible beneath, the woman giggled seductively at the man's sneer, "Oh? Are you interested in attacking it?"

Her words were laced with a seductive quality that stirred boundless desire.

The tower-like man, upon hearing this, did not show any trace of lust but said coldly, "Everyone who has come here did so using flying boats, and many observed the surroundings before descending.

If I were to attack everyone, I'd be too tired. I'm here for the ruins, not to kill. If you're so interested, you can attack and see who's on the flying boat.

After all, most of those who took their time to observe before landing are looking for places with disorganized people, lacking a specific power, before they descend. These people don't pose much of a

threat, so you don't have to worry about offending someone you shouldn't. Besides, Lan Mei, with your Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, are you still afraid of offending the wrong person?"

Lan Mei responded with a coquettish smile, "But darling, I don't like fighting and killing. Moreover, I'm just one person, while over there, there are five strong ones.

Think about it, the two of you; do you truly want to go it alone? You're strong, but if those five join forces, you won't stand a chance. Why don't we three team up instead?"

"There's no need to team up; I fear the man who might stab me in the back."

Although the tower-like man spoke words of rejection, his gaze turned to the center.

Even though many people had gathered here, they conspicuously made room around the central area where five people in uniform clothing sat cross-legged on the ground, with their eyes slightly closed as if meditating.

Suddenly, all five opened their eyes simultaneously and looked up at the sky.

In the void above, the flying boat had vanished, followed by four figures descending.

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Cao Zhen had just retracted the Flying Boat and descended from the sky onto the island when he suddenly realized that numerous gazes were directed at him.

His own gaze also instantly focused on the central location of the area.

He had already noticed from aboard the Flying Boat that the entire island was surrounded by mountains. The region he was in, upon closer observation, revealed a spot where it seemed as though two mountains converged, leaving a crack in the middle.

And directly facing the crack, there sat five people cross-legged.

The five individuals comprised three men and two women.

Around them, many people appeared to be concealing themselves, not emitting any aura, but these five people, each emitted an incredibly vivid presence.

Cao Zhen felt that these five people may as well have the words "Don't mess with me!" written on their foreheads.

Each of the five was dressed in tight-fitting clothes of the same style but different colors. They were red, orange, green, blue, and purple, respectively.

The men all had features as fine as jade, extraordinarily handsome.

The women were stunning beauties without equal.

Among them, the person in the middle was the most striking, with sharp eyes like those of an eagle. Her stature wasn't particularly tall, but just sitting on the ground, she gave one the illusion of a towering mountain standing between Heaven and Earth.

And it was that kind of mountain which never thaws, even after thousands of years of snow.

An icy aura of "Keep Out" continuously emanated from his body.

He gave the four people who descended a look and then diverted his gaze, seemingly only checking to see if he recognized the newcomers. After realizing he didn't, he stopped paying them any attention.

With the five no longer observing Cao Zhen and his group, the other onlookers turned their attention towards them.

"These four aren't from the islands of the South Ocean."

"Four unfamiliar faces, and their clothes are clearly not the attire from around here."

"Why have these four chosen our side?"

"There could be a few reasons, one is that they have enemies over there and dare not cross. Another is that they think there are no experts on our side?"

"Those three women are so beautiful!"

"It's rare to see such a beauty, and here we have three, all with that rather unremarkable man."

"We have Young Master Lian Hua on our side, you know."

Quite a few people gave the three women a strange look, then their gazes shifted towards a man not far from Lan Mei, who blew his breath to speak, brandishing a crescent moon-like curved blade.

Lan Mei glanced at the three women, then her gaze fell on the man with the curved blade, and she said with a light laugh, "Young Master Lian Hua, it seems you haven't come in vain. Three beauties—are you not going to properly cherish them?"

Young Master Lian Hua glanced at the three women and whispered only loud enough for the three of them to hear, "If it were anywhere else, I'd certainly take the time to cherish them. However, TaMu has already stated that we're here for the relics, and I don't want to waste my energy before entering them."

As he spoke, he turned his head away, no longer paying any attention to the man and the three women.

He was right: under normal circumstances, he indeed would have engaged in conversation with the man and the three women, but with the appearance of such a rare relic, masters from all over the world were converging here.

No one knew the origins of those who came, and he did not want to take risks and stir up trouble at this time.

Young Master Lian Hua made no move, and from a group of more than ten people, a handsome man radiating a sunny disposition conferred quietly with several members of his team before approaching Cao Zhen and the others, and in a low voice, he asked, "My friends, are the four of you alone?"

"That's right, we are a group of four," Cao Zhen replied, somewhat curious about the newcomer.

The newcomer gestured around and continued, "My friends, being only four seems rather few. Have you noticed that most of the people who have come here are in groups of more than ten? Only by banding together can we ensure our safety and secure entry into the relics."

"Now, there's still time before the relics open, but when they're about to open, it will definitely become chaotic.

No one knows what dangers the relics hold or what the situation inside is like. When the time comes, there will surely be confrontations outside the relics to seize others' treasures.

You are not from the South Ocean, and with so few of you, you're bound to be targeted.

Why not join our team? In this way, no one would dare to attack you easily. What do you think?"

"Is that so? Well, that's fine by me," Cao Zhen agreed without a second thought. He knew that these people's invitation wasn't necessarily out of goodwill.

