

Chapter 2961: The Solitary Nation's Ninth Prince

'Hm? They're acquainted?' The white-bearded old man's eyes widened and his expression was grim when he saw the purple-clad young man handing the Royal Grade Celestial Sword to the white-clad middle-aged man. 'This person must be a Six Combinations Celestial Duke, at least!'

The white-bearded old man was a Four Phenomena Celestial Duke. When he discovered he could not catch the other party's movement, he had guessed that the other party's cultivation base was, at least, two levels higher than his. If it were only a level higher, it was impossible for him not to be able to catch the other party's movements.

'It seems like this duo's background isn't simple as well...' the white-bearded old man thought to himself. Regardless, he did not care. In his opinion, no matter what their backgrounds were, it could not be better than the person backing him, the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation. Moreover, they were in their territory, the Solitary Nation.

After studying the sword in his hand, Bai Gang nodded before he turned to look at Huang Jia Long, "It's really a Royal Grade Celestial Sword. Jia Long, you know that we can't afford to keep this sword, right?"

"I know, Uncle Bai." Huang Jia Long nodded. He knew that he and the Supporting Fall Nation's Passage City would not be able to hold on to the sword when he discovered that it was a Royal Grade Celestial Sword. In fact, even the Imperial family of the Supporting Fall Nation would not be able to hold on to it as well! He was sure that if the Imperial family of the Supporting Fall Nation took the Royal Grade Celestial Sword away, they would lose the sword or be annihilated within a year. After all, the Imperial family of the Supporting Fall Nation was far from being strong enough to keep the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. Even the grade-seven sects and clans would have a hard time keeping the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, let alone a grade-eight Celestial Kingdom like the Supporting Fall Nation. Perhaps, a grade-six force like the Profound Nether Mansion would be able to maintain their claim on the Royal Grade Celestial Sword since they had the protection of Ten Direction Celestial Kings. In fact, the Mansion Master of Profound Nether Mansion was a Ten Direction Celestial King as well.

At this moment, a thought suddenly appeared in Huang Jia Long's mind. He turned to look at Bai Gang and solemnly said, "However, Uncle Bai... I only managed to obtain this Royal Grade Celestial Sword mostly because of Brother Duan. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't have bought the remaining sword-shaped Origin Stones. I hope you'll remember this when you report this matter back to them, Uncle Bai."

"Jia Long, this isn't necessary!" Duan Ling Tian who was standing next to Huang Jia Long and Bai Gang the entire time, naturally, understood the meaning behind their conversation. Since it was no secret that they had obtained a Royal Grade Celestial Sword, they would not be able to keep it. Therefore, they could only give it to a powerful force. The Flying Tiger Clan was undoubtedly their best choice. However, he did not expect Huang Jia Long would credit him for finding the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. He was aware that whatever rewards the Flying Tiger Clan gave Huang Jia Long, he would be entitled to half of it, at least. Although he was moved by Huang Jia Long's thoughtfulness, he repeatedly refused Huang Jia

Long's kindness. "You're the one who bought the sword-shaped Origin Stone that contained the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. It really has nothing to do with me..."

"Brother Duan, please stop. I've already made up my mind," Huang Jia Long said in a tone that brooked no argument. It was his first time speaking so forcefully to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head with a bitter smile on his face. He truly did not think it was necessary for Huang Jia Long to do that. Although the rewards from the Flying Tiger Clan were enticing, he did not think he deserved it since he did not do much. Even if he did contribute to finding the Royal Grade Celestial Sword, his contribution was not as big as Huang Jia Long made it out to be.

"Little Tian, just listen to Jia Long regarding this matter... He's like his father; they're both extremely stubborn. Once they've decided on something, it's impossible to change their minds!" Bai Gang spoke up when he saw Duan Ling Tian was about to refuse again. Then, he continued to say, "I've already informed Yuan Fei about this matter... Let's return for now..."

Bai Gang was about to put the Royal Grade Celestial Sword away and leave with Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long when three people entered the shop, causing a commotion immediately.

"It's the ninth prince!"

"Your Highness!" The white-bearded old man led the shop assistants to the newcomers and greeted one of the three people who had just entered the shop.

The trio was led by a handsome young man who was dressed in a green robe with golden trimmings. Two old men stood behind him. As soon as they entered the shop, their eyes were all glued to the Royal Grade Celestial Sword in Bai Gang's hand that he had yet to put away. Through their Divine Consciousness, they could tell how extraordinary the sword was.

At this moment, the handsome young man, the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation, said without beating around the bush, "Greeting, I'm the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation... Let's skip the pleasantries and go straight to the point. I'm afraid three of you won't be able to keep the sword for long even if you're able to leave my shop with it. Why don't you sell it to me? With this, you won't have to lose your lives over a sword. In fact, you would even earn a lot of Celestial Crystals."

"What? Are you trying to buy the Royal Grade Celestial Sword for ten million prominent Celestial Crystals like that old fart?" Huang Jia Long sneered as he looked at the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation. Since the other party was rude, there was no need for him to hold back. He would give them a taste of their own medicine. He did not care if the other party was the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation or the Supporting Fall Nation. He was extremely confident when he spoke. The source of his confidence was not his father, Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation. It came from Old Mo and Bai Gang.

The white-bearded old man had told the ninth prince about Huang Jia Long and Bai Gang's intention when he entered the shop through Voice Transmission. He narrowed his eyes as he said, "I heard from my man that you plan to give the Royal Grade Celestial Sword to a powerful force in exchange for rewards? May I know which force you're planning to give the sword to?"

The two old men standing behind the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation looked at Bai Gang fiercely when the ninth prince finished speaking.

Bai Gang returned to the two old men's gazes fearlessly as he said with a sneer, "What? Two mere Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes dare to challenge me, Bai Gang?"

"Bai Gang?" The two old men frowned as soon as they heard Bai Gang's words. They found his name familiar.

Huang Jia Long scoffed before he said, "Is this how the Solitary Nation treats their guests? I think I need to have a word with the emperor when I return to the palace."

Return to the palace?

Huang Jia Long's words shocked the people present on the scene. Based on his words, it seemed like he was a guest of the Emperor of the Solitary Nation?

'They are guests staying in the palace? Bai... Gang?' Upon hearing Huang Jia Long's words, the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation finally realized why Bai Gang's name sounded familiar. His expression changed drastically as he asked in a trembling voice, "Y-you... Y-you're Lord Bai Gang from the City Governor's estate of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation?"

"Ah, it seems like there are still people who have heard of me in the Solitary Nation. At the very least, the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation had heard of me," Bai Gang said indifferently. With this, he inadvertently confirmed his identity.

Bai Gang from the City Governor's estate in the Supporting Fall Nation's Passage City?

After Bai Gang confirmed his identity, the two old men standing behind the ninth prince were stunned. They averted their eyes immediately and lowered their heads in unison like children who had made a mistake.

It was no secret in the Solitary Nation that Bai Gang from the Supporting Fall Nation's Passage City belonged to the Flying Tiger Clan. Someone like Bai Gang who was from a powerful Celestial Beast clan in the Southern Heaven Territory was not someone the Emperors from the Supporting Fall Nation or the Solitary Nation could afford to offend, let alone other people.

Similarly, the expressions of the white-bearded old man and the shop assistants changed drastically when they recalled they had tried to chase Bai Gang out of the shop. Not only was Bai Gang a powerful Ten Directions Celestial Duke, but he was also a Copper Flying Tiger from the Flying Tiger Clan. Put aside the fact that he had not acted out of bounds, even if he decided to kill all of them for no good reason in front of the Emperor of the Solitary Nation, the emperor would not have made an issue out of it at all.

The Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation inhaled deeply before he said with a wide smile on his face, "S-so it's Lord Bai Gang! I apologize if my men have offended you, Lord Bai Gang! Please forgive them. D-does this mean you plan to give this Royal Grade Celestial Sword to the Flying Tiger Clan?"

Alas, Bai Gang did not even deign to look at the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation. He called out to Huang Jia Long and Duan Ling Tian with a smile on his face and left the shop.

Everyone could only watch as the trio from the Supporting Fall Nation left.

After the trio was out of sight, the ninth prince's expression darkened immediately. He turned around and rebuked the white-bearded old man. "Idiot! Why didn't you keep those sword-shaped Origin Stones for me?"

The Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation had opened a shop in West Lane Town due to his liking for stone gambling as well. He would occasionally close the shop and open the Origin Stones. He did not open the shop for the purpose of making money; it was all for fun.

Although the white-bearded old man felt wronged, he remained silent. He knew very well the best response was to keep quiet at this moment.

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During the journey back to the Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation, the smile on Bai Gang's face did not fade at all. "Both of you are really lucky to obtain a Royal Grade Celestial Sword from an Origin Stone... After the Flying Tiger Clan receives the sword, both of you will definitely be handsomely rewarded. You'll see how generous our clan leader is!"

Huang Jia Long replied jokingly, "Uncle Bai, we won't be the only ones who will be rewarded. As a member of the Flying Tiger Clan, you'll be contributing greatly by bringing the Royal Grade Celestial Sword back to the clan. I'm sure your clan leader will reward you generously as well!"

Chapter 2962: The Chaos Divine Earth

Bai Gang's smile widened when he heard Huang Jia Long's words. It was as Huang Jia Long had said, the Flying Tiger Clan would undoubtedly reward him for obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword for the clan.

It should be noted that the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the region under the Profound Nether Mansion's rule only possessed one Royal Grade Celestial Weapon before this. Naturally, the weight of another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was going to benefit Bai Gang's clan greatly.

Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were very precious. Currently, the Southern Heaven Territory did not have any Royal Grade Celestial Alchemist at all. All the Royal Grade Celestial Weapons in the territory had either come from other places or were forged by Royal Grade Celestial Alchemists from a long time ago. Some of them were also obtained from Origin Stones. Due to their rarity, no one would sell their Royal Grade Celestial Weapons even if they were offered a high price. There was no doubt that Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were priceless treasures in the Southern Heaven Territory.

At this moment, an ancient voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Lad!"

Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He knew whose voice it was. "Senior Chaos Divine Flame? Is there something you need, senior?"

By now, Duan Ling Tian knew there would be important matters if the Profound Divine Metal or the Chaos Divine Flame suddenly initiated a conversation. They would not usually speak unless it was

important since it would deplete their energies. After that, they would fall into a deep slumber to recover.

"I can vaguely sense the aura of a Chaos Divine Earth near us. It's rather weak so it should be a Chaos Divine Earth in its first form," the Chaos Divine Flame said.

