

Chapter 3091: Splitting Water with a Saber

Upon hearing Jiang Lan's words to the finely-dressed young man, Duan Ling Tian looked to Ling Jue Yun for confirmation.

Ling Jue Yun nodded, indicating that Jiang Lan had said the same thing to him as well. However, the difference was Jiang Lan had asked him to extend the invitation to Duan Ling Tian as well.

"You gave me your promise that day, didn't you?" Jiang Lan looked at the finely-dressed young man pointedly.

"So what?" The young man smiled arrogantly. "Although you're stronger than me, since my master is here, what can you do about it? A puny Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial like you expects me, Yuan Zheng, to keep my promise to you? What a joke!"

"Do you really think there's nothing I can do to you with your master here?" Jiang Lan asked as he stared at Yuan Zheng, the finely-dressed young man, intently.

"My master is an Eight Trigrams Celestial King. What do you think you can do to me with him here?" Yuan Zheng said smugly with a contemptuous expression on his face.

"This Yuan Zheng is going to regret his words." Ling Jue Yun softly whispered to Duan Ling Tian who was standing next to him.

"Didn't you say the Formation Jiang Lan cast in his past life is weaker now?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Even so, that Formation can't be breached by anyone weaker than a Celestial Lord. Don't forget, he was a Celestial Emperor in his previous life!" Ling Jue Yun said.

As soon as Ling Jue Yun's voice fell, Jiang Lan looked up at the sky where hundreds of people were hovering before he pointed at Yuan Zheng and asked flatly, "Who's his master?"

A cold scoff rang in the air in response to Jiang Lan's question. Then, a middle-aged man dressed in a loose fine robe stepped forward. He said disdainfully, "Lad, do you really intend to attack my disciple in my presence?"

"An Eight Trigrams Celestial King!"

As soon as the middle-aged man stepped forward, the group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, including Duan Ling Tian, shifted their attention to him. Yuan Zheng had mentioned earlier that his master was an Eight Trigrams Celestial King!

At the same time, many peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials began to whisper among themselves.

"I didn't expect there to be people who broke their promises. If I knew this, I would've informed my master about this matter as well and asked him to accompany me here!"

“It seems like it’s not always a good thing to keep one’s promise. If our elders are here, we won’t be helplessly stuck in this predicament.”

“With so many powerhouses here, I hope we’ll be able to take advantage of the situation and get the h*ll out of here as well!”

Based on their conversations, it was clear some of them regretted keeping their promises and did not inform anyone or bring anyone along with them.

Upon hearing the middle-aged man’s words, Jiang Lan smirked as killing intent flashed in narrowed eyes. “Of course. Even with you here, I intend to do so...” Before he even finished speaking, he had already begun to make his move.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sound of water rang in the air again as a beam of blue light that flowed like water surged out of Jiang Lan’s body and swept toward Yuan Zheng. He had moved so fast that he caught everyone off guard.

“You’re seeking death!”

Along with the blue energy that resembled a water dragon, Jiang Lan swung his fist toward Yuan Zheng as he drew close to Yuan Zheng.

Yuan Zheng who finally regained his senses at this moment hastily activated his purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon. A mustard light shone as the silhouette of armor appeared on his body. Based on this, it was clear that he had comprehended the law of earth. At the same time, tens of thousands of something that resembled amulets began to spin around the armor, forming a strange defensive Formation. Appearance-wise, the defense Formation looked indestructible.

‘It’s the Defense Profundity from the law of earth!’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted when he saw the profundity Yuan Zheng had cast. The Defense Profundity, as its name suggested, was a defensive profundity from the law of earth. It was almost on par with the Crystal Barrier Profundity, but it was much more flexible than the Crystal Barrier Profundity. After casting the Defense Profundity, it was as though a wall of defensive Formation had been erected around one’s body.

Boom!

The water dragon collided with Yuan Zheng’s defenses with a loud bang. The amulets spinning around him trembled for a moment but remained intact.

“No matter how good your combat skills are, it’s useless if you can’t breach my defenses. I couldn’t land a hit on you during our previous battle, but you couldn’t breach my defenses as well,” Yuan Zheng said arrogantly under the protection of his armor, “Do you think you’re suddenly capable of breaching my defenses now? Ridiculous!”

Yuan Zheng’s master watched this high up in the sky with no intention to intervene. He had confidence in his direct disciple’s defensive ability. Even if Jiang Lan had mastered three profundities from a law, it was impossible for Jiang Lan to kill his disciple in a short time. At most, Jiang Lan would only injure his disciple.

Meanwhile, the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials fervently discussed among themselves. They were amazed by how strong Yuan Zheng's defenses were. There were a few who had previously fought Jiang Lan, and they confirmed that Jiang Lan had only mastered two profundities from the law of water.

"What a strong defense!"

"So this is the law of earth's Defense Profundity?"

"The Defense Profundity from the law of earth is extremely powerful... With Yuan Zheng's cultivation base and the protection of the purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon, the Earth Elemental Profundity, and the Defense Profundity, it's impossible for Jiang Lan to kill Yuan Zheng in a short time even if Jiang Lan has a King Grade Celestial Weapon!"

"I've fought with Jiang Lan before. He has only mastered two profundities from the law of water."

"Me too. I can confirm he has only mastered two profundities from the law of water... Therefore, not only is it difficult for him to breach Yuan Zheng's defenses, but it'll be difficult for him to hurt Yuan Zheng, let alone kill Yuan Zheng!"

On the contrary, some of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials frowned as they stared at Jiang Lan in confusion and speculated among themselves.

"Two profundities from the law of water?"

"Didn't Jiang Lan master three profundities from the law of water?"

"It seems like Jiang Lan had deliberately hidden his strength when he battled Yuan Zheng."

This group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials younger than 200 years old who possessed heaven-defying talents had comprehended three profundities from a law. Similarly, they had also fought and were defeated by Jiang Lan in the past. Therefore, they were certain Jiang Lan did not only master two profundities from the law of water.

"Do you really think this is the extent of my strength?" Jiang Lan's expression remained calm from the beginning until now. His smirk deepened as he looked at Yuan Zheng meaningfully.

Naturally, with these words, some peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials began to wonder if Jiang Lan had hidden his true strength.

Yuan Zheng scoffed coldly. Although his tone was still dripping with disdain, he had become warier. "Stop joking around!" The mustard amulets around him began to spin swiftly, seemingly creating a barrier that was even stronger than the one before.

Swoosh!

At this moment, a double-edged saber appeared in Jiang Lan's hand. He moved the saber lightly before a blue energy shot toward Yuan Zheng, leaving spatial tears in its wake.

Swoosh!

Soon enough, the blue energy morphed into a water dragon again.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

As the water dragon shot out, Jiang Lan slashed with his saber, causing the water dragon to split into hundreds of thousands of droplets of water in the air that eventually spun into a violent storm, sweeping toward Yuan Zheng. Then, he continued to move his saber, which was glowing with a blue light, around to create more droplets of water with his Celestial Origin Energy.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

All this time, the saber's light grew more and more intense until it was almost blinding. Clearly, the sable had reached the peak of its power at this moment. It was incredibly formidable

As Jiang Lan's seemingly invincible attack swept toward Yuan Zheng, Yuan Zheng's master who could no longer stay idle cried out, "Stop!"

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Yuan Zheng's master, the Eight Trigrams Celestial King, did not hesitate to make his move as his attacks descended from the sky like bolts of lightning.

However, at the same time, the translucent barrier appeared again. It was like an unmovable mountain as it easily deflected the attacks from an Eight Trigrams Celestial King.

The people hovering in the air gasped when they saw the formidable defensive Formation beneath their feet.

"This Formation..."

"What kind of Formation is this?!"

Chapter 3092: Thank You

Just as Yuan Zheng's master was about to make a move again, Jiang Lan's saber had already appeared in front of Yuan Zheng.

Buzz!

The saber that was shining with a blue light seemed as though it was sharp enough to cut through anything as it shot toward Yuan Zheng. It easily pierced through Yuan Zheng's defenses as though it was piercing a sheet of paper!

"No!" Zheng Yuan cried out in terror. The confident expression on his face was replaced by one of despair when he saw his defenses being easily breached. Desperation filled his gut-wrenching cry, sending chills running up everyone's spines.

After Yuan Zheng's defenses were breached, he was slashed apart in just a blink of an eye.

The group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials gasped in horror as they looked at Jiang Lan as though he was a monster.

Another miserable cry rang in the air at this moment.

When the middle-aged man, Yuan Zheng's master, had attacked the translucent barrier, it had automatically attacked him. At this moment, he was spitting out a mouth of blood; it was clear he was severely injured. His face was as pale as a sheet of paper, and his strength had diminished greatly, judging by how he was swaying on his feet. A hint of fear appeared on his pale face as he trembled and asked, "Who are you?!"

At this moment, the middle-aged man would have lived in vain if he still could not tell Jiang Lan was not a simple person. Jiang Lan had used four profundities from the law of water, including the Water Elemental Profundity, to kill his disciple.

An old man who was standing near Yuan Zheng's master suddenly exclaimed, "This Jiang Lan... He's not even 100 years old!"

Not even 100 years old?

