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Since the Sect Leader had given no instructions, they naturally left at the first possible moment, as it was a crucial time for selecting disciples.

Although those top geniuses, those with immortal bodies, had basically decided which peaks they wanted to join, there were still other disciples, weren't there?

Soon, in front of Cao Zhen, all the peak masters from various peaks had left.

And Nie Jie ran up to Cao Zhen, bowed, and said, "Sect Leader, in the fifty years you were absent, I acted as the steward of the Hundred Peaks Sect, but after all, I am not the Sect Leader. Over these years, I have also recorded some important matters in the Sect Scroll, please review them."

As he spoke, he took out a thick scroll and handed it over to Cao Zhen.

Cao Zhen took the scroll and read it as he walked toward Four Treasures Peak.

If this had been fifty years earlier, he would have certainly refused.

Look at the Sect Scroll?

What Sect Scroll?

Just seeing that thing gave him a headache.

But during these fifty years, he had not only experienced the life of ordinary mortals but also the life of an official.

Looking at the Sect Scroll was actually like looking at government records.

The content of the Sect Scroll recorded by Nie Jie wasn't much, and Cao Zhen quickly finished reading it. He nodded at Nie Jie and said, "You have worked hard these years. Right now, every peak is recruiting disciples, and it is not appropriate to disrupt everyone's selection process. There's no need for a meeting since I'm back, let everyone continue with what they should be doing. I'll go to Four Treasures Peak first to take a look."

Nie Jie also understood that after Cao Zhen returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect after fifty years, he would naturally want to ask his disciples about some matters closely, so he quickly left without further disturbance.

Surrounding them, including Liao Youdi, others also dispersed and left.

Even Cao Zhen noticed that when Liao Youdi left, she seemed to glance specifically in the direction of Zhu Peng a few times.

Cao Zhen waited for everyone to leave before he turned to look at his disciples.

Since coming to this world, he had almost always been with his disciples; this was the first time he had been apart from his disciples for such a long time.

In those fifty years, the disciples had also grown up.

However, due to immortal cultivation, his disciples all looked very young, showing no signs of aging.

Indeed, even within the realm of immortal cultivation, his disciples were considered extremely young.

Most of these disciples looked unchanged, but Little Beiyan seemed to have grown taller and was no longer a lanky youth.

However, among all the disciples, Little Beiyan still appeared to be the youngest.

Mainly because Little Beiyan was the shortest among them.

Of course, the biggest changes were in Duo Duo and Zhu Peng, both of whom had grown into adults.

Upon seeing the two, Cao Zhen sighed inwardly. He really had not fulfilled his responsibilities as a mentor towards these two disciples; he didn't even know what their current cultivation levels were.

Cao Zhen looked at the two disciples and first asked Zhu Peng, "What is your current cultivation realm now?"

He had seen before that Liao Youdi, who came to the Hundred Peaks Sect together with Zhu Peng and joined Immortal Sects in the same batch as him, was already at the Nine Abnormal Phenomenon Golden Pills and was even about to condense the tenth Golden Pill of Different Phenomena.

Zhu Peng, like Liao Youdi, was also a high-level immortal body and though Zhu Peng was somewhat naive, with Ling Xi and others teaching him and having a high-level immortal body himself, he presumably wouldn't be far behind Liao Youdi.

Upon hearing this, Zhu Peng immediately shouted loudly, "Zhu Peng is now very powerful, Zhu Peng has already reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

Cao Zhen was slightly stunned upon hearing this; Zhu Peng's cultivation base was even higher than Liao Youdi's? Liao Youdi was only looking to break through to the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, but Zhu Peng had already broken through?

Xiang Ziyu seemed to sense the astonishment in Cao Zhen's eyes and immediately said with great pride, "Master, I have always said that Zhu Peng is a genius. Someone as straightforward as him focuses more intently in cultivation, without any distractions, naturally, he progresses faster."

Cao Zhen's brows immediately furrowed, and he glared at Xiang Ziyu, scolding in a deep voice, "He is your junior brother!"

What a straightforward or not straightforward person.

Xiang Ziyu had actually directly called Zhu Peng a straightforward person in front of him, which really should not have happened!

At the side, Ling Xi and a few others seemed to know why their master's expression had turned ugly. Little Beiyan even started to explain, "Master, you might have misunderstood my senior brother. Actually, he didn't mean it, or rather... how should I put it? Little Zhu Peng knows his own situation, if others call him straightforward, he doesn't get angry. But, you can't call him stupid, whoever calls him stupid, he will want to fight."

Cao Zhen's face darkened another shade, now, you've already called your junior brother stupid.

Little Beiyan, noticing the change in their master's expression, added another sentence, "Master, we're not within that range, for people close to junior brother, using those two words, the junior brother won't fight."

And, I didn't call my junior brother that; I was merely explaining to you."

"No need to explain further, you two, go back and write 'I am sorry, my junior brother' a thousand times," Cao Zhen glared fiercely at Xiang Ziyu and Little Bei and then turned his gaze to Duo Duo, asking, "Duo Duo, what is your cultivation now?"

"Master, Duo Duo has now reached Inner Dan Complete," Duo Duo said, grateful as she glanced at Xiang Ziyu and Yi Sheng, and continued, "Third senior brother has been exploring outside these years, and upon his return, he brought back many medicinal herbs and treasures, then senior sister helped disciple refine some pills, allowing disciple to break through to Inner Dan Complete."

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Yi Sheng heard the conversation and joined in, "However, Master, I'm not aware of what pills Disciple Sister would need for her Golden Core breakthrough. Thus, I haven't made any pills for her."

"No matter, when I have gathered the ingredients for her breakthrough pill, I'll teach you how to make it," Cao Zhen replied. Over the recent years, while he had been experiencing various aspects of life, he had not sought out pills. Although he still had some pills for Duo Duo's breakthrough, he couldn't completely gather them all.

Upon hearing this, Xiang Ziyu immediately asked, "Master, what ingredients do you need? I have brought back many, including rare medicinal herbs from different places. When we return to Four Treasures Peak, you can take a look."

As Xiang Ziyu spoke, everyone had already arrived at the foot of Four Treasures Peak.

Cao Zhen was momentarily startled. Was this Four Treasures Peak?

Four Treasures Peak, as he left it, was now entirely different.

At the foot of Four Treasures Peak stood two massive white jade columns, and in between them was a completely transparent jade stone, flawless without a single impurity. However, there were no inscriptions on the jade stone.