Everyone was a stranger, yet inviting them to join a team? No matter how he looked at it, it felt odd—those people might be planning to use them as cannon fodder or to plot treachery and murder.

But none of that mattered at the moment. He would join a team first. That way, they wouldn't attract too much attention.

He would consider his next move after entering the relics.

Upon hearing the prompt agreement, a radiant smile appeared on the man's face, and he said, "Dao Companion, your choice is very wise."

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I am Yan Hanlin. May I ask where you dao companions come from and how should I address you?"

Cao Zhen didn't even think before he bluffed, "We are from Tai Chu, and I am called Qin Haoxuan."

"Tai Chu?" Yan Hanlin nodded slightly at the name— he had never heard of Tai Chu, but since they weren't very connected with the Immortal Sects of the various dynasties, it wasn't unusual to be unaware. He didn't ponder it further and continued introducing himself, "Dao companion, I possess nine Golden Cores and have completed Pill Fusion. May I inquire about your cultivation base?"

Understanding each other's cultivation base would make it easier to divide tasks once we enter the ruins. How shall we explore the ruins?"

"Oh, I'm at the sixth level of Golden Core," Cao Zhen said, pointing at Ling Xi and the others, "I am the strongest among the four of us."

He was not lying; he was indeed at the sixth level of Golden Core and certainly the strongest of the four.

Yan Hanlin instantly smiled warmly, "Golden Core sixth level, that's not a low cultivation base. Our team has gained another strong member. Come, let's go together and I'll introduce you to our other dao companions."

Naturally, Cao Zhen was happy to follow along.

Soon, he realized that this team was indeed diverse; besides them, ten or so people were made up of three other different teams.

The team with the most members was Hanlin's—also four people—like theirs.

Yan Hanlin's team was also the strongest. Besides Hanlin himself, among the other three, one had an 80% complete Golden Core, and two were at the seventh level of Golden Core.

As for the others, the majority were at the seventh and sixth levels, along with some at the fifth level of Golden Core; there were no individuals with lower cultivation bases.

After Cao Zhen joined the team, the others quickly showed their enthusiasm, chatting with the new members.

Through their conversations, Cao Zhen learned about the situation in the South Ocean.

The cultivators of the South Ocean did not interact much with those from the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, the Great Jin Dynasty, or other dynasties. Even among themselves, the cultivators in the South Ocean seldom made contact.

After all, the South Ocean was vast.

They were mostly aware of any masters in their own region, or knew of the top experts in the South Ocean.

For instance, those five people in the middle were among the top experts of the South Ocean.

"Those five are from our region's top Immortal Sect, Thousand Snake Island. The one in the middle, named Purple Snake, is a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert. The other four, Green Snake, Red Snake, Blue Snake, and Orange Snake, are also masters of Pill Fusion Golden Core. Because they are so powerful, the area closest to the ruins' entrance is occupied by them."

Yan Hanlin whispered to Cao Zhen, introducing the masters present.

"Brother Qin, there's something else you need to be aware of—that person over there with the curved sword is known as Young Master Lian Hua. In fact, many call him behind his back, Young Master Cai Hua.

This person is jealous and lustful and is said to practice a cultivation technique of absorbing yin to supplement yang. Many female cultivators have fallen victim to his evil deeds.

Furthermore, there are rumors that he revels nightly, needing a different female cultivator every day, and after their liaisons, all these women vanish, likely having met with foul play."

Cao Zhen was visibly stunned and exclaimed in surprise, "A different one every day? How many female cultivators have fallen prey to him, and no one intervenes?"

Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Li Ke, the three women beside him, turned cold gazes towards Young Master Lian Hua.

Yan Yourong, in particular, felt an almost uncontrollable urge to draw her sword and slay Young Master Lian Hua on the spot.

Yan Hanlin whispered, "I don't know exactly how many he's harmed, but it should be upward of a thousand female cultivators. He wasn't this outrageous before, given that there were Earth Immortals around.

But with the arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, he completely lost all restraint. His cultivation is high enough, being a Ten Different Phenomena Golden Elixir Great Perfection cultivator, so others can't really do anything against him.

Moreover, he spends most of his time on Evil People Island, beyond the reach of others."

"Evil People Island?" Upon hearing this, Cao Zhen asked in a low voice, "Is it an island inhabited entirely by evildoers, or is it that some power is called Evil People Island?"

"Evil People Island isn't associated with any power. Initially, it served as a refuge for cultivators being pursued.

As time passed, more and more hunted cultivators took shelter on Evil People Island, which gradually led to its current name. What it was called before, I don't know.

On Evil People Island, there are no laws, and everyone on the island is free to fight to the death.

However, if you're from outside the island and seek revenge, Evil People Island won't stop you.

If you have the strength, you can find and kill your enemy. But before that, you should consider it carefully—it is Evil People Island, after all, inhabited by certain types of people. If you're injured after killing your enemy, or you possess something coveted by others,

you might face attacks from countless masters on the island and be killed. Of course, if you're strong enough to leave the island unharmed and without carrying anything that attracts undue attention after killing your enemy, you might be able to leave Evil People Island. But again, that's just a possibility.

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Evil People Island, although disunited internally, was extremely xenophobic. After all, everyone there had enemies; thus, when they saw outsiders enter Evil People Island, if the outsiders weren't like them—hiding from their enemies—there was a high likelihood they would also suffer a mass attack.

