

SOVEREIGN 3081

### Chapter 3081: Heading to the Jade Emperor Heaven

Ling Jue Yun was still confident of Duan Ling Tian's defeat when something out of his expectations occurred.

Not only was Duan Ling Tian not retreating, but he was advancing!

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian burst up in flames again like a human torch as he charged toward Ling Jue Yun.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian raised his arms and pushed his palms forward. In just a moment, two balls of magma shot out from his palms. The heat was so intense that even the air smelt burned.

The Fire Elemental Profundity!

The Pillaging Profundity!

The Burning Profundity!

Duan Ling Tian used the law of fire's three profundities simultaneously. As the balls of magma rolled forward, tiny explosions could be seen on the surface as well. Obviously, he cast the Explosion Profundity as well. It seemed like he was going all out this time.

At least, that was what Ling Jue Yun thought.

'You've overestimated yourself!' Ling Jue Yun thought to himself and sneered inwardly as he watched the balls of magma rolling toward him. Then, he moved his hands around, and the scythes around him began to speed up as they shot toward the balls of magma.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The scythes released black energies that seemed as though they could extinguish all the light in the world, dyeing the world black.

its saber rays, the black energies rushed out as though it will engulf all brightness in the world, painting the world in darkness.

On the other hand, the two balls of magma were like shooting stars in the night sky, lighting up the night.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun's attacks collided.

The black energies from the scythes instantly overwhelmed Duan Ling Tian's balls of magma as soon as they came in contact.

“You lost.” A triumphant smile appeared on Ling Jue Yun’s face; he could barely conceal the excitement in his eyes. He looked at Duan Ling Tian eagerly, wanting to see the expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face when Duan Ling Tian realized he had been defeated.

However, Ling Jue Yun discovered his expectation was nothing like reality. At this moment, Duan Ling Tian had a confident smile on his face. He was baffled. Why was Duan Ling Tian smiling so confidently?

Ling Jue Yun began to doubt himself. ‘Is it possible that he still hasn’t gone all out?’ After a moment, he shook his head, dismissing his thoughts. It was impossible.

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun heard Duan Ling Tian say, “No, you lost.”

‘H-how is that possible?!’ At this moment, Ling Jue Yun watched in shock as Duan Ling Tian’s energies that seemed to be overwhelmed and almost decimated by his attacks exploded violently.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of earth-shattering explosions rang in the air, and a cloud mushroom rose up above the mountain.

At this moment, a figure in tattered grey robes flew up as he vomited blood. The blood splattered in the air with the flames burning in the background.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

After the fiery mushroom cloud rose, a heatwave rolled through the entire place, causing many plants and branches to catch fire. In just a short time, half of the forest had caught fire. Moreover, the fire was spreading quickly and showed no signs of stopping. Just like that, a massive wildfire was started.

As the fiery mushroom cloud slowly dissipated, a purple figure emerged from it, looking like a god. He had sword-shaped eyebrows and bright eyes that made him look extraordinarily handsome. He stood still and looked at the roughed-up grey figure in a lazy manner. A faint smile could be seen on his face.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the beat-up Ling Jue Yun and said with a faint smile on his face, “I had attacked with a light hand earlier... Otherwise, you would’ve sustained much more serious injuries.”

“Was that... Was that the Explosion Profundity?” Ling Jue Yun was not bothered by his appearance. He quickly walked to Duan Ling Tian to ask the burning question in his mind. After all, he could feel the Explosion Profundity was the key to Duan Ling Tian’s victory. However, he was not 100% certain if it was the Explosion Profundity.

Duan Ling Tian had only grasped the basics of the Explosion Profundity, but the energy earlier that seemed like the Explosion Profundity felt as though it had been comprehended to the rudimentary stage. No, in fact, it felt as though it was slightly stronger than the rudimentary stage.

In any case, Ling Jue Yun did not suspect Duan Ling Tian of using external forces like Celestial Talismans or other things.

“Are you the only one allowed to inherit the power of blood?” Duan Ling Tian asked with twinkling eyes.

“You... You also inherited the power of blood?” Ling Jue Yun’s eyes widened in shock. “T-this means... This means you’re a descendant of a supreme powerhouse!”

Like most ancient clans in the Divine Offering Land, the Ling Clan had inherited the supreme powerhouse’s bloodline. As such, everyone in the Ling Clan inherited the power of blood. Only descendants of a supreme powerhouse would have the power of blood.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by Ling Jue Yun’s question. He asked the Chaos Divine Flame, “The power of blood is related to a supreme powerhouse?”

The Chaos Divine Flame promptly replied, “Most people in the Realm of Gods are descendants of supreme powerhouses. Most of them have the power of blood in them. People with the power of blood are rarely seen in the mundane realms and the Devata Realms. Even if there were any, they must have come from the Realm of Gods. In the Realm of Gods, there are countless people with the power of blood.”

Duan Ling Tian gained new knowledge again after listening to the Chaos Divine Flame’s explanation. No wonder Ling Jue Yun was shocked when he said he had the power of blood.

After all, only descendants of supreme powerhouses could inherit the power of blood. It was only natural that Ling Jue Yun was shocked that Duan Ling Tian was also a descendant of a supreme powerhouse. After all, he did not think Duan Ling Tian was from the Realm of Gods.

Duan Ling Tian did not respond to Ling Jue Yun’s question. Instead, he said, “You lost.”

From their first meeting and through their interactions, Duan Ling Tian could tell Ling Jue Yun was a prideful person. Previously, at Scaling Cloud Lake, Ling Jue Yun had even threatened him before Ling Jue Yun left for the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect. If he was honest with himself, he was rather annoyed by that. Therefore, he had agreed to Ling Jue Yun’s request when Ling Jue Yun suggested they battle when they entered the Profound Nether Mansion. Their promised fight arrived earlier than expected, and he was the victor. Now, he wanted to see the expression on Ling Jue Yun’s face after being defeated. In his opinion, it would be difficult for someone like Ling Jue Yun to accept defeat. However, he was surprised by Ling Jue Yun’s reaction.

“That’s right. I’ve lost.” Ling Jue Yun nodded. There was no trace of displeasure on his face at all.

‘That’s it?’ Duan Ling Tian was surprised to see Ling Jue Yun’s calm acceptance of his defeat. He found it strange. In his opinion, someone like Ling Jue Yun would not be able to remain calm after being defeated.

Upon seeing the surprised expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face, Ling Jue Yun said indifferently, “Since you’re also from the Realm of Gods, and we’re about the same age, it’s not a surprise that you barely defeated...” Then, he added with a glint in his eyes, “Regardless, I’ll definitely defeat you in the future!”

Upon hearing Ling Jue Yun’s words, realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. As it turned out, Ling Jue Yun was so calm after being defeated because Ling Jue Yun believed Duan Ling Tian was from another Realm of God, not the Divine Offering Land, and possessed the power of blood as well.

Duan Ling Tian only smiled wryly. Why did he imply he possessed the power of blood? In any case, he knew Ling Jue Yun would have a hard time difficulting his defeat if he knew Duan Ling Tian was from the mundane realm and had ascended a Devata Realm. The defeat was barely acceptable to Ling Jue Yun since he thought Duan Ling Tian was his peer, someone of the same age and from the Realm of Gods. If Ling Jue Yun was aware of the truth, he would receive a huge blow.

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Time flew by quickly. In just a blink of an eye, ten months had passed.

In the center of Ax Mountain City where the Above Cloud Pavilion was located.

Two figures could be seen emerging from the Above Sky Pavilion's First Sky Courtyard. The two figures were none other than Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun. After they descended, they went to a counter and checked out of the Above Cloud Pavilion.

Then, they went to the back of the city's square where Ax Mountain City's Transporting Formation, which would send them to their intended Devata Realm, was located.

As one of the cities under Profound Nether Mansion, the Transporting Formation was much superior to other smaller cities.

The Transporting Formation was very precise. It would be able to send one to a precise place of one's choosing in the Devata Realm.

As Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun walked side by side as they made their way to the Transporting Formation, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Where in the Jade Emperor Heaven are we going?"

"The Equal Heaven Territory's Yan Mountain Mansion in the Jade Emperor Heaven," Ling Jue Yun replied.

### **Chapter 3082: Outrageous Transportation Cost**

The Transporting Formation in Ax Mountain City was located inside a crescent-shaped building. Nine main halls in the building were also laid out in an arc to form a crescent shape. As such, the building had nine points of entry and exits that also served as entrances to the nine main halls. After leaving the city square, Ling Jue Yun looked at the crescent-shaped building and began to explain to Duan Ling Tian. "These nine halls are where the Transporting Formations in Ax Mountain City are located... Inside each hall, there are nine Transporting Formations that lead to nine specific Devata Realms. Therefore, there are 81 Transporting Formations that lead to 81 Devata Realms, including our Spirit Overarching Heaven, respectively."

Although Duan Ling Tian had been staying in Ax Mountain City for more than 10 months, he had never been here. He was slightly puzzled when he heard Ling Jue Yun's explanation. "Including our Spirit Overarching Heaven? We're in the Spirit Overarching Heaven. What's the point of having a Transporting Formation for the Spirit Overarching Heaven here?"

"Of course there is a point," Ling Jue Yun said, "Those who come to Ax Mountain City can use it to go anywhere in the Spirit Overarching Heaven. As I've said before, it can only go to places in the territories of the Southern Heaven Territory's Profound Nether Mansion."

“Then, does this mean the Transporting Formation in other regions under other grade-six forces in the Southern Heaven Territory can also come here?” Duan Ling Tian asked as his eyes lit up.

“Of course.” Ling Jue Yun nodded. “However, there are only a few people who use the Transporting Formation. Even Celestial Lords wouldn’t be so wasteful. Moreover, with the speed of Celestial Lords, it won’t take them long to travel the entire Southern Heaven Territory, let alone traveling from one grade-six force to another in the Southern Heaven Territory.”

