

SOVEREIGN 3011

Chapter 3011: Three Purely Defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons That Had Been Nurtured By Celestial Lords

When Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun walked out of the hall, another person who had passed the trial walked out of another hall. Currently, there were eight people, including Duan Ling Tian, in the room.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun walked out, a few people probed them with their Divine Consciousness.

“Indeed, he’s less than 100 years old!”

“Both of them are younger than 100 years old! Heavens! Who are they? They’re already so powerful at this age. How insanely strong would they be in the future?”

“Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun... As long as both of them don’t die an untimely death, they’ll definitely be famous in the Profound Nether Mansion in the future!”

“With their talent and comprehension skills, once they grow stronger, they’ll definitely leave the Profound Nether Mansion and dominate the Southern Heaven Territory!”

“Younger than 100 years old?” When the participant who had just passed his trial heard the discussion in his surroundings, he instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun. Indeed, he confirmed the duo was truly less than 100 years old after investigating with his Divine Consciousness. His discovery made him feel dejected. “They’re less than 100 years old but they managed to enter the Celestial Lord Temple and passed the difficult trial?”

In the past, this young man had thought of himself as a genius. However, in front of this duo, he really could not be regarded as a genius at all. He was older than 300 years old, and the duo was not even 100 years old. And yet, they were not weaker than him. Since these people were here, he knew they had all passed the trial. This meant that they were all peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had comprehended one profundity of a law, at least.

At this moment, Xue Jing Yu looked around his surroundings. When he saw no entrance or passage, he asked in confusion, “What do we do next? Do we just stay here and wait?”

With these words, everyone’s attention shifted away from Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun, and they began to survey their surroundings.

“I think... Well, perhaps, there has to be a certain number of people here before we can progress?” a middle-aged man speculated out loud.

“That makes sense.”

Several other people agreed.

“We have eight people now. There are two more people who aren’t here. They should be here soon.

“Only one person has appeared, replacing one of the participants who had died during the trial... No one has appeared in the other halls since.”

“Since there are ten halls... I’m guessing we’ll only be able to proceed once there are ten people here.”

The people discussed among themselves as they watched the remaining two participants who were still undergoing the trial. Their trials were coming to end.

“They seem quite strong so they’ll probably be able to easily pass the trial.”

“That’s not surprising at all. Someone who managed to obtain ten points has to be somewhat strong.”

“Not necessarily. Some people are unlucky, and some managed to accumulate ten points because they had help.”

“You’re talking about the genius, Hong Tao, from the Compassionate Cloud Sect, right? He’s, indeed, unlucky. He could be standing here with us now, but he died because he helped another person.”

“He didn’t know that such a thing would happen, after all. In fact, none of us knew beforehand... It seems like we won’t be able to leave the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm with memories of the Celestial Lord Temple.”

“Hmph! If he was as strong as Duan Ling Tian, would he have died?”

As a few people discussed among themselves, their eyes drifted back to Duan Ling Tian again.

Duan Ling Tian stood motionlessly with his eyes closed.

Ling Jue Yun who was standing not far away looked at Duan Ling Tian as well. His cold expression seemed to thaw when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“These two people...” Xue Jing Yu, who was standing at the side, was slightly confused when he saw the changes in Ling Jue Yun’s expression. Before the duo entered the hall, he was certain that Ling Jue Yun was rather indifferent when looking at Duan Ling Tian. However, at this moment, Ling Jue Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian as though Duan Ling Tian was a friend.

“What did they talk about inside?” Since Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun had communicated using Voice Transmission, Xue Jing Yu was, naturally, not privy to their conversation. When Duan Ling Tian came out from the hall, his expression had remained indifferent. On the contrary, a faint smile could be seen on Ling Jue Yun’s face. Coupled with the changes in Ling Jue Yun’s expression now, Xue Jing Yu could not help but feel curious.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian who stood with his eyes closed might seem like he was resting. However, he was, in fact, conversing with Huang’er, the soul artifact he had recently acquired. “What artifact were you a soul of before this?”

“A prominent artifact called the Divine Phoenix Glazed Sword,” Huang’er replied.

“You were a Sword Soul as well in the past?” the Chaos Divine Earth interjected, surprised. “If you were the soul of a prominent divine sword before, it’d be easier for you to become the soul of the sword in this kid’s body. Moreover, you’d be more in sync with the sword as well.”

Huang’er said, “There’s one more thing you might not know... The Divine Phoenix Glazed Sword and the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword were forged by the same powerhouse. Plus, they were refined one after another. The two stayed together for a long time. Moreover, the sword soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and I were born almost at the same time. I used to address the former soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword as elder sister. However, even if our host possessed another Devata Artifact, I’d still make the same decision I did earlier.” Based on her words, it could be seen she had a close relationship with the former soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

“You know the original soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword? Do you know what’s the relationship between the original owner of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and third uncle then?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Prominent artifacts are rare even in the Realm of Gods... In the Divine Offering Land, all prominent artifacts are famous, and their owners are also powerful figures,” Huang’er replied, “With how famous the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was in the past, almost everyone knew its owner. As for the relationship between the original owner of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and Xia Jie, you’ll have to ask Xia Jie... I can’t tell you nor should I tell you about it...” She sighed after she finished speaking.

Upon hearing Huang’er’s sigh, Duan Ling Tian speculated that the original owner of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and Xia Jie must have had an unusual relationship.

“You said that the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword is a prominent artifact... So, artifacts are also divided into primitive, mediocre, and prominent grades?” Duan Ling Tian asked. He only knew that Devata Artifacts were superior to Celestial Weapons. Moreover, they even possessed artifact souls. However, he did not know that there were different grades of Devata Artifacts.

“Yes,” Huang’er said, “Artifacts are divided into primitive artifacts, mediocre artifacts, and prominent artifacts.”

“Are there artifacts superior to prominent artifacts?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“No,” Huang’er replied, “The prominent artifacts are the pinnacle of artifacts. Only the strongest and most skilled are capable of forging them. Not only does one have to be skilled, the materials needed to forge prominent artifacts, the forging environment, and the forging time have strict requirements as well.”

Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of prominent artifacts after listening to Huang’er’s words. He also learned more about mediocre artifacts and primitive artifacts from her.

‘As it turns out, most of the Heavenly Emperors of Devata Realms only possess primitive artifacts. Very few possess mediocre artifacts, let alone prominent artifacts. Artifacts are only divided into three grades unlike Celestial Weapons that are divided into primitive, mediocre, and prominent grades before being further divided into Duke Grade, King Grade, Royal Grade, and Emperor Grade! Moreover, only Devata Artifacts can give birth to artifact souls... As for Celestial Weapons, only Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons can be forcibly injected with life to produce an artifact spirit. The difference between artifact

souls and artifact spirits lies not only in their name. The former is born while the latter is not. The former is, naturally, superior to the latter.’ Thinking of this, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes slightly. He was once again reminded of the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that he once owned, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. There was an extraneous artifact spirit forcibly imprisoned in the pagoda; it was a three-legged golden crow called Elder Huo.

‘Although the power of Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword is comparable to an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon if I wield it with my current strength, it should still be weaker than an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with an extraneous artifact spirit! Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons with extraneous artifact spirits are far more powerful than Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons without extraneous artifact spirits.’ Duan Ling Tian also learned that there were differences in strength between Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons as well.

At this moment, a commotion broke out, causing Duan Ling Tian to open his eyes.

“They came out!”

“They are out!”

Duan Ling Tian saw two people coming out from the two halls.

Finally, ten people were gathered in the room.

Soon after, the voice that Duan Ling Tian suspected belonged to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord rang again. “Congratulations, you passed the first trial in the Celestial Lord Temple. Next, three purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons nurtured by Celestial Lords will appear. As to who will obtain them, it’s up to you to decide.”

Chapter 3012: I’m Sorry

Three purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords’ Celestial Origin Energies!

The eyes of the ten people in the room brightened up immediately when they heard the words of what seemed to be the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord.

The next moment, three pieces of dark armor appeared in the air. They were shrouded in black light and purple lightning bolts could be seen flashing on them. Whenever the purple lightning bolts flashed, the air seemed to ripple. A mysterious energy loomed in the room, slightly pressuring the room’s occupants.

‘So these are the three defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords?’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes gleamed brightly as he looked at the three defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons, clearly delighted.

Purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords were undoubtedly stronger than the ordinary defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon, the Red Scale Vest, that Duan Ling Tian possessed. In fact, it was only slightly weaker than a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian was still immersed in his thoughts when a series of explosions rang in the air,

Eight people, including Xue Jing Yu, flew into the air, making their way to the three defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that were hovering in the air at lightning speed. Purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons nurtured by Celestial Lords were extremely rare. Even the Three Sects and Two Clans possessed only a few of such weapons. The weapons were rare and invaluable. Who could resist them?

Swoosh! Swoosh Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun remained in their spots. They watched in a leisurely manner as the eight people dashed toward the three King Grade Celestial Weapons at the speed of light, hoping to get their hands on the weapons first.

Ling Jue Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "I want one."

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow. "Are you short of King Grade Celestial Weapons?" He was slightly taken back that Ling Jue Yun was interested in the purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons. Although they were rare, Ling Jue Yun was from the Divine Offering Land, after all. There were many treasures that were far superior to King Grade Celestial Weapons. Why would Ling Jue Yun want one?

"I know what you're thinking. When I left the Divine Offering Land, I took a few artifacts and Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons with me. The King Grade Celestial Weapons that I currently have were obtained later on. However, do you think it's wise for me to openly wield my artifacts and Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons?" Ling Jue Yun glanced at Duan Ling Tian. "Do you openly wield your artifact? If the Three Sects and Two Clans find out you possess an artifact, they'll definitely kill you if you refuse to hand over the artifact to them. I've already obtained a King Grade Celestial Sword that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, but I'm lacking a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon."

