

**Chapter 3061: Zheng Hong Yi's Plan**

After Zheng Hong Yi returned to the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate, he monitored Duan Ling Tian's movements constantly as he tried to devise a plan to lure Duan Ling Tian out of the sect's estate. However, days passed, and he still could not come up with a suitable plan to lure Duan Ling Tian away from the sect's estate.

Zheng Hong Yi sighed inwardly. 'It seems like I won't be able to get the ten bottles of Duke Grade Celestial Pills...'

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was in his room comprehending the law of fire's Pillaging Profundity. With the guidance from the Chaos Divine Flame, his progress was incredibly fast.

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In just a blink of an eye, five months had passed since Duan Ling Tian had used his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon to kill the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang.

At this moment.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A figure that was completely engulfed in flames moved around in a spacious room. All of a sudden, the fiery figure came to halt. As the flames on the figure's body subsided, they revealed a handsome purple-clad young man.

"I can still go faster!" the purple-clad young man mused out loud.

As soon as he finished speaking, his body moved and flames engulfed his body again.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The windows and the door rattled as the flames surged. The wind stirring in the room fanned the flames, causing them to surge and burn even hotter. Only the ice bed in the room seemed unmoved at the moment. However, upon closer inspection, one would be able to see the ice bed was thrumming at a high frequency.

After a moment, the purple-clad young man halted his movements again, and the flames around his body disappeared. A smile could be seen on his face; he was clearly in high spirits. He murmured to himself, "So this is the rudimentary stage of the Pillaging Profundity? How remarkable!"

The purple-clad young man was none other than Duan Ling Tian. He had spent five months in closed-door cultivation and had mastered the law of fire's Pillaging Profundity at the rudimentary stage with the help from the Chaos Divine Flame.

The Pillaging Profundity was comparable to the law of wind's Gale Profundity. It was quick and powerful in regard to offensive powers.

Duan Ling Tian had obtained five King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained profundities from the law of fire. Currently, he had successfully comprehended and mastered one of the five profundities.

'I'll visit Guang Lin,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after a moment.

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At the same time, Zheng Hong Yi's eyes brightened up as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian leaving his residence. He had been monitoring Duan Ling Tian all this time.

Duan Ling Tian did not notice Zheng Hong Yi when he stepped out of his residence. After all, as soon as he appeared, he had attracted the attention of many inner disciples. It was hard to notice Zheng Hong Yi among the crowd disciples.

Liu Guang Lin had been brought to the Simplicity Celestial Sect after Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, sent someone to bring him over from the Supporting Fall Nation in the Thousand Nations Territory. He was staying in a beautiful valley instead of staying in the valley where the true disciples and inner disciples resided. This beautiful valley was where guests of the Simplicity Celestial Sect stayed. Its cultivation environment was excellent; it was almost as good as the inner disciples' cultivation environment.

Since Liu Guang Lin had arrived in the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate, Duan Ling Tian had yet to meet Liu Guang Lin. Regardless, he had kept in touch with Liu Guang Lin through Communication Celestial Talismans so he knew where Liu Guang Lin was staying in the sect's estate.

Whoosh!

A group of inner disciples watched as Duan Ling Tian flew up into the air and disappeared from sight.

'He's left?' Upon seeing this, Zheng Hong Yi's eyes lit up. However, he dared not follow Duan Ling Tian. Instead, he quickly sent a message to the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang. "Senior, Duan Ling Tian has left his residence and is headed east. However, I can't be sure if he's leaving the sect. Currently, his strength is comparable to a Ten Directions Celestial King so I daren't follow him."

Based on Zheng Hong Yi's words, one could see he was a level-headed person. He was not blinded by greed over the ten bottles of Duke Grade Celestial Pills and did not act rashly.

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After an hour had passed, Zheng Hong Yi saw Duan Ling Tian returning. He wasted no time in informing the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang about it. He was worried the assassin would be needlessly waiting for Duan Ling Tian to appear. Naturally, it was not that he was considerate; he was just worried the assassin would be displeased with him for having to wait for Duan Ling Tian to appear.

As Duan Ling Tian made his way to his residence, he thought to himself and sighed inwardly, 'Who knew that Guang Lin would have comprehended the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, the Earth

Elemental Profundity, even though he has only been in the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate for less than a year?'

During Duan Ling Tian's visit, he had found that Liu Guang Lin had comprehended the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity. He did not expect Liu Guang Lin to have such high comprehension skills. Although he himself had only spent one night comprehending the Earth Elemental Profundity, it was because he had the Chaos Divine Earth's help. Unlike him, Liu Guang Lin did not have a Chaos Divine Earth to guide him. Therefore, Liu Guang Lin's achievement was rather commendable.

Liu Guang Lin had managed to comprehend the law of earth's Earth Elemental Profundity from a King Grade Divine Ability that was given to him by Sun Liang Peng.

Duan Ling Tian knew Sun Liang Peng had done that to raise his favorability in his eyes. He was rather pleased with Sun Liang Peng since Liu Guang Lin had been loyal to him. At this time, he had already considered Liu Guang Lin as one of his own. Before he left for the Simplicity Celestial Sect, he had told Liu Guang Lin that Liu Guang Lin could stay in the Supporting Fall Nation or come to the Simplicity Celestial Sect. At that time, Liu Guang Lin did not hesitate to follow him. In fact, at that time, he had inwardly wished Liu Guang Lin would choose to stay in the Supporting Fall Nation since it would be dangerous for Liu Guang Lin to follow him. Regardless, when Liu Guang Lin chose to follow him to the Simplicity Celestial Sect, he respected Liu Guang Lin's decision.

"Duan Ling Tian was gone for an hour... What did he do during that time?" Zheng Hong Yi was perplexed and curious. After investigating the matter, he learned about Liu Guang Lin.

'A follower?' Zheng Hong Yi thought to himself, 'It's not difficult to knock his follower out and take him out of the sect's estate... However, would Duan Ling Tian be willing to risk his life and leave the sect's estate for his follower?' In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was unlikely to risk his life for a mere follower. After all, if he were in Duan Ling Tian's shoes, he would certainly not risk his life for a follower.

As thoughts of the ten bottles of the Duke Grade Celestial Pills surfaced in Zheng Hong Yi's mind again, he thought to himself determinedly with a covetous smile on his face, 'I don't care. I'll just take a chance and use that man as bait to lure Duan Ling Tian out of the sect's estate. There's a chance, regardless of how small it is, that Duan Ling Tian would leave the sect's estate for his follower. If I'm lucky, the ten bottles of Duke Grade Celestial Pills will be mine!'

'I'll try and find an opportunity to knock him out with a White Thunder Electric Talisman before I sneak him out of the sect's estate!' Zheng Hong Yi quickly formulated a plan to kidnap Liu Guang Lin. Although he was determined to use Liu Guang Lin as bait, he did not dare to be careless and reckless. After all, if he was exposed, it would be the end for him. For this reason, he needed to be extremely cautious.

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Half a month later.

Zheng Hong Yi and the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang met on a barren plain located at the west of the Simplicity Celestial Sect estate.

“Who is he?” the assassin asked as he furrowed his brows after Zheng Hong Yi dragged an unconscious middle-aged man out of his Little World.

Zheng Hong Yi replied, “He’s Duan Ling Tian’s follower. My master had sent someone to bring him to the Simplicity Celestial Sect from the Thousand Nations Territory.”

“A follower?” The assassin frowned. “You mean to use this man to lure Duan Ling Tian out of your sect’s estate?”

“Yes,” Zheng Hong Yi replied.

The assassin sneered before he said, “Do you really think Duan Ling Tian would risk his life for a mere follower?”

“Senior, this is the only idea I have. I think it’s worth a try. I don’t want to keep you waiting. I know there’s no guarantee it’ll work. However, what if it works?” Zheng Hong Yi said in an attempt to persuade the assassin.

The assassin pondered on Zheng Hong Yi’s words for a moment before he finally said, “Your words make sense...” Based on his words, it was clear Zheng Hong Yi had successfully convinced him.

Upon hearing these words, Zheng Hong Yi sighed in relief inwardly. After a moment, he said tentatively, “Senior, this person has seen my face... He knows me... If we manage to successfully lure Duan Ling Tian out, please kill this man as well!”

The assassin from the Blood Skull Gang nodded slightly. Although he did not care about Zheng Hong Yi’s life or death, Zheng Hong Yi still had his uses if this plan failed.

### **Chapter 3062: A Master of Formations**

Zheng Hong Yi did not consider the possibility of the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang betraying him. He failed to consider that the assassin’s priority was only to kill Duan Ling Tian and complete his mission from the Blood Skull Gang. It was not important to him if Liu Guang Lin exposed Zheng Hong Yi or not.

Now that roughly half a year had passed since Duan Ling Tian’s first assassination attempt, Duan Ling Tian did not expect to receive another letter from the Blood Skull Gang. Moreover, the content was roughly the same as the first letter. Instead of Huan’er, the subject had turned to Liu Guang Lin. This time, he was able to verify that Liu Guang Lin had, indeed, been kidnapped.

After Duan Ling Tian informed Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, of Liu Guang Lin’s disappearance and the letter from the Blood Skull Gang, Sun Liang Peng said, “We can confirm the person who abducted your follower isn’t the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang. It’s impossible for outsiders to enter the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate unannounced. If a stranger enters the sect’s estate unannounced, it’d trigger the Formations in our sect.”

“You mean to say the person who abducted Liu Guang Lin is an insider? A member of the Simplicity Celestial Sect?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Yes.” Sun Liang Peng replied.

“According to the letter, they want me to go alone... If you or any powerhouses from the sect follow me, I’m afraid the insider will inform the assassin about it,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Duan Ling Tian, I’ve come up with a plan earlier... When the first assassination attempt happened half a year ago, I’d pretended to order to second brother to leave the sect on a business trip,” Sun Liang Peng replied confidently, “He’s waiting for my instruction outside. I’ll send him to protect you when you meet the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang.”

Duan Ling Tian bluntly asked, “Sect Leader, are you sure he’s able to protect me?”