“Wasteful? Only a few people would use it?” Duan Ling Tian was further puzzled. “Does it require a lot of Celestial Crystals to use the Transporting Formation?”

“Of course,” Ling Jue Yun promptly replied, “It requires 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to activate the Transporting Formation each time... For this reason, regardless of your destination, the cost to activate the Formation is the same. That’s the basic consumption needed to activate the Transporting Formation. Additionally, a fee also has to be paid to the forces guarding the Transporting Formations. Take the Ax Mountain City’s Transporting Formation as an example, the Profound Nether Mansion will charge 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to use the Formation in the name of maintaining the Formation.”

Duan Ling Tian was incredibly shocked after listening to Ling Jue Yun’s explanation. “It takes 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to activate the Transporting Formation each time? On top of that, one has to pay the Profound Nether Mansion 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals as a fee? This means everyone who wants to use the Transporting Formation has to pay 110,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

Although Duan Ling Tian had expected it would be costly to use the Transporting Formation, he did not expect the price to be so outrageously exorbitant.

110,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!

Ordinary King Grade Celestial Weapons would only cost 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. In certain popular places, 110,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were sufficient to buy a fairly good offensive King Grade Celestial Weapon!

“Well, it depends on how many people are being transported at once. If you’re traveling alone, then you’d have to pay 110,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. If there were two people being transported, each person would only need to pay 60,000 prominent Celestial Crystals,” Ling Jue Yun said, “No matter how many people are being transported, the activation cost for the Transporting Formation would always be prominent Celestial Crystals.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes brightened as he said, “So two people can be transported at the same time with the Transporting Formation?”

In that case, the cost was greatly reduced. When the cost was shared by two people, the 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystal activation fee could be split in two. That would mean each person would only have to pay 50,000 prominent Celestial Crystals for the activation of the Transporting Formation. Adding on the 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals that each person had to pay to the Profound Nether Mansion, the cost for using the Transporting Formation when shared between two people was only 60,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

“Yes.” Ling Jue Yun nodded.

“Can three be transported at once?” Duan Ling Tian asked again. If it was possible to transport three people at once, the cost would be reduced again. Each person would only have to pay less than 40,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

“The Transporting Formation controlled by the Profound Nether Mansion can only transport two people at once. This is due to the limited ability of the person who set up the Transporting Formation,” Ling Jue Yun continued to explain to Duan Ling Tian, “There are more skilled masters in larger cities. The Transporting Formations there can transport three, four, or even more people at once. Similarly, each time the Formation is activated, it would require 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.”

Duan Ling Tian finally understood that the number of people the Transporting Formation could carry depended on the Formation master’s ability.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly thought about the three assassins from the Blood Skull Gang. ‘Apart from the fee, a Transporting Formation requires 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to be activated. Although the assassin could instantly arrive in the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories, they certainly wouldn’t have used a Transporting Formation since it’s so costly. Let alone the One Basic Celestial King and the Six Combos Celestial King, I think even the Nine Palaces Celestial King assassin wouldn’t use the Transporting Formation. Moreover, with his cultivation base, it wouldn’t take him long to arrive at his destination.’

Nine Palaces Celestial Kings were not only powerful, but they were fast as well. After experiencing the speed of a Celestial Lord from Sun Liang Peng’s Wind Shadow Escape Talisman, he had a good understanding of a Celestial Lord’s speed, and through that, a Nine Palaces Celestial King’s speed.

Although Duan Ling Tian had possessed the strength of a Celestial Lord twice in the past through his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, his speed was nowhere close to that of a real Celestial Lord. In fact, his speed when under the effect of the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon might be even slower than some powerful and extraordinary Celestial Kings. For instance, even if he used his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, his speed would still be slower than the Nine Palaces Celestial King assassin from the Blood Skull Gang even if he was granted the strength of an ordinary Celestial Lord. This was because his comprehension level of the laws was not high enough.

“Many people will try to look for others to travel together so they can split the cost,” Ling Jue Yun said. When he finished speaking, they had already arrived at one of the main halls in the crescent-shaped building.

Ling Jue Yun looked at the main hall in front of them and said to Duan Ling Tian, “The Transporting Formation that will send us to the Jade Emperor Heaven is here.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded as he surveyed the hall before them. Unlike the extravagant decor he was used to, the main hall was simple and minimally decorated. It was very basic.

At this moment, many people could be seen milling around the entrance. Whenever there was a newcomer, some of these people would approach the newcomer to strike up a conversation.

“Brother, are you going to Mo Cloud Heaven? If you are, we can travel together... We can land at the place you want. How about that?” “Brother, where are you heading? We can travel together if you’re heading to the Dark Profound Heaven... If we’re going to the same place, you only have to pay 30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, apart from the fee of 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. What do you think?”

“Sir, are you heading to the Surging Cloud Heaven?” Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun could hear similar conversations around them as they entered the hall. As soon as they entered the hall, no such conversation could be heard at all. Clearly, such behavior was banned in the hall.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian entered the hall, he began to survey his surroundings. He saw people standing with straight backs in every corner of the hall. They were old men and middle-aged men. All of them were dressed in dark green long robes that were embroidered with a cloud. The words ‘Profound Nether Mansion’ were embroidered in the cloud. Although they stood unmoving, their heads were constantly moving and looking around.

“I supposed these people are from the Profound Nether Mansion?” Duan Ling Tian asked Ling Jue Yun.

“Yes.” Ling Jue Yun nodded. “Usually, there are about twenty men from the Profound Nether Mansion in a hall... Nine of them are tasked with operating the Transporting Formation while the others are here to maintain order.”

With these words, it was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to figure out the ten men he had seen earlier were those who were tasked with maintaining order.

“They are the reason people are only looking for travel companions outside the hall, near the entrance. They have rules in here,” Ling Jue Yun explained, “If you do that in here, you’ll be chased out by those men from the Profound Nether Mansion. Moreover, you’re banned from coming here for a year. If you need to use a Transporting Formation during that time, you’ll have to go to another place.”

Ling Jue Yun’s words confirmed Duan Ling Tian’s suspicion that such behavior was prohibited in the main halls.

### **Chapter 3083: Chen Yuan Shan**

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian noted each location of the nine Transporting Formations.

There were nine platforms erected in the hall. On each platform, there was a person standing at the side with their backs straight. Upon a closer look, one would discover the ground each person was standing on had inscriptions that seemed to be inscribed with golden ink. Moreover, the inscriptions seemed to bubble as though it was boiling and shone with a light.

Meanwhile, the other people were standing further away from the platforms.

“These people are the assigned guardians of the Formations from the Profound Nether Mansion,” Ling Jue Yun explained as though he could read Duan Ling Tian’s mind, “The guardians of the Formations from the Profound Nether Mansion might not be the most powerful, but they have mastery over the Transporting Formation... From what I heard, the guardians can use the Transporting Formation to kill

anyone weaker than a Celestial King with just a thought. They might not be able to kill extraordinary Celestial Kings, but they would still be able to injure and temporarily immobilize them. With that, there's more than sufficient time for the powerhouse from the Profound Nether Mansion to arrive and deal with the troublemakers. After all, the powerhouses from the Profound Nether Mansion would travel here through the Transporting Formation in the mansion's estate."

Ling Jue Yun continued to say, "This is to ensure no one forces their way into the Transporting Formation and using it without paying. It's also to stop people from hopping in when there's only one person traveling in the Transporting Formation."

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by the measures the Profound Nether Mansion had put in place. The mansion was not running a charity, after all. It was only natural that they would want to make a profit after expending so much effort and resources to set up the Transporting Formations. It was just like how on earth, there were tolls on highways and fees for airplanes, trains, and cabs.

As Ling Jue Yun led Duan Ling Tian to one of the platforms, he said, "This Transporting Formation leads to the Jade Emperor Heaven."

At this moment, the guardian of the Formation standing in front of the platform was collecting Celestial Crystals from a middle-aged man and an old man. Each of them paid 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. They were only allowed up on the platform after payment had been made.

Once they were on the platform, each of them took out 50,000 prominent Celestial Crystals each and tossed them around the platform. The Celestial Crystal almost covered the entire surface of the platform.

Several breaths later, the 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals on the platform were shrouded with a white mist before they seemed to melt into the mist. Soon enough, the translucent mist seemed to turn liquid-like after the Celestial Crystals had merged with it. Then, it began to flow and ripple across the platform. Subsequently, the white liquid began bubbling like boiling water.

Whoosh!

After the white liquid bubbled for some time, there was a sudden flash of blinding white light that engulfed the two people on the platform. When the white light finally dissipated, the people had already vanished.

The platform had also reverted to its original state. There was no white mist and liquid-like substance.

Duan Ling Tian asked Ling Jue Yun, "Don't they have to inform the guardian of their destination?"

"Nope." Ling Jue Yun shook his head. "You just have to think of your destination and use your Divine Consciousness to send it into the white liquid. With that, the Transporting Formation will send you to your destination. As I've said earlier, there are fixed stations with corresponding Transporting Formations where we will be transported to."

"Corresponding Transporting Formation..." Duan Ling Tian had also read about corresponding Transporting Formations while he was in the Simplicity Celestial Sect's library. Based on its name, it was easy to figure out the corresponding Transporting Formation would receive one from the specific



Transporting Formation it was linked to. Each Transporting Formation would have a corresponding Transporting Formation. The latter would not be guarded since there was no need for it.

Duan Ling Tian asked again, "Are there corresponding Transporting Formations in Ax Mountain City as well?"

"Of course." Ling Jue Yun nodded. "Ax Mountain City's corresponding Transporting Formations are located outside the east gate. It's quieter there. It's just an empty land with a few dozen rundown platforms with corresponding Transporting Formations inscribed on them."

Ling Jue Yun's words aligned with what Duan Ling Tian had learned: every Transporting Formation had a corresponding Transporting Formation. Moreover, the two linked Transportations were located far from each other.