Xiang Ziyu, realizing his master was looking at the jade stone, couldn't help but reveal a proud expression, "Master, do you see this white jade? I brought it back from the South Ocean. And that transparent jade stone is even more extraordinary—it's the superior Jade Cloud, an excellent material for forging Divine Weapons. I also brought this from the South Ocean.

Of course, we still need to inscribe the three big characters of Four Treasures Peak on the jade stone. Since Master is skilled in calligraphy, we left this task for you, waiting for you to inscribe them."

In fact, Xiang Ziyu had wanted to inscribe the words on the jade stone, but his suggestion had been opposed by other disciples and sisters, so he had to give up the idea.

"South Ocean?" Cao Zhen turned his head back to look at Xiang Ziyu in complete amazement.

Little Bei Yan, not waiting for Xiang Ziyu to speak, promptly said, "Master, don't think he's been to the South Ocean several times. He actually went only once. That one time, he slaughtered everyone on Evil People Island.

The Qiankun Bags stolen from those people were split between him and the Ax Crazy fellow. All of these items were looted from their possessions."

Cao Zhen nodded lightly. The utterly remorseless individuals on the South Ocean Evil People Island had no bottom line, and it made sense that they had gathered numerous treasures from others. That Xiang Ziyu had looted many treasures from those people was not unusual.

However, he quickly realized that he had underestimated the wealth of the individuals on Evil People Island.

Behind the jade stone gate were long slab stairways, and the material for these stairways wasn't ordinary stone, but slab upon slab of black jade, with inscriptions carved into every step.

"This stairway, is it a Formation? Who laid out this Formation?" Cao Zhen turned around to look at his disciples one by one.

Little Bei Yan spoke up, "Master, I laid out this Formation." He had broken through to the Wind Fire Tribulation and at first, he was very excited. But gradually, he found it boring.

He was in the midst of the Wind Fire Tribulation, and he could no longer continue his cultivation. Even when sparring, he dared not wield his mana too freely, and practicing some Divine Skills could cause problems and trigger the Wind Fire Heavenly Tribulation.

But he still needed to find something to do.

In the end, he started to study Formations, and unexpectedly, he discovered he had a talent for them.

Now, all the Formations within Four Treasures Peak were laid out by him.

Cao Zhen, during this time, had not only not communicated with his disciples, but he hadn't even accessed his China Cloud.

Therefore, he hadn't known that his disciple Bei Yan had begun delving into Formations.

But concerning Formations,

Cao Zhen asked with some curiosity, "While I have been away, who did you learn your Formation skills from?"

Formations aren't something one can master through self-study.

"Master, within our Hundred Peaks Sect, we have a legacy of Formations. Within the Hidden Dragon Observatory, there are numerous Formation legacies. Aren't you the Master of the Hidden Dragon Observatory? Don't you know this?"

Cao Zhen didn't need to access China Cloud; just by observing the present Formation, he could tell Little Bei Yan's skill level was not low.

"Just by observing the legacy, you've achieved this much. You do have some talent. When we return to the peak, I will teach you Formations."

Cao Zhen continued walking up the mountain with everyone. The previous Four Treasures Peak seemed desolate, but now, it had taken on a definite shape.

Initially, Four Treasures Peak only had a few Spirit Fields he had scrounged together, but now at a glance, it boasted ten acres of Spirit Fields, each fully planted with Spiritual Medicine.

Among them, there was even one particularly large Fifth-grade Spiritual Field.

A Fifth-grade Spiritual Field was something the entire Hundred Peaks Sect only had two of, and none were as large as this one.

Filled with astonishment, Cao Zhen turned back to his disciples and asked, "Did you all bring these Spirit Fields here?"

"Master, to be precise, it was I who brought them here," Xiang Ziyu replied with a satisfied smile.

"Master, you shouldn't be so surprised. I told you before, I'm the protagonist. Bringing back a few Spirit Fields was a simple task for me, wasn't it?"

Simple?

For a moment, Cao Zhen didn't quite know what to say. These were Fifth-grade Spiritual Fields, and they were fully planted with Spiritual Medicine.

Pointing at the Spiritual Medicine in the fields, Cao Zhen asked, "Did you also acquire all these Spiritual Medicines?"

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Xiang Ziyu answered matter-of-factly, "Of course, since I've managed the Spirit Field, naturally I would also need to cultivate Spiritual Medicine. Otherwise, what use would the Spirit Field be?"

Cao Zhen's gaze swept across each medicinal plant until it finally landed on a Spiritual Medicine that was half a person tall, shrouded in a deep blue hue, and emanating a faint fragrance. He said, "You did accomplish some work here. That's the Orchid. It's exactly the Spiritual Medicine needed for concocting pills for your junior sister. There's no longer a need to go out and find this herb."

Xiang Ziyu, with a look that seemed to ask for a reprimand, said, "Master, if we're talking about this kind of herb, there's no need to pick them at all. Our Four Treasures Peak's treasure house has plenty of this kind of herb.

Is this herb very precious? I once went to a ruin and gathered over a hundred Orchids at one time."

"Oh? We have a treasure house at Four Treasures Peak now? Show me..."

As Cao Zhen walked along, he noticed that several courtyards had been constructed along the way, as well as rivers that had been widened without human intervention and numerous fish ponds.

Then, after reaching halfway up the mountain, one could see new buildings, the style of which primarily emphasized luxury.

Each house was built very large, each crafted from precious materials.

"Master, look, this is your Cave Mansion, this is the Conference Hall of our Four Treasures Peak, this is junior sister's room..."

As the eldest disciple, Ling Xi showed Master around each room.

In the end, she pointed to a three-story building built against the mountain and said, "Master, this is the treasure house of our Four Treasures Peak. It's rather shameful to admit, being the eldest disciple, I've ventured out a few times but gained little. It is the third disciple who brings back a great amount of resources each time he goes out. Ninety percent of the resources in this treasure house were brought back by him."

As Ling Xi spoke, she approached the treasure house's large door and pressed her hand against it. As streams of Spiritual Energy flowed into it, the hefty doors slowly opened.

Cao Zhen stepped into the treasure house and was immediately greeted by waves of fragrant aromas.

Looking around, one-third of this floor of the treasure house was filled with medicinal materials.

While it was only a third, the treasure house was so large that having one-third filled with medicinal materials was already quite alarming!

Especially since these materials did not require inspection; he could discern their extreme rarity and value merely by smelling them.

