

**Chapter 3041: Clear Heavens Divine Wood**

The mansion was incredibly spacious. With just a glance, no exit or entrance could be seen at all.

“This is the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s treasure vault,” Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, said, “There might not be a lot of things here, but each of them is a masterpiece.”

A hint of pride could be heard in Sun Liang Peng’s voice as he continued to say, “Even the worst King Grade Celestial Weapons in here are purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons nurtured by Celestial Lords... Ordinary King Grade Celestial Weapons nurtured by Celestial Lords aren’t worthy of being kept in our sect’s treasure vault.”

“Are... Are there any Royal Grade Celestial Weapons here?”

Sun Liang Peng seemed to deflate slightly upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s question. The corners of his mouth twitched slightly. Indeed, the Simplicity Celestial Sect possessed a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, but it was the only one the sect possessed. Nobody but him knew about its existence, and it was in his possession.

Since the founding of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, only the Sect Leaders of the Simplicity Celestial Sect were privy to the existence of the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in the sect. It was passed down from one sect leader to another. Moreover, the sect leaders were not allowed to use it unless the sect was in dire straits. This was because the Simplicity Celestial Sect would not be able to hold onto the weapon if word of it spread.

Sun Liang Peng inhaled deeply before he said, “No. Royal Grade Celestial Weapons are too rare and precious. How could the Simplicity Celestial Sect possess any? Even if we have one, we would have given it to the Profound Nether Mansion. The Simplicity Celestial Sect is simply not powerful enough to keep a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.” After he finished saying this, he quickly changed the topic. “Although our sect’s treasure vault doesn’t have a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it has many valuable items... The other items aren’t any less valuable compared to purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons nurtured by Celestial Lords.”

In fact, Duan Ling Tian had scanned through all the items here as soon as he arrived. Apart from the purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that were nurtured by Celestial Lords, there were roughly 100 items here. The auras of the three purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons here were similar to his purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons.

There were brocade boxes, Celestial Talismans, Formation compass, and refining materials in the treasure vault. Duan Ling Tian recognized some of the refining materials. Although they were rare, he had no use for them at the moment.

There were roughly a dozen items that Duan Ling Tian did not recognize. Among all the shiny treasures, there was a seemingly ordinary dried twig that caught Duan Ling Tian’s attention.

'Is this some rare medicinal ingredient that I haven't seen before?' Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly.

All of a sudden, the Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Boy, you're really lucky. I didn't think we'd be able to find the first form of the Clear Heavens Divine Wood in such a place."

Clear Heavens Divine Wood?! Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in shock upon hearing the Chaos Divine Earth's words. 'It's the Five Divine Element's Clear Heavens Divine Wood?'

The Clear Heavens Divine Wood was one of the Five Divine Elements, similar to the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, the Chaos Divine Earth, and the World Cleansing Divine Water.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze fell on a seemingly ordinary dried twig. "So... T-this is the Clear Heavens Divine Wood?"

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. He did not expect this seemingly ordinary dried twig was one of the Five Divine Elements, the Clear Heavens Divine Wood.

'Well, after thinking about it, it's not that surprising. After all, the three first-form Profound Divine Metals I'd seen were ordinary-looking as well...'

Then, Duan Ling Tian turned to Sun Liang Peng. He pointed at the first-form Clear Heavens Divine Wood and feigned ignorance as he asked, "Sect leader, what's this? Is it a medicinal ingredient used to refine pills?"

"No." Sun Liang Peng stepped forward and picked up the ordinary dried twig in his hand. "In the past, the third Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect had accidentally stumbled upon this twig. It's a rather strange relic. We suspect it contains the law of wood's Twining Profundity." After he finished speaking, he sent his Celestial Origin Energy into the Clear Heavens Divine Wood.

Soon after, several vines sprouted on the dried twig. In just a blink of an eye, the vines grew longer and twined themselves around Sun Liang Peng's arm that was holding it. In the end, it looked as though his arm had become one with the twig.

"Once you withdraw your Celestial Origin Energy from it, it'll return to its original form." Sun Liang Peng said as he withdrew his Celestial Origin Energy. Then, the vines disappeared into the twig immediately, reverting to the appearance of an ordinary dried twig one would be able to find under trees.

"Alas, many disciples had studied it over tens of thousands of years, but no one had managed to comprehend the law of wood's Twining Profundity from it. In fact, even those who had comprehended the Twining Profundity could not use it to improve their comprehension. By that, I mean they can't improve the Twining Profundity from the rudimentary stage to the initial stage with it," Sun Liang Peng continued to say. He was afraid Duan Ling Tian was unaware that Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities only allowed one to comprehend profundities to the rudimentary stage so he patiently explained, "To further comprehend profundities to the initial stage, one must have the corresponding Royal Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities. To comprehend them to the mastery stage, one has to have the corresponding Emperor Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“In any case, what we know so far is we can’t comprehend the law of wood’s Twining Profundity from it nor could we use it to improve our comprehension of the Twining Profundity from the rudimentary stage to the initial stage. Perhaps, it’d be of use to improve the profundity from the initial stage to the mastery stage...” Sun Liang Peng was subtly trying to convince Duan Ling Tian to choose the twig.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Sun Liang Peng knowingly and asked, “Sect leader, do you even believe the words you said?”

Sun Liang Peng smiled in embarrassment when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He knew it was unlikely that the twig in his hand could help one improve the Twining Profundity from the initial stage to the mastery stage. After all, if it was capable of doing that, it should be able to help those who had comprehended the Twining Profundity to the rudimentary to comprehend it to the initial stage.

In the end, Sun Liang Peng awkwardly said, “I was speaking carelessly. It’s likely that it doesn’t have any use and only serves as a collectible. If you want something practical, you should pick something else.” After he finished speaking, he put the twig down.

To Sun Liang Peng’s surprise, Duan Ling Tian reached out to pick up the twig he had just put down. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to still be interested in it.

“You’re right. It might not be a practical item, but it’s still a collectible... It’s perfect. I happen to like collecting unique items. Let this be my first item then.” As Duan Ling Tian spoke, he put the dried twig into his Spatial Ring.

“Duan Ling Tian, you...” Sun Liang Peng only regained his sense after Duan Ling Tian had put the twig away. He asked with a slight frown on his face, “Are you sure?”

The Simplicity Celestial Sect had studied it for tens of thousands of years and still failed to discover its use. Therefore, Sun Liang Peng did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to figure out its use as well. In order to leave a good impression on Duan Ling Tian, he gently reminded, “It doesn’t actually have any practical uses.”

“Don’t worry, I have thought through it... I’ll just take it since I haven’t seen anything else I like,” Duan Ling Tian said as he moved to look at the other items in the treasure vault.

Duan Ling Tian’s flippant attitude made Sun Liang Peng think Duan Ling Tian was rather capricious.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian looked at two bottles of unknown liquid and asked hopefully, “Chaos Divine Earth, are there any other Five Divine Elements in their first forms here? What about a first-form World Cleansing Divine Water? There are two bottles of unknown liquid here. Could they be the World Cleansing Divine Water?”

“Boy, do you the Five Divine Elements are easily found like radishes in the market?” the Chaos Divine Earth retorted in its childish voice. Based on its words, it was clear the two bottles did not contain the World Cleansing Divine Water.

“Sect leader, what’s inside these bottles?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he pointed at the two bottles. Although he knew they did not contain the World Cleansing Divine Water, his interest was still piqued. After all, they must be valuable since they were kept in the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s treasure vault.

### **Chapter 3042: The Stellar Sand**

“These two bottles of liquid are rare and precious ingredients. This bottle contains the rare ingredient needed to forge a soul-defense Royal Grade Celestial Weapon while this bottle contains the ingredient needed for a Celestial Lord to inscribe powerful Celestial Talismans,” Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, replied.

Duan Ling Tian finally realized why these two bottles were kept in the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s treasure vault. These ingredients were extremely rare and valuable even in the entire Southern Heaven Territory.

As Sun Liang Peng guided Duan Ling Tian around the treasure vault and explained the various items in the vault to him, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘Apart from the Clear Heavens Divine Wood, nothing else catches my eyes...’

‘Is there nothing in here that catches his eyes?’ Sun Liang Peng was rather speechless when he saw Duan Ling Tian looking through the hundred items in the treasure vault with a slight frown on his face. He could tell Duan Ling Tian was not having difficulties choosing an item. Instead, it was clear to him that nothing caught Duan Ling Tian’s eyes at all. He could not help but wonder again if Duan Ling Tian was truly a sectless cultivator. After all, could sectless cultivators remain so indifferent faced with these treasures?

In the end, Duan Ling Tian decided to ask the Chaos Divine Earth for advice. “Chaos Divine Earth, what do you think I should choose?”

“I have no idea as well. There’s no doubt these are all treasures, but to me, they’re nothing,” the Chaos Divine Earth replied.

After listening to the Chaos Divine Earth’s words, Duan Ling Tian was going to randomly pick one of the items when a familiar voice rang in his mind. “There’s a red box with golden trimmings on your right. Take it.”

The voice belonged to the Chaos Divine Flame.

“Senior, you’re awake?” Duan Ling Tian was surprised. Previously, the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal had exhausted themselves and entered deep slumber after they helped him with getting the branch from the Divine Tree of Life to acknowledge him as its master.

“Yes,” the Chaos Divine Flame replied. Its voice sounded weak unlike before when it was filled with vigor.

“Senior, the red box contains the ingredient to forge a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. It’s called the Stellar Sand,” Duan Ling Tian said after he recalled what Sun Liang Peng had said about the content of the red box.

