

**Chapter 2941: Switching To Another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon**

“How arrogant!”

“So he thinks he can defeat Young Master Huang with one move?”

“He’s dreaming!”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, most people thought Duan Ling Tian was too arrogant. As a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, even if Huang Jia Long was not the strongest, he was still considered as one of the top three strongest Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials in the Supporting Fall Nation. How could they believe a young man who had not even reached the age of 100 would be able to defeat Huang Jia Long with just one move? How preposterous!

At this moment, Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, who had maintained a blank expression all this while looked at Duan Ling Tian with a faint sneer on his face. Even the strongest Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial in the Supporting Fall Nation, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation, needed at least ten moves to defeat his son.

Huang Jia Chao, Huang Yuan Fei’s youngest son, clicked his tongue before he said, “This brat is really cocky.” Similarly, he did not think it was possible for Duan Ling Tian to defeat his elder brother with just one move.

Back on the battlefield...

“Elementary Devouring Tactic!”

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

After Duan Ling Tian cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic to devour the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings, the golden buddha silhouette and the purple energy kept increasing.

In the mundane realms, the Elementary Devouring Tactic was so powerful that it could quickly drain an entire area of its Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. However, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Devata Realms was, naturally, superior to the mundane realms. In the Imperial Palace of the Supporting Fall Nation, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was so dense that Duan Ling Tian’s Elementary Devouring Tactic did not even cause a ripple. It was only natural since the Elementary Devouring Tactic was only considered a Heaven Grade Divine Ability in the Devata Realms. Although Duan Ling Tian had fully mastered it, it still could not compare to Duke Grade Divine Abilities.

An umbrella materialized in the hands of the golden Buddha silhouette that flashing with purple energy as the umbrella in Duan Ling Tian’s hand released an energy that transformed into a protective barrier around him.

Whoosh!

At this moment, Huang Jia Long was only a hair's breadth away from Duan Ling Tian. The air clearly stirred in his wake as he thrust his spear forward. The blood-red light flashing at the tip of his spear brightened before it shot out. At the same time, the golden dragon-like energy around the spear flashed and merged with the blood-red energy.

Boom!

As soon as the golden energy and the blood-red energy merged, it exploded. A terrifying force crashed ferociously against Duan Ling Tian's golden Buddha silhouette like an ancient beast.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Under Huang Jia Long's attack, the golden Buddha silhouette flickered as the purple energy around it disappeared. It looked as though Duan Ling Tian's defenses were about to be breached.

'If I only use the Celestial Origin Energy of a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, it'd be difficult for me to block his attack... Huang Jia Long's strength is indeed superior to most peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials. Besides, not all of my Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities are superior to his. I can only use the strength of a One Basic Celestial Duke to block his attacks.' Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn when he felt the strength of Huang Jia Long's attack. Then, he focused on increasing the strength of his Celestial Origin Energy to that of a One Basic Celestial Duke. It was difficult for him to suppress his Celestial Origin Energy to that of a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial while exerting the strength of a One Basic Celestial Duke. It was fine for a short time, but it was difficult to suppress for a long time. Alas, he had no choice. If people sensed his Celestial Origin Energy that was equivalent to a Celestial Duke, he would be disqualified from the Southern Heaven Combat. Most importantly, it would anger the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation. As the saying went, 'An emperor's anger could only be quenched by the blood of hundreds and thousands of people'. It would not be difficult for him to kill the emperor with his consumable Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, but he did not want to use it unnecessarily. After all, he only had two uses left.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Everyone watched with bated breaths as Huang Jia Long's spear struck Duan Ling Tian's defenses.

"Amazing defenses!"

Although Duan Ling Tian's golden Buddha silhouette was flickering as though it was going to shatter at any moment, many people were impressed that it lasted as long as it did. After several breaths' time, everyone was shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian managed to withstand Huang Jia Long's attack.

"H-how's that possible?!" Huang Jia Long looked dumbfounded when he saw that he failed to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses even after he had attacked with almost all his might.

Even Hu Ji Yong, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation, who was seated next to the emperor was stunned. Although he was able to defeat Huang Jia Long, it was impossible for his defenses to withstand Huang Jia Long's almost full-strength attack.

"You have one more move left," Duan Ling Tian said.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, most people regained their senses immediately.

“Monster!”

“This purple-clad young man’s defense is terrifying!”

At this moment, no one questioned Duan Ling Tian’s strength anymore. More and more people began to think it would not be difficult for Duan Ling Tian to defeat Huang Jia Long. Nevertheless, they still did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to defeat Huang Jia Long with just one move. After all, just because one had an extremely strong defense did not mean one’s strength was equally as strong.

“How should I address you?” Huang Jia Long asked with a calm expression. However, hints of admiration could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was rare to be able to meet such a young powerhouse. The purple-clad young man was so powerful even though he had not even reached the age of 100. Moreover, he could tell the young man had fully mastered all his Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, including his assistive Divine Ability that was not of the duke grade.

“Duan Ling Tian,” Duan Ling Tian responded indifferently.

“Brother Duan, based on the strength of your defenses, it’s clear I won’t be able to breach your defenses. I don’t think the outcome will change even if I attack again. So, why don’t I defend against your attack now?” Huang Jia Long had used nearly all his strength earlier to attack. He thought it was more practical for him to give up and defend against Duan Ling Tian’s attack instead since he did not think he would be able to breach Duan Ling Tian’s defenses even if he attacked with all his might.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Huang Jia Long calmly and said, “When you defend yourself, you may attack as well. I still stand by my words; if I can’t defeat you with one move, I’ll admit defeat.” At some point, he had put away his umbrella, the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

Many people were confused by Duan Ling Tian’s action of putting away the umbrella.

“W-why did he put his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon away?”

“Isn’t he going to attack with his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?”

“His Royal Grade Celestial Weapon is a defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon... If he uses it to attack, its strength wouldn’t be any stronger than an offensive Duke Grade Celestial Weapon. Maybe he’s going to switch weapons?”

“You have a point. He’s able to block Young Master Huang’s attack largely because of his defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.”

Although most people guessed that Duan Ling Tian was going to change his weapon, they could not help but gasp in shock when they saw the rod in Duan Ling Tian’s hand that was shining with a mysterious energy. They had thought he was going to bring out an offensive Duke Grade Celestial Weapon. How could they not be shocked to see another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?

“Heavens! It’s another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!”

“Who’s Duan Ling Tian? Not only is he powerful, but he even casually brought out two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons!”

“He must have a remarkable background!”

“Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?”

“Another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?”

The Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation stared at Duan Ling Tian intently as he muttered to himself, “This young man is not an ordinary sectless cultivator...”

“Two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons?” Imperial Concubine Lan who was seated next to the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation looked as though she was going to faint at this moment. ‘This little b\*stard has two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons?’ After she recognized Duan Ling Tian as her nephew’s killer, she could not wait to tear Duan Ling Tian into a million pieces to avenge her nephew. However, when she saw Duan Ling Tian possessed two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, she realized seeking revenge might prove to be a difficult task. A hint of despair began to well up in her heart at this moment. Would someone who possessed two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons be an ordinary person with a simple background?

‘If I kill him, will those behind him kill me as well? I’m not sure if I’m even able to kill him since it’s likely that he has powerhouses secretly protecting him...’ With this thought in mind, Imperial Concubine Lan sent another message to her eldest brother.

“Brother Duan, I surrender... Two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons? Who are you?” Huang Jia Long smiled bitterly when he saw Duan Ling Tian casually switching between two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. With this, he realized Duan Ling Tian was not being arrogant when he said he was going to defeat him with just one move.

## **Chapter 2942: Securing a Place**

“I’ll give you three breaths’ time to prepare.” Duan Ling Tian did not respond to Huang Jia Long’s question. Instead, he reminded Huang Jia Long to prepare himself.

Almost as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the golden Buddha silhouette that had slightly dimmed earlier shone brightly after he sent more Celestial Origin Energy into it.

‘After this attack, the temporary boost to my soul and Celestial Origin Energy granted by the consumable Monarch Grade Celestial Weapon would be almost depleted. Nevertheless, my fight with Huang Jia Long should be sufficient to ward off other Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials from challenging me.’ The reason Duan Ling Tian had allowed Huang Jia Long to make two moves first and announced that he would defeat Huang Jia Long with one move was to intimidate the Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials present on the scene so they would think twice about challenging him. With this scare tactic, he would not have to worry much about facing outstanding Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials after he had depleted his strength and losing the place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. After all, the strength granted to him by the consumable Monarch Grade Celestial Weapon was almost completely depleted.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Huang Jia Long’s expression turned grim. At the same time, he swung his long spear, a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. The golden dragon-like energy began to circle

around him and his spear. In just a brief moment, a layer of round golden light shrouded him. Tiny bolts of red lightning could be seen flashing on the golden barrier. He was prepared to defend and attack with all his might, at this moment. He planned to use his offensive technique to defend himself against Duan Ling Tian's attack.

At this moment, three breaths' time finally passed.

Bang!

A loud noise rang near Duan Ling Tian who had suddenly bent his knees. His movement, coupled with his Celestial Origin Energy, caused a crack on the ground of the battlefield. Then, he directly flew toward Huang Jia Long. A golden light illuminated the sky and purple Qi skyrocketed as he flew with the golden Buddha silhouette in tow. Apart from that, a vortex that kept absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings churned tirelessly.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian swung the staff in his hand slightly. Along with the mysterious glow of the staff, a dazzling purple and golden light suddenly burst out.

Duan Ling Tian's golden Buddha silhouette moved along with him. Similarly, it was also holding a staff.

All of sudden, Duan Ling Tian stuck downward.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The staff in the hand of the golden Buddha silhouette that shone with a golden and purple light imitated Duan Ling Tian's movement, leaving ripples in its wake.

"Just in time!" Despite Duan Ling Tian's fearsome attack, Huang Jia Long seemed unafraid. He thrust his spear out to face Duan Ling Tian's attack.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Earlier, Huang Jia Long had used his offensive Celestial Method, Divine Ability, and assistive Divine Ability. Now, he was more focused on using the assistive Divine Ability he had mastered. He also used his assistive Celestial Method that was of the duke grade. Although he had yet to completely master it, it was rather powerful.

Assistive Celestial Methods did not directly improve one's cultivation base. They helped with mobilizing and boosting one's Celestial Origin Energy.

As Huang Jia Long thrust his spear out, a shower of spears rained down in front of him. All of the spears were targeted at Duan Ling Tian. They looked extremely terrifying as though they were capable of destroying everything.

Boom! Boom Boom!

Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged faced with Huang Jia Long's different attack. The staff in his hand stirred up the wind in his surroundings. Similar to earlier, the golden Buddha silhouette

imitated his actions as well. Purple and golden light energy circled around Duan Ling Tian's staff like dragons. At this moment, the aura Duan Ling Tian exuded made people feel as though he was able to shake heaven and earth and destroy the mountains and the rivers. "It's time to end this."

When Duan Ling Tian's staff was just a hair's breadth away from Huang Jia Long, he subtly increased the strength of his Celestial Origin Energy to that of a One Basic Celestial Duke with just a thought, increasing the strength of his attack tremendously.

Bang!

When Duan Ling Tian's staff collided with Huang Jia Long's attack, it felt as though two planets had collided. The force of the collision seemed as though it was capable of destroying everything in its path.

After the earth-shattering collision, the light from Duan Ling Tian's staff did not dim. Moreover, his golden Buddha silhouette seemed to grow stronger and stronger as he continued to fight.

On the contrary, Huang Jia Long's numerous spears were completely and easily destroyed by Duan Ling Tian. Apart from that, his defenses were paper thin faced with Duan Ling Tian's attack. It shattered into a million pieces in just a brief moment.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang

A series of deafening explosions rang in the air as the wind stirred violently into a flurry of hurricanes.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian's attack easily overwhelmed Huang Jia Long. In just a short time, Huang Jia Long was sent flying out of the battlefield.

Whoosh!

As soon as Huang Jia Long was sent flying out of the battlefield's light barrier, a figure appeared when he was about to fall.

The person who had appeared was none other than Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City and Huang Jia Long's father. He had clearly made this timely appearance to break Huang Jia Long's fall. He heaved a sigh of relief when he noticed Huang Jia Long, who had fallen unconscious, was just lightly injured. Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze as he said, "Thank you for showing mercy, Brother Duan."

As a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, Huang Yuan Fei could tell Duan Ling Tian had held back his strength during the last moment. Naturally, he did not detect the brief moment where Duan Ling Tian had increased the strength of his Celestial Origin Energy to that of a One Basic Celestial Duke. He was unaware that if Duan Ling Tian did not hold back, his son would surely die!

Despite Huang Yuan Fei's outward appearance, he was inwardly shocked. 'My son's a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Moreover, the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities he mastered are all extraordinary. However, he still ended up in this state after facing this young man... Who's he?'

At the same time, a commotion broke out as soon as the spectators regained their senses. Some of them even stood up abruptly due to their shock and fear.

“Heavens! He really defeated Huang Jia Long with just a move!”

“His... his attack seems comparable to a One Basic Celestial Duke who has mastered Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities!”

“How powerful! I didn’t know our Supporting Fall Nation has such a talented genius!”

“Even the fourth prince who’s widely acknowledged as the strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial in the Supporting Fall Nation isn’t as strong as this young man!”

“His strength aside, he’s not even 100 years old, but he already owns two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. He must have an extraordinary background! Even if he’s a sectless cultivator, he must have someone remarkably strong behind him!”

The way Duan Ling Tian had defeated Huang Jia Long with just one move had thoroughly shocked everyone, excluding Liu Guang Lin. Even the One Basic Celestial Dukes who did not master any high-grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability were fearful of Duan Ling Tian. They were aware they might not even be as strong as Duan Ling Tian!

Hu Ji Yong, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation, who was sitting next to the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation sighed. “I’m not as strong as him...”

‘He’s a monster!’ Meanwhile, Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, looked at Duan Ling Tian with gleaming eyes. The way he looked at Duan Ling Tian was akin to how one would look at a treasure. ‘With his talent, it’d be easy for him to survive in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Since he joined the Southern Heaven Combat, it means he’s also interested in joining the Three Sects and Two Clans... He should be the disciple of some powerful sectless cultivator. Maybe he wants to join the Three Sects and Two Clans to experience the world. With his monstrous talent, no matter which of the Three Sects and Two Clans he joins, I would still be handsomely rewarded!’

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Meanwhile, somewhere in the Imperial Palace.

A middle-aged man who had just arrived in the Imperial Palace was on his way to the venue of the Southern Heaven Combat. Before he arrived at his destination, he received a Communication Celestial Talisman from Imperial Concubine Lan. Various expressions flitted briefly across his face as he listened to Imperial Concubine Lan’s message:

“Brother, I can’t help you with this matter... I’m afraid the emperor wouldn’t do anything even if I told him the young man is Hao’er’s killer. This Duan Ling Tian probably has an extraordinary background so the emperor will be wary of him. That aside, the emperor now views him as a treasure since he will definitely benefit the emperor greatly since his chance of coming out of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm alive is very high. Brother, please give up...”

The middle-aged man none other than the father of the ugly young man dressed in fine robes whom Duan Ling Tian killed in the outskirts of the Supporting Fall Nation’s capital.

Upon hearing Imperial Concubine Lan’s words, his body trembled violently as his eyes reddened. “What?! One move? It took him one move to defeat the Passage City’s Young Master, Huang Jia Long?!”

Isn't Huang Jia Long the second strongest Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial in the Supporting Fall Nation who's only second to the fourth prince?"

It seemed as though he had lost his mind as he muttered to himself, "No! No! Never! I won't give up! Never! In order to find Hao'er's killer, I've even given up on cultivation! He must die! He must die!" Hatred burned intensely in his bloodshot eyes as he spoke.

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At the venue of the Southern Heaven Combat.

After Duan Ling Tian defeated Huang Jia Long with one move, the participants in the other eight battlefields stared at Duan Ling Tian with a blank expression on their faces, clearly stunned. They only continued with their respective fights after they regained their senses.

In the subsequent hour, just as Duan Ling Tian had expected and hoped for, no one else dared to challenge him. Just like that, he managed to secure a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and the Three Sects and Two Clans... How exciting," Duan Ling Tian murmured to himself as he returned to his seat among the spectators, ignoring all the eyes on him.

#### **Chapter 2943: The Origin Gathering Hall**

After Duan Ling Tian obtained a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm of the Supporting Fall Nation, the battle during the second day of the Southern Heaven Combat grew more and more fierce.

Huang Jia Chao, the fifth son of Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, also successfully secured a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Although his strength was weaker than his brother, Huang Jia Long, he was still much stronger than the average Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials.

Another noteworthy event on the second day of the Southern Heaven Combat was, apart from Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Chao, another person also obtained a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Similar to Duan Ling Tian, everyone had not seen or heard of this person prior to the competition. This person was a woman who was even more beautiful than He Qian, the Young Miss of the He clan.

Needless to say, in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, this woman's appearance was only slightly above average. She was far from being comparable to his two wives, Ke'er and Li Fei, or even his partner, Feng Tian Wu, let alone Huan'er.

As Duan Ling Tian watched the woman flying back to her seat among the spectators after securing a spot to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, he speculated inwardly, 'She's a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial and owns a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon... No one present seems to know her. She has to have an extraordinary background or a strong powerhouse supporting her.'



It was only when the woman took her seat that everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, noticed the old woman sitting next to her. The old woman who was inconspicuous earlier instantly attracted everyone's attention.

Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, extended his Divine Consciousness to probe the old woman. "One Basic Celestial King?!" He only frowned slightly and remained silent when the old woman looked at him after sensing his Divine Consciousness. He was not just an ordinary Two Forms Celestial King; he was widely regarded as one of the strongest Two Forms Celestial Kings. He was almost as strong as a Three Talents Celestial King. Despite that, he did not think it was unnecessary to make a fuss over that old woman.

The second day of the Southern Heaven Combat came to an end as night fell. Three participants secured their spots to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Currently, there were only five spots left to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

At this moment, a eunuch approached Duan Ling Tian with an invitation from Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation. "Young Master Duan, as a sectless cultivator, you can stay in the Imperial Palace's Origin Gathering Hall to cultivate until it's time for you to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm."

"Origin Gathering Hall?" Although Duan Ling Tian had stayed in the Imperial Palace the previous night, the accommodation assigned to him was only an ordinary temporary residence. Although it was his first time hearing about the Origin Gathering Hall, he was certain it must be a good place to cultivate in.

The eunuch seemed to be startled by Duan Ling Tian's lack of knowledge about the Origin Gathering Hall. He asked, "Young Master Duan, is it possible that you're not a citizen of the Supporting Fall Nation?"

"Why do you ask?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. Did this mean every citizen in the Supporting Fall Nation knew about the Origin Gathering Hall?

"Apart from the cultivation place for the direct descendants of the Imperial family, the Origin Gathering Hall is the best place to cultivate in the Supporting Fall Nation... The various Origin Gathering Formations in the Origin Gathering Hall are linked to the cultivation place of the Imperial family's direct descendants that's connected to the only mediocre Celestial Crystal Vein in our nation!" The eunuch explained, "Almost every citizen of the Supporting Fall Nation has heard of the Origin Gathering Hall."

"As expected." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

After their exchange, the eunuch led Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin to the Origin Gathering Hall in the Supporting Fall Nation's Imperial Palace.

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The Origin Gathering Hall seemed like a palace of its own that housed many small individual courtyards. Despite the size of the small courtyards, they were fully equipped with the necessary facilities. All of the courtyards boasted two rooms and a small well-kept compound with a small pound. Moreover, a eunuch and a maid were assigned to each courtyard.

“This is Young Master Duan.” The eunuch who was sent by the emperor introduced Duan Ling Tian to the eunuch and the maid standing at the entrance of the courtyard.

After the introductions, the maid led Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin into the courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian found out the maid was responsible for everything in the courtyard while the eunuch was to run errands for the people living in the courtyard and the maid.

Duan Ling Tian dismissed the maid not long after he entered the courtyard. After that, he said to Liu Guang Lin, “Guang Lin, I’m going to cultivate over the next few days to see if I can break through the bottleneck of my cultivation. If there’s nothing urgent, don’t let anyone disturb me.”

“Yes, my lord,” Liu Guang Lin replied respectfully. After Duan Ling Tian entered one of the rooms, he sat down in the compound to cultivate so he could guard Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, the cultivation environment in the compound was no different from the cultivation environment in the rooms.

After entering the room, Duan Ling Tian set up a few basic Formations to keep Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from leaking out of the room. Then, he brought out the Divine Crystal Huan’er had left for him. As soon as he brought the Divine Crystal out, rich and dense Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy filled the room, providing Duan Ling Tian with the perfect cultivation environment.

Although the cultivation environment of the Origin Gathering Hall in the Supporting Fall Nation’s Imperial Palace was good, it was not comparable to the cultivation environment provided by the Divine Crystal.