For a moment, even he was stunned by the sheer quantity of materials: "Are you saying that ninety percent of these materials were brought by Xiang Ziyu?"

"To Master, it's a little less than that with the medicinal materials; about eighty percent were brought by junior brother. However, many of the other treasures and alchemy ingredients were almost all brought by him," she replied.

Mainly because the disciples of Four Treasures Peak all knew that Master excels in alchemy, as does Yi Sheng, so whenever they went out, they intentionally sought various medicinal materials.

Therefore, as other people brought back more medicinal materials, the proportion of those Xiang Ziyu brought back decreased; it was not because he brought back too few.

"So it is..." Cao Zhen nodded slightly but suddenly turned to look at Duo Duo and said, "The materials for concocting your pills have been gathered. I can now find the materials and pass the method of concocting pills onto your fifth sister, so she can make them for you."

Concocting pills for the Ancient Immortal Body to break through to the Golden Core Stage required an unusually large and precious amount of materials. At first, he had expended considerable effort and even needed the Grand Preceptor to accompany him out on a grand theft to gather enough materials.

Now that he had returned to the Hundred Peaks Sect, he found that these materials were already gathered by his disciples, with no need to search for them.

He truly didn't know how many times, especially Xiang Ziyu, had gone out to gather such a large amount of materials.

The first floor was dedicated to storing medicinal materials, while the second floor was reserved for crafting Divine Weapons, and the third floor contained a collection of oddities, which was the least filled floor. One didn't need to guess that these curios were certainly the work of Xiang Ziyu.

Cao Zhen quickly returned to the first floor, carefully selected the materials needed for Duo Duo's pill concoction, and then left the treasure house.

However, he suddenly realized a problem.

"Right, isn't it the day for our Hundred Peaks Sect to select disciples? If all of you are up here at Four Treasures Peak, then who is choosing the disciples?"

"Choosing disciples?" Ling Xi paused, her voice filled with surprise, "We haven't chosen any disciples. Over the years, our Four Treasures Peak has not taken on any new disciples. Master, didn't you say back then not to indiscriminately accept disciples?"

Cao Zhen suddenly remembered that he had once reprimanded his disciples for taking in two disciples upon their return.

So, these disciples really did listen, and fifty years passed without admitting a single one?

For a moment, Cao Zhen truly didn't know whether to feel happy or sad.

His disciples being obedient was a good thing, but now, he wasn't worried about having too many disciples. The more disciples Four Treasures Peak had, the stronger his era would be.

And this strength of era was supposed to surpass that of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Nevertheless...

Cao Zhen looked at Duo Duo and Zhu Peng beside him, then shook his head and said, "Never mind, it's probably for the best. Too many disciples would indeed be hard to manage."

He currently had seven disciples and couldn't look after them all. If he had more, he truly wouldn't be able to handle it.

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Moreover, although the treasury of Four Treasures Peak seems to be full of treasures,

most of them are only useful during the Golden Core Stage.

My disciples can't stay at the Golden Core Stage forever. Once the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth ends, they all must break through to the Earth Immortal Realm.

The materials needed for advancing from Golden Core to Earth Immortal are extraordinarily plentiful.

Especially since Ling Xi and her three companions all possess Ancient Immortal Bodies.

If I take in more disciples, I can't look after all of them. Anyway, these disciples will increase the Era Prosperity Power of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Cao Zhen stopped dwelling on this issue, quickly teaching Yi Sheng the complete methods of pill concoction.

Actually, Yi Sheng had already made pills for him before and grasped a part of the process, so it didn't take much effort to learn it again this time.

Soon, Yi Sheng took the materials and headed to a room beside her that looked like a Pill Furnace.

That was the new Pill Room built by the Hundred Peaks Sect.

"Right, what about Qiao Jingyao?" Cao Zhen remembered Qiao Jingyao, who had stayed behind at the Hundred Peaks Sect.

"She left the Hundred Peaks Sect thirty years ago," Ling Xi explained from the side. "Ten years after you left the Hundred Peaks Sect, Master, Qiao Jingyao and sister apprentice Yi Sheng both achieved Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Then, thirty years ago, seeing that the world was at peace, Qiao Jingyao decided to leave the Hundred Peaks Sect to restore her own sect.

Initially, she wanted to return to the original location of her Immortal Sect. However, sister apprentice Yi Sheng persuaded her to stay.

Sister apprentice said that though the world is peaceful now, no one knows whether dangers will arise again.

If any misfortune occurs, and Qiao Jingyao is in another place, we at the Hundred Peaks Sect cannot help her. Moreover, the Eastern Wasteland will be connected to the Central Five Provinces, and we do not know what kind of dangers will come.

Even though Qiao Jingyao has reached Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, restoring a sect all by herself leaves her alone in face of danger without support.

Furthermore, once the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth comes to an end, those Earth Immortal Realm experts will awaken... Thus, sister apprentice Yi Sheng persuaded Qiao Jingyao to establish a new sect within the Great Lai Dynasty.

After all, the three great Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty have all left, and no new sects have been founded there yet.

Moreover, restoring and creating a new sect is troublesome, requiring the construction of a Mountain Protection Array among many other things, which is not something one person can handle alone.

If she restores her sect within the Great Lai Dynasty, we can also offer her assistance.

In the end, Qiao Jingyao heeded sister apprentice's advice and reestablished her sect within the Great Lai Dynasty. Of course, she will probably return to her original place in the future."

Cao Zhen nodded slightly. When Qiao Jingyao arrived, he knew that she would not stay within the Hundred Peaks Sect indefinitely.

Furthermore, Qiao Jingyao had mentioned before that she wanted to kill all the Demon Sect members before restoring her sect.

Now, it seems like no members of the Demon Sect can be found within the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, so Qiao Jingyao began restoring her sect.

After sharing this, Ling Xi paused for a moment and pointed towards Bei Yan, saying: "Speaking of which, Bei Yan is the most hardworking among us disciples."

The Mountain Protection Array of Qiao Jingyao's sect was entirely constructed by Bei Yan."

Upon hearing this, Bei Yan immediately explained: "Although Qiao Jingyao isn't from our Hundred Peaks Sect, she stayed with us for such a long time and can be considered half a member of our sect. Additionally, she had been helping our Hundred Peaks Sect all along."

Her relationship with sister apprentice Yi Sheng is very good; the two have sworn a Golden Orchid oath, and as her senior brother, it's only natural for me to help her."