As soon as the Chaos Divine Flame finished speaking, the Profound Divine Metal chimed in, "So that's why I keep sensing a familiar aura... I couldn't put a finger on it... As it turns out, it's a Chaos Divine Earth." Then, it continued to say in a rather grudging tone, "Lad, you need to help me find another first-form Profound Divine Metal so I can enter the third form... At that time, my senses will be as good as the Chaos Divine Flame." It was clear that it was slightly upset that the Chaos Divine Flame had entered the third form while it was still stuck in the second form. That was why the Chaos Divine Flame had easily identified the aura of the Chaos Divine Earth while it only felt the aura was unfamiliar.

"Chaos Divine Earth?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. "What's that?"

"Like us, it's one of the Five Divine Elements," the Chaos Divine Flame explained, "The Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Earth, the Clear Heavens Divine Wood, the World Cleansing Divine Metal, and I are collectively known as the Five Divine Elements!"

As though it could guess what Duan Ling Tian was going to ask next, the Chaos Divine Flame continued to say in a proud tone, "I know you're curious, but now's not the time for you to understand it. It won't be beneficial to you if you know too much now. Just know that you have everything to gain and nothing to lose if we continue to evolve. In fact, if you're able to help us evolve to our final forms, you'll probably be invincible in the Colossal World!"

"Our final forms? You're really bold with your dream! However... if that day really comes... it's true that there won't be anyone who'll be able to defeat the lad in the Colossal World." The Profound Divine Metal sounded indifferent at the start of its sentence, but a hint of anticipation could be heard in its voice during the latter part of its sentence. Clearly, it was eager to evolve to its final form as well even if it knew it was going to an extremely difficult task.

'Invincible in the Colossal World?' Duan Ling Tian's heart skipped a beat upon hearing their words. He was aware that the Colossal World not only encompassed Devata Realms and mundane realms, but it also encompassed mysterious realms such as the Divine Offering Land that was a separate realm from the Devata Realms.

"Senior, which direction is the Chaos Divine Earth located?" Duan Ling Tian had stopped in his tracks when the Chaos Divine Flame had mentioned the Chaos Divine Earth. He wanted to try and obtain the Chaos Divine Earth. With the addition of the Chaos Divine Earth, he would have three of the Five Divine Elements.

"It's In the direction where you came from," the Chaos Divine Flame replied.

"In the direction where I came from? This means it's in West Lane Town?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback.

"Brother Duan?"

“Little Tian?”

At this moment, Huang Jia Long and Bai Gang looked at Duan Ling Tian in confusion as they called out to him. They had stopped moving as well when they saw Duan Ling Tian abruptly coming to a halt.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at the duo and said, “Jia Long, Uncle Bai, I’d like to head back to West Lane Town again.”

“Head back to West Lane Town?”

Bai Gang and Huang Jia Long were baffled.

Then, Huang Jia Long asked, “What? Do you want to try your luck again, Brother Duan?”

Duan Ling Tian nodded and answered ambiguously, “Something like that.”

“Little Tian, why don’t we return to the palace for now and return another day?” Although Bai Gang had the support of the Flying Tiger Clan, he felt uneasy keeping the Royal Grade Celestial Sword on him. He wanted to hide the Royal Grade Celestial Sword in a safe place until the powerhouses from the Flying Tiger Clan arrived. Once he had hidden the sword, people who coveted the sword would not be able to obtain it even if they killed him. With this, it was unlikely that people would target him. If he kept the sword with him, there would inevitably be people who had nothing to lose trying to snatch the Royal Grade Celestial Sword away from him! It was a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, after all!

Even as a Copper Flying Tiger from the Flying Tiger Clan, it might not deter some people from attempting to rob him of the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. After all, the value of a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was more than enough for some people to risk death.

“Uncle Bai, why don’t you return with Jia Long first? Don’t worry, I’ll come back as soon as I can. If I encounter any danger, I’ll send Jia Long a message instantly.” Duan Ling Tian said.

“I...” Bai Gang hesitated.

Before Bai Gang finished speaking, a gust of wind stirred up before a dark figure appeared before the trio’s eyes.

“Grandfather Mo!” Huang Jia Long’s eyes lit up when he saw the newcomer.

“Old Man Mo, you came just in time... I’ll hand both of them over to you. Watch over them,” Bai Gang said as soon as he saw Old Mo. Then, he hurried back to the palace immediately without waiting for a reply, clearly in a rush to hide the Royal Grade Celestial Sword before the news spread.

Although it was likely that the Emperor of the Solitary Nation had already found out that Bai Gang possessed the Royal Grade Celestial Sword now, he was not worried about the emperor trying to take the sword away from him. The Emperor of the Solitary Nation’s innate talent in cultivation was limited. His strength would not increase much even if he possessed the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. Moreover, he would not be able to hold on to the sword for long and would risk his family’s lives as well.

However, just because the Emperor of the Solitary Nation would not snatch the Royal Grade Celestial Sword from Bai Gang, it did not mean that sectless Celestial Kings would do the same. Sectless cultivators were usually unfettered and did not have anyone else, apart from themselves, to worry about. At most, they would probably have a disciple or two. They could leave and go wherever they want at any time. It was not too difficult to imagine that these sectless cultivators might attempt to snatch the Royal Grade Celestial Sword away. For this reason, Bai Gang was eager to hide the Royal Grade Celestial Sword before word spread to the sectless Celestial Kings.

Bai Gang's abrupt departure caused Old Mo to frown slightly, but he did not dwell on it.

"Old Mo." Duan Ling Tian greeted Old Mo.

"Grandfather Mo, why are you here?" Huang Jia Long asked.

"Your father is worried that Bai Gang will encounter people who would risk their lives for the sword. Therefore, he sent me out to help. However, it seems like your father is worried for nothing... With so little time, the news hasn't really spread. At this moment, not many people know Bai Gang has the Royal Grade Celestial Sword with him..."

Since Old Mo was here, Huang Jia Long accompanied Duan Ling Tian back to West Lane Town.

With the Chaos Divine Flame's guidance, Duan Ling Tian entered another shop near the ninth prince's shop.

The shopkeeper stepped forward and welcomed the trio with a bright smile as soon as they entered the shop. "Sir, my Origin Stones are likely to hold treasures. Let me know if I can assist you. If you buy in bulk, I can give you a discount."

Since the shop was small, apart from the shopkeeper, there were no shop assistants.

Although Duan Ling Tian was not familiar with how things worked, he was not afraid of being cheated since Huang Jia Long was around.

'Could the Chaos Divine Earth be in an Origin Stone?' With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian began to look through Origin Stones under the Chaos Divine Flame's guidance.

Soon enough, Duan Ling Tian stopped in front of a foot-long rectangular Origin Stone. 'It's really inside an Origin Stone!'

"I want this Origin Stone." Duan Ling Tian took the Origin Stone that contained the Chaos Divine Earth. In order to avoid suspicion, he casually picked several other Origin Stones that are slightly larger than the Origin Stone that contained the Chaos Divine Earth and said, "These too..."

As though he was giving Duan Ling Tian a lesson, Huang Jia Long explained, "These Origin Stones are not shaped like weapons. Even if there's a Celestial Weapon in them, it'd only be a small one and likely to be of a low grade. Therefore, these stones are usually priced lower than a sword-shaped or blade-shaped Origin Stone. These stones are usually sold for roughly 300 prominent Celestial Crystals..."

Chapter 2963: A Third-Form Chaos Divine Earth?

The shopkeeper's expression darkened upon hearing Huang Jia Long's words. He would not make much money if the customer understood the workings of the industry. Nevertheless, business was still business even if it was not the most profitable one.

After spending about 1,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, Duan Ling Tian collected the Origin Stones he bought. However, he had no plans of opening them in the shop. Instead, he put them away in his Spatial Ring.

"Brother Duan, aren't you going to open them?" Huang Jia Long asked with a smile.

"I'll open them when we return... Otherwise, if there's another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, everyone would learn about," Duan Ling Tian said jokingly.

"Do you really think Royal Grade Celestial Weapons are so easily found?" Huang Jia Long did not expect that would be the reason why Duan Ling Tian did not open the Origin Stones in the shop. He said with a wry smile on his face, "The Royal Grade Celestial Weapon we obtained earlier is the only known Royal Grade Celestial Weapon to come from an Origin Stone in the past few thousands of years in the Solitary Nation."

'Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?!' The shopkeeper's eyes widened in surprise when he heard Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long's conversation. Earlier, he had heard about someone obtaining a Royal Grade Celestial Sword from a sword-shaped Origin Stone, and it was going to be given to the Flying Tiger clan. The shop where the Origin Stone was sold belonged to the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation.

'They're the ones who obtained the Royal Grade Celestial Sword?' The shopkeeper was so lost in his thoughts that he only regained his senses when the trio had already left the shop.

After walking out of the shop, Huang Jia Long looked at the inner market in West Lane Town and said, "Brother Duan, let's have a look there."

Duan Ling Tian had planned to return now that he had obtained what he wanted, but he was not in a rush. Therefore, he followed Huang Jia Long and continued to shop at the inner market of West Lane Town.

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As soon as Duan Ling Tian returned to his room in the Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation, the first thing he did was to take out the Origin Stone that contained one of the Five Divine Elements, the Chaos Divine Earth.

"I wonder what a Chaos Divine Earth in its first form looks like?" Duan Ling Tian was curious as he began to break the Origin Stone. Then, he swept the debris aside to study the content of the Origin Stone with his Divine Consciousness.

Moments later, Duan Ling Tian saw a tortoise-shell. Its surface was coarse and matte.

"Hm?" He was taken aback when he saw the tortoise-shell briefly glowed with a mustard light. Although it was not bright and only glowed for a moment, it did not escape Duan Ling Tian's notice.

“You’re wrong... This is not a Chaos Divine Earth in its first form; it’s already in its third form!” The Profound Divine Metal’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind at this moment. It was clear it was speaking to the Chaos Divine Flame.

Upon hearing the Profound Divine Metal’s words, Duan Ling Tian was shocked.

A third-form Chaos Divine Earth?

Based on the Chaos Divine Flame’s progress, there was no doubt that it was extremely difficult for the Five Divine Elements to evolve to the third form. Even the Profound Divine Metal was only in the second form, but the grey tortoise-shell in his hand was already in its third form?

A hint of awe could be heard in the Chaos Divine Flame’s voice as it said, “I didn’t think it’d be a Chaos Divine Earth in its third form. Why is its aura so weak when it’s already in the third form?”