Based on Duan Ling Tian’s earlier words to Liu Guang Lin, it was clear he did not intend to continue spectating the Southern Heaven Combat now that he had secured a spot to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. The Southern Heaven Combat would continue for another three days before it officially came to an end.

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On the third day of the Southern Heaven Combat.

The Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation finally made a move and secured a place for himself as well.

Apart from that, a disciple of a faction in the Supporting Fall Nation also obtained a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

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On the fourth day of the Southern Heaven Combat, Huang Jia Long who had recovered from his injuries was the only one to secure a place in the Southern Heaven Combat.

On the fifth day, the final two people claimed their spots.

With that, the Southern Heaven Combat officially came to an end.

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Although the Southern Heaven Combat had ended, people in the Supporting Fall Nation's capital were still talking about the nine people who had obtained a chance to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Among these nine people, Duan Ling Tian was the most talked about. After all, his performance was so amazing that he outshone the other eight people. Even the limelight on Hu Ji Yong, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation, had been stolen by Duan Ling Tian.

"Huang Jia Long, the son of the City Governor of Passage City, is probably ranked in the top three among the nine participants. However, the gap between his strength and Duan Ling Tian is way too wide, right?"

"Although Huang Jia Long attacked with all his might, he could not even breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses. Only those who were present at that time knew how terrifyingly strong Duan Ling Tian is."

"Yes! I was there! Duan Ling Tian's defense is indeed very terrifying! His attack was equally as terrifying! He managed to injure and defeat Huang Jia Long with just a blow from his staff!"

"That Duan Ling Tian is a monster! I don't know where he sprung out from..."

"It's obvious he's not a simple person based on the two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons he owns."

Although quite some time had passed since the Southern Heaven Combat ended, everyone was still fervently discussing it. Moreover, 60% of the conversation revolved around Duan Ling Tian. This was unsurprising since his performance was truly outstanding.

Apart from that, the people also spoke about Hu Ji Yong, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation. They did not doubt he was brilliant, but he really paled in comparison to Duan Ling Tian.

They also discussed Huang Jia Long's defeat in Duan Ling Tian's hand. No one thought he was weak for losing. They only thought Duan Ling Tian was too strong.

Huang Jia Chao, Huang Jia Long's younger brother, was also discussed. He was the strongest after Duan Ling Tian, Hu Ji Yong, and Huang Jia Long.

Naturally, they also discussed the only two female participants who managed to secure a spot to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. One of them was He Qian, the daughter of the Clan Leader of He clan, and the mysterious girl whose name was Hu Fei Yan.

"Not only is Hu Fei Yan prettier than He Qian, but she seems to be stronger than He Qian as well!"

"She's rather similar to Duan Ling Tian. No one has heard of them prior to the Southern Heaven Combat."

"I heard that the old woman who accompanied her during the Southern Heaven Combat is a One Basic Celestial King!"

Duan Ling Tian who had left the Imperial Palace after coming out from his closed-door cultivation was currently sitting with Liu Guang Lin at a corner of a restaurant in the Supporting Fall Nation's capital. He had, naturally, heard the conversations in his surroundings.

“A Celestial King?” Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. In fact, when he had first seen the old woman, his instinct had told him the old woman was not a simple person. Although it was just a rumor that the old woman was a Celestial King, he did not think it was completely groundless.

Most of the people in the restaurant who were gossiping about Duan Ling Tian had only heard of him and had not actually seen him. For this reason, they were unaware that the person they were discussing was quietly sitting at a corner of the restaurant.

At this moment, everyone in the restaurant abruptly fell silent.

“Hmm?” The jarring silence, naturally, caught Duan Ling Tian’s attention.

Soon after, an ingratiating and extremely respectful voice echoed in the restaurant. “Young master, please come in.”

Similar to everyone else, Duan Ling Tian turned to look in the direction of the voice and saw a tall and handsome young man dressed in brocade robes walking into the restaurant with long and powerful strides.

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A scantily-clad young woman walked behind the young man. Although the woman was not as beautiful as Hu Fei Yan, she was not the slightest bit inferior to He Qian, the daughter of the Clan Leader of He clan.

‘It’s him!’ With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian recognized the young man as Huang Jia Long, the fourth son of Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City. He had previously defeated Huang Jia Long during the Southern Heaven Combat. He briefly glanced at the beautiful woman accompanying Huang Jia Long as he thought to himself, ‘It seems like the rumor of Huang Jia Long being a womanizer isn’t unfounded. It’s clear that this woman isn’t a proper lady from a good family.’

As soon as Huang Jia Long walked into the restaurant with the beautiful woman, it did not take long for him to discover that the seemingly ordinary patron of the restaurant was Duan Ling Tian. Initially, his attention was attracted by Duan Ling Tian because Duan Ling Tian only spared him a glance while everyone was openly staring at him. That was how discovered Duan Ling Tian. His eyes lit up like the stars in the night sky as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian. He did not waste any time and said to the woman accompanying him, “I have something to attend to. You can return first.” He did not look at her when he spoke, directly making his way to Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing this, the beautiful woman thought Huang Jia Long had dismissed her because another woman had attracted his attention. However, she could not help but shiver when she saw him walking to a handsome purple-clad young man with an extraordinary bearing. ‘Is Young Master Huang interested in man?’

“My lord, he’s coming our way,” Liu Guang Lin said when he saw Huang Jia Long walking toward them.

Duan Ling Tian only nodded slightly in response. He had already noticed this.

“Brother Duan!” Huang Jia Long greeted Duan Ling Tian.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian had assumed Huang Jia Long only came over to greet him. He did not expect Huang Jia Long to sit down unceremoniously before he asked the waiter to bring a wine glass and an extra set of tableware over.

Huang Jia Long acted as though he had been friends with Duan Ling Tian for many years. He was casual and paid no attention to formalities at all.

Meanwhile, the patrons who were drinking in the restaurant had been paying attention to Huang Jia Long as soon as he walked in. They, naturally, overheard the way he had addressed Duan Ling Tian. With this, they were able to guess Duan Ling Tian's identity.

"Brother Duan? Young Master Huang of Passage City seems very friendly with that man... Is there any prominent person with the surname Duan in the Supporting Fall Nation?"

"He's dressed in purple, and his surname is Duan... Could he be Duan Ling Tian?"

"Duan Ling Tian? The young man who defeated Young Master Huang with one move during the Southern Heaven Combat?"

"That's right! He's not even 100 years old. His terrifying strength aside, he also owns two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons! I heard he's so powerful that he might even be stronger than those weak One Basic Celestial Dukes."

With this, Duan Ling Tian who had been sitting inconspicuously in the restaurant became the focus of everyone's attention.

After sitting down without an invitation, Huang Jia Long looked at Duan Ling Tian and earnestly said, "Brother Duan, I've never admired anyone in my life until I met you! Whether it's my father or the emperor, I'm confident I'll be able to surpass them when I'm their age. After meeting you, I finally understand the feeling of admiration!"

"Young Master Huang, you're flattering me... I heard that you're a rare talented genius in the Supporting Fall Nation. If you weren't so obsessed with women, your accomplishments would surely surpass those of the fourth prince," Duan Ling Tian replied modestly with a smile as he looked at Huang Jia Long knowingly.

"Brother Duan, y-you know about this?" Huang Jia Long touched his nose in embarrassment. He did not expect this young genius whom he admired was privy to his promiscuous lifestyle. He smiled sheepishly before he said, "Brother Duan, this is embarrassing... However, I'll be honest. Apart from pursuing power and strength, my other hobby is pursuing women! Although I'm fond of women, I'm not the unscrupulous sort. I've never deceived or forced a woman. The women I'm with are all willing!"

Duan Ling Tian did not doubt Huang Jia Long's words. Although there was a saying about how one's nature would only be revealed with time, as someone who had lived twice, his judgment was rather good. Based on the clear and righteous look in Huang Jia Long's eyes, he could tell Huang Jia Long was not a malicious person. In the end, he shook his head and smiled. "If you were that kind of person, do you think I'll allow you to sit here or chat with you?"

If Huang Jia Long was a despicable character, not only would Duan Ling Tian prevent Huang Jia Long from sitting down at his table, but he might even rough him up a little for justice's sake!

Huang Jia Long was not reserved at all. After sitting down, he chatted incessantly with Duan Ling Tian about all kinds of topics. Nevertheless, from the beginning to the end, he did not ask about Duan Ling Tian's background. He chatted casually as though they were old friends.

"The various factions in the Southern Heaven Territory are also divided into different grades... For example, the top sects in the borders of the Southern Heaven Territory are classified as grade nine sects. A country like the Supporting Fall Nation that's located on the edge of the central area is classified as a grade eight Celestial Kingdom. The sects and clans in the Supporting Fall Nation are mostly grade nine sects and clans. For example, the He clan is a grade nine clan. Huang Jia Long's Huang clan in Passage City is also a grade nine clan. The Three Sects and Two Clans are grade seven sects and clans. The grade seven sects and clans all have Prominent Celestial Crystal Veins. Prominent Celestial Crystal Veins are capable of producing supreme Celestial Crystals. In addition, the Three Sects and Two Clans have a very close relationship with the Profound Nether Mansion... They are indirectly dependent on each other. This place I'm in now is also under the rule of the Profound Nether Mansion. The Profound Nether Mansion that's a grade six Celestial Mansion is related to one of the top ten clans in the Southern Heaven Territory..."

After chatting with Huang Jia Long, the chatterbox, the entire afternoon, Duan Ling Tian learned about a lot of things. He also learned the entrance to the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm would open in half a year.

"I was about to break through and become a One Basic Celestial Duke... However, in order to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and search for fortuitous encounters, I haven't been cultivating to improve my cultivation base. Instead, I've been focusing on comprehending my Divine Ability." Huang Jia Long still had not fully mastered his assistive Duke Grade Divine Ability so he decided to focus on it. Most importantly, only Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials could enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Celestial Duke would be automatically prevented from entering by a Formation at the entrance of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

When night fell, Huang Jia Ling said reluctantly, "Brother Duan, it's getting dark now. I'll send you back... We will chat again another time." It was clear he still wanted to chat with Duan Ling Tian.

"It's fine, we can return by ourselves."

Despite Duan Ling Tian's refusal, Huang Jia Long was very enthusiastic. Duan Ling Tian could only follow Huang Jia Long as he led them to the Imperial Palace of the Supporting Fall Nation.

When the trio arrived on an empty street near the palace...

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Two gusts of wind blew violently. Soon enough, two people appeared, blocking the trio's path on both sides of the street.

"Huh?" Duan Ling Tian came to a halt and looked at the middle-aged man who blocked his path.