Soon after, another person, who was traveling alone, paid 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals and went up to the platform that led to the Jade Emperor Heaven. After the similar process that they had seen earlier, the person had also vanished after the white light disappeared.

Currently, there was no one in front of Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun in the queue. It was finally their turn.

Duan Ling Tian brought out 20,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to hand over to the guardian, but Ling Jue Yun beat him to it. Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Let's go!"

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded and walked up to the platform with Ling Jue Yun. As soon as he was on the platform, he took out the 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals that he had already taken out earlier and scattered them all over the platform.

Ling Jue Yun was slightly stunned but did not think too much of it. After all, 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were nothing to him.

Similarly, 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were not a lot to Duan Ling Tian. Therefore, he took the chance to scatter them on the platform before Ling Jue Yun since he did not want to owe Ling Jue Yun a favor. Since his time on earth, he had always lived by one principle: If one can solve a problem with money, there's no need to ask for help from people and owe them a favor. A favor was the hardest debt to repay.

'It's no wonder the book in Simplicity Celestial Sect's library said that the Celestial Crystals must completely cover the Transporting Formation... That's why only prominent Celestial Crystals can be used. After all, mediocre or primitive Celestial Crystals wouldn't be able to cover the entire surface,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he looked at the 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals that covered the inscriptions on the platform. Based on the size of the inscriptions, it could fit 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, at most. Therefore, the cost of activating a Transporting Formation was 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals.

"If two people are being teleported at the same time, they need to send the destination with their Divine Consciousness to the white liquid at the same time. At that time, the Transporting Formation will be activated," Ling Jue Yun said to Duan Ling Tian.

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian nodded as he waited for the 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystal to be shrouded by the white mist before transforming into white liquid. At that time, he would use his Divine Consciousness to send his destination into the liquid, just as Ling Jue Yun had said.

‘Yan Mountain Mansion in the Jade Emperor Heaven’s Equal Heaven Territory,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he sent his Divine Consciousness into the white liquid.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian had felt indifferent about traveling to the Jade Emperor Heaven. However, at this moment, when he thought about his destination, he felt a tingle of excitement. After all, there were a number of beings in the Jade Emperor Heaven who were very famous on earth. For example, there were Sun Wu Kong, the Great Sage and Equal of Heaven, Yang Jian, the Erlang God, Nezha, the Third Lotus Prince, and many more. They were all legendary characters.

‘Unfortunately, with my current strength, I don’t think I’d be able to meet any of them. Even the weakest among them is a Celestial Emperor.’ Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. If he was a Celestial Emperor in the Jade Emperor Heaven, perhaps, he would be able to cross paths with these legendary characters. However, with his current strength, it was impossible.

‘Wait a minute! Equal Heaven Territory... If my memory serves me right, the self-proclaimed title of the sworn brother of Sun Wu Kong, the Ox Demon King, is the Great Sage Who Pacifies Heaven... I wonder if he has any relation to the Equal Heaven Territory?’ As soon as this thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind, the white light had already shrouded him.

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While Duan Ling Tian left the Spirit Overarching Heaven with Ling Jue Yun to the Jade Emperor Heaven, a spy was still lurking near the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. After he obtained the information he needed, he sent a message back to the Blood Skull Gang’s intelligence department. “The Simplicity Celestial Sect’s true disciple Duan Ling Tian didn’t return to the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate.”

After the intelligence department was informed of this, they relayed the message to the current assassin who had taken over the mission to assassinate Duan Ling Tian.

The assassins for the mission had changed several times. Currently, the assassin who had taken on the mission was Chen Yuan Shan, the Vice Leader of the Blood Skull Gang.

“Where did the boy receive such a troublesome mission? Since the target knows we’re after him, he’ll, naturally, hide as far away as possible after leaving the Simplicity Celestial Sect. It’s going to be difficult to find him and kill him now.” Chen Yuan Shan was a middle-aged man with a muscular build. His features were strong, making him look imposing. He was none other than Chen Li’s father, and Chen Li was his only son.

Chen Li was the person whom Zheng Hong Yi had helped in the past. It was because of Zheng Hong Yi that Chen Li accepted the mission to assassinate Duan Ling Tian.

### **Chapter 3084: Yan Ru Yv**

In a Southern Heaven Territory’s region that was not occupied by any force.

In the courtyard of a grand mansion located in a big city, a young man dressed in fine robes sat in front of a table, sipping tea. At this moment, he suddenly paused in his movement, and his expression darkened at the same time.

“What happened, Chen Li?” The other young man sitting across him looked at him in confusion. This young man was dressed in all white and was extremely handsome. He held a folded fan in his hand, looking like a scholarly gentleman. A gentle smile like the spring breeze could be seen on his face at all times.

“Do you remember the last time you were here I mentioned a genius from the Profound Nether Mansion’s Simplicity Celestial Sect?” The young man dressed in fine robes was Chen Li, the illegitimate son of the Blood Skull Gang’s Chen Yuan Shan. He had just received a message from his father a moment ago.

The white-clad young man nodded. “Yes. What happened?”

Chen Li said grimly, “The mission hasn’t been completed until now...”

“What?” The white-clad young man was taken aback. After all, he was very aware of the Blood Skull Gang’s capabilities. And yet, after such a long time, the Blood Skull Gang had yet to successfully assassinate an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? When he regained his senses, he asked, “Does he possess life-saving techniques or items?”

“Initially, yes. We confirmed it to be a consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon... With it, he managed to kill the first assassin we sent who was a One Basic Celestial King,” Chen Li said, “His consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon could raise his cultivation base and Divine Consciousness to the level of a One Basic Celestial Lord. Although the profundities of the law he comprehended aren’t extraordinary, his strength was enough to kill the One Basic Celestial King the Blood Skull Gang sent.”

The white-clad young man nodded and asked again, “After that, the Blood Skull Gang should have sent a stronger assassin, right?” He knew that as one of the top assassin organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory, once the Blood Skull Gang accepted a job, they would have to successfully complete it, no matter what.

Chen Li continued to say, “The second assassin we sent was a Six Combos Celestial King. Apart from that, he had also comprehended six profundities from the law of wind.”

“A Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind... If I’m not mistaken, there should only be a handful of people in the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories who are a match for him, right?” the white-clad young man asked in surprise, “Did he fail as well?”

At this moment, Chen Li’s expression darkened even more. “It’s not just that. Similar to the One Basic Celestial King we sent, he died in one of the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories as well!”

“What? Even a Six Combos Celestial King who had comprehended six profundities from the law of wind died?” The white-clad young man was further shocked. “Did a powerhouse protecting the target kill the Six Combos Celestial King?”

"I don't know... He did not manage to send a final message back to the Blood Skull Gang so we don't know who killed him," Chen Li replied. Then, he continued to say, "After that, we sent the third assassin, a Nine Palaces Celestial King."

"A Nine Palaces Celestial King!" The white-clad young man raised his eyebrows when he heard Chen Li's words. "An assassin with that cultivation base could assassinate most people in the Profound Nether Mansion's territories as long as he stays under the radar, right? With the Nine Palaces Celestial King, the mission should be a success, right?" In his opinion, sending a Nine Palaces Celestial King to assassinate a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial was akin to using a grenade launcher to kill a chicken.

At this moment, Chen Li looked as though he was going to lose his temper as he said through gritted teeth, "The target managed to escape!"

"How did that happen?" the white-clad young man asked with a frown.

Chen Li seethed with anger as he continued to say through gritted teeth, "The damned Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect had given the target a Wind Shadow Escape Talisman that the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion rewarded him. That Wind Shadow Escape Talisman contained the Celestial Origin Energy of a Celestial Lord and the law of wind's Gale Profundity and Wind Style Profundity. Moreover, the Gale Profundity and the Wind Style Profundity in the talisman were both at the initial stage! With that talisman, it was, naturally, easy for the target to escape from the Nine Palaces Celestial King! Therefore, the Nine Palaces Celestial King could only come back empty-handed."

Chen Li's eyes flashed intently with killing intent the entire time he recounted what happened to the white-clad young man. As the guarantor and the person who approved the job, he was under immense pressure since the target repeatedly escaped from the Blood Skull Gang's assassins. If it were not for his father's support, the other high-ranking officials in the Blood Skull Gang would have had his head on a pike.

"A Wind Shadow Escape Talisman that contained the Celestial Origin Energy of a Celestial Lord and the law of wind's Gale Profundity and Wind Style Profundity that were at the initial stage?" the white-clad young man's eyes flashed as he said, "With a Celestial Talisman like that, even a Ten Directions Celestial King could only watch as he escapes, let alone a Nine Palace Celestial King. However, I'm surprised that the sect leader of a grade-seven sect possessed such an item. It seems like the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion regards him highly. Well, in any case, he can't compare to you..."

At this moment, as though he just recalled something, Chen Li looked at the white-clad young man and asked, "Right, isn't it about time for your Dao Scholar Profound Sect to select true disciples again? Are you confident about being selected as a true disciple?"

"I'm 100% confident." The white-clad young man narrowed his eyes, and a confident expression appeared on his handsome face when he replied to Chen Li's question.

"I'll congratulate you in advance then," Chen Li said with a forced smile on his face. His forced smile made him look worse than if he were crying.

Chen Li's friend, the white-clad young man, was a core disciple of the Dao Scholar Profound Sect, one of the top five sects in the Southern Heaven Territory. Moreover, he was also one of the top core disciples

in the sect. If he was selected as a true disciple of the Dao Scholar Profound Sect this time, he would be the youngest true disciple in the history of the Dao Scholar Profound Sect.

Unlike the numbers of true disciples in ordinary sects, it should be noted that there were only three true disciples in the Dao Scholar Profound Sect at one time.

The white-clad shifted the conversation back to its original course and asked, "Seeing how you lost your composure earlier, you must have received a message, right? Who is it from?"