“Lad, give it a drop of your blood. We’ll help you merge with it... With us around, you don’t have to worry about it rejecting you,” the Chaos Divine Flame said to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian did not waste any time and pricked his index finger, dripping a drop of blood on the tortoise-shell in his hands as soon as the Chaos Divine Flame finished speaking.

As soon as the blood dropped on the tortoise-shell, it flowed along the veins on the surface of the shell.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian clearly felt two balls of energy exiting his body before they shrouded the tortoise-shell.

In just a few moments, it began to glow with a mustard light. A hint of gold and grey could be seen flickering in the mustard light as well. The three lights swirled around for a moment before the golden and grey light returned to Duan Ling Tian’s body while the mustard light seemed to vanish into the shell.

Duan Ling Tian was in awe as he watched the tortoise-shell flashed for a moment before it disappeared into his palm without a trace. ‘It has already entered my body?’

Duan Ling Tian instinctively looked into his body and found the tortoise-shell that was small and exquisite attached to his right humerus. With only a glance, it seemed as though it was part of his arm. Apart from that, he saw his 99 Heavenly Veins sending Celestial Origin Energy to it. To be more precise, the tortoise-shell was absorbing the Celestial Origin Energy in his body. As time passed, he could keenly feel his Celestial Origin Energy rapidly depleting. About 15 minutes later, he discovered roughly 10% to 20% of his Celestial Origin Energy had been depleted.

“W-what is it doing?” Duan Ling Tian began to panic. If this continued, it would not take long before all his Celestial Origin Energy was depleted.

“Don’t worry. It’s lacking nutrients since it had been without a host for a long time. This will stop in a few days,” the Chaos Divine Flame said, “Within these few days, you should cultivate to transform Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy into Celestial Origin Energy to assist it. This will help wake it up.”

“Wake it up?” Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief. His eyes brightened when he thought about the Chaos Divine Earth waking up in a few days’ time.

Duan Ling Tian did not waste any time and began to clear his thoughts to cultivate. He did not use the Divine Crystal to cultivate this time. After all, he was not cultivating to improve his cultivation base; it was to gather enough Celestial Origin Energy to rouse the Chaos Divine Earth.

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In the subsequent days, Duan Ling Tian focused on cultivating in his room. He knew nothing of the storm brewing outside as word of the Royal Grade Celestial Sword spread.

Almost all the sectless Celestial Kings in the Solitary Nation who had heard the news rushed to the capital of the Solitary Nation. All of them only had one target: Bai Gang.

Regardless, Bai Gang did not seem affected. He issued a statement that stunned many of the sectless Celestial Kings.

“I have hidden the Royal Grade Celestial Sword... Who knows if one of you might find it, but there’s no guarantee that the person who kills me will be the person who finds it. I don’t think any of you wants to kill me and risk being hunted by the Flying Tiger Clan for nothing, right?”

Bai Gang’s statement effectively stopped the sectless Celestial Kings who had gathered in the capital from acting rashly.

“Did Bai Gang really hide the Royal Grade Celestial Sword? Is he lying? There’s a chance he still has the Royal Grade Celestial Sword with him, right?”

“If you were in his shoes, would you keep the Royal Grade Celestial Sword with you? Isn’t that tantamount to seeking death?!”

“Well, I won’t rule out the possibility that he’s just calling our bluff. Nevertheless, I don’t think anyone would risk it. After all, whoever kills him would risk incurring the wrath of the entire Flying Tiger Clan!”

“That’s right. No one would risk their life when there’s a huge chance of failing. What a pity we heard about the news too late. We failed to snatch the Royal Grade Celestial Sword away before Bai Gang hid it.”

Although many of the sectless Celestial Kings were willing to risk their lives to obtain the Royal Grade Celestial Sword, it was different when there was a huge chance they would fail in obtaining the sword. Trying to snatch the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon now was akin to recklessly throwing away their lives. It was not worth the risk at all. Therefore, in just a few days, many of them had left the capital. Only a handful remained to monitor the situation.

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Three days later.

It was finally the day before the auction by the Imperial family of the Solitary Nation.

In Duan Ling Tian’s room.

“It’s finally over.” Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief after he stopped cultivating. The tortoise-shell that was attached to his right humerus had finally stopped absorbing

Celestial Origin Energy.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, a voice rang in his mind. The voice sounded as though it belonged to a little boy who had just learned how to speak. “Hm? A Profound Divine Metal and a Chaos Divine Flame in its third form?”

The childish voice continued to ring in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “99 Heavenly Veins? This is a pretty good host! Hey! Both of you, get lost! I want this host!” Based on its words, it was clearly very satisfied with Duan Ling Tian as its host. Moreover, it was clear he did not want to share its host with the Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame.

“Yo! This one’s got a temper, challenging both of us at once. Hey, I think you need to be taught a lesson so you can see the situation you’re in...” the Chaos Divine Flame said lightly, clearly not taking the Chaos Divine Earth seriously, “Profound Divine Metal, it seems like we must join hands again!”

“That’s what I was thinking as well!” the Profound Divine Metal replied.

Through his internal vision, Duan Ling Tian saw a grey energy shooting out from the Chaos Divine Flame before merging with the golden energy that shot out of the Profound Divine Metal. Then, it shot toward his right arm immediately where the tortoise-shell was located.

When the combined energies from the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame was about to land, the tortoise-shell flashed with mustard light. The mustard light shot out and collided with the Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame’s energies.

Soon after...

“Hey, hey, hey, stop! Stop! Aren’t both of you ashamed? Shouldn’t we fight one-on-one for this host?” the Chaos Divine Earth cried out indignantly. It was clear he was in a disadvantageous position due to the Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame joining forces.

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Although the Chaos Divine Earth’s words to the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame were harsh, due to its cute and childish voice, its threats lack an intimidating effect.

As one of the Five Divine Elements, the Chaos Divine Earth was prideful and could not accept sharing a host with the other Five Divine Elements. This situation was similar to when the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame were still in their second forms. At that time, the Chaos Divine Flame had deliberated for a long time before finally agreeing to share the same host as the Profound Divine Metal. The Chaos Divine Flame had been convinced to do so by the Profound Divine Metal’s suggestion of working together. The Profound Divine Metal had promised to help the Chaos Divine Flame to devour other Chaos Divine Flames. True to its words, the Profound Divine Metal had helped the Chaos Divine Flame to devour a second-form Chaos Divine Flame, effectively helping the Chaos Divine Flame in Duan Ling Tian’s body to evolve to a third-form Chaos Divine Flame!

'Despite the Chaos Divine Earth sounding like a child who has just learned how to speak, it's clearly unwilling to share a host with the Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame.' Despite knowing this, Duan Ling Tian was not worried. As the Five Divine Elements, he was certain the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame would have a way to resolve this. Otherwise, they would not have pushed him to obtain the Chaos Divine Earth.

The Profound Divine Metal chuckled when he heard the Chaos Divine Earth's words. "Little one, you don't seem to understand the current situation."

"I have reached an agreement with the Chaos Divine Flame to co-exist in the same host... This means we'll work together to deal with outsiders. If you try to push one of us out, the other wouldn't stay idle and watch... Now, little one, do you understand the situation?" A hint of delight could be heard in the Profound Divine Metal's words. As a second-form Profound Divine Metal, it was rather satisfied that it could pressure a third-form Chaos Divine Earth.

"Hey! Who are you calling little? You're only a second-form Profound Divine Metal while I'm already in my third form. I should call you little instead!" Although the Chaos Divine Earth was clearly angry, due to its cute and childish voice, it did not sound fierce or intimidating at all.

"Well, you sound like a little baby... It's only normal for others to refer to you as little one, right?" the Profound Divine Metal said teasingly. "Are you not convinced, little one? Do you want a rematch?"

"Shameless! Come, let's duel one-on-one if you dare!" the Chaos Divine Earth cried out angrily.

"One-on-one? Do you think I'm crazy? Although we're both part of the Five Divine Elements, I'm still in my second form and you're already in your third form." The Profound Divine Metal ignored the Chaos Divine Earth's challenge and continued to say, "Okay, let's get back to business... Little one, do you want to share this host with us or do you want to leave?"

The Profound Divine Metal said knowingly, "If I'm not mistaken, the reason your aura is so weak before this is due to the heavy injury you suffered when your former host died..."

The Chaos Divine Earth was silent for a moment before it finally said. "Don't both of you have any pride as the Five Divine Elements? Don't you think it's disgraceful to share the same host?"

"Pride?" The Profound Divine Metal laughed.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Flame calmly chimed in, "I was just like you in the past. Back then when the Profound Divine Metal proposed that we share the same host, I was also reluctant due to my pride as one of the Five Divine Elements. However, it managed to convince me, and my decision was right. It's beneficial for me to put down my pride as one of the Five Divine Elements and share a host..."

A hint of curiosity could be heard in the Chaos Divine Earth's voice as it asked, "What did the Profound Divine Metal say to you?"

"I was a second-form Chaos Divine Flame back then. The Profound Divine was also in the second form at that time. The Profound Divine Metal promised to help me devour and absorb other Chaos Divine Flames we encounter so I could evolve. Sure enough, we came across a second-form Chaos Divine

Flame. With the help from the Profound Divine Metal, I successfully absorbed the other Chaos Divine Flame and became a third-form Chaos Divine Flame.”

The Chaos Divine Earth remained silent.

“Little one, as long as you agree to share a host, if we encounter any Chaos Divine Earth in the future, we’ll help you to absorb it. With our help, your success rate will rise greatly. It’d be easier for you to evolve into a fourth-form Chaos Divine Earth,” the Profound Divine Metal said.

“Although you have a point, what if we encounter a fourth-form Chaos Divine Earth? I still wouldn’t stand a chance even with help from both of you. Our host might even perish at that time. It would absorb me, and both of you will be injured from losing your host. Once you’re injured, it’d be easy for other Profound Divine Metals or Chaos Divine Flames to absorb you,” the Chaos Divine Earth expressed its concerns.

“Well, we have to take risks in order to gain something. You have to be more confident. There’s no point dwelling on what you might lose. Put your pride aside. There’s no need to be afraid. Our future is bright! We’ll just have to work hard to achieve it together,” the Chaos Divine Flame persuaded.