There was no doubt Duan Ling Tian would leave the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate to rescue Liu Guang Lin. However, he needed to be fully prepared before he left the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate since he was unsure of the assassin’s strength.

Duan Ling Tian had speculated the Blood Skull Gang would not send an overly strong assassin to kill him. They had probably sent someone strong enough to get the job done. However, he also knew the Blood Skull Gang no longer treated him as a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial but a Ten Directions Celestial King that had comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. However, his strength that was granted by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon would dwindle every time he used it.

Sun Liang Peng reassured Duan Ling Tian. “Don’t worry. Although my second brother is only a Five Elements Celestial King, his comprehension of the law of wind is powerful... It’s not an exaggeration to say that all Five Elements Celestial Kings in the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories aren’t a match for him. His strength should be easily stronger than a Five Elements Celestial King assassin from the Blood Skull Gang. In fact, his strength should be comparable to a Six Combos Celestial King assassin from the Blood Skull Gang!”

Sun Liang Peng continued to say confidently, “Although your cultivation base is comparable to a Ten Directions Celestial King, your comprehension of the law is weak... Therefore, it’s unlikely for the Blood Skull Gang to send an overly powerful assassin to kill you. Based on my knowledge, at most, they would send a Four Phenomenons Celestial King or Five Elements Celestial King to get the job done! Since my second brother is capable of dealing with a Six Combos Celestial King from the Blood Skull Gang, it won’t be difficult for him to kill an assassin who’s a Four Phenomenons Celestial King or a Five Elements Celestial King. Even if the assassin tries to escape, it’d be futile due to my second brother’s comprehension of the law of wind. If he truly can’t kill the assassin, he’d still be able to send me a message. At that time, I’ll join forces with him to kill the assassin.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded. He felt more at ease after hearing Sun Liang Peng’s words. Then, he asked urgently, eager to rescue Liu Guang Lin, “Sect Leader, when can I leave?”

“You can leave now... My second brother is in the vicinity of the sect’s estate. He’s skilled in stealth and camouflage; they’re part of his characteristics as a Celestial Beast. Let alone assassins who are Five Elements Celestial Kings, even Six Combos and Seven Stars Celestial Kings won’t be able to detect his presence,” Sun Liang Peng said.

“Where did the assassin want to meet? The east?” Sun Liang Peng asked.

“The west side,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

“Alright, you can leave now. Keep in touch with me if you can. I’ll have my second brother follow you closely to protect you.”

Whoosh!

After that, Duan Ling Tian no longer wasted any time and made his way west of the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. The meeting place was rather far from the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate.

Duan Ling Tian did not use his Celestial Origin Energy to travel. Instead, he used a Celestial Boat. A Celestial Boat was, at least, a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon. The process to forge a Celestial Boat was incredibly intricate. He had only heard of Celestial Boats before he entered the Simplicity Celestial Sect. There were three grades of Celestial Boats. Needless to say, the higher the grade, the faster the Celestial Boat’s speed would be. The fastest Celestial Boat had speed comparable to a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke. The slowest had speed comparable to a Three Talents Celestial Duke. These were the differences between a prominent and primitive Duke Grade Celestial Boats. A mediocre Duke Grade Celestial Boat had speed comparable to a Six Combos Celestial Duke.

The Celestial Boat Duan Ling Tian was traveling in was a primitive Celestial Boat he had bought from an elder in the Simplicity Celestial Sect with Celestial Crystals. That elder was a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon Craftsman who was able to forge Duke Grade Celestial Boats. The elder was the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s only Duke Grade Celestial Weapon Craftsman capable of forging Duke Grade Celestial Boats. However, he had only mastered the technique of forging primitive Duke Grade Celestial Boats. So far, he had only managed to forge two mediocre Duke Grade Celestial Boats and had not been able to refine prominent Duke Grade Celestial Boats yet.

“I finally arrived...” After traveling for a day and a night, Duan Ling Tian finally arrived at the designated meeting place. The meeting place was a barren plain that only had a big and lonely tree. The tree had many branches, of which many were broken, but was leafless. I was clearly withered.

“The Soul Pearl!” It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to find a Soul Pearl hanging on one of the tree’s branches since it had been mentioned in the letter. After collecting the Soul Pearl, he was supposed to contact the author of the letter through the soul mark on the Soul Pearl.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Consciousness made contact with the soul mark on the Soul Pearl...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The tree branches began to shake violently. At the same time, spots of light like the stars began to appear around the branches.

Duan Ling Tian could sense a mysterious energy from the spots of lights that caused them to glow even brighter. The white light expanded and shrouded the tree and Duan Ling Tian soon after, and he felt his vision go dark. His heart skipped a beat as he exclaimed, “This! It’s a Transporting Formation?!”

“Watch out!” A voice rang out belatedly as a green bird the size of a small hill that looked like a goshawk suddenly appeared in the air. Soon after, the goshawk transformed into a young man dressed in green robes.

The green-clad young man’s expression was dark and unsightly as he looked at the tree that had reverted to its original and unassuming appearance. “The assassin from the Blood Skull Gang is also a master of Formations? This Transporting Formation is laid out so well that even I failed to detect its presence... I wonder where Duan Ling Tian has been transported to...”

The green-clad young man was none other than Sun Liang Peng’s second brother. He was a Celestial Beast with a human form who was a Five Elements Celestial King. In fact, based on Sun Liang Peng’s words, no Five Elements Celestial Kings in the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories were a match for him. He was clearly remarkable, and yet, Duan Ling Tian had disappeared under his watch!

“It’s a one-time Formation.” The green-clad young man confirmed after investigating the tree and the Formation. Then, he no longer wasted time and sent a message to Sun Liang Peng with a grim expression on his face, “Eldest brother...”

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In the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate.

Sun Liang Peng’s expression changed drastically after he received the green-clad young man’s message.

“The assassin from the Blood Skull Gang is also a master of Formations?”

Not anyone could simply set up a Transporting Formation even if they had the necessary materials. One had to be skilled and powerful to set up such a Formation. There were only a handful of people in the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories who were capable of such a feat.

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“He might not necessarily be a master of Formations... Maybe he had someone else set up the Formation,” the green-clad young man replied.

“D\*mn it! I didn’t expect the assassin to be so cunning that he even prepared a Transporting Formation that you couldn’t detect in time.” Sun Liang Peng was dejected. “The traveling distance of a one-time Transporting Formation is limited... Second brother, search your surroundings thoroughly. I’ll join you at once!” As soon as Sun Liang Peng finished speaking, he left the Simplicity Celestial Sect immediately. At the same time, he brought with him powerful high-ranking officials of the sect to search for Duan Ling Tian as well.

It did not take long before half of the Celestial Kings in the Simplicity Celestial Sect left the sect’s estate to search for Duan Ling Tian.

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Meanwhile.

Duan Ling Tian had been transported to a desolate and eerie canyon. There was a strong stench that permeated the air that Duan Ling Tian was forced to erect a barrier around himself to keep the stench at bay. Fortunately, maintaining the barrier would not deplete his Celestial Origin Energy. Even if he kept the barrier up for 200 years, it would not affect his strength that was granted by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. With this, he had no fear of his strength falling from that of a Ten Directions Celestial King to a Nine Palaces Celestial King.

“It’s a Transporting Formation... The sect leader’s second brother was not transported along with me... It must be a one-time Transporting Formation. This assassin is well prepared.” Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath to calm down. He could only rely on himself now.

Duan Ling Tian surveyed his surroundings with a cold expression as he nonchalantly said, “Since I’m already here, why don’t you show yourself?”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, a mocking voice echoed in the canyon. “What an incredible bond between a servant and his master...”

Duan Ling Tian quickly extended his Divine Consciousness to locate the whereabouts of the voice’s owner.

In a corner of the canyon, a figure walked out of a cave with another person hanging over his shoulder. The figure slowly emerged from the darkness that blanketed the canyon, revealing a middle-aged man with a medium build who dressed in the Blood Skull Gang’s standard uniform for their assassins. It was similar to what the previous assassin had worn.

The middle-aged man’s appearance was ordinary, but his eyes were fierce and cold.

Duan Ling Tian felt chills running up his spine when he met the assassin’s gaze.

“Guang Lin!” Duan Ling Tian soon cried out. His expression turned grim when he saw the unconscious Liu Guang Lin. He extended his Divine Consciousness into Liu Guang Lin’s body only to discover traces from a White Lightning Talisman. This was the reason Liu Guang Lin had remained unconscious all this time.

Duan Ling Tian used his Divine Consciousness to nullify the effect of the White Lightning Talisman, and it did not take long before Liu Guang Lin began to slowly open his eyes. His eyes widened when he saw Duan Ling Tian, and he cried out in a hoarse voice, “M-my lord!” His voice sounded weak as though he had suffered terribly.

Then, Liu Guang Lin hurriedly sent Duan Ling Tian a Voice Transmission. He revealed the identity of the person who had brought him out of the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. Although he did not know where he was or what was going on, he could tell that someone had plotted against his master. Therefore, he did not waste any time revealing what he thought was crucial information to Duan Ling Tian.

‘Zheng Hong Yi?!’ Duan Ling Tian’s expression darkened when he heard Liu Guang Lin’s words.



At this moment, an indifferent voice echoed in Duan Ling Tian's ear. "It's time for you to wait for your master in hell."

"No!" Duan Ling Tian's face darkened even more. His Celestial Origin Energy surged out into fiery flames.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Like a ball of fire, Duan Ling Tian charged toward the assassin.

"You're too late!" The assassin was one step ahead. He moved like a phantom in the air. At this moment, he held an inconspicuous silver thread in his hand. When he moved his hand, Liu Guang Lin's body was immediately torn apart by the silver thread!

"Guang Lin!" Duan Ling Tian cried out in despair as he came to a halt. He watched Liu Guang Lin being torn apart in front of him with reddened eyes. At the same time, the flames surrounding his body began to surge again.

"Don't worry. You can accompany him in hell..." The assassin sneered when he saw Duan Ling Tian losing his composure. He looked at Duan Ling Tian as though Duan Ling Tian was a dead man walking. He said flatly, "Die!"