Upon hearing these words, the middle-aged man and the rest of the powerhouses hovering in the air extended their Divine Consciousness to probe Jiang Lan immediately. They discovered that as long as their Divine Consciousness did not possess malicious intent, they could easily pass through the defensive Formation shrouding the peak of the mountain. After confirming Jiang Lan's age, they began to discuss among themselves.

"Indeed, he's not even 100 years old!"

"A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial under 100 years old who mastered four profundities from the law of water? What kind of person is he?"

"Someone like that normally belongs to the top forces in a Devata Realm, right? That would explain his achievements at such a young age!"

"There's a possibility he's a reincarnated Celestial!"

Most of them were convinced Jiang Lan was a reincarnated Celestial since it was impossible to achieve such feats at such a young age. However, they also felt it was possible that he belonged to a top force from a Devata Realm. In the end, most of them thought it was more likely that he was a reincarnated Celestial. After all, if he really came from a top force, he would not have needed to rely on the defensive Formation to protect himself. He would surely be greatly favored by the people from the force he belonged to.

Needless to say, all the powerhouses were now intimidated by Jiang Lan's defensive Formation. After all, it managed to severely injure an Eight Trigrams Celestial King.

At this moment, one of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials standing on the peak looked at Jiang Lan incredulously and said, "He hid his true strength when he fought in the past. He only cast two profundities back then, but according to the powerhouses, he has mastered four profundities from the law of water!"

“He had also hidden his strength when we fought. At that time, I was shocked to discover he had mastered two profundities from the law of water even though he was not even 100 years old. Looks like I’ve grossly underestimated him!”

“A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial under the age of 100 who has mastered four profundities from the law of fire? I’ve never heard of such a person before in my life!”

“I think Jiang Lan is a reincarnated Celestial!”

Hints of shock and disbelief could be seen in the depths of the eyes of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials as they looked at Jiang Lan again. They did not expect him to have such heaven-defying strength based on his age and cultivation base.

“I thought I was a genius since I was able to master three profundities from the law of metal before reaching the age of 200! I’m a joke compared to Jiang Lan!” one of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials said before he laughed self-deprecatingly.

“Jiang Lan is the most monstrously talented person I’ve ever met in my life! To be able to achieve such a feat at such a young age, he must have been extraordinary in his previous life!”

“Could he be a Celestial Lord? Perhaps... a Celestial Emperor?”

“A Celestial Emperor? That’s unlikely...”

Fear continued to rise in the hearts of the group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials after they witnessed Jiang Lan’s strength.

“I didn’t expect Jiang Lan to have mastered four profundities from the law of water,” Duan Ling Tian lamented.

“It’s only normal. He’s a reincarnated Celestial Emperor, after all. He must have comprehended the law of water in his past life as well; that’s why it’s easier for him to comprehend and master the law of water in this life. Don’t forget he has the memories and experiences from his past life,” Ling Jue Yun said.

At this moment, Jiang Lan turned over and swept his gaze past every peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial with a sinister smile on his face as he held the saber in his hand. “Who else broke their promises to me and brought their elders with them?”

Silence descended on the peak of a mountain as soon as Jiang Lan finished speaking. No one dared to speak. It was akin to seeking death after all.

At this moment, Yuan Zheng’s master cried out in an attempt to rally everyone, “Everyone! I can’t breach the Formation alone. However, if we work together, we might be able to do it!” He looked at the powerhouses around him with an unsightly expression as he said, “My disciple is dead! It’s obvious he has malicious intentions for gathering the younger generations here. Are you really willing to stay idle and watch the younger generation meet with disaster?”

Although Yuan Zheng had died, his master refused to give up. He tried to rally the others to join forces and break the Formation and kill Jiang Lan.

Upon hearing the middle-aged man's words, the eyes of the other powerhouses lit up. Although there was no Celestial Lord among them, they were, at least, Celestial Kings. The strongest among them was even a Nine Palaces Celestial King.

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow when he heard the middle-aged man's rallying words. If all the powerhouses joined forces to attack the Formation, they might successfully breach it. With this thought in mind, he instinctively turned to look at Jiang Lan.

"It's a good idea, but you thought about it too late! I'm taking the younger generation with me!" Jiang Lan said with a sneer as he glanced at the middle-aged man. He raised his hand in the air, leaving a mysterious handprint in the air.

Upon seeing this, the expressions of the powerhouses outside the barrier changed drastically. It was clear to them Jiang Lan was trying to cast a Transporting Formation

"No!"

"Everyone, hurry!"

In the next moment, energies with various colors surged from the bodies of roughly 500 Celestial Kings and shot toward the Formation.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

As expected, the transparent barrier appeared to block the attacks from the Celestial Kings.

Meanwhile, a white light appeared and began to shroud Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, and the other peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials on top of the mountain.

"Duan Ling Tian, the Transporting Formation is probably sending us to the secret realm Jiang Lan left behind in his previous life. There have to be many Illusory Formations there. Ask Sister Huang'er to help you with those Formations!" Ling Jue Yun's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind just before Duan Ling Tian's vision turned black.

At this time, the group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials had all vanished without the trace when the white light disappeared. Only one figure was left on the peak of the mountain, and it was none other than Jiang Lan who had cast the Transporting Formation.

At the same time, cracks began to appear on the translucent barrier. It was obvious it would shatter at any given moment.

Before the Formation shattered, Jiang Lan leisurely swept his gaze past the Celestial Kings and said arrogantly, "It's been a hundred years since I cast this Formation in my previous life. If it hasn't weakened with the passage of time, do you think the combination of strength from puny Celestial Kings like all of you is capable of even leaving a scratch on it?! In any case, I'd like to thank every single one of you for raising such outstanding members of the younger generation. Using them as a sacrifice to the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit tree will greatly increase my chance of obtaining the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits!"

As Jiang Lan slowly faded from sight, his laughter rang in the air. As soon as he completely disappeared, the barrier shattered.

Although the powerhouses had successfully broken the Formation, all of their expressions were grim. A hint of fear could even be seen on their faces.

Jiang Lan had said he set up the Formation during his previous life? And for the past 100 years, the Formation had endured? Most importantly, did he mention the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit?

Chapter 3093: Doomed

It was common knowledge that Formations set up in open spaces would gradually weaken with time. After all, they relied on the Celestial Origin Energy of the person who had set up the Formations. Being in an open space and with the passage of time, there would inevitably be humans or beasts that accidentally triggered the Formations. Each time the Formations were triggered, it would exhaust a little of their powers. This was also the same for Formations that drew their powers from Celestial Crystals.

It was for this reason that the group of Celestial Kings were shocked when they discovered the Formation shrouding the peak of the mountain that took their collective strength to destroy was set up by Jiang Lan more than 100 years ago in his past life. How terrifying was the Formation to still be so strong after so much time had passed?

“A Formation that was created more than 100 years ago still contained so much power... If it were powered by Celestial Crystals, how many Celestial Crystals would be required to maintain it until now?”

“Although I’m not an expert in Formations, I do know a thing or two about them... The Formation we destroyed earlier didn’t draw its strength from Celestial Crystals. Its strength came from the Celestial Origin Energy contained in the materials used to set up the Formation.”

“A Formation that was created more than 100 years ago and relied on Celestial Origin Energy was so powerful without any maintenance? What kind of cultivation base did the person who created the Formation had?”

“Even a Formation created by a Ten Directions Celestial King with all his strength wouldn’t be so powerful after more than 100 years without any maintenance. It’s likely that Jiang Lan was a Celestial Emperor in his past life!”

After failing to find any signs of Jiang Lan and the younger generation with their Divine Consciousness, the group of Celestial Kings began to analyze the situation and concluded that Jiang Lan had to be a Celestial Emperor in his past life.

Celestial Emperor!

To these Celestial Kings, a Celestial Emperor was a legendary figure. After all, the strongest powerhouses they encountered so far were only Celestial Lords. Even then, the Celestial Lords they had met were only ordinary Celestial Lords.

“If Jiang Lan was a Celestial Emperor in his past life, then all of this makes sense. A Formation like this can only be created by a Celestial Emperor.”

“Earlier, Jiang Lan mentioned something about Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits, right? Do you know what Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits are?”

“I’ve never heard of it.”

“What are they?”

Soon after confirming that Jiang Lan was most likely a reincarnated Celestial Emperor, the Celestial Kings recalled he had mentioned the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits. He had even hinted that he went to so much trouble to gather the outstanding younger generation just so he could sacrifice them to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit! Most of them had never even heard of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

Only a select few had heard of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. When they were reminded of Jiang Lan mentioning the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits, their expressions turned grim. With that, they extended their Divine Consciousness again and frantically searched for any traces of the younger generation. This was because they knew the younger generation would not be able to survive if Jiang Lan intended to sacrifice them to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit! Alas, after searching for a long time, they found nothing. Their expression turned even grimmer as realization dawned on them that the younger generation was doomed.