Besides, it was no issue for one person to enter Evil People Island, but if it were two people entering, they were bound to be pursued and killed by everyone on the island.

The rules of Evil People Island stated that only one outsider could enter the island at a time; this was also the sole rule throughout Evil People Island.

It was because of this rule that once you sought refuge on Evil People Island, you hardly had to worry about being hunted by your enemies; the only thing to consider was surviving on Evil People Island."

After talking about Evil People Island, he whispered, "Aside from Young Master Lian Hua, that woman by his side is Lan Mei, also a top expert of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and likewise hailing from Evil People Island.

Evil People Island is not safe. Those who set foot on Evil People Island are hardly ever good people. Therefore, on Evil People Island, you could be ambushed by someone at any moment.

In addition, Evil People Island has a ranking list, identifying the absolute worst offenders not to be trifled with.

On that list, Lan Mei ranks second, even higher than Young Master Lian Hua."

Having said this, he paused slightly and continued, "Then there's the man behind them, tall as a tower, known as TaMu, also a high-level expert of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, from Evil People Island as well.

However, it's said that TaMu, unlike others on Evil People Island, rarely engages in surprise attacks or targets other cultivators. Although these three come from the same place, Evil People Island is not a single power, and they distrust each other, thus they have not joined forces.

Otherwise, if these three were to combine forces, they would undoubtedly claim the most central position for themselves."

Upon hearing this, Cao Zhen nodded, curious, and asked, "Then, aside from these individuals, are there any other experts of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?"

Yan Hanlin shook his head and said, "No, there aren't any more that I am aware of. After all, that is the level of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, representing the summit of existence during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth! There aren't that many experts of that level!"

"Oh, then I'm relieved," said Cao Zhen, nodding, while Yan Hanlin didn't think much of it either.

Cao Zhen and his group joined Yan Hanlin's team, and slowly, two days went by. More and more people were arriving at the island.

And finally, the entire island began to stir.

It wasn't the island itself that was moving, but the mountains surrounding it.

As the mountains slowly shifted, a series of deep, rumbling noises could be heard.

The space connecting the two mountain crevices that Cao Zhen had seen before now began to spread apart like two massive gates, slowly pulling to either side.

"The remnant has opened!"

"Finally, this peerless relic can be accessed."

"It's uncertain what kind of relic this is!"

"Indeed, there was no island here before—this island seems to have appeared out of nowhere."

The gap between the two mountains grew wider and wider, but people couldn't see what lay within. Endless thick fog surged from the gap, enveloping the crowd.

"Quick, retreat!"

"The fog is too thick, even we can't make out anything through it!"

"Get out of the fog's reach!"

Upon seeing the fog, everyone simultaneously chose to back away.

Even those from Thousand Snake Island who occupied the prime spots retreated backwards.

However, the fog continued to spread, swiftly shrouding everyone on the island.

Those who had arrived were of the Golden Core Stage, even seldomly any less than the fifth layer of Golden Core, because although the peerless relic may not necessarily benefit the one with the highest cultivation base at the end,

it all depends on personal fortune.

But if your cultivation base is too low, coming here is akin to courting death.

While most people indeed came for the relic, some were attracted by the relic on one hand but believed that getting treasure from the relic, though excellent, had too low of a chance.

They were actually here to hunt those who came for the relic.

Yet, even though the cultivation bases of the crowd were so high, under the fog, they still couldn't see their surroundings.

Cao Zhen saw the coming fog, and protective divine powers manifested on his body.

Almost instantly, the recently emerged Gold Light Spell on his body suddenly shook violently—someone had attacked him!

It was a fire-oriented supernatural power, but the power was mediocre and failed to shatter his Gold Light Spell.

His Protective Divine Power remained intact, yet echoes of screams were already rising from around.

Now, with everyone in the fog, no one could see each other.

In such a situation, many chose to form Protective Divine Power immediately, but those who were hunting launched attacks in all directions as their first action; they didn't care where they struck or who they hit, as long as the ones hit weren't their own.

Cao Zhen could feel waves of Divine Skills constantly pounding down, striking his Protective Divine Power.

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In the dense fog, the aftershocks of exploding divine powers relentlessly assaulted the surroundings.

He did not launch any attack, but merely used his Protective Divine Power to guard himself.

With his cultivation base, unless several individuals who had achieved Perfect Completion Golden Core attacked him at once, he was unlikely to be in any danger.

As for Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, and Li Ke, they were all at the level of Perfect Completion Golden Core, so they naturally wouldn't be in any danger either. As for the others, he had no idea.

The fog was thick, seemingly continuously emanating from inside the mountain peaks, persisting without end.

It was not until the time for a stick of incense to burn had passed that the fog began to slowly disperse.

Throughout the duration of the persistent fog, Cao Zhen had not moved a single step, and neither had Ling Xi and the others. Turning his head back, he quickly saw Ling Xi and the two others who had removed their Protective Divine Powers.

Not far from him, Yan Hanlin and others were also standing in the same spot.

However, out of the dozen or so people there before, one person was clearly gravely injured during the attack, and another two also bore some wounds.

Even worse, two of them were lying on the ground, dead.

In the chaos just now, they had been killed by someone's divine power without anyone knowing who had struck.