“Put my pride aside. There’s no need to be afraid, and our future will be bright... Put my pride aside. There’s no need to be afraid, and our future will be bright...” The Chaos Divine Earth kept repeating the Chaos Divine Flame’s words for about 15 minutes before it made up its mind. In the end, it agreed to share a host with the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian was relieved. Although he was the host, he had no say in the conversation between the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth. Regardless, he was very satisfied with the results.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘The Chaos Divine Flame can be used as a Celestial Fire while the Profound Divine Metal can be used as a defensive Celestial Weapon to guard one’s soul and hide one’s aura... Since the Chaos Divine Earth is one of the Five Divine Elements as well, I wonder what it can do?’

Meanwhile, the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame were still talking to the Chaos Divine Earth.

“Why were you in an Origin Stone?” the Chaos Divine Flame asked.

“Many years ago, when I was still in the second form, I met another second-form Chaos Divine Earth... We were on equal footing, but our battle killed our host... In the end, I got lucky and managed to absorb the other Chaos Divine Earth and evolved into a third-form Chaos Divine Earth. Nevertheless, the energy I had was not sufficient for me to find another host... To protect myself and to prevent loss of energy, I gathered dust and debris from the Devata Realm to create an Origin Stone around me... After that, I fell into a deep slumber. Then, you know what happened next. With your assistance, your host found me,” the Chaos Divine Earth replied.

Although the Five Divine Elements could survive without a host, without a host, they would gradually lose their energies and fall into a deep slumber. If they were found by any of the corresponding Five Divine Elements, they risked being absorbed even if they were at a higher form. For this reason, second-

form Five Divine Elements would quickly search for a host once they gained sentience to reduce the chances of being absorbed by other Five Divine Elements. Moreover, with a host, they would have chances to absorb other Five Divine Elements and evolve.

“As expected...” The Profound Divine Metal found that his speculation was right.

At this moment, a loud and hearty laughter rang from outside. Despite the volume, it was clear that it came from a distance.

“I, Bai Zhen Yue, finally own a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!”

The voice was ancient and majestic. It echoed in the air like a clap of thunder. It seemed as though everyone in the Solitary Nation’s capital would be able to hear it.

“Bai Zhen Yue?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback. “Is this person one of the two Deputy Patriarchs from the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion?”

Upon hearing the person’s name and the words ‘Royal Grade Celestial Weapon’, Duan Ling Tian knew this person who had come to the capital of the Solitary Nation had to be from the Flying Tiger Clan. Moreover, the person had claimed the Royal Grade Celestial Sword belonged to him now. This meant that he had a high status in the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion.

“It’s only been a few days since Bai Gang informed the Flying Tiger Clan about the Royal Grade Celestial Sword, but he’s already here. He has to be one of the Deputy Patriarchs in the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in one of the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion. He’s probably one of the three Ten Directions Celestial Kings in the branch!”

Previously, Huang Jia Long had told Duan Ling Tian there were five Golden Flying Tigers in the clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion. Among the five, three were Ten Directions Celestial Kings. Normally, peak Advanced King Grade Celestial Beasts such as the Golden Flying Tigers could easily cultivate and become Nine Palaces Celestial Kings as long as they did not die prematurely. Beyond that, it was extremely difficult for them to further improve their cultivation base. Without a certain degree of luck, it would be difficult for them to break through and become a Ten Directions Celestial King. The three Golden Flying Tigers in the clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion who were Ten Directions Celestial Kings were undoubtedly very lucky.

“Uncle Bai told Jia Long that there’s only one Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion, and it’s in the hands of the patriarch. The patriarch and the two deputy patriarchs are the three Ten Directions Celestial Kings in the clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion...” For this reason, Duan Ling Tian could guess Bai Zhen Yue was one of the two Deputy Patriarchs of the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in one of the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion.

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Duan Ling Tian also speculated that Bai Zhen Yue was the stronger one of the two Deputy Patriarchs of the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion.

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At this moment, a commotion had broken out in the capital of the Solitary Nation.

“Bai Zhen Yue? H-he actually came?”

“Heavens! Bai Zhen Yue is the second strongest powerhouse in the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion. His strength is only second to the patriarch!”

“There was only one Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion before this, and it’s in the hands of the patriarch. Now that they obtained another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it’ll naturally be given to Bai Zhen Yue.”

“I really didn’t expect him to personally make a trip here. Now that he’s here, we no longer stand a chance in obtaining that Royal Grade Celestial Celestial Sword!”

Although many sectless Celestial Kings had left the capital of the Solitary Nation some time ago, there were still some sectless cultivators and powerhouses from the Three Sects and Two Clans in the Profound Nether Mansion who remained in the capital.

The Royal Grade Celestial Sword was too tempting, after all.

On their own, the Three Sects and Two Clans were not strong enough to vie the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. After all, they were only grade-seven forces. However, due to their close ties with the Profound Nether Mansion, if they had the Profound Nether Mansion’s permission, they stood a chance in obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword.

For this reason, powerhouses from the Three Sects and Two Clans had rushed over to try their luck in obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword that appeared in the capital of the Solitary Nation a few days ago.

Apart from that, there were also Celestial Beasts and other members from the Alliance of Sectless Cultivators who had come to the capital of the Solitary Nation as well.

There were also people from grade-eight sects and clans who came only to watch a show. Since they knew their sects and clans were weak, weaker than the grade-eight Solitary Nation, they did not harbor any thoughts of obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword.

At this moment, all of these people in the capital of the Solitary Nation heard Bai Zhen Yue’s booming and thunderous voice. Many of them saw a huge sword glowing in the air above the capital. In just a blink of an eye, they saw a sword energy cutting a towering mountain in the north of the capital into half.

Those who were close to the mountain went to have a look. They discovered that not only had the mountain been cut into half, but there were cracks as well that seemed to reach the depth of the earth.

Everyone was shocked by the power of the sword!

“This... is the power of a Ten Direction Celestial King wielding a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?”

“He’s not an ordinary Ten Directions Celestial King... He’s a Ten Directions Celestial King who’s also a peak Advanced King Grade Celestial Beast, the Golden Flying Tiger! His strength is far superior to ordinary Ten Directions Celestial Kings.”

“That’s right. A Golden Flying Tiger who’s a Ten Directions Celestial King Golden with a Royal Grade Celestial Celestial Sword can easily defeat a few human Ten Directions Celestial Kings!”

“How terrifying! This means there’s only a handful of people from the Profound Nether Mansion who have the ability to seize the Royal Grade Celestial Sword from him, right?”

“That’s right. However, those few powerhouses capable of doing that have Royal Grade Celestial Weapons of their own... Therefore, it is unlikely that they’ll try to take this Royal Grade Celestial Sword away.”

“Yes. Even if they want to seize the Royal Grade Celestial Sword to give it to their members, they’d still have to be wary of the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch that Bai Zhen Yue belongs to.”

“Well, most importantly, the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion lawfully obtained the Royal Grade Celestial Sword through stone gambling. Nobody can dispute that.”

Due to Bai Zhen Yue’s strength and background, no one dared to say anything or contend for the Royal Grade Celestial Celestial Sword.

Many powerhouses who had come to try their luck in obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword returned to where they came from as well.

On the other hand, the people from the grade-eight sects and clans remained in the capital since the auction from the Imperial Family of the Solitary Nation would begin tomorrow. They might not be interested in the auction before coming to the capital, but since they were already here, they decided to join in the fun.

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In the Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation where the people from the Supporting Fall Nation were staying...

“Brother Duan!”

Duan Ling Tian walked out of his room when he heard Huang Jia Long calling out to him.

“Brother Duan, let’s go... Uncle Bai and the senior of the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in Nether Profound Mansion are waiting for us!” Huang Jia Long said urgently with an excited expression on his face when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

“Huh?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback.

“The senior wants to reward us for obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword for the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion.” Huang Jia Long said, “According to Uncle Bai, the Flying Tiger Clan doesn’t like owing favors. That’s why they rather return the favor as quickly as possible.”

At this time, Duan Ling Tian finally regained his senses. As it turned out, the powerhouses from the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Nether Profound Sect wanted to reward them.

"Jia Long, the Royal Grade Celestial Sword..." Duan Ling Tian wanted to say that he did not contribute much to obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword.

However, before Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence, Huang Jia Long interrupted him. "Brother Duan, that's enough. Both of us know how we obtained the Royal Grade Celestial Sword... If it weren't for your suggestion, I would've never bought those sword-shaped Origin Stones. If I didn't buy it, we wouldn't have obtained the Royal Grade Celestial Sword! That's why there's no doubt you played a crucial role in us obtaining the sword."

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. He did not expect a joke he made would result in them obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. Moreover, he would benefit from it greatly as well. After all, the powerhouse from the Flying Tiger Clan's branch would certainly not be stingy when returning the favor.

Upon seeing how determined Huang Jia Long was, Duan Ling Tian no longer refused. He knew it would be futile. After spending all this time with Huang Jia Long, he had a good grasp of Huang Jia Long's character. Apart from that, based on this incident, he was 100% certain Huang Jia Long was sincere and did not have any hidden motive. After all, how many people would be willing to share their rewards with others? He saw Huang Jia Long in a different light because of this and regarded Huang Jia Long as a true friend.

Duan Ling Tian did not have many friends in his past two lives. Although he had met many people, most of them were just passersby in his two lives.

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Bai Zhen Yue was an old man who was as tall as Bai Gang. With his short white hair and curly beard, he looked like a white tiger. Due to his muscular body, he looked like a towering iron tower when he stood still, emitting a heavy pressure.

When Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long walked into the hall, Bai Gang, who stood next to Bai Zhen Yue, looked at the duo before he said respectfully, "Deputy Patriarch, the two of them are the ones who found the Royal Grade Celestial Sword in an Origin Stone."

Old Mo and Huang Yuan Fei were also present. They were standing a level below Bai Zhen Yue. Even Old Mo who was quite powerful did not dare to act recklessly in front of Bai Zhen Yue. After all, Old Mo was just a One Basic Celestial King while Bai Zhen Yue was a Ten Directions Celestial King! Most importantly, Old Mo was just an elementary King Grade Celestial Beast while Bai Zhen Yue was a peak Advanced King Grade Celestial Beast! Put aside their cultivation base, just the difference between their grades as Celestial Beasts was enough to pressure Old Mo.

Upon hearing Bai Gang's words, Bai Zhen Yue's gaze fell on Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long before he nodded in satisfaction. His eyes finally rested on Duan Ling Tian as he said, "I heard from Bai Gang that you're younger than 100 years old, but you're already a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. You're widely regarded by the people in the Supporting Fall Nation, including its emperor, as the strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial in the nation."