The middle-aged glared at Duan Ling Tian with deep-seated hatred as though he had a huge enmity with Duan Ling Tian. His voice was cold as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, I'm going to make you pay with your life today for killing my son..."

"I killed your son?" Duan Ling Tian was confused.

The middle-aged man said, "Eleven days ago, outside the capital."

Upon hearing the middle-aged man's words, realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. "As it turns out you're the ugly and twisted man's father. It seems like the Celestial Talisman he sent before his death left some clues behind. Otherwise, you wouldn't have been able to find me." His expression remained calm when he spoke.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian silently took out a hairpin. Mysterious light twinkled above the hairpin. The two flowers at the tail of the hairpin shone with a blood-red light. No one noticed the hairpin since he held it tightly in his hand. The hairpin was none other than the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon he had obtained in the borderlands. After using it once, he was left with two more uses.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not know the cultivation base of the middle-aged man and the man who came with him, he was certain the two men were stronger than Liu Guang Lin, a One Basic Celestial Duke, who had the highest cultivation base in his group of three. Due to the threat these two men posed, he brought the hairpin out.

"You're seeking death!" the middle-aged man cried out. Not only did Duan Ling Tian not deny killing his son, but Duan Ling Tian even dared to call his son ugly and twisted! How could he not be furious? His Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body like flames.

Duan Ling Tian was about to use the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, and the middle-aged man was about to attack...

Suddenly, an indifferent voice rang in the air. "I think you're the one who's seeking death!"

#### **Chapter 2945: The Power Of The Law**

Just as the middle-aged man who blocked Duan Ling Tian and his two companions was about to attack, Huang Jia Long's friendly gaze that was trained on Duan Ling Tian turned cold when he looked at the middle-aged man. "I think you're the one who's seeking death!"

"Hmm?" Upon hearing Huang Jia Long's provocative words, the middle-aged man who was startled instinctively turned to look at Huang Jia Long. He found Huang Jia Long familiar as though he had seen Huang Jia Long before, but he could not remember where or when.

At the same time, Huang Jia Long said quietly, seemingly to the air, "Elder Feng."

As soon as Huang Jia Long finished speaking, an ancient voice that seemed to ring from all directions resonated in the air. Then, an elderly figure appeared, seemingly out of thin air, behind Huang Jia Long. "Young master."

The old man was dressed in a black robe. He was so thin that it seemed as though he was going to be blown away at any moment. The old man's features were rather prominent. Illuminated by the dim moonlight, he looked like a ghost.

Based on the way the old-man had seemingly appeared out of thin air, it was easy to tell his speed was extremely fast. This shocked the middle-aged and his companion, a young man with a medium build, who was blocking the other end of the street.

"Y-you... Y-you're Senior Xue Feng!" The young man with a medium build cried out after he had a good look at the old man. He shrank back slightly in fear.

Upon hearing the young man's words, the old man turned and looked at the young man indifferently. "You know me?"

"Senior Xue Feng, my master is Tong Yu." The young man smiled bitterly. He did not expect to meet the old man here. The old man used to be a sectless cultivator like him. Apart from that, the old man was a famous sectless cultivator in the Supporting Fall Nation. The old man was already a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke long ago. It stood to reason that the old man had since broken through and became a Ten Directions Celestial Duke! He had met the old man when he was still a child because his master and the old man were friends.

"Tong Yu?" The old man's frown disappeared, and his expression eased up. "Are you the little kid who ran all over the place with bare buttocks? Your name is... Hu Lie?"

"I'm surprised that you still remember me, Senior Xu Feng. Indeed, I'm Hu Lie." Hu Lie, the young man, inwardly sighed in relief when he heard the old man's words. Then, he looked at Huang Jia Long warily as he asked, "Senior Xue Feng, I heard that you're now a Revered Elder in the City Governor's estate in Passage City... Who's this man?" In fact, he already had an answer in his mind.

Xue Feng replied, "He's the Young Master of the City Governor's estate in Passage City."

Although the title 'Young Master of the City Governor's estate in Passage City' could refer to any one of the sons of Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, Hu Lie knew Xue Feng could only be referring to Huang Yuan Fei's son who was most likely to become the next City Governor of Passage City. This person was none other than Huang Jia Long, Huang Yuan Fei's fourth and most outstanding son!

"Xue Feng?" Meanwhile, the middle-aged man who was blocking Duan Ling Tian and his two companions' path finally regained his senses. His expression changed drastically as he said, "You... You're Huang Jia Long, the City Governor of Passage City's fourth son?"

Huang Jia Long looked at the middle-aged man and said indifferently, "If I'm not mistaken, you're Li Wei, Imperial Concubine Lan's eldest brother, right? I heard your son died outside the capital, and you couldn't find the murderer..." His gaze turned piercing as he continued to say, "It seems like you've identified the murdered, and it's none other than Brother Duan?"

"Young Master Huang, since you know who my sister is, for my sister's sake, I hope you don't interfere in my personal conflict with this young man." A hint of fear could be seen on Li Wei's face. If Xue Feng interfered, he might not even be able to touch Duan Ling Tian, let alone kill Duan Ling Tian.



Huang Jia Long laughed when he heard Li Wei's words. A sneer could be seen on his face as he said, "Li Wei, I'm afraid that your sister has no plan of helping you to avenge your son, right? Moreover, I'm sure even His Majesty would stop you if he knows you want to kill Brother Duan." He had come to this conclusion when Xue Feng told him about Hu Lie through Voice Transmission.

Hu Lie was a sectless cultivator, and he had been hired by Li Wei to help him with killing Duan Ling Tian. Li Wei's sister was the emperor's beloved concubine. Why would Li Wei need to hire outside help to avenge his son? It was clear Li Wei's sister had no intention of getting involved in this matter at all.

Li Wei inhaled deeply as he looked at Huang Jia Long. "Young Master Huang, as long as you allow me to kill this person, I'm willing to go to the City Governor's estate in Passage City and work for you..."

Swoosh!

Without waiting for Huang Jia Long's reply, Li Wei charged toward Duan Ling Tian like a goshawk.

Alas, as soon as Li Wei made a move, Xue Feng made his move as well. He easily thwarted Li Wei's attempt to kill Duan Ling Tian. It was only natural since Xue Feng and Li Wei were in two different leagues. Li Wei was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke while Li Wei was just a Six Combinations Celestial Duke.

"You must have a death wish!" After the old man stopped Li Wei's attack, Huang Jia Long finally regained his senses. His expression was sour as he said decisively, "Elder Feng, kill him!"

"Yes, young master." Xue Feng did not hesitate to make a move after he heard Huang Jia Long's words.

Li Wei's expression changed drastically. He did not even have time to react before Xue Feng had already killed him.

Upon seeing this, Hu Lie's expression turned grim.

"Since you're the disciple of Elder Feng's friend, I'll spare your life..." Huang Jia Long said indifferently.

Upon hearing this, Hu Lie sighed in relief as though a huge burden had been lifted off his shoulders.

However, Huang Jia Long continued to say, "It's just that you've offended my friend... so I can't just let you off the hook so easily... You have to pay one way or another..."

Hu Lie's face turned pale when he heard Huang Jia Long's words. He lifted his hands hastily and brought out a broken diamond-shaped black stone and handed it to Duan Ling Tian. "Young Master Duan, I don't have any valuable items to offer you other than this... I obtained this stone by chance many years ago. I don't know what it is, but even a Ten Directions Celestial Duke couldn't leave a scratch on it. Based on this, it's obvious it's extraordinary. I will give this to you as a token of my apology. Please forgive me, Young Master Duan." He clearly planned to compensate Duan Ling Tian with the black stone.

"Hmm?" Upon seeing the broken diamond-shaped black stone, a sense of familiarity flooded Duan Ling Tian.

As soon as the stone was placed in Duan Ling Tian's hand, an ancient voice rang in his mind. "Huh? This is... a first-form Profound Divine Metal?"

The voice belonged to the third form of the Chaos Divine Flame in Duan Ling Tian's body.

"Boy, where did you get this first-form Profound Divine Metal?"

It seemed like the Chaos Divine Flame had woken up after sensing the stone in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

"This is a first-form Profound Divine Metal?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened imperceptibly. No wonder he found the stone familiar. It felt similar to the two first-form Profound Divine Metals he had obtained back then. One was given to him by Xia Jie from the Divine Offering Land, and the other one he had found in his hometown in the mundane realm. When the two merged, they became a second-form Profound Divine Metal.

"Boy, when the Profound Divine Metal wakes up, you should let it absorb this first-form Profound Divine Metal. With that, the Profound Divine Metal only needs to absorb one more first-form Profound Divine Metal to transform into a third-form Profound Divine Metal," the Chaos Divine Flame said, "It's a pity you didn't master a Royal Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability with both metal and fire attributes... Otherwise, the Profound Divine Metal and I can help you to quickly comprehend and master the laws of fire and metal contained in a Royal Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability."

"The law of fire? The law of metal?" Duan Ling Tian was confused. He asked curiously, "What's that?"

"In the Devata Realms, only those who have mastered the power of the law can be regarded as a real powerhouse... Generally, only those in the Devata Realms who have obtained Royal Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities have the opportunity to comprehend and master the power of the law. This is because Royal Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities contain the power of the laws... Royal Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities are different from Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities and those of a lower grade. The latter only requires one to comprehend and master it while the former needs one to comprehend and master the power of the law that's contained in it as well."

The Chaos Divine Flame continued to say, opening the door to a whole new world to Duan Ling Tian, "One can easily defeat someone with the same cultivation base as long one has mastered the power of the law. This is also the reason there's such a huge gap between Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities and Royal Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities in the Devata Realms."

### **Chapter 2946: Not Worth It**

"The power of the law..." The Chaos Divine Flame's words had broadened Duan Ling Tian's horizons. His knowledge was limited to various low-grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities in Devata Realms. He did not know much about Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities above the king grade. The Chaos Divine Flame's words had truly opened the door to a new world for him.

"Boy, you still haven't told me... Where did you find this first-form Profound Divine Metal? Did you see anything else at the place where you found it?" the Chaos Divine Flame asked, interrupting Duan Ling Tian's thoughts.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at Hu Lie calmly as he replied to the Chaos Divine Flame inwardly, "It's given to me by the person standing in front of me."

"What?!" The Chaos Divine Flame was shocked. It said mockingly, "Is this person stupid? He gave you a Profound Divine Metal? Although a first-form Profound Divine Metal is useless, he would be able to transform it into a second-form Profound Divine Metal if he lets it absorb another first-form Profound Divine Metal. A second-form Profound Divine Metal can be used as a soul defense Celestial Weapon, after all!" A hint of exasperation could be heard in its tone when it spoke. "This man is really a fool. He actually gave away a valuable treasure like the Profound Divine Metal!"