"Dao Companion Hong De, Dao Companion Chengzhi!"

Yan Hanlin cried out in anguish and swiftly waved his hand, directly taking the Qiankun Bags from the bodies before handing them to the two lightly injured men, whispering, "Grieve not, my friends, these are their Qiankun Bags."

As Yan Hanlin collected the Qiankun Bags, others around were doing the same.

Suddenly, their focus was not on the newly opened ancient ruins, but on collecting the Qiankun Bags and seizing the possessions of the dead.

Cao Zhen heaved a light sigh; such was the world of cultivation. Those mortals all wanted to become Immortals, to embark on immortal cultivation, but they did not realize that, often, the cultivation world was far more brutal than the realm of mortals!

He didn't go for the Qiankun Bags of the deceased but looked instead toward Gao Shan in the distance.

From where he was, the two high mountains that had closed before were now completely separated, revealing a large gap.

But within this gap, sharp Wind Blades blew and danced wildly, much like chaotic currents of space and time.

Although these Wind Blades seemed extremely sharp, with everyone's cultivation base, if they were careful enough, they should be able to break through; yet, no one was stepping directly into the ruins.

While all ruins had dangers, some were more welcoming to those who entered, while others were perilously deadly.

The ruins before them, which had unleashed such dense fog upon opening, were likely a trap left by their owner, deliberately sowing death among those who ventured inside.

This was evidently among the ruins that spelled dangerous anomalies for intruders.

No one knew what kind of attacks they might face immediately upon entering the ruins, if at all.

After everyone had finished collecting the Qiankun Bags from the dead, from Thousand Snake Island, the one in red representing the Five Snakes, Chishe, suddenly raised her hand and commanded in a firm tone to a somewhat plump man not far from her, "You, go inside."

If the dangers within were unknown, it was only natural to send someone in to explore first.

"Me?" The pointed man's face clearly showed shock, and for a moment, his expression was filled with helplessness as he plaintively said, "Why are you asking me to go? With so many people here, why choose me? Look around, there are so many others, why not pick someone else?"

From a distance, Cao Zhen watched the baffled fatty pointing off into the distance, thinking why, in such a situation, was he resorting to indiscriminate questioning?

Although Chishe was a female cultivator, she exuded a chilling and terrifying aura. Seeing that the chosen plump man was not entering the ruins, her eyes immediately flashed with anger as she coldly stated, "Enter or die."

The plump man heard this but did not immediately enter the ruins; instead, he looked at Chishe seriously and asked, "Do I have a third option?"

"Seeking death!"

Chishe clearly was not a patient person. Seeing the plump man still hesitated to enter the ruins, her eyes, venomous like those of a snake, momentarily flashed with a strange red light, and behind her, ten Golden Cores appeared.

Her ten Golden Cores signified the completion of Pill Fusion, and among these, five were Golden Cores with anomalies, each containing the anomaly of a snake. Some were as small as a foot, and some had their jaws wide open, as if they sought to swallow the entire world.

A stream of silver aura rapidly surged from her body, spreading around. Clearly, she did not hold the odd-looking plump man before her in high regard, and with a wave of her hand, she struck a palm forward.

In an instant, a palm-shaped shadow appeared, aiming at the plump man.

It was plainly just a palm, but at that moment, everyone felt as though a giant snake starved for ten thousand years was opening its maw wide, ready to bite into the plump man.

Faced with the descending palm, the plump man's face showed no sign of panic. Instead, he opened his mouth and took a deep breath.

Instantly, a massive whale shadow emerged in front of him; the whale was so monstrous it seemed like a mountain, and with a single inhale, the palm shadow Chishe had struck out appeared to be devoured whole.

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The next moment, the giant whale's illusion dissipated. And behind the plump figure, a gigantic Golden Core, formed by the fusion of ten smaller Golden Cores, had now appeared.

Ten Golden Cores, each one embodying a different phenomenon!

The phenomena within these Golden Cores weren't the same: one had the image of a colossal whale, another a shark, another a Mysterious Turtle, yet another bore the rushing of a great river, a waterfall, and there was even one with the image of a massive dragon!

Although the phenomena were different, they all had something to do with water.

"Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!"

The crowd around them was instantly astounded!

"To think there was such a hidden expert of the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection amongst us!"

"He... he looked so very ordinary before, and yet he's such a supreme expert!"

Everyone was rendered speechless.

Off in the distance, Young Master Lian Hua, gazing toward the Five Snakes, let out a scornful laugh, "I've said before, nowadays the world is full of experts gathering. Any unknown person might be a hidden master.

And as a result, those Five Snakes have been so arrogant; now look, they've directly chosen a master of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection. Let's see how they conclude this."

The Five Snakes themselves were dumbfounded too; they had never imagined that their random pointing would land on a person of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection!

Among them, there was also someone who had reached the Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection; the other four had finished Pill Fusion with Golden Cores, so naturally, they didn't fear the presence of another Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection.

However, they had no need to clash harshly with the other party before even entering the ruins.

Among the Five Snakes, the leader, the Purple Snake, after a brief moment of shock, quickly recovered his senses. He looked at the plump man, chuckled lightly, and said, "If I'm not mistaken, that Divine Skill just now... in the records of Thousand Snake Island, is named 'Whale Swallowing Heavens and Earth'!