When one of the Celestial Kings who knew of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit regained his senses, he saw the expression of confusion on some of his peers’ faces. Then, he began to explain with a somber expression on his face, “The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit is a heaven-defying Celestial Fruit in the Devata Realms... Only individuals below Celestial Dukes are able to consume the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. The fruit is able to help one to progress an entire stage in one’s cultivation base. Generally speaking, it’s best for peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials to consume the fruit since the fruit would directly help them break through and become Ten Directions Celestial Dukes. Most importantly, they would become peak Ten Directions Celestial Dukes who are close to breaking through and becoming One Basic Celestial Kings!”

Upon hearing his explanation, those who were unaware were thoroughly stunned.

The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit could directly help one’s cultivation base to progress to the next stage? A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who consumed it would directly become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke?

“Heavens! How can there be such a heaven-defying fruit?”

“No wonder it’s called a divine fruit. With such heaven-defying effect, it’s strange if it isn’t called a divine fruit.”

“Although it can only be consumed by individuals below Celestial Dukes, it doesn’t make the fruit any less amazing. I’ve never heard of anything capable of boosting one’s cultivation base by one whole stage!”

“Usually, the more amazing the effects of a fruit, the harder it would be for the tree to bear fruits. With such heaven-defying effects, it must be almost impossible for the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit to bear fruits!”

Most of the clueless Celestial Kings instinctively turned to look at the Celestial King who had spoken earlier. It was clear they were curious and wanted to know more about the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

Under the curious eyes of the others, the Celestial King continued to say, "Well, all of you heard Jiang Lan's words earlier. He plans to sacrifice the younger generation to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit!" He paused for a moment; his expression grim. His disciple had been taken away, and it was likely that his disciple would not survive. Then, he continued to say, "To help the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit bear fruit, one has to sacrifice at least 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials to the tree. The 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial would have to fight each other in front of the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Each time an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial dies, his or her body and soul would be absorbed by the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit..."

Upon hearing these words, the Celestial Kings gasped. Their expressions turned similarly grim as they began to realize the younger generation might not survive.

"What?!"

"The sacrifice requires the lives of at least 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials?"

"T-this is outrageous... The price is too high!"

"Jiang Lan is a lunatic! He actually planned to sacrifice more than 10,000 lives!"

At this moment, another Celestial King who was privy to the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit said in a low voice, "Even with so many lives used as a sacrifice, there's only a 10% chance that the tree would bear fruits... In other words, Jiang Lan wants to sacrifice more than 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials just for a 10% chance to obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit." He had imbued his voice with Celestial Origin Energy so everyone heard his words even though he was speaking in a low voice.

Upon hearing this, the other Celestial Kings gasped again.

A 10% chance? Even the deaths of 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials could not guarantee that the tree would bear the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit?

With this knowledge, the Celestial Kings broke out in a commotion.

"He's crazy! He's a lunatic! Isn't Jiang Lan afraid of heaven's wrath and retribution?"

"How could someone like that be a Celestial Emperor in his past life! He's insane! I curse him to die before he can even become a Celestial King!"

"With this, there's hardly any doubt that Jiang Lan is a reincarnated Celestial Emperor. Only Celestial Emperors would set their eyes on the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit to ensure a smooth cultivation journey after their rebirths!"

"In this case, does this mean my disciple is doomed?"

Most of the Celestial Kings' expressions were grim and dejected.

The only person who did not look as grim was a finely dressed middle-aged man, an Eight Trigrams Celestial King. He was none other than the master of Yuan Zheng whom Jiang Lan had killed earlier. He had been furious when his disciple was killed. However, after learning that all of the younger generations were doomed to die, he could not help but feel slightly better.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, Communication Celestial Talismans were sent out one after another by the Celestial Kings. Without exception, these Celestial Kings were all from the Jade Emperor Heaven. The gist of their message was all the same: they warned their respective forces about the plot of Jiang Lan, a reincarnated Celestial Emperor, and the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

With this, more and more people in the Jade Emperor Heaven learned about this matter.

Meanwhile, since Communication Celestial Talismans could not be used to send messages to another realm, the Celestial Kings from other Devata Realms could only wait to spread the word after they returned to their respective Devata Realms.

In the end, the Celestial Kings present on the scene no longer looked for Jiang Lan and the younger generation. They knew it was a futile task. The location had been planned by a Celestial Emperor in his past life; it would surely be difficult to locate the place. Even Celestial Lords would not be able to locate the place, let alone them.

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As word of the incident spread, there were commotions in some places in the Jade Emperor Heaven, the Spirit Overarching Heaven, the Blue Water Heaven, the Green Profound Heaven, and the Aurora Heaven.

"10% chance to bear fruits? Will Jiang Lan even succeed?"

"I don't think so."

"Usually, those who dare to scheme for a Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit are men with great courage and determination. If Jiang Lan manages to make the tree bear fruit and successfully consume the fruit, he'd definitely be a force to be reckoned with once he grows into his full potential!"

"Don't you think his behavior is despicable?"

"Well, it's the law of the jungle. Only the strong survive. The world is cruel...."

Jiang Lan and his scheme became the topic of conversation for many people from the five Devata Realms even if they would never know if the tree would successfully bear fruits or if Jiang Lan managed to consume the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. However, these people were certain of one thing: those who were deceived by Jiang Lan to be used as a sacrifice were doomed! After all, how difficult would it be for a reincarnated Celestial Emperor, even if his cultivation base was only ordinary now, to manipulate a group of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials to his will?

Chapter 3094: The Tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit

“Is this where Jiang Lan chose to carry out his plan?” When Duan Ling Tian’s vision returned to him, he discovered he was in an average-size cave. He was surrounded by stone walls; there were no doors or passages. It was completely sealed.

“Huang’er,” Duan Ling Tian called out to the soul artifact in his body. “Earlier, Ling Jue Yun told me you’ll be able to help me see through the Illusory Formations in here...”

Before Huang’er could reply, the Chaos Divine Earth’s childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “Boy, you don’t need Huang’er for that. I can easily do that as well!” A hint of pride could be heard in its voice when it spoke.

“You are capable of that as well?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

“Of course.” The Chaos Divine Earth felt prouder when he sensed Duan Ling Tian was rather impressed.

Then, a scoff rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind.

It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to identify the Profound Divine Metal. At the same time, he discovered an energy shooting out from the Profound Divine Metal to his eyes before covering the surface of his eyeball. With that, a golden light in his eyes. It was as though he possessed a pair of golden fiery eyes. However, the golden light only lasted for a brief moment before it fused into his eyes and vanished without a trace.

Immediately after that, Duan Ling Tian discovered the scenery around him had changed. He found that he was in a high cave on a floating island. Most importantly, there was a towering tree on the island. Unlike ordinary trees, this tree was blood-red. Not only were the branches red, but even the leaves were red. Apart from that, even the energies that resembled lightning bolts surrounding it were blood-red.

“Hm?” Soon enough, Duan Ling Tian discovered the other peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials at the peak of the huge mountain earlier were also here. He quickly found Ling Jue Yun, Murong Xiao Xiao, and Lin Fei Yang.

Apart from Ling Jue Yun who stood unmoving, the others were looking left and right as though they could not see the people around them.

‘It seems like they’re affected by the Illusory Formation.’ It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to come to this conclusion. Before the Profound Divine Metal did what it did, he thought he was in a fairly small cave, and he did not see anyone around him. Clearly, that was the effect of the Illusory Formation.

“Profound Divine Metal, why do you have to steal my thunder?” The Chaos Divine Earth sounded vexed. He had felt proud when Duan Ling Tian was impressed by its ability to see through Illusory Formations. However, before he could even show off, the Profound Divine Metal had beaten him to it.

The Profound Divine Metal replied indifferently, “You were going on and on about such a trivial skill... I just couldn’t watch you go on any longer.”

Duan Ling Tian chuckled as he said teasingly, “Chaos Divine Earth, so you’re not the only one with the ability to help me see through Illusory Formations? Since Senior Profound Divine Metal is capable of that, Senior Chaos Divine Flame is likely to be able to do the same, right?”

This time, the Chaos Divine Earth did not respond to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian knew the Chaos Divine Earth was sulking. After all, it had thought it was his time to shine, but who knew the Profound Divine Metal would steal its thunder?

After spending time together, Duan Ling Tian had a relatively good grasp on the three Divine Elements' personalities.

Among the three, the Chaos Divine Flame seemed mature like a wise elder. The Profound Divine Metal was reliable, but it liked to occasionally tease the Chaos Divine Earth. As for the Chaos Divine Earth, it acted no different from a child even though its power was not inferior to the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame. In terms of maturity and sensibility, the Chaos Divine Earth was still lacking compared to the other two Divine Elements.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't act rashly and expose the fact that you've seen through the Illusory Formation. Just kill whoever attacks you. You can use a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon if you have one." Ling Jue Yun's voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "However, don't use Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons in order to avoid making Jiang Lan wary or suspicious... If he puts his guard up, it'd be harder for us to snatch the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits from him if the tree successfully bears fruit."

With these words, Duan Ling Tian confirmed that Ling Jue Yun had also seen through the Illusory Formation with the help of his artifact soul.

Almost as soon as Ling Jue Yun finished speaking...

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian heard the sound of movements before a blue-clad young man appeared in front of him.

The blue-clad young man immediately attacked with what seemed like a web made out of lightning bolts.