"It's my father," Chen Li sighed as he said disgruntledly, "He just informed me the target had left for the Jade Emperor Heaven through the Transporting Formation in Ax Mountain City three days ago. As for his destination in the Jade Emperor Heaven, no one knows except for him and his companion. Naturally, we can find out their destination in the Jade Emperor if the Profound Nether Mansion allows the Blood Skull Gang's Formation master to examine the Transporting Formation the target used. However, it's impossible for the Profound Nether Mansion to allow something like that"

"The Profound Nether Mansion?" The white-clad young man cocked an eyebrow upon hearing Chen Li's words. "Perhaps, I can help you with this."

"Hm?" Chen Li instinctively turned to look at the white-clad young man.

"I have a junior brother who came from the Profound Nether Mansion... He had told me that his father is the Vice Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion. Naturally, it's impossible for me to ask him to help you kill a genius from a sect under the Profound Nether Mansion. However, there shouldn't be a problem with me asking him to let the Blood Skull Gang's Formation master examine the Transporting Formation the target used. However, you have to hide your identities. You must not let them know the reason you're examining the Transporting Formation is to hunt down a genius from one of the sects under the Profound Nether Mansion!" the white-clad young man said in one breath.

Chen Li's eyes lit up as soon as he heard the white-clad young man's words. He looked at the white-clad young man and said sincerely, "Brother Ru Yv, I'll owe you a big favor if we manage to complete this mission!"

"Not at all, I'm happy to help." The white-clad young man smiled faintly. At some point, he had unfolded his fan and was currently slowly fanning himself. It seemed like an ordinary action at first glance. However, upon closer inspection, one would be able to see green lights flashing around it like tiny writhing green snakes.

After a short moment, the white-clad young man took a Communication Celestial Talisman out before shattering it.

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In the Dao Scholar Profound Sect's estate.

A young man who was in the midst of cultivation suddenly received a message. "Senior Brother Yan Ru Yv?"

The young man stiffened slightly upon hearing the message, and a hint of surprise could be seen in his eyes as well. He did not expect his senior brother, Yan Ru Yv, would reach out to him for help.

After all, Yan Ru Yv was the direct disciple of the Sect Leader of the Dao Scholar Profound Sect. He was the most talented prodigy to be seen in the sect in the last 10,000 years. Apart from that, he was one of the strongest core disciples in the sect. Moreover, it was highly likely that he would be chosen to become one of the three true disciples in the sect in the near future.

For all those reasons, it was only natural for the young man to admire Yan Ru Yv. Therefore, he quickly and enthusiastically replied, "Senior Brother Ru Yv, what do you need me to do? I will do it even if I have to go through fire and boiling water!"

"There is no need for you to go through fire and boiling water for me," Yan Ru Yv said indifferently, "I remember you saying your father is the Vice Mansion Master of the grade-six Profound Nether Mansion, right?"

"That's right," the young man replied.

"I have a favor to ask. I have a friend who wants his Formation master to examine a Transporting Formation in one of the Profound Nether Mansion's territories. Can you help with this?" Yan Ru Yv bluntly asked.

"Examine a Transporting Formation in one of the Profound Nether Mansion's territories?" The young man frowned slightly upon hearing Yan Ru Yv's request. Then, he asked respectfully, "Senior Brother Yan, may I know who your friend is trying to track?"

Naturally, he was well aware that the only reason someone would want to examine a Transporting Formation was to track the location of the user.

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"A disciple from my friend's clan had committed a crime and escaped. They're trying to capture him." Yan Ru Yv had already prepared this excuse beforehand.

"Is that so?" Upon hearing the reason, the young man said agreeably, "Senior Yan, I'll contact my father at once... I'll help you deal with this matter."

"Thank you. If you need my help in the future, don't hesitate to look for me," Yan Ru Yv replied.

Upon hearing Yan Ru Yv's words, the young man's eyes lit up, and his heart raced in his chest. Before he arrived in the Tao Scholar Profound Sect, he was considered a genius in the Profound Nether Mansion. However, geniuses like him were commonplace in the Tao Scholar Profound Sect. There were many who were much more outstanding than him. As the direct disciple of the Tao Scholar Profound Sect, Yan Ru Yv was, naturally, one of the brightest talents in the sect. Not only was Yan Ru Yv's innate talent and comprehension skills high, but Yan Ru Yv had a formidable background as well. For these reasons, the young man wanted to forge a good relationship with Yan Ru Yv. Thus, even if Yan Ru Yv's request was rather difficult, he would try his best to persuade his father to help Yan Ru Yv and his friend. He had

promised Yan Ru Yv to obtain permission from the Profound Nether Mansion to examine one of the Transporting Formations in the Profound Nether Mansion's territories. There was no turning back now.

The young man inhaled deeply to calm himself down before he sent a message to his father, one of the three Vice Mansion Masters of the Profound Nether Mansion.

Li Lin Yi, the young man's father, replied instantly, "Yan'er, what's the matter?"

Li Lin Yi had a few sons, but his youngest son was the most gifted among all his sons. Although his son was the youngest, his cultivation base was higher than all his brothers. Moreover, his youngest son was a core disciple in the Tao Scholar Profound Sect, one of the top five sects in the Southern Heaven Territory. In his opinion, it was only a matter of time before his son rose in ranks in the Tao Scholar Profound Sect. When the current Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion retired to return to his clan that ruled over the Profound Nether Mansion, the mansion would inevitably need to select a new mansion master. With his son's status in the Tao Scholar Profound Sect, at that time, he would have the advantage over the other two vice mansion masters in the selection of the new Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Sect. For all these reasons, he had always doted on and indulged his youngest son while he was strict with his other sons.

"Father..." Li Yan did not beat around the bush and recounted everything Yan Ru Yv had asked of him to his father. He did not fail to mention how Yan Ru Yv was highly regarded in the Tao Scholar Profound Sect and how Yan Ru Yv was the most promising candidate for the position of the Sect Leader of the Tao Scholar Profound Sect!

"The next Sect Leader of the Tao Scholar Profound Sect?" Li Lin Yi's heart skipped a beat when he heard his son's words.

The Tao Scholar Profound Sect was one of the top five sects in the Southern Heaven Territory. Although it was only a grade higher than the grade-six Profound Nether Mansion, there was a chasm of difference between the two. For example, the clan that ruled over the Profound Nether Mansion was one of the ten major clans in the Southern Heaven Territory. It was a grade-five clan comparable to the Tao Scholar Profound Sect in the Southern Heaven Territory. However, there was a difference between Yan Ru Yv and the current Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion, and the difference was tilted in Yan Ru Yv's favor.

After all, when the current Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion retired and returned to his clan, he would only be given the position of an inner elder. Although the number of inner elders was not as many as outer elders, the position of an inner elder can only be considered average in the clan. How could an inner elder compare to the Sect Leader of the Tao Scholar Profound Sect even if both forces were grade-five forces?

"This is a bit tricky. If the other two vice mansion masters find out about this, they'll use it against me in the future... However, to be able to forge a connection with someone like Yan Ru Yv, it's worth the risk." Li Lin Yi was quick to reply to his son after weighing the pros and cons in his heart.

Li Lin Yi did not come from an extraordinary background. He had traveled a long and arduous road to rise to his current rank. Therefore, he knew the importance of forging the right connections. Moreover,

he knew opportunities like this one was rare. It would be impossible for his son to forge a connection with Yan Ru Yv if it were not for Yan Ru Yv's request.

"Thank you, father." Li Yan was slightly surprised by how fast his father agreed to the request. He thought he would need more time to convince his father to agree to Yan Ru Yv's request.

"Yan'er, tell you senior to have his friend's family visit me," Li Lin Yi said.

"Yes, father." After replying to his father, Li Yan instantly sent a message to Yan Ru Yv.

"Senior Ru Yu, it has been done. My father asks that you ask your friend's family to visit him in the Profound Nether Mansion. My father's name is Li Lin Yi, one of the Vice Mansion Masters of the Profound Nether Mansion."

"Alright, thank you," Yan Ru Yv replied.

"You're being too courteous, Senior Yan. It's an honor to be able to help you," Li Yan said.

"No matter what, I owe you a huge favor," Yan Ru Yv replied.

Then, Yan Ru Yv looked at Chen Li who was sitting across from him and smiled faintly. "It's done. Tell your father to send someone to the Profound Nether Mansion and look for Li Lin Yi. He's the Vice Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion. At that time, you'll be able to investigate the Transporting Formation your target had used to travel to the Jade Emperor Heaven."

Chen Li's eyes brightened immediately. He wasted no time in sending Chen Yuan Shan, his father, a Communication Celestial Talisman, and informed him about what happened.

Upon hearing Chen Li's message, Chen Yuan Shan was rather startled that Yan Ru Yv decided to help his son. "That brat must have accumulated many good deeds in his past lives to have a friend like Young Master Yan..."

Yan Ru Yv and his illegitimate son were childhood friends. However, unlike his son, Yan Ru Yv's high innate talent was discovered at a young age and was recruited to join the Tao Scholar Profound Sect. Yan Ru Yv was even accepted as the direct disciple of the Sect Leader of the Tao Scholar Profound Sect. Even after rising to such high status, Yan Ru Yv did not forget his son and would frequently visit his son. Moreover, unbeknownst to his son, Yan Ru Yv had personally looked for him once and threatened him to treat Chen Li well.

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The Jade Emperor Heaven was one of the 81 Devata Realms. It was also the Devata Realm closest to Yan Huang Realm, which was where earth, Duan Ling Tian's hometown, was located in his past life.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian was supposed to ascend to the Jade Emperor Heaven. Due to a spatial turbulence that happened every 10,000 years during his ascension, he ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven instead.

In the Jade Emperor Heaven's Equal Heaven Territory.



In one of Yan Mountain Mansion's territories, three people were flying in the air as they conversed among themselves.