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly when he heard Ling Jue Yun's explanation. He could empathize with Ling Jue Yun, after all. Just as Ling Jue Yun had said, he could not simply reveal the existence of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, unless he was 100% certain there was no one around and he could kill his opponent. Moreover, if he were to fight with Ling Jue Yun over the defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons, he was not sure he could best Ling Jue Yun. After all, Ling Jue Yun possessed artifacts from the Divine Offering Realm. Moreover, it was likely that Ling Jue Yun's artifacts had artifact souls as well. Even if he was certain he could best Ling Jue Yun, he still would not fight Ling Jue Yun for a defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon. After all, although it came with a condition, it was all thanks to Ling Jue Yun that he had gained an artifact soul for the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

"One of the King Grade Celestial Weapons is yours. The remaining two are mine," Duan Ling Tian said to Ling Jue Yun. Based on his words, he clearly did not think the other eight participants would be able to snatch the purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons from him.

"It doesn't matter to me since I can only use one anyway." Ling Jue Yun shrugged.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

While Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were conversing, an intense battle broke out between the eight people who went for the three King Grade Celestial Weapons. These people attacked indiscriminately.

Whenever one person reached out for one of the three King Grade Celestial Weapons, he would be instantly targeted by the other seven people. At this moment, it was difficult to predict the outcome.

After a few moments, one of the participants discovered there were only eight of them vying for three King Grade Celestial Weapons. He thought to himself in confusion, 'Why are there only eight of us?'

Boom!

The participant, a middle-aged man, withdrew from the battle momentarily and saw two young men standing leisurely at a corner. It was as though they were not interested in the King Grade Celestial Weapons at all. He asked, "Aren't both of you interested in the King Grade Celestial Weapons?"

The middle-aged man's voice was loud and clear, drowning out the noises from the ongoing battle.

All of a sudden, the seven people fighting for the King Grade Celestial Weapons halted their movements and exchanged a look before they shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun.

Among the seven people, four of them shivered slightly when they looked at Duan Ling Tian. After all, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have comprehended two profundities of a law. His strength was superior to theirs, and his defenses were exceptional. Even if they attacked with all their might, they would not be able to breach his defense.

The frightened expressions on the four participants' faces caught the attention of the remaining three people behind them. These three people were oblivious to Duan Ling Tian's strength since they did not witness him in battle during the first trial in the Celestial Lord Temple. Two of them began to discuss among themselves.

"Is the purple-clad young man very powerful?"

"He's not even 100 years old, how powerful could he be?"

The middle-aged man who noticed Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun's absence first sneered. "Why don't both of you find out for yourselves how powerful he is?" These three men's strength was on par with his. He knew they would not be a match for Duan Ling Tian even if they joined forces.

At this moment, an old man who had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's prowess earlier said, "Duan Ling Tian, most of us know how powerful you are. Why don't you take one of the King Grade Celestial Weapons, and leave the remaining two for us? What do you think?"

Upon hearing the old man's words, the three clueless men frowned.

On the contrary, the other four people, including Xue Jing Yu, nodded in agreement.

"That's right. Duan Ling Tian, why don't you choose one of the three King Grade Celestial Weapons?"

"Duan Ling Tian, after you..."

“That’s right, that’s right. Let us fight over the remaining two weapons...”

Upon seeing the four participants’ reactions, the three clueless men finally realized Duan Ling Tian was not a simple person.

“Is it possible that the purple-clad young man is a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended two profundities of a law?”

“It’s possible. Otherwise, why would the others give up a King Grade Celestial Weapon so easily? It’s a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord, after all!”

“Seeing how afraid they are of him, I don’t think we’re his match at all. If he wants one, just let him have it.”

The three men finally decided not to object to the old man’s suggestion of letting Duan Ling Tian have one of the King Grade Celestial Weapons.

At this moment, the seven participants looked at Duan Ling Tian, waiting for his reply.

The three clueless men were certain Duan Ling Tian would instantly agree to the request.

On the contrary, the remaining four participants were unsure. They were worried Duan Ling Tian might want all three of the King Grade Celestial Weapons. At that time, five of them would have no choice but to trust each other and join forces to fight Duan Ling Tian. They knew if they did not join forces, they would not be a match for him at all. However, even if they joined forces, they knew it was impossible for them to kill or defeat Duan Ling Tian. At most, they would be able to come to a draw. Apart from that, it would be difficult for them to work together since they were rife with distrust.

“One King Grade Celestial Weapon?” Duan Ling Tian faintly smiled before he calmly said, “I’m sorry, but I want two King Grade Celestial Weapons.”

Chapter 3013: Altogether at Once!

Two King Grade Celestial Weapons!

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, the five participants, including Xue Jing Yu, frowned slightly. They felt he was rather quite demanding. Nevertheless, none of them dared to voice their dissatisfaction. At the very least, Duan Ling Tian did not intend to take all three King Grade Celestial Weapons.

On the other hand, the three clueless participants who did not witness Duan Ling Tian’s strength did not hide their displeasure.

One of the three men, a middle-aged man, looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked with a dark expression on his face, “Lad, don’t you think you’re being too greedy?”

“Do you have an opinion about it?” Duan Ling Tian looked at the man meaningfully before the other two men could chime in.

“You’re not even 100 years old. Why do you need two King Grade Celestial Weapons? Are you even capable of keeping them?” the middle-aged man asked coldly as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. He had

discovered Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old, but he was oblivious to Duan Ling Tian's strength. There were many talented powerhouses below the age of 100 in the history of the Profound Nether Mansion, but the strongest among them was only as strong as him.

"Not even 100 years old?" Upon hearing the middle-aged man's words, a young man, one of three clueless participants, extended his Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian. Then, he turned to the other five participants, including Xue Jing Yu, and said disdainfully, "It's true! He's not even 100 years old! You lot are terrified of a brat who's not even 100 years old? Cowards!"

The five participants were not embarrassed nor were they angry when the young man mocked them. Instead, they looked at him as though he was an idiot. This young man's strength was roughly on par with theirs; he had only comprehended one profundity of a law.

"Does this mean both of you plan to go against me?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the young man, the corner of his lips was lifted up into a smirk.

"Brat, quit playing games with me! If you want the two King Grade Celestial Weapons, you'll have to go through me first!" the young man retorted, clearly not taking Duan Ling Tian seriously.

Duan Ling Tian did not reply to the young man. Instead, he looked at the final man from the group of three. This man was the participant who had walked out of the hall when Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun walked out of another hall earlier. "What about you? Are you planning to go against me as well?"

The man looked at Duan Ling Tian, recalling the other five participants' discussion earlier.

"It's true. They're under 100 years old!"

"Both of them are under 100 years old! Heavens! Who are they? They're so talented even at such a young age... Can you imagine how strong they would become in the future?"

"Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun... If they don't die an untimely death, they'll definitely become formidable characters in the future!"

"Based on their innate talents and high comprehension skills, even the Profound Nether Mansion would be too small for them. The Southern Heaven Territory is where they belong!"

After he recalled the conversations he heard, the man remained silent when faced with Duan Ling Tian's inquiry.

"Seems like you're the only one with no opinion among the three." Duan Ling Tian glanced at the man briefly before he shifted his eyes to the other two men and faintly said, "Since both of you are dissatisfied, why don't you attack me together?" As soon as he finished speaking, his body flickered out of sight, leaving the ground shaking in his wake.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian suddenly appeared in front of the middle-aged man and young man who were dissatisfied with him wanting two King Grade Celestial Weapons.

“Attack together?” the young man laughed before he said disdainfully, “Lad, I can defeat you by myself!”

“Really? I can’t wait to see what you’ve got,” Duan Ling Tian grinned.

The young man scoffed and charged toward Duan Ling Tian at lightning speed. A short knife, a King Grade Celestial Weapon, appeared in his hand. Its aura that was cold and domineering spread into the surroundings. From this alone, one could tell it was not an ordinary King Grade Celestial Weapon. It was a purely offensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord! The young man cast all his Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities before sending his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the law of metal’s profundity into the short knife that he wielded. In just an instant, the short knife gleamed with a golden light, and its aura intensified.

‘The law of metal’s Fundamental Profundity, the Metal Elemental Profundity?’ Once Duan Ling Tian sensed the sharp aura from the young man’s Celestial Origin Energy, it was not difficult for him to guess that the young man had comprehended the law of metal.

The law of metal was an offensive law, and its profundities were mostly offensive skills. Its Fundamental Profundity, the Metal Elemental Profundity, could increase the sharpness of one’s Celestial Weapon and Celestial Origin Energy.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

The Celestial Knife shot out qis that were as dazzlingly bright as the sun as the young man drew closer to Duan Ling Tian. The short knife shone even brighter than before, like the sun that could vanquish the darkness, capturing everyone’s attention.

Duan Ling Tian leisurely flew in the air to meet the incoming attack. His Celestial Origin Energy that was boosted by the law of earth’s Earth Elemental Profundity surged out of his body as he cast his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. His Celestial Origin Energy surged into a giant sword that had suddenly appeared in his hand. The giant sword’s aura was too overwhelming!

Upon seeing this, the young man narrowed his eyes, and his expression turned solemn. ‘He has comprehended the law of earth’s Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity?’ Nonetheless, he was not surprised. After all, those who were able to pass the trial and made it this far would have strength on par with his. He could not say for certain if Duan Ling Tian or he was stronger.

‘Although he has comprehended the law of earth’s Earth Elemental Profundity, he’s not even 100 years old. His battle experience must be lesser than mine. No matter how I see it, I have the advantage!’ With this thought in mind, the young man’s confidence was boosted. He was rather confident about his victory.