Bai Zhen Yue sighed before he continued to say, “What a pity! Although there are many humans in our Flying Tiger Clan’s branch, humans can’t become core members of the clan. They’re only outer members of the clan. For a genius like you, it’d be a waste for you to only become an outer member of the Flying Tiger Clan.”

“You flatter me,” Duan Ling Tian said humbly. “Well, since I have to leave the Solitary Nation soon, I think we should get down to business.”

Bai Zhen Yue raised an eyebrow and grinned. He was clearly in a good mood after obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. “I have a wind-type King Grade Divine Ability and an earth-type King Grade Celestial Method... Both of you will have to decide among those two since I only have one Memory Celestial Talisman for the Divine Ability and the Celestial Method each. I presume that you know the Memory Celestial Talismans that record Divine Abilities and Celestial Methods above the King Grade are different from the Memory Celestial Talismans that record Divine Abilities and Celestial Methods of a lower grade. The latter can be used repeatedly, but the former can only be used once before it disappears.”

Duan Ling Tian had learned about this a while ago when he was still in the Supporting Fall Nation. There were special materials used in Memory Celestial Talismans that recorded Divine Abilities and Celestial Methods above the King Grade that held the power of the law so they could only be used once.

“Earth-type King Grade Celestial Method?” Duan Ling Tian trembled slightly.

Then, the childish voice of Chaos Divine Earth rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “Boy, choose the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method! If you obtain the King Grade Celestial Method, I can help you quickly comprehend and master the law of earth... At that time, your strength will improve greatly!” It sounded proud when it spoke.

“A King Grade Divine Ability and a King Grade Celestial Method?”

Even Bai Gang, Old Mo, and Huang Yuan Fei were shocked by Bai Zhen Yue’s words. They did not expect Bai Zhen Yue to be so generous to the point where he would use a King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability as rewards!

Chapter 2966: The Black Rock Prison Method

In the Devata Realms, there was a huge gap between Duke Grade and King Grade Celestial Weapons, Celestial Methods, and Divine Abilities. Similar to the Heaven Grade, the Earth Grade, the Profound Grade, and the Yellow Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities were divided into many types.

However, the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities at and above the King Grade were not divided into offensive, defensive, movement, assistive, or a combination of the four types. The Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities at and above the King Grade revolved around the law. The comprehension and laws in these Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities were ever-changing. The same law could be used to boost one’s offenses, defenses, and speed at the same time. It was also for this reason that King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities or those of a higher grade were so precious even if they were the

same grade as a King Grade cultivation method. Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that were of a lower grade than the King Grade such as Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities were far inferior to cultivation methods at the Duke Grade or lower.

'It seems like the deputy patriarch is truly happy to obtain the Royal Grade Celestial Celestial Sword... After all, he doesn't have many Memory Celestial Talismans that contained King Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities,' Bai Gang thought to himself.

Although the Memory Celestial Talismans that contained King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities could only be used once, it was far more difficult to craft compared to ordinary Memory Celestial Talismans that could be used over and over again. This was because to craft a Memory Celestial Talisman capable of recording King Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities, one must first understand the laws of said Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities to a certain extent. Otherwise, it would be impossible to craft the Memory Celestial Talisman. Apart from that, it took a lot of energy to craft a Memory Celestial Talisman. If it were not necessary, no one would craft the talismans. Therefore, these Memory Celestial Talismans that could record King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities or those of a higher grade were rare and expensive.

As far as Bai Gang knew, in the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion, there was only one person capable of crafting Celestial Talismans capable of recording King Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities or those of a higher grade. That person was none other than the Patriarch of the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion.

"Earth-type King Grade Celestial Method..." When Bai Zhen Yue, the Deputy Patriarch of the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion, mentioned the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method, Duan Ling Tian instantly recalled the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame's words from the past.

The Profound Divine Metal had said that as long as he obtained a metal-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability, after it entered the third form, it would be able to help him quickly comprehend and master the law of metal in said Celestial Method or Divine Ability.

Similarly, the Chaos Divine Flame had also said that as long he obtained a fire-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability, it would be able to help him quickly comprehend and master the law of fire.

Due to these reasons, Duan Ling Tian was undoubtedly certain that the third-form Chaos Divine Earth was able to help him quickly comprehend and master the law of earth in an earth-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability. Moreover, the Chaos Divine Earth had also spoken up, confirming his thoughts. Therefore, his heartbeat had accelerated when he heard Bai Zhen Yue mentioning the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method.

"A King Grade Divine Ability and a King Grade Celestial Method?" Huang Jia Long was shocked by Bai Zhen Yue's generosity as well. When he returned to his senses after a long time, he quickly turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Brother Duan, please go ahead and pick first..."

Despite his words, Huang Jia Long inwardly hoped he would be able to obtain the wind-type Divine Ability. In comparison to the laws of earth, the laws of wind were much better in terms of offensive strength. The laws of earth were much better in terms of defense and assistive strength.

In Huang Jia Long's opinion, Duan Ling Tian would most likely want the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability that contained the law of wind like him. Therefore, he decided to cede the wind-type Divine Ability to Duan Ling Tian by letting Duan Ling Tian have the first pick.

"Me?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback when he heard Huang Jia Long's words. However, he did not refuse Huang Jia Long. He turned to look at Bai Zhen Yue immediately.

Upon seeing this, Huang Jia Long sighed inwardly. It was as he had expected. Duan Ling Tian must have wanted the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability as well. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would have refused his offer.

At this moment, everyone else present shared Huang Jia Long's thoughts as well.

However, Duan Ling Tian's subsequent words to Bai Zhen Yue left Huang Jia Long and everyone dumbfounded.

Duan Ling Tian said loudly, "Senior, I want the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method." He did not reject Huang Jia Long's offer to let him pick first because he really wanted the earth-type Celestial Method. After all, now that he had the Chaos Divine Earth in his body, it could help him quickly comprehend and master the law of earth contained in this Celestial Method.

"Brother Duan, there's no need for you to do this..." Huang Jia Long said with a wry smile. At the same time, he felt slightly ashamed for assuming that Duan Ling Tian was so eager to pick first because Duan Ling Tian wanted to get his hands on the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability. It was clear to him now that Duan Ling Tian did not refuse the offer because Duan Ling Tian had long made up his mind to give him the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability by choosing the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method.

Everyone present on the scene shared Huang Jia Long's thoughts as well. They assumed Duan Ling Tian had deliberately chosen the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method so Huang Jia Long could have the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability.

"Lad, are you sure?" Bai Zhen Yue looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully and asked. Then, he said, "Although there's a possibility that earth-type Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities may have offensive laws of earth, most of the laws of earth in earth-type Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities are defensive or assistive laws of earth. Moreover, I can tell you that the law of earth in my earth-type King Grade Celestial Method is an assistive one."

At this moment, the childish voice of the Chaos Divine Earth rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. It scoffed before it said, "These people are looking down on the laws of earth, huh? Although only a small number of the laws of earth are of the offensive type, the offensive laws of earth are definitely one of the superior ones among offensive laws!" It was clearly angered by the perceived slight from Bai Zhen Yue, Huang Jia Long, and the others.

The Chaos Divine Metal continued to say, "Furthermore, the laws of earth is the orthodox law of the five elements. The five elements don't include special laws such as the law of time and space, the law of devouring, and the law of destruction or natural laws derived from the five elements such as the law of

wind, the law of thunder, and the law of ice. In any case, the laws of earth are the best in terms of defense... What's the use of a powerful offense without a strong defense?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at Bai Zhen Yue and solemnly said, "I'm certain that I want that earth-type King Grade Celestial Method."

After listening to the Chaos Divine Earth's words, Duan Ling Tian finally figured out why Huang Jia Long and the others wore such an expression on their faces when they heard him choosing the earth-type Celestial Method.

As it turned out, most people in Devata Realms preferred offensive laws such as the laws of wind. Most people who had not comprehended or mastered any law would rather choose an offensive law such as the laws of wind given a choice.

If it were not for the Chaos Divine Earth in his body, perhaps, Duan Ling Tian might have made the same choice as the others as well. However, since he had the Chaos Divine Earth in his body, it was clear that the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method was the best choice for him.

"Brother Duan, you don't have to do this for me..." Huang Jia Long said with a wry smile again.

"Jia Long, you've misunderstood. I really want the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. He, naturally, knew that unless he revealed the Chaos Divine Earth and its words, Huang Jia Long would not believe him and only think that he was being courteous by selecting the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method. Although he could not reveal anything about the Chaos Divine Earth, he still wanted to be honest.

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After Duan Ling Tian obtained the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method from Bai Zhen Yue, he discovered the Celestial Method was called the Black Rock Prison Method.

Crack!

After Duan Ling Tian crushed the Memory Celestial Talisman that contained the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison Method, a stream of information about the Celestial Method instantly rushed into his mind.

At the same time, the childish voice of the Chaos Divine Earth resounded in Duan Ling Tian's mind as well. "This King Grade Celestial Method can help you comprehend the Earth Elemental Profundity and the Gravitational Space Profundity in the law of earth. The Earth Elemental Profundity is the basic Profundity of the law of earth. Meanwhile, the Gravitational Space Profundity is an assistive Profundity of the law of earth."

Then, the Chaos Divine Earth added, "Of course, although it's an assistive type, the Gravitational Space Profundity has offensive and defensive traits as well."

Based on the Chaos Divine Earth's words, it was clearly venting, still dissatisfied with how Huang Jia Long and the others looked down on the laws of earth.

“Since the purpose of the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities at or above the King Grade is to comprehend the laws, why are they still called Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“The main purpose is to distinguish the Internal Assistive Profundities... All of the Divine Abilities at or above the King Grade contain an Internal Assistive Profundity,” the Chaos Divine Earth said.

“Internal Assistive Profundity?” Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

“Just like the assistive Celestial Methods below the King Grade, assistive approaches cannot temporarily increase one’s Celestial Origin Energy. This type of assistive approach is called an external assistive approach. For example, the Gravitational Space Profundity in the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method you just obtained is a kind of external assistive approach. Meanwhile, the assistive Divine Abilities below the King Grade can temporarily increase one’s Celestial Origin Energy... This kind of assistive approach is called an internal assistive approach. This means that the law of the wind in the old man’s wind-type King Grade Divine Ability contains the Internal Assistive Profundity.” The Chaos Divine Earth finished speaking one breath.

