

SOVEREIGN 2971

## **Chapter 2971: A Detailed Explanation of the Profundity of the Law**

In the library of the Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation.

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin entered the library after disclosing their identities to the guards.

“Guang Lin, you don’t have to follow me around. You can look at whatever piqued your interest in the library,” Duan Ling Tian said when he discovered Liu Guang Lin’s eyes had lit up upon seeing the books, Memory Celestial Talismans, and Floating Image Pearls in the library.

“Thank you, master!” Liu Guang Lin replied before he began to browse through the library’s contents.

There were countless books, Memory Celestial Talismans, and Floating Image Pearls in the library that it would take years to completely go through every one of them. Since Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin only had roughly a day to spend in the library, they could only select a few things to go through.

Duan Ling Tian wandered aimlessly in the aisles before an old and quaint book caught his attention.

“A Detailed Explanation of the Profundity of The Law?” Duan Ling Tian picked up the tattered book and looked at its title. Only its cover and a few front pages were intact. Most of the contents were barely legible. Despite its condition, it did not stop Duan Ling Tian from reading it since it was about the power of the laws. Most importantly, it included the different profundities in the law of earth.

The Earth Element Profundity, or the earth element, was the Fundamental Profundity of the law of earth. It was different from other profundities such as the Gravitational Space, the Ground Escape Technique, the Vibration, and the Recovery. These were just a small number of profundities in the law of earth that Duan Ling Tian managed to make out from the pages of the tattered book.

The Fire Elemental Profundity, or the fire element, was the Fundamental Profundity of the law of fire. Other profundities in the law of fire included the Explosion, the Erosion, and the Fire Escape Technique.

The page regarding the law of gold was the worst of all. Duan Ling Tian could only see the words ‘Gold Elemental Profundity’ and ‘the Golden Body Technique’ on the page.

The page regarding the law of wind was rather complete. It contained seven or eight profundities in the law of wind.

Despite the state of the book, Duan Ling Tian managed to glean many pieces of information about different types of Profundities from different types of elements. There were the law of wood, water, light, darkness, ice, and thunder as well. Due to its worn-out state, he mostly learned about the Fundamental Profundities for different laws.

“Every elemental law has a corresponding Fundamental Profundity... The Wood Elemental Profundity is the Fundamental Profundity of the law of wood; the law of darkness’ Fundamental Profundity is the

Darkness Elemental Profundity; the Fundamental Profundity for the law of thunder is the Thunder Elemental Profundity...”

Duan Ling Tian closed the book and his eyes as he tried to digest the information he just gained. These were valuable insights that provided him with a further understanding of the profundities of the laws.

The profundities of the laws were powers that belonged to heaven and earth. One could put it to use after comprehending the profundities. Not only did the elemental laws have Fundamental Profundities, but there were other profundities in the elemental laws that were divided into the rudimentary stage, the initial stage, and the mastery stage as well.

‘The profundities of the power of the laws in King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities are only in the rudimentary stage. To further improve to the initial stage, one must obtain the corresponding element of Royal Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Ability. In order to progress to the mastery stage, one must possess the corresponding element of King Grade, Royal Grade, and Emperor Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities! Additionally, there are also the complementary profundities. The powers that come from only mastering one complementary profundity is beyond one’s imagination.’

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In just a blink of an eye, the sun was already setting.

Liu Guang Lin called out, “Master, it’s time for us to leave.”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was watching a duel between two peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended the Fundamental Profundities of the laws. One of them had comprehended the Fundamental Profundity of the law of wind, the Wind Elemental Profundity, while the other one had comprehended the Fire Elemental Profundity, the law of fire’s Fundamental Profundity. Both opponents were equally strong, but the person who mastered the law of the fire eventually won. It was only natural since fire held the advantage over the wind.

When the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial’s Celestial Origin Energy was merged with the fire element, it raged. It took only a second for it to deflect his opponent’s Celestial Origin Energy that was merged with the wind element.

Duan Ling Tian muttered inwardly, ‘If two opponents are equally matched, the one whose element has an advantage over the other element would win...’

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his Divine Consciousness from the Floating Image Pearl. He left the library with Liu Guang Lin in tow and made his way back to his courtyard.

Huang Yuan Fei, Huang Jia Long, and Old Mo were already waiting at the entrance of the courtyard when Duan Ling Tian and Old Mo arrived.

“Brother Duan, you went out?” Huang Jia Long was slightly surprised to see Duan Ling Tian coming back.

“Yes. I went to the library this morning since I had nothing to do.” Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly.

“I thought you’ll spend all day comprehending the Fundamental Profundity of the Celestial Method you received,” Huang Jia Long said with a smile. Then, he shook his head and lamented, “It’s said that

Fundamental Profundities are easier to comprehend compared to other profundities. Alas, I still can't comprehend much of it even after spending a day and a night on it."

Huang Yuan Fei grunted before he said, "You expect to comprehend the Fundamental Profundity of the law of wind, the Wind Elemental Profundity, in a day and a night? I don't think there's anyone talented enough to do that in the entire Profound Nether Mansion!"

Huang Jia Long smiled bitterly. He did not expect his casual remarks would invite ridicule from his father. He comforted himself inwardly. 'He must be jealous of his son for being able to comprehend the power of a law.'

Huang Yuan Fei was unaware of his son's thoughts. Otherwise, he would have slapped his son. What kind of father would be jealous of his son?

Huang Jia Long shifted his attention to Huang Jia Long since he did not dare to talk back to his father. He asked, "Brother Duan, did you try to comprehend the Fundamental Profundity of the law of earth, the Earth Elemental Profundity, last night?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly.

"How was it?" Huang Jia Long asked.

"It was fairly easy," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"Fairly easy?"

Huang Jia Long, Huang Yuan Fei, and Old Mo naturally felt Duan Ling Tian was just giving a perfunctory answer. It did not occur to them that Duan Ling Tian had easily comprehended the Earth Elemental Profundity of the law of earth.

At this moment, a loud voice rang in the air. "Governor Huang! Old Mo!" Soon after, a tall and muscular figure walked into sight. It was the Commander of the Solitary Nation, He Feng.

"Commander He."

Huang Yuan Fei and Old Mo nodded in response.

He Feng's eyes swept past Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long after he greeted Huang Yuan Fei and Old Mo. He asked in confusion when he discovered Bai Gang's absence, "Where's Bai Gang?"

"He has returned to the Flying Tiger clan's clan branch with Senior Bai Zhen Yue," Huang Yuan Fei replied.

He Feng's eyes widened as he asked, "What reward is Senior Bai Zhen Yue going to give him?" He was aware that Bai Gang would be rewarded for obtaining a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon for the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion.

"Senior Bai Zhen Yue is allowing him to enter the Transformation Pool," Huang Yuan Fei said with a smile. Bai Gang was like a brother to him so he was sincerely happy that Bai Gang was given such a great opportunity.

“What?!” Bai Gang exclaimed in shock as his expression changed. “T-the T-transformation Pool? The pool that will allow a Copper Flying Tiger to evolve into a Silver Flying Tiger in just ten years?”

“Yes.” Huang Yuan Fei nodded.

“That fellow... He’s going to be bragging all the time in the future!” He Feng shook his head and smiled wryly. Despite his words, he was genuinely happy that Bai Gang was given an opportunity that would help him evolve from a Copper Flying Tiger to a Silver Flying Tiger. After calming down, he looked at the people from the Supporting Fall Nation and said, “Governor Huang, Old Mo, Young Master Duan, Jia Long, let’s make a move to the auction center. The auction will begin in an hour.”

## **Chapter 2972: Law Celestial Talisman**

The Imperial auction was held in an auction center that belonged to the Imperial family of the Solitary Nation. It was about a kilometer away from the Imperial palace. The Imperial family of the Solitary Nation would periodically hold an auction since it was part of a tradition in the Solitary Nation. The Imperial auction was the most prestigious event in the Solitary Nation and was usually attended by those of high status. The common folk would have to pay a huge number of Celestial Crystals just to enter the auction center.

As important personages, Duan Ling Tian and the people from the Supporting Fall Nation were, naturally, arranged to be seated in one of the best rooms in the auction center. A banner with the words ‘Supporting Fall Nation’ was hung outside the window of the room.

‘The banners reveal all the occupants of the rooms...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he discovered the two rooms across the Supporting Fall Nation’s room had banners hung outside the windows as well. One of the banners had the words ‘East Ming Nation’ while the other one had the words ‘Moran Nation’.

Meanwhile, the people from grade-eight and grade-nine forces began to discuss among themselves. Most of them had come to the capital of the Solitary Nation for the Royal Grade Celestial Sword initially but decided to participate in the auction for fun. They did not expect to see the people from the Supporting Fall Nation, the East Ming Nation, and the Moran Nation at the auction center as well. With these people here, they deduced something rare and precious would be put up for auction today.

“The Supporting Fall Nation, the East Ming Nation, and the Moran Nation are here as well?”

“Based on the banners outside the rooms, yes. It seems like they’re all here for the same thing!”

“This is going to be interesting! We’re really lucky to be here!”

“Fortunately, we didn’t leave. Otherwise, we would’ve missed out on the excitement that’s sure to come.”

“Since the three nations are here, there must be something extraordinary that will be put up for auction! This is going to be exciting!”

Upon hearing the conversations of the people from the grade-eight and grade-nine forces, one of the residents in the capital of the Solitary Nation said, "Doesn't any of you know that the three nations are here for the Golden Nematodes? The Golden Nematodes are essential ingredients to refine the Profound Golden Pill."

"Golden Nematodes? The Profound Golden Pill?"