'The law of thunder?' Based on the blue-clad young man's attack, it was not difficult for him to figure out that the blue-clad young man had comprehended the law of thunder.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The blue-clad young man's attack contained his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the law of thunder's profundities. On top of that, he was also wielding a King Grade Celestial Weapon. When he struck, his attack was thunderously loud.

Duan Ling Tian briefly studied the blue-clad young man. He noticed the blue-clad young man's eyes were flashing with killing intent as though he was facing his prey and would not stop until he had hunted it down.

'Two profundities from the law of thunder?' Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he waved his hand. Then, a ring with nine tips appeared in his hand. After that, he cast two profundities from the law of fire, the Fire Elemental Profundity and the Pillaging Profundity.

After exchanging only one move, it was obvious that Duan Ling Tian's strength overwhelmed the blue-clad young man. Although their profundities were roughly on the same level, Duan Ling Tian's Royal Grade Celestial Weapon helped him to completely overpower the blue-clad young man who was only wielding a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

"No!!!" The blue-clad young man cried out before he died. Before he died, he saw the ring with nine horns in Duan Ling Tian's hand. He could tell it was not an ordinary weapon.

The weapon Duan Ling Tian was using was the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring. The mysterious Brother Pei had left it with him when he was still in the borderlands of the Southern Heaven Territory. However, after he waited for a long time, Brother Pei disappeared and did not return for the weapons.

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Meanwhile, after Duan Ling Tian killed the blue-clad young man...

"Interesting... If I'm not mistaken he's Duan Ling Tian from the Spirit Overarching Heaven's Southern Territory. I asked Ling Jue Yun to extend the invitation to him." A figure sat cross-legged above the towering tree on the island. A faint smile could be seen on his face as he watched Duan Ling Tian. This person was none other than Jiang Lan. He had appeared at some point after Duan Ling Tian and the others were transported to this place.

In Jiang Lan's opinion, there was no way the others could see him even if he was right in front of them. Similarly, they would not be able to see the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit that he had planted in his past life.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

After the blue-clad young man was killed, his body withered rapidly. At the same time, his blood energy and soul fire flew out of his body into the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit in the middle of the cave.

When the tree absorbed the blue-clad young man's blood energy and soul fire, it was like a beast. After absorbing them, its color darkened immediately.

The blue-clad young man was the first person to die. After his death, a few others died as well. All of them were those who had only comprehended two profundities from a law. They were all killed by those who had comprehended three profundities from a law.

All these people whom Jiang Lan gathered here were peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. The difference in their strength depended on the number of profundities and the type of laws they had comprehended. Apart from that, more than 80% of them only possessed King Grade Celestial Weapons. It was rare to see a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

For this reason, Jiang Lan was rather surprised when he saw Duan Ling Tian wielding a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon earlier. Since he was a reincarnated Celestial Emperor, he had already obtained his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon from his past life. Therefore, a mere Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was nothing in his eyes.

“This Ling Jue Yun... is truly monstrous!” Jiang Lan quickly shifted his attention to a grey-clad young man. Coincidentally, Ling Jue Yun had just finished killing his opponent. Needless to say, Ling Jue Yun’s opponent became nutrients for the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit after he died.

“He has comprehended three profundities from the law of death. Similar to me and Duan Ling Tian, he’s also younger than 100 years old. His talents are heaven-defying!”

Although Jiang Lan had comprehended four profundities from the law of water before the age of 100, he was aware it was due to his rebirth and memories from his past life as a Celestial Emperor. He could tell Ling Jue Yun was truly talented since he could confirm Ling Jue Yun was not a reincarnated Celestial. As such, he was truly impressed by Ling Jue Yun’s achievements. Even in his past life, he had never met anyone who had achieved so much at Ling Jue Yun’s age. He continued to watch Ling Jue Yun and evaluated Ling Jue Yun’s talent. After a moment, he thought to himself, ‘If Ling Jue Yun manages to survive in the end, I might consider giving him one Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit... After all, the tree always bears a pair of Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits, and I only need one. Naturally, this is only under the condition that he allows me to brand his soul with an enslavement mark to ensure he obeys me at all times!’

Chapter 3095: Jiang Lan’s Interference

In Devata Realms, a Celestial could brand an enslavement mark on another Celestial’s soul if the latter was willing to accept the mark. Once the latter was branded, the latter had to obey the former. If the latter disobeyed the former, with just a thought, the former could reduce the latter to ashes. Needless to say, apart from being willing, the strength of the latter had to be weaker or on par with the former.

Currently, Ling Jue Yun and Jiang Lan were both peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. Therefore, as long as Ling Jue Yun was willing, Jiang Lan could brand Ling Jue Yun’s soul with an enslavement mark.

However, as of now, Jiang Lan was unaware that although he was a reincarnated Celestial Emperor, Ling Jue Yun’s background was much more extraordinary than him. It would be impossible for Ling Jue Yun to willingly accept being a slave to a mere reincarnated Celestial Emperor.

Jiang Lan continued to sit cross-legged above the towering tree in the cave on the floating island as he indifferently watched the gruesome scene in front of him.

One after another, peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials died. Their blood and soul were all absorbed by the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit as nutrients. With a constant supply of nutrients, the tree was slowly but surely changing. Initially, the color darkened. Then, it grew more and more branches that sprouted more and more leaves. Clearly, the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit was thriving.

The fights in the cave were all one-on-one. Jiang Lan planned for them to fight until only the last survivor remained. At that time, he would finally make a move and kill the last person standing as a sacrifice to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

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“You’ve truly overestimated yourself!” At this moment, Duan Ling Tian’s ring burned with a dazzling flame. It swept out and killed a middle-aged man.

Following that, the middle-aged man’s blood energy and soul fire were absorbed by the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was already numb to the deaths. If he did not remain indifferent, he would only be killed. He could only stay indifferent, without joy or sorrow at this moment.

These people were here mainly due to their greed. As sad as the situation was, they were not completely without blame.

‘Without Huang’er and the three Divine Elements, I would’ve ended up like them, becoming nutrients to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.’ After killing the middle-aged man, Duan Ling Tian stole a quick and furtive glance at the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit and thought. Since earlier, he had already seen Jiang Lan who was sitting cross-legged above the tree. Therefore, he was extremely careful, afraid of exposing himself. After all, just as Ling Jue Yun had said, if Jiang Lan learned that he could see through the Illusory Formation, Jiang Lan would definitely be on guard. After all, it was entirely different fighting a reincarnated Celestial Emperor who was on guard and one who was unaware. At that time, it would be much more difficult for him to snatch the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits from Jiang Lan if the tree managed to bear fruits.

Whoosh!

Another person appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian when he was lost in his thoughts. It was a green-clad young man.

The green-clad young man looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that were flashing with killing intent, and he used his killing move as soon as he acted. He had comprehended two profundities from the law of water. When he struck, his attacks were fluid like water as it gushed toward Duan Ling Tian as though it was going to put out Duan Ling Tian’s flames.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The green-clad young man’s attacks were fast, but they could not compare to Duan Ling Tian who was attacking with a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. The flames passed through the water attack and evaporated the water into mist.

“No!!!” With a final cry, the green-clad young man was killed by Duan Ling Tian. Fortunately or unfortunately, he could not see Duan Ling Tian’s fights with the others due to the Illusory Formation. Otherwise, he would not have the courage to attack Duan Ling Tian after seeing how many peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had comprehended two profundities from a law Duan Ling Tian had killed with just a strike.

Up until now, Duan Ling Tian had only used two profundities from the law of fire, the Fire Elemental Profundity and the Pillaging Profundity. With the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, it was fairly easy for him to kill his opponents. Naturally, that was also because his opponents thus far only comprehended two profundities from a law. He had yet to encounter a more powerful peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

Based on Duan Ling Tian's current strength, he would, at most, be evenly matched with a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from a law. That was under the condition that his opponent used a King Grade Celestial Weapon while he used the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring.

'It seems like Ling Jue Yun plans to hide his power of blood, Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, and divine artifact...' Duan Ling Tian had snuck a glance in Ling Jue Yun's direction and saw Ling Jue Yun was only using three profundities from the law of death. Although Ling Jue Yun did not use the God of Death's Scythe Profundity that he had yet to master, Ling Jue Yun managed to kill his opponents with a strike.

'No wonder the law of death is one of the Four Supreme Laws... The other peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who have comprehended three profundities of a law like him aren't a match for him who has comprehended one of the Four Supreme Laws,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

As time passed, the number of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who were still alive continued to dwindle. Initially, there were more than 10,000 people. However, after half a day, only slightly more than 1,000 people were alive.

After killing another opponent, Duan Ling Tian looked around and saw Murong Xiao Xiao. She was fine apart from looking slightly miserable. "Murong Xiao Xiao is quite lucky. So far, she hasn't met anyone who has comprehended three profundities from a law... Her opponents were all weaker than her so far so she has no problem killing them..."

After a while, Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze to Lin Fei Yang. 'And there's Lin Fei Yang...'

At this time, Lin Fei Yang had only cast two profundities from the law of water he had mastered and one profundity from the law of water that he had barely comprehended. However, Duan Ling Tian had a feeling Lin Fei Yang was concealing his true strength.