As soon as the assassin finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly as he turned into a ball of flame and charged toward the assassin. His speed was so fast that it was comparable to the assassin's speed.

"I'd love to see how long you can keep up with me since the power of your Celestial Origin Energy isn't yours." The assassin moved and evaded Duan Ling Tian. He intended to force Duan Ling Tian to deplete his power that was granted by his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

As he moved around, the assassin thought to himself solemnly, "Those people in charge of gathering information are really unreliable... These clearly aren't profundities from the law of earth. They're clearly the law of fire's Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity, and the Pillaging Profundity! Fortunately, they sent me to complete this mission. I'm afraid if they had sent a Four Phenomenons Celestial King or a Five Elements Celestial King to do this job, they would have died here.'

"Senior Chaos Divine Flame." Duan Ling Tian's expression was grim. He was well aware of the assassin's intention. He called out to the Chaos Divine Flame before a grey flame surged out of his body and fused with the flames shrouding his body.

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the air.

The next moment, the flames on Duan Ling Tian's body surged higher, and his speed had increased as well. At this moment, his speed was even faster than the assassin.

"T-this is the Explosion Profundity?!" The assassin's expression changed drastically. He knew it was impossible for him to avoid Duan Ling Tian now. Due to the power of the explosion earlier, he had

assumed Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the Explosion Profundity. The Explosion Profundity was an offensive and movement profundity from the law of fire so it could increase one's speed as well.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

The assassin stopped running away. He turned around and opened his arms. The air in his surroundings rippled as an ear-piercing buzzing noise rang in the air. The thread in his hand suddenly transformed into tens of thousands of sword qi. He and the thread glowed with a green light and the wind seemed to shroud him as he made a move. Based on this, it was clear he had comprehended the law of wind. Moreover, excluding the law of wind's Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity, it could be seen that he had cast three profundities at this moment: the Gale Profundity, the Wind Gathering Profundity, and the Slicing Profundity.

"A Six Combos Celestial King?" With this, Duan Ling Tian figured out the assassin's cultivation base, and he also recognized the law of wind's profundities the assassin was using.

"Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword!" Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate and brought out the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword to parry the assassin's attack. To avoid the assassin from recognizing the sword as something beyond Celestial Weapons, he had intentionally pretended to bring the sword out from his Spatial Ring.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes when a series of buzzing noises rang in the air again. "The Wind Blade Profundity?"

After the assassin cast the Gale Profundity, the Wind Gathering Profundity, and the Slicing Profundity, he cast the Wind Blade Profundity as well!

### **Chapter 3064: Three of the Five Divine Elements Join Forces**

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

A series of buzzing noises rang in the air. The thread in the assassin's hand suddenly transformed into tens of thousands of sword qi that glowed with a green light. This indicated that he had cast the Wind Blade Profundity. As he moved the thread in his hand, the air stirred violently into a tornado. Soon enough the tens of thousands of sword qi were engulfed in the tornado. The raging tornado spun until it was in front of the assassin, effectively blocking Duan Ling Tian's vision. Meanwhile, the raging tornado continued to grow bigger and bigger.

"T-this is the law of wind's Tornado Profundity?" Duan Ling Tian's expression changed slightly.

Excluding the law of wind's Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity, the assassin had cast five profundities from the law of wind: the Wind Gathering Profundity, the Gale Profundity, the Slicing Profundity, the Wind Blade Profundity, and the Tornado Profundity.

"Brat, you're just a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had used a consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon... You should feel proud that I'm killing you by unleashing all my strength!" In

just a flash, the assassin entered the raging tornado, impervious to the tens of thousands of sword qi and thread in there.

“All your strength?” With these words, Duan Ling Tian knew the assassin had attacked without any reservations. Apart from the King Grade Celestial Thread that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord, the assassin had also cast six types of profundities from the law of wind.

The law of wind had a total of nine profundities, including the Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity. In the Southern Heaven Territory, it was rare to encounter someone who had comprehended all nine profundities from a law. The first few profundities were usually easier to comprehend, but the later profundities would become more difficult to comprehend. This was due to many conflicting factors regarding the various profundities from a law. One had to find the balance between the conflicting profundities to fully master and comprehend the profundities. With this, it could be seen that the assassin had rather remarkable comprehension skills. After all, he was a Six Combos Celestial King who had managed to comprehend and mastered six profundities from the law of wind to the rudimentary stage.

“Die, brat!” the assassin barked.

As soon as the assassin finished speaking, the tornado swept toward Duan Ling Tian at an incredible speed. Its speed was not inferior to Duan Ling Tian’s speed. If Duan Ling Tian could maintain his current speed, it was possible for him to evade the tornado. Unfortunately, his strength granted by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that was currently comparable to that of a Ten Directions Celestial King would only continue to drop. Based on the current situation, if this kept up, in more or less 30 breaths, his cultivation base and strength would drop to that of a Nine Palaces Celestial King. At that time, he would not be able to evade the tornado and would be caught up in it.

The assassin laughed as he watched Duan Ling Tian dodge the tornado with all his might. “I’d like to see how long you can keep this up before your Celestial Origin Energy weakens... You’ll definitely die within 50 breaths!”

‘He’s right. I can’t continue like this. Otherwise, I’d die after 30 breaths...’ Duan Ling Tian was running out of options. He could only sweep through the canyon to avoid being engulfed by the tornado. He knew in roughly 30 breaths, he would no longer be able to maintain much of a distance between him and the tornado. After all, the Tornado Profundity contained the Wind Elemental Profundity, the Wind Gathering Profundity, the Gale Profundity, the Slicing Profundity, and the Wind Blade Profundity.

‘With my current strength, it’s not difficult to deflect his attack with the help from the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword... However, it’ll greatly deplete the strength of my Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted. It would drop to the strength of an Eight Trigrams Celestial King at least. Even then, the assassin would just suffer minor injuries. It’d still be fairly easy for him to kill me after that!’ Faced with the raging and formidable tornado, this was the first time in a long time that Duan Ling Tian felt like death was imminent.

At this moment, with a rare solemnity that was rarely heard in its childish voice, the Chaos Divine Earth said, “Chaos Divine Metal, we need to act together now. Otherwise, the boy will die!”

"I know," the Chaos Divine Metal replied in an equally solemn tone.

"Boy, attack him with all your might. Use your sword and focus on his vital spot... We have only one chance to do this right," the Chaos Divine Metal said to Duan Ling Tian in a grim tone.

"Don't rush. You're not any slower than him so it's not difficult for you to target his vital spot," the Chaos Divine Earth reassured Duan Ling Tian and confidently said, "He'll probably think your attempt to struggle is futile and that you're just being stubborn. Most importantly, he probably thinks it isn't necessary to dodge your attack. When he realizes how deadly your attack is, it'd be too late for him to react!"

"This is a fight to the death. Even if we kill him, you'll still suffer serious injuries even with the defenses from the Chaos Divine Earth!" the Chaos Divine Flame chimed in at this moment, "After killing him, muster up whatever strength you have left and send it into your purely defensive Celestial Weapon to defend against his attack."

Upon hearing the words of three of the Five Divine Elements, Duan Ling Tian who was frustrated and slightly panicked calmed down like the sea that had regained calmness after a storm. It did not take long for him to calm down due to his many experiences and close calls with death. He knew the importance of maintaining one's composure in situations such as this one. Those who lost their calm were likely to perish.

Swoosh!

Meanwhile, the assassin watched through the raging tornado as it swept toward the fiery figure that was attempting to run away from it. However, all of a sudden, the fiery figure came to halt. In just a blink of an eye, the fiery figure switched direction and was charging toward the tornado.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Heatwaves appeared as Duan Ling Tian charged toward the assassin who was in the tornado. The flames on his body collided with the raging tornado in the process.

The assassin scoffed. "Your resistance is futile!" He did not think much about this. In his opinion, this was just a desperate struggle before Duan Ling Tian's death. Duan Ling Tian probably wanted to fight before his strength further weakened. He thought he had a good understanding of Duan Ling Tian's capabilities, therefore, he was not afraid. Although Duan Ling Tian's current strength was that of a Ten Directions Celestial King, Duan Ling Tian had only comprehended three profundities from the law of fire, including the law of fire's Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity. Moreover, at most, Duan Ling Tian possessed a purely offensive and purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The tornado continued to sweep out unimpeded. The flowers and trees were uprooted, part of the destruction that the tornado left in its wake. Even a tree that was so wide that it needed five to six adults to fully form a circle around it was easily uprooted. The tornado continued to spin, causing the rocks from the canyon wall to fall.

'I can see him in the tornado now! Just a little bit closer, and I'll be able to target his vital points!' When Duan Ling Tian finally collided with the tornado, he felt a pressure so immense that he felt as though he was suffocating.

At the same time, the Chaos Divine Earth shot out of Duan Ling Tian's body and merged with the flames on his body, alleviating the pressure on him.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The collision of the flames and tornado brought about a thunderous explosion. The shockwave from the collision swept out in all directions, causing the canyon to quake.

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Meanwhile.

"There's a tremor over there!"

Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, and high-rank officials from the sect were still searching for Duan Ling Tian at the eastern side of the canyon when they sensed a slight disturbance.

Although the tremor was weak, judging by the distance, Sun Liang Peng could tell a fierce battle was being fought.

"That's it! It should be there!" Sun Liang Peng moved at the speed of light toward the direction of the canyon. "Hang in there, Duan Ling Tian! I'm coming!"

"It's there!" At the same time, Sun Liang Peng's second brother, the green-clad young man, reverted to his Celestial Beast form and swept toward the canyon as well.

At this moment, many of the high-ranking officials from the Simplicity Celestial Sect had already noticed the slight disturbance. One after another they made their way to the canyon.

"There seems to be a commotion in that direction!"

"Let's go and have a look!"

"It's quite a distance away, but we can feel the tremors from here even if the tremors are weak... This means the fight is extremely fierce. It should be Duan Ling Tian and the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang."