The people from the grade-eight and grade-nine forces were disappointed upon hearing this. Although Golden Nematodes were rare, they were not extremely rare or valuable. Most of its value lay in the fact that it was an essential ingredient to refine the Profound Golden Pill. It was not easy to refine the Profound Golden Pill unless one was a King Grade Celestial Alchemist, at least. Let alone prominent Celestial Alchemists, the success rate of refining the Profound Golden Pill for a Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist was not even 1%. Moreover, Celestial Alchemists at and above the King Grade were extremely rare. Not even one could be found in grade-seven forces. For all these reasons, most people were of the opinion that Golden Nematodes were useless.

Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation, looked at Duan Ling Tian and solemnly asked, "Little Tian, are you really confident you'll be able to successfully refine two Profound Golden Pills if we obtain the two Golden Nematodes?"

"Uncle Huang, I'm not a person who would simply talk if I'm not certain," Duan Ling Tian replied confidently.

"Alright! I believe you!"

Duan Ling Tian nodded in response.

Shortly afterward, the auction began after the seats in the auction center were filled.

A thin old man dressed in grey robes walked up on stage and swept his eyes across the hall before he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Imperial auction of the Solitary Nation!"

Upon seeing the thin grey-clad old man, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'This old man isn't simple. He has to be a Celestial King, at least!'

Similarly, Huang Jia Long could tell the grey-clad old man was different than the hosts usually hired for auctions. "Father, this old man doesn't seem simple..."

The old man stood on the stage with an indifferent expression on his face as though he did not care about the auction at all.

"Of course! He's the One Basic Celestial King who's always by the side of the Emperor of the Solitary Nation," Huang Yuan Fei said.

There were, naturally, many elite Celestials serving the emperor of a nation. However, there were very few Celestial Kings who were willing to serve an emperor of a grade-eight nation.

"One Basic Celestial King?" Huang Jia Long exclaimed in surprise.

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian was not surprised at all. Due to the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, his senses were now rather keen. It was not difficult for him to discern the old man was a One Basic Celestial King.

At this moment, the thin grey-clad old man lifted a hand. All of a sudden, a Celestial Talisman glowing softly with a purple light appeared out of thin air. "I hope everyone will be able to obtain what they want in today's auction." He paused for a short moment before he continued to say, "This is a Celestial Talisman engraved by a Celestial King who had comprehended the law of thunder's Thunder Arrow Profundity. It's called the Arrow Explosion Talisman. When the talisman is crushed, tens of thousands of thunder arrows will shoot out within a 100-meter radius. They're capable of killing all Celestials weaker than Celestial Dukes!"

The old man held up the Celestial Talisman so the crowd could have a better look as he continued to say, "Ordinary Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials within a 100-meter radius won't be able to survive the attack unless they are exceptionally strong. Even One Basic and Two Forms Celestial Dukes would be severely injured if they were within close proximity! The starting price for this Arrow Explosion Talisman is 3,000 prominent Celestial Crystals."

Unlike most hosts in auctions, the old man did not extol the virtues of the Arrow Explosion Talisman. He only stated the facts about the Arrow Explosion Talisman.

Almost immediately, an old man dressed in a fine robe shouted, "3,000 prominent Celestial Crystals! This Arrow Explosion Talisman will definitely be useful for my grandson."

There was no doubt the Arrow Explosion Talisman was an exceptional defensive weapon for celestials weaker than Celestial Dukes.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was rather shocked. After all, the offensive Talismans he knew were rather mediocre. They were nowhere near as deadly as the Arrow Explosion Talisman. 'I didn't know a Celestial Talisman such as this one exists! It must be so powerful because of the profundity of the law, right?'

Huang Yuan Fei said in a timely manner, "This Arrow Explosion Talisman is only considered as a low-grade Law Celestial Talisman. A powerful Law Celestial Talisman is capable of killing Celestial Dukes and even Celestial Kings!"

"Law Celestial Talisman? There are Law Celestial Talismans powerful enough to kill Celestial Dukes and even Celestial Kings?" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed in shock as he widened his eyes.

"Yes. The Law Celestial Talismans capable of killing Celestial Dukes are precious, but it's not that rare. In comparison, Law Celestial Talismans capable of killing Celestial Kings are truly rare. This is because it takes a huge amount of time and effort to engrave a powerful Law Celestial Talisman even for a Celestial Emperor. A Celestial Lord is unable to engrave such a powerful talisman due to the strength limit," Huang Yuan Fei explained.

'A Celestial Emperor can engrave Celestial Talismans that could kill Celestial Kings?' Duan Ling Tian felt chills running up his spine upon hearing Huang Yuan Fei's words.

**Chapter 2973: Unbelievable**

Celestial Kings were incredibly powerful. Duan Ling Tian was well aware of this due to the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. He had felt how formidable the Celestial Origin Energy and the Soul Energy of a Celestial King were. And yet, a mere Celestial Talisman could kill someone so powerful?

Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation, continued to say, "Although most Celestial Emperors are capable of engraving such a deadly Celestial Talisman, due to how intricate the engravings are, most Celestial Talismans capable of killing Celestial Kings are engraved by Titled Celestial Emperors!"

Titled Celestial Emperor!

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in shock as he inhaled sharply.

Duan Ling Tian had learned while he was in the borderlands that a Celestial Emperor must face various tests in the Title Temple and pass the tests in order to be acknowledged as the strongest Celestial Emperor and become a Titled Celestial Emperor.

Back in the Southern Heaven Territory, the strongest celestial was a Titled Celestial Lord who was known as the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord. However, even the strongest Titled Celestial Lord was no match for the weakest Celestial Emperor.

"However, it's said that the Celestial Kings killed by the Celestial Talismans engraved by Titled Celestial Emperors are mainly weak Celestial Kings. They either haven't comprehended the profundities of laws or the profundities they comprehended are weak."

A wave of relief rose in Duan Ling Tian's heart upon hearing Huang Yuan Fei's words. This was still rather acceptable. He found it difficult to accept a Celestial Talisman capable of killing most Celestial Kings. How absurdly powerful!

"4,300 prominent Celestial Crystals!"

"4,500 prominent Celestial Crystals!"

The price of the Arrow Explosion Talisman continued to rise as Duan Ling Tian and Huang Yuan Fei conversed. In just a blink of an eye, the price had risen to 4,800 prominent Celestial Crystals.

Huang Yuan Fei said, "This Arrow Explosion Talisman seems like it's engraved by a powerful Celestial King. Based on its powers and the fact that it can only be used once, it's unlikely to fetch more than 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals."

Soon enough, Huang Yuan Fei's words were proven to be true. The bidding stopped when the price reached 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

Based on the conversation in the surroundings, it seemed like most people agreed with Huang Yuan Fei's words.

"The Arrow Explosion Talisman is only useful for weaker celestials. Moreover, it can only be used once. 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals are as high as the price could get."

"It's just silly to bid more than that!"

“That’s right! It’s worth about 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.”

Meanwhile, back on the auction stage, the grey-clad old man said indifferently, “5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going once... going twice... 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals... Sold!”

Whoosh!

The old man raised his hand and the Celestial Talisman shot out like a thunderbolt toward a middle-aged man who was dressed in a fine robe. After putting away the Celestial Talisman, the middle-aged man sent a Spatial Ring containing 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystal toward the grey-clad old man on the stage. The transaction was directly conducted on the spot.

“Next up is a mediocre Duke Grade Celestial Pill, the Explosive Origin Pill. The starting price of this Explosive Origin Pill is 5,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.” The old man took out a pill bottle before taking out one pill to show to the crowd.

“The Explosive Origin Pill?” Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow.

The Explosive Origin Pill was a common Celestial Pill. The Explosive Origin Pill was available in different grades: the Duke Grade, the King Grade, and the Royal Grade. Then, under these three grades, they were further divided into inferior, mediocre, and superior grades. Based on this, it was easy to deduce that one had to be, at least, a supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine the Explosive Origin Pill.

‘A mediocre Duke Grade Explosive Origin Pill will boost a Celestial Duke’s Celestial Origin Energy to two stages higher for 15 minutes. However, the effect wouldn’t be so dramatic if a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke uses it since the Celestial Origin Energy wouldn’t be able to break through the boundary that separates a Celestial Duke from a Celestial King.’ As a Celestial Alchemist, Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, knowledgeable about the Explosive Origin Pill.

Duan Ling Tian was still lost in his thoughts as the price for the Explosive Origin Pill rose to 8,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. It was not surprising that the price rose this far since the Explosive Origin Pill was able to turn the tide during a critical moment in a battle between two Celestial Dukes. In the end, it was sold for 13,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

The grey-clad old man continued to auction off more Celestial Talismans and Celestial Pills. The starting prices for the items were always higher than the previous ones.

None of the items put up for auction caught Duan Ling Tian’s attention until...

“The ninth item for auction will be a pair of Golden Nematodes. The starting bid is 30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!” the grey-clad old man said.

A few seconds ticked by, and yet, no one bid for the Golden Nematodes yet.

“A pair of Golden Nematodes with a starting bid of 30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. As far as I know, in the black market, a Golden Nematode usually costs 15,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. It seems like the Solitary Nation is basing the starting bid on that.”



“Well, the Golden Nematodes are highly coveted by the Emperors of the Supporting Fall Nation, the East Ming Nation, and the Moran Nation, after all. Since it’s so highly coveted, it’s only natural that it will rise in price. Moreover, the cost of the pair of Golden Nematodes won’t even put a dent in the three nations’ treasury.”

“That’s right. However, the Golden Nematode on the black market often has no buyer.”

The crowd was still discussing among themselves when a voice rang from the room where the people from the Supporting Fall Nation were in.

“30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!” Huang Yuan Fei’s voice rang clearly in the air.

Huang Jia Long was taken aback. “Father, aren’t you being too hasty? This isn’t like you”

This was not Huang Jia Long’s first time attending an auction with his father. His father had never made the first bid even if it was an item he wanted.

Soon after, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was dumbfounded.

‘Wh-what’s going on?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, confused.