“The Stellar Sand will benefit you. It’ll speed up the integration of the soul sword in your sea of consciousness with the Divine Sword in your body,” the Chaos Divine Flame replied.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up when he heard the Chaos Divine Flame’s words.

Huang’er used to be the soul artifact of a prominent Devata Artifact. For her to completely integrate with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword in Duan Ling Tian’s body would require a long time. He, naturally, could not wait for her to completely become the soul artifact of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword since it meant he would have an additional helper by his side. The soul of a Devata Artifact was capable of manifesting in the form of a human, after all.

“How do I use the Stellar Sand?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“All you need to do is obtain the Stellar Sand. You can leave the rest to me,” the Chaos Divine Flame replied.

With this, Duan Ling Tian reached out to pick up the red box with golden trimmings. For his second item, he decided to choose the box of Stellar Sand.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian picking up the box, Sun Liang Peng kindly reminded Duan Ling Tian, “As I said earlier, this box contains the ingredient needed to forge a Royal Grade Weapon. However, it’s only one of the few rare materials needed to forge a Royal Grade Weapon. Therefore, you won’t be able to forge a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon with this ingredient alone.”

“I know.” Duan Ling Tian nodded and glanced at the box in his hand. After he put away the box of Stellar Sand, he said, “Sect Leader, I’ll choose this box as my second item. We can leave the treasure vault now...”

As Zhang Guang Zheng, the Vice Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, had promised, Duan Ling Tian had chosen two items from the treasure vault.

Sun Liang Peng expected Duan Ling Tian to take up his offer and choose the third item as well. It was out of his expectation that Duan Ling Tian was ready to leave after choosing two items in the treasure vault. Therefore, he reminded goodnaturedly, “Duan Ling Tian, you can choose another item from the treasure vault.”

“Sect leader, thank you for your generosity. However, there’s nothing else I want in the treasure vault. If there’s something I like, I wouldn’t hesitate to owe you favor just to obtain it,” Duan Ling Tian said with a smile on his face.

Indeed. If there were an item that caught Duan Ling Tian’s eyes in the treasure vault, he would not hesitate to obtain it even if it meant owing Sun Liang Peng a favor. However, there was really nothing that caught his eyes in the vault.

Sun Liang Peng was rendered speechless by Duan Ling Tian’s words. Why were the items that had been passed down generation after generation unappealing to this young man who was not even 100 years old? Baffled, he could only lead Duan Ling Tian to the Transportation Formation in the treasure vault.

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian had reappeared in front of the altar again.

The lifelike statue stood quietly on the altar. Its posture had reverted to its original state.

“Let’s go,” Sun Liang Peng said and brought Duan Ling Tian back to where they came from.

During their journey back, Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly, ‘There must be more than one Transportation Formation that leads to the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s treasure vault. They could be located anywhere as far as 10,000 miles or a million miles away.’

Since Duan Ling Tian had entered the treasure vault through a Transportation Formation, he did not know the location of the treasure vault. It would not surprise him if Sun Liang Peng did not know the exact location of the treasure vault as well. Moreover, he suspected the treasure vault was not in the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate at all.

Out of curiosity, Duan Ling Tian asked, “Sect Leader, do you know the exact location of the treasure vault?”

Sun Liang Peng paused in his steps for a moment before he resumed walking again. “Why do you ask?”

“The treasure vault must be located somewhere else since it requires a Transportation Formation for us to get there. The altar and the Formations along the path protect the treasure vault, right?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Sun Liang Peng and said, “If I’m not mistaken, the most important protective measure is the Transportation Formation. To be precise, the key to activating the Transporting Formation to the treasure vault is the most important protective measure...”

“Duan Ling Tian, not only do you have a high innate talent and comprehension skills, but you’re far more knowledgeable than ordinary people,” Sun Liang Peng said, slightly taken aback by Duan Ling Tian’s conjecture. Based on his reaction, it was clear that Duan Ling Tian had hit the nail on the head.

Sun Liang Peng looked at Duan Ling Tian, perplexed, as he asked skeptically, “A-are you really just a sectless cultivator?”

Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent, comprehension skill, and knowledge were not common among sectless cultivators. Most sectless cultivators had little knowledge about treasures and affairs of the world. Duan Ling Tian’s analysis of the Transportation Formation and the treasure vault clearly showed his intelligence. Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian was clearly unimpressed by the items in the treasure vault. Thus, he could not help but suspect Duan Ling Tian’s background. After all, with this, even the sectless cultivator by the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord’s side was not superior to Duan Ling Tian!

“Sect leader, I’m really just a sectless cultivator. In fact, the reason I joined the Simplicity Celestial Sect is to enter the Profound Nether Mansion. In any case, it shouldn’t matter to the Simplicity Celestial Sect whether I’m a sectless cultivator or not, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“You’re right...” Sun Liang Peng nodded, agreeing with Duan Ling Tian’s words. Was Duan Ling Tian really a sectless cultivator? After thinking about it for a moment, he agreed it mattered not if Duan Ling Tian was a sectless cultivator or not. After all, it would not affect the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

After exiting the complex underground passage, the dazzling light hit the duo’s eyes.

At this moment, Sun Liang Peng said, “Duan Ling Tian, this is a true disciple’s token. There are only ten of these tokens in the Simplicity Celestial Sect.”

Duan Ling Tian turned to look at the wooden token in Sun Liang Peng's hand. There were green lines that snaked across the wooden token's surface.

"Apart from you, there are nine other true disciples in the Simplicity Celestial Sect. The weakest true disciple is a Five Elements Celestial Duke. The cultivation bases of true disciples aren't as important as their innate talents. Saying that, in the history of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, you're the second person to be made a true disciple with the cultivation base of an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial."

### **Chapter 3043: True Disciple**

"The first Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to become a true disciple of the Simplicity Celestial Sect was like you. He had comprehended two profundities from a law when he was under the age of 100. However, his innate talent wasn't as good as yours. He only became an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial when he was slightly over 100 years old. Even then, when he first became an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial, his strength far surpassed peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had yet to comprehend a law!" Sun Liang Peng's eyes brimmed with sadness as he spoke.

Although that true disciple could not be considered as a peerless or monstrous genius, he was still a genius with a bright future since he managed to comprehend two profundities from a law before even reaching the age of 100. Such a person was rare even in the Southern Heaven Territory, let alone the Profound Nether Mansion.

"What happened to that disciple?" Duan Ling Tian asked. Based on Sun Liang Peng's expression, it was not difficult to tell that the true disciple met with a mishap and died an untimely death before he could grow into his full potential. Apart from that, the Simplicity Celestial Sect was still a grade-seven sect under the Profound Nether Mansion. If that true disciple were still around, the sect should have risen and become a grade-six sect. Even if the sect would not become a top sect in the Southern Heaven Territory, the sect would have been the same grade as the Profound Nether Mansion.

"He was assassinated when he just turned 500 years old and became a One Basic Celestial Duke. He was killed by a professional assassin who was a Five Elements Celestial King. Although the assassin was killed before he could flee, there was nothing we could do to save that true disciple's life. Due to his death, the Simplicity Celestial Sect lost its chance to rise and achieve greatness..." Sun Liang Peng smiled bitterly when he finished speaking.

"Did the sect manage to find out who sent the assassin or where the assassin came from?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"No," Sun Liang Peng shook his head and said, "We have no conclusive evidence that pointed to where he came from or who sent him. However, from what we could gather from his possessions in his Spatial Ring, it was likely that he did not come from any of the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion. In fact, there are no assassin guilds in the Profound Nether Mansion capable of employing Five Elements Celestial Kings. Generally, assassin guilds in the Profound Nether Mansion don't thrive due to the suppression from the Profound Nether Mansion. It's the same in the regions under other grade-six mansions' rule." Sun Liang Peng's eyes glinted coldly as he spoke. "Hence, the elders of the Simplicity Celestial Sect concluded that someone must have hired an assassin outside of the Profound Nether

Mansion to kill the genius true disciple of our sect. The assassin guild that could employ a Five Elements Celestial King must be from a superior mansion. Our sect's only a grade-seven sect. How could we investigate the assassin guild in another superior region? However, one thing's certain... The person who hired the assassin is definitely from one of the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion!"

Sun Liang Peng continued to say, "That true disciple was widely regarded as a rarely-seen genius in the Profound Nether Mansion. Even in the Southern Heaven Territory, he could still be considered as a genius who appeared every 100 years. Once he had grown into his potential, he would surely affect the power balance of the ruling regions under the Profound Nether Mansion."

In the end, Sun Liang Peng shook his head and said with a sigh, "In any case, it's a thing of the past... Let's not speak about it anymore. I can only say the sect was unlucky. Otherwise, we wouldn't have lost such a genius..."

"An assassin who was a Five Elements Celestial King..." After hearing Sun Liang Peng's words, he instinctively asked, "Sect leader, now that I'm a true disciple of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, will I be targeted?"

Sun Liang Peng was slightly taken aback and amused when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. Then, he said, "Don't worry, Duan Ling Tian. You joined the Simplicity Celestial Sect through your participation in entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. No matter how gifted you are, you're not a threat to those people. Those people would only target disciples raised by the sect from young since these disciples belong to the sect. No offense, but disciples who join the sect halfway like you are unlikely to wholeheartedly help the sect even if they're grateful for the sect's care." He was confident Duan Ling Tian would not suffer the same fate as that true disciple.