"Hm?" Cao Zhen turned his head to look at little Bei Yan. The fact that Yi Sheng and Qiao Jingyao became sworn sisters was not surprising; both of them were high-level Immortal Bodies, and their cultivation bases were similar. He had noticed their close relationship even before he left the Hundred Peaks Sect, as they were inseparable, so it made perfect sense for Yi Sheng and Qiao Jingyao to swear a Golden Orchid oath. However, the question was with little Bei Yan.

If he had said nothing, Cao Zhen wouldn't have thought anything of it.

But the fact that little Bei Yan offered such an extensive explanation gave off a vibe of protesting too much.

This lad, did he study formations because of Qiao Jingyao?

Has this disciple become enlightened?

With Yi Sheng having taken a sworn sister, was he preparing to directly take someone as his dao companion? Come to think of it, that's quite normal, as Bei Yan is now over sixty years old, and if he were on Earth, he would have been able to hold a grandchild by now.

Earth...

Thinking of Earth, Cao Zhen sighed in his heart. Over the years, he had forgotten his identity as a cultivator, completely immersing himself in the life of a mortal, and consequently, he had not checked the China Cloud and lost contact with his parents.

Although he told his parents that he would be in closed-door cultivation for a long time, that he was unrivaled in the world, and they shouldn't worry, how could they not be concerned after such a long time without contact?

As Cao Zhen thought of his parents, he quickly returned to the Cave Mansion his disciples had built for him and immediately contacted his mother through the China Cloud.

When he first discovered the China Cloud could let him reach his parents, he was afraid his mother couldn't handle it, so he contacted his father. This time, he chose to reach out to his mother, knowing full well that if he talked to his father first, his mother would find out and he would inevitably face her complaints.

Soon, he saw his mother's figure in his vision.

Fifty years had passed, and his mother appeared no different from the last time he saw her.

After all, he had taught his parents a cultivation technique to preserve their health. Before leaving, he imparted to them an even more profound technique, enabling them to cultivate and acquire a cultivation base.

Now, his mother already possessed seven Dao Platforms.

However, she was not in the familiar home he remembered but by the seaside, and in the courtyard, he could see some items he recognized... which means...

"Mother, did you and father move houses?"

Cao Zhen's voice suddenly rang in his mother's ears.

At the sound of his voice, Cao's mother trembled, her hand plucking weeds in the yard froze, and she straightened up sharply, scolding: "You unfilial son, you've finally thought to look for your old mother." As she spoke, tears were already streaming from the corners of her eyes.

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Cao Zhen once thought that in the current Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, there was nothing left for him to fear. But seeing his mother cry, he realized he still had fears.

Cao Zhen quickly began to explain, "Mom, I told you and Dad that I needed to undergo a long period of seclusion. Here I am now, visiting you."

"You have the nerve to say that? You mentioned a long seclusion, and I thought a few months, at most a few years! Do you realize how many years have passed since you last visited?" Cao Zhen's mother's voice was choked with sobs as she extended a hand and gestured the number four, "Forty years, you haven't come to see me and your father for a whole forty years! Not four days, not four months, and not even four years, but forty years!"

When Cao Zhen first left to experience mortal life, he used to keep in touch with the disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and his parents, but later, as he became fully absorbed in mortal life, he stopped contacting his parents and his disciples.

In the yard, Cao Zhen's father, who was working on fishing gear, also turned sharply upon hearing this. Although he did not know how many times he had communicated with Cao Zhen through Zhonghua Cloud, he instinctively looked around then back at Cao Zhen's mother and asked, "Has Zhen returned?"

Although he tried hard to mask the excitement in his heart and appear calm, his trembling hands betrayed his true feelings.

This was his son, who he hadn't seen in over fifty years, and for forty of those years, he hadn't even heard his son's voice.

Now, his son had finally appeared again. Although he still couldn't see his son, as a man who had lived a century, his heart couldn't help but be restless.

Cao Zhen's mother nodded slightly, although she had so many things she wanted to say to Cao Zhen, she couldn't help but express her concerns for him first.

"What have you been doing all these years? Did you really seclude yourself for forty years?"

Cao Zhen finally had a chance to speak, "Actually, it wasn't exactly seclusion. Isn't it because I am a cultivator? I felt that after cultivating, I became somewhat detached from ordinary people, so I left the Immortal Sect to enter the mortal world, to live as a mortal, doing all sorts of mortal things. I've been a woodcutter, a trader, a farmer, a fisherman.

Before I knew it, I forgot I was a cultivator, forgot that I could still contact you... In short, you could say I was immersively experiencing different lives."

Cao Zhen's mother did understand what immersive meant, and upon hearing this she exclaimed, "Then, in your immersive experiences of other lives, did you have any children?"

Cao Zhen was momentarily stunned and replied instinctively, "I haven't even found a wife, how could I have children?"

Cao Zhen's mother immediately retorted, "No children, what kind of immersive experience is that? Tell me, how old are you now? At your age, you should have grandchildren, maybe even great-grandchildren if you had married early. You don't even have a child, not even married!

Didn't you say you're the number one master in your world? What, can't the top master get a wife? Are you lying to us, pretending to be the top master when you're actually just a Taoist boy guarding the door or a cook in the kitchen?"

Cao Zhen was speechless and said, "Mom, you shouldn't look down on the Taoist boy or the cook."

"Defending the Taoist boy and the cook? You aren't actually one of them, are you?" Cao Zhen's mother eyed the air suspiciously in front of her and speculated, "Then while guarding the door, you didn't pay attention and offended some important person? Or the food you cooked wasn't good, and you offended someone important and ended up locked up for more than forty years, which is why you couldn't contact us?"

Cao Zhen was exasperated by his mother's imagination and quickly explained, "No, do you think, given the intelligence of you and dad, that I could have turned out so poorly?"

Cao Zhen's mother glanced at Cao Zhen's father and with a proud look on her face, said, "Well, I trust myself, but the problem is your dad's intelligence..."

Seeing the conversation meandering farther off-topic, Cao Zhen hurriedly interjected, "Mom, let's not talk about intelligence. All these years, you've read those fantasy-transmigration novels, right? Tell me, which protagonist has ever done poorly? I'm a transmigrator, how could I possibly end up so poorly.

I truly am the top master of our world. But although I'm the top master, our world is not peaceful, and didn't I tell you? I temporarily became the Sect Leader of our Sect, even the State Preceptor of our Dynasty. I had to take responsibility for the Sect and the Dynasty, busy all day long. I had no time to find a wife.

When I finally had time, I went to immerse myself in experiences and didn't have the time to find a wife either."