Alas, the young man’s confidence did not last long. It was soon replaced by shock. ‘H-how’s that possible? I-is he seeking death?’ His eyes widened when he saw Duan Ling Tian charging at him head-on with no intention of dodging his attack. He had assumed Duan Ling Tian would deflect his attack with his giant sword. However, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian had chosen to disregard his life just to land a blow on him. It was as though Duan Ling Tian intended for them to die together! He could see the determination in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes so he did not think Duan Ling Tian was bluffing.

“You’re insane!” the young man cried out when he regained his sense. He swiftly moved to avoid Duan Ling Tian’s attack. For this reason, the force of his attack was greatly reduced.

The diminished force from the young man’s attack swept toward Duan Ling Tian and was easily deflected by the Red Scale Vest on Duan Ling Tian’s body.

Although the young man had successfully evaded Duan Ling Tian’s attack, by doing that, he had given Duan Ling Tian the upper hand. He tried to retaliate with all his might, but he found that Duan Ling Tian had no intention of avoiding his attacks like earlier. With this, the young man grew more and more passive in the battle. Eventually, when he attacked for the third time, he decided not to dodge Duan Ling Tian’s attack anymore and charged forward.

“I’d like to see if you’re truly courageous enough to die along with me!” the young man cried out as he mustered up all his strength and attacked Duan Ling Tian.

Alas, the young man could not breach Duan Ling Tian’s defense at all. The Red Scale Vest on Duan Ling Tian’s body that emitted a mustard light seemed invincible. It had been boosted by the Chaos Divine Earth, after all.

“You... Y-you... Y-you’ve comprehended the law of earth’s second profundity?” The young man’s expression changed drastically. Realization finally dawned on him. He finally realized why the other five participants were so fearful of Duan Ling Tian to the point that they were willing to give up two King Grade Celestial Weapons to Duan Ling Tian without a fight. As it turned out, Duan Ling Tian had comprehended a defensive profundity from the law of earth.

Boom!

A wave of regret overwhelmed the young man as Duan Ling Tian brought his giant sword down on the young man, easily breaching the young man’s defense.

Chapter 3014: Does He Think He’s Duan Ling Tian?

Duan Ling Tian easily sliced through the young man’s defense like a hot knife through butter.

“No!” the young man cried in sorrow before he died.

The five participants, including Xue Jing Yu, watched as Duan Ling Tian killed the young man. They gloated inwardly when they remembered how the young man had mocked them earlier for being afraid of Duan Ling Tian.

“What an idiot!”

“Did he really think we’re stupid? Can’t he tell something is wrong judging by how fearful we are of Duan Ling Tian?”

“Serves him right! Would we concede two King Grade Celestial Weapons to Duan Ling Tian for no reason at all?”

“Hmph! With Duan Ling Tian’s strength, I don’t think I’d say anything even if he demands all three King Grade Celestial Weapons.”

A young man, who was part of the three participants who were unaware of Duan Ling Tian’s strength, sighed in relief. ‘Thank goodness...’ Although he was unaware of Duan Ling Tian’s strength, he had chosen not to oppose Duan Ling Tian when he recalled the conversations he had heard. He was truly thankful; his decision to stay silent had saved his life. Then, he turned to look at a middle-aged man and sighed inwardly. ‘I’m afraid this fellow is in trouble...’

The middle-aged man was one of the two men who had ridiculed and opposed Duan Ling Tian earlier. Seeing the young man’s miserable death, at this moment, the middle-aged man’s face was as pale as a sheet of paper. He looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he was looking at a terrifying monster.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had just claimed the young man’s Spatial Ring and King Grade Celestial Weapon and put them away. The points the young man had accumulated were also transferred to his Accumulative Points Jade as well. Then, he looked at the middle-aged man pointedly. “Now, it’s your turn...” His expression that had remained calm from the beginning until now would have made those who were unaware of the situation think he was having a casual conversation with the middle-aged man.

“Y-you...” the middle-aged man stuttered. His face turned even paler. He said in a trembling voice, “Y... Y-you can’t k-kill me... If you k-kill me, my clan won’t let you get away with it. My... M-my clan is...”

Duan Ling Tian chuckled as he interjected, “How are they going to find out that I killed you?” He raised his giant sword that was raging with his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the law of earth’s Earth Elemental Profundity. The giant sword emitted a golden light that was laced with purple qi. It looked extremely magical.

Xue Jing Yu laughed. “This man is really an idiot! Doesn’t he know that any memories of the Celestial Lord Temple, whether they belong to those who enter the temple or not, will be erased?”

“That’s right! In the past, there were many people who entered the Celestial Lord Temple in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Temple, but all their memories were erased as soon as they exited the realm. It’s obvious there’s a Formation that erases our memories of the Celestial Lord Temple.”

“It doesn’t even matter that so many people are witnessing his death. After all, none of us will remember it after leaving the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Temple.”

The other participants looked at the middle-aged man with pity. He could only blame himself for seeking death by provoking someone like Duan Ling Tian.

The middle-aged man who had heard the conversation in the surroundings fell into despair. In the end, he hastily fell to his knees and kowtowed as he anxiously said, “Please spare my life. I’m willing to give you everything I have!” Faced with death, he no longer cared about his pride or dignity. After all, what did anything else matter if he died?

Duan Ling Tian smiled contemptuously as he replied, “Your belongings will still be mine after I kill you...”

“After we leave the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, I... I’ll give you more things... Just spare my life. Please!” the middle-aged man continued to plead.

Alas, all the middle-aged man got as a reply was Duan Ling Tian charging at him with the giant sword, looking like the Grim Reaper with his scythe.

Xue Jing Yu and the others shook their heads again when they heard the middle-aged man’s words.

“This idiot...”

They would have no memories of this after leaving the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Would the middle-aged man still be able to remember to give Duan Ling Tian treasures at that time? Moreover, even if their memories were not erased, what reason did Duan Ling Tian have to believe his words? It was more likely that the middle-aged man would sic his clan on Duan Ling Tian in revenge.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian charged out with his giant sword in hand, leaving the void shaking and sounds of explosions in his wake.

Although the middle-aged man knew he was no match for Duan Ling Tian, he still tried to retaliate.

Boom!

When they collided, the middle-aged man was sent flying before he exploded into a blood mist, leaving two King Grade Celestial Weapons and his Spatial Ring behind.

Whoosh!

After claiming his prizes, Duan Ling Tian stepped toward the three purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords.

Xue Jing Yu and the others naturally stepped aside to make way for Duan Ling Tian.

Xue Jing Yu sincerely congratulated Duan Ling Tian when Duan Ling Tian walked past him.

“Congratulations, Duan Ling Tian.” Although a hint of envy could be seen in his eyes, it was not malicious like jealousy.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly.

The other five participants followed in Xue Jing Yu’s footsteps and congratulated Duan Ling Tian. They were well aware they could not afford to offend him. Otherwise, they would definitely die.

“Congratulations!”

“Congratulations, brother!”

Xue Jing Yu did not expect the others would try to flatter Duan Ling Tian.

However, Duan Ling Tian ignored all of them, making a beeline for the King Grade Celestial Weapons.

The three black armors hovering in the air looked like the armors of a demon god. They were emitting a black light, and purple lightning bolts flashed around them. The void would ripple in tandem with the flashing purple lightning bolts. Duan Ling Tian felt a gust of terrifying wind blowing at him when he stood in front of the three armors.

‘Purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords!’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes brightened as he reached out to take two King Grade Celestial Weapons. He did not waste any time and dripped a drop of his blood on each of the King Grade Celestial Weapons to claim ownership over them. Then, he put one on, replacing the Red Scale Vest.

‘My defense has risen tremendously!’ Black armor appeared on Duan Ling Tian’s body in just an instant. Indeed, a defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord was superior to its ordinary counterparts.

After putting away the Red Scale Vest and the other newly-obtained King Grade Celestial Weapon, Duan Ling Tian descended to the ground.

The remaining participants were jealous that Duan Ling Tian was able to obtain two King Grade Celestial Weapons so easily. However, they, naturally, did not dare to give voice to their thoughts. After all, they were no match for Duan Ling Tian who had comprehended two profundities of a law.

‘Thank goodness he’s kind enough to leave us with one King Grade Celestial Weapon...’

Xue Jing Yu and the others instantly shifted their attention back to the last King Grade Celestial Weapon hovering in the air. The tension between them quickly escalated, and they began to fight again.

Duan Ling Tian who had just landed on the ground felt a gust of wind next to him. He raised an eyebrow when he saw Ling Jue Yun who was standing nearby had disappeared.

Xue Jing Yu and the group of people who were in the midst of a battle were quick to discover something was amiss. Their expressions changed one after another when they saw a grey figure standing before the last King Grade Celestial Weapon.

“Ling Jue Yun!” Xue Jing Yu was quick to recognize Ling Jue Yun. His fighting spirit soared. He was not afraid of Ling Jue Yun. After all, their strength was on equal ground.

“I want this King Grade Celestial Weapon.” Ling Jue Yun looked at Xue Jing Yu and the remaining participants nonchalantly. He was not in a hurry to claim the King Grade Celestial Weapon.

“Does this brat think he’s Duan Ling Tian?”

“Preposterous! There’s only one King Grade Celestial Weapon left. We can’t let him have it!”

“Hmph! You’ll pay for your arrogance!”

After being forced to submission by Duan Ling Tian, these people’s anger that had been brewing inside finally erupted!

Chapter 3015: The Profundity of the Law of Death: The Undead Doppelganger

There was no doubt Xue Jing Yu and the other participants were dissatisfied that Duan Ling Tian had claimed two King Grade Celestial Weapons. However, they knew there was nothing they could do about it. After all, Duan Ling Tian had comprehended two profundities of a law. Now that another person had audaciously stepped forward to lay claim on the final King Grade Celestial Weapon, how could they endure it, especially when this person was only as strong as they were?