"That's a relief." Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly and sighed in relief. He still had two uses from his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that would allow him to deal with a Five Elements Celestial King. However, an assassin would most likely ambush him. If he was caught unaware, he would not have time to use his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, and he would be dead, as a result.

"Now that you've become a true disciple, you have access to all the sect's King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. You'll find them on the top floor of the library. Just show your true disciple token, and you're free to take what you need from there..." Sun Liang Peng began to list the privileges of a true disciple to Duan Ling Tian.

After listening to Sun Liang Peng, Duan Ling Tian discovered a true disciple had more benefits compared to the direct disciples of the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. There were things freely given to true disciples that the sect leader's direct disciples had to fight for.

'Vice Sect Leader Zhang had only promised me that I would receive similar treatment as a direct disciple of the sect leader. I owe it all to Sect Leader Sun for becoming a true disciple in the sect,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he glanced at Sun Liang Peng.

"Duan Ling Tian, I've informed my men to deal with your registration. Now, I'll take you to your residence for the duration of your stay in our sect," Sun Liang Peng said as he beckoned Duan Ling Tian to follow him. Then, he led Duan Ling Tian northward.



“Sect leader, I have a friend who’s currently staying in the Supporting Fall Nation’s palace. I wonder if you can arrange for someone to bring him here?” Duan Ling Tian asked without beating around the bush.

“Of course,” Sun Liang Peng replied without any hesitation. He smiled as he said, “After you’ve settled down, I’ll ask my second brother to go to the Thousand Nations Territory and bring your friend here. My second brother comprehends the law of wind so he’ll be back in three days even if he has to travel to the ends of the Thousand Nations Territory.”

“He only needs three days to return to the sect after traveling to the ends of the Thousand Nations Territory?” Duan Ling Tian was genuinely shocked.

Even a Five Elements Celestial King or a Six Combinations Celestial King would not have such speed. Based on Duan Ling Tian’s knowledge, Six Combinations Celestial Kings and Seven Stars Celestial Kings were the strongest in a grade-seven sect like the Simplicity Celestial Sect. It was rare for such a sect to have an Eight Trigrams Celestial King.

“Sect leader, you can simply arrange for anyone to pick him up. There’s no need to go to such length...” Duan Ling Tian said.

The person whom Duan Ling Tian wanted to bring to the Simplicity Celestial Sect from the Supporting Fall Nation was none other than Liu Guang Lin since Liu Guang Lin did not follow him to Scaling Cloud Lake. He had sent Liu Guang Lin a message through a Communication Celestial Talisman, asking Liu Guang Lin if he preferred to stay in the Supporting Fall Nation or the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

Liu Guang Lin did not hesitate to reply that he would follow Duan Ling Tian no matter where Duan Ling Tian went.

“My second brother has nothing better to do right now. It’d be a great opportunity for him to go out,” Sun Liang Peng said with a smile.

“Sect leader, may I ask which elder is your second brother?” Duan Ling Tian had heard about the elders of the Simplicity Celestial Sect from Zhang Guang Zheng during the journey back to the sect. However, Zhang Guang Zheng did not mention anything about Sun Liang Peng’s second brother. He wondered inwardly, ‘Who could it be?’

“My second brother is not an elder of our sect.” Sun Liang Peng shook his head with a smile on his face upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s question. “In fact, he’s not human; he’s a Celestial Beast. Normally, he cultivates on the Solitary Night Summit and rarely leaves that place.” As he spoke, his eyes shifted to the peak of a mountain in the distance.

The mountain was the highest mountain in the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate, and it towered into the clouds. Its peak that was like the tip of a green sword was shrouded by the clouds.

#### **Chapter 3044: Profound Celestial Ice**

“Celestial Beast?” Duan Ling Tian had encountered two Celestial Beasts in human forms when he was in the Supporting Fall Nation’s Passage City. Therefore, he was not surprised that Sun Liang Peng’s second brother was a Celestial Beast.

“Yes.” Sun Liang Peng nodded. “During my early years, I met my second brother when I left the sect to train outside. We had saved each other’s lives before. When I became the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, he decided to leave his clan and stay in the Simplicity Celestial Sect with me.” After that, he looked at the vast valley ahead of him and said with a smile, “That’s the residence and cultivating place for the true disciples and inner disciples of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.”

Duan Ling Tian followed Sun Liang Peng’s gaze. He saw many independent courtyards from the bottom of the valley to midway up the valley. They were densely packed together so it was difficult to count how many independent courtyards there were in the valley. At this moment, a few figures could be seen entering and leaving the courtyards.

“Those are the inner disciples of the Simplicity Celestial Sect,” Sun Liang Peng said to Duan Ling Tian as a group of people entered the valley.

Then, Sun Liang Peng looked at the sky above the valley. Ten small islands could be seen suspended in the sky. Each of the islands had a small courtyard. He explained, “The ten suspended islands are where the true disciples live. Although true disciples and inner disciples stay in the same valley, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the true disciples’ residences is one time greater than the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the inner disciples’ residences. In fact, true disciples’ cultivation environment isn’t inferior to my cultivation environment. We’re not deliberately providing true disciples with a better cultivation environment and the inner disciples with an inferior one. We have no choice because the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from the Celestial Crystal Vein is limited.” He had explained all this because he was worried Duan Ling Tian, as a sectless cultivator, might not know why the cultivation environment for the disciples was different.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly in response.

At this moment, the duo had entered the valley and arrived in front of a floating island.

Sun Liang Peng said with a smile, “This is where you’ll be staying.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up, at this moment. Although he had not entered the courtyard, he could keenly sense the cultivation environment here was at least two times better than other places in the Simplicity Celestial Sect despite Sun Liang Peng saying it was only one time greater.

Meanwhile, the appearance of the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, naturally, drew the attention of the inner disciples in the valley. They were surprised to see Sun Liang Peng and were curious about the newcomer, Duan Ling Tian.

“It’s the sect leader!”

“I wonder what brings the sect leader here? It’s my first time seeing him here!”

“I’ve been in the sect for 30 years, and this is the first time I’ve seen the Sect Leader here. I don’t think I’ve ever heard about the sect leader coming here before.”

“Who’s the purple-clad young man standing next to the sect leader?”

At this moment, the inner disciples who left the valley earlier spoke up to clear the confusion. With their words, the other inner disciples learned that Duan Ling Tian was one of the participants who was recruited to the Simplicity Celestial Sect after surviving the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Sect.

“When I was out earlier, I heard that Vice Sect Leader Zhang has returned from Scaling Cloud Lake.”

“Scaling Cloud Lake? That’s where the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm is located, right? Vice Sect Leader Zhang must have brought many of the participants back to the sect...”

“I heard Senior Zheng Hong Yi has brought the participants to register and obtain their identity tokens. However, one of the participants was brought by Vice Sect Leader Zhang to meet the sect leader. This purple-clad young man must be that person.”

“Since the sect leader singled him out to meet him, he must be extraordinary.”

“I wonder what’s so special about this purple-clad young man that the sect leader personally brought him here?”

“I heard from the patrolling disciples that the sect leader has made this person the sect’s tenth true disciple.”

“It must be true since the sect leader brought him to one of the floating islands...”

The inner disciples who had just learned about the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s new true disciple were shocked.

“What?!”

“That newcomer is a true disciple?”

“How’s that possible?! The surviving participants of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm are only peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials... In fact, in our sect’s history, there was only one person who was made a true disciple when he was just an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial, right?”

“Is there a mistake?”

As the group of disciples speculated among themselves, Duan Ling Tian who was standing next to Sun Liang Peng suddenly flew up into the air. The wooden token fastened to his waist glowed green as green threads from the token snaked across his body.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Before Duan Ling Tian landed on the floating island, the disciples saw the air rippling around the island. When the green threads from the token came in contact with the rippling air, the ripples stopped immediately.

“That’s a true disciple token!”

“A true disciple token is needed to enter a true disciple’s residence. Otherwise, one wouldn’t be able to pass the Formations protecting the island. It seems like it’s true that the sect leader has made him a true disciple!”

“He’s only an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial and a newcomer to our sect. How can he be a true disciple?”

“The last position of a true disciple is given to a newcomer? Why him?”

“In my opinion, he must be incredibly outstanding for the sect leader to appoint him as a true disciple and also personally showing him his residence. Our sect leader isn’t a fool, after all!”

“I agree!”

There were some disciples who were jealous of Duan Ling Tian being appointed as a true disciple, and there some sensible disciples who knew Duan Ling Tian had to be outstanding for Sun Liang Peng to make him a true disciple. After all, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect was wise. He would not act this way without a reason.

Meanwhile, Sun Liang Peng exchanged Soul Pearls with Duan Ling Tian and said, “If there’s anything, feel free to contact me directly. This is my Soul Pearl. Take mine, and give me yours. This way, we can get in touch easily.” After he finished speaking, he finally took his leave.

Upon seeing Sun Liang Peng and Duan Ling Tian exchanging Soul Pearls, more and more inner disciples were convinced Duan Ling Tian must be extraordinary.

‘This place is, indeed, one of the best places to cultivate in the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate... The cultivation environment here is really good...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The sizes of the true disciples’ courtyards and the inner disciples’ courtyards were the same. The only differences were the locations of the courtyards and the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings.

In Duan Ling Tian’s courtyard, two small trees were planted among the beds of flowers. The lush greenery was a pleasing sight. A stone table surrounded by several stone benches was located behind one of the small trees while an antique wooden house half the size of the courtyard was located behind the other small tree.