"Now you're done being busy, you have time to find a wife now, so hurry up and find one for me, then have a big chubby baby for me to see, I'd love to see a grand..." Cao Zhen's mother started to say grandchild but then remembering that Cao Zhen was not on Earth but in another world, her face couldn't help but fall again.

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He sighed softly, "You have a child now, and I can't even see the child. This lifetime, I might never get to hold my grandchild."

Cao Zhen hurriedly comforted her, "Mom, you and Dad are both cultivating the technique I gave you, you can still live for a very long time."

"What's the use of living a long time? Your dad and I can't go to your world, and you can't come back. Besides, the longer we live, the more relatives leave us. We can keep living, but what about them?"

Do you know? Before, when I saw relatives passing away one by one, I couldn't take it anymore, I found them and I told them about the cultivation technique, hoping they would cultivate too.

But they thought your dad and I were senile, they didn't listen to us at all. It was hard to find another who would cultivate, but perhaps because of old age, or maybe something your dad and I taught wasn't correct, he didn't achieve much in cultivation, and in the end, he died of cancer.

Now, the relatives around us are fewer and older, and from our generation, it's just your dad and me left. Let me tell you..."

Cao Zhen's mother was still speaking, but she realized that her son had stopped responding.

"It's always like this, they run off while we're still talking."

Cao Zhen's mother complained, but the corners of her mouth showed a smile. Although she was complaining, when her child contacted her, when she knew that her child was still alive, to her, it was the best news in the world, and it made her very happy.

Elsewhere, Cao Zhen's father, with a cheerful tone, said, "Son, now you've come to me."

After the connection with his mother ended, Cao Zhen immediately reconnected with his father through China Cloud.

"Dad, how did you come to be here? This doesn't look like our old home. Have you decided to settle here or are you just visiting?"

Cao Zhen's father, much calmer than his mother, heard his son's voice and, although he knew he could communicate with thoughts in his mind, spoke out loud so his wife could hear what he was communicating with their son, "We moved here. Back at our old home, the older generation has passed away, and the younger generation doesn't share much in common with us. There wasn't much left for us there.

Moreover, although it's been many years and technology has advanced, making people live longer, your mother and I are still young and healthy, which might draw unwanted attention.

We were too conspicuous in our hometown, so we decided to move. Luckily, I love fishing, so we moved to the seaside.

This place is pretty nice; nobody knows us here. They just see us as two old folks living here. As long as we don't register for anything or show our IDs, nobody knows exactly how old we are.

Meanwhile, your mom passes time by gardening in the yard, and I go out to sea for fishing. Let me tell you, a couple of days ago, I was out at sea and caught a 200-pound Bluefin Swordfish. At that moment, your dad instantly became the star of the ship. Some young lads even came over to help.

Did your dad need their help? I pulled the fish up all by myself, and everyone on the ship was stunned."

Now, I'm the most renowned among the local sea fishers," Cao Zhen's father said, raising his thumb as he spoke.

"You know, if I weren't afraid of being too sensational, I would go into the sea myself and catch the fish with my hands.

But lately, your mom has been a bit bored, complaining I fish too much, abandoning my responsibilities. Tell me, I'm not short of money, that boss Ma not only gave us money but also some shares.

I'm so wealthy now, what am I supposed to do if not relax and enjoy? Surely you don't expect me to go to a construction site to carry bricks? Maybe try your approach and immerse myself in life?"

Nearby, Cao Zhen's mother heard her husband bragging non-stop about fishing and couldn't help but retort, "It's so hard to get in touch with your son, and here you are showing off your fishing again. Hurry up and ask him if he's met any immortals.

Didn't he say he has several female disciples? If nothing works, choose some from them. Pick those who are healthy and can bear children. Although everyone in your world can cultivate, I doubt the

technology is advanced enough for baby formula, so at least make sure the child has a mother to provide milk."

As soon as Cao Zhen heard his mother's words, Ling Xi's image involuntarily surfaced in his mind, and he vigorously shook his head, wondering why he was having such thoughts.

He promptly told his father, "Dad, tell Mom not to overthink it, how could I possibly consider my disciples? There's a generational gap!"

Having just been complained to by his wife, Cao Zhen's father quickly relayed the message, "Your son said he's the master, he can't marry a disciple, there's a generational difference."

"Why not!" Knowing that her son could hear her even though she couldn't hear him, Cao Zhen's mother exclaimed, "Yang Guo ended up with Little Dragon Maiden, why can't you find a disciple? Right, how many disciples do you have now, how many are female, and what do they look like?"

Cao Zhen hadn't expected that, despite having ended the connection with his mother and now being connected to his father, and despite being in different worlds, he still couldn't escape his mother's pressure to marry.

He quickly changed the subject, speaking to his father, "Right, Dad, you can enjoy fishing, but Mom doesn't have those hobbies. You can't just let her stay home and watch TV dramas or go out and dance in the square all day."

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"Since you don't lack money now, why not you and Mom go travel around and see different places? Oh, and if you come across any hundred-year-old lingzhi or ginseng, you can keep them. I can teach you alchemy."

Parents could cultivate, but without the help of medicinal herbs, the speed of cultivation was ultimately limited. Now, his parents could survive by cultivating his techniques, but what about in five hundred years, a thousand years?

It was too slow for parents on Earth to increase their cultivation base; they could only hope to find medicinal herbs in those rarely visited places on Earth.

"Go for a spin, yes, I've long said we should go for a spin. It's your mother who can't bear to leave her chickens and the vegetables she's grown."

Cao Zhen's father said, turning his head to call to his wife, "Did you hear that? Our son wants us to wander around and look for hundred-year, thousand-year-old ginseng and lingzhi. These things surely aren't common, we could go to Tianshan, to Shennongjia, to the depths of the Amazon, to Mount Everest... what else? Right, those unresolved mysteries, mysterious places, we can check them all out."

Cao Zhen's father seemed already excited about the idea of visiting these mysterious places, his whole demeanor becoming enthusiastic.

Meanwhile, Cao Zhen discovered that he had lost connection with his father; their time for communication had ended.

"Mysterious places, I guess Father definitely wants to check out places like Bermuda, Shennongjia, and such. After all, my parents now have cultivation, though not high, but they won't face any danger on Earth. If they want to see, let them go and have a look," he mused.

Cao Zhen wasn't worried about his parents' safety.

"After a while, I'll contact my parents again to ask about their current situation. But every time I contact them, they start urging me to marry, which is quite unbearable."