“Lad, although both you and Duan Ling Tian are geniuses who haven’t reached the age of 100, don’t forget he has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. There’s nothing wrong if he wants to claim two King Grade Celestial Weapons. However, look at your own strength before you try to emulate Duan Ling Tian... Don’t tell me, similar to Duan Ling Tian, you’ve comprehended two profundities of a law as well?” An old man did not hesitate to vent his frustrations caused by Duan Ling Tian on Ling Jue Yun.

“Why don’t you try me?” Ling Jue Yun replied nonchalantly.

The old man was slightly taken aback.

The scornful expressions on Xue Jing Yun and the other participants’ faces disappeared. They were confused by Ling Jue Yun’s reply. When they looked at Ling Jue Yun hovering in the air confidently, they could not help but feel his temperament was rather similar to Duan Ling Tian. It was as though Duan Ling Tian had stepped forward to lay claim on the King Grade Celestial Weapons again.

“Is it possible that he has comprehended two profundities as well?”

“Impossible! He’s not even 100 years old!”

“You can’t say that. Duan Ling Tian hasn’t reached the age of 100 as well, right?”

“You’re right. Duan Ling Tian is not even 100 years old, but he has already comprehended two profundities. There’s no doubt he’s a rarely-seen monstrous genius. Saying that, do you really think we’ll encounter, not one, but two rarely-seen monstrous geniuses who comprehended two profundities before the age of 100 at the same time and place? What do you think of the chances of that happening?”

“Zero to none... A freak like Duan Ling Tian hasn’t appeared in the past 10,000 years in the Profound Nether Mansion. It’s impossible for us to meet two of such geniuses at the same time and place!”

The remaining participants, including Xue Jing Yu, were rather certain Ling Jue Yin, who was not even 100 years old, did not comprehend two profundities of a law.

‘Ling Jue Yun...’ Duan Ling Tian looked at Ling Jue Yun knowingly. He had deliberately left the final King Grade Celestial Weapon for Ling Jue Yun. He would have taken all three of the weapons if Ling Jue Yun did not say he wanted one as well. They were defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords, after all! Their value was incredibly high. He could give them to his friends after leaving the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Why would he leave one behind if it was not for Ling Jue Yun?

Duan Ling Tian was the only one who knew Ling Jue Yun would be able to easily take the King Grade Celestial Weapon away.

“Lad, quit fooling around!” The old man looked at Ling Jue Yun disdainfully. “Since you asked for it, I’ll fulfill your wish!” He did not wait for Ling Jue Yun’s reply and mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy immediately. At the same time, a mace appeared in his hand. Soon after, his Celestial Origin Energy turned blue. It was obvious he had boosted it with the Fundamental Profundity he had comprehended.

When Duan Ling Tian sensed the cool aura from the old man’s Celestial Origin Energy, he thought to himself, ‘This is the law of water’s Fundamental Profundity, the Water Elemental Profundity?’

The old man’s Celestial Origin Energy had turned blue and become fluid, taking on the characteristics of water.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Before Xue Jing Yu and the others regained their senses, the old man had swung his mace before letting it loose in the air. It was like a meteorite in the sky as it sailed in the air. It seemed to be shrouded by a mist of blood and spots of black light. Obviously, the old man had also cast other techniques apart from just boosting his Celestial Origin Energy with the Water Elemental Profundity.

A middle-aged man exclaimed, “What a surprise! It’s a preemptive attack from Old Li. He’s really not holding back and intends to kill him!”

“In the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, a slight mistake will result in death. He did so to make sure nothing goes wrong!” a young man replied.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The deafening sounds of explosions rang in the air as the mace split into two and continued on their trajectories. All of a sudden, the blue Celestial Origin Energy that shrouded the two mace suddenly morphed into two giant wolves’ heads. They bared and snapped their fangs as they drew closer to Ling Jue Yun.

“Why isn’t he dodging?”

“Is his speed too slow?”

“He’s going to die for sure!”

“How dare he lay claim on the King Grade Celestial Weapon with this level of strength!”

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the air as the maces landed on Ling Jue Yun and the two giant wolves’ heads sunk their fangs into each of his shoulders.

Unlike Xue Jing Yun and the other participants, Duan Ling Tian discovered something was amiss. ‘What kind of technique is that?!’ He was rather certain it was not Ling Jue Yun who had received the old man’s attacks.

At this moment, the voice of Huang’er, the artifact soul he just obtained, rang in his mind. “It’s the Undead Doppelganger, a profundity from the law of death.”

Huang'er continued to say, "Little Feng has comprehended two profundities from the law of death. Besides the Fundamental Profundity, the Death Elemental Profundity, he has also comprehended the Undead Doppelganger."

"The Undead Doppelganger?" Soon enough, Duan Ling Tian saw two streaks of dazzling red light shooting out of Ling Jue Yun's eyes. Apart from that, he could keenly sense the bloody aura that Ling Jue Yun emitted at the moment.

Ling Jue Yun, whose eyes were red, scoffed. "Is this all you've got?"

A cloak suddenly appeared on Ling Jue Yun's body. There were lines of ancient scriptures and patterns embroidered on it. As soon as the cloak appeared, the wolves' heads released their bites on Ling Jue Yun's shoulders and disappeared. Meanwhile, the two maces bounced off his body as well. Then, his bloody aura suddenly spiked, and his cloak turned red and began to flutter even though there was no wind blowing in the air.

'There's no way that cloak is a King Grade Celestial Weapon! A King Grade Celestial Weapon wouldn't have such terrifying powers!' Duan Ling Tian's attention was captured by Ling Jue Yun's cloak.

The intricate scriptures seemed to come to life as Ling Jue Yun's aura spiked. It seemed as though the scriptures were veins, and blood was coursing through them.

"Huang'er... His cloak is..." Duan Ling Tian said.

"It's a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon," Huang'er replied.

"An Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?" Although Duan Ling Tian had suspected this, he was still taken aback.

Ling Jue Yun did not hesitate to use his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon since everyone would have their memories erased after leaving this place. Nobody would remember he possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon after leaving the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Meanwhile, Xue Jing Yu and the others realized that Ling Jue Yun's cloak was extraordinary. It was definitely not just a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

"That cloak... It seems extraordinary!"

"Is this a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?" the old man asked. Fear was written all over his face when he realized his attack could hardly leave a scratch on Ling Jue Yun. His expression changed as he stared at the cloak on Ling Jue Yun. He could tell even a defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord was far inferior to the cloak.

Upon hearing the old man's words, Ling Jue Yun sneered. "A Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?" However, he did not bother to correct the old man. Instead, he charged at the old man at the speed of light.

The old man knew he did not have time to put up his defenses. He could only bite the bullet and try to withstand Ling Jue Yun's attack. Even if he was injured, it would be fine as long he survived. 'I hope he's not as crazy as Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, I'm doomed!'

Ling Jue Yun fisted his hand and swung it at the old man's maces!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Ling Jue Yun's fist collided with the old man's maces.

'Thank goodness.' The old man sighed in relief inwardly. It seemed like he was able to withstand Ling Jue Yun's attack. However, in the next moment, his expression changed drastically.

Whoosh!

A short-lived sound of wind howling rang in the air.

A figure shrouded in black and red qi seemed to have shot out of Ling Jue Yun's body before turning into a sword. The sword easily pierced the old man, cleaving him into two.

Upon seeing this, Xue Jing Yu and the others widened their eyes and gasped in shock.

"T-this..."

"How did Ling Jue Yun appear out of his own body?"

"Good heavens! What sort of technique is this?!"

How could they not be surprised? The figure that appeared resembled Ling Jue Yun! Why were there two Ling Jue Yun?

Chapter 3016: The Two Greatest Freaks

Ling Jue Yun shot out of the red-eyed Ling Jue Yun and transformed into a sword before killing the old man.

Upon seeing this, a middle-aged man exclaimed in horror, "That's his real form! The one with the blood-red eyes is just a doppelganger from the power of a profundity!"

"Based on his techniques, it seems like he has comprehended one of the Four Supreme Laws. It should be the law of death!" a young man said with widened eyes, "To my knowledge, the Undead Doppelganger is a profundity from the law of death! It creates a clone of the caster that has a stronger defense. Apart from that, the clone's combat strength is almost the same as the original. The clone is also capable of wielding Celestial Weapons and other techniques its real form has comprehended. During a battle, the real form can also hide inside the clone and make a move during the crucial moment!" The look in his eyes changed as he looked at Ling Jue Yun and his clone near the end of his words.

Whoosh!

At this moment, the red-eyed Ling Jue Yun flickered and vanished into the real Ling Jue Yun's body.

A gentle breeze stirred up, and Ling Jue Yun's Celestial Origin Energy gradually subsided.

The place was restored to its previous calmness.

Finally, Xue Jing Yu and the other participants regained their senses. They were thoroughly shocked when they saw Ling Jue Yun's strength and capabilities. They did not expect him to be so formidable. In fact, it seemed like he was even stronger than Duan Ling Tian. They looked at each other and saw the bitter smiles on each other's faces. In the past, most of them had thought of themselves as geniuses. However, after meeting Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian, they were completely disabused of that notion. The duo was not even 100 years old, but they had comprehended two profundities from a law!

"The law of death?"

"Ling Jue Yun comprehended the law of death? Good heavens! The law of death is one of the Four Supreme Laws! It can't be comprehended through Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities. One would only be able to comprehend it if one had a fortuitous encounter or inherit it from someone!"