"Although the first-form Profound Divine Metal is a treasure, it won't be considered a treasure unless one recognizes its value," Duan Ling Tian replied, "All he knows is even a Ten Directions Celestial Duke couldn't leave a scratch on the stone. He only knows it's special, but he doesn't know what it is..."

"You're really lucky..." The Chaos Divine Flame sighed. Then, it fell silent as though it did not wake up at all.

"Young Master Duan..." Hu Lie was laden with anxiety as he watched Duan Ling Tian staring at and playing with the strange stone in his hand. Based on the attitude of Huang Jian Long, the Young Master of the City Governor's estate in Passage City, as long as Duan Ling Tian wanted his life, he would definitely die.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian casually put the first-form Profound Divine Metal away before he glanced at Hu Lie indifferently. "I'll accept it. This makes us even now."

"Thank you, Young Master Duan, thank you." Hu Lie was overwhelmed with relief when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. After bidding farewell to Huang Jia Long and Xue Feng, he hurriedly took his leave. He truly regretted being greedy and promising to help Li Wei kill Duan Ling Tian.

'Although I don't know what the stone is, it's definitely something extraordinary since even Ten Directions Celestial Duke couldn't leave a scratch on it with a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.' Hu Lie could not help but feel slightly upset over the loss of the stone. He prayed inwardly that the stone was useless.

After Hu Lie left, Duan Ling Tian briefly looked at Li Wei's corpse on the ground before he shifted his eyes to Huang Jia Long and solemnly thanked him. "Young Master Huang, thank you."

If Huang Jia Long did not ask Xue Feng to take action, Duan Ling Tian would have had to use his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. The consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon could only be used three times. He had already used it once, and if he were to use it again earlier, he would only be left with one more use. He was grateful that he did not have to use the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon earlier.

"Brother Duan, you must be joking! I saw everything clearly earlier. When Li Wei tried to attack you earlier, your expression was extremely calm. It's obvious you didn't feel threatened by him at all." Huang Jia Long shook his head and smiled. "If I'm not mistaken, you have someone secretly protecting you, right? I'm just being meddlesome by asking Elder Feng for help. It's not worth mentioning at all."

Moreover, there's no need for the powerhouse protecting you to make a move on someone like Li Wei..."

After Huang Jia Long finished speaking, he regarded his surroundings with a respectful and cautious expression on his face. He had seen how composed and fearless Duan Ling Tian was earlier when faced with Li Wei. It was only natural that he assumed Duan Ling Tian was protected by a powerhouse. Moreover, since Xue Feng could not detect the presence of the powerhouse guarding Duan Ling Tian, it meant that the powerhouse had to be a One Basic Celestial King, at least, since Xue Feng was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. He would never be able to imagine that Duan Ling Tian was fearless not because there was a powerhouse protecting him but because of his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that could grant him the strength of an ordinary Celestial Lord.

"Anyway, there's no arguing that you saved me this time, Young Master Huang." Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. Naturally, he did correct Huang Jia Long's misunderstanding. He did not want to reveal the existence of his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, after all. He had even deliberately used the power of the second-form Profound Divine Metal to conceal the presence of the consumable Royal Grade when he had taken it out earlier. This was so if there were any Celestial Kings who instinctively kept their Divine Consciousness active, they would not be able to sense the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in his hand with their Divine Consciousness.

The Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation was one of the few Celestial Kings in the Supporting Fall Nation. It would be troublesome if the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation discovered the fact that Duan Ling Tian possessed a consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Since he was a Celestial King, his Divine Consciousness could easily encompass half of the Supporting Fall Nation's capital. Moreover, the street they were standing on was rather close to the Imperial Palace. This meant they were in the range of the emperor's Divine Consciousness.

At this moment, Huang Jia Long glanced at Li Wei's corpse on the ground and said through Voice Transmission, "Brother Duan, I'm afraid we will have to go see His Majesty... I'm sure His Majesty has already discovered what happened here through his Divine Consciousness. Even if he didn't, it's still better for us to inform him about this. Although Li Wei is Imperial Concubine Lan's biological brother, with your strength and my status, His Majesty probably wouldn't punish us. More importantly, we have a good reason for killing him."

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In a hall of the inner palace in the Imperial Palace of the Supporting Fall Nation.

"This..." Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, was sitting on the throne in the hall. A frown could be seen on his face when he looked at the corpse in front of him. It was clear he was still unaware of the corpse's identity.

"Your Majesty, please have a look at his face," Huang Jia Long said with his head lowered. Then, he waved his hand, and an invisible energy turned the corpse over.

"Li Wei?!" Hu Lin Yi's expression changed dramatically when he saw the corpse's face. Was this not his favorite concubine, Imperial Concubine Lan's eldest brother?

At the same time, a hurried voice rang from outside the palace hall. "Your Majesty, Your Majesty..."

Soon after, a graceful and noble woman ran into the palace hall with a few maidservants in tow.

"Your Majesty, my elder brother's Soul Pearl is broken. You must help me find out what has happened to him! I..." the beautiful woman cried out as she held a shattered Soul Pearl in her hand. She trailed off, stunned, when she saw the corpse on the ground.

"Big brother!" The beautiful woman, Imperial Concubine Lan, wailed as her expression changed. She ran to the corpse, sobbing hysterically. She was inconsolable as her tears fell like a torrent of rain

When Imperial Concubine Lan saw the two young men and an old man standing next to her brother's corpse, she understood what had happened immediately. She knew then that it was nigh impossible for her to avenge her eldest brother. Therefore, even if she loathed these men to the core, she knew she would have no choice but to bury the hatred in the depth of her heart.

"Jia Long, what's going on?" Hu Lin Yi looked at Huang Jia Long pointedly.

"Your Majesty, Li Wei..." Huang Jia Long recounted what had happened. He also told Hu Lin Yi about Li Wei hiring outside help to kill Duan Ling Tian. He did not hide the reason Li Wei had wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian and also told Hu Lin Yi that Xue Feng was the one who killed Li Wei.

Hu Lin Yi looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked in a deep voice, "Duan Ling Tian, are you the one who killed Li Hao?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded with a calm expression on his face. He was neither humble nor arrogant.

"Why did you kill him?" Hu Lin Yi asked.

"I have no quarrel with him. However, as soon as we met for the first time, he gave me two choices: either I ruin my face or die." Then, Duan Ling Tian asked lightly, "What would you have done, Your Majesty, if you were forced to choose between those two options?"

"That a\*shole!" Hu Lin Yi cursed immediately as he flicked his sleeve angrily.

"Your Majesty..." At the same time, Huang Jia Long sent a Voice Transmission to Hu Lin Yi. "Li Hao is far stronger than the One Basic Celestial Duke next to Duan Ling Tian. Elder Feng hadn't appeared when Li Wei tried to kill Duan Ling Tian earlier, but Duan Ling Tian remained calm the entire time. It's clear he was not afraid at all..." He no longer said anything else after saying these things. He did not explain further because he knew Hu Lin Yi would be able to guess the meaning behind his words.

'It seems like someone who's a Celestial King, at least, is protecting him. Moreover, he's not even 100 years old, but he's invincible among those who are weaker than Celestial Dukes. With his talent, the Three Sects and Two Clans would definitely scramble to recruit him after he comes out from the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. No matter which sect or clan he chooses to join, he would be highly appreciated. Whether it's because of the powerhouse protecting him or the sect and clan he joins in the future, it's not worth it to hold him accountable for Li Hao and Li Wei's deaths!' With these thoughts in mind, Hu Lin Yi quickly and decisively made up his mind.

## **Chapter 2947: The Profound Golden Pill**

“Li Hao and Li Wei deserved it... That’s all there is to it,” Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, said loudly, bringing the matter to a conclusion.

“Your Majesty is wise, indeed.” Huang Jia Long smiled and cupped his hands respectfully.

Duan Ling Tian cupped his fists together at Hu Lin Yi as well.

Then, the two of them, along with Xue Feng, left immediately.

The moment the trio left the palace hall, Hu Lin Yi looked at the crying Imperial Concubine Lan who was still crouched next to Li Wei’s corpse. He said with a sigh, “My beloved concubine, the dead can’t come back to life... My condolences...”

Hearing Hu Lin Yi’s comforting words, Imperial Concubine Lan trembled slightly. Then, a cold expression appeared on her lowered face. Although she had expected this outcome, her heart still turned cold when she heard Hu Lin Yi’s words. After taking a deep breath, she lifted her head and looked at Hu Lin Yi, replacing her cold expression with a pitiful one. “Your Majesty, I’d like to request for permission to return to my maiden home for a while... I want to arrange my brother’s funeral as well...”

“Alright.” Hu Lin Yi nodded and easily agreed to Imperial Concubine Lan’s request. After she left with Li Wei’s corpse, he did not leave the palace hall immediately.

Hu Lin Yi looked ahead and called out indifferently, “Hei Feng.”

“Your Majesty.” A figure appeared out of thin air in front of Hu Lin Yi. It was a young man who was dressed in a simple black robe. He was expressionless, and his eyes were blank as though he was a puppet.

Hu Lin Yi inhaled deeply. Then, with a determined expression on his face, he said, “After Imperial Concubine Lan buries her eldest brother, kill her.”

“Your Majesty... You...” The young man was taken aback. Traces of emotions appeared on his expressionless face and soulless eyes immediately.

“Imperial Concubine Lan isn’t someone who will resign to fate. She might have been able to endure the death of her nephew, but there’s no way she’ll let the death of her brother go unavenged. She might endure it for a while, but she’ll definitely find a chance to retaliate,” Hu Lin Yi said knowingly in a deep voice, “I have no choice but to kill her to prevent her from provoking and offending Duan Ling Tian! Compared to the benefits that we could obtain from the Three Sects and Two Clans through Duan Ling Tian, I have no choice but to sacrifice Imperial Concubine Lan!” His tone was bone-chillingly cold when he spoke.

“Yes, Your Majesty.” The expressionless young man, Hu Feng, stepped back and vanished into thin air as though he had not appeared at all.

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Meanwhile, as soon as the trio left the palace hall, Xue Feng, the old man with Huang Jia Long, looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Master Duan, is it okay for me to take a look at the stone that Hu Lie gave you?" He seemed to realize his request was rather abrupt so he hastily added, "Of course, that's only if it's convenient. Please don't feel obligated."