This Dao Companion of ours, you must be a descendant of Whale Fall Island. Although it's been some time since Thousand Snake Island has had dealings with Whale Fall Island, the former deputy Island Master of our island had a close friend who was an Elder of Whale Fall Island."

Before the Purple Snake could finish speaking, the plump man had already spoken up, "Oh, is that so? In that case, we could be considered our own people. Well then, let's forget about the earlier incident where you attacked me."

"Of course," replied the Purple Snake with a smile. Everyone here was an expert of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection. A small misunderstanding had occurred, but it was just that - minor. There was no need for a fierce confrontation, which would only benefit others.

While smiling, he also extended an invitation, "You seem to be alone, my friend. Why not join us five?"

"Join you? No need for that. I have friends, too. It's just that my friend insisted on entering from a different entry, saying we'll meet up again inside the ruins, so I'll pass," the plump man said with a smile, shaking his head decisively. Who was he kidding? Join these five?

With so many people here, any one of these five could randomly point and pick him as cannon fodder. What kind of luck was that?

He definitely didn't want to take the chance of sharing their deadly fortune.

Besides, what Whale Fall Island? He wasn't from Whale Fall Island. What would he do when they started asking about the island?

The Purple Snake was just being polite with his offer. Seeing the plump man, whose name he did not know, reject the proposition came as no surprise, and he turned to look at the Red Snake beside him.

Now that the plump man had turned out to be of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection, they should just pick another cannon fodder to test the waters.

Naturally, as the strongest among the five, he wouldn't casually speak out to choose someone. That task was better left to the Red Snake.

Feeling the Purple Snake's gaze, the Red Snake knew what he wanted her to do.

Her eyes swiftly surveyed the surroundings and soon settled on three beautiful women.

Beautiful women – she hated beautiful women the most, especially those more beautiful than herself.

Lan Mei was more beautiful yet a master of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection, whom she did not wish to offend, but these three women...

Her gaze shifted, landing on the most conspicuous among the three. She pointed at her and coldly commanded, "You, come over here!"

Cao Zhen was instantly stunned. What kind of luck did this Red Snake have, or did she possess some kind of passive ability? She had casually picked a master of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection just now, and now with a simple gesture, she had directly pointed at Ling Xi.

Meanwhile, Yan Hanlin, who was standing to the side, stepped back immediately upon seeing whom the Red Snake pointed at. Although he had temporarily teamed up with these people, he had his own motives.

Now, one of the three people he had teamed up with had been chosen by the Red Snake as cannon fodder, and naturally, he didn't want to stand out. He didn't want to get involved, and he even needed to make a retreat, in case he was affected by the collateral damage.

Surprise flitted across Ling Xi's beautiful face. With so many people here, why had the other party chosen her?

If the other party wanted her to be cannon fodder, what should she do?

She turned to look at her master, knowing that her master, having come to this island under a different name and having chosen such a gathering place of people from the South Ocean, didn't want to draw attention.

But now, she was directly chosen by the other party to be cannon fodder, so what should she do?

Chapter 767:

During the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, any relic capable of causing a Heavenly Phenomenon, and that continued to be visible to the entire world, was referred to as a Peerless Relic.

People couldn't even imagine what opportunities lay within such relics.

However, after the opening of the relics now, there were very few who directly entered them.

The relic before them was very likely one of those extremely dangerous relics.

Around the relic, at the major entrances, many martial experts were directly naming individuals, making some people enter to probe.

Those who were called upon had no choice but to enter.

By entering to probe, they might still survive, and even, being the first to enter the relic, they might get a head start in obtaining certain benefits.

But if they chose to refuse, then they would inevitably be killed immediately by the masters.

At the entrance to the relic where the South Ocean crowd gathered.

On Red Snake's long and narrow face hung a look of displeasure, as she randomly picked a cannon fodder, only to find that she had chosen an expert of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

She had to choose again, but this time, the person she chose, upon hearing her words, still remained unmoved.

That woman, in front of so many people, didn't even glance her way, clearly showing contempt for her.

"Seeking death!"

A chilling intent to kill flashed across Red Snake's face when suddenly she raised her hand and struck toward the beautiful woman with a palm.

Now, with so many people here, if she didn't establish her authority well, where would her face be as Red Snake, and where would the face of Thousand Snake Island be?

She must make others aware of the consequences of defying her.

The one before was an expert of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, naturally not included.

But if that man was Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, could you also be Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?

In an instant, a sinister aura surged, and a crimson poisonous snake manifestation emerged, shooting out of Red Snake's hand, piercing through the void towards Ling Xi.

"Seeking death!"

Before Ling Xi had even made a move, a sudden flush of anger appeared on Yan Yourong's face, accompanied by the ringing clang of a blade. A dense aura of grief and rage burst forth like the raging waters of a river, surging straight up to the sky.

Yan Yourong swiftly drew out the Grieving Anger Dragon Blade and slashed forward.

With one slash, the entire world seemed to tremble at that moment.

A single slash appeared to split the world in twain, bisecting it cleanly.

This slash was imbued with an unrivaled momentum; it was like the Milky Way falling from the void, vast and boundless, and filled with endless sharpness. It seemed that all things under Heaven could be shattered by it, and any obstacle in front of this slash would be split in two!

This slash also contained the power of the Five Elements.

The scorching Flame, the flowing water, the profound Earth's Power...