The people from the East Ming Nation and Moran Nation were strangely quiet.

The crowd could sense something was amiss as well; they looked at each other in confusion. After all, the three nations had come to the capital of the Solitary Nation specifically for this item. They were expecting a tense bidding contest between the three nations over the Golden Nematodes. However, contrary to everyone’s expectations, no one made a bid after Huang Yuan Fei had spoken.

“30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going once... 30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going twice...” The grey-clad old man who had remained indifferent all this time began to feel a slight panic rising in his heart. His eyes darted back and forth between the East Ming Nation’s room and the Moran Nation’s room. Alas, there was no sound at all. He was forced to end the auction. “30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals... going thrice... Sold!”

Just like that, the pair of Golden Nematodes fell into Huang Yuan Fei’s hands.

The crowd was in an uproar.

“What’s going on? Didn’t they say the Supporting Fall Nation, the East Ming Nation, and the Moran Nation are all here for the Golden Nematodes?”

“Who knows? Did they fall asleep?”

“I wonder what’s going through the minds of the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation.”

“What are they doing?”

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In the Moran Nation’s room.

“Uncle Lian, why aren’t you bidding for the Golden Nematodes? Why are you stopping me from bidding? What’s going on?” The Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation fired one question after another as he looked at a noble blue-clad middle-aged man with a frown. The prince was clearly displeased based on his tone.

The middle-aged man was a powerful One Basic Celestial King who served the Emperor of the Moran Nation. Although he was dissatisfied with the seventh prince’s attitude, he endured it.

Even if the Moran Nation successfully obtained the Golden Nematodes, the chances of them successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill was slim to none.

The middle-aged man looked at the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation and the other people in the room before he calmly explained, “Huang Yuan Fei from the Supporting Fall Nation had sent me a message through Voice Transmission earlier. Therefore, I made a quick decision not to bid for the Golden Nematodes.” After he finished speaking, he sipped on his cup of tea.

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In the East Ming Nation’s room.

A silver-clad young man frowned as he said impatiently to an old man who was clearly the leader of the group, “Old Hu, why are you stopping me from bidding for the Golden Nematodes? How are you going to explain this to my father when we return empty-handed? Did you even think about Brother Jue Yun?”

“Second Prince, as a member of the Imperial family, you should learn to maintain your composure like Young Master Ling,” the old man said as he looked at the silver-clad young man and a grey-clad young man sitting in a corner meaningfully.

The grey-clad young man’s expression was cold and distant. He seemed to be unaffected that the old man did not bid for the Golden Nematodes.

#### **Chapter 2974: An Auction Item by A Four Phenomenon Celestial King**

A helpless smile appeared on the face of the Second Prince of the East Ming Nation. He wondered how Ling Jue Yun could stay calm under such circumstances. “Brother Jue Yun, aren’t you worried?”

“I believe in Old Hu,” Ling Jue Yun replied as he looked up at the old man.

The old man nodded, clearly satisfied, as he looked at Ling Jue Yue. His eyes gleamed with determination as he said, “Young Master Ling, I certainly won’t disappoint you. Since you trust me, I’ll do everything in my power to obtain the Profound Golden Pill for you!”

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In the Supporting Fall Nation’s room...

Duan Ling Tian, Huang Jia Long, and Old Mo looked at Huang Yuan Fei. What happened during the auction for the pair of Golden Nematodes was too strange. Huang Yuan Fei must have done something without their knowledge.

“Father, what’s going on?” Huang Jia Long asked, puzzled, as he looked at his father.

Despite being silent, Duan Ling Tian and Old Mo were clearly confused and curious as well.

Huang Yuan Fei looked at Duan Ling Tian briefly before he explained, "It's nothing. I sent a Voice Transmission to the leaders of the entourage from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation. I told them that as long as they cede the Golden Nematodes to me, I guarantee I'll be able to produce a Profound Golden Pill that they can bid for later. I told them I have a King Grade Celestial Alchemist who has agreed to refine two Profound Golden Pills. I will keep one of the pills while the other one will go to the highest bidder."

Naturally, Huang Yuan Fei's entire plan hinged on Duan Ling Tian's ability to refine the Profound Golden Pills. If Duan Ling Tian failed, there was no doubt Huang Yuan Fei would be blamed for deceiving the two nations. If that happened, he would definitely offend the One Basic Celestial Kings from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation!

Huang Jia Long and Old Mo were stunned. They did not expect Huang Yuan Fei would lie to the other two nations in order to obtain the pair of Golden Nematodes. Indeed, a King Grade Celestial Alchemist would be able to successfully refine the Profound Golden Pill. The problem was Duan Ling Tian was not a King Grade Celestial Alchemist! The duo instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian.

Huang Yuan Fei continued to say, "The two nations must be not 100% confident they would be able to refine the Profound Golden Pill since they accepted my proposal. This means they only have a supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist, at most, to help them refine the Profound Golden Pill. Moreover, based on how the two nations insisted on having the two Golden Nematodes instead of just one, it could be seen that they wanted to increase the success rate of refining the Profound Golden Pill. Since I told them I had a King Grade Celestial Alchemist willing to help me refine the Profound Golden Pill and that I'll offer one of the pills to the highest bidder among the two, they were, naturally, willing to let me have the pair of Golden Nematodes."

"Brother Duan..." Huang Jia Long looked at Duan Ling Tian with a grim expression on his face. He knew his father's action was born out of trust for Duan Ling Tian. However, if Duan Ling Tian failed to refine two Profound Golden Pill, his father would end up offending the Celestial Kings from the two nations.

Even Old Mo had a worried expression on his face when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Uncle Huang," Duan Ling Tian looked at Huang Yuan Fei and confidently said, "I won't let you down!"

Duan Ling Tian was deeply moved at this moment. He did not expect Huang Yuan Fei to trust him to this extent. After all, if he failed to refine the two Profound Golden Pills, Huang Yuan Fei would not only offend the Celestial Kings from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation but even the Emperors of the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation!

Huang Yuan Fei handed the pair of Golden Nematodes to Duan Ling Tian as he asked, "Little Tian, when do you plan to start refining the Profound Golden Pills?"

"I'll start refining the two Profound Golden Pills after the Imperial auction ends," Duan Ling Tian replied as he took the jade box that contained the pair of Golden Nematodes from Huang Yuan Fei, "Uncle

Huang, please tell the leaders of the entourage from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation to come to our courtyard in the Imperial palace to bid for the Profound Golden Pill in ten days!”

“Alright!” Huang Yuan Fei was in high spirits due to Duan Ling Tian’s confidence. He did not delay and quickly sent a Voice Transmission to the leaders of the entourage from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation respectively.

“After ten days? That’s great! City Governor Huang, my men and I will meet you in your courtyard after ten days,” the leader from the Moran Nation replied.

“City Governor Huang, I wonder if we will be lucky enough to meet the King Grade Celestial Alchemist at that time?” the leader from the East Ming Nation asked.

“Old Hu, I’m afraid it’s impossible... That Celestial Alchemist doesn’t like meeting outsiders,” Huang Yuan Fei replied through Voice Transmission. He, naturally, could not reveal to them that a prominent Celestial Alchemist would be refining the Profound Golden Pill instead of a King Grade Celestial Alchemist. He was aware of how ridiculous it would sound. However, despite the risks, he trusted Duan Ling Tian due to Duan Ling Tian’s confidence and maturity at such a young age. His instincts told him there was something special, which he could not put into words, about the purple-clad young man who was not even 100 years old. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had defeated his son with a single blow despite only being a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had yet to master any profundity of the law. There was no reason for him to doubt Duan Ling Tian’s capability at all.

“That’s just too bad,” the leader from the East Ming Nation replied perfunctorily. He was not surprised or disappointed since he had already expected this answer.

While the crowd was still confused and speculating the reason why the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation did not bid against the Supporting Fall Nation for the Golden Nematodes, the Imperial auction continued. It did not take long before the crowd’s attention shifted to the next item up for bidding.

‘So, this is the Golden Nematodes?’ Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian opened the jade box and saw two bugs about the length of an adult’s index finger in the box. The Golden Nematodes were as thin as thread and were completely golden. Although they were clearly dead, they looked as sharp as a knife. Indeed, a living Golden Nematode could really cut through many things. It could easily cut ordinary primitive Celestial Weapons, and with a few tries, it could also cut mediocre Celestial Weapons. The Golden Nematodes were Celestial Beasts without any intelligence. He was aware of these things because he had studied the Golden Nematode after discovering it was one of the main ingredients to refine the Profound Golden Pill.

At the same time, the atmosphere in the auction center was getting livelier and livelier. However, none of the items caught Duan Ling Tian’s interest.

On the contrary, there were a few items that managed to spark Huang Jia Long’s interest. Alas, he failed to bid for them. Nevertheless, he did not seem too disappointed. It was clear the items were not important to him despite his interest in them.

Soon enough, the auction was nearing the end.

The old man on the stage said, "Now, I will bring up the last item of the auction. This item is rather special. A senior who's a sectless cultivator and a Four Phenomena Celestial King has entrusted us to auction this item for him."

The crowd fell silent briefly before a commotion broke out.

"Good heavens! An item from a Four Phenomena Celestial King?"

"An item from a Four Phenomena Celestial King has to be extraordinary! What is it? Could it be a King Grade Celestial Pill? Or is it something else?"

"I can't wait to see what it is! It has to be special!"

Even the people from the Supporting Fall Nation, East Ming Nation, and Moran Nation were slightly stirred.

'An item by a Four Phenomena Celestial King?' Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow.

Although none of them had seen the item, they were certain it had to be extraordinary. After all, even the strongest celestials in the Supporting Fall Nation, the East Ming Nation, and the Moran Nation were only Three Talents Celestial King. Even the three nations' emperors had to be courteous to a sectless cultivator who was a Four Phenomena Celestial King. They could not afford to simply offend such a powerhouse, after all.