Duan Ling Tian walked to the entrance of the wooden house and pushed the door open. There was nothing in there except for a huge bed. The bed was translucent, and it emanated a faint chill. It was clearly not an ordinary bed; it was an ice bed. Ice beds could help with cultivation. The older the ice beds, the better it was for cultivation. He had long learned about ice beds when he was still in the mundane realm.

‘I know that ice beds aid one’s cultivation in the mundane realms... However, does it really work for Celestials in the Devata Realms as well?’ Duan Ling Tian was feeling slightly skeptical. After all, the

difference between Celestials and cultivators in mundane realms was supremely vast. In his opinion, this ice bed should be different from the ones in the mundane realms.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Boy, this is no ordinary ice bed. If I'm not mistaken, this ice bed is made from the Profound Celestial Ice. Cultivating on this ice bed will help you to focus and prevent you from going berserk due to Qi deviation. Moreover, it's said that those who have incredibly high comprehension skills could comprehend the law of ice from the Profound Celestial Ice!"

"The Profound Celestial Ice?" Duan Ling Tian's suspicion was confirmed by the Chaos Divine Earth. Indeed, this ice bed was different from the ice beds in the mundane realms.

"The law of ice..." Duan Ling Tian did not care that the Profound Celestial Ice could help prevent Qi deviation. After all, the chances of his Qi deviating were zero. Instead, his interest was piqued by the law of ice.

One had to know that in Devata Realms, if two people had the same cultivation bases and comprehended the same number of profundities, it would be almost impossible for the person who comprehended the law of water to win the person who comprehended the law of ice. Although ice originated from water, to a certain degree, it was superior to water. However, it had to be said that each had its merits. After all, ice lacked the fluidity of water.

"It's so cold!" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed as soon as he sat on the ice bed without using any technique to deflect the cold. The bone-chilling cold surged up to his brain immediately. He quickly mobilized his Celestial Origin to dispel the cold.

### **Chapter 3045: Wang Hong**

After Duan Ling Tian settled down, he began to cultivate the King Grade Cultivation Method, the Taiyi Profound Method. It was imparted to him by Huan'er's grandaunt before the remnants of her soul vanished.

'I wonder how's Huan'er doing...' Whenever Duan Ling Tian cultivated the Taiyi Profound Method he would inadvertently be reminded of Huan'er. He could not help but worry about her.

Since Duan Ling Tian had closed his eyes to cultivate, he was unaware that ice figures had appeared on the ice bed as the branch from the Divine Tree of Life in his body began to swiftly absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. These ice figures were elegant and graceful like deities as they danced at a fast pace.

If Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, was here, he would have been shocked. When one cultivated on the Profound Celestial Ice bed, one would have to achieve a certain level of cultivation before the ice figure would appear. The more lifelike the ice figures were, the more terrifying one's cultivation speed was. Even when Sun Liang Peng cultivated on the ice bed, the ice figures that appeared were not as lifelike as Duan Ling Tian's ice figures.

After about an hour had passed, Duan Ling Tian finally decided to stop cultivating. He opened his eyes and took out the box of Stellar Sand that he had obtained and asked the Chaos Divine Flame, "Senior Chaos Divine Flame, how do I use the Stellar Sand?"

"Take out the Divine Sword, and I'll wrap my flames around it. Then, I'll guide the soul artifact in your sea of consciousness to integrate with the Divine Sword. At that time, pour the Stellar Sand on the flame, and I'll be able to speed up the integration process." The Chaos Divine Flame was quick to reply even though its voice still sounded weak.

"Alright!" Duan Ling Tian quickly acted according to the Chaos Divine Flame's instructions. He took the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and let it hover in the air. Then, with a wave of his hand, a gray flame appeared around the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was, naturally, unaffected by the flames. After all, the gray flame was only slightly stronger than an ordinary prominent Celestial Fire. It was not even as strong as a Duke Grade Celestial Fire. It would be strange if such a weak flame managed to burn the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, and he would have questioned if the sword was truly a Devata Artifact.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Flame said to Huang'er, the soul artifact, "Little Huang'er, it might feel a little unbearable after this. However, as long as you endure it, the integration between you and the sword would be more than half completed!"

Huang'er said fearlessly in her cold voice, "I've already endured the pain of forcibly leaving my original artifact, how could I be afraid of such insignificant pain?"

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While Duan Ling Tian was speeding up the process of Huang'er's integration with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword using the Stellar Sand, Zheng Hong Yi, Sun Liang Peng's third direct disciple, brought the new disciples who had just registered to the valley where inner disciples and true disciples resided and cultivated.

As soon as Zheng Hong Yi appeared in the valley, he drew a group of inner disciples' attention. These disciples were also curious about the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials standing behind Zheng Hong Yi.

"It's Senior Zheng Hong Yi!"

"The group of people behind him are peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials!"

"They must be the outstanding peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials whom Vice Sect Leader Zhang brought back from Scaling Cloud Lake. These people are directly promoted to inner disciples of the sect!"

"Hmph! Although they're directly promoted to inner disciples of the sect, if their innate talents are poor, they'll be kicked out eventually."

At this moment, one of the inner disciples flew into the air and appeared in front of Zheng Hong Yi. He called out, "Senior Hong Yi!" It seemed like he had a good relationship with Zheng Hong Yi. After he greeted Zheng Hong Yi, he said, "The sect leader was here earlier."

"Master?" Zheng Hong Yi frowned slightly. "Was he alone?"

"No, he was with a purple-clad young man. In fact, I heard he personally sent the young man to the vacant true disciple's courtyard," the inner disciple said.

"Alright, I understand." Zheng Hong Yi nodded slightly. At this moment, despite his calm appearance, a flame of fury rose in his heart. There was nothing he could do. He could not go against his master's wish, after all. He knew if he displeased his master, with just a word, his master could easily cast him out of the Simplicity Celestial Sect!

"Senior Hong Yi, that purple-clad young man robbed you of the position of a true disciple. If it weren't for him, that position would have been yours." The inner disciple was confused when he saw Zheng Hong Yi's calm appearance. He knew how much Zheng Hong Yi had desired to become a true disciple. Why was Zheng Hong Yi not angry?

Zheng Hong Yi looked at the inner disciple from the corners of his eyes and said, "Wu Feng, you'd better watch your mouth. The position of a true disciple isn't guaranteed to be mine even without his presence. Moreover, his innate talent and comprehension skills are incredibly high. He's worthy of becoming a true disciple of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. By saying these words, do you mean to say the sect leader lacks insight?" His eyes flashed coldly as he spoke.

Upon hearing these words, Wu Feng, the inner disciple, was so frightened that he paled immediately and no longer dared to speak.

"I'll hand them over to you now. You'll be in charge of arranging their accommodations," Zheng Hong Yi said to Wu Feng before he left.

After Zheng Hong Yi's figure vanished from sight, Wu Feng turned to look at the group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials and said, "Follow me."

The group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials felt slightly dissatisfied as they trailed after Wu Feng. They were welcomed by the direct disciple of the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect before being passed over to an ordinary inner disciple. On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian was personally welcomed by the sect leader. The differences in treatments were too big!

Wu Feng glanced at the group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials before he asked, "Does everyone know that purple-clad young man?"

With the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials' explanation, Wu Feng and the other inner disciples finally understood what kind of genius the newly appointed true disciple was. He was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who comprehended two profundities from a law even though he was not even 100 years old. Moreover, he was ranked second in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

While Wu Feng arranged the accommodations for the newcomers, the other inner disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian's floating island and discussed among themselves.

"As it turns out, that purple-clad young man is a monstrous talent!"

"He's not even 100 years old, and yet, he's already so formidable... Can you imagine what he'd be like once he grows into his full potential?"

"No wonder the sect leader treats him so well. With his high innate talent and comprehension skills, even the Profound Nether Mansion would be too small for him once he grows into his full potential. Even the Southern Heaven Territory might be just a stepping stone for him to enter a greater sect!"

"That's right! He's more than qualified for the position of a true disciple in our Simplicity Celestial Sect."

The group of inner disciples who were dissatisfied with Duan Ling Tian becoming a true disciple earlier was finally convinced of his abilities.

At this moment, one inner disciple who had just returned to the valley shook his head when he heard the discussions in the surroundings. He said with a sigh, "I thought either Zheng Hong Yi, Wang Hong, or me will be appointed as the tenth true disciple. I didn't expect that someone would appear out of nowhere and take that position."

As soon as the other inner disciples saw this person, a few of them greeted him enthusiastically.

"Senior Zhuang Fan!"

These inner disciples' enthusiasm could be attributed to the fact that Zhuang Fan was one of the three most outstanding inner disciples. The other two outstanding inner disciples were Zheng Hong Yi, Sun Liang Peng's third disciple, and Wang Hong, the granddaughter of the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. Among the three of them, Zheng Hong Yi and Wang Hong had extraordinary backgrounds. Zhuang Fan was the only one who came from an ordinary background. Perhaps, due to a sense of camaraderie, the inner disciples were rather supportive of Zhuang Fan.

Zhuang Fan smiled faintly and nodded in response to the inner disciples' greeting. He had always been approachable and kind like the gentle spring breeze.

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Meanwhile, in a small and quiet valley in the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate.

A beautiful young lady with an enchanting figure who was dressed in a red long robe stood casually in front of a waterfall as she looked at the young man in front of her. "Zheng Hong Yi, did you come looking for me because of Duan Ling Tian?"

The young man said with a solemn expression on his face, "Wang Hong, in the past, we competed for the position of a true disciple. However, the position was taken away by Duan Ling Tian as soon as he arrived. Are you willing?" The young man was none other than Zheng Hong Yi. He had rushed here as soon as he left the valley where the inner disciples and true disciples resided.