With the descent of the slash, the whole world seemed to be reduced to nothing but this blade!

The crimson serpent manifestation, under this slash, was instantly shattered!

Red Snake's eyes widened in terror, looking at the figure across from her, looking at the massive pill formed by the fusion of ten Golden Cores that constituted the Major Epochal Heavenly Phenomenon!

Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

How could this be!

Since when were there so many Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection experts?

She had casually pointed out two people, and both turned out to be experts of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?

This second expert of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection didn't hesitate to make a move!

Red Snake, seeing that single slash sealing all her possible retreats and making her unable to muster any resistance, was utterly horrified in that instant, and the hairs on her body stood on end.

"Save me!"

Her Protective Divine Power manifested as she cried out for help at high volume!

She could feel the horror of that slash, and she even believed that under it, she would undoubtedly die.

The only one who could save her was Purple Snake, who was also an expert of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

"Stop it!"

Purple Snake, seeing the opponent's sudden move, quickly waved his arm. Behind him, the fused Golden Core of the Ten Different Phenomena appeared, with mighty Mana surging rapidly, ready to block the falling slash.

But that slash was too fast; before he could assist, the terrifying Sword Energy had already fallen.

The protective light on Red Snake had just emerged when the next moment, this barrier of light, like a crisp eggshell struck by a sharp blade, shattered with a bang.

Following that, a slash capable of cleaving mountains and separating rivers heavily fell upon Red Snake.

"Thud!"

A muffled sound rang out as Red Snake's body was split in two by that slash, and she collapsed heavily to the ground.

To her dying breath, she couldn't understand why her casual pointing at two people had provoked two experts of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

Blood spilled, and the surroundings fell into a deadly silence.

The crowd stared dumbfounded at the woman who had made the move, each one unable to react for a moment.

The second person Red Snake pointed out was also the companion of a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert? Since when were there so many Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection experts?

Moreover, this expert of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection was so ruthless, making a move and slashing Red Snake to death with a single strike.

Red Snake was a master who had fused ten Golden Cores, yet in front of a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert, she was completely unable to defend herself?

The crowd, looking at the distant woman wielding a long blade, had faces filled with shock and amazement.

Chapter 768:

They were not strangers to witnessing a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection in action, nor had they never seen one wield their power, but never had they seen such a master, whose strike was so terrifying!

Who were these unfamiliar men and women? What was their origin?

In the crowd, Young Master Lian Hua, TaMu, and Lan Mei's expressions instantly turned extremely grave.

Suddenly, Young Master Lian Hua whispered, "Didn't I say? At a time like this, the ones who come are unknowable experts. It's best for everyone to keep a low profile. Those five snakes were too arrogant and ended up provoking someone they shouldn't have."

"You're just glad you didn't provoke them," TaMu mercilessly exposed Young Master Lian Hua's true feelings.

Lan Mei frowned and interrupted, "Enough, there's no use talking about these pointless things now. Let's form an alliance, the three of us."

Before, when she proposed an alliance, both TaMu and Young Master Lian Hua had refused her, but now, as soon as she mentioned it, both Young Master Lian Hua and TaMu immediately agreed, "Fine."

"I agree to an alliance."

They truly felt the pressure. They were also Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection experts, but even that recent slash had filled them with terror!

They questioned themselves and knew even with full power, they couldn't so easily and directly kill an expert who had achieved Perfect Completion Golden Core Fusion.

Just from that one strike, they could deduce that the woman was certainly above them.

And there were four of them, with three yet to take action.

Being in the company of such experts, it was likely that the other three were not much weaker.

Therefore, they had to form an alliance.

Suddenly, amid the silence, a snicker pierced the air.

All eyes turned.

There, the fat man who had been casually marked by the Red Snake to be cannon fodder was indeed a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert!

Feeling everyone's gaze, the fat man, quite embarrassed, waved his hand and called out, "Carry on, don't mind me. It's none of my business. I just thought of something amusing, that's all."

Speaking quickly, the fat man hurriedly withdrew to the back, displaying none of the demeanor befitting a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert.

He couldn't help but laugh; he felt his luck was bad enough, being unwittingly drawn into disputes on a regular day.

In the same relic, others enter normally, but whenever he entered, he would invariably stumble into the only dangerous spot within.

Like just now, out of so many people, the Red Snake had simply pointed and selected him.

If that wasn't bad luck, what was?

Then today, he discovered someone whose luck was even worse than his own.

That person was the Red Snake.

A casual point drew the first person, himself, and a second call drew an ally who was a ferociously cruel Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert!

Because of his bad luck, he felt he had encountered more Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection masters than many others had ever seen.

Yet, with just that one slash from the woman, he felt among all the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection he had ever seen, she could easily rank in the top three.

The Red Snake, by mere chance, had provoked such a person, a fate worse than his own.

But the problem was, this unluckier person had directly met a disastrous end.

Suddenly, he felt an incredibly sharp gaze upon him, a look that felt akin to an unparalleled long sword, seemingly capable of piercing right into his heart.

It was that terrifying woman!

The fat man quickly retreated several steps, blending completely into the crowd. With his kind of luck, he hoped he hadn't attracted the attention of those four individuals.

That would be troublesome.

Yan Yourong only glanced at the fat man before shifting her gaze to the other four companions of the Red Snake.