On the stage, the old man finally took out a long jade box before everyone's eyes.

The jade box was three-foot long, half-a-foot tall, and one-foot wide.

The crowd held their breaths, and their eyes were fixed on the jade box as the old man slowly opened it.

"What is that?"

### **Chapter 2975: The Branch of Unknown Origins**

Four Phenomena Celestial Kings were the strongest in the entire Thousand Nations Territory, after all. How could the crowd remain calm upon hearing the item was from a Four Phenomena Celestial King? They were excited and eager to see the item. There was no doubt the item would be extraordinary.

"I didn't expect there to be an item from a Four Phenomena Celestial King... Thank the heavens I didn't leave earlier!"

"That's right! I wonder what it is?"

"It's better not to hold back when bidding for this item. An item from a Four Phenomena Celestial King is definitely going to be extremely precious!"

The people in the auction center, including the people from the Supporting Fall Nation, looked at the jade box anticipatorily.

Creak!

The old man opened the jade box and revealed an odd-looking branch. Lush green leaves had sprouted on the branch. They showed no signs of wilting at all. With just a simple check using Divine Consciousness, one would be able to feel the strong vitality in the branch.

At the same time...

“This...”

“Good heavens! Why is it here?!”

“Why on earth is it here?!”

Three voices rang simultaneously in Duan Ling Tian’s mind while his attention was caught by the branch in the jade box.

The three voices were from the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth. They were clearly surprised.

Duan Ling Tian curiously asked, “Seniors, do you know this branch?”

At the same time, the atmosphere in the entire auction center, including the VIP rooms where the Supporting Fall Nation, the East Ming Nation, and the Moran Nation occupied, turned solemn.

“What’s this? Why does it contain such strong vitality?”

“This branch has been broken off from the tree. Not only did it not wilt, but it’s even thriving. How remarkable!”

“Can anybody tell what tree it’s from?”

“Perhaps, it’s some rare and valuable material. I don’t know what it is, but there’s no doubt it’s special.”

Nobody knew what the branch was. They only knew it was special.

“What is it?”

“That’s right. Dear host, what is it?”

The crowd looked at the old man for an explanation.

The old man calmly replied, “What is it? I have no idea as well.”

“No idea?” The crowd was shocked.

“In fact, even the Four Phenomena Celestial King doesn’t know what it is at all,” the old man continued to say.

“What?! Even the Four Phenomena Celestial King doesn’t know what it is?”

“Then, why should we bid for it? Although it’s special, what’s the use if we don’t even know what it is?”

The crowd frowned upon learning even the Phenomena Celestial King knew nothing about the branch.

“Although we don’t know what it is, there’s no doubt its vitality is extremely strong...” The old man took the branch out from the jade box. With his other hand, he brought a knife out. Under everyone’s watchful eyes, he slashed at the thickest part of the branch, almost breaking it into half. However, a burst of green light surged from the cut. After about a dozen breaths, the light subsided, revealing the unscathed branch.

“Unbelievable!”

“Impossible! It was almost broken, but in just a dozen breaths, it’s completely healed?”

“This branch is extraordinary!”

“Although I know nothing about this branch, I want it simply because of its amazing recovery ability!”

The crowd gasped in unison and broke into an uproar after witnessing the branch recover before their eyes. They fervently discussed among themselves.

“The starting bid for this branch of unknown origins is 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!” the old man loudly said, “Every increment of a bid shouldn’t be less than 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals! I’d like to add that I’ll be bidding for the branch as well on behalf of the Imperial Family of the Solitary Nation due to their interest in the branch.”

The crowd was stirred up again when they heard even the Imperial Family of the Solitary Nation was interested in the unknown branch.

“It seems like the branch really came from a Four Phenomena Celestial King. Otherwise, the Imperial Family of the Solitary Nation would have secretly kept it for themselves.”

“Perhaps... However, there’s also a chance the Imperial family is only trying to raise the price of the unknown branch. We have to be cautious.”

“Regardless, this unknown branch is really rather special. I’m afraid its price will surpass 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals at least!”

“200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals! That’s the price for two King Grade Celestial Weapons!”

At this moment, a loud and powerful voice rang from the Moran Nation’s room. It was a blue-clad middle-aged man. “100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

As soon as the blue-clad middle-aged man’s voice fell, the old man on the stage said, “200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

The crowd was in an uproar. They did not expect the old man on the stage to double the bid so soon.

The old man said, “This is the highest price the Imperial Family of the Supporting Nation is willing to pay for the branch. For this reason, if anyone decided to bid after this, the Imperial family will no longer bid for this item.”

“Hm? The Imperial family is only willing to spend 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals on this branch. It seems like they don’t think this unknown branch has much potential.”

"It's not a surprise. After all, even the Four Phenomena Celestial King doesn't know what the branch is. It's only a collector's item or decoration without any use..."

"200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals for a collector's item? That's too much!"

"That's right! A collector's item, essentially just a decoration, that's worth two King Grade Weapons? No ordinary person would be able to afford such a luxurious item."

Unlike the crowd in the auction center, the Moran Nation's room was silent. It was apparent they had given up on bidding for the unknown branch.

Then, the countdown began...

"200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going once..."

"210,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!" A voice suddenly rang from the East Ming Nation's room.

Immediately, Huang Yuan Fei's voice rang from the Supporting Fall Nation's room. "250,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!"

Upon seeing this, Huang Jia Long was taken aback. He asked, "Father, do you know what the branch is?"

"No, I have no idea." Huang Yuan Fei shook his head. "It looks extraordinary so I thought I'll join the fun. However, 250,000 prominent Celestial Crystals is all they'd get from me."

"For fun?" Huang Jia Long was speechless. To fork out 250,000 prominent Celestial Crystals for fun... It seemed like his father was even more capricious than him.

Huang Yuan Fei asked the frowning old man standing next to him, "Old Mo, do you know what it is?"

"No." Old Mo shook his head.

"260,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!" A middle-aged man sitting among the crowd bid for the branch, instantly attracting everyone's attention.

"Isn't that Ge Zheng, the Vice Leader of the grade-eight sect, the Thousand Hands Sect?"

"It's him! I didn't expect to see him here!"

"It seems like Ge Zheng is interested in the unknown branch as well."

In the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion, apart from the grade-eight nations in the Thousand Nations Territory, there were some grade-eight sects and clans as well. The majority of them were only slightly stronger than grade-nine forces, therefore, they were no match for grade-eight nations.

While the crowd's attention was focused on Ge Zheng, the Vice Sect Leader of the Thousand Hands Sect, a voice rang from one of the VIP rooms again. "300,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!"

"It's from the Supporting Fall Nation again?"

**Chapter 2976: The Divine Tree of Life**



“Boy, you must obtain it!”

“That’s right! Obtain it at all cost!”

“You’ll regret it for the rest of your life if you fail to obtain it!”

The Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth urged Duan Ling Tian to obtain the unknown branch one after another.

For that reason, Duan Ling Tian hastily made a bid for the unknown branch even though he knew nothing about it.

300,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!

Duan Ling Tian could not help but smile bitterly. He only had a little more than 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals and a few King Grade Celestial Weapons in his possession. Huang Jia Long had told him before that the Imperial Auction of the Solitary Nation allowed items to be exchanged for Celestial Crystals. An undamaged King Grade Celestial Weapon could fetch up to 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, at least, in the Profound Nether Mansion’s Thousand Nations Territory.

‘The King Grade Celestial Weapons I have aren’t only in pristine condition, but they’re better than ordinary King Grade Celestial Weapons... There’s no doubt whatever numbers of Celestial Crystals I get in exchange for them would be less than the weapons’ real value. There’s nothing I can do about it since I have to obtain this branch. I’m sure the branch will be worth the loss,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. Based on the urgency of the three elements’ words, there was no doubt the branch was more than extraordinary!

Duan Ling Tian speculated inwardly, ‘This unknown branch... Could it be the Five Divine Elements’ Clear Heavens Divine Wood?’

The Five Divine Elements were gold, wood, water, fire, and earth; otherwise known as the Profound Divine Metal, the Clear Heavens Divine Wood, the World Cleansing Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth. Duan Ling Tian had learned about this from the Chaos Divine Flame.

“Brother Duan?” Huang Jia Long stared at Duan Ling Tian incredulously.

“Little Tian, do you know it is?” Huang Yuan Fei asked tentatively.

“I have no idea.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled wryly. “This unknown branch is rather special. I just have a feeling that I’ll regret it if I fail to obtain it.”

“Indeed, this branch is extraordinary... It’s my first time seeing something so strange. If it’s some kind of medicinal ingredient, there’s no doubt the Celestial Pill refined from it is going to be extraordinary,” Huang Yuan Fei said.

After regaining his senses, Huang Jia Long looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, “Brother Duan, do you think this unknown branch is a type of medicinal herb used to refine pills?”

Alas, Duan Ling Tian's attention was completely focused on the unknown branch on the stage; it seemed like he did not hear Huang Jia Long's question at all.

Huang Yuan Fei, Huang Jia Long, and Old Mo took Duan Ling Tian's silence as his assent to their words.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Flame said, "That's not the Clear Heaven Divine Wood... If it was, we wouldn't have embarrassed ourselves like that!"

Duan Ling Tian asked, perplexed, "Then, if it's not the Clear Heavens Divine Wood... What is it?"

"It's the Divine Tree of Life!" the Profound Divine Metal replied.

"The Divine Tree of Life? What is that?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Boy, you don't need to know about the Divine Tree of Life for now. All you need to know is that by obtaining one of the branches from the Divine Tree of Life, you'll be able to comprehend the law of life in the future. The law of life is one of the most powerful laws. You can't comprehend the law of life through Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities. The strongest law you'll be able to comprehend through a Celestial Method or Divine Ability is only a second-tier law in this realm. On the contrary, the law of life is a first-tier law," the Chaos Divine Earth chimed in with its childish voice. A hint of reverence could be heard in its voice.