Lin Fei Yang had been chosen by a second-form World Cleansing Divine Water as its host since the time he was in his mother's womb. Someone like that definitely had heaven-defying talent in comprehending the law of water. It was impossible that he had comprehended so few profundities from the law of water.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian saw a black-clad middle-aged man appearing in front of Lin Fei Yang. 'I might be able to see Lin Fei Yang's true strength during this fight.' He knew about the black-clad middle-aged man. The middle-aged man was rather powerful and had comprehended three powerful profundities from the law of wind. Earlier, the middle-aged man had killed all of his opponents with the ease of flicking one's finger.

'If Lin Fei Yang continues hiding his true strength, he'll definitely die!' Duan Ling Tian watched as he thought to himself, 'If he dies, the second-form World Cleansing Divine Water in his body would be without a host. At that time, the hostless second-form World Cleansing Divine Water who's deep in slumber would be vulnerable. However, under the current circumstances, it'd be difficult for me to obtain the second-form World Cleansing Divine Water. After all, as soon as I make a move, Jiang Lan would find out that I can see through the Illusory Formation.'

Duan Ling Tian began to feel slightly anxious as he continued thinking to himself, 'Although Jiang Lan might not recognize the World Cleansing Divine Water, he's someone who comprehended the law of water. He'd be able to sense how extraordinary the World Cleansing Divine Water is and obtain it for himself.'

If it was possible, Duan Ling Tian, naturally, hoped to obtain the second-form World Cleansing Divine Water after Lin Fei Yang's death. With that, he would possess all Five Divine Elements. It would definitely help him greatly in the future.

Currently, he only had slightly more than 900 years left before the Divine Offering Land opened. At that time, he had to save Ke'er, his family, and his friends and take them away from the Divine Offering Land.

Meanwhile, as Duan Ling Tian watched Lin Fei Yang, Jiang Lan was watching Duan Ling Tian with a sinister smile on his face. "Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun seem very at ease..."

Subsequently, Jiang Lan raised his hand and began to trace some complicated patterns in the air.

"Hm?"

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun noticed that it was taking longer for their opponents to show up. Both of them instinctively glanced at Jiang Lan and saw his moving his hand in the air. Both of them came to the conclusion that the matter had something to do with Jiang Lan. Things were progressing normally until Jiang Lan made a move.

"Duan Ling Tian, I think Jiang Lan thinks we're having it easy and is trying to find us tougher opponents..." Ling Jue Yun said to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission.

"I agree. I wonder if he'll make us fight each other..." Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission.

"That would be the best... if he makes us fight, we just need to show him we're evenly matched until there's no one left or until the tree bears fruits. If the tree fails to bear fruits, it'd be reduced to ashes!" Ling Jue Yun said.

Chapter 3096: The Royal Grade Celestial Weapons That Can Be Combined

The cave where the tree of Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit was planted was a secret place Jiang Lan had created in his past life when he was a Celestial Emperor. Although the cave has numerous offensive and defensive Formations, he was not powerful enough to control all of them at the moment. The only Formation he had control over at this moment was the Illusory Formation. With the Illusory Formation, he could control each person's opponent.

"Hm?" Jiang Lan was trying to find stronger opponents for Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun through the Illusory Formation when he suddenly halted his movements. He was interrupted by a sudden wave from the law of water.

With this, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were assigned opponents as normal. Similar to earlier, their opponents were peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had only comprehended two profundities from a law. Needless to say, the duo easily dealt with their opponents.

Jiang Lan was still going through the motions to take control of the Hallucinogenic Formation as he intended to choose stronger opponents for Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun.

"I wonder why Jiang Lan suddenly stops?" Ling Jue Yun asked through Voice Transmission, clearly puzzled.

"Lin Fei Yang has caught his attention..." Duan Ling Tian looked at Lin Fei Yang discreetly.

At this moment, Lin Fei Yang who was facing an opponent who had comprehended three profundities from the law of wind finally cast another profundity, in addition to the two earlier profundities and the one he barely comprehended. Unlike the one he had barely comprehended, he had comprehended this new profundity he cast to the rudimentary stage.

'It's just as I thought; he was hiding his true strength.' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. Earlier, he had suspected Lin Fei Yang had comprehended more than two profundities from the law of water. After all, Lin Fei Yang was the host chosen by a second-form World Cleansing Divine Water.

Meanwhile, Jiang Lan looked at Lin Fei Yang with a gleam in his eyes. 'This Lin Fei Yang has actually comprehended three profundities from the law of water? Moreover, he's already in the process of comprehending the fourth profundity? Apart from Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian, he's the third person who's younger than 100 years old. Like Ling Jue Yun, he's also not a reincarnated Celestial. In my previous life, I didn't even get to meet such a talent. Who knew in this life I would meet two of them at once?'

At this moment, Lin Fei Yang had gained the upper hand. In thirty moves, he managed to kill his opponent who had comprehended three profundities from the law of wind. In fact, his opponent was the first to die among the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from a law.

Similar to all those who had died, Lin Fei Yang became nutrients for the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

'As expected of the person chosen by a second-form World Cleansing Divine Water.' Duan Ling Tian was not surprised that Lin Fei Yang managed to kill his opponent, but he was still filled with praise for Lin Fei Yang's talent in comprehending the law of water.

Not only was Lin Fei Yang less than 100 years old, but he was also the host of a second-form World Cleansing Divine Water. Once the World Cleansing Divine Water evolved into the third form, it would help him comprehend the law of water greater than before. At that time, his talent would be even more heaven-defying!

'Hm?' At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was suddenly distracted. He shifted his eyes away from Lin Fei Yang to the source of the disturbance. He saw a beautiful figure having a hard time at this moment.

Murong Xiao Xiao's lucky streak seemed to have ended. At this moment, her opponent was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from a law. Naturally, he easily overpowered her as soon as they began to fight.

After three moves, Duan Ling Tian watched as Murong Xiao Xiao died! Just like that, the most gifted member of the grade-seven Murong Clan in the Spirit Overarching Heaven died in the Jade Emperor Heaven.

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When Murong Xiao Xiao died, her Soul Pearl in the Murong Clan shattered. Naturally, it shocked the entire clan. No one knew where she was, let alone how she died.

Only when news reached the Murong Clan about someone gathering peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials to sacrifice them to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit that the Murong Clan guessed Murong Xiao Xiao had been tricked and was sacrificed to the tree as a result.

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After Murong Xiao Xiao died, there were only about 500 people left.

Meanwhile, the thriving tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit had already sprouted two tiny buds at the top of the tree. The two tiny flower buds were blood-red as well. However, compared to the rest of the tree, the color seemed darker, making it look sinister.

In order for the tree to bear fruits, flowers must bloom first. Before the flowers bloomed, the tree must first have flower buds. This was just the first step of the tree bearing fruit, no one could say if it would successfully bear fruits. It all depended on luck.

However, through careful planning, Jiang Lan had increased the chances of the tree bearing the fruits to 50%.

“Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang will probably survive until the end... I’ll spare whoever who’s willing to be my slave and give him the other Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit!” After that, he shifted his attention away from Lin Fei Yang and continued manipulating the Illusory Formation with his hand again. In order to keep Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang alive until the end, he made sure the duo did not fight each other.

Naturally, Jiang Lan had not forgotten about Duan Ling Tian. He had arranged an opponent who had comprehended three profundities from the law of earth for Duan Ling Tian.

‘The Gravitational Space Profundity and the Shake Profundity?’

The opponent Jiang Lan chose for Duan Ling Tian used the law of earth’s Gravitational Space Profundity as soon as he attacked and used the Shake Profundity to try and trap Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, no stranger to these two profundities. He was very familiar with them. Although he did not fully comprehend the Gravitational Space Profundity, he has a basic understanding of it. As for the Shake Profundity, he knew about its traits even though he did not comprehend it.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian seemed to transform into a ball of flames as he shot out in the air. His speed greatly surpassed his opponent. However, although his speed is greater, his opponent had comprehended the law of earth's Gravitational Space Profundity after all.

Pillars formed by the Earth Elemental Profundity trapped Duan Ling Tian, and the space began to shrink. With this, Duan Ling Tian's speed became useless. Then, he hastily used his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, to try and break free.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt a crushing force on his body from all directions. As a result, it weakened his advances. At the same time, the cage he was trapped in began to shake.

'The Gravitational Space Profundity repels force and attack using the Shake Profundity...'

The pressure mounted as Duan Ling Tian's opponent pressed on. He could feel it taking a toll on him. It was going to be difficult for him to break free if this continued. 'If this continues, he won't be able to defeat me, but I won't be able to defeat him either. It seems like I must expose a trump card to break free of this balance.'

With that thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian raised his left hand. A ring appeared in his left hand; it was similar to the one in his right hand. However, their auras were different and their colors were different as well. It was the Mystical Ying Nine Water Chestnut Ring that was a pair with the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring. It was also a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

Previously, when he was free, he had experimented with the two weapons and discovered the two weapons could be combined. Although their combined forces were not as powerful as an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, they surpassed most Royal Grade Celestial Weapons.

"Duan Ling Tian... Where did he get so many Royal Grade Celestial Weapons?" Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian retrieving another Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, Jiang Lan was shocked even if he was not particularly impressed.