The other four snakes coolly returned her gaze.

"Your action was, perhaps, too forceful," the Purple Snake said, its sinister eyes fixed on her, while suffering an immense headache.

The Red Snake was his junior sister, and her being slain by the other party had driven him to fury. Yet, the problem was that the other's strength was terrifying.

Even he would have to avoid the edge of that previous strike.

He knew Red Snake's capabilities well, and although he could easily defeat her, he would never be able to kill her in one blow.

Although he was a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, not all Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection were the same.

He knew he was no match for the adversary.

Even with three helpers by his side, the other party also had helpers, and he had no idea of their strengths either.

However, everyone knew they were from Thousand Snake Island. With so many witnesses to his junior sister's death at their hands, he couldn't just say nothing; otherwise, who else would take Thousand Snake Island seriously in the future, or even regard him, the Purple Snake? He had to confront the other party.

Yan Yourong, however, looked coldly at him, fearlessly retorting, "She sought her own death, who else is there to blame?"

Purple Snake was speechless, not expecting such a blunt lack of face from the other side. He admitted the other was extremely strong, but he was a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection expert himself, with three Golden Core experts by his side.

With such a blunt response, was the other party seeking to become mortal enemies with them? Forcing their hand to strike at her there and then?

Chapter 769:

Isn't she afraid, before even entering the relic, to clash with us and damage their strength?

"Very well." The purple serpent sneered coldly and asked aloud, "May I know which power you all come from?"

"You're not worthy." After Yan Yourong finished speaking, she didn't even glance at the purple serpent, completely ignoring him.

Around them, the crowd sensed her contemptuous attitude towards the purple serpent, and one by one, they turned to look at him. The purple serpent was a cultivator of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, with his own pride. Now, his junior sister had been slain by someone, and then they completely ignored him. This was simply a humiliation to him.

The purple serpent—was he really not going to tear his face off with them?

However, to everyone's disappointment, although the purple serpent's face had turned an iron shade, he did not explode with rage.

He knew he couldn't explode now.

The relic was the priority.

Yan Yourong didn't look at the purple serpent. Instead, her gaze fell on Young Master Lian Hua. She suddenly pointed at him and said, "You, enter the relic and scout ahead!"

"What?"

As soon as her words fell, everyone at the entrance was instantly stunned!

Young Master Lian Hua was also a cultivator of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

This woman, seeking someone to scout the path, was actually looking for a cultivator at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection? She had just offended one, and now she was going to offend another?

Moreover, it wasn't just one cultivator at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but three.

Lan Mei and TaMu, both from Evil People Island, and the three had always stood together. Who knew if they were allied.

Young Master Lian Hua also did not expect that the woman would suddenly call on him to scout the path. After a brief pause, he turned around, and ten anomalous Golden Cores rose behind him.

Looking back at Yan Yourong, a frivolous smile appeared on his face as he said with a chuckle, "It's an honor to be chosen by a beauty. However, why don't we find someone else for this scouting task?"

She might have chosen him because she didn't know he was at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Now that he had revealed his cultivation base, and had spoken politely enough to give her a way out, she would likely find someone else.

But Yan Yourong didn't look at anyone else and kept her gaze firmly on Young Master Lian Hua, saying coldly, "I meant you. Go and scout!"

She hadn't only heard what Yan Hanlin and others said about Young Master Lian Hua—with her cultivation base, she had also heard what others were saying about him. She knew that Yan Hanlin was right; this Young Master Lian Hua took pleasure in toying with female cultivators, harming at least one every night.

Although she didn't know which female cultivators Young Master Lian Hua had hurt, she was also a female cultivator. Now that she had encountered this, she did not wish to let him go.

As for her master wanting to keep a low profile.

Now, the relic had already opened, and soon everyone would enter the relic. There was no need to keep a low profile!

Upon hearing this, Young Master Lian Hua's face instantly darkened. He had already revealed his cultivation base and had given her a chance to back down. But this woman still insisted on sending him to scout.

She was deliberately looking for trouble with him, deliberately provoking him.

"Who sent you to seek vengeance against me?" Young Master Lian Hua asked, looking across with a wary gaze. Apart from this reason, he could not think of any other cause for her to target him.

On the other side, the purple serpent, seeing that the woman was confronting Young Master Lian Hua, had a thought. Young Master Lian Hua, a cultivator of the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, would naturally not oblige the woman's command to scout. And the way she looked, she was very likely to take action.

If this woman and Young Master Lian Hua started fighting...

He quietly spoke to the other three snakes, sending a psychic message: "Get ready. If Young Master Lian Hua and the others begin to fight and if the three from Evil People Island all join in, we will also strike and ambush that woman from behind.

"Even if he's strong, he is only one at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Can she resist Young Master Lian Hua, those three, and even me, four of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?"

"I refuse to believe that her companions are also cultivators at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. How could there be so many in the world?"

However, Yan Yourong simply shook her head and said, "Before coming here, I never knew you, nor did anyone send me to find you for vengeance. I merely asked you to scout, no reason given."

As her words ended, everyone around was at a loss for understanding.

Young Master Lian Hua was a cultivator at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. This woman, she was indeed strong, but however mighty she was, how far could she go?

There were so many people here, why did she insist on having a cultivator at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection scout the way?

And why would Young Master Lian Hua ever agree to scout?