"This branch is one of the main branches from the Divine Tree of Life. Not only will it help you to comprehend the law of life, but it'll benefit you in many ways as well in the future. Moreover, it'll also benefit us," the Profound Divine Metal said zealously.

"Boy, so long you obtain this main branch from the Divine Tree of Life, I'll help you unconditionally whenever you need help!" the Chaos Divine Earth chimed in enthusiastically

Duan Ling Tian was lost in his thoughts after hearing the Chaos Divine Earth's words. His eyes widened imperceptibly. Based on three elements' reactions, this main branch from the Divine Tree of Life would greatly benefit the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Earth, and the Chaos Divine Flame. Otherwise, they would not urge him in such a manner.

"310,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!" Ge Zheng, the Vice Leader of the Thousand Hands Sect, increased his bid.

Before the crowd regained their senses, Duan Ling Tian increased the bid by 40,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. "350,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!"

Ge Zheng frowned. He did not expect the Supporting Fall Nation would bid so high for an unknown branch. Now that the price had risen to 350,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, he had no intention of continuing to bid for the unknown branch. In the first place, he had only bid for it for fun. 310,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were all he was willing to pay for the unknown branch.

Soon enough, the crowd managed to guess the identity of the bidder from the Supporting Fall Nation.

"The person from the Supporting Fall Nation who just made a bid doesn't sound like Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation, right?"

“It sounds like a young man. From what I know, there are two young men among the group of people from the Supporting Fall Nation. One of them is Huang Yuan Fei’s son, Huang Jia Long. The other young man is Duan Ling Tian, a genius sectless cultivator who recently became famous due to the Southern Heaven Combat in the Supporting Fall Nation!”

“The voice seems to belong to Duan Ling Tian.”

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In the East Ming Nation’s room...

A light briefly flashed in the eyes of an aloof grey-clad young man. He was none other than the sectless cultivator who became famous during the East Ming Nation’s Southern Heaven Combat, Ling Jue Yun. ‘Duan Ling Tian? Could it be that he also knows that the branch is from the Divine Tree of Life?’

Ling Jue Yun could tell the branch came from the Divine Tree of Life as soon as the old man on the stage brought it out. Moreover, he could tell it was the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life. It was incredibly precious since it would help one to comprehend the law of life. However, the branch was useless to him since his bloodline determined that he would not be able to comprehend the law of life. To be precise, the power of the laws he inherited from his clan conflicted with the law of life.

At this moment, the old man began counting down when he saw nobody was bidding after Duan Ling Tian. “350,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going once... 350,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going twice...”

‘I wonder if Duan Ling Tian recognizes it as one of the main branches from the Divine Tree of Life or he just wants it as a part of his collection. If it’s the former, then, he’s really something. After all, it’s unlikely that anyone in this small Southern Heaven Territory is able to recognize it. This includes the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord. If it’s the latter, then, he’s extremely lucky,’ Ling Jue Yun mused inwardly as he looked out the window.

Ling Jue Yun had no intention of revealing the Divine Tree of Life to the people from the East Ming Nation. He knew they would not be able to understand and might even doubt him. Most importantly, he would risk exposing his true identity.

“350,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, going thrice... Sold!”

Just like that, Duan Ling Tian successfully obtained the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life.

Huang Jia Long asked, “Brother Duan, you don’t have enough Celestial Crystals, right?”

“I have about 25,000,000 mediocre Celestial Crystals; they’re equivalent to 250,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. If I pawn a King Grade Celestial Weapon, I’ll be able to get 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

“Little Tian, there’s no need for that,” Huang Yuan Fei hurriedly said, “I’ll lend you 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystal. You can return them to me after we sell the Profound Golden Pill.”

“In that case, thank you, Uncle Huang!” Duan Ling Tian knew Huang Yuan Fei did not want him to suffer a loss by pawning his King Grade Celestial Weapon so he did not refuse Huang Yuan Fei’s kind intention.

Moreover, he was confident about successfully refining the Profound Golden Pills, and selling it could easily earn him 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, at least.

After Duan Ling Tian put away the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life that he had exchanged for with a Spatial Ring full of Celestial Crystals, Huang Jia Long could not help but ask, "Brother Duan, you're really impressive! How did you get that 25,000,000 mediocre Celestial Crystals?"

### **Chapter 2977: The Chaos Divine Earth's Assistance**

Duan Ling Tian did not have many prominent Celestial Crystals. In fact, he had used up almost all his prominent Celestial Crystals after he bought the Origin Stones in the Solitary Nation's West Lane Town. Nevertheless, he still had a large number of mediocre Celestial Crystals. When he was in the borderlands, he had killed the Blissful Sect's Nine Palaces Celestial Duke and Basic Celestial King along with the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's Ten Directions Celestial Duke, gaining the accumulated wealth of the three individuals. The collective wealth of the three individuals was more than 20 million mediocre Celestial Crystals!

'10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals and 20 million mediocre Celestial Crystals... Is this genius sectless cultivator from the Supporting Fall Nation using this opportunity to offload all the mediocre Celestial Crystals he has?' The grey-clad old man standing on the stage was shocked when he looked inside the Spatial Ring that Duan Ling Tian handed over and saw a large number of mediocre Celestial Crystals. He knew very few people in the Southern Heaven Territory had 20 million mediocre Celestial Crystals. After all, the grade of mediocre Celestial Crystals was too low. It did not cross his mind that beyond the Southern Heaven Territory's formation barrier, there existed a place called the borderlands where they only had primitive Crystal Veins. These primitive Crystals Veins could only produce mediocre Celestial Crystals, at most. Although there were prominent Celestial Crystals in the borderlands, they were few in number and mostly came from the central area.

Duan Ling Tian might have amassed a huge fortune in the borderlands, but he only had a few thousand prominent Celestial Crystals among the many mediocre Celestial Crystals and primitive Celestial Crystals.

"Brother Duan, I truly admire you... How did you gather 25 million mediocre Celestial Crystals?" Huang Jia Long looked at Duan Ling Tian in awe.

Hints of curiosity could be seen in Huang Yuan Fei and Old Mo's eyes as well when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian replied, "I obtained all those mediocre Celestial Crystals in the borderlands... Prominent Celestial Crystals are few and far in between in the borderlands."

After Duan Ling Tian obtained the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life, the Imperial auction officially ended.

Naturally, everyone present did not know the odd-looking branch was a main branch from the Divine Tree of Life. Even if they were told that it was the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life, they would not know its value or what it was. In fact, not many people in the Spirit Overarching Heaven knew about the Divine Tree of Life, let alone the people from the Southern Heaven Territory.

After the auction ended, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin followed Huang Jia Long, Huang Yuan Fei, and Old Mo back to the Solitary Nation's Imperial Palace.

During the journey, He Feng, the Commander of the Solitary Nation's Imperial Army, caught with them. He did not beat around the bush and asked with eyes that shone with curiosity, "City Governor Huang, how did you do it? Those people from the Moran Nation and the East Ming Nation aren't simpletons... They wouldn't give up on bidding for the Golden Nematodes at the eleventh hour for no good reason..."

"Commander He, are you the one who's curious, or is it him?" Huang Yuan Fei placed heavy emphasis on the word 'him'.

He Feng replied, "His Majesty is curious as well. He had sent me a Voice Transmission asking about it... However, I'm also curious... After all, the people from the Moran Nation and the East Ming Nation had specifically come to the Solitary Nation for the pair of Golden Nematodes. How could they give up at the crucial moment? Anyone with eyes would be able to tell that you've done something..."

"It's nothing..." Huang Yuan Fei replied indifferently, "I only told them I have a King Grade Celestial Alchemist who can successfully refine two Profound Golden Pills. If they cede the pair of Golden Nematodes to me, I'll let them bid for one of the Profound Golden Pill... That's how I convince them to give up on bidding for the Golden Nematodes." He did not plan to keep his proposition to the Moran Nation and the East Ming Nation a secret. He knew he would not be able to keep a secret anyway. After ten days, either Moran Nation or the East Ming Nation would obtain the Profound Golden Pill. Whoever failed to obtain the Profound Golden Pill would certainly not help them keep the matter a secret.

"A King Grade Celestial Alchemist?!" He Feng's heart skipped a beat upon hearing Huang Yuan Fei's reply. He truly did not expect this answer. Although the Emperor of the Solitary Nation could also employ a King Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine the Profound Golden Pill, it would cost a fortune to do so.

The reason the Emperors of the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation were so insistent on obtaining two Golden Nematodes was to increase the success rate of refining the Profound Golden Pill since they only planned to employ a Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine the pills.

"The Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation is truly generous and farsighted!" He Feng exclaimed as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He was under the impression that the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation was willing to spend so much just so he could help Duan Ling Tian become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial before the opening of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. In his opinion, the Emperors of the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation were clearly not as farsighted as the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation. He would never expect, even in his wildest dreams, that the person who would be refining the Profound Golden Pill was Duan Ling Tian, not a King Grade Celestial Alchemist!

Once the group arrived at the Solitary Nation's Imperial Palace, He Feng bade the remaining people farewell, and the others returned to their respective rooms in the palace.

"Little Tian, please let me know if there's anything else you need to refine the Profound Golden Pill... I'll do everything in my power to obtain it for you!" Huang Yuan Fei said before parting with Duan Ling Tian. Although he trusted Duan Ling Tian's ability, he still felt a slight pressure when he thought about the

possibility of Duan Ling Tian failing to produce the two Profound Golden Pills after ten days. If that happened, he would undoubtedly offend the Celestial Kings from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation.