"The requirements to comprehend the Four Supreme Laws are the most demanding compared to the other laws. Ling Jue Yun isn't even 100 years old, but he has comprehended two profundities from the law of death! He's really a freak among freaks!"

"In my opinion, he's much more talented than Duan Ling Tian! After all, he has comprehended the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws!"

After killing the old man, Ling Jue Yun claimed the last King Grade Celestial Weapon.

There was nothing Xue Jing Yu and the others could do. If they tried to stop him, there was no doubt they would die!

"The cloak he possesses seems like a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, right? Why does he even need a King Grade Celestial Weapon?" Xue Jing Yu was perplexed.

Upon hearing Xue Jing Yu's words, a young man laughed lightly before he said, "Let me ask you, if you own a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, would you dare to simply use it?"

"That's right! Since we're in the Celestial Lord Temple, we won't remember anything about it once we leave the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. That's the only reason he had used his defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. He knows he won't be exposed since no one would have memories of it."

"That's right. If it's not because we won't have memories of the Celestial Lord Temple, I'm afraid he'd probably kill all of us to prevent us from divulging his secret."

"Well... It's unlikely that he'll recklessly kill all of us. After all, the more people die, the faster the exit in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm will open."

"That's right. Once the exit is open, even those in the Celestial Lord Temple have to leave as soon as possible. Otherwise, they'd be trapped in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm once it closes."

Many people were aware of the reason Ling Jue Yun dared to openly use his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in the Celestial Lord Temple. Apart from that, they were also certain Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian would not kill unnecessarily.

“The rewards from the first trial in the Celestial Lord Temple have been taken by them... What should we do next?” Xue Jing Yu looked around his surroundings. There was nothing in sight except for the ten halls and the endless darkness that surrounded them.

The other participants began to study their surroundings as well. When they failed to find anything, they decided to wait a little longer.

At this moment, they saw Ling Jue Yun move to stand next to Duan Ling Tian after obtaining the last defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon.

“It’s strange that both of them get along so peacefully. Do you think they came to an agreement before they entered the hall?”

“That’s possible.”

“In my opinion, the reason Duan Ling Tian only took two King Grade Celestial Weapons has everything to do with Ling Jue Yun. They must have come to an agreement beforehand. That’s why Duan Ling Tian left one King Grade Celestial Weapon for Ling Jue Yun.”

“I agree. Based on Duan Ling Tian’s strength, he could have taken all three King Grade Celestial Weapons.”

“I expected them to fight, but it seems like that’s unlikely to happen for the time being.”

Xue Jing Yu and the other participants were rather disappointed when they saw Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun getting on harmoniously. The duo was like two dark clouds looming over them, making them feel gloomy. With the duo around, they knew they would not gain anything.

“It’s best if we can part ways with them. With them around, it’s impossible for us to gain anything.”

“I agree.”

“Hopefully there’s a chance for us to split from them. Otherwise, we won’t be able to gain anything from the Celestial Lord Temple even if we manage to get out of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm alive.”

Time passed by quickly as the participants engaged in a discussion.

“Based on my knowledge, apart from those two, there are seven other peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who have comprehended two profundities from a law!” a middle-aged man said.

“Seven? I only know of five,” a young man said.

“The genius from the Sima Clan, Sima Chun, is one of them. He has comprehended two profundities from the law of wind: the Wind Elemental Profundity and the Gale Profundity!”

“The Gale Profundity? It’s a movement profundity from the law of wind, right? Not only does the Gale Profundity increase one’s attack speed, but it also increases one’s movement speed!”

“The law of wind is related to speed. It allows one to move like the wind. Since Sima Chun has comprehended the law of wind’s Gale Profundity, it’d be impossible to defeat him, let alone kill him,

unless there's someone who has comprehended three profundities from a law among the participants who entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!"

"That's right! With the law of wind's Wind Elemental Profundity and Gale Profundity, I think Sima Chun should have the fastest speed among all the participants. He can just flee if he can't defeat his opponent!"

"He won't suffer a loss since he's incredibly fast."

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned strangely awkward when the others brought up Sima Chun during their discussion. It would be difficult to defeat, let alone kill, Sima Chun because of his speed?

The change in Duan Ling Tian's expression did not escape Ling Jue Yun's notice. He asked through Voice Transmission, "What's wrong? Do you know Sima Chun?"

"No. I don't know him. I only met him before I entered the Celestial Lord Temple," Duan Ling Tian replied casually.

"Did you have a fight with him?" Ling Jue Yun asked.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly.

Ling Jue Yun said, "He has comprehended two profundities from the law of wind, including the Gale Profundity. If I were to fight him, I'd need to use my Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon or an artifact to kill him." He paused for a moment before he asked, "Based on his speed, it'd be impossible for you to kill him unless you used the artifact in your body... Is he dead?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded again.

"Did you use an artifact to kill him?" Ling Jue Yun asked.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head slightly. When he saw Ling Jue Yun furrowing his brows in confusion, he said, "I didn't use the artifact, but I used my Royal Grade Celestial Weapon."

"It still wouldn't be easy for you to kill him even if you used a purely offensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, right? The law you comprehended is the law of earth, speed isn't your forte at all." Ling Jue Yun was correct in his assessment.

Duan Ling Tian smiled. "It seems like you know me rather well. You're right. I used other techniques as well..."

Ling Jue Yun's assessment of Duan Ling Tian and Sima Chun's battle was accurate. Duan Ling Tian was only able to kill Sima Chun because he had used the Gravitational Space Profundity along with a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Without the Gravitational Space Profundity, it would be impossible for Duan Ling Tian to kill Sima Chun, and Sima Chun would have gotten away. Although he was still far from comprehending the Gravitational Space Profundity to the rudimentary stage and it did not boost his strength significantly, it was still useful in instances like that.

"What techniques did you use?" Ling Jue Yun asked curiously.

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, the ground beneath their feet suddenly disappeared. When they regained their footing, they discovered they were in a different place.

Chapter 3017: The Soul Extinguishing Water

With a flash of light, Duan Ling Tian discovered he was standing in a wide area, and he saw what seemed to an abyss with no end in sight before him. "Where's this place? We've left the location of the first trial... Does this mean this is the location of the second trial in the Celestial Lord Temple?"

Duan Ling Tian heard a commotion and instinctively turned to look. He discovered that apart from Ling Jue Yun, Xue Jing Yu, and the other participants, there were another eight people.

Duan Ling Tian's group and the new group of people regarded each other warily.

Among the new group of eight, there were middle-aged men, young men, and even a young woman. The woman was beautiful and elegant. Although she was not a peerless beauty, she had a unique charm.

Upon seeing a young man dressed in fine robes, a fearful expression appeared on Xue Jing Yu's face as he exclaimed, "That's Dongfang Jin Lun!"

"Dongfang Jin Lun?"

The people from Duan Ling Tian's group instinctively followed Xue Jing Yu's gaze.

"It's truly Dongfang Jin Lun!"

"Dongfang Jin Lun is the brightest talent ever to appear in the Dongfang Clan. He's only slightly over 200 years old and has comprehended two profundities from the law of thunder!"

It was obvious many people from Duan Ling Tian's group recognized the young man dressed in fine robes.

"Dongfang Jin Lun?" Duan Ling Tian had turned to look at the young man as well.

The young man dressed in fine robes was tall and muscular. He had a square face, big eyes, and bushy brows that made him look rather dignified. He stood with his back straight like a tower. His expression was calm and indifferent despite Xue Jing Yun and the others' words.

'Dongfang Jing Lun is a member of the Dongfang Clan, a grade-seven clan. He's slightly over 200 years old and has comprehended the law of thunder's Fundamental Profundity, the Thunder Elemental Profundity, and the Lightning Profundity,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, recalling the conversation Xue Jing Yu had with the others when they were discussing participants who had comprehended two profundities of a law. Through their discussion, he also knew that Dongfang Jing Lun was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial whose speed was not inferior to Sima Chun whom he had killed previously. However, the Lightning Profundity had an unknown ability that the Gale Profundity did not have. Needless to say, the Lightning Profundity was powerful and practical.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Xue Jing Yu and the others hastily flew toward Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun, obviously seeking protection from the duo. In their opinion, the other eight people posed a greater threat to them compared to the duo.

A young man standing next to Xue Jing Yu looked at the only woman in the other group and said with a slight frown, "That young woman looks familiar..."

"She's Ou Ya from the Frost Sect," Xue Jing Yu said in a hushed tone.

As the most outstanding prince among the sons of the Emperor of the Southern Qi Nation, Xue Jing Yu had followed his father to visit many forces in the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion's control. It was only natural that he was well-informed about the geniuses from various forces in the Profound Nether Mansion. Whether it was Dongfang Jin Lun from the grade-seven Dongfang Clan or Ou Ya from the grade-eight Frost Sect, he had met them at least once in the past. However, it was not guaranteed that they would remember him.

The group of people near Duan Ling Tian heard Xue Jing Yu's words and shifted their eyes to the woman as they discussed among themselves.

"Ou Ya from the Frost Sect?"

"I've heard of Ou Ya from the Frost Sect. She's a rare genius among the women in the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion's control. Similar to Dongfang Jing Lun, she hasn't reached the age of 200, but she has already comprehended two profundities from the law of ice!"

"In terms of innate talent, Ou Ya is better than Dongfang Jing Lun, but she's no match for Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun."

'Ou Ya?' Duan Ling Tian glanced at the woman standing on the other side. He knew she was a female genius from the grade-eight Frost Sect. Although the Frost Sect was a grade-eight sect, it was among the strongest grade-eight forces in the Thousand Nations. Its Sect Guarding Celestial Method was a King Grade Celestial Method that contained the law of ice. One would be able to comprehend the law of ice's Fundamental Profundity, the Frost Elemental Profundity, and the Frost Profundity from the King Grade Celestial Method. 'Based on the Frost Profundity's name, the profundity would probably grant the caster the ability to freeze his or her opponent.'