"It'll take us half a month to arrive at the Wind Defense City even if we move at full speed... Do we have enough time?"

"We promised to meet in the Wind Defense City two months after arriving in the Jade Emperor Heaven... We have enough time," one of three people replied.

"We've come a long way and spent a huge fortune to travel here from the Spirit Overarching Heaven all because of the secret realm that was left behind by a Celestial Emperor. If I find out that person is lying to us, I definitely won't let him get away with it!" the third person said solemnly.

The first person who had spoken scoffed and said mockingly, "You won't let him get away with it? I remember you lost miserably to him when you fought him, right?"

The third person snorted before he retorted, "I was just careless; that's why I lost. Otherwise, I wouldn't have lost to him since our cultivation base and the number of profundities we comprehended are the same!"

Based on the trio's conversation, it was obvious they had also traveled to the Jade Emperor Heaven from the Spirit Overarching Heaven. Clearly, they had also received the invitation from the reincarnated Celestial Emperor. They were also peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had comprehended at least two profundities from a law.

The Wind Defense City was the designated meeting place set by the person who told them about the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor.

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At the same time, two figures were also moving toward the Wind Defense City from another direction.

One of them was a handsome purple-clad young man. His face seemed slightly stern, but his eyes were bright and clear.

Next to the purple-clad young man was a grey-clad young man. He seemed to have a permanently aloof expression on his face. The indifference in his eyes and his frosty aura that could be felt from 1,000 miles away made him seem unapproachable.

The duo was none other than Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun who had traveled here from the Spirit Overarching Heaven.

At this moment, a black dot appeared in the distance.

"That should be the Wind Defense City."

"We arrived a month earlier than promised... This is good. We can familiarize ourselves with the Wind Defense City and its surroundings and see how many people that reincarnated Celestial Emperor had gathered," Ling Jue Yun said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. His anticipation to enter the secret realm where the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit tree was planted had grown greatly over time. Since that person asked them to meet in one of Yan Mountain Mansion's territories, the secret realm must be located somewhere nearby.

### **Chapter 3086: Gather at Wind Defense City**

The Wind Defense City was one of the cities in the territories of the Yan Mountain Mansion. Its status in the Yan Mountain Mansion was comparable to the status of Ax Mountain City in the Profound Nether Mansion. The Wind Defense City also had its own Transporting Formations that were connected to the other 80 Devata Realms. It was inscribed by the Formation masters of the city and cost 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to use.

After Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun entered the city, they found it bustling. Many people were entering and leaving the city.

"We have less than two months until our meeting time. Let's find an inn to settle down in. The Wind Defense City is under the Yan Mountain Mansion. It should have an inn that's similar to the Above Cloud Pavilion in Ax Mountain City," Ling Jue Yun suggested to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian nodded in agreement.

Soon enough, the duo found an inn that belonged to the Yan Mountain Mansion. Although the layout of their courtyards was unlike the Above Cloud Pavilion in Ax Mountain City, their treatment of the guests according to the grades of courtyards was similar. The treatment of the occupants of the highest grade courtyards was the same as the Sky Courtyards in the Above Cloud Pavilion. This inn that belonged to the Yan Mountain Mansion was called the Unison Pavilion. Unlike the Sky Courtyards in the Above Cloud Pavilion, each of the highest grade courtyards could accommodate three people.

After settling down, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun went to their respective rooms and continued to comprehend their profundities while they waited for the time to meet the reincarnated Celestial Emperor to come.

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A few days later.

A female guest was ushered into the courtyard next to Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun's courtyard. If Duan Ling Tian were in the front yard now, he would have recognized the female guest immediately. She was none other than Murong Xiao Xiao, the person who ranked third after Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the Profound Nether Mansion.

Murong Xiao Xiao was from a grade-seven clan in one of the Profound Nether Mansion's territories. She was also the Murong Clan's most gifted disciple. Unlike Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun who had used the Transporting Formation in Ax Mountain City, she had traveled to the Jade Emperor Heaven using a Transporting Formation in another city under the Profound Nether Mansion.

Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were, naturally, unaware that an acquaintance from the Profound Nether Mansion was also lodging at the Unison Pavilion.

Similarly, Murong Xiao Xiao was also unaware that two acquaintances from the Profound Nether Mansion had arrived at the Unison Pavilion a few days earlier and were staying next to her courtyard.

The Unison Pavilion was the best inn in Wind Defense City. Those with influential, powerful, or wealthy backgrounds would usually choose to stay in the inn.

Before Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, and Murong Xiao Xiao arrived at the Unison Pavilion, a few peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Spirit Overarching Heaven and other Devata Realms had also decided to stay in the Unison Inn. Similar to Duan Ling, Ling Jue Yun, and Murong Xiao Xiao, they were also here for the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor.

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At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was fully immersed in comprehending the Explosion Profundity of the law of fire in his room. With the help of the Chaos Divine Flame, his progress was tremendously fast. He was close to completely comprehending and mastering it.

Over the period of half a month, Duan Ling Tian had the niggling feeling that he was only a hair's breadth away from mastering the Explosion Profundity, but it continued to elude him.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian who was eager to find out what was wrong could not help but ask the Chaos Divine Flame, "Senior Chaos Divine Flame, what's happening?"

The Chaos Divine Flame replied, "After comprehending the Pillaging Profundity and the Burning Profundity, you've gained a deep understanding and some preconceived concepts of the law fire that contradict with the Explosion Profundity... Basically, what's happening is that you've reached a bottleneck in your comprehension of the Explosion Profundity."

Duan Ling Tian finally discovered the reason for his lack of progress after listening to the Chaos Divine Flame's words. As it turned out, it was due to the Pillaging Profundity and the Burning Profundity that he had comprehended.

"This is only the fourth profundity, and I've already met with a bottleneck... There are five more profundities from the law of fire to comprehend... It's definitely going to get more and more difficult from here on out, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a sigh.

"Of course. The first few profundities of any laws are easy to comprehend... However, it gets progressively difficult when you begin to comprehend five or more profundities! To comprehend all nine profundities of a law is tougher than ascending to heaven... It's impossible for a person with ordinary comprehension skills to comprehend all nine profundities even if he has all the time in the world and is in the best environment," the Chaos Divine Flame said.

With this, Duan Ling Tian finally realized comprehending profundities would only get more and more difficult as he progressed.

The Chaos Divine Flame suggested, "Why don't you try comprehending another profundity from the law of fire? Most people would switch to comprehending another profundity when they encounter a

bottleneck. It could give you a new insight and help you break through the bottleneck later..." the Chaos Divine Flame suggested.

"That's possible as well?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised to learn this. He immediately took to the Chaos Divine Flame's suggestion.

Although Duan Ling Tian already had an answer in mind, he still asked the Chaos Divine Flame, "Senior, there's one King Grade Celestial Method that contains the Blazing Sun Profundity and a King Grade Divine Ability that contains the Fire Traveling Profundity... The Fire Traveling Profundity seems useless... Should I comprehend the Blazing Sun Profundity first?"

The Fire Traveling Profundity was rather useless since it could only be used in an environment with fire even if one had comprehended it to the initial stage. Only when it was comprehended to the mastery stage, it could be used along with the flames created from the Fire Elemental Profundity.

"Yes, comprehend the Blazing Sun Profundity first," the Chaos Divine Flame replied.

"No, wait!" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes suddenly as though he had just recalled something. "Senior Chaos Divine Flame, the law of fire's Fire Traveling Profundity is somewhat similar to the law of wind's Wind Style Profundity and the law of earth's Ground Escape Technique, right? There's a limitation on the Fire Traveling Profundity and the Ground Escape Technique, this means the Wind Style Profundity should have similar limitations as well, right? However, how did I gain the speed from the Wind Style Profundity at the initial stage when I used the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman?" He had just recalled the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman that Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, had given him.

It was thanks to that Wind Shadow Escape Talisman contained the Celestial Origin Energy of a Celestial Lord and the Gale Profundity and the Wind Style Profundity at the initial stage that Duan Ling Tian managed to escape from the Nine Palaces Celestial King assassin from the Blood Skull Gang. When he had used the Celestial Talisman, he could keenly feel the speed of the Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the Wind Style Profundity and the Gale Profundity. The speed from the Wind Style Profundity was not weaker than the Gale Profundity's speed. However, the Wind Style Profundity in the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman was only at the initial stage. Under such circumstances, since it was not at the mastery stage, should it not be limited like the Fire Traveling Profundity and the Ground Escape Technique?

"Before asking this question, did you think about the environment you were in when you used the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman? Was there no wind around you when you used it?" the Chaos Divine Flame replied as though Duan Ling Tian should have known the answer to the question.

"Windless?" It took a moment before realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. "That's right! Although the Wind Style Profundity has limitations as well, due to the environment, the limitation was removed. Only if we were in a windless place then the Wind Style Profundity would be useless unless it has been comprehended to the mastery stage."

This meant the Wind Traveling Profundity was more useful than the law of Fire's Fire Traveling Profundity before the mastery stage. After all, as long as one was not in an enclosed or sealed space with no breeze, wind existed almost everywhere.

'Those who comprehend the law of wind are really lucky. The Fire Traveling Profundity is useless unless one comprehends it to the mastery stage. However, even the rudimentary stage of the Wind Style Profundity could still be used to boost their speed since wind is everywhere even if you can't feel it,' Duan Ling Tian lamented inwardly. He could not help but feel envious of those who comprehended the law of wind.

After a while, he took a deep breath and calmed down before he continued to focus on comprehending the law of fire's Blazing Sun Profundity with the help from the Chaos Divine Flame.

He had lost track of time as he comprehended the Blazing Sun Profundity until Ling Jue Yun's voice calling out to him from outside snapped him back to his senses.

### **Chapter 3087: Ling Jue Yun's Speculations**

"It's time?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he stepped out of his room and looked at Ling Jue Yun who was standing in front of his room.