“Alright. Don’t worry, Uncle Huang. I won’t let you down!” Duan Ling Tian said before he returned to his room to refine the two Profound Golden Pills.

Duan Ling Tian was the only one who knew he was not an ordinary prominent Celestial Alchemist. Most Prominent Grade Celestial Alchemists would refine pills with their prominent Celestial Fires, but he refined pills with his Chaos Divine Flame! Although the Chaos Divine Flame was equivalent to a prominent Celestial Fire, it was far superior to prominent Celestial Fires. In fact, the Chaos Divine Flame was comparable to superior Celestial Fires with a higher grade.

At this moment, the Profound Divine Metal suddenly chuckled before he said, “Little boy, didn’t you promise to help the lad if he obtains the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life?” Based on the words ‘little boy’, it was clear he was talking to the Chaos Divine Earth. The Profound Divine Metal continued to say, “Although with the lad’s current alchemy skills and Old Fire’s assistance, his success rate of refining the Profound Golden Pill is quite high, there’s still a small chance of failure. However, with your assistance, it would be a guaranteed success...”

“Hm?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up as soon as he heard the Profound Divine Metal’s words. Based on the Profound Divine Metal’s words, he could infer that the Chaos Divine Earth would be of great help to refine the Profound Golden Pill. Not only that but with the Chaos Divine Earth’s assistance, he was sure to succeed!

How could Duan Ling Tian not be happy? Although he was confident about refining the Profound Golden Pill, his success was not guaranteed. He was only about 80% to 90% confident that he would succeed.

When Duan Ling Tian thought about the pressure Huang Yuan Fei had to be feeling now, he took a deep breath and prepared to ask for the Chaos Divine Earth’s help.

However, before Duan Ling Tian could speak, the Chaos Divine Earth said, “Hmph! I don’t need a reminder! I remember what I said!” Then, it said to Duan Ling Tian, “Lad, take out your cauldron.”

Although Duan Ling Tian was unsure about how Chaos Divine Earth would be able to help, he obediently took out the prominent Celestial Cauldron. As soon as he took the cauldron out, he could clearly sense a mustard energy from the Chaos Divine Earth in his right arm shooting toward the cauldron before merging with it.

Whoosh!

The cauldron began to shake as it emitted a mustard light.

The Chaos Divine Flame spoke up at this moment. “The Chaos Divine Earth can merge with a Celestial Alchemist’s cauldron. It can help one to refine pills and increase one’s success rate as well... With help from me and the Chaos Divine Earth, there’s no doubt you’ll be able to successfully refine the Profound Golden Pill.”

“Let’s begin,” the Chaos Divine Flame said again when he saw Duan Ling Tian lost in his thoughts.

Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and began to prepare to refine the pills. The Profound Golden Pill was one of the most difficult to refine prominent Celestial Pills; its refinement process was incredibly complex. Nevertheless, it was as easy as breathing to Duan Ling Tian. After all, his skills were already comparable to a King Grade Celestial Alchemist.

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Meanwhile, the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation finally learned from their respective leaders why they did not bid for the pair of Golden Nematodes.

“The Supporting Fall Nation employed a King Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine Profound Golden Pills?”

“Wow, what a generous emperor!”

“I think there’s more than meets the eyes... I suspect it’s the King Grade Celestial Alchemist from the Flying Tiger Clan who’s helping Duan Ling Tian.”

### **Chapter 2978: Duan Ling Tian Emerges From Closed-door Cultivation**

“The Flying Tiger Clan?”

“To be precise, it’s the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion!”

“Your words reminded me of something... The Deputy Patriarch of the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in the Profound Nether Mansion came to the Solitary Nation’s capital two days ago for a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.”

“You might not know this, but Duan Ling Tian had a hand in choosing the sword-shaped Origin Stone that contained the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Bai Gang, one of the leaders of the entourage from the Supporting Fall Nation, is a Copper Flying Tiger. He was the one who suggested giving the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon to the clan branch.”

“Now that you put two and two together, it’s beginning to make sense. Since Duan Ling Tian had a hand in obtaining the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Flying Tiger Clan probably rewarded him by sending their King Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine the Profound Golden Pill for him!”

The people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation might not be residing in the same place, but all of them arrived at the same conclusion.

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An old man, the leader of the entourage from the East Ming Nation, said, “Regardless, the leader of the entourage from the Supporting Fall Nation has promised us to put a Profound Golden Pill up for auction in ten days...”

‘The Profound Golden Pill...’ Ling Jue Yun who always maintained an icy demeanor finally had a slight change in expression. Previously, he did not have high hopes that they would be able to refine the Profound Golden Pill even if they obtained the two Golden Nematodes that were necessary to refine the

pills. After all, they did not have a King Grade Celestial Alchemist. Now that it was certain there would be a Profound Golden Pill, anticipation began to build in his heart.

Ling Jue Yun looked at the old man and sent a Voice Transmission. "Elder Hu, I must have the Profound Golden Pill! I know there's a limit on the Celestial Crystals that His Majesty has given you to bid on the Golden Nematodes. However, if you can help me obtain the Profound Golden Pill, not only will I return you the extra Celestial Crystals you spend to obtain the Profound Golden Pill, but I will also owe you a huge favor..." Based on his words, it could be seen that he was determined to obtain the Profound Golden Pill!

"Little Ling, I'll do everything in my power to obtain the Profound Golden Pill for you!" the old man replied through Voice Transmission as his eyes glinted with determination. He had very high hopes for Ling Jue Yun. In his opinion, Ling Jue Yun's future was incredibly bright. Moreover, after traveling to the Solitary Nation's capital together, he felt that Ling Jue Yun resembled someone who came from a powerful clan or sect rather than a sectless cultivator. Ling Jue Yun's speech and mannerism were extraordinary and even put him to shame. For all these reasons, he was certain he would be handsomely rewarded in the future as long as he helped Ling Jue Yun; it was only a matter of time.

"No wonder you didn't bid on the pair of Golden Nematodes. As turns out, those from the Supporting Fall Nation had made such a promise."

Realization finally dawned on the Second Prince of the East Ming Nation and the others after they listened to the old man's explanation. So the Supporting Fall Nation had guaranteed they would be able to refine Profound Golden Pills and promised to put one pill up for the two nations to bid on.

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"The Profound Golden Pill, the Profound Golden Pill..." A hint of desire flashed in the depths of the eyes of the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation. The wheels in his mind began to turn now that he knew there was a real possibility of him obtaining a Profound Golden Pill. He looked at a middle-aged man, the leader of the entourage from the Moran Nation, and said in a deep voice, "Uncle Lian, I'm aware of the limit on the Celestial Crystals you've been given to bid for the Golden Nematodes... However, now that our target has changed from the pair of Golden Nematodes to a Profound Golden Pill, I hope that you'll disregard that limit. If it's necessary, I hope you'll use your Celestial Crystals first. When we return, I'll ask father to return the Celestial Crystals to you."

As long as he consumed the Profound Golden Pill, the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation knew he would be able to become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. At that time, he was confident he would become the strongest person below Celestial Dukes in the Moran Nation. Even if he was not a match for Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun, the genius sectless cultivators from the Supporting Fall Nation and the East Ming Nation respectively, his performance would be better when he entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Don't worry, Your Highness. I know what to do," the middle-aged man replied indifferently.

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In a courtyard located in the heart of the Solitary Nation's Imperial Palace.

The Emperor of the Solitary Nation had just finished listening to the report from He Feng, the Commander of the Solitary Nation's Imperial Army. He shook his head and said, "You said the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation has employed a King Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine the Profound Golden Pill to help Duan Ling Tian? That's impossible. I know him; he's definitely not so farsighted..." He sounded sure of his words when he spoke.

As the Emperor of the Solitary Nation, which neighbored the Supporting Fall Nation, he had interacted with the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation many times. He was well aware of what kind of person the other party was. The price to employ a King Grade Celestial Alchemist was too high. The Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation would only do something if he could see the benefits. Unless the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation was certain Duan Ling Tian would bring him greater benefits than the price he had to pay for a King Grade Celestial Alchemist, there was no way he would employ a King Grade Celestial Alchemist to help Duan Ling Tian.

"If it isn't the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation who hired a King Grade Celestial Alchemist, then who could it be? Could it be Huang Yuan Fei? No... I don't think he's capable of that..." He Feng said with a slight frown on his face.

"You're right. Huang Yuan Fei isn't capable of that... However, don't forget about the people around him... For instance, Bai Gang..." the Emperor of the Solitary Nation said apathetically.

"Bai Gang?" He Feng's eyes widened. A thought appeared in his mind immediately. "Your Majesty, are you saying that the Flying Tiger Clan's branch in the Profound Nether Mansion sent their King Grade Celestial Alchemist to refine the Profound Golden Pill for Duan Ling Tian as a reward for helping them obtain the Royal Grade Celestial Sword?"

"Apart from that, I can't think of any other possibilities," the Emperor of the Solitary Nation replied.

After thinking about it, He Feng felt that the Emperor of the Solitary Nation was right.

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Ten days passed in just a blink of an eye for those in the Devata Realms.

Duan Ling Tian who was sitting cross-legged on the bed suddenly opened his eyes. A bright smile could be seen on his face at this moment. "I finally broke through and became a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!"

Now that Duan Ling Tian was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, his aura had changed slightly. With just a thought, his Celestial Origin Energy covered the surface of his skin. His previous strength was incomparable to this.

"The efficacy of the Profound Golden Pill is truly amazing!"

Duan Ling Tian lifted his hand before a pill bottle appeared in his hand. It contained one of the two Profound Golden Pills that he had successfully refined two days ago. He had consumed one of the pills so there was only one left.

After two days, the Profound Golden Pill had helped Duan Ling Tian break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

"I think Uncle Huang must be like a cat on hot bricks now." Duan Ling Tian looked up at the sky as soon as he exited his room. It was almost noon. It was likely that the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation had arrived.