In the end, they were bound to fight, and in doing so, this woman would also be injured.

What was she plotting?

While everyone was at a loss,

Yan Yourong's voice sounded once again.

"Or perhaps, it was those female cultivators you toyed with, who sent me to seek revenge on your behalf."

At those words, understanding dawned on the crowd around them.

This woman in front of them was a female cultivator, so it seemed she knew of the deeds Young Master Lian Hua had previously done—she was taking a stand, intending to teach Young Master Lian Hua a lesson.

There's nothing wrong with taking a stand for others.

In this world, there are many cultivators truly filled with righteousness. Previously, there was a cultivator at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection who, upon hearing of Young Master Lian Hua's deeds, was so outraged that he had no grievances with Young Master Lian Hua but still pursued him for a long time.

Chapter 770:

Therefore, people could understand the desire to right a wrong.

But the issue is, now is the moment when the relics are about to open. Why do you choose this time to right a wrong? You could've waited until after the relics' opening to seek out Young Master Lian Hua.

By taking action now, are you not afraid that Young Master Lian Hua will fight desperately and injure you?

Besides, there are two other experts from Evil People Island over there.

Young Master Lian Hua seemed to have long been accustomed to being hunted and sought after for the troubles he had caused.

He sneered and said, "Want to right a wrong? I can understand you people who want to do so, but do you think I'm alone?"

He turned his head towards Lan Mei and TaMu and spoke in a low voice, "The two of you, we just agreed to join forces. You wouldn't go back on your word, would you?"

"Of course not," TaMu murmured, as ten different phenomena of Golden Cores appeared behind him. On the other side, Lan Mei remained silent, but behind her, ten different phenomena of Golden Cores also manifested.

The crowd watched as the three Complete Golden Pill of Ten Strange Phenomena released their Golden Cores, and everyone quickly retreated backward.

"So, they have already teamed up."

"They're all from Evil People Island. It's only natural for them to work together."

"Now that it's three Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, that woman surely won't be able to make a move."

"She had already offended the folks from Thousand Snake Island before..."

"Keep your voice down. Do you want her to hear you? If you're seeking death, don't drag us down with you. What if she hears you and decides to make you scout ahead?"

Yan Yourong, looking at the three opposite her, exhibiting the stand of Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, still showed no trace of fear on her face. She turned her head towards Cao Zhen and whispered, "Master, I want to be wilful just this once... about this..."

"It's fine," Cao Zhen interrupted, "If you want to make a move, then go ahead."

He did want to keep a low profile, but his desire to avoid trouble was greater. His disciple wanted to kill now; how could he possibly stop her!

As for the reason his disciple was making a move, he didn't care.

He just knew that his disciple was about to act, and he would certainly support her.

"You're a man; you don't need to do anything. Let the three of us handle it," Li Ke suddenly said from the side, "I've heard about the so-called Young Master Lian Hua's deeds and feel indignant in my heart as well."

As she spoke, she pointed a finger towards Lan Mei and said icily, "She, as a woman, actually helped that Young Master Lian Hua. She doesn't deserve to be a female cultivator. Leave her to me."

Ling Xi nodded slightly and said, "Then I will take care of the other one."

The surrounding crowd listened to their conversation and instantly grasped the situation.

"They clearly know that the opponents are Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, yet they still don't take them seriously, even saying they'll each handle one."

"Are they also Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?"

"They... they're releasing their Golden Cores too, they really are Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!"

"How can there be so many Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection? Isn't it said that only the most talented can condense the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection?"

"What force are those four from?"

"They're probably not from the same force, are they? Three Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection and that male cultivator. I've always felt that they are led by that male cultivator. That man is probably also a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

This makes four Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection! What power can deploy so many Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection at once? Don't they care about their lair anymore?"

In the crowd, Blue Snake looked at the three women releasing their Ten Different Phenomena Golden Cores and discreetly transmitted a message to Purple Snake, "Senior Brother, what should we do?"

"Wait... Let them fight. If they fight fiercely enough, we will make our move. If not, let's pretend nothing has happened."

Although both sides had three Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, the trio of women seemed too terrifying, especially the one wielding the long Blade. He couldn't treat her like an ordinary Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection.

Of course, on the other hand, Lan Mei's strength was also a formidable presence among the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, according to his knowledge.

The key was to see the strength of the other two unfamiliar women.

And then there was that man; his strength was unknown.

Without seeing the full extent of their strength, he did not wish to take action.

At this moment, Young Master Lian Hua, Lan Mei, and TaMu's expressions became incredibly serious, aware that their opponents were also three Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

"The fight begins!"

Across from the trio, Yan Yourong was the first to act again. In her hands, the Grieving Anger Dragon Blade swung, casting a shadow, and in that moment, heaven and earth changed color.

With a slash imbued with unparalleled sharpness, the Blade stroke carried a momentum of advancing bravely without looking back.

This Blade fall seemed like a waterfall cascading from the sky or a Sea of Flames plummeting, as if mountains were flying down from nine heavens, as if endless fallen leaves were cascading down...

With Five Elements Power sparkling within the brilliant Blade Light, it slashed across the Void, filling it with a boundless and terrifying presence.

Where the Blade Light passed, deep ravines were plowed into the earth. Numerous plants were lifted into the air by the frightening force, instantly turning to dust.