Ling Jue Yun nodded as he said, "He just sent me a message asking us to gather at a mountain range about 130,000 miles south of Wind Defense City... There's a mountain there that resembles a wolf howling at the sky; he wants us to meet at the peak of that mountain. We need to arrive before night falls. Those who are late will be considered as forfeiting the chance to enter the secret realm. These are his exact words."

"If that's the case, let's depart now," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Ling Jue Yun nodded in response.

After the duo prepared to leave, just as they left the courtyard, a low voice rang in the air. "Duan Ling Tian? Ling Jue Yun?"

Duan Ling Tian slightly raised one of his eyebrows. There was someone here who knew him and Ling Jue Yun? Moreover, the person who had spoken was a woman.

Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun instinctively turned to look at the source of the voice. They saw a slender and elegant figure looking at them with a surprised expression on her pretty face.

It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to recognize that woman. She was none other than Murong Xiao Xiao, the most gifted disciple of the Murong Clan, a grade-seven clan in the Profound Nether Mansion. Previously, she ranked third, behind Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian, in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the Profound Nether Mansion. For this reason, she left a deep impression on him.

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun's Voice Transmission rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "It seems like the reincarnated Celestial Emperor extended an invitation to Murong Xiao Xiao as well."

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly in response. It was obvious Murong Xiao Xiao had also received an invitation from the reincarnated Celestial Emperor since she was also in the Unison Pavilion.

“Let’s go. If it’s possible, let’s not get involved with her. I don’t want her to drag us down.” Ling Jue Yun cast a meaningful glance at Duan Ling Tian before he left the courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian was quick to follow after Ling Jue Yun, but he felt rather speechless. What was the meaning of the look Ling Jue Yun gave him? Why would he get involved with Murong Xiao Xiao for no reason? Although Murong Xiao Xiao was pretty, she paled in comparison to his wives, Ke’er and Li Fei, and Huan’er, the peerless beauty whom he met in the Spirit Overarching Heaven.

“Those two b\*stards!” Murong Xiao Xiao gritted her teeth in anger. They had clearly heard her, but they had completely ignored her. Usually, her arrogant self would not bother with Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun. However, she was currently alone in the Jade Emperor Heaven and would be entering the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor alone as well. If she could get along with the duo, it was another way to guarantee her safety. Due to this reason, she had no choice but to put her pride aside and hurried after the duo.

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Since Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun left the Unison Pavilion and the Wind Defense City, Murong Xiao Xiao had been following them closely. It was obvious she was trying to insert herself into their group of two.

As the duo traveled, Murong Xiao Xiao said, “Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, when did both of you arrive? You must have received an invitation as well, right? Since we’re entering the secret realm together, the three of us should join forces as well. We don’t have to split the treasures in the secret realm equally. I’m willing to take only 20% of the treasures; both of you can split the remaining 80% among yourselves. What do you think?”

In order to show her sincerity and to join their group, Murong Xiao Xiao told the duo she was willing to take only 20% of whatever treasures they found in the secret realm. In her opinion, the duo would certainly agree to her proposal, especially since she had made such a huge compromise. After all, she was rather strong. If the three of them joined forces, it would be easy for them to course through the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor.

Alas, contrary to Murong Xiao Xiao’s expectations, not only did Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun not accept her proposal, but the duo did not even deign to spare her a glance. They completely ignored her during the entire journey to their destination.

Murong Xiao Xiao’s expression was incredibly unsightly, at the moment; she felt slightly aggrieved. When had she, the most pampered female disciple in the Murong Clan, ever been treated this way before?

Meanwhile, Ling Jue Yun sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. “There are other people from the Unison Pavilion traveling south like us as well... It seems like they were also invited by the reincarnated Celestial Emperor. However, apart from Murong Xiao Xiao, I don’t see any other familiar face. It seems like the three of us are the only people from the Southern Heaven Territory’s Profound Nether Mansion in the Spirit Overarching Heaven.”

“Just the three of us?” Upon hearing Ling Jue Yun’s words, Duan Ling Tian instinctively turned back to look at the thousands of people in the surroundings. Just like Ling Jue Yun had said, apart from Murong Xiao Xiao, there was no other familiar face.

Naturally, not all of the thousands of people were headed to the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor. Most of these people were just travelers from Wind Defense City. True enough, after they traveled about 80,000 miles southward, only 2,000 people were left. After another ten of thousand miles later, only about 1,000 people were left.

After traveling across a desert and vast plain, a mountain range soon appeared in the distance.

“That mountain range in front of us should be our destination,” Duan Ling Tian said.

Ling Jue Yun nodded.

Similarly, Murong Xiao Xiao and the others had noticed the mountain range as well. With this, many people began to speed up toward the mountain range in a hurry as though some treasures were up for grabs.

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun moved at a leisurely speed while Murong Xiao Xiao quietly followed behind them. She no longer tried to talk to them after they blatantly ignored her. She had even dismissed the idea of joining forces with them since it was obvious they had no intention to do so. Otherwise, they would not have ignored her even after she had made such a huge compromise.

“If that person only invited both of us and Murong Xiao Xiao from the Southern Heaven Territory’s Profound Nether Mansion in the Spirit Overarching Heaven... How many places did he travel to to invite so many people? Moreover, it’s likely that these people aren’t everyone he had invited.” Duan Ling Tian was almost certain these 1,000 people were all invited here by the reincarnated Celestial Emperor. Moreover, he suspected there were more people that the reincarnated Celestial Emperor had invited.

Ling Jue Yun nodded in agreement before he replied, “Based on his standards for choosing three of us, if he had applied the same standards in other places as well, these people must be peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with extremely high innate talents and comprehension skills.”

“Didn’t you mention that only ordinary powerful peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials are needed as a sacrifice to the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit tree? Why would he care about their innate talents and comprehension skills?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“Perhaps, by carefully selecting not only powerful peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, but also those with high innate talents and comprehension skills, the success rate of the tree bearing the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits would further rise?” Ling Jue Yun’s eyes flashed as he speculated out loud, “Otherwise, why would he go through all these troubles? In the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories, there’s no peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial stronger than the three of us. However, there are plenty who are slightly weaker than Murong Xiao Xiao, and yet, they weren’t selected.”

“Well, we can only speculate for now. Perhaps, there are other peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Profound Nether Mansion who aren’t among this group of people...” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Perhaps. In any case, we’ll be able to confirm my speculations once night falls. At that time, we’ll be able to see if there are any other familiar faces,” Ling Jue Yun said.

“It’d be good if your speculations are right about the success rate being increased. After all, we’re here for the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits. Other things aren’t important at all,” Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes burned with anticipation.

If the reincarnated Celestial Emperor had only invited him, Ling Jue Yun, and Murong Xiao Xiao from the Profound Nether Mansion and had chosen the others from different places based on the same standards he applied to them, there had to be a reason for it. Otherwise, like Ling Jue Yun had said, there was no need for him to expend such great efforts.

“The more I think about it, the more I agree with Ling Jue Yun’s speculations. Sacrificing extraordinary peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with high innate talents and comprehension skills will probably increase the probability of the tree bearing the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits!” Duan Ling Tian thought to himself excitedly.

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “We’ve arrived!”

### **Chapter 3088: Lin Fei Yang**

Duan Ling Tian regained his senses as soon as he heard Ling Jue Yun’s voice. He discovered they had already arrived above the mountain range and were not far away from a humongous mountain.

The humongous mountain stood out among all the mountains in the mountain range. It was majestic as it towered above the other mountains. Additionally, its shape resembled that of a wolf howling at the sky.

At the same time, the people in Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun’s surroundings began to descend on the peak of the mountain that resembled a wolf.

From afar, the peak of the mountain did not look big, but in reality, it was capable of accommodating tens of thousands of people with space to spare.

“Let’s go.” Ling Jue Yun beckoned to Duan Ling Tian before he descended on the peak of the giant wolf mountain.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian’s body flashed out of sight as he descended on the peak of the mountain with Ling Jue Yun.

Half of the mountain was forested areas, but the peak was barren. Strangely, the ground on the peak was flat and smooth like a mirror with gravel scattered here and there. It looked as though someone had intentionally created the smooth surface on the ground.



After Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun landed at the peak, they saw more than 1,000 people had already gathered at the peak. Clearly, apart from those who had descended ahead of them, there were some who had arrived at the peak earlier.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Soon after Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun descended, the people behind them, including Murong Xiao Xiao, descended on the peak as well. With this, the number of people on the peak swelled dramatically.

The number of people continued to increase as more and more people arrived at the peak of the mountain.

At this moment, a handsome young man standing near Duan Ling Tian looked at him and asked with a smile, "Brother, are you here for the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor as well?"

Duan Ling Tian only responded with a question, "I think all of us are here for the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor, right?"

"Ah, that's right..." The young man smiled sheepishly before he asked again, "Brother, where are you from?"

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the young man before he lightly replied, "The Spirit Overarching Heaven. What about you?"

"I'm actually from the Jade Emperor Heaven... However, just like the rest of you from other Devata Realms, I came here using a Transporting Formation as well. Otherwise, it would've been impossible for me to arrive on time," the young man replied. Then, he continued to ask, "My name is Lin Fei Yang. What's yours?"

"Duan Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian replied. In fact, he noticed Lin Fei Yang's presence earlier. There were five or six people who were standing closer to Lin Fei Yang, but Lin Fei Yang chose to speak to him instead. For this reason, he felt slightly perplexed and wary.

While Duan Ling Tian was pondering on the reasons why Lin Fei Yang had chosen to speak to him, the Profound Divine Metal's voice rang in his mind, causing his heart to skip a beat, "Boy, that lad, Lin Fei Yang, his body contains the second form of the World Cleansing Divine Water... However, it seems like it's an innate possession, and the World Cleansing Water in him hasn't woken up yet."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he thought to himself, "The World Cleansing Divine Water?"