### **Chapter 3065: The Death of the Assassin from the Blood Skull Gang**

In the desolate canyon, fire and wind raged. It looked as though the end of the world had arrived.

"I got it!" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed as he held the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword while being engulfed in flames. Then, a sword ray shot out, cutting the silk thread in the tornado. The sword ray continued on its trajectory, unimpeded by the wind blades in the tornado, as it made its way toward the glabella of the assassin who was standing in the eyes of the tornado.

'He's rather strong to be able to draw so close to me...' The assassin from the Blood Skull Gang was rather taken aback when he saw Duan Ling Tian advancing despite his torn purple robes and his body being riddled with wounds from the wind blades in the tornado.

'Well, it doesn't matter. It's coming to end now.' The assassin's mouth curved into a cruel smile. Then, he opened his arms before he brought them together again. At the same time, the thread in his hand shot toward Duan Ling Tian with the might of a troop of an army. As soon as the thread left his hand, the wind blades followed its lead and shot toward Duan Ling Tian as well.

The assassin was expressionless when he made his killing blow. Clearly, he was confident. To him, Duan Ling Tian was already a dead man.

At the same moment the assassin attacked, the Profound Divine Metal's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Boy, now!"

"Die!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly as soon as he heard the Profound Divine Metal's words. At the same time, his sword burst with dazzling seven-color lights.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword that looked ordinary earlier fully showed its brilliance at this moment. Seven sword rays of different colors shot out and swirled around the sword. Each different color sword rays had its own distinct auras. After a brief moment, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword seemed to be boosted when the sword rays shone even more brilliantly than before. At this moment, the sword looked incredibly formidable and domineering as a terrifying aura filled the air.

"This..." The Blood Skull Gang's assassin who had just made his killing move could tell how extraordinary the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was at this moment. If he could not tell how extraordinary it was at this moment, he would have lived all his years in vain.

In the next moment, a golden thread appeared in the midst of the seven color lights near the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Upon closer inspection, one would see it was actually a golden energy that seemed to flow like liquid gold.

The silk thread left the hands of the Blood Skull Gang's assassin and shot toward Duan Ling Tian with the numerous wind blades in tow. It seemed as though they were capable of ripping Duan Ling Tian into a million pieces.

Faced with the assassin's attack, Duan Ling Tian seemed fearless as he held onto his sword that had sword rays swirling around it.

Whoosh!

The sword seemed so sharp that it was as though it could slice through air itself. As it forged on, it repelled the assassin's golden silk thread and wind blades.

Naturally, it was inevitable that some of the wind blades had landed on Duan Ling Tian. He could not have defended against every single one of them even with the protection from the Chaos Divine Earth and the purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon nurtured by a Celestial Lord. In just a blink of an

eye, Duan Ling Tian's purple robe was torn beyond recognition and more wounds appeared on his body that was already riddled with injuries.

"An Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!" The Blood Skull Gang's assassin cried out when he finally had a good look at the sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

At this moment, the Seven Orifices Sword that contained the Profound Divine Metal's strength was already close to the assassin's head. Due to Duan Ling Tian's speed and close proximity, he had no time to react or dodge.

When the Profound Divine Metal lent his strength to the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, Duan Ling Tian felt as though the sword was as heavy as lead.

In just a brief moment, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand cleanly pierced through the assassin's glabella like a hot knife passing through butter. Blood dripped out from the wound immediately.

The power from the Profound Divine Metal surged into the assassin's sea of consciousness and completely destroyed his soul!

Just like that, the assassin died with unwillingness and resentment. Before his death, he had sent all the remaining energy in his body into his King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord. However, his opponent easily pierced through his defenses. It was as though the seven-color sword was merely piercing a paper-thin wall instead of a King Grade Celestial Weapon. Before his death, there was only one thought in his mind: how did Duan Ling Tian manage to cast the law of metal's Piercing Profundity when Duan Ling Tian clearly comprehended the law of fire?

The assassin was, naturally, unaware that it was all the Profound Divine Metal's doing. When it sent its energy into the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, the effect was similar to the law of metal's Piercing Profundity.

The law of wind had the Slicing Profundity that was somewhat similar to the law of metal's Piercing Profundity.

Back when the assassin had studied the law of metal's Slicing Profundity, he had seen a Floating Image Pearl of a powerhouse using the law of metal's Piercing Profundity. Therefore, he was aware of the similarities between the law of wind's Slicing Profundity and the law of metal's Piercing Profundity.

It was a surprise that Duan Ling Tian managed to comprehend the law of fire and the law of metal, but it was not completely out of the realm of possibility. However, how did Duan Ling Tian cast both the law of metal and the law of fire at the same time? This was impossible! How could the assassin not be shocked and confused before his death? This went against his entire understanding of the laws.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

After the assassin's death, the tornado died down quickly and dispersed into a violent wind that blew in all directions.

Rumble!

The impact of the fight made the entire canyon quake.

While the energy dispersed, Duan Ling Tian was panting heavily. He struggled to put his sword away as he felt like collapsing. The pain crashed back into him like a flood now that the adrenaline had slowly died down. He felt as though he was going to pass out at any moment. He swayed on his feet as he hastily retrieved a Duke Grade medicinal pill from his Spatial Ring to relieve the pain.

When the pain was manageable, Duan Ling Tian prepared to collect his rewards for killing the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang.

At the same time, the Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Boy, the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal have fallen into a deep slumber because of this... I'll be falling into a deep slumber soon as well..."

In the past, the Chaos Divine Earth had always sounded strong and energetic when it spoke. However, at this moment, his voice sounded weak and soft.

"Focus on your cultivation and improve your strength as fast as you can... Although the Chaos Divine Flame is hibernating, you can still use him to refine celestial pills. When you use the Chaos Divine Flame, try to gain a better understanding of its characteristics and observe it. It'll help with your comprehension of the law of fire. With that, you won't be fumbling in the dark cluelessly. Certainly, it would be ideal if you have the help of the Chaos Divine Flame, but you'll have to wait until he's awake for that..." The Chaos Divine Earth's voice got softer and softer before it finally trailed off into silence.

'I guess I'm on my own for now,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Duan Ling Tian!" An anxious voice rang from the periphery of the valley just when Duan Ling Tian was about to collect his bounty from killing the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang.

"Sect leader?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback by this. When he regained his senses and finally identified the owner of the voice, he saw a lean middle-aged man dressed in a long robe.

The middle-aged man was none other than Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're badly injured..." Sun Liang Peng's expression changed slightly when he saw the injuries Duan Ling Tian sustained. Then, he asked, "Where's the Blood Skull Gang's assassin?"

"There." Duan Ling Tian looked at the place where the Blood Skull Gang's assassin had landed on and turned into a pulpy mess of flesh and blood. At the same time, he bit back his pain and flew toward the corpse that was nothing more than mush now.

Sun Liang Peng was stunned speechless for a moment when he saw the sight. 'That... That's the Blood Skull Gang's assassin? D-did Duan Ling Tian kill him?'

When Sun Liang Peng regained his senses, Duan Ling Tian had already put the assassin's Spatial Ring and defensive Celestial Weapons away.

'I've never seen a weapon like this... Although this is just a King Grade Celestial Weapon, it could be extremely terrifying if wielded by someone who has comprehended the law of metal and the law of



wind,' Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he looked at the silk thread he had gained from killing the assassin. Earlier, he had seen how deadly the silk thread was. It was as though it could cut the void open.

Whoosh!

At this moment, Sun Liang Peng finally arrived next to Duan Ling Tian. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and curiously asked, "Duan Ling Tian, what's the cultivation base of the assassin?"

"He was a Six Combos Celestial King," Duan Ling Tian replied tonelessly.

### **Chapter 3066: Qing Hong**

"A Six Combos Celestial King?!" Sun Liang Peng's expression changed drastically upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's reply.

A Six Combos Celestial King assassin from the Blood Skull Gang was not like ordinary Six Combos Celestial Kings. The numbers of profundities they comprehended were higher than most Six Combos Celestial Kings in the Profound Nether Mansion's territories.

"The assassin is a Six Combos Celestial King?" At this moment, another voice rang out from the periphery of the valley. Following that, a huge figure that almost covered the sky appeared.

Duan Ling Tian saw a green flying beast that looked like a goshawk. In just a moment, the green flying beast had turned into a young man dressed in green robes.

It did not take long before the green-clad young man arrived next to Duan Ling Tian and Sun Liang Peng.

"Duan Ling Tian, this is my second brother, Qing Hong." Sun Liang Peng introduced the green-clad young man to Duan Ling Tian as soon as the green-clad young man arrived.

Although Qing Hong had been tailing Duan Ling Tian as soon as Duan Ling Tian left the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate, Duan Ling Tian had yet to meet Qing Hong face-to-face prior to this. This was their first meeting.

Even without Sun Liang Peng's introductions, Duan Ling Tian would have been able to guess the identity of the green-clad young man. He bowed and thanked Qing Hong. "Thank you for your protection along the way, Senior Qing Hong."

"I didn't expect him to lead you to a one-time Transportation Formation. I was careless. Fortunately, you're fine. Otherwise, I won't be able to explain myself to my brother." Qing Hong said tonelessly despite his words. It was only natural since he was not familiar with Duan Ling Tian. He had only protected Duan Ling Tian due to his brother's directive. Otherwise, he would not care about Duan Ling Tian's life or death.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was aware of this as well. Therefore, he no longer paid any attention to Qing Hong after he thanked Qing Hong.

“The Blood Skull Gang’s assassin should have comprehended the law of wind, right?” Qing Hong asked Duan Ling Tian as he studied the canyon that was in ruins. He had also mastered the law of wind, therefore, it was not difficult for him to tell that damages in the canyon were caused by the law of wind.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“A Blood Skull Gang’s Six Combos Celestial King who comprehended the law of wind... Usually, someone like him would have comprehended five profundities from the law of wind, including the law of wind’s Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity,” Sun Liang Peng speculated out loud. Based on his knowledge, Six Combos Celestial King assassins in top assassin organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory like the Blood Skull Gang would have at least comprehended five profundities of a law.