Thinking about marriage, Li Ke's image involuntarily popped into Cao Zhen's mind.

They were, after all, nominally cultivation partners.

As he reflected, a voice came from outside the door; it was his disciple, Zhu Peng.

"Master, Master, Mistress has come to see you, Mistress is here."

Following the voice, a series of vigorous knocks came.

Then, the voice of Grand Sister Ling Xi rebuked, "Zhu Peng, that is the Master's door; you must not knock like that. Mistress, we will leave first."

To his surprise, Cao Zhen hadn't anticipated that Li Ke would come to see him.

He quickly went to the door and opened the cave mansion's door, and immediately, a beautiful face came into his sight.

After fifty years, Li Ke was still so beautiful.

Originally, Li Ke had ranked very highly on the Town Immortal Dynasty's List of Admired, and deservedly so.

Outside, when the disciples of Four Treasures Peak saw Li Ke arrive, they prudently ran off, leaving only Li Ke outside.

"Come in," Cao Zhen said, knowing that although he couldn't see those disciples, others he wasn't sure about, but Bei Yan that lad was definitely hidden somewhere peeping. He straightforwardly invited Li Ke into the cave mansion.

Cao Zhen's residence was also different from before, at least not as simple as it had been, with glow pearls now embedded in the cave mansion's walls.

Speaking of which, although the disciples of Four Treasures Peak had also built their own cave mansions, they mostly lived inside pre-constructed houses.

After closing the door, Cao Zhen looked at Li Ke and said, "I'm really surprised, I didn't expect you to come and see me."

Li Ke's eyes, as bright as pearls, immediately widened in surprise. What kind of words were these! Here she was, coming to see him out of kindness after hearing of his return, and his words... What did he mean by that? Should she not have come?

Li Ke's smile vanished, her face showing discontent as she said, "It's nothing, as the Grand Elder of Hundred Peaks Sect, seeing the Sect Leader return, I had to come and see. Also, how is Elder Long Aotian doing? How come Elder Long Aotian hasn't been seen for such a long time?"

She hadn't planned to ask about Elder Long Aotian, but if she didn't, wouldn't it seem like she had come specifically for Cao Zhen?

Cao Zhen nodded internally, that was more like it. He had said so, how could Li Ke, being so kind, come to see him alone knowing he had returned. It turned out she was seeking Elder Long Aotian. With his disappearance over the years, Long Aotian had naturally disappeared as well.

"Oh, Elder Long Aotian, now that it's the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, as you well know. Although Elder Long Aotian, by his incredible abilities, isn't dormant, he is still affected by it. So, if there isn't anything pressing, Elder Long Aotian would naturally enter a state of semi-dormancy." Cao Zhen began to bluff.

He paused for a moment before asking, "Are you seeking Elder Long Aotian for something?"

Li Ke casually made up, "Nothing major, just that recently, our Vermilion Bird Peak has taken in a disciple with terrific potential, a top-level immortal body, and I wanted to ask Elder Long Aotian for a suitable cultivation technique."

Suddenly, Cao Zhen remembered, upon his return, what Liao Youdi had mentioned; Vermilion Bird Peak had taken in a genius disciple, apparently named Zhen Yu.

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Thinking of this, he asked, "Are you referring to that Zhen Yu? What kind of Immortal Body does that girl have?"

At the time, Liao Youdi just told him that Zhen Yu had a High Level Fire Immortal Body but didn't specify exactly which High Level Immortal Body.

"Indeed, it's Zhen Yu," Li Ke nodded and said. "Zhen Yu has the Red Sun Immortal Body."

"Red Sun Immortal Body?"

Cao Zhen's mind reeled briefly, and he immediately thought of the most suitable Cultivation Technique for the Red Sun Immortal Body.

Speaking of which, Zhang Daoling had specialized in Alchemy, and naturally mastered Fire Techniques and related skills. Therefore, Zhang Daoling's knowledge of the Immortal way also included a great deal of Fire Techniques.

"As for the Cultivation Technique, there's no need to ask Dragon Senior. Before he went into his deep sleep, he gave me a few techniques to choose from and instructed me to pass one on to Yi Sheng."

Among those techniques, there was one called the Red Sun Wheel True Solution, which should be suitable for your new disciples at Vermilion Bird Peak. I will pass the technique on to you shortly."

Disciples from Vermilion Bird Peak are also disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Becoming stronger with this technique will only make their era mightier, sharing techniques with others is tantamount to strengthening oneself!

While saying this, Cao Zhen even took out a pen and paper and began writing down the technique.

Li Ke was somewhat taken aback—she knew that she and Cao Zhen were seen quite differently in the eyes of Dragon Senior. Cao Zhen was probably considered his direct disciple, while she could not even count as a nominal disciple.

However, this Dragon Senior seemed to care a lot about Cao Zhen.

Yi Sheng was merely a disciple of Cao Zhen, not Cao Zhen himself, yet Dragon Senior actually went to the trouble of preparing several Cultivation Techniques specifically for Yi Sheng. Cao Zhen casually

mentioned a technique that Yi Sheng hadn't used before, and it was none other than the high-level Red Sun Wheel True Solution.

The Red Sun Wheel True Solution was a top-tier Fire Technique. Even she, who once was the chief disciple of Vermilion Bird Peak and now its Peak Master, had only heard the name of this divine skill but had never seen it.

Even within the entire Guardian Immortal Dynasty, no Immortal Sect possessed this divine skill.

It appears that the Sun and Moon Sect possesses half of the Red Sun Wheel True Solution.

Yet, Cao Zhen so casually brought out the Red Sun Wheel True Solution!

This was just one among many techniques that Dragon Senior had prepared for Yi Sheng, and Yi Sheng was just one of Cao Zhen's disciples. Cao Zhen currently had a total of seven disciples. If Dragon Senior had prepared techniques for Yi Sheng, then he must have prepared techniques for Cao Zhen's other disciples as well, presumably of equal caliber.

How many techniques would that require?

And how many techniques did Cao Zhen still have in his possession?

Li Ke was calculating the number of techniques Cao Zhen might have, when Cao Zhen continued to ask, "By the way, how has our Hundred Peaks Sect been developing these years? And how about your Vermilion Bird Peak? How many disciples with High Level Immortal Physique Aptitude have you recruited so far?"

"How many?" Li Ke was interrupted by Cao Zhen. Upon hearing his question, she glared at him and exclaimed, "Do you think those with High Level Immortal Physique are as common as roadside weeds we can see everywhere?"