Similar to the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth in Duan Ling Tian's body, the World Cleansing Divine Water was also one of the Five Divine Elements. Apart from the three Divine Elements in his body, he also possessed the Clear Heavens Divine Wood. However, since the Clear Heavens Divine Wood was still in its first form, it still had not gained sentience. At the moment, the Clear Heavens Divine Wood was located close to his heart and was constantly resonating with the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life that was intertwined with his heart.

"What do you mean by he possessed it innately?" Duan Ling Tian asked the Profound Divine Metal curiously.

“It means that when he was still in his mother’s womb, the World Cleansing Divine Water had chosen him as its host. Like I said earlier, based on my investigation, his World Cleansing Divine Water hasn’t awoken yet. Although it hasn’t awoken, due to its presence, the young man can vaguely sense the presence of the Five Divine Elements. He must have sensed our presence, without knowing what we are, in your body and felt a slight pull to you. That’s probably why he approached you,” the Profound Divine Metal explained.

“I see.” Upon hearing the Profound Divine Metal’s explanations, Duan Ling Tian’s doubts were instantly resolved. It made sense to him now why Lin Fei Yang approached him out of so many other people. After a moment, he could not help but ask, “The World Cleansing Divine Water in his body is in the second form, right? So, why hasn’t it awoken?”

“The Five Divine Elements at or above the second form can choose their hosts. One of the riskiest ways is to choose an unborn fetus as a host, but it has its benefits as well. Take Lin Fei Yang for example, when he was a growing fetus, the World Cleansing Divine Water had affected his constitution and laid down a foundation for him to comprehend the law of water. It could be said that for this reason, Lin Fei Yang has a heaven-defying comprehension of the law of water. He would be able to comprehend and master the law of the water incredibly fast, and given enough time, he would certainly comprehend all nine profundities from the law of water. Additionally, the World Cleansing Divine Water’s presence would help Lin Fei Yang open up more Heavenly Veins and connect them to the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. With this, the fetus was guaranteed to have extraordinary innate talent,” the Profound Divine Metal explained. It paused for a moment before it continued to say, “However, like I said earlier, there are risks attached to selecting an unborn fetus as a host. To nourish and nurture the fetus, the World Cleansing Divine Water had to use a tremendous amount of energy. Due to overexertion, it has fallen into a deep slumber that would last for, at least, 100 years. It’s a huge risk to the World Cleansing Divine Water if Lin Fei Yang encounters someone else with a second-form World Cleansing Divine Water. Since it’s in deep slumber and can’t defend itself, the other person’s second-form World Cleansing Divine Water could easily absorb it. To survive up to now, the World Cleansing Divine Water in this lad’s body is quite lucky for not encountering another second-form World Cleansing Divine Water. It’s too bad that you don’t have a World Cleansing Divine Water at the second form or higher. Otherwise, you can kill this lad and absorb his second-form World Cleansing Divine Water.” A hint of pity could be heard in its voice at the end of its words.

“It’s also too bad that the lad’s second-form World Cleansing Divine Water isn’t awake. Otherwise, we can try to persuade it to leave the lad’s body and enter your body instead. If it agrees to our persuasion, you would’ve successfully obtained all Five Divine Elements!” the Profound Divine Metal said enthusiastically.

‘Lin Fei Yang...’ After listening to the Profound Divine Metal’s words, Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness to investigate Lin Fei Yang.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian was taken aback by the result of his investigation. ‘He’s not even 100 years old?’ He was rather surprised that Lin Fei Yang, similar to him and Ling Jue Yun, was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial under the age of 100.

Meanwhile, Lin Fei Yang frowned slightly when he sensed Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness probing him. However, in the end, he chose to let the matter go.

"Do you comprehend the law of water?" Duan Ling Tian asked Lin Fei Yang. He wanted to verify the Profound Divine Metal's words. If it was true, and Lin Fei Yang was, indeed, gifted in comprehending the law of water, it was unlikely for Lin Fei Yang to comprehend other laws as well.

"How do you know?" Lin Fei Yang was slightly taken aback by the accuracy of Duan Ling Tian's words. Among the crowd of people here, he had no acquaintances nor opponents here. Therefore, it was impossible for someone whom he had just met to know he comprehended the law of water

When Lin Fei Yang regained his senses, he looked at Duan Ling Tian in confusion. He could not figure out how a person's Divine Consciousness was capable of discerning the law one comprehended. He asked skeptically, "You... You're capable of discerning I comprehend the law of water with your Divine Consciousness?"

Duan Ling Tian did not reply to Lin Fei Yang's question. Instead, he stared at Lin Fei Yang intently and continued to ask, "Although you haven't reached the age of 100, you must have already comprehended many profundities from the law of water, right?"

Lin Fei Yang's expression changed drastically as soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian's words; he looked as though he had just seen a ghost. He could not figure out how the purple-clad young man in front of him knew these things about him. After a beat, he looked at Duan Ling Tian warily and asked, "Have... have we met before?"

In fact, earlier, Lin Fei Yang had felt a pull toward Duan Ling Tian among the sea of people. For no reason at all, he felt that Duan Ling Tian was very approachable as though they had a sense of camaraderie. He had thought it was peculiar to feel that way about a stranger. After Duan Ling Tian revealed information about him with utmost accuracy, on top of feeling shocked, he felt the entire matter was even more peculiar. For a moment, he even wondered if he had met Duan Ling Tian before.

"This is my first time in the Jade Emperor Heaven. How could we have met before this?" Duan Ling Tian replied with a faint smile before he shifted his gaze away from Lin Fei Yang. Clearly, he no longer intended to talk to Lin Fei Yang.

Meanwhile, the number of people continued to increase. There must be, at least, 5,000 people present on the scene at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly, "Exactly how many people did that reincarnated Celestial Emperor invite?"

### **Chapter 3089: Trapped Beasts**

At this moment, the others who had arrived earlier were shocked to see the number of people continuing to increase.

"Exactly how many people did that person invite? Are all of these people also here for the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor?"

"I don't know about them, but I'm definitely here for the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor. In fact, I deliberately traveled here from the Aurora Heaven."

"I'm from the Aurora Heaven as well!"

"I'm from the Spirit Overarching Heaven!"

"I'm from the Blue Water Heaven!"

"I'm from the Green Profound Heaven!"

"I'm from the Jade Emperor Heaven. However, just like the rest of you, I came here using a Transporting Formation since where I'm from is too far away from the Yan Mountain Mansion in the Equal Heaven Territory. Unless a titled Celestial Emperor brings me here, I wouldn't be able to make it in time."

Many of the people present on the scene began to speak among themselves and revealed where they came from. Based on the conversations, it could be seen that most of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials came from five different Devata Realms: the Jade Emperor Heaven, the Aurora Heaven, the Spirit Overarching Heaven, the Blue Water Heaven, and the Green Profound Heaven.

By the time evening approached, there were close to 8,000 people gathered on the mountain peak. Moreover, the number of people arriving was still increasing, showing no signs of slowing down at all.

As the people gathered on the scene continued to converse among themselves, they found out that the oldest peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial among them was not even 200 years old and had already mastered at least two profundities from a law.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, slightly taken aback, "A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who isn't even 200 years old but had already mastered at least two profundities from a law..."

Only a handful of people in the Southern Heaven Territory's Profound Nether Mansion in the Spirit Overarching Heaven met these criteria.

Upon hearing the conversations in her surroundings, Murong felt slightly lost as she mused inwardly, 'My strength seems insignificant compared to these people here...'

Murong Xiao Xiao had always prided herself on being the genius of the Murong Clan in the Profound Nether Mansion. Until she met Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian, she realized that no matter how talented one was, there would always be someone better. After finding out that there was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial younger than 200 years old who had mastered at least two profundities from a law, she felt like she was the weakest among the group of people here. With this, her ego suffered a huge blow. She even felt, for a brief moment, that all her achievements thus far were worthless.

"It seems like my speculations are right... Not only did that reincarnated Celestial Emperor gather powerful peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, but he had also gathered peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with heaven-defying talents as well!" Ling Jue Yun's voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind at this moment. "Just as I've mentioned before, there must be a reason that he went to such great length to gather all these people here... To gather 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with high innate talents and comprehension skills isn't an easy task. He must have

expended tremendous efforts just to look for all these people in five different Devata Realms. There's no doubt there's an important reason why he had gone to so much trouble. It seems likely that I was right about these heaven-defying peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials increasing the success rate of the tree bearing the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits! Apart from this, I really can't think of any other reason he would do this otherwise. This is good news for us. After all, if the success rate is only 10%, we might not be able to obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits even if we survive the secret realm"

Duan Ling Tian nodded in agreement as he replied, "If the success rate of the tree bearing fruits increases, the chances of us obtaining the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits increases as well if we survive!"

Ling Jue Yun nodded as his eyes brightened.

Time continued to pass, and the sun had begun to set. At this time, the number of people arriving at the peak of the mountain had gradually decreased.

Currently, there were roughly 10,000 people gathered at the peak of the mountain. Just like Duan Ling Tian and the others, the people who arrived later were from one of the five Devata Realms.

None of the people from the Jade Emperor Heaven had traveled here by themselves due to how far the Yan Mountain Mansion was located. Therefore, all of them had to travel using a Transporting Formation as well, similar to those from other Devata Realms.

It seemed deliberate that the reincarnated Celestial Emperor had chosen this place as the gathering place.

A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven asked, "So, do you think there's an age restriction on those who enter the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor?"

"Of course! Otherwise, why would that person only invite peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials under the age of 200? Isn't it obvious there's an age restriction?," a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Green Profound Heaven replied.

More and more people joined in the conversation, and all of them agreed with the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial's words.

At this time, a voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. This time, the voice belonged to Lin Fei Yang. "Duan Ling Tian, do you feel that things aren't as simple as they seem? That person went to so much trouble just to gather so many of us here to join him in a treasure hunt in a secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor... If it's truly just a treasure hunt, there's no need for him to go to such trouble, right?"