“Five profundities?” Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly. Sun Liang Peng severely underestimated this assassin from the Blood Skull Gang whom he had just killed. Including the law of wind’s Wind Elemental Profundity, the assassin had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind.

Duan Ling Tian was about to correct Sun Liang Peng when Qing Hong spoke up first. “It’s more than that... Based on the damages on the scene, I’d say the Blood Skull Gang’s assassin had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind, including the Wind Elemental Profundity.”

Upon hearing Qing Hong’s words, Duan Ling Tian could not help but turn to look at Qing Hong. Qing Hong was absolutely right. He felt a chill run up his spine when he saw the confident expression on Qing Hong’s face. Qing Hong was not even here to witness the fight, but he could pinpoint with accuracy the numbers of profundities the assassin had comprehended.

“Brother, are you sure?” Sun Liang Peng was thoroughly shocked when he heard Qing Hong’s words. “You know how rare it is for a Six Combos Celestial King, whether he’s an assassin from the Blood Skull Gang or not, to be able to comprehend six profundities from a law!”

“I’m certain.” Qing Hong’s gaze swept over the destroyed valley again. “Brother, look at what is left behind from the fight... That... That is left behind by the law of wind’s Wind Blade Profundity. That one... That is a mark left behind by the law of wind’s Slicing Profundity. Moreover, judging from the damage these profundities caused, he must have comprehended the Wind Gathering Profundity as well and possessed a purely offensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord!” He pointed out the profundities from the law of wind he was sure the assassin had mastered before he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, “Am I right?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded calmly. Inwardly, he was truly shocked by Qing Hong’s accuracy.

Sun Liang Peng gasped. Soon after, he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated and curious gaze as he asked, “The assassin was a Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind... Duan Ling Tian, how did you manage to kill him? Even if you have the cultivation base of a Ten Directions Celestial King from your consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, you have only comprehended two profundities from the law of earth, right?”

It was only natural that Sun Liang Peng was confused. A Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from a law of wind could easily kill a Ten Directions Celestial King who had merely comprehended two profundities from a law. The difference between the strength was almost four stages.

A Ten Directions Celestial King had to comprehend, at least, four profundities from a law to be a match for a Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from a law.

How could Duan Ling Tian who had merely comprehended two profundities from a law be a match for the assassin even if he had the cultivation base of a Ten Directions Celestial King?

Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian had used a Soul Attack. After all, profundities could be used along with Soul Attacks. However, no matter what, Duan Ling Tian who had just comprehended two profundities from the law of earth should not be a match for the Blood Skull Gang's assassin who had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind.

Duan Ling Tian was already prepared for this question. An apologetic expression appeared on his face as he said, "Sect leader... In truth, the law of earth isn't my strongest suit. My comprehension of the law of fire is higher than that of the law of earth. I have comprehended four profundities from the law of fire. Coupled with that, I had to go all out and unleashed all my strength from the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon before I could kill him. Even then, I'm severely injured. Even with medicinal pills, it'd take me two to three months, at least, to recover." He sighed after he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian had already prepared to tell Sun Liang Peng that he had comprehended four profundities from the law of fire when he had, in fact, only comprehended two profundities from the law of fire. After all, if Sun Liang Peng knew the truth, it would not take long before Sun Liang Peng suspected he had other treasures like Royal Grade Celestial Weapons or there were still uses left in his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapons.

In fact, when Duan Ling Tian discovered the full extent of the assassin's strength earlier, he had briefly considered using the last of the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. At that time, for a brief period, his strength would exceed that of an ordinary Celestial Lord. With that, it would not be difficult for him to escape unscathed from the assassin even if he could not kill the assassin. However, in the end, he dismissed that idea.

Sun Liang Peng fell into a daze when he heard Duan Ling Tian's explanation. It took him a while to recover his senses.

Meanwhile, Qing Hong looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he had expected the explanation. He had been observing the surroundings. He did not find any trace from the law of earth, only the law of fire. At that time, he had already suspected that Duan Ling Tian was more skilled in the law of fire than the law of earth. With this, it made sense now why Duan Ling Tian did not choose the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of earth and choose the King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained the law of fire instead when he was on the top floor of the inner sect library.

When Sun Liang Peng finally regained his senses, he said with bright eyes, "Duan Ling Tian, you're really the most talented prodigy I've ever met... Not only throughout the history of the Profound Nether Mansion's territories, but I've never heard of anyone in the Southern Heaven Territory who's a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial and has comprehended four profundities before reaching the age of 100!"

“Before reaching the age of 100?” Qing Hong was stunned by Sun Liang Peng’s words. He knew his brother valued Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, his brother would not have asked him to fetch Duan Ling Tian’s servant from the Thousand Nations Territory or protect Duan Ling Tian. However, he was unaware that Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old.

Qing Hong nodded slightly as he thought to himself, ‘That’s right... If he isn’t so monstrously talented, why would my brother think so highly of him?’

“It’s useless. I still can’t protect those who matter to me.” Duan Ling Tian walked to the remnants of Liu Guang Lin’s corpse and silently pieced Liu Guang Lin together before burying Liu Guang Lin. His eyes were red, and regret swelled up in his heart as he thought to himself, ‘If I’ve insisted that Guang Lin stays in the Supporting Fall Nation, this wouldn’t have happened...’

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Meanwhile.

Someone in the Blood Skull Gang’s branch outside of the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories noticed that the Soul Pearl of one of their Six Combos Celestial King assassins had shattered!

### **Chapter 3067: Denying It Until His Dying Breath**

Ge Yun Zhong was a name that was not particularly famous in the entire Blood Skull Gang. However, among the Blood Skull Gang’s Six Combos Celestial Kings, he was rather famous.

Among all the Blood Skull Gang’s Six Combos Celestial Kings, only three of them had comprehended six profundities from a law. As such, Ge Yun Zhong was considered one of the top Six Combos Celestial Kings in the Blood Skull Gang’s branch he belonged.

“Ge Yun Zhong is dead!”

News of Ge Yun Zhong’s demise spread in the Blood Skull Gang’s branch and stirred up quite a commotion.

“Ge Yun Zhong died? If I’m not mistaken his mission took him to the grade-six mansion, the Profound Nether Mansion, right? Did he die there?”

“I heard he went to finish a job that a One Basic Celestial King failed to complete. The target is a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Even then, not only did the One Basic Celestial King fail his mission, but he perished as well.”

“Well, I’m not too surprised that a One Basic Celestial King failed to kill a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. However, even someone as powerful as Ge Yun Zhong has died? It seems like that peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial must be protected by someone who’s, at least, a Seven Stars Celestial King.”

“That’s right... Ge Yun Zhong was a Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind. With his strength, it’s unlikely that any Six Combos Celestial King would be a

match for him in the Profound Nether Mansion's territories. The person who killed him must be a Seven Stars Celestial King or someone stronger."

The Blood Skull Gang's branch that Ge Yun Zhong belonged to was shaken by the news of his demise.

The high-ranking official of the branch, naturally, did not waste any time and sent a message to the headquarter of the Blood Skull Gang to inform them of what happened. He was slightly displeased for losing one of his stronger assassins. The mission sounded simple, but it was clearly more difficult than they imagined.

Soon after, the high-ranking official received a reply from the headquarter. "Did the Six Combos Celestial King assassin from your branch manage to reveal who killed him before he died?"

"No... He was probably killed from a sneak attack or they took him by surprise so he didn't have time to send a message back." The high-ranking official revealed his speculation.

"We've received your report. We will update you on this matter. For now, you're relieved from this job." This was the end of the message from the Blood Skull Gang's headquarter.

The branch's high-ranking official sighed in relief. "We finally got rid of that job... It's a pity that Ge Yun Zhong became a sacrifice. I wouldn't have accepted the job if I knew that target is so difficult to deal with... Ge Yun Zhong was definitely our branch's trump card among the Six Combos Celestial Kings here. What a pity!" He was rather displeased that he had lost a capable subordinate.

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In a huge city on a vast land, unclaimed by any forces, in the Southern Heaven Territory.

Inside a grand mansion in the city, a young man dressed in fine robes was seated in a pavilion in the front yard. He was silently sipping on a cup of tea when he received a message.

After listening to the message, the young man's expression changed drastically. "What?! A Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind had failed to complete the mission and perished in the Profound Nether Mansion?"

The young man dressed in the fine robes was none other than Chen Li, the illegitimate son, and the only son, of one of the Vice Leaders of the Blood Skull Gang. Due to his status as the only son, his father favored him greatly and doted on him. Thus, his status in the Blood Skull Gang was rather high.

At this moment, Chen Li had just received a message from one of the heads in the Blood Skull Gang's headquarter. This person was also his father's right-hand man.

"Young Master Li, who was it that made the request to kill this peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? In order to kill him, we have lost a One Basic Celestial King and a Six Combos Celestial King. Moreover, this Six Combos Celestial King who had died is no ordinary Six Combos Celestial King... He had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind. He was a great asset to our Blood Skull Gang. His death had brought a lot of attention to this job... I'm afraid word of it will spread soon," the man said, "At that time, I'm afraid there will be a lot of people from the two vice leaders' factions who are at odds

with master who would seize the opportunity to pin the blame on you. After all, you're the guarantor for this mission!"

Upon hearing these words, Chen Li scoffed and replied to the message, "So what if I am the guarantor? Guarantors are only responsible for making sure the clients give the due payment and making sure the clients don't sell us out. As for whether we accept the job or not, it all depends on the intelligence department, right? As it has always been, we only determined whether to accept a job or not after going through the intel gathered by those in the intelligence department. When has a guarantor ever had to be responsible for such a thing?"

"Young Master Li, you're right. However, you know those men are always looking to find the slightest fault to cause trouble for master. With your relation to master, you're not just an ordinary guarantor. You should also know that if it weren't for your relationship with master, you wouldn't have been able to become a guarantor at all. With this, there's no doubt they're going to make a mountain out of a molehill. It's likely that this matter will affect master's chance to take over the position of the Leader of the Blood Skull Gang. You have to understand the, two vice leaders also have their eyes on that position," the head from the headquarters explained.