It's incredibly rare to even find one High Level Immortal Body, and then for that disciple to also have a Fire System Immortal Body, and further, to be a female cultivator, it's even more so.

For our Vermilion Bird Peak to have accepted a Zhen Yu already counts as the utmost fortune, let alone how many more there could be!"

"Really? But, didn't we have a Liao Youdi appear at the Hundred Peaks Sect fifty years ago? Today, when I entered the Sect Gate, I met her. It seems she's also about to achieve the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection!

She too has a High Level Fire System Immortal Body, and she's also a female cultivator. From what I know, two High Level Fire System female cultivators have appeared in just fifty years. That doesn't seem as rare as you suggest."

"You still have the nerve to mention Liao Youdi!" Upon hearing Liao Youdi's name, Li Ke instantly became incensed, exclaiming unhappily: "If I hadn't followed you to the ruins, missing the selection, she would definitely have joined our Vermilion Bird Peak.

That girl was saved by me and has always admired me. If I had been at the Hundred Peaks Sect back then, I could have surely made her join Vermilion Bird Peak.

Instead, because I followed you to the ruins, she ended up joining Azure Pheasant Peak, and the people there said they could train her to be the next Peak Master. Couldn't our Vermilion Bird Peak have trained her to become the next Peak Master? Whether I become the Peak Master or not, I don't care."

Li Ke truly didn't care about being the Peak Master. This time, if it weren't for the arrival of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth and no one else in Vermilion Bird Peak achieving Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection besides her, she wouldn't have agreed to become the Peak Master.

If there were another individual at Vermilion Bird Peak who had reached the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, or if they had recruited a talented disciple like Zhen Yu with a High Level Fire Body, she would definitely have declined the position of Peak Master.

Being the Peak Master involved worrying about this and that every day; how could that compare to the freedom of having no responsibilities?

Listening to Li Ke's complaints, Cao Zhen was momentarily at a loss for words: "Well, it wasn't like I begged you to go to the ruins at that time; it was you who actively wanted to go."

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"That's because we're nominally Daoist couples, if you go somewhere, how can I not go? Moreover, I followed you to a relic site, and in the end, not only did I miss out on any treasures, but I also lost a Nirvana Pill."

Li Ke felt more and more that she was at a loss. She looked at Cao Zhen and called out, "No, you have to give me some compensation. Long Aotian, the senior, imparted a Cultivation Technique to you, surely he gave you Divine Skills too, right? So, give me a few Divine Skills as compensation."

"Divine Skills? All right." Cao Zhen agreed very readily, after all, giving Divine Skills would still enhance the strength of the Hundred Peaks Sect, so he wasn't losing out.

Li Ke was momentarily stunned again. When had Cao Zhen become so easy-going, agreeing so readily? Knowing Cao Zhen's personality, shouldn't he be seizing the opportunity to extort a hefty sum from her?

When she had initially asked Cao Zhen to pretend to be her Daoist companion, he had demanded a large number of Spirit Stones.

Now, Cao Zhen was agreeing to her request without asking for anything. Could it be...

"I'm telling you, don't try to fob me off with some commonplace Divine Skills."

"Who do you think I am? Rest assured, what I'll give you will definitely be top-tier Divine Skills, the ones from Long Aotian, the senior." Cao Zhen felt helpless. Did she really see him as that kind of person?

The look in Li Ke's eyes turned increasingly strange as she gazed at Cao Zhen. He was being overly generous today.

Everyone knew that Cao Zhen was extremely greedy. How did he become one of the Hundred Peaks Six Evils? Wasn't it because he went to the Immortal Soldier Workshop's Divine Soldier Tomb, acquired a slew of Divine Weapons, and then sold them to the various peaks?

He even sold scriptures to other peaks, essentially fulfilling the last wishes of predecessors within those peaks. He could carry out such deeds, which showed just how greedy he was.

Even during the years Cao Zhen was not in the Hundred Peaks Sect, his disciples continuously operated businesses, and the talisman-selling business of Four Treasures Peak had earned countless Spirit Stones over the years.

And now, Cao Zhen was giving away Divine Skills and Cultivation Techniques without asking for anything in return.

This guy must have struck it rich.

Li Ke then recalled a scene she had witnessed in the relic site.

Back in the relic site, everyone saw Cao Zhen and the fourth prince of the Qi Tian Dynasty contending for the final treasure before Cao Zhen entered the palace.

Clearly, Cao Zhen had obtained the ultimate treasure.

The relic site, which caused a Heavenly Phenomenon across the Eastern Wasteland and even had the power to exceed the limits of the Golden Core Stage during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, could bring forth a Tribulation Array, and possess the strength to oppose the Tribulation Array—how immense that final treasure must have been!

Li Ke had always wanted to know what treasure Cao Zhen had acquired within that relic site.

But Cao Zhen never spoke of it, and she felt it wasn't her place to ask.

After all, there are many questions one can ask, but there are many secrets in the world of Immortal Cultivation that one simply cannot inquire about casually. Even merely asking can provoke a frenzied attack from the other party, and such incidents are not uncommon.

If she were Cao Zhen's true Daoist companion, she could ask, but since their pairing was a façade, it wasn't her place to probe.

Moreover, she knew that even Cao Zhen's own disciples seemed unaware of what treasure their master had obtained.

All they knew was that the treasure was of great importance to the remnants of the Qi Tian Dynasty.

Cao Zhen's attention returned to the rice paper in front of him. As he wrote out the Red Sun Wheel True Solution, he asked, "By the way, in the past fifty years, has our Hundred Peaks Sect, aside from my few disciples, brought forth any prodigy with the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection? Or have we taken in any genius disciples?"

"No, in these years, although Four Treasures Peak has produced several Golden Core Stage Phenomenon Merge cultivators with significant phenomena, only nine or eight Phenomena at most. We haven't given birth to another disciple with the Ten Phenomena Great Perfection Golden Core.

After all, such a landmark is incredibly rare. If we don't count Four Treasures Peak, in this generation of the Hundred Peaks Sect's disciples, there are only three with the Ten Phenomena Great Perfection Golden Core, and even that count might not include Liè Yàn. That should give you an idea of how rare it is."

Li Ke paused slightly before continuing, "However, I believe it won't be long before our Hundred Peaks Sect will gain two more geniuses with the Ten Phenomena Great Perfection Golden Core."

Cao Zhen asked with genuine curiosity, "I know about Liao Youdi, but who is the other? Who is it?"