"Not at all." Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly and happily took out the stone Hu Lie had given him, a first-form Profound Divine Metal, from his Spatial Ring. He was confident that only he knew the stone was a first-form Profound Divine Metal.

Xue Feng took the stone in his hand and tentatively used part of his power to try and break the stone. However, it was futile. He gradually increased his strength, but he found that he really could not even leave a scratch on the stone. Apart from its toughness, he discovered there was nothing special about the stone at all after he investigated it with his Divine Consciousness. Finally, he shook his head and returned the stone to Duan Ling Tian. "What a peculiar stone."

'It seems like Hu Lie didn't lie. As he had said, even a Ten Directions Celestial Duke can't leave a scratch on it.'" Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly as he put the stone away. He was not worried that Xue Feng would recognize the stone. After all, even Xia Jie from the Divine Offering Land who was stronger than the Heavenly Emperors of the Devata Realms did not know what the Profound Divine Metal was. How could Xue Feng, a mere Ten Directions Celestial Duke, know what the Profound Divine Metal was? It would be a different story if Xue Feng had another first-form Profound Divine Metal that could turn the first-form Profound Divine Metal in his hand into a second-form Profound Divine Metal. After all, second-form Profound Divine Metals, which were part of the Five Divine Elements like the Chaos Divine Flames, would gain sentience and inform their hosts about the Five Divine Elements after transforming into the second form. Most people discovered the existence of the Five Divine Elements in this manner.

Duan Ling Tian would have recognized the first-form Profound Divine Metal earlier even without the Chaos Divine Flame's reminder because he had seen the first three forms of the Profound Divine Metal before. Naturally, it was still better to have the confirmation from the Profound Divine Metal or the Chaos Divine Flame.

Soon enough, they arrived at the Origin Gathering Hall.

Liu Guang Lin, who had returned to the Origin Gathering Hall first, was already waiting at the entrance.

Upon seeing Liu Guang Lin, Huang Jia Long raised an eyebrow and said, "Brother Duan, this man is truly loyal to you."

Duan Ling Tian only smiled faintly in response. He had personally recruited Liu Guang Lin due to Liu Guang Lin's upstanding character, after all. Then, he politely said, "Young Master Huang, would you like to come in and have a seat?"

Huang Jia Long politely declined the invitation. "Brother Duan, it's getting late. I won't disturb you any longer. Let's meet again another time!" After bidding farewell, he left with Xue Feng in tow.

Duan Ling Tian walked into the courtyard when Huang Jia Long and Xue Feng's figures finally disappeared from his sight.

Liu Guang Lin followed closely behind him.

After Duan Ling Tian sat down in front of a stone table, he asked, "Guang Lin... What do you think of Huang Jia Long?"

"My lord, although the Young Master of the City Governor's estate in Passage City is under the impression that you have an extraordinary background and a powerhouse protecting you, I don't think he harbors any ulterior motive. It's your excellence that made him admire you." Liu Guang Lin earnestly answered Duan Ling Tian's question.

"My excellence made him admire me?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Liu Guang Lin and said, "Guang Lin, you really have a glib tongue. In any case, it's as you said, I don't think he harbors any ulterior motive as well. He approached me because he probably feels we're similar."

Duan Ling Tian had lived two lives, after all, and had met many people. Based on experience, he knew Huang Jia Long was someone worthy of his friendship. However, ulterior motive or no, it was unrealistic to think that Huang Jia Long had no selfish intention at all. Based on how calmly Huang Jia Long had dealt with matters earlier, it was clear Huang Jia Long was not a simple character. As the most powerful person among those weaker than Celestial Kings, and the most outstanding son of Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, how could Huang Jia Long be a simple-minded person? Nevertheless, he could tell Huang Jia Long bore no malicious intent and genuinely wanted to befriend him.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he thought to himself, 'In any case, time will reveal men's hearts... If he's sincere in becoming friends, I don't mind being friends. Should he harbor malicious intent, I won't let him go!'

"Guang Lin!" Duan Ling Tian suddenly called out. Then, he said, "Please help me buy some medicinal herbs within the next few days... Buy everything you can. For those that can't be purchased, I'll find another way to obtain them."

Duan Ling Tian listed all the medicinal herbs he wanted to Liu Guang Lin. As a One Basic Celestial Duke, he easily memorized the list of medicinal herbs. After that, he did not waste any time and left to complete his task.

After Liu Guang Lin left, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'After refining and consuming the Profound Golden Pill, I'll be able to break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! Then, I'll concentrate on stabilizing my new cultivation base until I have to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. After all, depending on a pill to break through will leave my cultivation base unstable. It'll take me some time to fully stabilize it.'

The Profound Golden Pill was a top prominent Celestial Pill that was even more difficult to refine than the Overarching Heaven Pill. The Overarching Heaven Pill was only ordinary compared to the Profound Golden Pill.

The Profound Golden Pill was a prominent Celestial Pill specially used by Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. When taken by an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial, except for peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, his or her stage would increase by one stage. The Profound Golden Pill was not effective for peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials since the next stage was becoming a Celestial Duke. To maximize the effect of the pill, most Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials would



choose to take the Profound Golden Pill when they were Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials to instantly become a peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial.

Due to the domineering effect of the Profound Golden Pill, it was rather rare. In fact, when Duan Ling Tian was in the borderlands, he did not hear about anyone who was capable of refining the Profound Golden Pill or even of someone obtaining the pill.

Rare as the Profound Golden Pill might be, its formula was not a secret and was known by all. It was only rare because of the difficulty of refining it. Its refinement requirements were extremely demanding of a Celestial Alchemist. Out of 10,000 prominent Celestial Alchemists or 100 supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemists, there was a good chance that none was capable of refining the Profound Golden Pill. Only supreme Royal Grade Celestial Alchemist would be able to confidently say he or she was capable of refining the Profound Golden Pill.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'Even the Imperial family of the Supporting Fall Nation might not have a Profound Golden Pill...'

### **Chapter 2948: The Profound Spirit Flower and the Golden Nematode**

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In the Devata Realms, an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial, excluding peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, could raise his or her cultivation base once with Profound Golden Pills. On the other hand, a Great Overarching Golden Celestial could use Evolving Golden Pills to raise his or her cultivation base. As for ordinary Golden Celestials, they could raise their cultivation bases with Golden Gilded Pills.

Earlier today, Duan Ling Tian had left the Imperial Palace after he had successfully stabilized his cultivation base that was of a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. It took him the entire night to stabilize his foundation. When morning dawned, he left the palace with Liu Guang Lin and went to a restaurant. That was where he had run into Huang Jia Long.

Now that Duan Ling Tian had successfully stabilized his cultivation base after becoming a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, he, naturally, could not wait to become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. With another breakthrough, he would be strong enough to survive the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm that would open in half a year. After all, rumors had it that the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm was fraught with danger. Out of ten people who entered that place, it was likely that not even half would be able to leave alive.

'Celestial Dukes and those who are stronger can't enter the lower realm of the Southern Heavenly Ancient Realm... Moreover, it's said that if a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial has a breakthrough and becomes a One Basic Celestial Duke after entering the realm, he or she would be sent out immediately. This means I won't be able to use my consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon if I want to continue staying in there.' For this reason, Duan Ling Tian decided to rely on the Profound Golden Pill to improve his cultivation base before he had to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

It was likely that not even one in 10,000 prominent Celestial Alchemists was able to refine the Profound Golden Pill. However, Duan Ling Tian was 70% certain he would be able to successfully refine the pill since he was confident in his ability as a prominent Celestial Alchemist and the third-form Profound Divine Metal.

Previously, thanks to the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor that the Profound Divine Metal used to help him, his talent and knowledge in alchemy had improved greatly. Currently, even an ordinary supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist might not be as skilled as him. In the past, he had even bested a supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect during the Alchemy Conference held in the Six Southeastern Regions.

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In the middle of the night.

Duan Ling Tian sat quietly in his room. A pill cauldron sat in front of him. It was the prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron that he had been using to refine pills all this while.

“I haven’t been refining pills for quite a while now so my skills are a little rusty...” Duan Ling Tian had to familiarize himself with refining pills again since it had been a long time since he last refined pills. It was normal for one’s skill to deteriorate without enough practice, after all. However, with Duan Ling Tian’s talent and knowledge, it only took him a few hours to become proficient again.

At this moment, Liu Guang Lin who had just returned from running errands for Duan Ling Tian called out, “My lord, many of the larger medicinal stores are closed... So, I only managed to buy a few medicinal herbs. I will return to check the larger stores tomorrow.” Since it was late when he had gone out, he did not manage to buy most of the medicinal herbs in the list even though he had looked everywhere in the capital of the Supporting Fall Nation.

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The next day, Liu Guang Lin went out again and did not return until dark.

“My lord, there are two medicinal herbs that I couldn’t find. They’re the Profound Spirit Flower and the Golden Nematode.”

Liu Guang Lin handed the medicinal herbs he managed to buy to Duan Ling Tian before he continued to say, “The person in charge of the large medicinal stores said that the Profound Spirit Flower and Golden Nematode are very rare medicinal herbs and even the Imperial family might not have them.”

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian nodded; this was within his expectations.

“My lord, these medicinal herbs you bought... They seem to be ingredients for the Profound Golden Pill?” Initially, Liu Guang Lin did not know for what purpose Duan Ling Tian wanted the medicinal herbs. He was not a Celestial Alchemist and was not familiar with medicinal herbs, after all. However, while he was shopping for medicinal herbs today, various shopkeepers had asked him if he was going to refine the Profound Golden Pill when he enquired about the Profound Spirit Flower and the Golden Nematode. Nevertheless, he knew what the Profound Golden Pill was. He knew it was a prominent Celestial Pill that would help a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial immediately. The pill was also widely regarded as one of the best prominent Celestial Pills. He knew the pill was held in such regard not only because of its miraculous medicinal effect but also due to its rarity and the difficult refinement process.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“My lord, although I am not a Celestial Alchemist, I’ve also heard of the Profound Golden Pill... The Profound Golden Pill is said to be the most difficult prominent Celestial Pill to refine. Not even one in 10,000 prominent Celestial Alchemists or 100 supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemists is able to refine it.” Liu Guang Lin’s eyes widened as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and continued to say, “Only supreme Royal Grade Celestial Alchemists can confidently say they have 100% certainty of successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill!”

Soon after, Liu Guang Lin’s eyes lit up as he said in awe, “My lord, you... do you know a supreme Royal Grade Celestial Alchemist who can refine the pills for you?” It was natural that he had reached this conclusion since he assumed Duan Ling Tian was not a Celestial Alchemist but was confident about obtaining the Profound Golden Pill.