Boom!

Soon after, a loud explosion suddenly rang in the air. It sounded as though a flood of water had broken through a dam.

Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and looked at the source of the commotion. He saw water surging toward them violently at this moment. It finally dawned on him that they were standing at a riverbank at this moment.

As the flood of water approached like a roaring water dragon, Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness. He could sense the water was not ordinary water. It emitted an aura that made him feel threatened.

At this moment, Huang'er's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind, "It's the Soul Extinguishing Water! If you touch the water, your soul will be destroyed... Without the protection of a purely defensive Celestial Weapon above the Duke Grade, those weaker than Celestial Dukes will surely die if they come in contact with the Soul Extinguishing Water!"

"Soul Extinguishing Water?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes. He quickly took off into the air to avoid the Soul Extinguishing Water that was about to spill over to the riverbank where everyone stood.

"The Soul Extinguishing Water cannot harm you because the Profound Divine Metal is protecting your soul."

Huang'er's words made Duan Ling Tian realize he had been too anxious and was worried for nothing. As it turned out, he had no need to fear the Soul Extinguishing Water at all.

After Duan Ling Tian rose into the air, the others finally regained their senses.

"Good heavens! It's the Soul Distinguishing Water!"

"The Soul Extinguishing Water destroys one's soul upon contact if one's cultivation base is lower than that of a Celestial Duke!"

"Is this the Celestial Lord Temple's second trial?"

Those who knew about the Soul Extinguishing Water began to take to the air, and those who did not know followed suit anyway.

As the flood of water swept through the riverbank, those who had just learned about the Soul Extinguishing Water could not help but gasp.

Soon after, someone cried out, "Look! There are boxes and chests flowing in the Soul Extinguishing Water!"

Duan Ling Tian instinctively looked beneath his feet and saw boxes and chests floating in the Soul Extinguishing Water. He tried to investigate them with his Divine Consciousness, but they were protected by Formations. With this, he knew none of the participants would be able to investigate the contents with their peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial's Divine Consciousness.

A middle-aged man from the new group of eight descended near a chest with brightly lit eyes. "The boxes and chests must contain treasures left behind by the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord!"

The chest was five feet long, sufficient to contain most Celestial Weapons. As a precaution, the middle-aged man mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by his Fundamental Profundity. A blue armor appeared on his body.

"This chest is mine!" The middle-aged man hovered above the chest and reached for the chest. However, as soon as he touched the chest, an invisible force surged out of the chest into the surroundings, causing the Soul Extinguishing Water to soar higher. It was as though the flood of Soul Extinguishing Water had come to life and turned into water dragons that flew up into the sky.

“It’s too heavy!” The middle-aged man panted as he mustered all his strength to lift the chest. He could barely move it. His expression changed drastically when he saw the Soul Extinguishing Water that soared into the air had gathered and formed a wall before him, ready to drop down on him.

“No!” the middle-man cried out in horror as the Soul Extinguishing Water engulfed him.

After the Soul Extinguishing Water calmed down, Duan Ling Tian and the others saw the middle-aged man had collapsed on top of the chest. His lifeless eyes were wide open; a hint of despair could still be seen in his eyes. His complexion was turning pale swiftly due to his soul being destroyed by the Soul Extinguishing Water.

“How terrifying!”

“The Soul Extinguishing Water destroyed his soul in just a blink of an eye!”

“It’s too terrifying!”

“I was going to collect one of the boxes and chests as well. Thank goodness he went for it first. I would have died otherwise.”

Most of everyone present were relieved and felt lucky they did not make the first move to obtain the chests and boxes when they looked at the middle-aged man’s corpse.

At this moment, Dongfang Jing Lun, the genius from the Dongfang Clan, scoffed and said disdainfully, “Serves him right for overestimating his own ability!”

Chapter 3018: Tough Duan Ling Tian

As soon as Dongfang Jin Lun’s voice fell, the void around him rippled, and his body flickered out of sight.

Everyone saw an enormous bolt of lightning shooting across the sky at the same time. There was no doubt Dongfang Jin Lun was the one who had ostentatiously turned into a bolt of lightning.

It was the law of thunder’s Lightning Profundity. Before one could comprehend or cast the Lightning Profundity, one had to first comprehend the law of thunder’s Elemental Profundity, the Thunder Elemental Profundity. It was clear Dongfang Jin Lun had used the law of thunder’s second profundity to turn into a lightning bolt. Nobody could tell, at the moment, if he had cast other techniques as well.

Boom!

Splash!

Dongfang Jin Lun’s target was the chest that the middle-aged man had died trying to obtain earlier. As soon as he made a move, the Soul Extinguishing Water that had killed the middle-aged man began to stir and roil again. When the Soul Extinguishing Water soared and was about to crash down on him, he had already grabbed both the chest, along with the middle-aged man’s corpse, and escaped out of reach.

Swoosh!

Dongfang Jin Lun moved at lightning speed, easily bringing back the chest and the middle-aged man's corpse. He flipped the chest open, causing the corpse to fall to the ground before rolling into the flood of Soul Extinguishing Water.

'How fast! It seems like he's even slightly faster than Sima Chun...' Duan Ling Tian looked at Dongfang Jin Lun in amazement. With such speed, it was only natural that the Soul Extinguishing Water could not catch up to Dongfang Jin Lun, let alone destroy his soul.

Click!

Dongfang Jin Lun opened the chest, revealing its content to everyone present.

Upon seeing the content, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was dumbfounded.

A frown appeared on Dongfang Jin Lun's face as he stared at the chest. "This..."

The chest was empty!

With this, everyone realized that not every box or chest contained treasure. Soon after, they shifted their attention to the other boxes and chests floating in the Soul Extinguishing Water. Even if some of the boxes and chests were empty, there would still be many boxes and chests with treasures in them.

Whoosh!

All of a sudden, a gust of wind blew in the air. The wind was bone-chillingly cold.

Someone cried out, "It's Ou Ya!"

Ouya, the genius disciple from the Frost Sect and the only female peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial present on the scene, made her move at this moment. Her body seemed as light as a feather as she descended, approaching a small box.

Boom!

Splash!

Similar to the two instances earlier, as soon as Ou Ya approached, the Soul Extinguishing Water soared up again, trying to drown her.

Most people inhaled sharply and their expressions turned grim when they saw the Soul Extinguishing Water was about to crash down on her.

Crackling noises rang in the air suddenly.

Everyone saw the Soul Extinguishing Water that was about to drown Ou Ya froze over.

A layer of protective energy that seemed like ice appeared on Ouya's body as she grabbed the box and from the Soul Extinguishing Water's reach. When she finally landed, the Soul Extinguishing Water was no longer frozen and had returned to its liquid state.

Similar to before, with no one approaching, the Soul Extinguishing Water remained calm.

The participants finally regained their senses after seeing Ou Ya successfully and easily obtaining a box.

“Incredible!”

“How strong! As expected of someone who has comprehended two profundities from the law of ice!”

“I can’t believe she managed to freeze the Soul Extinguishing Water! The law of ice is really formidable!”

Most of the participants who were amazed by this feat were participants who had only comprehended one profundity, the Fundamental Profundity, of a law. Although Fundamental Profundities were important and were the foundation to comprehending other profundities, their powers and uses were inferior to other profundities. Therefore, these participants were a whole level below those who had comprehended two profundities. How could they not be amazed?

Click!

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Ou Ya opened the box.

It was empty again.

Ou Ya shook her head and said with a bitter smile, ‘It seems like my luck isn’t very good...’

At this moment, someone from Dongfang Jin Lun’s group cried out in a voice filled with awe, “That... Is that a doppelganger?!”

Dongfang Jin Lun’s group was now left with seven people after the middle-aged man died. The six of them were startled by the seventh person’s words.

Swoosh!

In the next moment, they saw a red-eyed young man approaching a chest in the Soul Extinguishing Water.

Boom!

Splash!

The Soul Extinguishing Water raged and churned as it soared up. In just an instant, the water crashed down on the red-eyed young man. In the next moment, he shot out of the water with the chest in tow. He was completely unaffected by the water!

The red-eyed young man was none other than Ling Jue Yun’s doppelganger. Since he had comprehended the law of death’s second profundity, the Undead Doppelganger, he was able to create a clone of himself. His clone was, naturally, soulless so how could the Soul Extinguishing Water affect it?

The doppelganger merged with Ling Jue Yun’s body as he held the chest.

Click!

Ling Jue Yun opened the chest, revealing a four-foot-long broad saber. Based on its aura, one could tell it was a King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured with a Celestial Lord’s Celestial Origin

Energy. He muttered to himself, "Seems like my luck isn't too bad..." Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and egged Duan Ling Tian on. "So? Are you going to give it a go or what?"

As soon as Ling Jue Yun's voice fell, Duan Ling Tian's body flashed out of sight as he made his way to a small box floating in the Soul Extinguishing Water. The box seemed to be the smallest in size among all the boxes and chests floating in the water.

Likewise, the Soul Extinguishing Water stirred and soared up again.

Faced with the Soul Extinguishing Water that was threatening to crash down, Duan Ling Tian did not dodge nor retreat. Even his stance was neutral, neither defensive nor offensive. It seemed as though he was going to follow in Ling Jue Yun's footsteps and let the water crash down on him!

"Huh?" Ling Jue Yun was taken aback when he saw this. After all, he could only touch the Soul Extinguishing Water through his doppelganger. If he had personally gone to retrieve the box, he would never let the water touch him. For this reason, he was shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian had no intention of avoiding the Soul Extinguishing Water at all. However, as shocked as he was, he did not think Duan Ling Tian was recklessly throwing his life away.