Among the more than 10,000 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials he had tricked, dead or alive, Duan Ling Tian was the only one who possessed a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Moreover, he had more than one Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!

"Hm? The two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons can be combined?" Jiang Lan watched as Duan Ling Tian combined the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in his left hand and right hand together. After that, Duan Ling Tian injected some Celestial Origin Energy boosted with the Fire Elemental Profundity into the rings, making them much more powerful than before.

It should be noted that not all Royal Grade Celestial Weapons could be combined and have their powers stacked. Clearly, this was not the case for Duan Ling Tian's two offensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapons.

The two weapons synced harmoniously and amplified their strength. It was almost comparable to an offensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!

"What a lucky lad! He managed to find two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons that can be combined."

Although the strength Duan Ling Tian showed was on par with Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang, Jiang Lan merely thought Duan Ling Tian was lucky. In his eyes, Duan Ling Tian was not as talented as Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang!

Chapter 3097: The Embryos of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit

The auras of the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring and Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring were in perfect harmony once they merged.

Duan Ling Tian even coined a name for the rings after they merged: the Yin Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring!

Every tip on the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring and the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring was similar. As such, after merging, there were still nine tips on the ring.

After Duan Ling Tian sent some Celestial Origin Energy boosted with the Fire Elemental Profundity into the Yin Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, a burst of green and red flames flashed brightly.

“Go!” Duan Ling Tian’s gaze was cold as he threw the Yin Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring out. Subsequently, seemingly sharp blades formed from the red and green flames easily sliced through the force generated by the law of earth’s Gravitational Space Profundity before colliding with the force of the Shake Profundity.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of the collision between the flaming blades and the force of the Shake Profundity was thunderously loud. The flames seemed to waver; weakening at times and surging violently at times. After a brief standstill, the flames surged and overwhelmed the force from the Shake Profundity completely. Subsequently, the flames continued on their trajectory like an angry dragon and destroyed the pillars that held Duan Ling Tian captive. With Duan Ling Tian controlling the flames, it did not dissipate after destroying the pillars. It continued shooting forward toward the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from the law of earth.

“No!!!” The peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who comprehended three profundities from the law of earth cried out miserably before he died. He was the second peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from a law to die.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian could hear the sounds of battles continuing to ring in the air.

The others were still engaged in the deadly battles. Since they were stuck in the Illusory Formation and could only see one opponent in front of them, they only had two choices: kill or be killed.

Naturally, no one would choose to be killed. Therefore, everyone did not hold back and fought with all their might.

When Duan Ling Tian was battling the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from the law of earth, Jiang Lan had been watching from a distance. 'With his combined Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, Duan Ling Tian might possibly be stronger than Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang... If they were to fight him now, they might die.'

Jiang Lan continued thinking to himself, 'However, Duan Ling Tian draws his strength from his Celestial Weapons... Although he's quite talented to have comprehended two profundities from the law of fire when he's not even 100 years old, he's still not comparable to Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang. I'll let him be for now and deal with him later. He's no threat to me at all considering he draws his strength from his Celestial Weapons.'

With that thought in mind, Jiang Lan no longer paid attention to Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, he no longer bothered selecting strong opponents for Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, under Jiang Lan's manipulation, Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang had to consecutively fight peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had comprehended three profundities from a law. Nevertheless, the duo managed to defeat all the opponents who were sent their way.

Jiang Lan was not surprised by Lin Fei Yang's victories, but he was rather surprised by Ling Jue Yun's victories. Therefore, he observed Ling Jue Yun a little longer.

'Is that... the law of death's main offensive profundity, the God of Death's Scythe Profundity?'

As Jiang Lan observed Ling Jue Yun, he noticed Ling Jue Yun casting a new profundity as Ling Jue Yun fought a new opponent.

It was the law of death's offensive profundity, the God of Death's Scythe Profundity, that Ling Jue Yun had yet to completely comprehend. Although his comprehension of the God of Death's Scythe Profundity was only at the basic stage, the increase in his strength from the profundity was enough to help him kill peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had comprehended three profundities from a law.

Jiang Lan could see that, to a certain extent, Ling Jue Yun was stronger than Lin Fei Yang. Although the duo comprehended the same number of profundities, Ling Jue Yun had comprehended the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws. Moreover, Ling Jue Yun had also begun to comprehend the law of death's main offensive profundity. Therefore, it was only natural that Ling Jue Yun was stronger than Lin Fei Yang. He looked at Ling Jue Yun and thought to himself, 'If I'm able to choose one of them to bear the enslavement mark, my choice would be Ling Jue Yun. Although Lin Fei Yang is talented, he's not as talented as Ling Jue Yun.'

After a brief moment, Jiang Lan turned his attention to the remaining peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. At this time, there were only roughly 300 peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials left. All of them had comprehended three profundities from a law like Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang. However, these people were much older than Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang and were close to reaching 200 years old.

Jiang Ling looked at the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. “The tree of Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit is at the critical stage of bearing fruits now...”

At this moment, the two flower buds had bloomed into two blood-red flowers. Each flower had nine petals and glowed with blood-red light. Upon closer inspection, one would be able to see dense blood-red mist shrouding the flowers. At the stems of the two flowers, there was a lump that was pulsing and growing.

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As time passed, a dozen peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials had perished.

Among the surviving peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, there were quite a number of them who had begun to comprehend their fourth profundity. With a little more effort, they would be able to kill those who had comprehended three profundities and had yet to comprehend the fourth profundity.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

After the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit absorbed more blood energy and soul fire, the two nine-petal flowers merged with the lumps that had suddenly grown in size.

After the lumps grew in size, there were visible bolts of blood-red lightning flashing around them.

“We’ve finally reached this stage!” Jiang Lan’s eyes lit up when he saw the two lumps. Then, he began to move his hands again and traced complex patterns in the air.

Following that, a translucent shield suddenly appeared around the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

Whoosh!

At this moment, the blood energy and soul fire from fallen peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials flew toward the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit like before. However, before the tree could absorb them, they were blocked by the translucent shield that Jiang Lan had just conjured up.

The pulling force from the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit intensified as it tried to absorb the blood energy and soul fire, but it was firmly blocked by the shield.

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun’s voice promptly rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind through Voice Transmission. “Rumor has it that once the embryos of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit appear, one can increase the chances of the tree bearing fruits by withholding and accumulating all the blood energy and soul fire before sending it into the tree all at once. Naturally, this is just a rumor. No one has been able to verify it. Even if someone had experimented, they had never stepped forward to verify this theory. In my opinion, Jiang Lan isn’t sure as well, and he’s just trying his luck. After all, there’s really no harm in trying.”

Naturally, Ling Jue Yun kept a straight face as he communicated with Duan Ling Tian. He also had to pretend he did notice the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit or its changes.

“I see.” Duan Ling Tian had also noticed the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit’s changes and Jiang Lan’s actions. He was confused when he saw Jiang Lan stopping the tree from absorbing more blood energy and soul fire until he heard Ling Jue Yun’s explanation. After a moment, he asked through Voice Transmission, “You mentioned the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit’s embryos... Are you referring to the two blood-red lumps?”

On top of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit’s tree, the two blood-red lumps seemed to have absorbed the flowers that had bloomed.

“Yes,” Ling Jue Yun promptly replied, “The appearance of the embryos means the tree is at the final stage. It’ll either bear fruit or fail to bear fruit!”

Chapter 3098: Less Than 100 People

“Jiang Lan is going to gather blood energy and soul fire from fallen peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with the Formation before he sends them into the embryos in one go.”

Duan Ling Tian looked at the translucent barrier of the Formation. The barrier was like a dome surrounding the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit, stopping it from absorbing blood energy and soul fire. At the same time, the tree did not stop trying to absorb them, therefore, the pulling force from the tree caused the blood energy and soul fire to plaster themselves against the barrier. Once the barrier was removed, all the accumulated blood energy and soul fire would be absorbed by the tree at once.

At this moment, there were blood energy and soul fire from three fallen peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials stuck on the barrier. It was not long before the blood energy and soul fire from another two fallen peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials joined them.

After a while, a person appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. He had been waiting for quite some time before his new opponent appeared in front of him.

At the same time, Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang were also facing their opponents.

All this was deliberately arranged by Jiang Lan.

After the embryos of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit appeared, Jiang Lan had grown desperate. It was as though he could no longer wait for the tree to bear fruits. Therefore, in order to speed things up, Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, Lin Fei Yang, and the others were quickly assigned an opponent as soon as they were done with their battles.

Jiang Lan had deliberately arranged for Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang to fight peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had comprehended three profundities from a law. However, it was not his intention to sacrifice the duo. After all, the duo could help him kill the others at a faster pace.

Previously, when he had selected and invited the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials here, he had calculated that there would be more than 100 people left when the embryos appeared. With this, there was more than enough blood energy and soul fire to nourish the embryos to make them bear

the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits. Therefore, he could afford to spare Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang's lives if he so wished.

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Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian's current opponent was a middle-aged man dressed in a long green robe.

The middle-aged man had comprehended three profundities from the law of wind and had begun to comprehend the fourth profundity. His face remained indifferent as wind blades spun around his body, creating noises somewhat similar to a swarm of buzzing bees.