"Fine, I'll talk to father about this." Chen Li concluded the message. He was feeling vexed as well. How could this happen? His eyes flashed with anger as he muttered, "It's all that Simplicity Celestial Sect's Zheng Hong Yi's fault! Why didn't he choose someone else to kill? Why did he pick Duan Ling Tian and drag me down like this!"

It was true that guarantors were not at fault if cases like that happened. However, it was different for Chen Li. He was not qualified to be a guarantor at all. The only reason he could even be a guarantor was only due to him being the son of one of the Vice Leaders of the Blood Skull Gang. This was a good reason for his father's competitors to use against his father.

"Zheng Hong Yi!" Chen Li grew even angrier when he thought about the culprit behind this mess. He wasted no time in sending a message to Zheng Hong Yi and rebuking him.

Nevertheless, to Chen Li's annoyance, according to the Blood Skull Gang's rules, once a job had been accepted, they had to see it to the end. It did not matter even if they had to sacrifice a Ten Directions Celestial King to finish the job, let alone a Six Combos Celestial King.

There was no doubt the next assassin that the Blood Skull Gang sent would no longer be a mere Six Combos Celestial King. Naturally, they would no longer recklessly rush to complete the mission. Further investigations had to be conducted before they acted again. After all, their previous intel on Duan Ling Tian was obviously not sufficient.

'Hmm?' After a long time had passed, Chen Li's expression turned unsightly when he did not receive a reply from Zheng Hong Yi. Killing intent flashed in his eyes immediately.

Naturally, Chen Li was unaware that Zheng Hong Yi could not reply to his message at this time. At this moment, Zheng Hong Yi was facing a life-or-death situation. One wrong move, and it would be over for Zheng Hong Yi.

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In the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate that was located in one of the Profound Nether Mansion's territories.

A figure could be seen kneeling in the front yard of Sun Liang Peng's residence. Despite his submissive posture of kneeling, the person's head was held high defiantly. This person was none other than Zheng Hong Yi.

Zheng Hong Yi glared at Duan Ling Tian and angrily said, "Duan Ling Tian, how can you accuse me of such a thing? Is it because my attitude toward you wasn't good when you first arrived in the sect?"

The two people standing in front of Zheng Hong Yi were Duan Ling Tian and Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

After burying Liu Guang Lin, Duan Ling Tian had informed Sun Liang Peng of Zheng Hong Yi's involvement in this matter. Before Liu Guang Lin's death, Liu Guang Lin had told him about the person who had knocked him out and brought him out of the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate.

Although Sun Liang Peng knew it had to be someone from the Simplicity Celestial Sect who had lured Duan Ling Tian away from the sect's estate, he did not expect the culprit to be his third direct disciple, Zheng Hong Yi.

Upon their return to the sect's estate, Sun Liang Peng brought Duan Ling Tian to his residence before summoning Zheng Hong Yi over.

However, Zheng Hong Yi denied the accusations. He glared at Duan Ling Tian defiantly as though he had been wrongly accused as he said with self-righteous indignation, "Duan Ling Tian, I, Zheng Hong Yi, might be jealous of you for becoming a true disciple. However, that doesn't mean I have thoughts of killing you. Moreover, you said I employed assassins from the Blood Skull Gang to kill you... Everyone knows that to employ the Blood Skull Gang's service, one needs a guarantor. With my status and strength, how could I be capable of hiring an assassin from the Blood Skull Gang? Where do you think I could even find a guarantor?"

### **Chapter 3068: Put To Death**

Duan Ling Tian calmly watched as Zheng Hong Yi vehemently denied the accusations. After Zheng Hong Yi finished speaking, he only said indifferently, "Are you done?"

"Hm?" Fear rose in Zheng Hong Yi's heart when he saw Duan Ling Tian's calm expression. 'Does Duan Ling Tian have evidence?'

When Zheng Hong Yi was summoned here, he had assumed the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang was careless and allowed Duan Ling Tian's subordinate to communicate with Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, he assumed Duan Ling Tian was lucky and managed to escape with his life intact. He was under the impression that the assassin was still alive and holding Duan Ling Tian's subordinate hostage.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian waved his hand and brought out a Spatial Ring. Then, he passed the Spatial Ring to Sun Liang Peng who was standing next to him and said, "Sect leader, please have a look and see if Zheng Hong Yi's Soul Pearl is in this Spatial Ring?"

Sun Liang Peng had seen his third direct disciple firmly denying his involvement in this matter. Although he was inclined to believe Duan Ling Tian, there was nothing he could do without any evidence. Upon seeing the Spatial Ring, he was finally reminded that Duan Ling Tian was in the possession of the assassin's Spatial Ring.

If Zheng Hong Yi was the one who hired an assassin from the Blood Skull Gang, Zheng Hong Yi's Soul Pearl should be with the assassin.

Upon seeing this, Zheng Hong Yi sneered. "It doesn't mean anything even if this Spatial Ring has my Soul Pearl! There are many people in the sect who have my Soul Pearl. It's not hard to verify this."

Duan Ling Tian turned frosty when he heard Zheng Hong Yi's words. He said with a mocking smile, "Well, what if I told you this Spatial Ring belonged to the assassin?"

The Spatial Ring of the Blood Skull Gang's assassin?

Zheng Hong Yi was stunned speechless. Why was the assassin's Spatial Ring in Duan Ling Tian's possession? There was only one possibility for something like that: the assassin had died.

Following that, Sun Liang Peng brought a Soul Pearl out from the Spatial Ring. An expression of fury appeared on his face immediately. As Zheng Hong Yi's master, he was, naturally, familiar with Zheng Hong Yi's soul mark. There was no doubt this Soul Pearl belonged to Zheng Hong Yi.

With this confirmation, Sun Liang Peng's expression turned frosty as Celestial Origin Energy began to rise from his body. It seemed like he intended to kill Zheng Hong Yi to seek justice for Duan Ling Tian. "So it's really you! You insolent disciple!"

"Master!" Zheng Hong Yi cried out. A panicked expression appeared on his face when he saw the killing intent flashing in his master's eyes. He hastily said in an attempt to save his life, "You can't believe him! Just because he said the Spatial Ring belonged to the assassin, how can you just take his word for it?"

"I watched Duan Ling Tian pick the Spatial Ring from the assassin's corpse!" Sun Liang Peng's killing intent did not subside at all. He turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian, you have the right to deal with him... You can kill him to avenge your subordinate."

"Thank you, sect leader." Duan Ling Tian nodded. When he turned to look at Zheng Hong Yi, a terrifying killing intent raged in his eyes. Liu Guang Lin had died because of him. He had to avenge Liu Guang Lin no matter what.

At this moment, Sun Liang Peng turned a deaf ear to what Zheng Hong Yi said, ignoring Zheng Hong Yi. He only watched on expressionlessly as though he did not care about Zheng Hong Yi's life or death.

Zheng Hong Yi's expression changed drastically. Fear tightened its grip around his heart when he saw his master truly did not care about what happened to him.



Duan Ling Tian was about to land the killing strike when Zheng Hong Yi hastily said, "Duan Ling Tian, I'm not the only one who had dealt with the Blood Skull Gang. Wang Hong is involved as well. In the previous assassin's Spatial Ring, you should be able to find a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord. It's called the Jade Light Armor. It was given to her by the grand elder. She had used it as a deposit to pay the Blood Skull Gang." Faced with his impending death, he gritted his teeth and decided to drag Wang Hong down with him. If he had to die, he would not die alone. If they decided to spare Wang Hong due to her connection, he might have a chance of surviving as well. It was his last-ditch attempt to survive.

"Wang Hong?" The killing intent in Duan Ling Tian's eyes intensified as he turned to look at Sun Liang Peng meaningfully. "Sect leader... It seems like the grand elder wasn't being honest when we spoke to him before."

"Insolent disciple, do you have evidence?" Sun Liang Peng asked icily as he stared at Zheng Hong Yi. Despite his question, he was already rather certain of Wang Hong's involvement.

"Master, I don't have any evidence. However, I can ask Wang Hong to meet me. You can hide while I speak to her," Zheng Hong Yi said.

All this time, Wang Hong was unaware that the Blood Skull Gang had sent another assassin. Naturally, she had no inkling as to what had happened at all.

Then, Zheng Hong Yi hurriedly sent Wang Hong a Voice Transmission telling her that the Blood Skull Gang had sent another assassin. Therefore, she agreed to meet him.

It did not take long before Wang Hong arrived. As soon as she saw Zheng Hong Yi, she did not greet him but immediately asked, "Zheng Hong Yi, what's his cultivation base? According to my grandfather, Duan Ling Tian's current cultivation base is equivalent to a Ten Directions Celestial King."

Before Zheng Hong Yi could respond, Wang Hong continued to say, "If he's just a normal assassin, he won't be able to kill Duan Ling Tian."

As soon as Wang Hong finished speaking, Zheng Hong Yi looked at the air in front of him and asked, "Did you hear that?"

Upon hearing this, Wang Hong's expression changed dramatically as an ominous feeling rose in her heart.

"Wang Hong, you're a part of this as well?!" Sun Liang Peng asked angrily.

Wang Hong watched, frightened, as Sun Liang Peng and Duan Ling Tian appeared.

Sun Liang Peng was furious. He did not expect Wang Hong to do such a foolish thing with Zheng Hong Yi. Did she not take her grandfather who was the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect into consideration before she acted so foolishly?

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian only looked at Wang Hong coldly as though he was looking at a dead person.

“S-sect leader?!” Wang Hong already had a bad premonition when Zheng Hong Yi spoke to the air. When she saw Sun Liang Peng, she was shocked.

When Wang Hong regained her senses, she glared at Zheng Hong Yi and said through gritted teeth, “Zheng Hong Yi! It’s your own fault you got exposed, why must you drag me down with you?” If she still did not understand Zheng Hong Yi’s intention, she would have lived her life in vain.

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After that, Sun Liang Peng spoke to Wang Hong’s grandfather, the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s Grand Elder, and the other high-ranking officials of the Simplicity Celestial Sect regarding how the duo should be dealt with.