The Chaos Divine Earth’s words enlightened Duan Ling Tian and cleared up his confusions.

“The Divine Abilities at or above the King Grade all have the Internal Assistive Profundity... On the other hand, the Celestial Methods at or above the King Grade is all-encompassing. It contains the Main Offensive Profundity, Main Defensive Profundity, Main Movement Profundity, and the External Assistive Profundity.”

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After hearing the Chaos Divine Flame’s words, Duan Ling Tian finally understood why the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities at and above the King Grade were different from other Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. He also learned that Divine Abilities at and above the King Grade contained the Internal Assistive Law Profundity. The assistive Divine Ability he had mastered, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was also a kind of internal assistive approach.

‘Back then, Elder Huo, the pagoda spirit of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, told me that the Elementary Devouring Tactic is derived from a powerful Divine Ability in a Devata Realm called the Advanced Devouring Tactic. The Elementary Tactic is a downgraded version of the Advanced Devouring Tactic. Apparently, it was the Advanced Devouring Tactic that made a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm famous... Based on this, I think the Advanced Devouring Tactic has to be at or above the King Grade!’

Duan Ling Tian remembered that Elder Huo, the pagoda spirit of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, had mentioned the Advanced Devouring Tactic when he was still in the mundane realm.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed as he thought to himself, ‘In fact, it’s highly likely that the Advanced Devouring Tactic is of a higher grade than the King Grade. It’s probably at the Royal Grade or Emperor Grade!’

Upon recalling Elder Huo again after so many years, Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh. ‘I wonder where Elder Huo is now...’

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had thought Elder Huo had died when he destroyed the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and all the Celestial Weapons in the pagoda in order to save him. However, after ascending to a Devata Realm, he learned artifact souls of Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons were not capable of destroying Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons even if they were seemingly destroyed. For this reason, he had a feeling that Elder Huo was still alive. As for the disappearance of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and Elder Huo, he was certain it was due to someone scheming in the dark.

'I wonder what law is contained in the Advanced Devouring Tactic, the Divine Ability that made a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm famous? Could it be the law of devouring that the Chaos Divine Earth mentioned earlier?' Duan Ling Tian continued thinking to himself, 'It said that the laws of earth are orthodox laws since they come from one of the five elements... However, there are special laws such as the law of time and space, the law of devouring, and the law of destruction. There are also natural laws such as the law of wind, the law of thunder, and the law of ice that are derived from the Five Elements Law...'

After handing Huang Jia Long the Memory Celestial Talisman that contained the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability, Bai Zhen Yue, the Deputy Patriarch of the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion, looked at Bai Gang and asked, "Bai Gang, do you want to return to the clan with me to receive your reward now or do you plan to return later on your own?"

"Deputy Patriarch, I'll return with you," Bai Gang said without any hesitation. A hint of excitement could be heard in his voice as though he knew his reward would be far more precious compared to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long's reward.

"Good." Bai Zhen Yue nodded.

Soon after, Bai Gang left with Bai Zhen Yue without bidding farewell to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long. He knew Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long's minds were now completely occupied with the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability they had received. Since Old Mo and Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, knew he was leaving, he did not bid them farewell as well.

When Huang Jia Long finally regained his senses, Bai Gang was long gone. "Father, where's Uncle Bai?"

It was within expectations that Bai Zhen Yue would leave the Solitary Nation and return to the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion after rewarding Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long. However, why was Bai Gang missing as well?

"Your Uncle Bai has returned to the clan branch," Huang Yuan Fei said with a smile, "Kid, you're really lucky. You actually obtained a King Grade Divine Ability... You know, even your father has never obtained any King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability before." He was, naturally, truly happy his son managed to obtain a King Grade Divine Ability. In fact, he was probably happier than if he, himself, obtained a King Grade Divine Ability.

"Returned to the clan? Why?" Huang Jia Long frowned. "Will Uncle Bai come back?" He was clearly slightly upset. He had grown up with Old Mo and Bai Gang, after all. Therefore, he had deep affections for Bai Gang.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian finally came back to his senses. He discovered Bai Gang's absence, and he could tell Huang Jia Long was rather sad.

"Don't worry, when your Uncle Bai finishes evolving, he will, naturally, come back," Huang Yuan Fei said with a smile, "It's good that your Uncle Bai returns to the clan now. He'll be handsomely rewarded for obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Sword for the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion."

"Huh?" Huang Jia Long became curious upon hearing his father's words. "Father, what would Uncle Bai be rewarded with? Moreover, he has to return to the clan to get the reward..."

"Uncle Bai will be allowed to enter the Transformation Pool in the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion that only opens once every 10,000 years." As Huang Yuan Fei spoke, his smile grew wider and wider. Bai Gang was like his brother, after all. How could he not be happy for Bai Gang?

"The Transformation Pool?" Duan Ling Tian was confused.

Meanwhile, Huang Jia Long's eyes brightened as an ecstatic expression appeared on his face as soon as he heard his father's words. "Father... I-is this true?" He continued to say excitedly, "Uncle Bai... He... he'll be allowed to enter the Transformation Pool?"

"Yes." Huang Yuan Fei nodded.

"That's amazing! When I was little, I heard Uncle Bai mentioning more than once that his biggest dream is to enter the Transformation Pool... It's truly great that he'll finally be able to achieve his dream!" Huang Jia Long said, clearly delighted.

Duan Ling Tian, who had grown extremely curious, finally asked, "Uncle Huang, Jia Long... What's the Transformation Pool?"

"Brother Duan, the Transformation Pool is a spirit pool in the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion that opens only once every 10,000 years. Only one Copper Flying Tiger is allowed to enter each time it opens," Huang Jia Long replied, "When a Copper Flying Tiger enters the Transformation Pool, it only needs to absorb the special energy in the pool and cultivate in seclusion for ten years. After ten years, it'll be able to transform into a Silver Flying Tiger, a peak intermediate King Grade Celestial Beast! The pool is only useful for Copper Flying Tigers. If a Silver Flying Tiger or a Golden Flying Tiger enters the Transformation Pool, it won't have any effect at all. Rumor has it that the clan branch in Profound Nether Mansion also has a Transformation Pool for Silver Flying Tigers. However, it'd only open once every 30,000 years. After entering the pool, a Silver Flying Tiger would be able to evolve into a Golden Flying Tiger, a peak advanced King Grade Celestial Beast!"

Then, Huang Jia Long's tone turned excited again as he said, "This means when Uncle Bai returns after ten years, he would no longer be a Copper Flying Tiger, a peak elementary King Grade Celestial Beast. He would be a Silver Flying Tiger, a peak intermediate King Grade Celestial Beast!"

Duan Ling Tian was shocked since he was unaware of the Transformation Pool in the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion. He finally understood Huang Jia Long's excitement now!

'Without any fortuitous encounter, a Copper Flying Tiger would only be a Three Talents Celestial King at most. However, if it evolves into a Silver Flying Tiger, it'd be able to break through and become a Six Combinations Celestial King!' Duan Ling Tian knew entering the Transformation Pool was a great opportunity for Bai Gang. After all, the strength between a Six Combinations Celestial King and a Three Talents Celestial King was incomparable!

At this moment, Huang Yuan Fei looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Little Tian, tomorrow is the day of the auction by the Imperial family of the Solitary Nation. If everything goes according to plan, the auction will be starting at night."

"Okay, Uncle Huang." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Huang Yuan Fei and Old Mo and exited the hall.

Huang Jia Long followed suit. When he caught up to Duan Ling Tian, he asked curiously, "Brother Duan, what's the name of that earth-type King Grade Celestial Method you received?"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he said, "The Black Rock Prison Method."

"The Black Rock Prison Method? Based on the name, your earth-type Celestial Method should be an assistive Celestial Method, right? If I'm not mistaken it should be a Celestial Method that could imprison people..."

"That's right." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Although he had yet to begin comprehending the earth-type Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison Method, he knew the function of the Celestial Method. When one cast the Black Rock Prison Method, it would imprison its target. The gravitational force in the prison would be under the caster's control. With the gravity under the caster's control, the caster could use it to hurt and control the prisoners inside. Apart from that, the Black Rock Prison Method could also be used to form a defensive layer around the body to repel attacks.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked, "What about the wind-type Celestial Method you received?" He was also rather curious about Huang Jia Ling's Divine Ability.

According to the Chaos Divine Earth and the Chaos Divine Flame, the Divine Abilities at and above the King Grade contained the Internal Assistive Law Profundity. Therefore, he speculated that Huang Jia Long's wind-type Divine Ability did not have the Main Offensive Profundity or the Main Movement Profundity. Instead, it probably contained an assistive profundity.

"My wind-type Divine Ability is called Gathering Storm. It strengthens and boosts my Celestial Origin Energy through the wind. In addition to this, the Divine Ability also contains the law of the wind, a profundity called Gathering Wind. Gathering Wind allows me to use all elements of the wind and similarly, boosts my Celestial Origin Energy," Huang Jia Long replied.

Huang Jia Long's words confirmed the Chaos Divine Earth and the Chaos Divine Flame's earlier words. Divine Abilities at and above the King Grade contained the Internal Assistive Law Profundity. Gathering Wind, the law of the wind in Gathering Storm, was an internal assistive law.

Chapter 2968: A Narrow Outlook

Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability, Gathering Storm, through his conversation with Huang Jia Long.

“Brother Duan, why don’t we exchange our Celestial Method and Divine Ability? You give me your earth-type Celestial Method, and I’ll give you my wind-type Divine Ability.” Up until this moment, Huang Jia Long was still under the impression that Duan Ling Tian had ceded the wind-type Divine Ability to him out of courtesy.

“There’s no need for that.” A helpless smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian’s face as he shook his head. “Jia Long, I really want the earth-type Celestial Method.”

“Brother Duan, although I haven’t encountered any King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability before this, I’ve heard plenty about them,” Huang Jia Long’s expression was solemn as he earnestly said, “There’s only a handful of non-offensive Profundities in the laws of the wind, and the Profundity of the law of wind in the wind-type Divine Ability that I received, Gathering Wind, is one of it. Gathering Wind allows me to comprehend the wind element that’s also the foundation of the law of wind. If one comprehends the wind element that’s also the foundation of laws of the wind, it’d be easy to comprehend other laws of the wind in the future only,” Huang Jia Long said.