"Die!" The middle-aged man cried out as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. He brandished the three-foot-long blade in his hand, stirring up a violent gust of wind that had been boosted with the Wind Blade Profundity and two other profundities from the law of wind. The gust of wind swept toward Duan Ling Tian like an angry dragon.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The ear-piercing and sharp howling of the wind rang in the air.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

The sounds from the swords and the wind were incredibly loud.

People who comprehended the law of wind had a huge advantage over those who comprehended the law of earth in terms of speed and offense. Duan Ling Tian's previous opponent had comprehended three profundities from the law of earth. Although his previous opponent had comprehended the only offensive profundity from the law of earth, the Shake Profundity, his previous opponent's attacks were a far cry from this middle-aged man who had comprehended three profundities and in the process of comprehending the fourth profundity from the law of wind.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian preferred his current opponent over the previous one. His previous opponent had used the Gravitational Space Profundity and confined him in a space before bombarding him with attacks from all directions. Although he did not suffer from the attacks, the suppression from the Gravitational Space Profundity made him extremely uncomfortable. Although his current opponent was stronger, the attacks were not as tricky to deal with compared to his previous opponent.

"Just in time!" As his opponent's attack drew close, Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Fire Elemental Profundity and the Pillaging Profundity surged out from his body. In just an instant, he was engulfed in flames.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian charged forward like a human torch. A burnt smell lingered in the air as he left a trail of fire in his wake like the tail of a phoenix.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Buzzing noises rang in the air,

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's opponent saw a ring flying out from the flames that engulfed Duan Ling Tian.

The ring was engulfed in red and green flames. Its formidable aura could cause people to tremble in fear.

Duan Ling Tian was fearless when faced with the menacing attack from his opponent who had comprehended the law of wind. He had already killed a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from the law of earth, why would he be afraid of another peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from the law of wind? Although the latter had a basic comprehension of the law of wind's fourth profundity, it made no difference to him at all.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised when the attacks collided, and his attack quickly overwhelmed his opponent's attack after a brief standstill. Just like divine power, the red and green flames morphed into a flaming sword before it killed his opponent.

Meanwhile, Jiang Lan who was watching Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by the outcome as well. "Just as I thought... Although he has only comprehended two profundities from the law of fire, with the combination of the two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, even Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang won't be a match for him!"

Jiang Lan could tell the opponent whom Duan Ling Tian had just killed was as strong as Lin Fei Yang and slightly weaker than Ling Jue Yun. If Ling Jue Yun were to fight Duan Ling Tian's opponent, it might take Ling Jue Yun a few days and nights to defeat the opponent. On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian had defeated that opponent effortlessly.

At this time, Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang continued to successfully kill their opponents one after another. Seconds later, a new opponent would quickly appear before them. This was due to Jiang Lan's desperation to speed up the fruit-bearing process of the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. He wanted to gather as much blood energy and soul fire as possible before sending it all into the embryos of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit in one go.

After a while, the few hundred survivors dwindled to only less than 100 hundred survivors.

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Buzz!

At this moment, the Mystical Yin and Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring in Duan Ling Tian's hands flew out before the green and red flames shot toward another of his opponents. Just like that, he effortlessly killed a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended three profundities from the law of metal.

After killing his opponent, Duan Ling Tian noticed that the barrier surrounding the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit trembled slightly when his opponent's blood energy and soul fire landed on it. It was as though the barrier was finally feeling the pressure from all the blood energy and soul fire. The

barrier trembled even more when the blood energy and soul fire from an opponent Ling Jue Yun had just killed landed on it.

Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Ling Jue Yun to inform him of his discovery. "Looks like the Formation he prepared in his past life is about to cave under the impact of so much blood energy and soul fire. Or perhaps, it can't withstand the pulling force from the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit."

Ling Jue Yun furtively glanced at the barrier before he said, "It does seem like it... My guess is the translucent barrier is only capable of withstanding another dozen peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials' blood energy and soul fire before it shatters!" His eyes glinted as he continued to say, "At that time, Jiang Lan would probably kill the remaining survivors before the embryos grow and bear fruits. After all, I'm sure he's also worried that someone might steal the fruits from him. From now onward, we have to pay closer attention to the barrier. When it's about to shatter, we must be prepared and be on full alert."

"Alright."

While Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were conversing through Voice Transmission, Jiang Lan had also noticed the problem. "It seems like I've underestimated the pulling power of the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit... When the barrier shatters, the blood energy and soul fire accumulated on the barrier would be instantly pulled into the embryos of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit... However, there are still so many survivors left..."

At this moment, Jiang Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian and the others as killing intent slowly rose from the depths of his eyes.

Chapter 3099: The Translucent Barrier Has Shattered

Jiang Lan could not wait to kill the remaining survivors, but he knew it was not the right time to make his move. Since this group of people was stuck in the Illusory Formation, if he made a move now, it would shatter the Illusory Formation and free them. Although he was powerful, if these people joined forces to deal with him, he might be severely injured. Naturally, he did not want something like that to happen.

"When the barrier surrounding the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit shatters, it'll affect the Illusory Formation. At that time, these people would be freed from the Illusory Formation. There'd probably be a few survivors left at that time. I'll kill them all as soon as that happens before they regain their senses. With my strength and Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, it won't be difficult for me to kill them before the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit bears fruits!" Jiang Lan decided to kill the remaining survivors as soon as the barrier shattered.

'I'll spare Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang's lives first... I'll spare whoever is willing to bear the enslavement mark and grant him one of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits so that he can become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke as well!' Jiang Lan mused inwardly as his eyes drifted toward Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang. If it was possible, he wanted to enslave one of the two. Naturally, it would be best if both of them were willing to submit themselves to him. However, he could only give the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit to one of them, and his choice was Ling Jue Yun. Although Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang had

comprehended three profundities and had basic comprehension of a fourth profundity, Ling Jue Yun had comprehended the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws. Compared to Lin Fei Yan who comprehended the law of water, Ling Jue Yun obviously had a greater potential.

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The sounds of battles continued to ring in the cave as people died one after another.

What a pity! These people were all geniuses in their own right. They were all outstanding peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials whom Jiang Lan had carefully selected and gathered from grade-seven forces across different Devata Realms. He did not bother without those higher-grade forces since, with his current strength, he would have a hard time keeping the situation under his control. He was unafraid of powerhouses from grade-seven forces. However, if grade-six forces were involved, they might send Celestial Lords after him. The Formation he had cast in his past life would not be able to withstand the force of a Celestial Lord. Hence, to minimize the risk, he only selected those from grade-seven forces. In grade-seven forces, a peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial less than 200 years old who had comprehended three profundities from a law was considered a once-in-10,000 year genius. Alas, all these talents' lives were treated like trash here.

"The translucent barrier seems like it's going to shatter at any moment..." Duan Ling Tian sent a message to Ling Jue Yun after looking at the barrier once he killed an opponent.

The translucent barrier was trembling violently now as blood energy and soul fire continued to fly toward it. As soon as the barrier shattered, the accumulated blood energy and soul fire would be instantly absorbed by the embryos of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. However, success was not guaranteed; there was still a chance it would fail to bear fruit. If it failed, the embryos would wither before vanishing into thin air.

"I think it's going to collapse after another five or six people die!" Ling Jue Yun replied after a quick observation.

"Five or six people..." Duan Ling Tian briefly scanned his surroundings. Including him, Ling Jue Yun, Lin Fei Yang, and Jiang Lan, there were currently only 12 people left. In other words, after the translucent barrier shattered, only six or seven people would still be alive.

"Did you notice your recent opponents were mostly those who have begun to comprehend the fourth profundity? However, Lin Fei Yang and I have only been given opponents who comprehended three profundities. None of our opponents have even touched the fourth profundity," Ling Jue Yun asked.

"Is that so?" Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly. He did not notice this, but he did not think it mattered. He thought it was just a coincidence.

"I suspect he intends to spare me and Lin Fei Yang... Don't forget, the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit will bear two fruits, and he can consume only one. Someone like him would definitely appreciate talented people. For example, peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials under 100 years old who have comprehended three profundities and are in the process of comprehending the fourth one. After all, it'd only benefit him to have a talented follower," Ling Jue Yun speculated.

Upon hearing Ling Jue Yun's words, realization finally dawned on Duan Ling Tian. "So you're saying he's deliberately assigning easier opponents for you and Lin Fei Yang because he wants both of you to survive so both of you can become his subordinates?" He finally realized it was not a coincidence that his last ten opponents were all in the process of comprehending their fourth profundity.

Whoosh!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, another peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial appeared before him in just a blink of an eye.

His opponent was a young man wearing long yellow robes.

Duan Ling Tian had noticed this young man earlier and knew that the young man had comprehended three profundities from the law of thunder and was in the process of comprehending the fourth profundity.

"Indeed, it's not a coincidence..." This yellow-clad young man's appearance further confirmed Ling Jue Yun's speculation.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Duan Ling Tian had killed a dozen of peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials with strength on par with the yellow-clad young man so it was no surprise that he easily defeated his latest opponent.