At this moment, Lin Fei Yang no longer felt wary of Duan Ling Tian. He could not feel any ill-intention from Duan Ling Tian toward him at all.

Upon hearing Lin Fei Yang's words, Duan Ling Tian instinctively turned to look at Lin Fei Yang, slightly taken and at a loss for words.

When night fell, the number of people on the peak had reached 11,000 people. After that, no one else had arrived.

“Why isn’t that person here yet?”

“Although he’s the one who invited us here, he’s nowhere to be seen.”

“Where’s he? He’s not going to stand us up, right?”

“I don’t think so. After all, he expended so much effort just to gather so many of us here. Why would he stand us up?”

As time passed, a few people were beginning to feel impatient since the reincarnated Celestial Emperor had yet to arrive. However, most people were waiting calmly and patiently.

Suddenly, a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Aurora Heaven spoke up. “Has anyone thought about this... That person expended such a huge effort and spent a huge fortune just to gather all of us from five different Devata Realms just so we can all have a chance to look for treasures in the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor. Isn’t that strange?” He had imbued his voice with his Celestial Origin Energy so it drowned out all the voices in the surroundings.

Silence descended on the place as soon as he finished speaking.

Everyone on the peak had only found out that the reincarnated Celestial Emperor had invited 11,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with high innate talents and comprehension skills.

“You’re right... I assumed he had only invited a few people to explore the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor. I didn’t expect him to invite so many people!”

“He must have an ulterior motive for gathering so many of us here...”

“What is he planning then?”

At this moment, doubts began to arise in everyone’s hearts. All of them began to feel that things were not as simple as they seemed. With this, an ominous feeling began to rise in their hearts, and as time passed, the ominous feeling grew stronger and stronger.

“To h\*ll with this! I’ve had enough of this bullshit! Forget about the secret realm; I’m leaving!” A wary peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven grumbled before he took off at lightning speed.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just as that peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven took flight, a translucent barrier suddenly appeared and covered the entire peak of the mountain.

Bang!

A loud noise rang in the air when the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven collided with the barrier.

The barrier stayed firm, and only a slight ripple could be seen on its surface.

“Hm?” The peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial was stunned for a moment. When he regained his senses, his expression changed drastically. “I was right; we’ve been plotted against!” He did not waste any time and brought his Celestial Weapon out to attack the translucent barrier. Alas, no matter how hard he tried, he could not even leave a scratch on the barrier. The barrier only rippled slightly in response to his attacks.

Upon seeing this, panic set in on the group of people on the peak, including Murong Xiao Xiao and Lin Fei Yang.

“No! We’re trapped here!”

“D\*mn it! We’ve been tricked!”

“We need to get out of here!”

At this moment, many people on the peak began to take flight to try and shatter the translucent barrier so they could escape.

Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were the only two people on the ground.

Meanwhile, some people began to bring out their Communication Celestial Talismans and began to shatter it to inform their respective forces about the predicament they were in.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials tried to destroy the barrier, the sound of flowing water suddenly rang in the air.

What followed next was so terrifying that everyone was thoroughly shocked and halted their movements immediately.

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A blue energy shot out at the speed of light from the translucent barrier and shrouded the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven who was the first to attack the barrier.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sound of water continued to ring in the air as the blue energy turned violent, turning into waves of energies that crushed the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A thunderously loud noise rang in the air as the waves of blue energy crushed the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had an expression of terror on his face at this moment. In just a blink of an eye, he exploded into a mist of blood. After his death, blue energy lingered in the air for a moment before it disappeared without a trace.

The dead peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial's Spatial Ring and Celestial Weapon that were falling to the ground caused chills to run up everyone's spines.

"What a terrifying Formation... It's still so powerful even though it encompassed such a wide area."

There were some peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials present who were knowledgeable about Formations. They could not help but gasp after witnessing the Formation's power.

After witnessing the death of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven, the others no longer dared to act recklessly no matter how much they wanted to leave. They regarded the barrier fearfully as though faced with a fearsome opponent.

At this time, the translucent barrier began to vanish out of sight. Despite that, the group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials did not dare to make a move. After all, they knew the Formation was only lying dormant. If someone made a move to leave again, he or she would definitely trigger the activation of the Formation again.

"This Formation... Is it possible that the reincarnated Celestial Emperor can control it according to his will?" Duan Ling Tian slightly raised his brow as he looked at Ling Jue Yun and sent him a Voice Transmission. "If such a Formation was set up in the secret realm in his past life, how are we going to grab the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits from him and escape?" He was also wary of the power of the Formation.

On the other hand, Ling Jue Yun seemed calm. "Don't worry. The power of the Formation relies on his past life's power since he created it in his past life. Although it's still powerful, due to time, the Celestial Origin Energy has reduced tremendously and is only comparable to that of a Celestial King. Since he had boosted his Celestial Origin Energy with the profundity from the law of water, it's extremely easy to kill a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Based on the strength of the Formation earlier, it's highly likely that he doesn't have full control of the Formation... If that peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Blue Water Heaven didn't attack the Formation, it wouldn't have attacked him. It was just an automated response from the barrier being attacked."

Ling Jue Yun was from an ancient clan in the Divine Offering Land. Although Formations were not his forte, due to the influence from his family, he was still rather knowledgeable about Formations.

Duan Ling Tian was enlightened after listening to Ling Jue Yun's words.

Ling Jue Yun continued to say, "In fact, if he had restricted the secret realm and only made it accessible to those weaker than Celestial Dukes in his past life, after he's reincarnated, it's impossible for him to have complete access to his past life's strength contained in the secret realm. Although the profundity from the law of water that he had imbued in his Celestial Origin Energy did not vanish from the corrosion of time, he's incapable of using it after his reincarnation."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. He felt like the danger had been greatly reduced after listening to Ling Jue Yun's words.

"Although he cannot directly use the Formations in the secret realm to attack us, he'll still be able to control them to a certain degree. Therefore, we can't let our guards down for even a second when we're



in the secret realm,” Ling Jue Yun said solemnly, “If I’m not mistaken, the Formations that he can use to affect us in the secret realm are all Illusory Formations.”

As soon as Ling Jue Yun’s finished speaking...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The blue energy appeared again and turned into a beam of light shining up to the sky. A vague silhouette of a person could be seen in the center of the beam of light. Soon enough, everyone saw a young man with a medium build. His appearance was rather ordinary, but his eyes were gentle and limpid like water. His eyes were the only noteworthy thing about his appearance.

Upon seeing this, some of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials’ expressions turned grim. They narrowed their eyes as they stared at the person who had invited them to this place.

“It’s him!”

“He’s finally here!”

“He’s the one that tricked us here!”

“That’s him?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Ling Jue Yun. After all, he knew Ling Jue Yun had met this young man before.

“Yes.” Ling Jue Yun nodded. A cold light flashed briefly in the depths of his eyes as he looked at the blue-clad young man.

Meanwhile, just like everyone else, Murong Xiao Xiao was looking at the blue-clad young man with a frosty expression on her face. Based on the current situation, it was obvious the blue-clad young man had tricked them and lured them here using the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor. There was no doubt he had an ulterior motive for gathering them here.

“Greetings, my name is Jiang Lan.” The blue-clad young man smiled faintly. When he stepped out of the range of the beam of light, the beam of light vanished without a trace immediately.

‘A Transporting Formation?’ Duan Ling Tian suspected the beam of light was a Transporting Formation based on how Jiang Lan had suddenly appeared.

Indeed, Duan Ling Tian had guessed correctly.

A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Aurora Heaven looked at Jiang Lan with an unsightly expression on his face as he boldly asked, “Why did you trick us here?”

The faint smile on Jiang Lan’s face did not disappear as he said, “Did I not explain everything when I extended my invitation to you? I invited all of you here to explore the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor.”

“Is it necessary to invite so many people to explore the secret realm?” a peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial from the Green Profound Heaven asked.

“Hm?” Before Jiang Lan could reply, he suddenly looked up at the sky. A sinister smile could be seen on his face as his eyes narrowed.

Curious as to what had caught Jiang Lan’s attention, the 11,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, including Duan Ling Tian, followed his gaze.

However, there was nothing unusual in the sky, causing Duan Ling Tian and the others to feel puzzled.

‘What’s he looking at?’ Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly as his eyes narrowed imperceptibly.

Suddenly, high above the clouds, it seemed like a dozen swords were slashing and dispersing the clouds, revealing the dark sky behind them.

“Are there more people coming?” Although Duan Ling Tian could not see what was slashing and dispersing the clouds, he speculated there must be a group of people stronger than them coming their way since he could not see them at all.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

All of a sudden, a dozen figures appeared one after another, hovering in the sky. It was only at this moment that Duan Ling Tian and the others could see these people clearly. The dozen people were a mix of old men, old ladies, middle-aged men, beautiful women, and young men.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Soon after, another dozen figures appeared and lined up behind the first group of people. It did not stop here. More and more people began to appear. In a matter of minutes, roughly more than 500 figures could be seen hovering in the sky.

At this moment, a young man dressed in fine robes stepped forward among the new crowd of people. He smirked coldly as he asked, “You’re Jiang Lan, right? My master is here with me now. It’s best you tell the truth and tell me why you tricked me here...”

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow. Based on the young man’s words, out of the 500 powerhouses who had just appeared, one of them was his master. The others must be elders from the faction the young man belonged to. He must have already brought reinforcements to the Equal Heaven Territory’s Yan Mansion Mountain in the Jade Emperor Heaven in preparation for any mishap that might arise.

“Your master?” The sinister smile on Jiang Lan’s face deepened as he looked at the finely-dressed young man. “If I’m not mistaken, I reminded you not to tell anyone about the secret realm left behind by a Celestial Emperor when I invited you, right?”