Zhang Guang Zheng, the person who brought Duan Ling Tian to the Simplicity Celestial Sect, was the first to speak up. “This is terrible... It’s already bad enough that our disciples are killing among themselves. Now, they even dare to hire assassins! I think they should be put to death to serve as an example for the other disciples! With this, we can prevent something like this from happening again in the future.”

“I agree.” The other Vice Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, a middle-aged man with a medium build, agreed with Zhang Guang Zheng.

Apart from Wang Qian Zhan, the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, who had not spoken up yet, the other high-ranking officials of the Simplicity Celestial Sect agreed with sentencing Zheng Hong Yi and Wang Hong to death.

“Grand Elder, what do you think?” Sun Liang Peng asked as he looked at Wang Qian Zhan.

Everyone instinctively turned to look at Wang Qian Zhan.

These eyes were like an immense pressure on him. “Sentence them to death then,” he said indifferently before he left without turning back.

Despite Wang Qian Zhan’s indifference, the other high-ranking officials of the Simplicity Celestial Sect could understand his feelings. Therefore, they were not offended by his abrupt departure.

Sun Liang Peng had allowed Duan Ling Tian to personally execute Wang Hong and Zheng Hong Yi. It could be considered as doing Duan Ling Tian a favor as well.

After Duan Ling Tian had executed Wang Hong, he looked at Zheng Hong Yi and asked curiously. “Zheng Hong Yi, I’m curious... Who’s your guarantor?”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, the others who were present turned to look at Zheng Hong Yi curiously as well.

The Blood Skull Gang was one of the top assassin organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory. It was not easy to employ their services. One had to be or had to have a guarantor who was, at least, a leader of a grade-six force or a Celestial Lord. A way to bypass that was to have connections with someone from the Blood Skull Gang. Most of the people present were certain Zheng Hong Yi had a connection with someone from the Blood Skull Gang.

Zheng Hong Yi sneered. “I’m going to die anyway... Why should I tell you?”

“Well, if you answer my question, I’ll leave you with an intact corpse. Otherwise, you’ll die by a thousand cuts and dismemberment!” Duan Ling Tian’s voice was frosty, and the killing intent in his eyes intensified, causing chills to run up people’s spines.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words and seeing the killing intent in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes, Zheng Hong Yi’s face turned as pale as a sheet of paper. He did not doubt Duan Ling Tian’s words at all. Out of fear, he hastily said, “I met the son of a high-ranking official in the Blood Skull Gang once. I did him a favor so he gave me his Soul Pearl and promised me two chances to employ the Blood Skull Gang’s service.”

### **Chapter 3069: Five Years**

Zheng Hong Yi’s reply confirmed the suspicion of the high-ranking officials in the Simplicity Celestial Sect; Zheng Hong Yi managed to hire an assassin from the Blood Skull Gang to kill Duan Ling Tian because he had connections in the Blood Skull Gang.

Duan Ling Tian clicked his tongue and shook his head before he said, “You used one of the two chances that the son of a high-ranking official in the Blood Skull Gang gave you to kill me... I don’t know if I should thank you for the honor or tell you that you’ve overestimated me.”

“Duan Ling Tian, the winner takes all... I hope you’ll keep your words and finish me off swiftly!” Zheng Hong Yi said in a deep voice before he closed his eyes.

Then, Duan Ling Tian did not waste any more time and swiftly executed Zheng Hong Yi.

After that, Zhang Guang Zheng, one of the Vice Sect Leaders of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, looked at Duan Ling Tian worriedly as he said, “Duan Ling Tian, the Blood Skull Gang has lost two assassins on their mission to assassinate you. One of them was even a Six Combos Celestial King... I’m afraid they won’t let the matter slide...” Then, he continued to remind Duan Ling Tian, “In the future, don’t leave the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. As long as you’re in the sect’s estate, even top assassin organizations like the Blood Skull Gang won’t dare to simply enter the sect’s estate.”

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. From this incident, he realized that he was still far too weak. He decided that unless it was a matter of utmost importance, he would not simply leave the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate.

Now that the Six Combos Celestial King from the Blood Skull Gang had died, it was not difficult to figure out that the next assassin the Blood Skull Gang sent would be even more powerful. It was likely that the Blood Skull Gang would send someone even more powerful than Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, to kill him. The assassin would probably lie in wait outside the sect’s estate. If it were not for the Profound Nether Mansion, even the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate would not be safe.

“However, even in the sect, I’m afraid I’m not completely free from danger... If I’m not mistaken, the grand elder will probably want to avenge Wang Hong’s death... It’s not a stretch to say that he probably can’t wait to kill me...”

Wang Hong only had herself to blame for her death. However, according to Sun Liang Peng, Wang Qian Zhan, the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, had always been very protective of his

granddaughter who was also his only relative. Based on Wang Qian Zhan's character, he definitely would not let this matter rest until he had gotten his revenge.

Upon hearing Sun Liang Peng's words, the first thought that appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind was to leave the Simplicity Celestial Sect as soon as possible. There were both internal and external dangers in the Simplicity Celestial Sect so why would he continue staying in such a dangerous place?

However, when he thought about how Sun Liang Peng did not hesitate to mete out justice and sacrificed his third direct disciple because of him, his urge to leave dampened slightly. Although Zheng Hong Yi and Wang Hong's actions were terrible, it would not be difficult for Sun Liang Peng to conceal the matter to save Zheng Hong Yi and Wang Hong. Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was aware that Sun Liang Peng was incredibly impartial because he valued Duan Ling Tian's potential. After all, Sun Liang Peng would benefit greatly if Duan Ling Tian successfully entered the Profound Nether Mansion. If it were someone else in Duan Ling Tian's shoes, Sun Liang Peng might not have dealt with the matter so decisively and fairly. Sun Liang Peng might have executed Zheng Hong Yi anyway, but there was a chance Sun Liang Peng might spare Wang Hong. After all, by executing Wang Hong, he would offend and lose the support from Wang Qiao Zhan who had a high status in the sect.

Nonetheless, Duan Ling Tian still felt grateful to Sun Liang Peng. After all, there was no guarantee he would successfully enter the Profound Nether Mansion, and at this moment, Sun Liang Peng did not benefit from him.

After executing Zheng Hong Yi and Wang Hong, Duan Ling Tian did not return to his residence in the valley for true disciples and inner disciples. Instead, he returned to Sun Liang Peng's residence.

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Meanwhile, Wang Qian Zhan stood at the peak of a mountain nearby with a bitter expression on his face. He muttered to himself, "The sect leader went to such lengths for an outsider, isn't he afraid that he'll offend the original sect members with his actions?"

Wang Qian Zhan's eyes were red, and his hands were tightly fisted. His Celestial Origin Energy that surged out was turbulent, causing the air around him to ripple.

It was just as Sun Liang Peng and Duan Ling Tian had expected, Wang Qiao Zhan had, indeed, planned to kill Duan Ling Tian to avenge Wang Hong, his granddaughter. He was even ready to flee the sect and abandon his position as a grand elder of the sect for the sake of his revenge. Due to his experience and familiarity with the sect's estate, he was confident that he would be able to escape safely even if he had to face Sun Liang Peng or the strong powerhouses from the sect.

However, it was out of Wang Qiao Zhan's expectation that Sun Liang Peng would bring Duan Ling Tian back to his residence. With this, it would be much more difficult for his plan to succeed. Before he could even get to Duan Ling Tian, he would have to contend with Sun Liang Peng. Moreover, as the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Sect, he knew how difficult it was to breach the defenses in Sun Liang Peng's residence. After all, Sun Liang Peng's residence was also the residence of all the former Sect Leaders of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. It was protected by many complex Formations that Wang Qiao Zhan did not

understand. If he drew too close to Sun Liang Peng's residence, it would be easy for Sun Liang Peng to detect his presence.

Wang Qian Zhan's eyes flashed with hatred, fury, and killing intent as he looked at Sun Liang Peng's residence from afar. "Duan Ling Tian, you can stay there as long as you want. If I'm given even the smallest opportunity, I'll definitely kill you!"

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"Hmm?" When Duan Ling Tian entered Sun Liang Peng's residence, he could feel an intense gaze on him. He instinctively turned to look at a mountain nearby and saw a figure standing at the peak of the mountain. His eyes narrowed slightly as he said, "That's..."

"It's the grand elder." Sun Liang Peng finished Duan Ling Tian's words. "I've noticed his presence since earlier. He's been watching you like a predator eyeing its prey. It seems like I'm right; he has no intention to spare you..." Then, he sighed and said helplessly, "However, due to the sect's rules, there's nothing I can do to him before he attacks you. After all, he's still the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect."

Although Sun Liang Peng could easily kill Wang Qiao Zhan, he needed a reasonable cause to kill the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Sect. He could not simply kill Wang Qiao Zhang for a crime he had yet to commit. Moreover, it would stir up dissatisfaction in the other high-ranking officials of the sect.

Similarly, as the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, Sun Liang Peng could expel Wang Qiao Zhan from the sect. However, he would still need a solid reason to do that.

For these reasons, Sun Liang Peng's hands were tied. Although he knew Wang Qiao Zhan could make a move against Duan Ling Tian at any moment, there was nothing he could do about it for now.

In the end, Sun Liang Peng said to Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, you should stay here and cultivate if you have nothing urgent to attend to. If you have to leave my residence or the sect's estate, please make sure to inform me about it so I can make the necessary arrangement to ensure your safety." This was the best solution he could come up with for now. After a moment, he continued to say, "Naturally, it's best if you don't leave the sect's estate at all. I'm rather certain the next assassin the Blood Skull Gang sends will be even more powerful than me..."

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded. To him, the cultivation environment here was similar to the cultivation environment in his true disciple residence. Therefore, it did not make a difference to him whether he cultivated here or there. Moreover, he did not care much about cultivation environments since he had the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life that he had claimed ownership over. The branch granted him unparalleled cultivation speed. Even Huan'er's Divine Crystal could not compare to it.