Soon enough, Duan Ling Tian heard someone calling out to him from the side. "Brother Duan! You finally came out!" He knew it was Huang Jia Long without even looking.

"Jia Long." Duan Ling Tian saw Huang Jia Long and Liu Guang Lin standing in his courtyard.

A solemn expression appeared on Huang Jia Long's face as he asked, "Brother Duan, did you succeed?" At this moment, his father and Old Mo were entertaining the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation, who had come to bid on the Profound Golden Pill, in the main hall of their courtyard in the Solitary Nation's Imperial Palace. He was, naturally, anxious since he did not know if Duan Ling Tian had successfully refined the Profound Golden Pill or not.

"Fortunately, I didn't disappoint all of you." Duan Ling Tian lifted his hand and shook the pill bottle. Then, he tossed the pill bottle to Huang Jia Long as though he was throwing away trash.

"I-it... It's the Profound Golden Pill!" Huang Jia Long deftly caught the pill bottle in his hand. He quickly opened the pill bottle and saw a pill lying in there. Based on the strong medicinal scent that wafted into his nose and the unique glow on the surface of the pill, he could tell in just an instant that it was the Profound Golden Pill.

Huang Jia Long's eyes shone brightly, and he heaved a sigh of relief upon receiving confirmation that Duan Ling Tian had successfully refined the Profound Golden Pill. However, soon after, a thought appeared in his mind. "Brother Duan, did you only manage to refine one Profound Golden Pill?"

"What do you think?" Duan Ling Tian asked. He did not wait for Huang Jia Long's reply before he revealed the aura of his soul, revealing his true cultivation base.

"A Peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!" Huang Jia Long's eyes shone with happiness, and a wide smile bloomed on his face. "Congratulations, Brother Duan! Congratulations!"

Then, Huang Jia Long continued to say with a guilty expression on his face, "I didn't think you'd be able to successfully refine two Profound Golden Pills! I'm truly foolish to have doubted you. I even thought my father's confidence in you was blind! It seems like father is still better than me at judging a person..."

At this moment, Liu Guang Lin, whose eyes were shining with admiration, chimed in, "Congratulations, my lord!" Although he trusted his master's abilities, he was still shocked when he learned that his master had successfully refined the two Profound Golden Pills.

Duan Ling Tian asked, "I'm guessing the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation have arrived by now?"

"Yes, father and Old Mo are greeting them in the main hall. Since you've come out from your closed-door cultivation, we should make our way over. I'm really curious how many Celestial Crystals they are willing to pay for the Profound Golden Pill..." A hint of excitement could be heard in Huang Jia Long's

voice when he spoke. Now that he had seen Duan Ling Tian and the Profound Golden Pill, he was no longer anxious like he was earlier.

### **Chapter 2979: The Profound Golden Pill With A Sky-high Price**

Duan Ling Tian's residence was quite a distance away from the main hall.

During the journey, Huang Jia Long, who still could not shake away his guilt, asked, "Brother Duan, you won't blame me for not trusting in your ability to refine the Profound Golden Pill, right?" It was clear that this matter bothered him. After all, it showed his distrust toward Duan Ling Tian to a certain extent.

"Why would I?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and faintly smiled. "If I were you, I probably wouldn't believe that I'm capable of refining the Profound Golden Pill as well... After all, the Profound Golden Pill is no ordinary prominent Grade Celestial Pills, and I'm just a prominent Celestial Alchemist."

After refining the Profound Golden Pill, Duan Ling Tian was even more aware of how difficult it was to refine the Profound Golden Pill. Before that, he did not truly grasp how difficult it would be. He knew that without the help from the Chaos Divine Flame and the Chaos Divine Earth, it would be almost impossible for him to succeed. No wonder people said that there might not even be one prominent Celestial Alchemist out of 10,000 prominent Celestial Alchemists who would be able to successfully refine the Profound Golden Pill. In fact, the probability of 100 Duke Grade Celestial Alchemists successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill was less than one.

'If it weren't for the Chaos Divine Flame and Chaos Divine Earth, even with my skills, I have less than 10% chance of successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill if I use an ordinary prominent Celestial Fire.'

'I didn't expect the Chaos Divine Earth would be able to merge with my cauldron to increase my success rate. Apart from that, it also said that it's able to merge with my Celestial Weapon and boost my defensive strength...' Based on his experience with the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame, Duan Ling Tian knew the Chaos Divine Earth would have special abilities. Nevertheless, he was still pleasantly surprised when he learned about the Chaos Divine Earth's actual abilities.

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In the main hall.

Huang Yuan Fei and Old Mo were entertaining the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation.

There were three people from the East Ming Nation and two people from the Moran Nation.

Before entering the main hall, Huang Jia Long began to introduce the people in the main hall to Duan Ling Tian. He said through Voice Transmission, "Brother Duan, the old man is the leader of the entourage from the East Ming Nation. He's a One Basic Celestial King working for the East Ming Nation's Imperial Family. His name is Hu Qing. The silver-clad young man next to him is the Second Prince of the East Ming Nation, and the green-clad young man on the other side is the genius sectless cultivator, Ling Jue Yun, who recently rose to fame during the East Ming Nation's Southern Heaven Combat."

Huang Jia Long continued to say, "Of the two people from the Moran Nation, the middle-aged man is a One Basic Celestial King from the nation's Imperial Family, Lian Zheng Xing. The young man next to him is the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation."

Huang Jia Long finished speaking as soon as they entered the main hall. He immediately made his way to his father, Huang Yuan Fei, and passed the pill bottle to his father. "Father."

Upon seeing this, Huang Yuan Fei's eyes brightened, and he inwardly sighed in relief. Although he was confident in Duan Ling Tian's ability, it was inevitable that he would still feel pressure when faced with the Celestial Kings from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation.

"Uncle Huang." Duan Ling Tian followed Huang Jia Long's lead and stood next to Huang Yuan Fei.

"Little Tian, thanks for your hard work," Huang Yuan Fei said through Voice Transmission as he nodded and smiled at Duan Ling Tian. He had already learned from Huang Jia Long that not only did Duan Ling Tian successfully refine two Profound Golden Pill, but Duan Ling Tian had consumed one of them and successfully became a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

Now that everyone had arrived, Huang Yuan Fei wasted no time in making introductions. "Little Tian, let me introduce you..."

"So this is the genius sectless cultivator who shocked the Supporting Fall Nation during the Southern Heaven Combat... What a promising young man!" Lian Zheng Xing, the Celestial King from the Moran Nation, said. Then, he shifted his eyes to Ling Jue Yun who was standing with the people from the East Ming Nation before he continued to say, "I wonder which one of you is stronger?"

It was obvious Lian Zheng Xing was trying to sow discord. Alas, his effort was destined to be futile.

Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun exchanged a glance, smiling at each other as though they were old friends. Contrary to Lian Zheng Xing's expectations, there was no hostility between the two young men.

Huang Jia Long was surprised as well. He wondered if Duan Ling Tian was already acquainted with the genius sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun did not know each other. They had only met for the first time during the Imperial Auction of the Solitary Nation. However, they seemed to have a good impression of one another even though they had not spoken.

'T-they're acquainted?' Liang Zheng Xing was rather flustered. He did not expect his attempt to sow discord would end up like this.

"City Governor Huang, you sent your son to retrieve the Profound Golden Pill earlier... The pill bottle he just handed to you... does it contain the Profound Golden Pill?" Hu Qing, the Celestial King from the East Ming Nation, asked as he looked at the pill bottle in Huang Yuan Fei's hand with a solemn expression on his face.

"Yes." Huang Yuan Fei nodded before he poured out the content of the pill bottle. A pill with a strong medicinal scent and unique glow sat in his palm.

“The Profound Golden Pill!” With just a glance, the people from the East Ming Nation and the Moran Nation could tell it was the Profound Golden Pill!

Lian Zheng Xing said urgently, “Since the Profound Golden Pill is here, we should stop wasting time... City Governor Huang, please state your starting bid...”

Hu Qing also looked at Huang Yuan Fei in anticipation.

“There’s no need to bid; both of you can directly state your best offer,” Huang Yuan Fei said with a smile. He was not worried the two parties would give up on the Profound Golden Pill. The pill was extremely important to the two nations, after all.

As soon as Huang Yuan Fei finished speaking, Lian Zheng Xing quickly said, “If that’s the case, I’ll start first... 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were the price of two ordinary King Grade Celestial Weapons. It was also the limit that was given by the Emperor of the Moran Nation for the Golden Nematodes. Anything more than that was deemed unworthy by the emperor.

“300,000 prominent grade celestial crystals” Hu Qing did not hesitate to make his offer. He upped the price by another 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals as though they were just rocks.

“Elder Hu is really bold!” Lian Zheng Xing’s expression darkened when he heard Hu Qing’s offer. He gritted his teeth before he said, “310,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

“400,000 prominent Celestial Crystals,” Hu Qing said tonelessly as his expression remained unchanged.

Upon hearing this, the expressions of Lian Zheng Xing and the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation darkened even further. They did not expect Hu Qing would offer 400,000 prominent Celestial Crystals for the Profound Golden Pill without even blinking. Although the Profound Golden Pill was rare, it was not as though there was no Profound Golden Pill in the Profound Nether Mansion at all. Moreover, the price in the black market for a pill was only roughly around 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. The price rarely exceeded 300,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

After several breaths, Huang Yuan Fei turned to look at Lian Zheng Xing, “Mister Lian, will you continue to make an offer?”

At this moment, the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation who had grown anxious cried out, “Uncle Lian!”

Lian Zheng Xing inhaled deeply before he said, “500,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!” Then, he shifted his eyes to Hu Qing and said meaningfully, “Elder Hu, if you continue, I won’t be making another bid for the Profound Golden Pill... However, is it really worth it to spend more than 500,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to buy a Profound Golden Pill for an outsider?”