To Liu Guang Lin’s confusion, Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “No.” Then, he continued to say, “I plan to refine the pills myself. I forgot to tell you that I’m also a Celestial Alchemist...”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Liu Guang Lin’s eyes brightened again. Even a hint of fear could be seen in his eyes as he looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he was looking at a monster. “My lord, you... Don’t tell me that you’re a supreme Royal Grade Celestial Alchemist!”

“Of course not,” Duan Ling Tian shrugged and said, “I’m just a prominent Celestial Alchemist.”

“A prominent Celestial Alchemist?” Liu Guang Lin was perplexed. He was truly amazed that not only was Duan Ling Tian extremely strong, but Duan Ling Tian was also a prominent Celestial Alchemist at such a young age. Nevertheless, he still did not think Duan Ling Tian would be capable of successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill. When he regained his senses, he said with a wry smile on his face, “My lord, if you’re a prominent Celestial Alchemist, there’s a high chance you’ll fail to refine the Profound Golden Pill even if you manage to gather all the herbs. Why don’t you go to the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation and ask if he knows of any supreme Royal Grade Celestial Alchemist?”

In alchemy, talent, knowledge, and skills were not everything; one had to have sufficient experience as well. Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old. Even if he was extremely talented, how could he possibly refine a pill that 10,000 prominent Celestial Alchemists could not refine?

“There’s no need for that.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “Even if I go to the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation for help, I’ll only ask for the Profound Spirit Flower and the Golden Nematode.”

The Profound Spirit Flower and Golden Nematode were both very rare medicinal herbs, and they were also the two of the main ingredients to refine the Profound Golden Pill. The name of the pill was derived from the names of the two medicinal herbs.

A plan appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind as he mused inwardly, ‘Tomorrow, I’ll ask for an audience with the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation and see if he has the Profound Spirit Flower and the Golden Nematodes... If he’s unwilling to give them to me, I’ll offer to buy it with Celestial Stones.’ Despite his thoughts, he was rather certain the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation would not refuse him if the

emperor truly owned the two herbs. Naturally, there was a small chance that the emperor would only give him the two herbs in exchange for Celestial Stones.

“So you’re going to personally refine it, my lord?” Liu Guang Lin felt that Duan Ling Tian would fail to refine the Profound Golden Pill and waste the medicinal herbs, however, he remained silent when he saw how resolute Duan Ling Tian was. A crazy thought suddenly appeared in his mind. ‘Perhaps, master is really able to refine the pills?’

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Early in the morning the next day.

Duan Ling Tian left his room and sat in the courtyard for a while before he finally went to look for the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation.

Coincidentally, as soon as Duan Ling Tian arrived outside the palace where Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, lived, he saw Hu Lin Yi walking out with four eunuchs surrounding him.

“Your Majesty.” Duan Ling Tian greeted Hu Lin Yi and cupped his fists together at him.

“Duan Ling Tian?” Hu Lin Yi was slightly surprised to see Duan Ling Tian. “Are you here to see me?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“What’s the matter?” Hu Lin Yi asked with a smile. He was betting on Duan Ling Tian to bring him many benefits so he was, naturally, friendly toward Duan Ling Tian.

“Your Majesty, I have a question... Are there any Profound Spirit Flowers and Golden Nematode in the palace? If you have them, I’m willing to buy them from you with Celestial Stones,” Duan Ling Tian replied without beating around the bush.

“The Profound Spirit Flower? The Golden Nematode?” Hu Lin Yi’s eyes flashed. “If I’m not mistaken, these two herbs are the main ingredients to refine the prominent Celestial Pill, the Profound Golden Pill, right?”

“That’s right,” Duan Ling Tian replied honestly and nodded. He used the Profound Divine Metal to hide what needed to be hidden before revealing his true cultivation base to Hu Lin Yi. “I plan to take the Profound Golden Pill in order to break through and become a peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial before entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm... With this, I’ll stand out more in front of the Three Sects and Two Clans and get the recognition that I deserve.” His every word was calculated to move Hu Lin Yi.

“You...You... Y-you’re just a... Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?!” Hu Lin Yi’s eyes widened in shock when he discovered Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was that of a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. It was as though he had seen a ghost. Duan Ling Tian was just a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, and yet, Duan Ling Tian was far stronger than his fourth son! If Duan Ling Tian broke through and became a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, how insanely powerful would he become at that time?!

**Chapter 2949: The Expensive Communication Celestial Talisman**

Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, did not imagine even his wildest dreams that the purple-clad young man in front of him was just a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! After all, this was the same young man who had easily blocked the all-out attack from Huang Jia Long, the Young Master of the City Governor's estate in Passage City, and also defeated Huang Jia Long with just one move. Even his son, Hu Ji Yong, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation, was far from being able to defeat Huang Jia Long with a single move. Before Duan Ling Tian's appearance, his son was widely regarded as the most talented person, second only to him, in the Supporting Fall Nation. He had never even considered the possibility that Duan Ling Tian had concealed his cultivation base and had easily assumed Duan Ling Tian was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Who would have thought Duan Ling Tian was just a Heaven Stage Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial?

This meant that as a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, Duan Ling Tian still had room to increase his strength as his cultivation improved. On the contrary, unless his son broke through and became a Celestial Duke or mastered a Royal Grade Celestial Method or Royal Grade Divine Ability, his son, a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, could no longer increase his strength.

'Duan Ling Tian is already so strong when he's just Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial... How strong would he be when he breaks through and becomes a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?' Hu Lin Yi looked at Duan Ling Tian as he shuddered inwardly. 'If he successfully breaks through and becomes a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, he'll be the strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in the Profound Nether Mansion, right?' He gulped, and his expression turned solemn when he thought about this.

After a beat, Hu Lin Yi asked Duan Ling Tian, "Duan... Duan Ling Tian, do you really plan to join the Three Sects and Two Clans?" Based on Duan Ling Tian's strength, he was certain that Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background. Therefore, he was worried that Duan Ling Tian did not intend to join the Three Sects and Two Clans. If that happened, regardless of how talented or outstanding Duan Ling Tian was, he would not be rewarded by the Three Sects and Two Clans.

"Your Majesty, don't worry. I'll definitely join the Three Sects and Two Clans." Duan Ling Tian could guess Hu Lin Yi's thoughts so he looked at Hu Lin Yi sincerely and responded without any hesitation to reassure Hu Lin Yi.

Hu Lin Yi nodded before he said, "The Profound Spirit Flower and the Golden Nematode are very rare medicinal herbs... I only have the Profound Spirit Flower. Neither I nor the palace has the Golden Nematode..." As he spoke, he raised his hand, and a flower appeared out of thin air in his hand. The flower had nine petals and shone with a faint light. Although the flower had been plucked for a long time, it showed no sign of wilting. It was still oddly fresh.

Hu Lin Yi handed the Profound Spirit Flower to Duan Ling Tian as he said, "I came across this flower by chance a few years ago. Since you want it, I'll give it to you... Anyway, have you found a Celestial Alchemist who can refine the Profound Golden Pill for you?"

“Thank you, Your Majesty... I owe you a favor.” Duan Ling Tian took the Profound Spirit Flower without any hesitation. “Your Majesty, you don’t have to worry about me finding a Celestial Alchemist to refine the Profound Golden Pill.”

Hu Lin Yi’s eyes widened. Although he had mentally prepared himself for this, he was still shocked. Even if he could find a Celestial Alchemist capable of refining the Profound Golden Pill, he still had to spend a large sum of money to pay the Celestial Alchemist to help him refine the Profound Golden Pill. When he regained his senses, he said, “Among the two main ingredients to refine the Profound Golden Pill, the Golden Nematode is even rarer than the Profound Spirit Flower. I will order my men to pay attention to any information regarding the Golden Nematode. If I hear anything, I’ll notify you as soon as I can.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up. With Hu Lin Yi’s help, he would only need to expend half the effort to search for the Golden Nematode.

“Thank you, Your Majesty.” After thanking Hu Lin Yi, Duan Ling Tian finally took his leave.

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After returning to the Origin Gathering Hall, Duan Ling Tian used a Communication Celestial Talisman to send a message to Huang Jia Long.

The Communication Celestial Talisman Duan Ling Tian used was a relatively high-grade Communication Celestial Talisman in the Devata Realms. One would have to leave one’s soul mark on the talisman in order to send it. Theoretically, nobody, not even a Celestial Emperor, would be able to intercept it. This was because the message was conveyed through the soul mark on the Communication Celestial Talisman. Needless to say, this Communication Celestial Talisman was far more precious than ordinary Communication Celestial Talismans. Even ordinary Communication Celestial Talismans inscribed by Celestial Kings were inferior to this Communication Celestial Talisman.

Duan Ling Tian had obtained this Communication Celestial Talisman from the Imperial family of the Supporting Fall Nation after he won a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. At the same time, he was also given a talisman bearing Hu Lin Yi’s soul mark to make it easier for him to directly communicate with Hu Lin Yi.

Naturally, not everyone who won a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm received such special treatment. Duan Ling Tian was told that apart from Hu Ji Yong, only Huang Jia Long, Huang Jia Chao, and him received this Communication Celestial Talisman.

Even the mysterious woman, a sectless cultivator, who possessed a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon did not receive such special treatment. Regardless, the woman did not seem to need it. Duan Ling Tian had heard from Huang Jia Long that the old woman who accompanied the mysterious woman was a One Basic Celestial King and also a sectless cultivator! The mysterious had participated in the Southern Heaven Combat to win a place in entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm so she could join one of the Three Sects and Two Clans.

According to Huang Jia Long, all these were told by Hu Lin Yi to his father, Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City.

In the Supporting Fall Nation, Huang Yuan Fei was regarded as a highly-capable man. It was not an exaggeration to call him the right-hand man of the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation.

A long time had passed since Duan Ling Tian had sent the Communication Celestial Talisman out, but he had yet to receive a response. He wondered out loud, slightly puzzled, "Did I make a mistake? Did I not use it correctly?" It was his first time using this Communication Celestial Talisman after all.

"According to the person who gave me this Communication Celestial Talisman on behalf of the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, the speed of this Communication Celestial Talisman is extremely fast... Huang Jia Long should've received it a long time ago..."

Duan Ling Tian was still pondering on the matter when he heard Huang Jia Long's voice from outside the courtyard. "Brother Duan!"

As soon as Liu Guang Lin led Huang Jia Long to Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion, "Why did you personally make a trip here? You could have just sent me a message, right?"