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Since the Chaos Divine Flame was in deep slumber, Duan Ling Tian noticed his comprehension speed when comprehending the law of fire's profundities had slowed down considerably. Therefore, he switched his attention to raising his cultivation base and tried to break through to become a Celestial Duke.

It was a turning point once one became a Celestial Duke. After all, Celestial Dukes were able to create Little Worlds exclusive to them. According to the rumor, he could even possibly comprehend the law of space.

The law of space was one of the Four Supreme Laws that every Celestial Dukes could comprehend. Similar to the other Supreme Laws, the law of time, the law of life, and the law of death, the law of space could not be comprehended through Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. The most common method for one to comprehend the law of space was through a Little World once one had broken through and became a Celestial Duke. Naturally, there were other ways to comprehend the law of space as well, but they were hard to come by and required a lot of luck and rare opportunities.

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Time passed by silently as Duan Ling Tian immersed himself in raising his cultivation base. At some point, his cultivation base had almost reached that of a Celestial Duke. In fact, he was just a step away from a breakthrough and becoming a Celestial Duke. However, he was rather annoyed since the last step to become a Celestial Duke seemed almost insurmountable.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply before opening his eyes. He decided to pause his cultivation for now and resume comprehending the law of fire.

After Duan Ling Tian comprehended the law of fire's Fundamental Profundity, the Fire Elemental Profundity, and the Pillaging Profundity, he began to comprehend the law of fire's Burning Profundity.

According to Chaos Divine Flame, since he had experiences with using the Chaos Divine Flame to refine pills, it would be slightly easier for him to comprehend the Burning Profundity compared to the other law of fire's profundities.

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Similar to when Duan Ling Tian was cultivating, time continued to fly as he comprehended the Burning Profundity.

Unknowingly, five years had passed since Duan Ling Tian moved into Sun Liang Peng's residence.

Duan Ling Tian had spent most of his time over the past five years cultivating and comprehending the law of fire's Burning Profundity. At this moment, he was only one step away from completely comprehending and mastering the Burning Profundity. As for his cultivation base, the last step to becoming a Celestial Duke from a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial no longer seemed as insurmountable as before.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'It shouldn't be too difficult for me to break through and become a Celestial Duke within a year...'

### **Chapter 3070: The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit**

Duan Ling Tian was confident he would have a breakthrough and become a Celestial Duke within a year.

When he regained his senses and slowly opened his eyes, he received a message from someone unexpected. Duan Ling Tian had received at least dozens of messages from Huang Jia Long updating him about what was happening in the Coupling Celestial Sect over the past five years. However, this is the first time he received a message from Ling Jue Yun.

Ling Jue Yun bluntly asked in the first message, "Have you broken through and become a Celestial Duke?"

"Not yet... Have you?" Duan Ling Tian replied. He assumed Ling Jue Yun had a breakthrough and had become a Celestial Lord so Ling Jue Yun had sent him a message to brag about it.

"No." Duan Ling Tian was surprised by Ling Jue Yun's reply. Since Ling Jue Yun had not broken through, why did Ling Jue Yun ask him such a question? Was Ling Jue Yun trying to find out if he had surpassed Ling Jue Yun and became a Celestial Duke first? He was at a loss for words and did not know how to reply.

Then, Ling Jue Yun sent another message. "Duan Ling Tian, I'll come and find you in two years. At that time, let's leave the Spirit Overarching Heaven and go to the Jade Emperor Heaven!"

"The Jade Emperor Heaven?!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed imperceptibly when he heard Ling Jue Yun's words. He was rather familiar with the Jade Emperor Heaven. In fact, when he was in the process of ascending from the Yan Huang realm to a Devata Realm, he was supposed to ascend to the Jade Emperor Heaven. Unfortunately, due to spatial turbulence in the Colossal World that happened once every 10,000 years, many people who were ascending failed to reach their designated Devata Realms. Duan Ling Tian who had ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven was one of those people.

"What are we going to do in the Jade Emperor Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

In Devata Realms, Celestials stronger than Great Overarching Golden Celestials could travel to another Devata Realm through a Transporting Formation as long as they had enough Celestial Crystals. Up until now, Duan Ling Tian had never considered leaving the Spirit Overarching Heaven. First of all, he had been here for quite some time and had grown familiar with this realm. Leaving to another Devata Realm meant he had to familiarize himself with a new place all over again. Second, it was risky traveling from one Devata Realm to another using a Transporting Formation. If one's cultivation base was weak, one could be easily killed by stronger powerhouses. For these reasons, he had never considered leaving the Spirit Overarching Heaven for another Devata Realm even though he was already a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

"Three days ago, someone came up to me..." Ling Jue Yun promptly replied, "That person asked if I could contact you after discovering that I've not broken through and has yet to become a Celestial Duke. He knew both of us were selected from the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the Profound Nether Mansion. He wanted me to inform you that three years later we must leave the Spirit Overarching Heaven for the Jade Emperor Heaven."

"Who's he? Why are you listening to his words? Why do we need to go to the Jade Emperor Heaven just because he told us to?" Duan Ling Tian questioned Ling Jue Yun. Based on his understanding of Ling Jue Yun, there had to be a good reason why Ling Jue Yun agreed to that person's words.

“The man only mentioned he had discovered a secret realm that seems to be created by a Celestial Emperor in the Jade Emperor Heaven. It contains many valuable treasures. Not long after he entered the secret realm, he encountered a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, but he was incapable of wielding it... He even showed me the secret realm through his Floating Image Pearl. It was indeed a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon,” Ling Jue Yun said.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted knowingly as he said, “You mentioned earlier he only asked you to contact me after finding out you’ve yet to become a Celestial Duke... In your first message, you also asked me if I’ve become a Celestial Duke. Could it be that the secret realm could only be accessed by those who are Celestial Dukes or stronger?”

“That’s right,” Ling Jue Yun replied.

“If the secret realm contains only Royal Grade or even Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, I don’t think they’re enough to tempt you and make you so enthusiastic, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

Ling Jue Yun was from a powerful clan in the Divine Offering Land so he did not lack Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. Moreover, he even possessed Devata Artifacts.

“Of course. It’s not just Royal Grade and Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, I’m also not interested in Royal Grade and Emperor Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. I want to go there because my artifact spirit has confirmed that man is a reincarnated Celestial,” Ling Jue Yun said.

“A reincarnated Celestial?” Duan Ling Tian’s heart skipped a beat. He had only met one of such people before. It was none other than his wife, Ke’er. In her past life, she was Xia Ning Xue, the Eldest Miss of the Xia Clan. In this life, before she had awakened her memories, she had married Duan Ling Tian and gave birth to a daughter. Apart from that, rumor had been circulating in the Simplicity Celestial Sect that Duan Ling Tian was a reincarnated Celestial as well since his achievements were so great even though he was so young.

“Yes! In fact, he’s not an ordinary reincarnated Celestial. My artifact spirit told me he was, at least, a Celestial Emperor in his past life!” Ling Jue Yun said.

The reincarnation of a Celestial Emperor!

Duan Ling Tian’s heart skipped a beat.

“If he’s the reincarnation of a Celestial Emperor, I think I know why he’s going around gathering powerful peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials...” Ling Jue Yun said.

“Why?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“In my opinion, he must have obtained the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit by accident and planted its seed in his past life. After he had regained his past memories, he’s trying to gather enough powerful peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials to kill each other in front of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit tree as a sacrifice so that the fruits will ripen quickly,” Ling Jue Yun replied.

“The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit? What’s that?” Duan Ling Tian had gained much knowledge after arriving in the Spirit Overarching Heaven. However, this was his first time hearing about the Heaven



Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Since it had the word 'divine' in its name, there was no doubt it was extraordinary.

"The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit is a Divine Fruit... In fact, it'll only be effective for Celestials below Celestial Dukes." Ling Jue Yun was not surprised that Duan Ling Tian had never heard of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit since it was extremely rare. Even if the seeds of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit appeared, they would be used as ingredients to refine Celestial Pills. People would rarely plant the seeds of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit because a tremendous amount of effort and rare ingredients were required to make the seeds sprout and grow into a tree. Moreover, after the tree grew, it would require the deaths of many powerhouses below Celestial Dukes who had comprehended the laws as a sacrifice and an offering to make the tree grow. The success rate was only 10%.

"10%?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. "So much trouble, and its success rate is only 10%? This person who's trying to grow that tree is insane, right?"

"That's right! He's a madman!" Ling Jue Yun continued to say, "When I was in the Divine Offering Land, I heard that only three people managed to successfully consume the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit... Out of the three people, two of them had died before they grew into their full potential. The remaining person is now a Celestial Emperor in the Ten Thousand Beast Heaven."

"A Celestial Emperor of the Ten Thousand Beast Heaven?!" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed.

The Ten Thousand Beast Heaven was a realm that was hostile toward humans and other life forms. The realm was dominated by Celestial Beasts. It was the survival of the fittest there. To become a Celestial Emperor in the Ten Thousand Beast Heaven was extremely tough.

"What are the benefits of eating the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit? Why is it only Celestials below Celestial Dukes are able to eat it?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

A Celestial Fruit that bore the 'divine' word in its name and could only be consumed by Celestials below Celestial Dukes... Duan Ling Tian was curious about its effects.

"It'll boost one's strength to unimaginable levels!" Ling Jue Yun replied, "I'm not talking about just helping a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial become a Celestial Duke... It's more like aiding a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke!"

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In the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect's estate.

In a small and quiet courtyard, Ling Jue Yun was sitting in front of a stone table as he communicated with Duan Ling Tian. He was not surprised that he did not receive a reply from Duan Ling Tian after his previous message.

Ling Jue Yun thought to himself, "Duan Ling Tian still doesn't know that's just one of the medicinal effects of consuming the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Another effect from the fruit is related to comprehending profundities from the laws!"

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In the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate.

Duan Ling Tian was thoroughly shocked by Ling Jue Yun's words. The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit was able to help a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke? His mind was blank, and his breathing grew heavy. "Such heaven-defying fruits really exist? Its effect really lives up to its name!"

It took a few moments before Duan Ling Tian finally calmed and regained his composure.