Huang Jia Long paused for a moment before he continued to say, “One’s energy is limited. If one wants to advance on the path of laws, one can only specialize in one law... It’d be a waste if you spend so much effort to comprehend and master the profundity of the law of earth... After all, you’ll likely have to abandon the laws of earth when you obtain an offensive law such as the laws of the wind.” He did not hold back and tried his best to convince Duan Ling Tian to accept his wind-type Divine Ability in exchange for the earth-type Celestial Method.

Upon hearing Huang Jia Long’s words, a faint smile bloomed on Duan Ling Tian’s face. “Jia Long, I truly want to comprehend and master the law of earth. Even if I obtain an offensive law such as the law of wind in the future, I have no plan of abandoning the law of earth. Moreover, no one can say for sure that the laws of earth are inferior to the laws of wind. Based on your words, you’re saying that if two cultivators have the same level of comprehension for the law of wind and the law of earth, the cultivator of the law of wind would be superior? I don’t think that’s the case. The important thing isn’t the laws. The important thing is the person who masters the law!” The latter half of his sentence was a repeat of the Chaos Divine Earth’s words to him. Naturally, he was not just parroting the Chaos Divine Earth’s words; he truly agreed with the Chaos Divine Earth’s words.

Duan Ling Tian understood why Huang Jia Long, and even the others, had such thoughts. After all, their understanding of the laws was rather shallow. Moreover, it had been deeply ingrained in them that offensive and movement laws were superior to defensive laws like the law of earth.

The Chaos Divine spoke up in Duan Ling Tian’s mind at this moment and told him that more than 80% of Profundities in the law of wind were offensive and movement type. However, there was only one offensive and movement profundity in the law of earth. However, the single offensive and movement profundity from the law of earth was not inferior to the offensive and movement profundities from the law of wind. It also said that with Duan Ling Tian’s talent, it would not be difficult for him to obtain, comprehend, and master all kinds of profundities from the law of earth. Most people would not be able to progress far on the path of law. It was considered rather good if they could understand two or three

profundities of a law. Moreover, most people would not be able to encounter different types of laws. Therefore, they preferred the law of the wind that had a higher chance of containing offensive or movement Profundities.

After listening to the Chaos Divine Earth's words, Duan Ling Tian realized why Huang Yuan Fei, Huang Jia Long, and the others thought the law of wind was superior to the law of earth. He thought they had a very narrow outlook.

The Chaos Divine Earth continued to say in its childish voice, "However, it has to be said that, without me, the law of wind would be more beneficial for you compared to the law of earth. Since there's only one offensive and movement profundity, in comparison to the law of wind that contains mostly offensive and movement profundities, it's extremely difficult to obtain Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain those two profundities in the law of earth."

The Chaos Divine Earth continued to say, "With my help, your speed of comprehending the law of earth in Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities will be more than ten times faster compared to people who are as talented as you. This is because I'm already in my third form. If you're able to help me evolve to the fourth form, your comprehension speed would be hundreds of times greater!"

The Chaos Divine Earth said persuasively, "So, boy, you have to help me evolve to the fourth form... At that time, you'll benefit greatly from it as well." It was rather strange listening to the Chaos Divine Earth referring to Duan Ling Tian as 'boy' due to its childish voice.

The Profound Divine Metal that had been quiet for a long time suddenly chimed in, "What the Chaos Divine Earth said is true. It applies to the Chaos Divine Flame and I as well. However, even if you obtain a King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability that contains the law of metal now, I won't be able to help you. I'd only be able to help you comprehend and master the law of metal once I evolve into the third form. I only need to absorb one more first-form Profound Divine Metal to evolve into a third-form Profound Divine Metal!" A hint of longing could be heard in its voice as it spoke about the third form. It only needed one more first-form Profound Divine Metal to evolve into the third form, after all.

"Hey! Chaos Divine Flame, I think that it's fate that the three of us share the same host. Don't you think our seniority should be ranked according to who enters the third form first?" The Chaos Divine Earth's excited and childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "It seems like, among the three of us, I'm the first to enter the third form. Based on this, my seniority should be the highest. Since the Profound Divine Metal is the only one in the second form, it'll be the junior. Chaos Divine Flame, you're the second senior. What a great idea! What do both of you think? Hey, did you hear me? Don't play dead!"

Alas, no matter how the Chaos Divine Earth called out, the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame ignored it.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Huang Jia Long and returned to his courtyard. As soon as he stepped past the entrance, he saw Liu Guang Lin waiting for him.

"Sir." Liu Guang Ling greeted Duan Ling Tian respectfully with a pair of bright eyes.

"It seems like your cultivation base is almost stabilized." Duan Ling Tian smiled slightly.

“Yes,” Liu Guang Lin nodded and said, “My lord, please forgive me for not staying by your side these past few days.”

Over the past few days, Liu Guang Lin was not by Duan Ling Tian’s side because he had reached the final stage of stabilizing his cultivation base.

“Tomorrow is the day of the auction by the Solitary Nation’s Imperial family. Since you’ll be attending the auction with me, you should rest well tonight.” After Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he returned to his room.

When Duan Ling Tian returned to his room, he said to the Chaos Divine Earth that was still yelling in his mind, “Stop yelling. It’s obvious they’re ignoring you. You sound like a child who has just learned to speak. Do you really think they’ll agree to you being their senior?”

Duan Ling Tian’s words touched the Chaos Divine Earth’s sore spot, causing it to fall temporarily silent. After a long while, it scoffed and said, “My voice is beyond my control... Sooner or later, I will make them acknowledge me as their senior!”

“How ambitious!” Duan Ling Tian praised the Chaos Divine Earth. Then, he bluntly asked, “You’re a Chaos Divine Earth. Don’t you have any ability? Senior Profound Divine Metal protects my soul and repels soul attacks. It also conceals my aura. Moreover, after it evolves into the third form, it can also briefly merge with my Celestial Weapon to boost it. Meanwhile, Senior Chaos Divine Flame helps me to refine pills and forge weapons. That’s why even though I don’t have a Celestial Fire, I can be a Celestial Alchemist and a Celestial Weapon Craftsman.” He had deliberately praised the Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame to convince the Chaos Divine Earth to help him.

The Chaos Divine Earth snickered. It said knowingly, “Boy, you just want to benefit from me! Did you think I wouldn’t be able to guess the intention behind your words? If you want to know my ability or if you want me to help you, you must agree to one condition...”

“What condition?” Duan Ling Tian frowned and asked. He did not expect the Chaos Divine Earth to be so clever since it sounded and acted like a child.

“Convince the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal to acknowledge me as their senior,” the Chaos Divine Earth said smugly.

“Forget it... I don’t need you to help me. With your ability, you’re not worthy to carry the Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame’s shoes, let alone be their senior. How preposterous!” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently with a shrug.

“Boy, don’t think that you can provoke me into getting what you want... My voice sounds childish, but I’m not naive. Don’t treat me like a kid!” the Chaos Divine Earth said angrily.

“What a surprise! You can tell I’m trying to provoke you into getting what I want. Fine, fine, I’m not interested in your ability for the time being. For now, I want to see how you’re going to help me quickly comprehend the law of earth.” Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed and closed his eyes. Soon enough, the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison Method, surfaced in his mind.

Chapter 2969: The Earth Element

The Black Rock Prison Method was an earth-type King Grade Celestial Method. It contained the Gravitational Space Profundity that was the most important law of earth. The combination of Gravitational Space Profundity and the Earth Elemental Profundity would form an independent space made out of black rocks to imprison people. At the same time, the caster would be able to control the gravity through the Gravitational Space Profundity in the independent space.

In order to master the Black Rock Prison Method, one must first comprehend the Earth Elemental Profundity and the Gravitational Space Profundity. The Earth Elemental Profundity was a Fundamental Profundity. King Grade Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities usually had the corresponding element's Fundamental Profundity. Therefore, King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities were also regarded as the law of fundamentals. If one did not comprehend and master a King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability, it would be impossible to comprehend Royal Grade and Emperor Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities in the future. This is because Royal Grade and Emperor Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities did not contain Fundamental Profundities. Therefore, it was absolutely necessary for one to comprehend the Fundamental Profundity of a certain elemental law from a King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability.

"Boy, I'm a third-form Chaos Divine Earth. With my help, you will comprehend the profundities of the law of earth ten times faster than other people... However, the profundities of the law of earth I mentioned don't include the Earth Elemental Profundity," the Chaos Divine Earth said just as Duan Ling Tian was preparing to comprehend the Black Rock Prison Method's law of earth.

Duan Ling Tian who was sitting with his legs crossed and eyes closed frowned when he heard the Chaos Divine Earth's words. "What do you mean? Are you saying that you won't be able to help me comprehend the Fundamental Profundity of the law of earth, the Earth Elemental Profundity?"

"Of course not! I meant to say it's different from the profundities I mentioned." The childish voice of the Divine Chaos Earth rang again. It said arrogantly, "I can help you comprehend it overnight! Please bear in mind that normally it would take someone with a high level of understanding about three to five years to comprehend a Fundamental Profundity without help. For those with a weaker understanding, it'd take them at least decades or even centuries! There are even people who are unable to comprehend or master it at all despite trying their entire lives..."

"Comprehend it overnight?" Duan Ling Tian's heart thumped. Did this mean the Chaos Divine Earth would be able to help him comprehend the Earth Elemental Profundity before the commencement of the Imperial auction tomorrow? He asked skeptically, "Comprehend the Earth Elemental Profundity overnight... Are you kidding?"

The Chaos Divine Earth scoffed, clearly displeased with Duan Ling Tian. "Why would I be kidding? You'll know by the break of dawn. Now, relax! Empty your thoughts and let your Divine Consciousness wander. I'll guide it to the earth element in this world. During that time, all you need to do is sense whatever comes to you and feel their characteristics. After you've familiarized yourself with the earth

element, you'll be able to merge it with your Celestial Origin Energy. At that time, the power of your attack will increase tremendously!"

Duan Ling Tian began to follow the instructions given by the Chaos Divine Earth. He felt nothing initially when he cleared his mind of distracting thoughts. After a dozen breaths had passed, he felt his Divine Consciousness effortlessly entered the depths of earth. After that, he could acutely feel the vibrations in the distance through his Divine Consciousness.

'Is this caused by the Divine Chaos Earth?'

Thud! Thud! Thud!

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian heard a vibration that resembled the rhythmic beat of a human's heart.

Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud!

Suddenly, the beat grew louder and increased in speed, It sounded as though tens of thousands of horses were stampeding across the ground!

The vibration was unpredictable as it constantly changed tempo.