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Huang Jia Long's mouth twitched. "Brother Duan, don't you know how precious this kind of Communication Celestial Talisman is? My father only gave me three. Except for my fifth brother and me, my other brothers were only given one each. His Majesty gave you this Communication Celestial Talisman so that you can request for help if you're in danger."

"Help? Is the speed of this Communication Celestial Talisman really that fast?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. Although he had been told that the Communication Celestial Talisman bearing Hu Lin Yi's soul mark could be used if he was in danger, he did not think the talisman would be able to notify Hu Lin Yi in a timely manner. For this reason, he did not even bother to use the talisman when Li Wei and Hu Lie, a sectless cultivator whom Li Wei hired, attempted to kill him. First of all, he was afraid of alerting Li Wei if he sent the Celestial Talisman. That would only infuriate Li Wei and make him attack sooner. At that time, he might not even have time to use the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Second, he did not trust the Communication Celestial Talisman's ability much. After all, the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was much more reliable.

"Of course!" Huang Jia Long replied, "As soon as you use the Communication Celestial Talisman, the owner of the soul mark you would instantly receive the message. This kind of Communication Celestial Talisman is very precious. In the black market in the Supporting Fall Nation, it sells for 100 prominent Celestial Crystals. There's often a high demand, but the supply is low." A distressed expression could be seen on his face as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Brother Duan, if you need to speak to me in the future, you can just send Guan Lin to look for me. There's no need to use this Communication Celestial Talisman..."

"What?! This Communication Celestial Talisman is selling for 100 prominent Celestial Crystals each?!"

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin were dumbfounded when they heard Huang Jia Long's words. They did not expect the Communication Celestial Talisman to be so precious! 100 prominent Celestial Crystals were the equivalent of 10,000 mediocre Celestial Crystals! The Celestial Crystal Vein controlled by the Supporting Fall Nation's Imperial family was only a mediocre Celestial Crystal Vein! It mostly produced mediocre Celestial Crystals, and prominent Celestial Crystals that appeared were pitifully few.

“Even a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon is only worth 1,000 mediocre Celestial Crystals, right? This means this Communication Celestial Talisman is worth ten Duke Grade Celestial Weapons?” Liu Guang Lin muttered to himself.

The value of Duke Grade Celestial Weapons in the Supporting Fall Nation was almost the same as the borderlands. Liu Guang Lin had learned about this after arriving at the Supporting Fall Nation.

“Duke Grade Celestial Weapons?” Huang Jia Long shook his head and smiled. “Guang Lin, this kind of Communication Celestial Talisman is worth, at least, 15 Duke Grade Celestial Weapons on the black market. This kind of Communication Celestial Talisman is much rarer than Duke Grade Celestial Weapons... The Communication Celestial Talisman is crafted by masters of Formation, and its effect is equivalent to a teleportation array. As far as I know, only Formation masters at the level of Royal Grade Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapon Craftsmen are able to produce such a Communication Celestial Talisman. Formation masters are both proficient in refining pills and forging weapons since they needed to know the secrets of formations contained in high-grade Celestial Weapons and Celestial Pills.”

### **Chapter 2950: The Horizons Are Broadened**

“Naturally, it can’t be said that only Formations masters are able to produce such Communication Talismans. There are a few Royal Grade Celestial Alchemists and Royal Grade Celestial Weapon Craftsmen capable of such a feat. In any case, these Formation masters are rather rare. As far I know, there’s none in the Supporting Fall Nation. Even seventh-grade sects and clans like the Profound Nether Mansion might not have one as well...” Huang Jia Long said with certainty.

After listening to Huang Jia Long, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin finally realized the value of the Communication Celestial Talismans that utilized soul marks.

Liu Guang Lin took out three Communication Celestial Talismans from his Spatial Ring and presented it to Duan Ling Tian with shaky hands. “My lord, these Communication Celestial Talismans can save your life... You better keep these for yourself...”

Duan Ling Tian had given these talismans to Liu Guang Lin. Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, had given Duan Ling Tian ten of these Communication Celestial Talismans. He had imprinted his soul mark on three of the talismans before giving it to Liu Guang Lin so that Liu Guang Lin would be able to contact him in case of an emergency. He had used his Soul Pearl to leave his soul mark on the talismans. Therefore, he had also given his Soul Pearl to Liu Guang Lin when he gave Liu Guang Lin the talismans. Although Soul Pearls were usually used to keep track of one’s life or death, they could also be used along with these rare talismans. It would increase the efficiency of the talismans. Apart from that, it also could replenish the energy in a waning soul mark.

When Hu Lin Yi had sent the ten Communication Celestial Talismans over, he had also sent his Soul Pearl along. With the Soul Pearl, he would be able to ensure that Duan Ling Tian would receive help in a timely manner if Duan Ling Tian was in danger. Duan Ling Tian could bring him many benefits; how could he not do everything in his power to ensure Duan Ling Tian’s safety? At the very least, before he



obtained all kinds of benefits from Duan Ling Tian, he had to make sure Duan Ling Tian remained unharmed!

Liu Guang Lin had decided to return the three Communication Celestial Talismans to Duan Ling Tian because he assumed Duan Ling Tian had only given them to him because Duan Ling Tian was unaware of their value.

Contrary to Liu Guang Lin's expectations, Duan Ling Tian did not take the three Communication Celestial Talismans. Instead, he said, "You can keep them.... I still have six left." Then, he turned to Huang Jia Long and said, "Young Master Huang..."

Before Duan Ling Tian could continue speaking, Huang Jia Long interjected with bright eyes, "Brother Duan, there's no need for you to address me as Young Master Huang... You can just call me Jia Long! Otherwise, it means that you don't consider me as a friend..."

Faced with Huang Jia Long's hopeful eyes, Duan Ling Tian acquiesced to Huang Jia Long's request. He did not waste time and said, "Jia Long, since you've received my Communication Celestial Talisman, you must know why I looked for you... I wonder if you have any information about Golden Nematodes?"

"Golden Nematodes..." Huang Jia Long cocked an eyebrow. "Based on my knowledge, there's not much use for the Golden Nematode. The only use I know of is that it's a major ingredient to refine the Profound Golden Pill!" He did not think Duan Ling Tian had any use for a Profound Golden Pill. After all, he was under the impression that Duan Ling Tian was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial

The Profound Golden Pill could instantly help a Yellow Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial become a Profound Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial realm, a Profound Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to become an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial realm, an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to become a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, and a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! However, it was useless to a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial since the next stage was to become a One Basic Celestial Duke!

Duan Ling Tian replied honestly, "Yes... I'm looking for the Golden Nematode to refine the Profound Golden Pill." He did not hide anything from Huang Jia Long. After all, he did not even conceal this from Hu Lin Yi.

"The Profound Golden Pill?" Huang Jia Long frowned in confusion. "Brother Duan, what do you need it for? Whether it's for you or Guang Lin, the Profound Golden Pill would be useless..." He shifted his eyes briefly to Liu Guang Lin before they returned to Duan Ling Tian again.

"Guang Lin has no use for it, but I have..." As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he removed the concealment from the Profound Divine Metal, and a surge of energy rushed out of his body.

"T-this..." Huang Jia Long was speechless when he sensed Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base. A great wave stirred in his heart. Heavens! Duan Ling Tian was just a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? He had been suppressed to such an extent during the South Heaven Combat by a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? When he finally regained his senses after a long

while, he stared at Duan Ling Tian as though he was meeting Duan Ling Tian for the first time. “Brother Duan...”

“You should know now why I need the Profound Golden Pill...” Duan Ling Tian returned Huang Jia Long’s stare.

Huang Jia Long nodded faintly. He said with a bitter smile, “Brother Duan, I didn’t expect you to be a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial... Based on your currency strength, especially if you break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, you’ll easily be the strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial among more than 10,000 Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who will be entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in half a year!” He sighed after he finished speaking.

“More than 10,000 Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials?” Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he heard these words. Although he was aware the Three Sects and Two Clans would open the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm for Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Supporting Fall Nations and other nations, he did not expect the number would be so high. There was no doubt these roughly 10,000 Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials were outstanding as well.

“That’s right... There would be more than 10,000 Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm... If I have to guess, the number could reach 15,000...” Huang Jia Long said.

Huang Jia Long continued to explain, “The Supporting Fall Nation is merely a small nation in the Profound Nether Mansion region. Profound Nether Mansion has more than 1,000 nations like ours! These nations, including the Supporting Fall Nation, are collectively known as the Thousand Nations Territory. There will be almost 10,000 Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Thousand Nations Territory alone. With the addition of the young disciples from the Three Sect and Two Clans and a few eight-grade sects and clans, the number might even surpass 15,000...”

Huang Jia Long’s words seemed to have broadened Duan Ling Tian’s horizons. Who knew the Profound Nether Mansion was so vast, and the Supporting Fall Nation was merely a small nation in the Thousand Nations Territory?

“Then... the people entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm have to be somewhat outstanding, right?” Liu Guang Lin who was standing at the side was shocked as well. He did not expect so many people would be entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“Yes.” Huang Jia Long nodded slightly. “Most powerful Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials would definitely try to secure a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm once they heard about it. With sufficient strength, they’d be able to easily secure a place from any of the Thousand Nations Territory. Similar to the Supporting Fall Nation, as long as one’s an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, one would be able to participate. It did not matter if one was not a citizen of the nation. This is so each nation could recruit the strongest Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials possible. After all, as long as the participants survive, the nation they represent would be greatly rewarded. The greater the strength and the higher the talent of a participant, the greater the rewards would be. Moreover, the

surviving participants would be given a chance to join the Three Sects and Two Clans. Similarly, the stronger and more talented you are, the greater the benefits you'll obtain from whichever Three Sects and Two Clans you choose to join... The rewards from the Three Clans and Two Clans range from items that even ordinary Celestial Kings covet to Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, pills, and medicinal herbs."

Upon hearing Huang Ji Long's explanation, Duan Ling Tian finally realized why Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, placed so much importance on him.

Huang Jia Long asked, "Brother Duan, have you looked for His Majesty? If he knows that you're only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, he would surely spare no effort in looking for a Profound Spirit Flower and Golden Nematode for you!"

"I've already looked for him. He had given me a Profound Spirit Flower. Alas, he doesn't have the Golden Nematode. However, he did say he'll ask his men to keep an eye out for it," Duan Ling Tian replied with a nod.

"In that case, all you have to do is wait. Our Supporting Fall Nation's intelligence network is among the best in the Thousand Nations Territory," Huang Jia Long said, "Based on my judgment, I think you'll be able to obtain information about the Golden Nematode in half a month." He was clearly confident about the Supporting Fall Nation's intelligence network.