"Shen Lid of Flying Immortal Peak. Do you remember when Bei Yan and I went out to recruit disciples, we brought back two children with Immortal Bodies from the same family, and at the time, their mother was still pregnant. We brought her back to the Hundred Peaks Sect, right?"

Cao Zhen nodded and said, "I remember. Are you saying that this Shen Lid is the child from back then?"

"Exactly," Li Ke confirmed with a nod. "After the child was born, we immediately examined him and found he too possessed an Immortal Body, a top-tier one at that. He is a Prime Unity Immortal Body."

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Moreover, his talent was also exceptional since he was born in our Hundred Peaks Sect and received teachings from an early age. After the age of ten, he left the Academy and joined Flying Immortal Peak.

Now, forty years have passed, and he has become a Nine Abnormal Phenomena Golden Pill. Moreover, not long ago, he faintly began to form the shadow of the tenth extraordinary Golden Pill.

It seems that after Liao Youdi's breakthrough, Shen Lid will also break through to become a Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection."

"That... that means, that family, has three Immortal Bodies?" Cao Zhen was stunned, wondering what the situation with the parents of those three children was.

"More accurately, it's four Immortal Bodies," explained Li Ke. "Four years after Shen Lid was born, his mother bore him a younger brother who, although not a Top-Level Immortal Body, is a Medium Immortal Body. However, after that, they did not have any more children."

Li Ke spoke, pausing briefly before looking at Cao Zhen with a slight hesitation before finally speaking, "It seems that the couple might have chosen not to have more children, or perhaps it is for another reason, but in any case, they did not have more children.

However, the four children they did have are all Immortal Bodies, and one of them is even a Top-Level Immortal Body. Although the other three aren't Top-Level Immortal Bodies, their talents are all exceptional. Now, all of them are in the Golden Core Stage.

Therefore, within our Hundred Peaks Sect, some have proposed whether we could discuss with the couple about having another child.

However, this proposal was directly rejected by the Vice Sect Master, who stated that whether they have children or not is their own choice, and our Hundred Peaks Sect must not force the couple to have children just because their offspring are talented. That would turn them into mere breeding tools, making us no different from the Demon Sect." The matter was thus dropped.

However, although the couple did not have more children, they have always been in the Hundred Peaks Sect, teaching those boys in the Academy and slowly coming into contact with Immortal Cultivation.

Although the two are not any Immortal Bodies, they do have some talent in Cultivation. Now, both of them have also entered the Core Formation Stage and have formed their inner cores.

They are considered disciples of our Hundred Peaks Sect, yet neither has joined any Peak.

Moreover, later, they even mentioned that they indeed wanted to have more children, but for some reason, it never happened.

In our Peak, several officials and Elders who were not asleep had mentioned that bearing an Immortal Body child involves great expenditure of their own essence, hence they cannot have children again in the short term."

While speaking, Li Ke looked at Cao Zhen with a peculiar expression, "Of course, speaking of Alchemy, there is no one in our Hundred Peaks Sect who can compare to you. Perhaps you could figure out what the reason might be?"

"Forget it," Cao Zhen shook his head and said, "Just like Nie Jie said, if we keep forcing others to have children because their children are Immortal Bodies, treating them as nothing more than tools for childbirth, what would make our Hundred Peaks Sect any different from the Demon Sect?"

Li Ke nodded slightly and did not continue on this topic.

Soon, Cao Zhen finished writing the Red Sun Wheel True Solution, wrote three Divine Skills, and gave them to Li Ke, who then left.

Cao Zhen also left soon after, heading towards Seven Star Peak.

Since his arrival in this world, aside from his disciples and Elder Copper Plate, among all the people who truly cared about him, Chao Zi Zai stood out as his sworn brother. However, due to many incidents and the onset of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, he seldom met Chao Zi Zai anymore.

Now having some free time, he wished to go see Chao Zi Zai.

It had been over fifty years since he visited Seven Star Peak. Over these fifty years, Four Treasures Peak had changed drastically, yet Seven Star Peak remained as it had always been, appearing desolate.

However, what was different now was that there were noticeably more disciples on Seven Star Peak than before.

Cao Zhen was still midway up the mountain when he saw several disciples of Seven Star Peak practicing their cultivation. He had not met any of these disciples before; moreover, there was Chao Zi Zai, who was supervising their practice.

"Old Cao."

Chao Zi Zai spotted the arriving Cao Zhen immediately. A joyful smile appeared on his face, and he instinctively called out, then seemed to remember something and corrected himself, "Greetings, Sect Leader."

The surrounding disciples, hearing this, were briefly stunned, then quickly reacted, bowing their heads toward Cao Zhen, saying, "Greetings, Sect Leader."

Cao Zhen waved his hand at the disciples, looking helplessly at Chao Zi Zai, "Old Chao, we haven't seen each other for fifty years. How have you become so formal? Aren't we sworn brothers? Why do you still need to call me Sect Leader when you see me?"

However, Chao Zi Zai laughed and said, "You are the Sect Leader of the Hundred Peaks Sect, and I am a disciple of the Hundred Peaks Sect. You have just returned to our Hundred Peaks Sect, so naturally, I

should address you as Sect Leader, as a sign of respect for our Sect. Of course, now that we are just sworn brothers, unless you order otherwise as the Sect Leader, you are simply Old Cao to me."

Cao Zhen also laughed, "Then, Old Chao, shall we walk?"

"Let's go." Chao Zi Zai looked back at the group of disciples and said, "You all continue to practice diligently here. I am going to accompany your Sect Leader to check on our Seven Star Peak."

The Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth was unique because many Peak Masters had fallen asleep, and thus the Peaks were managed by disciples.

These disciples, after recruiting their own disciples, felt they were too young to be Masters and acted as proxies for their own Masters.

Of course, some recruited directly.

At Seven Star Peak where Chao Zi Zai was stationed, as Deng Qixing was no longer there, Chao Zi Zai had also taken on the role of Master, and these were all his disciples.

The two walked up the mountain along the hillside, Cao Zhen looking around as he asked, "Old Chao, it seems you have recruited quite a number of disciples at Seven Star Peak over these fifty years."

"It's mostly thanks to you," Chao Zi Zai grinned. "Everyone knows that you and I are sworn brothers, so they also hold me in higher regard. When those disciples choose their Sect, they also consider me.

Do you know? Just twenty years ago, I even recruited an Immortal Body disciple. Having such a talented Immortal Body join our Seven Star Peak was something I never even dared to dream of before."