Since Ling Jue Yun was deliberately hiding his true strength, Duan Ling Tian was the fastest among them to kill his opponents. When the others had killed one opponent, he had already killed a few of his opponents.

After killing the yellow-clad young man, no one else appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian.

This was because apart from Duan Ling Tian, there were only ten people left, and these people were engaged in a battle. In fact, Ling Jue Yun was in the midst of a battle when he conversed with Duan Ling Tian earlier.

"This Duan Ling Tian..." Jiang Lan glanced coldly at Duan Ling Tian as he hovered above the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. "He's the strongest person in the group... Once the barrier shatters, except for Ling Jue Yun and Lin Fei Yang, I'll kill everyone first and save Duan Ling Tian for last. I want him to fall into the abyss of despair as he helplessly watches me kill the others!"

Although Jiang Lan did not think much about Duan Ling Tian's strength, he was annoyed and displeased by Duan Ling Tian's dominance. For this reason, he wanted to see Duan Ling Tian suffer in despair before killing him.

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun's opponent cried out in despair with his eyes wide open before he fell to the ground, "No!"

Soon after, Lin Fei Yang and a green-clad young man defeated their respective opponents at the same time.

The green-clad young man had comprehended three profundities and was in the process of comprehending the fourth profundity from the law of wind. His strength was comparable to Lin Fei Yang, but he was much older than Lin Fei Yang.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The translucent barrier trembled again as blood energy and soul fire from a few people landed on it. At this moment, fine cracks began to appear on the barrier.

'The barrier is barely holding on... Once those four are done with their battles, it'll definitely shatter,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he looked at the barrier and the two ongoing battles between four peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials.

Out of the four, two of them had comprehended three profundities and had a basic comprehension of the fourth profundity. Their opponents had only comprehended three profundities.

Just as the battles were about to end, a young man dressed in a fur coat over green robes suddenly appeared before Duan Ling Tian.

The young man was strong, but roughly a dozen people with similar strength had been killed by Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian directly attacked the young man and easily killed him. As soon as the battle ended, the other two battles ended as well.

The blood energy and soul fire from these people flew swiftly toward the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Fruit and landed on the barrier.

Boom!

The translucent barrier had finally shattered!

Chapter 3100: The Reincarnated Celestial Emperor

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

After the barrier shattered, the accumulated blood energy and soul fire swept out like stampeding beasts into the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit and to the embryos. The embryos began to tremble and contract in size repeatedly. The blood-red mist shrouding the embryos was brewing violently as well. This indicated the embryos were in the process of bearing fruits. Only time would tell if it would be a success.

Jiang Lan raised his hands and traced a complex pattern in the air again as he scoffed.

The Illusory Formation shattered immediately.

Lin Fei Yang and the two surviving peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, a young man and a middle-aged man, saw a flash of light. When their visions returned to them, they discovered they were in a huge cave on a floating island. Moreover, previously, they could not see anyone but their opponents, but at this time, they saw each other, Duan Ling Tian, and Ling Jue Yun. The expressions on

the trio's faces changed drastically as they stared at Jiang Lan warily as though they were facing a formidable opponent.

Jiang Lan glanced at the five survivors and nonchalantly said, "I must say, it's impressive that five of you managed to survive out of 10,000 people."

"Hm?"

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun finally realized Jiang Lan had removed the Illusory Formation. They were none the wiser since they were not affected in the first place. They only knew the Illusory Formation had been removed when they saw Lin Fei Yang and the other two's reactions.

"W-what do you mean by this?" the middle-aged man asked in a trembling voice. Although he was not even 200 years old and was considered to have high innate talent and comprehension skills, he was nothing in front of Jiang Lan.

After all, Jiang Lan had comprehended four profundities from the law of water, and he was not even 100 years old. The middle-aged man, on the other hand, had only comprehended three profundities and had just begun to comprehend the fourth profundity from the law of thunder.

After the middle-aged man finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, Lin Fei Yang, and the young man shifted their eyes to Jiang Lan in unison.

Hints of surprise and unease could be seen in Lin Fei Yang and the young man's eyes, but Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun remained calm.

Jiang Lan did not think much of Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun's abnormal reaction. He assumed they were just feigning their calmness and were actually brimming with fear inwardly.

"What do you think I mean?" Jiang Lan smiled faintly. "Out of 10,000 people, only five of you survived... Everyone else is dead, reduced to ashes!" His smile seemed to grow wider when he mentioned the death of 10,000 people as though it was nothing.

"D-dead?!"

"All of them are dead?!"

The expressions of Lin Fei Yang and the two peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials changed drastically. They instinctively looked around. Alas, they saw no one else but the five of them, excluding Jiang Lan.

"If they're all dead, where are their corpses?" Lin Fei Yang asked after taking a deep breath. He was staring intently at Jiang Lan.

"Weren't you listening? I said they were reduced to ashes and disappeared! What's so hard to understand?" Jiang Lan glanced at Lin Fei Yang, the corner of his lips curling up into a sinister smile.

Turned into ashes and disappeared!

Lin Fei Yang's heart skipped a beat, but his expression remained the same when he heard Jiang Lan's words. He said, "You said they turned into ashes and disappeared? You're powerful, but it's impossible for you to kill all of them!"

"When did I say I killed them?" Jiang Lan burst out in laughter. "I remember your name is Lin Fei Yang, right? Do you remember the people you killed while you were trapped in the Illusory Formation?"

Upon hearing Jiang Lan's words, the expressions of the two peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials changed again. An ominous feeling rose in their hearts.

Jiang Lan stared at Lin Fei Yang meaningfully before he said, "If I say that the people you killed were part of the 10,000 people I gathered, would you believe me?"

"I-impossible!" Lin Fei Yang's face paled immediately. "I remember their faces. Those people aren't part of the 10,000 people!"

Lin Fei Yang had an outstanding memory. With just a glance, he could vaguely commit people's faces to memory. Although his impression might not be very clear, he would still recognize them.

"You were trapped in an Illusory Formation. Isn't it normal for that Formation to be capable of changing their appearances?" Jiang Lan's smile grew wider. "It's not just you... Everyone has taken part in the killing. All of you were killing each other under the effect of the Illusory Formation..." Jiang Lan replied. Then, he swept his eyes over everyone before they rested on Duan Ling Tian. Then, he said, "Duan Ling Tian, in particular, killed many peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. The number of people he killed isn't any less than the combined number of people four of you killed!"

Upon hearing this, everyone, including Ling Jue Yun, turned to look at Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun sent a message to Duan Ling Tian and reminded him somberly, "Now is the most critical moment... Don't expose yourself. If he attacks either of us, we'll defend with all our might. The other person will be in charge of sneaking up on him and killing him. We have only one chance to do this right. If he doesn't die, even if we survive, a reincarnated Celestial Emperor like him will definitely seek revenge from us in the future when we least expect it!"

Someone who could become a Celestial Emperor should never be taken lightly, after all.

Duan Ling Tian's expression was solemn as he said, "I thought those people I killed were just a product of the Illusory Formation! I didn't expect them to be people who were also tricked by you. What do you want? What's your objective?"

Jiang Lan did not answer Duan Ling Tian's question. Instead, he said, "Duan Ling Tian, I didn't expect you to own two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons that can be merged. Their combined power is almost that of an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. Not only are you talented and have a high comprehension skill, but it seems like you're lucky as well."

Jiang Lan's words drew everyone's attention to Duan Ling Tian.

Two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons? Moreover, according to Jiang Lan, the Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were compatible and could be merged into one. Their combined power was almost comparable to that of an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!

Lin Fei Yang and the other two's eyes lit up immediately.

"Duan Ling Tian has Royal Grade Celestial Weapons?"

"Moreover, his two weapons are compatible and could be combined!"

It was only natural for a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who possessed a pair of Royal Grade Celestial Weapons to draw people's attention.

"No matter how lucky I am, I can't compare to a reincarnated Celestial like you," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Of course!" Jiang Lan raised his head arrogantly as he looked at Duan Ling Tian contemptuously, "In terms of luck, naturally, you're no match for me. If I had the powers from my past life, I'd be able to kill you with just a flick of my finger!"

"He's really a reincarnated Celestial!" This was the first time Jiang Lan had acknowledged he was a reincarnated Celestial.

Lin Fei Yang and the other two had already suspected this, but they were still shocked when it was confirmed.

"Kill me with just a flick of a finger?" Duan Ling Tian raised his eyebrows, feigning surprise. "W-were you a Celestial Lord in your past life?"

Lin Fei Yang and the others immediately turned to look at Jiang Lan, eager to hear his answer.

"Celestial Lord?" Jiang Lan's face was brimming with disdain. "Celestial Lords are nothing! I was a Celestial Emperor!"

A Celestial Emperor!

Lin Fei Yang and the other two peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials widened their eyes in shock. When they were on the peak of the mountain, someone had speculated that Jiang Lan might be a reincarnated Celestial Emperor. However, most of them dismissed that speculation. After all, to them, Celestial Emperors were legendary.

"Jiang Lan is a reincarnated Celestial Emperor?"

After the shock subsided, a thought appeared in Lin Fei Yang and the other two's minds: why would a reincarnated Celestial Emperor gather so many of us here and have us kill each other? What's his objective?