“What can I do even if I feel unwilling? This is your master’s decision. Even my grandfather can’t do anything about it,” Wang Hong said with a smile as she looked at Wang Feng meaningfully. It was as though she could not care less that the position of a true disciple had been taken away.

“Wang Hong, quit pretending in front of me. Those who don’t know you might be fooled, but I know you care about this more than anyone else,” Zheng Hong Yi said with a sneer.

### **Chapter 3046: The Blood Skull Gang**

Upon hearing Zheng Hong Yi’s words, the gentle and relaxed expression on Wang Hong’s face changed slightly. In the end, she looked at him meaningfully and asked, “Since you came looking for me, does it mean you have a way of dealing with that person?” Killing intent flashed in the depths of her eyes when she spoke. She loathed the person who robbed her of the position of a true disciple! Just as Zheng Hong Yi had said, she cared about this position more than anyone else.

“Wang Hong, since there are only two of us here, I won’t mince my words,” Zheng Hong Yi said as a Formation compass appeared in his hand. When he sent his Celestial Origin Energy in the compass, a light barrier appeared around the duo. This formation was a sound and vision isolation Formation. Even Celestial Kings could not hear or see inside the barrier unless they forcefully destroyed the Formation.

Upon seeing this, Wang Hong raised an eyebrow and said, “You’re quite careful... Speak.”

“Wang Hong, I intend to hire an assassin to kill Duan Ling Tian!” Zheng Hong Yi bluntly said.

“Hire an assassin?” Wang Hong smiled mockingly. “And I thought you had a great idea... The assassin organizations in the Profound Nether Mansion might be able to keep a simple assassination a secret. However, this concerns the Three Sects and Two Clans. Do you really think they’d be able to keep it a secret? Put everything else aside, if your master applies just a little pressure on the assassin organization, you’d be found out immediately.”

If the assassin organizations in the Profound Nether Mansion were capable, any candidates who were an obstacle on Zheng Hong Yi, Zhuang Fan, and Wang Hong’s path in becoming a true disciple would not have survived. After listening to Zheng Hong Yi’s words, she felt he was too simple-minded.

“Did I say I’ll hire an assassin from the assassination organizations in the Profound Nether Mansion?” Zheng Hong Yi was not angry when he heard Wang Hong’s mocking words. He calmly said, “I intend to hire a powerful assassin from the Blood Skull Gang, one of three most famous assassin organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory.”

“Blood Skull Gang?!” Wang Hong’s eyes widened imperceptibly when she heard Zheng Hong Yi’s words.

The Blood Skull Gang was one of the three biggest and infamous assassin organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory. The Blood Skull Gang had a terrifying reputation. Rumor had it that the Blood Skull Gang had assassins who were Celestial Lords. There was news of their assassin killing a Ten Directions Celestial King with just a strike. Although it was a sneak attack, to be able to kill a Ten Directions Celestial King with just one strike, the assassin had to be a Celestial Lord at least.

After Wang Hong tried to calm down, she said with a slight tremble in her voice, “You... Y-you have means of getting in touch with the Blood Skull Gang?”

Zheng Hong Yi could clearly see the obvious change in Wang Hong’s attitude, but he did not make fun of her. After all, the Blood Skull Gang’s infamy was truly terrifying. Let alone Wang Hong, even her grandfather or the elders of the Simplicity Celestial Sect would be frightened if they knew he had means of contacting the Blood Skull Gang. After all, despite being known throughout the Southern Heaven Territory, not everyone would be able to contact or employ the Blood Skull Gang’s services.

Just to get in touch with the Blood Skull Gang and employ their services, one needed a grade-six force’s leader or someone of equal strength and status to act as a guarantor. Since the gang only accepted high-profile and highly difficult jobs, their clients were, naturally, those with high status.

When Wang Hong recalled this point, she frowned and said skeptically, “Wait a minute. Even if you have a way to get in touch with the Blood Skull Gang, you don’t have a guarantor!”

“Normally, that would, indeed, be a problem...” Zheng Hong Yi nodded slightly as he said, “However... what if I told you the last time I left the sect, I met the young master of the Blood Skull Gang and befriended him?”

“The young master of the Blood Skull Gang?” Wang Hong gasped.

“Yeah, his father is one of the three Vice Leaders of the Blood Skull Gang. Although he’s just a b\*stard child, he still has a little say in the gang. Because I helped him, we exchanged our Soul Pearls, and he had promised that I’d be able to hire an assassin from the gang without the need of a guarantor from a grade-six force,” Zheng Hong Yi said in one breath.

Zheng Hong’s Yi words were partially false. The truth was the young master of the Blood Skull Gang had promised him two chances to hire an assassin from the Blood Skull Gang without a guarantor. He, naturally, did not reveal this to Wang Hong since it would make her wary of him and guard against him.

“If that’s the case, you don’t need my help at all in taking Duan Ling Tian down,” Wang Hong said.

“That’s right. However, you should know that even the weakest assassin from the Blood Skull Gang is a One Basic Celestial King... Although I’d be able to hire an assassin, I would need a lot of Celestial Crystals. Let alone the strongest assassins, even the price to hire a One Basic Celestial King is rather high. It’d be somewhat troublesome for me to ask for such a huge number of Celestial Crystals from my family...” After Zheng Hong Yi finished speaking, he looked at Wang Hong meaningfully.

“So you found me to share the burden of hiring the assassin?” Wang Hong sneered.

“Indeed.” Zheng Hong Yi nodded slightly.

“Do you really think I’d jump into this hole you’ve dug? It’s your business if you want to kill Duan Ling Tian. What does it have to do with me?” Wang Hong said disdainfully as she looked at Zheng Hong Yi as though she was looking at an idiot.

“Oh, you will jump into the hole...” Zheng Hong Yi said confidently. “Wang Hong, it’s undeniable that your family background is superior to mine. I won’t be able to afford to hire a One Basic Celestial King

from the Blood Skull Gang. The price would leave me penniless. If you're unwilling, then both of us can only watch as Duan Ling Tian takes the position of the tenth true disciple."

Zheng Hong Yi continued to say, "Although he'll leave the sect sooner or later, when he leaves for the Profound Nether Mansion, he will still carry the title of a true disciple. Among the nine true disciples, six are already in the Profound Nether Mansion while three still remain in the sect. You should think about this carefully before you decide..." After he finished speaking, he dispersed the Formation and prepared to leave the valley.

This valley was the cultivation place of Wang Long Xiang, the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. As his granddaughter, Wang Hong could freely come and go in this valley. The cultivation environment here was not inferior to the true disciples' cultivation environment.

Despite being a direct disciple of Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, Zheng Hong Yi was not afforded this kind of treatment. He was only able to cultivate in the inner disciples' residences. This was because Sun Liang Peng wanted to make a point that his direct disciples would not be given any special treatment just because of their relationship with him.

"You have my Soul Pearl, I'll wait for your reply," Zheng Hong Yi said before he left, "It's best if you make a decision as soon as possible. After all, they'd need to investigate the target before they send the assassin out to finish the job. They'd give us the price after they're done with their investigations. Since Duan Ling Tian is just a sectless cultivator, it's safe to assume the price would be in the range both of us can afford." Then, he left, not the slightest bit worried Wang Hong would reject his proposal.

After Zheng Hong Yi left, Wang Hong's expression darkened as she cursed, "Damn it!"

It was just as Zheng Hong Yi had said. With her temperament, she could not tolerate a newcomer of the sect occupying the position of the sect's last true disciple. However, if she accepted Zheng Hong Yi's proposal, it would mean she would be led by the nose by Zheng Hong Yi. This was, naturally, not to her liking. However, her dislike could not compare to her need to eliminate Duan Ling Tian who had become the last true disciple despite just joining the sect.

She thought to herself, "I can't let Zheng Hong Yi have the upper hand. I'll wait for him to contact me on his own initiative before I agree to his proposal. However, he can forget it if he wants me to bear half of the cost. At most, I'd bear 30% of the cost..."

Despite her thoughts, when Zheng Hong Yi came looking for her half a month later, she agreed to bear half of the cost to hire the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang.

Naturally, prominent Celestial Crystals were nothing to the Blood Skull Gang. Zheng Hong Yi and Wang Hong had to make up for the cost with King Grade Celestial Weapons and other precious treasures as well.

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After Wang Hong had agreed, Zheng Hong Yi did not waste time and took out a Communication Celestial Talisman to contact the b\*stard son of the Vice Leader of the Blood Skull Gang whom he had met by chance.

“Young Master Chen, I’m Simplicity Celestial Sect’s Zheng Hong Yi, the person you met in the Profound Forest. You promised me two chances to hire an assassin from the Blood Skull Gang without a guarantor. I’m ready to use the first chance now.”

Zheng Hong Yi waited for fifteen minutes before a reply finally came. The message was simple and direct. “Details of the target.”

Zheng Hong Yi hurriedly replied, “Duan Ling Tian. He’s a sectless cultivator, less than 100 years old, and has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. He rose to prominence in the Profound Nether Mansion’s lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Lower Realm and joined the Simplicity Celestial Sect.”

### **Chapter 3047: Chen Li**

In a vast region, which was separate from grade-six mansions in the Southern Heaven Territory.

In a grand mansion in a huge city.

A young man sat in front of a table, sipping tea, in the front yard of the grand mansion. “He’s not even 100 years old, but he has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth?” After he finished speaking, the teacup in his hand shattered due to the excessive force he had exerted.