During this process, Duan Ling Tian discovered his Divine Consciousness had become one with earth. He could feel the buildings, humans, flora and fauna, Celestial Beasts, and other life forms. He could also feel the lofty mountains and mountain ranges that were deeply integrated with the earth.

Duan Ling Tian completely lost track of time. He was immersed in familiarizing himself with the earth element. He realized the earth was not only the soil that nurtured the trees and plants, but even rocks that took tens of thousands of years to form into mountains were part of it.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness suddenly shot out of the ground into the air. To his surprise, he discovered even the air was filled with the earth element. It felt soothing, comforting, and warm.

'So, this is the earth element?'

At the break of dawn, the sun rose and shone through the window into Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he opened them. He wasted no time in mobilizing his Celestial Origin Energy. The void shook, and he saw streaks of earthy-yellow lights shining in his Celestial Origin Energy. All of a sudden, his Celestial Origin Energy turned completely earthy-yellow before it twined itself around his body like a python.

'My Celestial Origin Energy has become so powerful after fusing with the earth element...' Duan Ling Tian cried out inwardly.

After obtaining the earth-type King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison Method, Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of the difference between King Grade Celestial Methods and Celestial Methods below the King Grade. After one had mastered a King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability, it was still possible to use a lower grade technique. For example, the Earth Elemental Profundity was a Fundamental Profundity of the law of earth; it was not a technique. After Duan Ling

Tian had incorporated the earth element into his Celestial Origin Energy, he was still capable of using methods he had used in the past to its greatest potential because they were not in conflict.

'With my current strength, I'll be able to defeat Jia Long with a single blow without having to rely on the powers granted by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!'

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had relied on the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon to defeat Huang Jia Long. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for him to best Huang Jia Long. However, now that his strength had increased after comprehending the Fundamental Profundity of the law of earth, he was confident he could defeat Huang Jia Long with a single strike without any external help!

'That genius sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation is only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, and yet, he's invincible among those who are weaker than Celestial Dukes. It's likely that he has also mastered the power of a law. Initially, I couldn't fathom how strong he is after mastering a law. However, now I understand. After one has comprehended the Fundamental Profundity of a law and merged it with one's Celestial Origin Energy, one would be able to easily defeat those weaker than Celestial Dukes. Nevertheless, the genius' comprehension level is really high. He's not even 100 years old, and he has already mastered the power of a law. It's definitely not an ordinary feat,' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Earth said arrogantly in its childish voice, "Boy, do you still doubt me?"

"No, of course not," Duan Ling Tian replied lightly, "However, does this mean if I obtain a fire-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability, the Chaos Divine Flame would also be capable of helping me to comprehend the Fundamental Profundity of the law of fire overnight?"

"This..." The Divine Chaos Earth hesitated to complete its sentence. It knew the Chaos Divine Flame was capable of doing so.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Flame said arrogantly in its ancient voice, "If you obtain a fire-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability, I'll be able to help you comprehend the Fundamental Profundity of the law of fire, the Fire Elemental Profundity, within three hours."

Chapter 2970: Ling Jue Yun

"Chaos Divine Flame, you're such a showoff!" the Chaos Divine Earth said indignantly, "That's only because this boy has been constantly using you to refine pills and consequently, gained a deeper understanding of the fire element. T-that's the only reason you're able to help him comprehend the Fire Elemental Profundity in three hours!" It felt embarrassed since the Chaos Divine Flame's words made his achievement of helping Duan Ling Tian comprehend the Earth Elemental Profundity overnight seemed like nothing. How could it not feel angry?

The Chaos Divine Flame replied nonchalantly, "All those factors don't matter to me. What's important is the result! If you want me to acknowledge you as my senior, then you should be better than me, at least. You can't even help him comprehend the Fundamental Profundity as fast as I can... Do you think you're worthy of being my senior?" Its tone grew increasingly disdainful toward the end of its sentence.

"Y-you..." The Chaos Divine Earth was so angry that it was rendered speechless.

“Old Fire, you’re so cruel. You’ve angered Little Earth so much that it has fallen into a deep slumber,” the usually-quiet Profound Divine Metal said in a gloating manner.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian did not pay attention to the three elements that bickered like enemies. Instead, he was lost in his thoughts. ‘The Chaos Divine Flame is capable of helping me comprehend the Fire Elemental Profundity, the Fundamental Profundity of the fire element, in three days? Moreover, whenever I use the Chaos Divine Flame to refine pills, I’m actually gaining comprehension of the fire element? Doesn’t this mean that all I need to do is to obtain a fire-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability to comprehend the Fire Elemental Profundity?’ His eyes lit up like the stars in the night sky when he thought about this. A fire burned in his heart; he could not wait to obtain a fire-type King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability!

‘The Imperial auction will only start at night. Since I still have plenty of time, I’ll stroll around the Imperial Palace... Let’s start from the library,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

It was still early in the morning when Duan Ling Tian left the room. After he greeted Liu Guang Lin, he left the courtyard with Liu Guang Lin in tow.

‘Jia Long must be in the midst of comprehending the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability... I should leave him to it.’ Duan Ling Tian briefly glanced at Huang Jia Long’s courtyard as he walked past it.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin saw a group of people leaving their courtyard in the Imperial Palace as well.

“Master, those people are from the East Ming Nation. They’re here for the Golden Nematodes as well,” Liu Guang Lin said.

“The East Ming Nation?” Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow.

The purpose of Duan Ling Tian’s visit to the capital of the Solitary Nation was to obtain the Golden Nematodes during the auction. Previously, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation had personally reached out to the Emperor of the Solitary Nation for the Golden Nematodes. However, because the Moran Nation and the East Ming Nation wanted the Golden Nematodes as well. For this reason, the Solitary Nation decided to put the Golden Nematodes up for auction since it was a fair method and could help them avoid offending the two nations that would inevitably fail to obtain the Golden Nematodes.

It did not take long before the group of people from the East Ming Nation noticed the duo as well.

“These two men are from the Supporting Fall Nation!”

“Isn’t that purple-clad young man the genius sectless cultivator from the Supporting Fall Nation, Duan Ling Tian?”

“It must be him! I heard that the Supporting Fall Nation sent a group of five to attend the Imperial auction. Out of the five people, there are only two young men... One of them is Huang Jia Long, the Young Master of the City Governor’s estate in Passage City. Since I’ve met Huang Jia Long before, I can confirm this purple-clad young man isn’t Huang Jia Long.”

As the people from the East Ming Nation whispered among themselves, they would occasionally look at one of the two young men walking in the lead. The young man wore a grey robe, and his eyes were as cold as ice. His expression was aloof, and he emitted a chilling aura with his sword hanging by his waist.

‘Duan Ling Tian?’ The grey-clad young man instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian when he heard the conversation behind him. His eyes flashed as he looked at Duan Ling Tian pointedly. After probing Duan Ling Tian with his Divine Consciousness, he exclaimed inwardly, ‘It’s him!’

“It’s him!” The silver-clad young man standing next to the grey-clad young man exclaimed as well, “There’s no doubt he’s Duan Ling Tian. He’s not even 100 years old, but he defeated Huang Jia Long with a single strike. Huang Jia Long is one of the strongest peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, but Duan Ling Tian is only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! Rumors from the Supporting Fall Nation say that Duan Ling Tian didn’t even comprehend any power of the law to defeat Huang Jia Long!” His eyes were wide open, and a hint of fear could be seen in them. After a brief pause, he asked the grey-clad young man, “Brother Jue Yun, do you think that’s possible?”

During the Southern Heaven Combat in the East Ming Nation, the silver-clad young man was defeated by the grey-clad young man. The grey-clad young man’s Celestial Origin Energy had turned into a sword after he had merged it with the power of the law. He had easily sent the silver-clad young man flying out of the battle ring with a single strike. Despite the grey-clad young man holding back his strength, the silver-clad young man’s injuries were so serious that it took him half a month to recuperate. Despite the grey-clad young man’s amazing feats, he was only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was not even 100 years old. For all these reasons, from that day onward, the grey-clad young man was widely acknowledged as the strongest person among those below Celestial Dukes.

“The world is filled with many great wonders... It’s possible for a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to defeat a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial if neither of them uses the power of the law,” the grey-clad young man replied nonchalantly.

The grey-clad young man was none other than the genius sectless cultivator who had recently shot to fame during the Southern Heaven Combat in the East Ming Nation! He was Ling Jue Yun.

“Brother Jue Yun, are you confident about defeating him if you have to fight him?” the silver-clad young man asked.

“I can’t say since I don’t know much about him,” Ling Jue Yun lightly replied.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘This grey-clad young man must be the genius sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation whom everyone has been talking about... He’s indeed extraordinary. I wonder if he’s a remarkable Celestial who has reincarnated. Otherwise, he must be extraordinarily talented...’ He could tell with a glance that it was true that Ling Jue Yun was not even 100 years old. As the saying went, ‘It takes one to know one’.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian called out, “Let’s go, Guang Lin.” Then, he continued on his journey to the library in the Imperial Palace. The library was open to guests of the Imperial family. The guests would be given access to many books, Memory Celestial Talismans, and Floating Image Pearls. The Floating Image Pearls were old recordings of duels between powerhouses weaker than Celestial Kings. Even if there

were recordings of duels between Celestial Kings, the Celestial Kings in the recordings were Celestial Kings who had not comprehended the power of the laws. The Floating Image Pearls that contained recordings of Celestial Kings who had comprehended the power of the laws were valuable in the Solitary Nation so they were not kept in the library.

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“Brother Jue Yun, do you want me to invite him over for a challenge on your behalf? If he loses, the Supporting Fall Nation has to withdraw from making a bid during the auction,” the silver-clad young man said as he narrowed his eyes.

“What if I lose?” Ling Jue Yun asked lightly.

“Lose?” The corners of the silver-clad young man’s mouth twitched. He did not expect someone as arrogant as Ling Jue Yun would utter such words.

Even the people behind the duo were stunned and dumbstruck by Ling Jue Yun’s words.

“I, Ling Jue Yun, am a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Sword Celestial. I will admit defeat to whoever who’s capable of deflecting one sword attack from me!” These were the exact words Ling Jue Yun had said during the Southern Heaven Combat in the East Ming Nation.

How could the people from the East Ming Nation not be surprised by Ling Jue Yun’s words about the young man from the Supporting Fall Nation? Was he really the Ling Jue Yun, the arrogant Sword Celestial, they knew during the Southern Heaven Combat in the East Ming Nation?