Needless to say, the rest of the participants from Duan Ling Tian's group, including Xue Jing Yu, were even more shocked. They were baffled; they could not understand what Duan Ling Tian was trying to do. One's physical body was different from a doppelganger, after all. How was Duan Ling Tian planning to survive the Soul Extinguishing Water? If Duan Ling Tian had cast his defensive techniques, they would not be shocked. After all, none of them doubted Duan Ling Tian's strength. However, the problem was Duan Ling Tian did not seem to be doing anything at all to defend himself against the Soul Extinguishing Water!

"Is he mad?"

"Does he think he's invulnerable like Ling Jue Yun's doppelganger? He's going to let the Soul Extinguishing Water touch him! Is he seeking death?"

"Crazy! Duan Ling Tian is crazy!"

Meanwhile, Dongfang Jin Lun looked at Duan Ling Tian and sneered before he contemptuously said, "Seeking death!"

Ou Ya was, similarly, watching Duan Ling Tian. A hint of confusion could be seen in her limpid eyes. A woman's sixth sense was much keener compared to men. Although it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was seeking death, her instincts told her that the matter was not that simple. There was more than meets the eye! Moreover, someone who was capable of entering the Celestial Lord Temple would not be a simple character. He would certainly not be foolish and court death for no reason.

'Got it!' When Duan Ling Tian grabbed the box, the Soul Extinguishing Water crashed down on him, effectively drenching him. He felt as though buckets upon buckets of ice-cold water were splashed on him.

'It's coming!' As soon as the Soul Extinguishing Water touched Duan Ling Tian, he could feel a tyrannical and destructive force surge into his body, making its way to his soul. As it drew close to his soul, the

Profound Divine Metal glowed with a golden light that easily stopped the destructive force from destroying his soul.

Varying expressions, from shocked to incredulity to bewilderment, could be seen on everyone's faces as they watched Duan Ling Tian safely emerge from the Soul Extinguishing Water and return to his position.

Needless to say, everyone broke into an uproar when they regained their senses.

"Heavens! This... What's going on? He.... actually survived!"

"This purple-clad young man must have a soul defense Celestial Weapon that's at the Duke Grade or above. I hear soul defense weapons of those grades could protect one from the Soul Extinguishing Water's effect."

Among these people, there were quite a few who were knowledgeable and experienced. They did not hesitate to make their own conjectures.

"A Soul defense Celestial Weapon at or above the Duke Grade? Soul defense Celestial Weapons are the rarest.... The cost of a soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon is roughly the cost of a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon!"

"If he truly has that kind of weapon, it's no wonder he's able to survive the Soul Extinguishing Water with his body alone."

"This soul defense Celestial Weapon will give him all advantage during the Celestial Lord Temple's second trial! It's really going to be a walk in the park for him. With this soul defense Celestial Weapon, it's as though the boxes and chest are being served on a silver platter to him!"

Duan Ling Tian's group had long been convinced of his strength and knew he was not inferior to Dongfang Jin Lun at all.

On the other hand, the people from Dongfang Jin Lun's group looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes brimming with jealousy and resentment. It was clear they were all looking for an opportunity to snatch the soul defense Celestial Weapon away from him.

At this moment, Dongfang Jin Lun stepped forward and looked at Duan Ling Tian before he said in a hoarse voice, "Brat, you have a soul defense Celestial Weapon at the Duke Grade or above?" Although there were no ripples in his eyes, and it was as indifferent as always, if one were to look closely... one would be able to see the greed brewing in the depths of his eyes.

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Although the price of a soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon was roughly the price of a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon, people would rarely exchange the former for the latter. Those who owned soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapons would not even exchange them for a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord. After all, soul defense Celestial Weapons were extremely rare. Not only was it difficult to forge them, but the

materials required to forge them were incredibly rare as well. There was no doubt a soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon was much more precious than a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon.

A soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon could protect one from soul attacks by Celestial Dukes and those weaker. As long as it was not someone stronger than a Celestial Duke, a soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon could even block attacks boosted with a profundity of a law. Naturally, that was only on the premise that the attacker had not fully comprehended the profundity of a law. If the attacker had completely mastered the profundity of a law, the soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon would not even be able to block the attack from a One Basic Celestial Duke.

The force from the Soul Extinguishing Water was weaker than an attack boosted with a profundity of a law from a Celestial Duke. For this reason, a soul defense Duke Grade Celestial Weapon would be able to block it.

“Brat, you have a soul defense Celestial Weapon at the Duke Grade or above?” Dongfang Jin Lun stared at Duan Ling Tian greedily.

It was rather obvious to everyone present on the scene that Dongfang Jin Lun coveted Duan Ling Tian’s soul defense Celestial Weapon.

Duan Ling Tian asked indifferently, “Why? Do you want it?”

“If you hand over your soul defense Celestial Weapon, not only will I spare your life, but I’ll also protect you and make sure you leave the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm alive,” Dongfang Jin Lun replied. The purple-clad young man was not even 100 years old. There was no way the young man posed any threat to him. Even if the purple-clad young man comprehended two profundities like him, he was still not afraid. He made no attempt to conceal his killing intent as he continued to say, “Although there’s no doubt a soul defense Celestial Weapon is precious, it’s definitely not as precious as your life.”

“You’re right.” Duan Ling Tian nodded faintly, agreeing with Dongfang Jin Lun’s words. “It’s not just soul defense Celestial Weapons. No treasure is comparable to one’s life...”

Dongfang Jin Lun said with a sneer, “Since you understand, hurry up and hand over your soul defense Celestial Weapon to me! Otherwise, you’ll regret it if I make my move.” He was only interested in Duan Ling Tian’s soul defense Celestial Weapon; he did not care about other treasures Duan Ling Tian might possess. After all, he had no lack of treasures.

Although Dongfang Jin Lun was confident he would be able to kill Duan Ling Tian and snatched the soul defense Celestial Weapon away, he did not wish to kill anyone if it was not necessary. After all, once 70% of the participants had fallen, everyone would be sent out of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. He wanted to spend more time in the lower realm to search for more treasures and fortuitous encounters.

“Is that so?” Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he said tonelessly, “Then, let’s have a look at how you’re going to make me feel regret.” With just a thought, he mobilized his power that lay dormant in his body.

“Since you have a death wish, I’ll fulfill your wish!” Dongfang Jin Lun did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so obstinate. His expression darkened as bolts of purple lightning flashed around his body.

Bang!

In the next moment, a saber appeared in Dongfang Jin Lun's hand before he seemed to transform into a gigantic lightning bolt and shot toward Duan Ling Tian. Although he did not think Duan Ling Tian was a match for him, he did not hold back when he attacked. He did not dare to be careless, after all.

Everyone watched with bated breath as Dongfang Jin Lun drew closer to Duan Ling Tian.

When Dongfang Jin Lun was almost upon Duan Ling Tian, a seven-color sword shot out of Duan Ling Tian's body. The sword emitted red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet lights. Among the seven colors, the violet light shone the brightest. A golden and mustard light could be seen as well.

Swish!

Xiu!

A short-lived sword cry rang in the air.

The ear-piercing sound caused the onlookers to involuntarily shiver. An expression of terror could be seen on their faces when they saw the seven-color sword had accurately pierced Dongfang Jin Lun's forehead.

The seven-color sword did not create much disturbance as it sailed in the air. It quietly and easily pierced Dongfang Jin Lun's forehead. It seemed as effortless as snapping a twig into two.

A stream of blood gushed out of the wound on Dongfang Jin Lun's forehead as his lightning power faded away. Although he had died, his eyes were wide open and his body was still moving toward Duan Ling Tian due to inertia.

Duan Ling Tian lifted a hand and blasted Dongfang Jin Lun's corpse away with a surge of energy. Then, he collected Dongfang Jin Lun's saber, purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon, and Spatial Ring.

Splash!

The crowd finally regained their senses when Dongfang Jin Lun's corpse fell into the Soul Extinguishing Water. At this moment, apart from Ling Jue Yin, everyone, including Ou Ya, the genius from the Frost Sect, regarded Duan Ling Tian with expressions of terror on their faces.

'The sword...' A hint of confusion could be seen in Ou Ya's eyes when she looked at the seven-color sword that disappeared into Duan Ling Tian's palm. 'Although the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities he used earlier contained the law of earth's Earth Elemental Profundity, their grades are only at the King Grade or lower. The only reason he's able to kill Dongfang Jin Lun is all thanks to that seven-color sword... Is... is the sword a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?'

Ou Ya continued thinking to herself, 'No... With the strength he demonstrated earlier, if it was a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, Dongfang Jin Lun could have dodged the attack with his speed... Moreover, Royal Grade Celestial Weapons won't be able to merge with one's body in such a manner... D-don't... don't tell me it's an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!'

Although most of the participants were clueless, there were a few participants who shared the same thoughts as Ou Ya as well.

Those who were unaware were shocked when they saw the seven-color sword enter Duan Ling Tian's body. They began to fervently discuss among themselves.

"Heavens! What did I just see? That sword returned to Duan Ling Tian's body?"

"What kind of weapon is that? A Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?"

"I've never seen anything like that... How did it enter his body? Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian created a small world in his body?"

"Impossible! He's only an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Only Celestial Dukes or those who are stronger are capable of creating small worlds."

"Then, how do you explain what happened?"

"Although a Celestial Duke can create a small world in their bodies, they wouldn't store their Celestial Weapons in there. It's very troublesome to retrieve Celestial Weapons from there, after all. It's much more convenient to store them in Spatial Rings," a middle-aged speculated in a soft voice, "If I'm not mistaken... the seven-color sword should be an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!" His voice shook when he reached the end of his sentence.

An Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!