Another young man who was sitting across him looked at the broken cup in his hand and asked in confusion, “Chen Li, what happened?”

“It’s nothing... I just received a message from someone in a grade-seven sect in the Profound Nether Mansion. That person wants to employ the organization’s services to assassinate someone.” The young man who was holding the broken teacup in his hand had an extraordinary bearing. He was none other than Chen Li, the illegitimate son of one of the Vice Leaders of the Blood Skull Gang.

Chen Li was a young man with a pale face and a frail figure. He was dressed in a robe with silver trimmings. He seemed like a degenerate who spent all his time on women and wine. However, in truth, the state of his body had nothing to do with a degenerate lifestyle. It was due to malnourishment. Before he was born, his mother was on the run from the assassin sent by his father’s legal wife and almost died as a result. Due to some luck, she managed to safely give birth to him, but his body ended up very weak as a result. For this reason, his father who felt incredibly remorseful and guilty toward him was very considerate and good to him. Moreover, he had nine elder sisters and thirteen younger sisters, making him the only son in the family. His father had expended considerable effort to obtain nourishing pills for him, allowing his body to improve to that of an ordinary man. Unfortunately, after that, his body’s constitution made no further improvement. Due to this reason, his innate talent and comprehension skills were only ordinary and were the weakest among his sisters. However, due to being the only son, his father treated him far better compared to his sisters.

“Assassinate who?” the young man sitting across Chen Li asked. He looked elegant dressed in a long white robe. He looked rather scholarly as he held a folding fan in his hand. There was a perpetual faint smile on his face that made him seem rather amiable.

The two young men were like polar extremes.

“The target must be complicated for you to lose your composure...” the scholarly young man said.

“He’s not even 100 years old, but he’s a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth... He rose to prominence in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and was ranked second. As a result, he joined the Simplicity Celestial Sect. The client is also from the same sect as the target,” Chen Li said, “If my memory serves me right, the client is Zheng Hong Yi, the third direct disciple of the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.”

Chen Li speculated out loud, “For him to want to assassinate a fellow sect member, it’s obvious that person has gotten in his way in the sect. He wants to employ the Blood Skull Gang so it won’t leave any clues that lead back to him.”

If Zheng Hong Yi were here, he would have been taken aback by the accuracy of Chen Li’s speculation.

Then, Chen Li muttered to himself in a low voice, “Not even 100 years old, but he’s a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. Moreover, he’s a sectless cultivator. His innate talent and comprehension skill are truly high...” As he spoke, his eyes flashed fiercely with envy and jealousy. Due to his average innate talent and comprehension skills, he was the most envious and jealous of people with high innate talent and comprehension skills.

Upon hearing Chen Li’s words, a shocked expression appeared on the scholarly young man’s face. “Not even 100 years old? He’s a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth? Moreover, he’s a sectless cultivator? That grade-six mansion has such a talent among their folds?”

In the past 100 years, such a talent was extremely rare even among the ten major clans and five major sects in the Southern Heaven Territory.

The scholarly young man asked curiously, “So what’s your reply?”

“I agreed. I owe him a favor, after all... I’m accepting this job on behalf of the Blood Skull Gang,” Chen Li said.

The scholarly young man reminded Chen Li, “It’s best to be cautious and thoroughly investigate his background before you act. With such a high innate talent and comprehension skills, I have a feeling he’s not a sectless cultivator.” Since he was friends with Chen Li, he, naturally, did not want Chen Li to provoke somebody he could not afford to provoke. Moreover, the person who had made the request was from a grade-seven sect. There was no need to take someone from a mere grade-seven sect so seriously.

“Rest assured.” A rare smile appeared on Chen Li’s face. “Don’t you have any confidence in the Blood Skull Gang’s intelligence department? They’d be able to dig out all information regarding the target... If he truly has an extraordinary background, the Blood Skull Gang won’t make a move at all. No harm rejecting that person’s request after I confirm the target’s background if need be.”

Although Blood Skull Gang had a terrifying reputation in the Southern Heaven Territory, there were a few people they would not dare to make a move against. For example, they would not dare to act against the people of the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who controlled the entire Southern Heaven

Territory. Apart from that, they would not act against members of the ten major clans and the five leading clans.

In the Southern Heaven Territory, above grade-six forces were fifteen grade-five forces collectively known as the Ten Major Clans and the Five Leading Sects. They were, naturally, not to be trifled with.

“That’s good.” The scholarly young man nodded after listening to Chen Li’s words. His slightly furrowed brows eased. He was aware that the intelligence department of the Blood Skull Gang was incredibly efficient and thorough even in the entire Southern Heaven Territory. In fact, even the intelligence department of the sect he belonged to was not necessarily superior to the Blood Skull Gang’s intelligence department. After all, the Blood Skull Gang was an assassin organization. It was of utmost importance that they had a superior and wide information network.

“When are you planning to return?” Chen Li asked the scholarly young man.

“I’ll leave tomorrow.... It’s been quite a while so it’s time for me to return. Come and visit me when you have the time,” the scholarly young man said with a faint smile on his face.

“I will. After all, you’re my only friend and best friend.” A smile appeared on Chen Li’s pale face, making him look rather sinister.

If there was one person with high innate talent and comprehension skills whom Chen Li was not jealous of, it would be the scholarly young man. After all, the scholarly young man was his only friend. There were only two people whom Chen Li considered important: his deceased mother and his best friend.

Upon hearing Chen Li’s words, the scholarly young man sighed inwardly. In the end, he rose to his feet and patted Chen Li’s shoulder and said with a faint smile on his face, “You’re also my best friend...”

The smile on Chen Li’s face widened when he heard those words. Alas, it made him look even more sinister. He was, in fact, genuinely moved and happy. However, due to his facial features, he looked rather sinister whenever he smiled.

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In the Simplicity Celestial Sect in the Profound Nether Mansion.

Standing at the peak of a mountain that had been flattened, Duan Ling Tian looked at a tower in excitement. “This is... the library?”

There were two libraries in the Simplicity Celestial Sect. One was for those in the outer sect, and the other was for those in the inner sect. The nine-story tower was none other than the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s library in the inner sect where all kinds of cultivation methods, Celestial Methods, and Divine Abilities were kept. It also contained many books and Memory Celestial Talismans of various topics. One would have to show their identity token that proved their identities as inner sect disciples before they would be granted entry.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian only had his eyes on the ninth floor of the library. After all, the ninth floor was where the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s King Grade Celestial Methods, Divine Abilities, and Sect-Guarding Techniques were kept. Only those with a high status in the sect and true disciples were

allowed to comprehend these Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. Therefore, access to the ninth floor was only given to these people.

Duan Ling Tian was unaware that he would need to show his identity token before he would be allowed to enter the library. When he was stopped by two Taoist priests guarding the entrance, he quickly brought out his identity token.

“True disciple!” Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian’s identity token, the eyes of the two Taoist priests almost popped out of their sockets. They hastily stepped aside to let Duan Ling Tian in.

One of the Taoist priests looked at Duan Ling Tian curiously and said, “So you’re the newcomer whom the sect master has made a true disciple!”

Although the other Taoist priest did not speak, his eyes were brimming with curiosity as well when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian only responded with a slight nod before he entered the library.

Meanwhile, a few inner disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian’s retreating back in a daze. They had no idea the person in front of them was the genius who had caused a commotion half a month ago in their sect.

“It’s said that Duan Ling Tian isn’t even 100 years old, but he’s a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth!”

“It’s hard to imagine there’s such a genius in the Profound Nether Mansion, let alone our Simplicity Celestial Sect!”

“What’s even more shocking is he’s a sectless cultivator!”

#### **Chapter 3048: The Top Floor of the Library**

Half a month had passed since Duan Ling Tian had arrived at the Simplicity Celestial Sect. During that time, with the Chaos Divine Flame, he had been staying in his residence to help Huang’er integrate with his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. After using up the Stellar Sand, the integration between Huang’er and the sword was 60% complete. If he could obtain another ingredient similar to the Stellar Sand, he would be able to completely integrate Huang’er into the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. At that time, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword would return to its peak state as a prominent artifact, and Huang’er would also be able to leave the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and manifest a human form.

After Duan Ling Tian had used up the Stellar Sand, he decided to make his way to the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s library. He had, naturally, come for the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that were stored on the top floor of the library. Although he might not be able to comprehend all of the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that were contained in consumable Memory Celestial Talismans, he still wanted to memorize all of them since he had access to them.

‘I’ll try to memorize as many King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that are available,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he made his way to the top floor.

There were disciples guarding the entrance to each floor of the library. They, naturally, did not obstruct Duan Ling Tian when he showed them his true disciple token. All of the disciples, without exception, were shocked when they saw his true disciple token. After all, he was famous in the Simplicity Celestial Sect for being a newcomer who became a true disciple despite only being an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial. Everyone, except for those in closed-door cultivation or away from the sect, had heard about him.

The person guarding the library's top floor was a gray-haired old man with a wrinkly face. "So, you're Duan Ling Tian? Truly remarkable!"

"Senior." Although Duan Ling Tian did not know the old man's identity, he still bowed out of courtesy.

"You've achieved remarkable feats at such a young age, but you know to show respect to your seniors. A young man like you is rare in this day and time." A smile appeared on the old man's wizened face. His smile looked worse than if he was crying.

The old man did not beat around the bush and asked, "Are you here for the King Grade Celestial Methods, Divine Abilities, or the cultivation methods?"

"Senior, I'm here for the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities," Duan Ling Tian replied.