Lian Zheng Xing was buying the Profound Golden Pill for the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation, a direct descendant of the Moran Nation’s Imperial Family. However, the East Ming Nation was buying it for Ling Jue Yun, an outsider.

“Whether it’s worth it or not, I have my own thoughts. Thank you for the Profound Golden Pill, Brother Lian,” Hu Qing said indifferently before he made his offer. “510,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

Lian Zheng Xing scoffed upon hearing Hu Qing’s words. Then, he left with a grim expression with the Seventh Prince of the Solitary Nation in tow.

Similarly, the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation wore a gloomy expression on his face. He knew there was no way he could obtain the Profound Golden Pill at this point. 500,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were also all he was willing to pay for the Profound Golden Pill. Any more than that, he did not think it was worth it.

After the duo from the Moran Nation left, Huang Yuan Fei put the Profound Golden Pill back into the bottle before he passed it to Hu Qing. “Congratulations, Elder Hu.”

Hu Qing also promptly handed over 510,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to Huang Yuan Fei in exchange for the Profound Golden Pill.

After completing the deal, Hu Qing took his leave and left with Ling Jue Yun and the Second Prince of the East Ming Nation. “Goodbye City Governor Huang.”

Currently, only the people from the Supporting Fall Nation were left in the main hall.

“Little Tian, keep this Spatial Ring.” Huang Yuan Fei handed the Spatial Ring Hu Qing had passed to him to Duan Ling Tian. “I have counted; there are 510,000 prominent Celestial Crystals inside. No more, no less.”

“Uncle Huang, what are you doing?” Duan Ling Tian did not take the Spatial Ring. He said resolutely, “Although I refined the Profound Golden Pill, you’re the one who bought the Golden Nematodes. Moreover, you’ve also given me the Profound Spirit Flower. At most, I can only accept 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.”

Duan Ling Tian had his principles, after all. He placed importance on gratitude.

However, Duan Ling Tian’s insistence was met with similar resistance from Huang Yuan Fei. “Little Tian, no... Without you, these ingredients would have gone to waste. Let’s do this... I’ll take 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, and you keep the rest of it. Don’t make me look bad!”

## **Chapter 2980: Establishing Ownership Over The Divine Tree of Life**

Huang Yuan Fei said, “The 30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals that were used to obtain the pair of Golden Nematodes were given by His Majesty. He’s willing to pay for them since he hopes you’ll be able to become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial and perform well when you enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. After all, if the Three Sects and Two Clans take a liking to you, His Majesty would be handsomely rewarded. Hence, there’s no need for you to feel guilty. As for the 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystal, we’ll just consider it as you paying me for the Profound Spirit Flower. With this, you don’t owe me anything.”

Despite Huang Yuan Fei’s words, Duan Ling Tian still felt that he owed Huang Yuan Fei. He was well aware that 100,000 to 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were a huge amount to Huang Yuan Fei, let

alone 500,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. Nevertheless, he eventually gave in and accepted the 500,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

“Now that our business in the Solitary Nation has come to an end, I think it’s time for us to return,” Huang Yuan Fei looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a smile, “Little Tian, pack your things... We’ll leave for the Supporting Fall Nation tomorrow morning!”

“Alright, Uncle Huang.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

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Early in the morning the next day.

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin met up with Huang Yuan Fei, Huang Jia Long, and Old Mo to return to the Supporting Fall Nation together.

When they arrived, Old Mo was already in his true form. Similar to when they were traveling to the Solitary Nation, they got onto Old Mo’s back. The only difference was there was one less person in the group since Bai Gang had left the Solitary Nation a few days earlier.

Bai Gang did not return to the Supporting Fall Nation. Instead, he had followed Bai Zhen Yue, the Deputy Patriarch of the Flying Tiger Clan’s branch in Profound Nether Mansion, back to the clan branch.

During the journey, Duan Ling Tian did not stay idle. He continued to cultivate. Now that he had become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, the next time he had a breakthrough, he would become a Celestial Duke. Apart from that, he also comprehended the Gravitational Space Profundity that was part of the law of earth contained in the King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison. With the help from the Chaos Divine Earth, he quickly comprehended and mastered the law of earth’s Earth Elemental Profundity. He also comprehended the Gravitational Space Profundity, one of the profundities in the law of earth, very quickly with the Chaos Divine Earth’s help.

“The law of gravity applies everywhere: on earth in my past life, the mundane realms, and even the Devata Realms. Gravity grounds us, keeping our feet to the ground. The law of earth’s Gravitational Space Profundity allows me to manipulate gravity. When I cast the Gravitational Space Profundity, I’d be able to manipulate the gravity in the area of effect and move my target as I please...”

Duan Ling Tian continued comprehending the King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison. Along with that, he comprehended the law of earth’s Earth Elemental Profundity and the Gravitational Space Profundity as well. During this time, his understanding of the Gravitational Space Profundity grew deeper. He knew gravitational space was an incredibly important and powerful profundity in the law of earth.

‘Once I master the Gravitational Space Profundity, I’ll completely master the Black Rock Prison!’ Duan Ling Tian was filled with anticipation when he thought about this.

With the King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison, Duan Ling Tian knew that he would only be able to master the Gravitational Space Profundity to the rudimentary stage. To further improve it to the initial stage, he would need a Royal Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability that contained the

Gravitational Space Profundity. Finally, to improve it to the mastery stage, he would need to comprehend an Emperor Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability that contained the Gravitational Space Profundity.

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About ten days later, Duan Ling Tian and the others finally arrived at the capital of the Supporting Fall Nation.

After bidding farewell to Huang Jia Long, Huang Yuan Fei, and Old Mo, Duan Ling Tian returned to his residence in the Origin Gathering Hall with Liu Guang Lin in tow.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian shut his room door, the Profound Divine Metal's voice rang in his mind. "Boy, bring out the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life that we obtained in the Solitary Nation."

"Hm?" Although Duan Ling Tian did not understand the purpose of it, he obediently followed the Profound Divine Metal's words.

After so many days, the Divine Tree of Life's main branch was still green and filled with vitality. It showed no signs of wilting at all.

The Profound Divine Metal continued to say, "Now, drip your blood on it."

Just as Duan Ling Tian was about to prick his finger, the Chaos Divine Flame's voice rang in his mind. "Although he has 99 Heavenly Veins and is extremely talented, he's not a Celestial Duke yet nor has he created a Little World of his own. Would the Divine Tree of Life even acknowledge him?"

Upon hearing the Chaos Divine Flame's words, Duan Ling Tian finally understood the Profound Divine Metal's intention. It seemed like the Profound Divine Metal wanted him to establish ownership over the Divine Tree of Life.

"He's now a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. If he's able to establish ownership over the Divine Tree of Life now, it would be extremely beneficial for him. He would benefit from the powerful life force in the Divine Tree of Life, which will in turn help him to comprehend the law of life. You're right. The Divine Tree of Life would not acknowledge him since he's not a Celestial Duke yet and has yet to create his own Little World. However, that's only if he doesn't have our help... If we help him, we'll be able to fool the Divine Tree of Life into acknowledging him and merging with him. Although it'd be exhausting for us, in the end, it would be beneficial to us. If we succeed, his speed of absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy and purification speed would increase. With that, his cultivation speed would increase as well."

The Chaos Divine Flame fell silent for a moment, mulling over the Profound Divine Metal's words, before it said, "You're right... It's to our benefit that he grows strong as soon as possible... Since that's the case, like you said, we should work together to help him establish ownership over the Divine Tree of Life. We'll have to leave the Chaos Divine Earth out of this since it's helping Duan Ling Tian comprehend the law of earth..."



“That’s what I thought as well. I didn’t plan to include the Chaos Divine Earth regarding this matter...” the Profound Divine Metal said. Then, it said to Duan Ling Tian again, “Boy, quit wasting time. Hurry up and drip your blood on the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life!”

Although Duan Ling Tian was not sure what to make of the two elements’ conversation, he knew they had good intentions. Therefore, he did not hesitate when he heard the Profound Divine Metal’s words and immediately pricked his finger before dripping a drop of blood on the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life.

At the moment when Duan Ling Tian’s blood was about to land on the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life, the branch suddenly emitted rings of emerald light and prevented Duan Ling Tian’s blood from touching it.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

At the same time, two familiar surges of energies, one golden and one grey, entwined before they shot into Duan Ling Tian’s blood. The two energies’ vast power seemed to be suppressed after entering the drop of blood. This was normal since the drop of blood could not contain the two energies’ full power.

After the two energies fused with the drop of blood, it seemed as though the drop of blood had become a thousand times heavier. Soon after, a soft noise rang in the air as the drop of blood pierced through the first ring of the emerald light.

It did not take long before the drop of blood pierced through the second ring of the emerald light.

This process repeated itself several times until the drop of blood breached the last ring of emerald light before finally dripping on the main branch of the Tree of Life. The main branch of the Divine Tree of Life absorbed the drop of blood, and with that, Duan Ling Tian’s blood became part of the branch.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s blood was absorbed by the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life, he could sense his connection with the branch. Through the connection, he could sense the powerful life force contained in the branch. The life force was vast and powerful, brimming with vitality. He had never felt such vitality before.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian was still in a daze, savoring the feeling of the life force, when the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life dissolved into a streak of light and shot into Duan Ling Tian’s body.

After he regained his senses, he looked inside his body with his internal vision. Heavens! He felt as though he was going to have a heart attack. He was almost frightened to death when he saw what the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life had attached itself to in his body. It had attached itself to his heart tightly like the roots of an old tree!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt a surge of life force pouring into his heart before it circulated through his body. In the next moment, a vast and majestic force surged out of his body for a moment before they finally disappeared back into his body.