Upon hearing these words, Xue Jing Yu and the others were thoroughly shocked. Who could blame them? They did not even dare to think about Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. In the entire Southern Heaven Territory, the number of Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons could be counted on one hand. How could they not be shocked upon discovering Duan Ling Tian possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?

'Who's Duan Ling Tian?!' Xue Jing Yu, who had fought Duan Ling Tian previously, felt his body shook when he regained his senses. If someone had told him that an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon before this, he would not have believed it even if he were beaten to death! In all the South Heaven Territory, not even the later generations of South Heaven Celestial Lords possessed Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, let alone an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

"Who's Duan Ling Tian? Why does he have an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?!"

"Is this a joke?"

"An Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon! I didn't expect I'd be able to see one in my life!"

Many of the participants stared at Duan Ling Tian in shock and disbelief.

A young man speculated out loud, "Is it possible he obtained his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon in the South Heaven Ancient Realm?"

Upon hearing this, many people disagreed with him,

“You’re thinking too much. Let alone the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient, there are no Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons even in the middle realm and the higher realm!”

“Even Titled Celestial Lords from the Southern Heaven Territory would only encounter Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons if they were incredibly lucky! It’s impossible that the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm has Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons!”

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“Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?” A trace of disdain flitted past Ling Jue Yun’s face when he heard the crowd’s discussion. Duan Ling Tian had used an artifact earlier! How could Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons compare to artifacts? Moreover, Duan Ling Tian’s artifact was a prominent artifact!

The people from Ou Ya’s side continued to discuss among themselves.

“Unfortunately, all memories related to the Celestial Lord Temple would be erased once we leave. It’s destined that no one will remember Duan Ling Tian’s Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.”

“If news spreads out that Duan Ling Tian possesses an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, let alone the Profound Nether Mansion, it would cause an uproar in the entire Southern Heaven Territory!”

“Well, I’m sure Duan Ling Tian wouldn’t have brought out his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon if our memories regarding the Celestial Lord Temple aren’t going to be erased. After all, even if he has an extraordinary background, it wouldn’t be able to deter others from risking their lives to obtain the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!”

“I disagree. Under the circumstances earlier, I don’t think he has any other choice but to bring out his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon to defend himself against Dongfang Jin Lun...”

On the other hand, the people from Duan Ling Tian’s group, including Xue Jing Yu, sneered when they heard the other group’s discussion. Many of them spoke up one after another.

“Even if Duan Ling Tian didn’t have an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, there’s still no reason for him to fear Dongfang Jin Lun!”

“That’s right! Although Dongfang Jin Lun had comprehended two profundities from the law of thunder and was incredibly powerful, it was impossible for him to kill Duan Ling Tian.”

“Duan Ling Tian has also comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. Moreover, one of the profundities is a defensive profundity...”

“Although Dongfang Jin Lun was powerful, he would not have been able to breach Duan Ling Tian’s defense. Since Duan Ling Tian’s speed is a little slower, a battle between the duo would probably end in a draw if Duan Ling Tian didn’t use an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!”

"I disagree. In my opinion, even if Duan Ling Tian didn't use the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, he would still be able to kill Dongfang Jin Lun," Xue Jing Yu said. No one was clearer than him in regard to Duan Ling Tian's strength.

The words of Xue Jing Yu and the others caused an uproar among Ou Ya and the others.

"Duan Ling Tian has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth?"

"They have no reason to lie to us..."

"They don't seem to be lying either... Isn't Duan Ling Tian younger than 100 years old?"

"He comprehended two profundities from the law earth before reaching the age of 100? He's really a monster!"

"Terrifying! He's too terrifying!"

"That's right. He's a rarely seen one-of-kind genius!"

Meanwhile, Ou Ya regarded Duan Ling Tian fearfully.

"One of a kind?" Xue Jing Yu chuckled. "Did you see the other person in our group who cast the Undead Doppelganger earlier? It's a profundity from the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws. He's also younger than 100 years old!"

Xue Jing Yu's words drew everyone's attention away from Duan Ling Tian to Ling Jue Yun.

The others had forgotten about Ling Jue Yun due to the commotion Duan Ling Tian had caused. Currently, there was an expression of fear on their faces as well when they looked at Ling Jue Yun.

"The Undead Doppelganger?"

"His doppelganger is from the Undead Doppelganger? He comprehended the law of death?"

"The law of death is one of the Four Supreme Laws. One can't find them in Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities. One can only find them if one's incredibly lucky!"

"He's really less than 100 years ago!" someone cried out after probing Ling Jue Yun with his Divine Consciousness.

"To comprehend the law of death's Undead Doppelganger, he would have to fully comprehend the law of death's Fundamental Profundity, the Death Elemental Profundity. In other words, he has comprehended two laws from the law of death!"

"When did such terrifying freaks appear in the Profound Nether Mansion!"

While everyone's attention was on Ling Jue Yun, Duan Ling Tian opened the small box in his hand. He muttered to himself, "As expected, it's empty..."

Upon seeing this, Ling Jue Yun said with a chuckle, "It seems like you're not as lucky as me."

Duan Ling Tian ignored Ling Jue Yun. He flew out and continued to retrieve boxes and chests.

During the entire time, no one dared to interrupt Duan Ling Tian. Even Ou Ya did not dare to compete with Duan Ling Tian for the boxes and chests. After all, who knew if that would incur his wrath?

The only person who was undaunted and unaffected by Duan Ling Tian was Ling Jue Yun. He joined Duan Ling Tian and began to retrieve boxes and chests from the Soul Extinguishing Water.

The others could only watch on in envy. However, they were not too vexed. After all, apart from Ou Ya, even if Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were not around, they were still incapable of retrieving the boxes and chests from the Soul Extinguishing Water.

Ou Ya, who was capable of retrieving the boxes and chests, did not make a move since she was fearful of Duan Ling Tian who possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Sword.

In about 15 minutes, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun had collected almost all the boxes and chests in the Soul Extinguishing Water. Most of them were empty.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian obtained five King Grade Celestial Weapons, three pill bottles, and six Celestial Talismans.

On the other hand, Ling Jue Yun obtained six King Grade Celestial Weapons, two pill bottles, and three Celestial Talismans.

Splash! Splash! Splash!

After Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun collected all the chests and boxes, the Soul Extinguishing Water began to surge and roil again before it slowly disappeared to where it came from.

In just a blink of an eye, the Soul Extinguishing Water disappeared without a trace. If it were not for the two corpses on the ground, they would have thought they were dreaming.

'Hmm?' Soon after the Soul Extinguishing Water disappeared, Duan Ling Tian sensed a disturbance in the air. It did not take long before a mystical energy surged from all directions and shrouded him and the other participants.

"This is..."

"We're changing location?"

Despite the overwhelming force of the energy, the others could sense it was not dangerous. It was only transporting them to another place like a boat. All of them were brought to a dark place.

At the same time, the voice whom everyone suspected belonged to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord rang in their ears.

"Congratulations! All of you have passed the second trial in the Celestial Lord Temple... You're now heading to the final destination in the Celestial Lord Temple."

"The final destination?"

"The trials are over so soon?"

“What sort of place is the final destination? Will all of us be transported to the same place?”

“Seems like it...”

Someone said with a sigh, “If that’s the case, it seems like we’re destined to leave the Celestial Lord Temple empty-handed.”

“That’s right. It’s impossible for us to obtain any treasure with those two freaks around!”

A bitter smile could be seen on everyone’s face, including Ou Ya, when they discovered it was likely that they were being sent to the same place.

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Meanwhile, in the center of the Scaling Cloud Lake, outside of the Southern Heaven of Ancient Realm.

“Jin Lun!” A sorrowful cry echoed in the air. A green-clad middle-aged man stood frozen in grief and disbelief.

One of the names at the top of the scoreboard had suddenly disappeared.

An uproar broke out when the people above the Scaling Cloud Lake learned about Dongfang Jin Lun’s death.

“It’s the son of the Second Master of the Dongfang Clan!”

“Dongfang Jin Lun’s name has disappeared!”

“Dongfang Jin Lun was the most talented son of the Second Master of the Dongfang Clan. Moreover, he was the most talented person to appear in his clan! I can’t believe even someone like him died!”

“Rumor has it that Dongfang Jin Lun had already comprehended two profundities from the law of thunder. Apart from the Fundamental Profundity, the Thunder Elemental Profundity, he had also comprehended the Lightning Profundity!”

“The Lightning Profundity... That’s one of the most practical profundities from the law of thunder. It’s an offensive and movement profundity!”

“With such strength, he still died? Who’s powerful enough to kill someone like him?”

“This is the death of the second person who had comprehended two profundities. First, it was Sima Chun from the Sima Clan, and now, it’s Dongfang Jin Lun from the Dongfang Clan!”

“Is it possible that one of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm has comprehended three profundities from a law?”

“That’s quite likely! Otherwise, how could Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun die?”

The deaths of Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun caused the atmosphere to turn heavy.

More and more people shifted their gaze to the scoreboard at this moment.

Only a few points separated the names on the top of the scoreboard. The first place was occupied by someone called Murong Xiao Xiao while Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun occupied the second and third place respectively.

Meanwhile, Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, was visibly excited when he saw Duan Ling Tian's name in the second place on the scoreboard. As long as Duan Ling Tian maintained his ranking, he would be handsomely rewarded by the Three Sects and Two Clans. 'Duan Ling Tian is still in second place even though his points have increased greatly... If I'm not mistaken, Murong Xiao Xiao is the most remarkable member to appear in the Murong Clan, a grade-seven clan, in the last 10,000 years. Moreover, she's also a female!'

'However, Ling Jue Yun is just a few points behind Duan Ling Tian...' Hu Lin Yi clenched his hands into fists, clearly anxious Ling Jue Yun would overtake Duan Ling Tian.