The old man nodded before he asked, "Which kind of King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities?"

"What do you mean?" Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion.

"What I mean is what law contained in the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities do you want..." the old man explained.

"Can't I have all of them?" Duan Ling Tian asked. He had planned to take all the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities available. Since they were all consumables, it would not affect the Simplicity Celestial Sect at all.

"You want all of them?" The old man said in a displeased tone, clearly angered, "Who told you that you can have all of them? Tell me so I can have his legs crippled!"

Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback by the old man's reaction. After all, he did not expect the old man to react in such a manner. He only smiled wryly as he replied, "Senior, nobody told me that I can take all of them, but nobody told me that I can't either."

Duan Ling Tian recalled that Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, had told him that he could come to the top floor of the library for the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. However, Sun Liang Peng did not say anything about the number of Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities he was allowed to take.

After hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the old man's expression eased. Then, he explained, "The King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities on the top level of the library are only limited to one law, even for a true disciple. This has always been the rule in the Simplicity Celestial Sect. The ancestors were worried that greed might cloud the descendants' minds, hence, such a rule was established. You're



allowed to choose a law and take all the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain that law. However, you'll have to use the Memory Celestial Talismans here before you leave."

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. He did not expect such a rule would exist in the Simplicity Celestial Sect. He had initially planned to take all of the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities and memorized them for later use. After listening to the old man, he knew he could only choose one law.

The old man said, "I heard that you've already comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. I recommend you choose the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of earth. There's one King Grade Celestial Method and two King Grade Divine Abilities that contain the law of earth in the Simplicity Celestial Sect."

"Senior, may I know more about the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities that contain the law of earth?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes, of course." The old man nodded. Then, he led Duan Ling Tian to a bookshelf. Each of the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities had a Memory Celestial Talisman with an explanation.

"Extend your Divine Consciousness into the Memory Celestial Talismans that correspond with the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities to learn about them," the old man said before he moved to the side and silently watched Duan Ling Tian.

"Alright," Duan Ling Tian replied. He extended his Divine Consciousness into the first Memory Celestial Talisman and a barrage of information flooded his mind immediately.

'This is a King Grade Divine Ability called the Dragon Escape Ability. It contains the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity, and another profundity called the Ground Escape Technique!'

'The Ground Escape Technique is the law of earth's only movement profundity. However, before reaching the mastery stage, this profundity is useless in the air and can only be used on the ground!'

Duan Ling Tian had heard about the Ground Escape Technique from the Chaos Divine Earth so he was aware of its weakness.

'Before comprehending the Ground Escape Technique to the mastery stage, one can only use it on the ground. However, when it's at the mastery stage, one would be able to use it in the air by using the Earth Elemental Profundity to mimic the ground in the air.' These were Chaos Divine Earth's words.

Then, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his Divine Consciousness from the first Memory Celestial Talisman and moved onto the next one. 'Let's see what the other King Grade Divine Ability and Celestial Method are...'

"This is a King Grade Celestial Method called the Thorn Cage Method. Apart from the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity, it also contains the Gravitational Space Profundity."

'This King Grade Celestial Method seems similar to the Black Rock Prison Method I have. They contain the law of earth's Gravitational Space Profundity,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He could not help but feel slightly disappointed by this discovery.

After a short moment, he extended his Divine Consciousness into the last Memory Celestial Talisman.

"This is a King Grade Divine Ability called the Earth Pulsation Ability. Apart from the Earth Elemental Profundity, it also contains the Vibration Profundity!"

The Vibration Profundity!

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up immediately.

According to the Chaos Divine Earth, defensive and assistive abilities were the law of earth's forte. However, the law of earth had an offensive profundity called the Vibration Profundity!

'The Earth Pulsation Ability that contains the Vibration Profundity is more tempting than the Dragon Escape Ability that contains the Ground Escape Technique. The Thorn Cage Method is similar to the Black Rock Prison Method since they contain the Gravitational Space Profundity,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He was in a dilemma.

The King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities that contained the law of earth could help him tremendously. However, since he had only started to comprehend the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity, relatively recently, he could still switch to another law to comprehend if he so wished.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man and asked, "Senior, where are the King Grade Celestial Methods and Abilities that contain the law of metal and fire?" He had decided to look at the King Grade Celestial Methods and Abilities that contained the law of metal and the law of fire first before he made a decision. If the two laws had more King Grade Celestial Methods and Abilities compared to the law of earth, he would choose either one of those two laws.

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Duan Ling Tian had no interest in the other King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained other laws. With the help of the Chaos Divine Earth, he was able to comprehend the law of earth faster than an ordinary person. As for the law of metal and law of fire, he had the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame to help with his speed of comprehension. Without the help of the Five Divine Elements, even a person with a high level of comprehension would not be able to surpass his speed of comprehending the law.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't be greedy." Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the old man furrowed his brows. He had expected Duan Ling Tian to choose the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities that contained the law of earth.

"I know, senior." Despite the faint smile on Duan Ling Tian's face, his eyes were brimming with determination as he looked at the old man. "Please show me the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of metal and the law of fire."

The old man felt skeptical when he saw how insistent Duan Ling Tian was to have a look at the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of metal and the law of fire. Duan Ling Tian had already comprehended the law of earth, but now, it seemed like he intended on comprehending the law of metal or the law of fire as well? He thought it was absurd.

The old man thought to himself, 'Duan Ling Tian's not even 100 years old, but he's a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. It's already remarkable that he's able to comprehend two profundities from the law of earth. It's impossible for him to comprehend another law now...' However, due to Duan Ling Tian's persistence, he did not voice his thoughts and led Duan Ling Tian to the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of metal and the law of fire.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Boy, you're doing the right thing. If there are more King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of metal or the law of fire, you should choose one of them." It continued to say, "The Thorn Cage Method is almost the same as the Black Rock Prison Method so it's useless to you. The Dragon Escaping Ability is only useful in the later stage, and it isn't practical now. Finally, the Earth Pulsation Ability is good, but it's only limited to one use. Take a look at the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of metal and the law of fire before you decide if you want the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities that contain the law of earth."

Upon hearing the Chaos Divine Earth's words, Duan Ling Tian felt even more confident of his decision.

When the old man led Duan Ling Tian to a shelf that held the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities from the law of metal, he said, "There's only one King Grade Celestial Method that contains the law of metal in the Simplicity Celestial Sect."

"Only one?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback. Then, he shook his head and said, "Senior, can you please lead me to the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire."

Since the Simplicity Celestial Sect only had a King Grade Celestial Method that contained the law of metal, there was no way Duan Ling Tian would have chosen it regardless of the profundity it contained. He would be better off choosing the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities that contained the law of earth. At least, he would be able to comprehend two new profundities, the Ground Escape Technique, and the offensive profundity, the Vibrational Profundity. As for the Thorn Cage Method, it contained the Gravitational Space Profundity like the Black Rock Prison Method. There was no way of confirming if his comprehension of the Gravitational Space Profundity would improve if he comprehended it again through the Thorn Cage Method.

The old man did not say anything in regard to Duan Ling Tian's request. After all, Duan Ling Tian must be insane if he chose to comprehend one King Grade Celestial Method that contained the law of metal as opposed to comprehending one King Grade Celestial Method and two King Grade Divine Abilities that contained the law of earth.

"Senior, I hope there won't be only one King Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability that contains the law of fire..." Duan Ling Tian said. If that was the case, then he would save time and choose the King Grade Celestial Method and two Divine Abilities that contained the law of earth.

“How’s that possible?” the old man replied with pride, “ We have more King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire compared to the other laws! In all the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion, the Simplicity Celestial Sect ranks second, behind the Profound Nether Mansion, in having the most King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up as soon as he heard the old man’s words. After the Profound Nether Mansion, the Simplicity Celestial Sect had the most King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of fire?

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, “Senior, how many King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire do we have?”

“Have a look,” the old man said as he came to a stop in front of a shelf.

“All of these?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened.

There were ten Memory Celestial Talismans that were lined up on a shelf. There was a mix of five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of fire. The other five Memory Celestial Talismans were the introductory talismans.

Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness into the first Memory Celestial Talisman on the left. Just like before, a barrage of information flooded his mind.

‘This is a King Grade Celestial Method that contains the law of fire. It contains the law of fire’s Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity, and the Blazing Sun Profundity.’

Duan Ling Tian had learned from the Chaos Divine Earth that the Blazing Sun Profundity was an assistive profundity that could confuse one’s opponent.

Then, Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention to the next Memory Celestial Talisman.

‘This is a King Grade Divine Ability that contains the law of fire. It contains the law of fire’s Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity, and the Fire Escape Technique.’

The Fire Escape Technique was one of the two movement profundities from the law of fire. It was just like the Ground Escape Technique from the law of earth, but it was, perhaps, more useless. At the rudimentary stage and the initial stage, it could only be used where fire was present. One could only use it freely with the Fire Elemental Profundity after it had been comprehended to the mastery stage. In order to achieve the mastery stage, one had to obtain an Emperor Grade Divine Ability that contained the law of fire’s Fire Escape Technique.

Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness into the third Memory Celestial Talisman.

“This contains the law of fire’s Explosion Technique!”

The Explosion Technique was one of the three main offensive profundities from the law of fire. It had explosive characteristics and was extremely powerful.

Duan Ling Tian was the most interested in this offensive profundity from the law of fire that was contained in the King Grade Divine Ability. After all, its offensive power was much stronger than the law of earth's offensive profundity, the Vibrational Profundity.

Then, Duan Ling Tian moved on to the fourth Memory Celestial Talisman.

"This contains the law of fire's Pillaging Profundity!"

The Pillaging Profundity was one of the two movement profundities from the law of fire. However, it was much more useful compared to the Fire Escape Technique. It could be used from the rudimentary Stage, and the speed it granted was almost as swift as the law of wind's Gale Profundity.

As the saying went, 'Fly like the wind, and surge like the fire'.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness to the last Memory Celestial Talisman that was located on the right.

"This King Grade Celestial Method contains the law of fire's Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity, and the Burning Profundity!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up. Based on its name, one could easily tell the law of fire's Burning Profundity was an offensive profundity.

The Chaos Divine Earth's words confirmed Duan Ling Tian's suspicion. "Boy, you're extremely fortunate! The Burning Profundity is one of the three main offensive profundities from the law of fire. The three main offensive profundities from the law of fire are the Explosion Profundity, the Burning Profundity, and the Corrosive Profundity. The Explosion Profundity and the Burning Profundity are the most powerful offensive profundities. On the other hand, the Corrosive Profundity is rather tricky to comprehend."

The Chaos Divine Earth urged Duan Ling Tian, "Just choose these five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire. With the help from the Chaos Divine Flame, it won't take you long to comprehend them."

Apart from the law of fire's Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity, if Duan Ling Tian chose these five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, he would be able to comprehend another five profundities from the law of fire. The profundities were the Blazing Sun Profundity, the Fire Escape Profundity, the Explosion Profundity, the Pillaging Profundity, and the Burning Profundity.

Even without the Chaos Divine Earth's reminder, Duan Ling Tian still would have chosen the five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of fire out of practicality.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man and said, "Senior, I'll choose these five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities."

"Are you sure?" the old man.

"Yes, I've made up my mind," Duan Ling Tian replied without any hesitation as he nodded.

"Alright." The old man nodded and said nothing else. After all, he had tried to dissuade Duan Ling Tian earlier. Although he was not optimistic about Duan Ling Tian's decision, he had no right to intervene.

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The old man raised his hand to collect the five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities before passing it to Duan Ling Tian. Then, he reminded Duan Ling Tian, "You must use these five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities here. It's forbidden to leave the library with them."

The Memory Celestial Talismans that contained the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities were consumables. They would vanish after they were used. Once the Memory Celestial Talismans on the top floor of the library were used up, they must be replaced for future generations' use. In order to inscribe the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities on the Memory Celestial Talismans, one must first master the profundities.

"I understand," Duan Ling Tian replied. Then, he shattered all five Memory Celestial Talismans one after another in front of the old man. The contents of the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities soon appeared in his mind.

Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes to digest the information from the five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. His eyes glinted, and a smile appeared on his face as soon as he opened his eyes. He thought to himself excitedly, 'I have now obtained six profundities from the law of fire, including the law of fire's Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity. It's only a matter of time and effort before I master them.'

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at the old man and said, "Thank you, senior."

"It's nothing. The Memory Celestial Talismans belong to the sect anyway," the old man replied.

"I'm expressing my gratitude not because you've given me the five Memory Celestial Talismans. I'm thankful because I'm able to find them quickly with your help," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

The old man was rather surprised. In the end, he shook his head and said with a smile, "Lad, you really know how to compliment someone. Alright, if you have extra time on your hands, you should have a look at the other floors. You might come across something."

"Thank you, senior, for your kind reminder." Duan Ling Tian thanked the old man once again before he left the top floor of the library. As the old man had suggested, he decided to look around the other floors. After all, there could be records there that could help him broaden his knowledge.

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Three months passed silently.

Duan Ling Tian had spent the past three months in the library due to all the information contained in the Memory Celestial Talismans that were useful to him. He had spent the past three months studying them.

'It's been three months?' Duan Ling Tian was surprised when he discovered he had spent three months in the library.

'It's time to leave.' Duan Ling Tian knew he should prioritize breaking through and becoming a Celestial Duke. After that, with the help from the Chaos Divine Flame, he would comprehend the six profundities from the law fire that were contained in the five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities he had obtained.

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After leaving the library, before Duan Ling Tian arrived in the valley where the true disciples and inner disciples resided, a figure appeared in front of him. "Duan Ling Tian!"

"Sect leader?" It was none other than Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

"Is there anything that I can help you with, sect leader?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously as Sun Liang Peng descended from the sky and stood before him.

A slight frown could be seen on Sun Liang Peng's face as he bluntly asked, "I heard from Old Zhou that you went to the top floor of the library. However, instead of choosing the King Grade Celestial Method and Divine Abilities that contain the law of earth, you chose those that contain the law of fire instead?"

After Duan Ling Tian had left the top floor of the library, the old man had sent Sun Liang Peng a Communication Celestial Talisman detailing Duan Ling Tian's choice. Sun Liang Peng was perplexed, unable to understand why Duan Ling Tian had made such a choice. He did not think Duan Ling Tian had also comprehended the law of fire, on top of two profundities from the law of earth. He had intended to look for Duan Ling Tian immediately, but he dismissed the idea when he learned that Duan Ling Tian was engrossed in studying. It was only when he received a Communication Celestial Talisman from one of the disciples guarding the library saying that Duan Ling Tian had left the library today that he came to look for Duan Ling Tian.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly.

"Duan Ling Tian, although the Simplicity Celestial Sect has many King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire, it's unnecessary for you to choose them. Your best choices are the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of earth," Sun Liang Peng said without beating around the bush.

Duan Ling Tian asked with a knowing smile, "Sect leader, do you think I chose the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contain the law of fire out of greed?" He did not take offense since he knew Sun Liang Peng was only reminding him out of his good intention.

Upon seeing the smile on Duan Ling Tian's face, Sun Liang Peng blurted out, "D-don't tell me you've also comprehended the law of fire?"

"Sect leader, when the time comes, you'll have your answer. I intend to return to my courtyard and cultivate now. If there's nothing else, I'll take my leave," Duan Ling Tian said before he left.

A hint of confusion could be seen in Sun Liang Peng's eyes as he watched Duan Ling Tian leave. Duan Ling Tian's confidence and decision left him even more puzzled. 'What kind of person is he? Is it possible for someone to be so talented?'

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Meanwhile, in a small courtyard in the valley where the true disciples and inner disciples resided.

Zheng Hong Yi watched Duan Ling Tian make his way back to his residence with a frown on his face. He thought to himself, 'After three months, I finally received a reply...'

Zheng Hong Yi received a Communication Celestial Talisman from the illegitimate child of one of the Vice Leaders of the assassin organization, the Blood Skull Gang. He had waited for three months for the reply to come, and at one point, he even thought that person had reneged on his promise.

"Duan Ling Tian is from the borderlands..." Zheng Hong Yi was taken aback after hearing the message.

The borderlands?

The Southern Heaven Territory was divided into the central area and the borderlands. In Zheng Hong Yi's opinion, the borderland was a barbaric land. After all, due to the Formations cast at the borders of the central area and the borderlands that restricted those who were not, at least, Celestial King from entering the central area, only weak people would stay in the borderlands. The borderlands consisted mainly of weak forces. Even the most powerful forces were only comparable to grade-nine forces. He really did not expect the genius sectless cultivator, Duan Ling Tian, would come from the borderlands.

"The borderlands have someone as talented as him? Is it possible that he's the reincarnation of some powerhouse?" Zheng Hong Yi mused inwardly.

Although the requirements to reincarnate were very demanding and the success rate was low, there were many people who were willing to take the risk and succeeded, as a result. Once reincarnated, the starting point of these people was relatively high. With their memories from the past, it was only natural that they would have an easier time comprehending profundities. Their comprehension skills were also, naturally, higher than ordinary people since they had memories from their past lives. For this reason, Zheng Hong Yi could not help but wonder if Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of some power.

"A transcender?" As he continued listening to the message, Zheng Hong Yi was further baffled. Duan Ling Tian was just a transcender who ascended to the Devata Realm from a mundane realm?

'Not only did he accomplish such amazing feats before reaching the age of 100, but he's a transcender? He has to be the reincarnation of some powerhouse. Otherwise, it's impossible for someone like him to have such absurdly high innate talent and comprehension skills,' Zheng Hong Yi thought to himself.

Similarly, Chen Li, the illegitimate son of one of the Vice Leaders of the Blood Skull Gang, Chen Li, also said in his message that the people sent to investigate Duan Ling Tian also suspected Duan Ling Tian to be a reincarnated Celestial.

Duan Ling Tian would be shocked if he knew how much information the Blood Skull Gang had gathered about him in just three months. They even managed to find out he had ascended to this Devata Realm from a mundane realm!

Chen Li said to Zheng Hong Yi through a Communication Celestial Talisman, "The Blood Skull Gang had put in a huge amount of effort to investigate Duan Ling Tian's identity. According to the rules of the



Blood Skull Gang, you don't have to pay for the investigation fee. However, we want all of the target's possession after he dies!"

"That's fine. Young Master Chen, may I know if you already have a price for hiring an assassin to assassinate Duan Ling Tian?" Zheng Hong Yi asked with barely suppressed eagerness. He was not surprised by the rule Chen Li had stated since other assassination organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory had the same rule as well.

Chen Li replied, "Six purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons or two purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that have been nurtured by Celestial Lords!"

"Three purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons can be replaced with one purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons that have been nurtured by a Celestial Lord. Alternatively, five ordinary King Grade Celestial Weapons can be used to replace one purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon."