

Chapter 3111: Six Profundities

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had hoped for the law to be one of the Four Supreme Laws.

According to Ling Jue Yun, it would be impossible for the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit to manifest the law of time for Duan Ling Tian since Duan Ling Tian had been exposed to the law of time back when he was in the Profound Nether Mansion's Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Nevertheless, Ling Jue Yun had said that Duan Ling Tian would have a small chance to comprehend one of the three remaining Supreme Laws: the law of space, the law of life, and the law of death.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian did not hold high hopes of comprehending one of the Four Supreme Laws. Moreover, compared to ordinary laws, the Four Supreme Laws were more difficult to comprehend. Although the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit had heaven-defying effects, who knew if it would be able to help him comprehend a Supreme Law?

Today was his first time creating a Little World. Initially, everything had gone according to plan. However, the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life suddenly interfered, catching him off guard. For this reason, he did not need to do much to construct his Little World; the main branch from the Divine Tree of Life did most of the work.

He was stunned and at a loss over what to do when the Profound Divine Metal reminded him to seize the opportunity to observe the branch from the Tree of Life constructing the Little World since it might be able to help him comprehend the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws. At some point, obscure and profound information appeared in his mind. In the beginning, he could not understand it at all. However, after a while, he discovered he easily understood the information in his mind and found out the information was regarding the law of space. He was certain that his ability to effortlessly understand the information that suddenly appeared in his mind was due to the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. This was due to him feeling a resonance with the efficacy of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit before he suddenly understood the obscure and profound information.

"The law of space..." Duan Ling Tian tried to restrain his excitement as he comprehended the law of space that suddenly appeared in his mind. He comprehended it easily as though the information had been ingrained in his mind since birth.

"The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit helped me to comprehend six profundities from the law of space!" After Duan Ling Tian confirmed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit had helped him to comprehend six profundities from the law of space, he grew even more excited.

Duan Ling Tian had heard that the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit would allow one to comprehend at least six profundities from a law. In the past, there was even a person who managed to comprehend eight profundities after consuming the fruit.

Despite the number of profundities he had comprehended being the lowest number of profundities one would be able to comprehend after consuming the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit, Duan Ling Tian did not feel disappointed at all. Although he had only comprehended six profundities, they were profundities

from one of the Four Supreme Laws! How could ordinary laws compare to any of the Four Supreme Laws?

The Four Supreme Laws were harder to comprehend and come across compared to ordinary laws. One could comprehend ordinary laws through Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that contained laws. On the other hand, the Four Supreme Laws could not be found in Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. It depended on one's luck to be able to come across the Four Supreme Laws.

For all these reasons, Duan Ling Tian was ecstatic he managed to comprehend six profundities from the law of space. It took a long time before his excitement finally subsided.

After about 15 minutes had passed, Duan Ling Tian suppressed his excitement and began to identify the types of profundities he had comprehended from the law of space with the help of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.

"Needless to say, one of the six profundities from the law of space I comprehended is its Fundamental Profundity, the Space Elemental Profundity. Apart from that, the other profundities I've comprehended are the Restraining Profundity, the Distortion Profundity, the Teleportation Profundity, the Cross Dimensional Slash Profundity, and the Territory Profundity."

"The Restraining Profundity is the main assistive profundity from the law of space while the Distortion Profundity and Cross Dimensional Slash Profundity are offensive profundities. The Teleportation Profundity is a movement profundity, and the Territory Profundity is a defensive profundity."

To Duan Ling Tian, the law of space's six profundities that the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit allowed him to comprehend were not any harder to comprehend or to cast than the profundities from ordinary laws that he had used his own effort to comprehend. Not only that, but he was very familiar with their uses as well.

'Restraining Profundity!' With just a thought, Celestial Origin Energy surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body; it had been boosted with the law of space's Space Elemental Profundity. His Celestial Origin Energy manifested in the form of grey energy for a brief moment before it vanished from sight.

"This is it!" Through the window, Duan Ling Tian's eye locked onto a black beetle gnawing on the bark of a tree in the courtyard. With just a thought, the void around the beetle began to ripple. Upon sensing this, the beetle tried to fly away. Alas, as it flapped its wing and moved up, it was met with resistance and bounced back as though it had hit something. It could not leave at all regardless of which direction it tried to fly out of. With the beetle in the center, it could only move a foot in each direction before it was stopped.

"Tighten!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze hardened. The space in which the beetle was trapped shrank rapidly. It did not stop until the beetle was completely crushed. All that was left of the beetle was a tiny black smudge.

"Not only can the law of space's Restraining Profundity trap others, but it can also be used to hurt and kill..." Previously, he had read about the law of space's profundities from the Memory Celestial Talisman in the library of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. However, his understanding was just theoretical. Now that he could cast it, he gained a deeper understanding of it and discovered how terrifying it could be.

Soon after, he shifted his attention to another profundity from the law of space. “Distortion Profundity...”

Similarly, with just a thought, he easily cast the profundity. His gaze found a branch on the tree. The void around the branch began to ripple again. Soon after, the branch jerked around violently for a short moment before it was reduced to dust by the Distortion Profundity.

‘Cross Dimensional Slash Profundity!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

All of a sudden, tiny cracks began to appear in the void. Soon enough, an energy blade shot out of one of the cracks. It looked like an attack from another dimension.

Swoosh!

The blade shot out and drew across the tree. Not only did it fell the tree, but the part of the tree that the blade touched seemed like it was being corroded.

“The Cross Dimensional Slash Profundity’s offensive power is really high. Not only is it capable of cutting through almost everything, but it secretes incredibly corrosive energy to corrode the target as well. If I use this to attack someone, apart from the injury from the blade, their internal organs would be corroded by the corrosive energy once the energy enters their bodies!”

The Cross Dimensional Slash Profundity was the most mysterious offensive profundity among the profundities from the law of space. Its attacks seemed to come from another dimension and were corrosive as well.

Before shifting his attention to the next profundity, Duan Ling Tian closed the window with a wave of his hand. His room became an enclosed space immediately.

‘Teleportation Profundity!’

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian’s entire body was shrouded by his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Space Elemental Profundity. The void began to ripple before he suddenly vanished into thin air. Soon after, he reappeared in the courtyard outside his room.

“The Teleportation Profundity enables me to move across space... As its name suggests, I can teleport from one spot to another even if there are obstacles between the two places. However, the teleportation’s range is only about 100 meters for now!”

For ordinary people, 100 meters was quite a distance. They would need, at least, 10 seconds to cover that distance in a sprint. However, the current Duan Ling Tian could cover the distance of 100 meters with just a thought. Even his attacks could cover 100 meters in just a second.

‘At the rudimentary stage, I’m able to teleport anywhere within 100 meters of my location... If I comprehend it to the initial stage, I think I should be able to teleport anywhere within 10,000 meters! If I manage to comprehend it to the mastery stage... I’ll probably be able to teleport to any place within

1,000 kilometers!’ Duan Ling Tian gulped. He could imagine how terrifying this profundity would be if he managed to comprehend it to the mastery stage.

Soon enough, another thought occurred to him. ‘However, even at the rudimentary stage, the Teleportation Profundity will be much faster in a battle compared to movement profundities from other laws. After all, I’m teleporting so I’m not hindered by any obstacles!’

In a battle, Duan Ling Tian could teleport behind his opponent in just a blink of an eye. Before his opponent reacted, he would have already made a move. This would give him the upper hand in a battle. What a terrifying technique!

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Boom!

In the courtyard, Duan Ling Tian stomped one of his feet on the ground. A light sound rang in the air as he shot into the air, seemingly defying gravity.

‘Territory Profundity...’ With just a thought, Duan Ling Tian cast the sixth profundity from the law of space that he had comprehended. His Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Space Elemental Profundity stirred around him.

In just a moment, Duan Ling Tian formed a spatial territory around him. Numerous cracks could be seen in the spatial territory. Energy that seemed like they came from another dimension shot out of the cracks and manifested as tiny grey lightning bolts. The grey lightning bolts flashed all around him.

Although the Territory Profundity was a defensive profundity, it could be used offensively as well. It was just that its defensive strength was stronger.

‘If I use the Territory Profundity during a fight, it would distract my opponent since they have to defend against both the defensive and offensive ability from the profundity. They have to focus on not being overwhelmed by the raging Space Energy contained in the territory!’ As he stood in the spatial territory, Duan Ling Tian spread his arms out and sensed the turbulent energy around him. He could clearly feel the fierce aura from the Space Energy. It felt as though the energy would strike as soon as anything foreign entered its range.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian could feel the Space Energy around him like a warm hug, protecting him. It invoked the feeling of being in his mother’s arms when he was a child.

‘Hm?’ Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply. Suddenly, his eyes snapped open. He saw a fly buzzing around not far away in front of him. In just a flash, he used a wave of energy to bring the fly into his spatial territory.

As soon as the tiny fly entered the spatial territory, as tiny as it was, it was instantly sliced into many pieces after Duan Ling Tian removed his energy from it.

‘According to my previous understanding of the law of space’s Territory Profundity, at the rudimentary stage, I’m able to create a territory with a radius of ten meters. At the rudimentary stage, it’d increase to 100 meters. Finally, at the mastery stage, there’s a possibility it’d increase to more than 1,000 meters!’ Just as he had read, he discovered he could only create a territory within a 10-meter radius of him.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his Celestial Origin Energy and descended to the ground.

An expression of delight could still be seen on his face at this moment. In just a blink of an eye, he had comprehended six profundities from the law of space! He would not even be as happy if the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit had helped him to comprehend nine profundities from an ordinary law. After all, he had comprehended the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws. Moreover, the profundities of the Four Supreme Laws were known to be more difficult to comprehend.

“Hm?” Suddenly, something stirred in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. His eyes widened when he discovered another pleasant surprise. “The law of space’s Transportation Profundity?”

Apart from helping him comprehend six profundities from the law of space, the Heaven Sacrificial Fruit had also helped him to comprehend the basics of the seventh profundity from the law of space!

The Transportation Profundity functioned similarly to a Transporting Formation. Naturally, unlike a Transporting Formation, only those who had comprehended the law of space would be able to use this ability. Apart from that, the traveling range of the profundity was naturally limited compared to a Transporting Formation. This was true of the profundity even at the mastery stage. After all, how could it compare to a Transporting Formation that drew its energy from many precious materials and a huge number of Celestial Crystals?

Since Duan Ling Tian had only grasped the basics of the Transportation Profundity, it would take him time and effort before he would be able to fully comprehend and master it.

Nonetheless, he was still delighted. After all, since he had already grasped the basics, it was only a matter of time before he fully comprehended it.

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Time continued to pass.

In just a blink of an eye, a month had passed since Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun consumed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits.

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In a remote valley outside of Tianji City.

Two figures were moving around at lightning speed.

One of them was shining with a golden light. He looked like a god who had descended to the mortal world. Numerous golden sword rays hovered around him, ready to strike.

The other person who was like a sitting duck in front of the golden sword rays vanished instantly. In just a blink of an eye, he reappeared behind his opponent.

At this moment, the figure that was shining with a golden light suddenly withdrew his energy. As soon as his energy disappeared, the golden light disappeared as well, revealing a young man dressed in grey robes. He looked at the purple-clad figure who had appeared a few dozen meters away from him and sighed. He said, sounding slightly defeated, “There’s no way... There’s no way I can keep up with your teleporting speed unless I become stronger. With this move, your opponents won’t be able to catch you

even if they're stronger than you. Of course, that's under the condition that your opponent doesn't have an extraordinarily fast speed."

These two people were none other than Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian. Both of them had checked out of the courtyard and left Tianji City in the morning. With the help from the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits, they were both Ten Directions Celestial Dukes now. In fact, they were extremely close to becoming a Celestial King.

The Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit was really amazing. Apart from raising the duo's cultivation bases, the fruit also helped them comprehend many profundities from a law.

With the fruit, Duan Ling Tian had comprehended six profundities from the law of space and was in the process of comprehending the seventh profundity. Meanwhile, Ling Jue Yun had comprehended eight profundities from the law of metal. With this, Ling Jue Yun was left with only one profundity to comprehend from the law of metal. Once he comprehended the ninth profundity, he would have completely comprehended the law of metal.

Ling Jue Yun was shocked when he found out Duan Ling Tian had managed to comprehend six profundities from the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws. With this discovery, he was eager to have a battle with Duan Ling Tian to test their strength. He had been defeated by Duan Ling Tian previously when they had a friendly battle, and he thought this was a good chance to test their strength and see if he could defeat Duan Ling Tian. That was how both of them came to this remote valley outside of Tianji City.

During this fight, unlike the previous one, Duan Ling Tian did not need assistance from the Divine Elements. He fought with his own strength and his newly-comprehended law of space. Since Ling Jue Yun had comprehended eight profundities from the law of metal, he knew it was not wise to face Ling Jue Yun head-on. He decided to use the Teleportation Profundity. With this profundity, Ling Jue Yun's attacks could not land on him at all. However, although he had easily dodged Ling Jue Yun's attacks, the same could be said for Ling Jue Yun. He discovered he could not land an attack on Ling Jue Yun as well. He managed to teleport countless times behind Ling Jue Yun, but when he attacked, Ling Jue Yun always managed to deflect his attacks. This was because Ling Jue Yun had comprehended more profundities than him.

Both of them were stuck at a stalemate for a long time before Ling Jue Yun finally decided to put an end to the battle. He knew it was pointless to continue. In any case, he knew if this was a real fight, he would run out of Celestial Origin Energy before Duan Ling Tian. Since he had cast more profundities than Duan Ling Tian, his Celestial Origin Energy naturally would deplete faster. In the end, he would lose.

"Do you really plan to stay in the Jade Emperor Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Ling Jue Yun.

Before they arrived at this place, both of them had discussed their plans. Duan Ling Tian planned to return to the Southern Heaven Territory in the Spirit Overarching Heaven and the Simplicity Celestial Sect. On the other hand, Ling Jue Yun planned to stay in the Jade Emperor Heaven.

"Yes." Ling Jue Yun nodded. "The Cloud Platform Celestial Sect doesn't mean as much to me as the Simplicity Celestial Sect means to you... It doesn't make a difference to me if I return to the Spirit

Overarching Heaven or stay in the Jade Emperor Heaven. Since that's the case, I might as well remain in the Jade Emperor Heaven." Initially, he could not understand Duan Ling Tian's insistence on returning to the Spirit Overarching Heaven and the Simplicity Celestial Sect. However, after listening to Duan Ling Tian's explanation about how he owed a favor to the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, he finally understood Duan Ling Tian. After all, if it was not for the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman that the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect had given Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian would have died without a doubt. At that time, how could Duan Ling Tian even obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit and its many benefits? It was, indeed, a huge favor.

"You should think about returning with me. In the future, we can look out for each other when we enter the Profound Nether Mansion or head to a better place," Duan Ling Tian tried to persuade Ling Jue Yun.

"It's true that I don't care much about the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, and it's also true that it doesn't matter much which Devata Realm I am in. However, I have to admit the reason I'm not returning is because of you," Ling Jue Yun replied.

"Me?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback.

"Yes." Ling Jue Yun nodded before he said determinedly, "I know we'll be able to look out for each other and lessen the pressure on each other if we're together in the Spirit Overarching Heaven... However, I don't want the pressure on me to lessen. I want the pressure to motivate me to quickly grow stronger. I want to avenge my clan as soon as I can!"

Chapter 3113: Setting The Mission Aside

"Please inform Sister Huang'er about my decision, and tell her not to worry about me. I'm not the same person I used to be. I'll definitely be able to succeed even if she's not around to look after me," Ling Jue Yun said to Duan Ling Tian before he left.

Since Huang'er had not completely integrated with Duan Ling Tian's Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, she was unaware of what was happening outside. However, from Duan Ling Tian's conversation with the Divine Elements, she had found out Ling Jue Yun had obtained the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Needless to say, she was delighted for Ling Jue Yun.

"He's all grown up now..." Huang'er sighed after Duan Ling Tian relayed Ling Jue Yun's message to her. She did not say anything else after that.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian could sense she was worried about Ling Jue Yun. He said in an attempt to reassure her, "With his current strength, as long as he doesn't act recklessly, it won't be difficult for him to grow into his full potential."

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Huang'er's mood seemed to improve.

"It's about time to return to the Spirit Overarching Heaven now." After Ling Jue Yun disappeared from sight, Duan Ling Tian turned around and returned to Tianji City. To return to the Profound Nether Mansion in the Southern Heaven Territory of the Spirit Overarching Heaven, he had to use the city's Transporting Formation.

Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, played a huge part in Duan Ling Tian's recent breakthrough and improvement in strength. After all, if Sun Liang Peng did not give him the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman, he would not have been able to escape from the Nine Palaces Celestial King who was waiting to assassinate him outside of the Simplicity Celestial Sect's estate. If he could not escape from the assassin, how could he obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Fruit? How could he have become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke and comprehend six profundities from the law of space? Even if he could kill the assassin from the Blood Skull Gang after using his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, he would still suffer a great loss since the assassin had comprehended more profundities than him. This was also the reason why when the two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings from the Blood Skull Gang found him a month ago, he did not bother using his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. There was no guarantee he could escape even if he used it. Moreover, there were two assassins at that time. Fortunately, Ling Jue Yun possessed a life-saving Celestial Talisman that allowed them to escape. If Ling Jue Yun was not around, even if it was futile, he would have been forced to use his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon and risk his life to fight the two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings!

'I'm glad I did not waste the sect leader's Wind Shadow Escape Talisman... A Ten Directions Celestial Duke who hasn't even reached the age of 100... It should be easy for me to directly enter the Profound Nether Mansion, right?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he made his way back to Tianji City. His eyes were shining brightly, and his heart thumped in excitement when he thought about this.

It was highly likely that a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who was not even 100 years old would be able to circumvent the normal procedure to enter the Profound Nether Mansion. Although he was considered a genius when he was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended two profundities from the law of fire, there were others like him as well in the Profound Nether Mansion. Moreover, many of these promising talents, in the course of history, proved to be mediocre later in their lives and stayed that way. Therefore, a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial below the age of 100 who had comprehended two profundities of a law was not outstanding enough to directly enter the Profound Nether Mansion. Therefore, prior to this, Duan Ling Tian could only go through the proper channel and join the Simplicity Celestial Sect to wait for a chance to enter the Profound Nether Mansion.

Now that he had consumed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit, not only did he become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, but he had also comprehended six profundities from the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws! Most importantly, he had not even reached 100 years old.

It was safe to say that Duan Ling Tian's achievements at his age were unprecedented in the history of the Profound Nether Mansion and the Southern Territory. Regardless of his future, his current achievements were enough to attract the attention of the Profound Nether Mansion. It did not matter even if he obtained this through the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. In the Devata Realms, being able to come across fortuitous encounters was considered as one's ability as well.

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In the Southern Heaven Territory of the Spirit Overarching Heaven.

The two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings from the Blood Skull Gang had reported back to the organization empty-handed. They did not disclose the fact that it was their fault that Duan Ling Tian escaped. For this reason, the Blood Skull Gang concluded that Duan Ling Tian had died and become a sacrifice to the tree

of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit after being tricked by the reincarnated Celestial Emperor. After arriving at this conclusion, the organization decided to put the mission aside. Mostly, this meant that the case was closed. However, since there was no corpse to serve as evidence, according to protocol, they could only set the case aside instead of officially closing the case. However, if the target suddenly reappeared, they would continue to send people to get the job done no matter what.

“They can’t set this mission aside. Even if Duan Ling Tian decides to remain in the Jade Emperor Heaven, this mission must continue!” Leng Ye, the Nine Palaces Celestial King from Blood Skull Gang who had let Duan Ling Tian escape twice, said grimly, “However, I can’t say that I met Duan Ling Tian. Not after Zhou Jun and I reported that we couldn’t find Duan Ling Tian in the Jade Emperor Heaven.”

Leng Ye and his comrade, another Nine Palaces Celestial King, had deliberately withheld information from the Blood Skull Gang, resulting in an inaccurate decision made by the gang.

Naturally, the duo could have said that Duan Ling Tian had used another Wind Shadow Escape Talisman or told the truth about how someone had used an escape-type Celestial Talisman and saved Duan Ling Tian. However, it would be troublesome since they would have to recount everything in detail. To make things simple, they lied.

Although it was a result of his own doing, Leng Ye was displeased and frustrated when he heard the Blood Skull Gang’s judgment. He felt greatly humiliated for letting a mere peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial like Duan Ling Tian escape him twice. He yearned to crush Duan Ling Tian’s bones to dust and scatter them in the air. In the case that Duan Ling Tian did not reappear and decide to stay in the Jade Emperor Heaven, now that the Blood Skull Gang had decided to set the case aside, it meant that he would have to act on his own and could no longer rely on the gang’s resources if he wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian. Without the gang’s resources, it would be like searching for a needle in the haystack for him to search for Duan Ling Tian in the Jade Emperor Heaven.

After thinking about this matter for a long time, Leng Ye suddenly recalled Wang Qian Zhan, the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. “I should speak to Wang Qian Zhan about this matter!”

Leng Ye had Wang Qian Zhan’s Soul Pearl so he could directly contact Wang Qian Zhan. Alas, he was unaware that one the day Duan Ling Tian escaped from him outside of the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate using the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman, Wang Qian Zhan was no longer a grand elder and had been expelled from the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

Life was tough for Wang Qian Zhan because his enemies immediately sought revenge after they discovered he no longer had the support of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

“My lord.” Wang Qian Zhan replied immediately as soon as he received Leng Ye’s message. He did not dare to delay even if he was now hiding in a swamp out of desperation.

“Based on what I know, the Simplicity Celestial Sect should have Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl because he’s a disciple. Check his Soul Pearl to see if it has shattered.” Leng Ye’s tone was condescending and commanding.

“My lord... What do you mean? Are you saying there’s a possibility Duan Ling Tian is dead?” Although Wang Qian Zhan was displeased by Leng Ye’s condescending and commanding tone, his eyes lit up and a smile bloomed on his face as the meaning of Leng Ye’s words dawned on him. Initially, he resented Leng Ye. After all, he did not make much effort to hide his collusion with Leng Ye and was expelled by Sun Liang Peng from the sect as a result. However, after that great sacrifice, he found out Leng Ye had failed to kill Duan Ling Tian! How could he not feel resentful? When he found out there was a possibility Duan Ling Tian was dead, his resentment toward Leng Ye disappeared as well.

“Yes.” Leng Ye responded and briefly recounted what happened after Duan Ling Tian left the Simplicity Celestial Sect and Duan Ling Tian’s encounter with the reincarnated Celestial Emperor. “We didn’t find Duan Ling Tian in the place where the Transporting Formation had transported him to in the Jade Emperor Heaven. For this reason, the Blood Skull Gang had decided to put the mission aside because they concluded he had been sacrificed to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit by that reincarnated Celestial Emperor.”

“Duan Ling Tian was tricked into becoming a sacrifice for the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit?” As a former Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect and as someone who had lived longer than Sun Liang Peng, Wang Qian Zhan had, naturally, heard of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. He laughed heartily when he heard Duan Ling Tian had been tricked by a Celestial Emperor. How could a reincarnated Celestial Emperor be a simple person? In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian would not survive such an ordeal. Therefore, he said to Leng Ye, “Lord Leng Ye, I think you’re overthinking things... If Duan Ling Tian was tricked by the reincarnated Celestial Emperor to become a sacrifice to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit, there’s no way he’s still alive!”

Leng Ye said in a low voice, “I want confirmation of his death through his Soul Pearl.”

Chapter 3114: Return to the Simplicity Celestial Sect

If Leng Ye did not meet Duan Ling Tian in the Jade Emperor Heaven, similar to Wang Qian Zhan, he would have assumed Duan Ling Tian was dead. However, he knew Duan Ling Tian was still alive. He only wanted Wang Qian Zhan to check on the Soul Pearl so that news about Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl being intact would spread to the Blood Skull Gang. At that time, the Blood Skull Gang would carry on with the mission to assassinate Duan Ling Tian.

“My lord,” Wang Qian Zhan smiled wryly as he replied, “I’m afraid you aren’t aware that when Duan Ling Tian escaped from you after leaving the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate, I was expelled by the sect leader, Sun Liang Peng. If I was still the grand elder, it would be easy for me to check Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl. However, there’s nothing I can do about it now.”

Upon hearing Wang Qian Zhan’s words, Leng Ye snorted coldly before saying, “Even if you aren’t the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, shouldn’t you have loyal followers in the sect? It shouldn’t be difficult for you to ask them to check Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl on your behalf, right?”

“My lord, I’ve offended many in the past. Since the day I left the Simplicity Celestial Sect, I’ve been on the run from my enemies... How could those people be loyal to me now that I’ve fallen to this state? Do you think they’d be open to doing me a favor?” Wang Qian Zhan said bitterly.

“If you manage to complete this task, I’ll recommend you to the Blood Skull Gang so you can become one of our assassins,” Leng Ye replied.

Upon hearing Leng Ye’s words, Wang Qian Zhan’s eyes widened in surprise as an excited expression appeared on his face. “My Lord, d-do you really mean it?”

“Complete this task, and we’ll discuss this later,” Leng Ye said.

“Rest assured, my lord, I’ll make sure to complete this task!” Wang Qian Zhan vowed. Although he was not lying to Leng Ye about not being able to check Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl, it was not entirely impossible. Those people might not be willing to do him a favor now that he was no longer the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, but it would be a different story if he could offer them benefits.

Wang Qian Zhan did not delay and instantly contacted the Third Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. “Third elder.”

When the Third Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect received Wang Qian Zhan’s message, he was wary. “Grand Elder?”

“I’m no longer the grand elder... Third elder, I’ll be blunt with you. I need you to do me a favor. It’ll only require a little effort from you, but I’ll make it worthwhile for you...” Wang Qian Zhan said without beating around the bush. He told the third elder of the thing that would be given to him in exchange for the small favor.

The eyes of the Third Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect lit up immediately, clearly willing to do Wang Qian Zhan a favor. “Grand elder, are you sure? Are you really willing to pay such a high price for such a small favor?”

Wang Qian Zhan did not respond. In exchange for paying a high price, he had a chance to become an assassin in the Blood Skull Gang. With that chance, no price was too high for someone as desperate as him. All he needed was for the third elder to do him this favor.

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About half an hour later, Wang Qian Zhan finally received a message from the third elder. Upon hearing the third elder’s words, he frowned, and his expression darkened. “Third elder, are you sure Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl is intact?”

“Yes,” the third elder replied, “I saw his Soul Pearl with my own eyes. Moreover, I confirmed the Soul Pearl belongs to Duan Ling Tian.”

“Alright.” Wang Qian Zhan took in a deep breath, and his expression slightly eased. “I kept the thing I promised you in the...” He disclosed the location of a treasure he had hidden in one corner of the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate when he was still the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. Since it would be highly difficult for him to return to collect that treasure, he did not feel reluctant to part with it.

After he was done talking to the third elder, he muttered to himself, “I didn’t expect Duan Ling Tian to survive after being tricked by a reincarnated Celestial Emperor and avoid the fate of becoming a sacrifice to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit...”

It was difficult for him to accept that Duan Ling Tian was still alive. His eyes flashed as he comforted himself. 'The reincarnated Celestial Emperor might have failed to use Duan Ling Tian as a sacrifice... However, that doesn't mean Duan Ling Tian won't die in the future...'

With this thought in mind, he hurriedly contacted Leng Ye. "My lord, my source has confirmed that Duan Ling Tian's Soul Pearl is intact. He's still alive!"

"Very well." After Leng Ye responded, he asked Wang Qian Zhan to take a Transporting Formation to travel to one of the Blood Skull Gang's branches after giving his word he would recommend Wang Qian Zhan to the Blood Skull Gang.

Wang Qian Zhan did not waste time and quickly made his way to the Blood Skull Gang's branch.

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Leng Ye kept his promise and Wang Qian Zhan successfully became an assassin of the Blood Skull Gang. At the same time, under Leng Ye's orders, he had to testify that Duan Ling Tian was still alive in front of the Blood Skull Gang's higher-ups.

Naturally, Leng Ye had manipulated this series of events. He knew Wang Qian Zhan's main value was to testify to the higher-ups in Blood Skull Gang that Duan Ling Tian was alive.

With Wang Qian Zhan's testimony, the mission that had been set aside was active once again.

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Meanwhile, Chen Li, the illegitimate son of the Vice Leader of the Blood Skull Gang, received news from his father as well. He was in disbelief, and his mood grew dark. "What?! The mission is active again?! Wasn't he tricked by a reincarnated Celestial Emperor to become a sacrifice to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit? How's he still alive?"

"So he's alive," Chen Yuan Shan said. "However, we don't know for sure if he has escaped from the reincarnated Celestial Emperor. Maybe he just hasn't been sacrificed yet. If that's the case, it won't be long before he dies anyway."

"That must be it... A reincarnated Celestial Emperor must be powerful even if his strength is incomparable to the past. In terms of experience and knowledge, even ten Duan Ling Tians wouldn't be able to compare to the reincarnated Celestial Emperor!" Chen Li nodded, readily accepting this theory.

However, before Chen Li could reassure himself further, Chen Yuan Shan, who had given Chen Li hope, dashed his hope by adding, "However, there's also the possibility that Duan Ling Tian managed to escape from the reincarnated Celestial Emperor..."

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In one of the cities under the Profound Nether Mansion in the Southern Heaven Territory of the Spirit Overarching Heaven, a figure had appeared in a Transportation Formation.

"Where am I?" This person was none other than Duan Ling Tian who had returned from Yan Mountain Mansion in the Equal Heaven Territory of the Jade Emperor Heaven through a Transportation Formation in Tianji City.

“The Red Mountain City?” After speaking to the locals, Duan Ling Tian discovered his location.

He had studied the maps of the Profound Nether Mansion’s territories while he was in the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s library so he remembered Red Mountain City was located south of Simplicity Celestial Sect. There was quite a distance between Red Mountain City and the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. However, with his current speed, it would not take him long to arrive at his destination.

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A few days later.

Duan Ling Tian finally arrived outside of the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. He sighed as he stood outside the estate. “I’ve only left for a while, but it feels like an eternity has passed...”

Soon after, he entered the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. As soon as he stepped foot inside, he was stopped by the patrolling disciples.

“A true disciple!” The patrolling disciples bowed and greeted Duan Ling Tian as soon as he presented his token.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly in response before he left.

The patrolling disciples whispered among themselves as they watched Duan Ling Tian leave.

“I haven’t seen him before. Since when did our sect gain a new true disciple?”

“You just returned to the sect a few days ago so you aren’t aware that the sect leader had chosen someone to take over the spot of the final true disciple. His name is Duan Ling Tian. He just joined the sect not too long ago.”

“That’s right. That purple-clad young man is Duan Ling Tian!”

“Didn’t they say he’s a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended two profundities from a law? However, based on his speed and Celestial Origin Energy earlier, it seems comparable to a Celestial Duke, right?”

“Is it possible that he had a breakthrough and became a One Basic Celestial Duke?”

“A One Basic Celestial Duke under 100 years old?”

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of the discussions that were going on between the patrolling disciples. Upon his return, he directly looked for Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. After he entered the estate, Sun Liang Peng had already sent him a message telling him to meet in Sun Liang Peng’s residence.

Nobody stopped Duan Ling Tian when he entered Sun Liang Peng’s courtyard since Sun Liang Peng had already informed the patrolling disciples about Duan Ling Tian’s arrival.

Sun Liang Peng was already waiting for Duan Ling Tian in his residence’s courtyard.

“Sect leader.” Duan Ling Tian greeted Sun Liang Peng.

Sun Liang Peng did not waste time on pleasantries. His eyes were bright as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked eagerly, “How was it?”

Sun Liang Peng had heard rumors from his friends who were not from the Profound Nether Mansion that a reincarnated Celestial Emperor had schemed and successfully tricked peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials into becoming a sacrifice to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit in the Jade Emperor Heaven. Moreover, before Duan Ling Tian left, he recalled Duan Ling Tian had mentioned something about the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Therefore, it was not difficult for him to link the two matters together.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian removed the Profound Divine Metal’s concealment on his soul and released his soul aura, exposing his strength to Sun Liang Peng.

“This...” When Sun Liang Peng sensed Duan Ling Tian’s soul aura, his eyes widened in shock. “Y-you managed to obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit?”

Sun Liang Peng could sense that Duan Ling Tian was now a Ten Directions Celestial Duke based on Duan Ling Tian’s soul aura, but he could not help but ask for confirmation, “You’ve become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke?”

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Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Sun Liang Peng’s eyes brightened even more as his face turned red from excitement. His breathing quickened as well. It took him a while to suppress his excitement.

“Sect leader,” Duan Ling Tian asked, “Usually, what circumstances would allow the Blood Skull Gang to track me across Devata Realms?”

“What?!” Sun Liang Peng’s excitement was replaced by shock when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. “The assassin from the Blood Skull Gang followed you all the way to the Jade Emperor Heaven?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “Not only did they go to the Jade Emperor Heaven, but they even managed to find my precise location in Yan Mountain Mansion of the Equal Heaven Territory.”

The matter of the two assassins finding him in the Jade Emperor Heaven had always bothered Duan Ling Tian. Therefore, he was eager to find out how those assassins had found him in Yan Mountain Mansion in the Equal Heaven Territory of the Jade Emperor Heaven.

“This means the Blood Skull Gang must have sent a Formation master to investigate your destination through the Transporting Formation you used,” Sun Liang Peng said solemnly, “However, in order to investigate the Transporting Formation, they must have obtained permission from one of the Vice Mansion Masters of the Profound Nether Mansion. The Mansion Master holds high authority and wouldn’t simply grant anyone access to the Transporting Formation, let alone the Blood Skull Gang. For this reason, I suspect one of the Vice Mansion Masters must have authorized it.” He sounded confident when he spoke about his suspicion.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes slightly as a cold light flashed in his eyes. "Sect leader, you're confident one of the Vice Mansion Masters of the Profound Nether Sect granted the Blood Skull Gang permission to inspect the Transporting Formation I used to travel to the Jade Emperor Heaven?"

Sun Liang Peng nodded.

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned frosty as he continued to ask in a low voice, "Sect leader, how many vice mansion masters are there in the Profound Nether Mansion?"

"There are three of them," Sun Liang replied. Then, he speculated out loud, "However, I don't believe they would grant the Blood Skull Gang permission to inspect the Transporting Formation just so the assassins could kill a disciple of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. After all, if this matter is exposed, the mansion master won't let them get away with it. In my opinion, the vice mansion master who granted the Blood Skull Gang permission didn't know the assassin was going after you." Since the Simplicity Celestial Sect was a subordinate of the Profound Nether Mansion, he was rather familiar with the mansion's inner workings. "In fact, I suspect the vice mansion master didn't even know he granted permission to the Blood Skull Gang. After all, if this matter got out, he would be done for!"

"It doesn't matter to me if he's aware or unaware. After all, it's a fact he helped the two assassins find me." His eyes flashed with a vicious light. At that time, if it were not for Ling Jue Yun, he would have been killed by the two assassins from the Blood Skull Gang.

"What are the cultivation bases of the assassins that the Blood Skull Gang sent after you?" Sun Liang Peng asked.

"One of them was the assassin that waited for me outside the sect's estate before I left, and the other one is a Nine Palaces Celestial King," Duan Ling Tian said.

"What?!" Sun Liang Peng's expression changed drastically. He remembered the previous assassin was also a Nine Palaces Celestial King. This meant the Blood Skull Gang sent two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings to kill Duan Ling Tian in the Jade Emperor Heaven? Thinking about this, he felt chills running up his spine. Let alone Duan Ling Tian, it would be easy for two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings to kill him.

After a round of emotional roller coaster ride, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked curiously, "Duan Ling Tian, how did you escape from two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings?"

At the same time, Sun Liang Peng wondered inwardly, 'Is it possible that he hasn't depleted the uses of the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon? After all, with the benefits from the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit, if Duan Ling Tian used his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it's not impossible for him to escape from or to kill the two assassins!'

Duan Ling Tian replied, "My friend helped me escape by using an escape-type Celestial Talisman comparable to the Wind Shadow Escape Talisman," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Your friend?" Sun Liang Peng was surprised.

"He's Ling Jue Yun who was ranked first in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and joined the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect. There were two Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits so each of us consumed one," Duan Ling Tian said.

“Ling Jue Yun?” Sun Liang Peng was astonished. “Did both of you work together to obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruits from the reincarnated Celestial Emperor?”

“Something like that.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“I didn’t expect the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect would be so fortunate as well...” Sun Liang Peng sighed as he said, “That Ling Jue Yun’s future will be bright once he joins the Profound Nether Mansion... At that time, the bald donkeys would be greatly rewarded by the mansion master.” Despite his words, he did not feel envious at all. After all, his Simplicity Celestial Sect had Duan Ling Tian!

“Ling Jue Yun didn’t return with me. He decided to stay in the Jade Emperor Heaven,” Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Sun Liang Peng laughed before he said, “As it turns out, the bald donkeys failed to keep Ling Jue Yun.” After a beat, his expression turned solemn as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, “Duan Ling Tian, thank you.”

Sun Liang Peng knew that Duan Ling Tian could have chosen not to return to the Spirit Overarching Heaven. Since Duan Ling Tian had returned, Duan Ling Tian must have intentions of joining the Profound Nether Mansion. If Duan Ling Tian performed brilliantly in the Profound Nether Mansion, the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion would definitely reward Sun Liang Peng.

“Sect leader, you’re being too kind. If it wasn’t for your Wind Shadow Escape Talisman, I wouldn’t have been able to escape from the Blood Skull Gang’s assassin and obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “In fact, I prefer to stay in the Spirit Overarching Heaven compared to the Jade Emperor Heaven. After all, I’m already familiar with it. So joining the Profound Nether Mansion is the best choice for me.” He did not wait for Sun Liang Peng’s reply and continued to ask, “Sect leader, I want to join the Profound Nether Mansion as quickly as possible. Is there a way to do so?”

“With your current strength, it’d be easy for you to join the Profound Nether Mansion,” Sun Liang Peng replied as he shattered a Communication Celestial Talisman to send a message. For a moment, he had a distracted expression on his face. When he finally snapped back to his senses, he said to Duan Ling Tian with a smile, “Duan Ling Tian, I’ve spoken to my senior uncle... He’ll come and bring you to the Profound Nether Mansion in three days.”

“Your senior uncle?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up. “Is he one of the ten inspectors in the Profound Nether Mansion?” When he had arrived at the Simplicity Celestial Sect, he had heard many speak about a senior of the sect who was one of ten inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion. Therefore, he thought it was likely that the senior was Sun Liang Peng’s senior uncle.

“Yes,” Sun Liang Peng replied with a smile, “My senior uncle is very excited to know that you’ve become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke at less than 100 years old after consuming the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. He even said that with your innate talent and comprehension skills, you’ll definitely pass the Imperial Tutor Pavilion’s test in the Profound Nether Mansion and become the Imperial Tutor!”

“Imperial Tutor Pavilion? Imperial Tutor?” Duan Ling Tian was confused. He had never heard of these things about the Profound Nether Mansion.

“The Imperial Tutor Pavilion is something unique to the Profound Nether Mansion. There hasn’t been an Imperial Tutor for the past 30,000 years in the mansion. So, naturally, as time passed, people began to forget about the Imperial Tutor Pavilion. In fact, many people from the Profound Nether Mansion don’t know about its existence at all.” Sun Liang Peng’s eyes shone brightly as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Duan Ling Tian, with your current strength and age, you’ll definitely pass the test easily and become the Profound Nether Mansion’s first Imperial Tutor in 30,000 years!”

“There hasn’t been an Imperial Tutor over the last 30,000 years?” Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask, “Sect leader, is it really so difficult to become the Imperial Tutor of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion?”

“Of course!” Sun Liang Peng replied instantly. A hint of reverence could be seen in his eyes as he continued to say, “The last Imperial Tutor who appeared more than 30,000 years ago was a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke who was almost 200 years old at that time and had comprehended five profundities from the law of wind!”

“A Nine Palaces Celestial Duke under the age of 200 who comprehended five profundities from the law of wind?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened imperceptibly. He knew how difficult it was to become a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke and to comprehend five profundities from a law before reaching the age of 200. To think such a genius had appeared in the Profound Nether Mansion before.

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“Where’s he now?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. In his opinion, since that person achieved such extraordinary feats 30,000 years ago, he would definitely be an extraordinary character if he was still in the Southern Heaven Territory. How could someone who became a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke and had comprehended five profundities from a law before the age of 200 be ordinary?

“He’s dead,” Sun Liang Peng said with a sigh, “Back in the olden days, his innate talent and profound comprehension skills had shocked the Profound Nether Mansion... After that, he went on to join the clan that ruled the Profound Nether Mansion to further improve his strength. However, when he had broken through and become a Six Combos Celestial King, a genius from another one of the Ten Major Clans, which was older but weaker than his clan, had violated his wife. Furious, he challenged that genius to a death battle and was eventually killed by that genius. At that time, the genius was stronger than him even if the genius was nowhere as talented as him. If he were alive today, his achievements would be much greater than that genius who killed him.” A hint of pity could be heard in his voice when he spoke.

“He died before he even grew into his full potential?” Duan Ling Tian could not help but pity the Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion from 30,000 years ago. If that person were alive, he would have become a Celestial Lord, a top powerhouse in the Southern Heaven Territory, at least. His eyes flashed as he said, “If he had endured for a while before confronting his opponent, he probably could have killed his opponent, right?” However, he knew very well not many people would be able to tolerate such matters.

“Of course. After all, his innate talent and comprehension skills were far better than his opponent,” Sun Liang Peng replied confidently.

“Is his opponent still alive?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

Sun Liang Peng nodded before he smiled wryly and said, “Not only is he still alive, but he’s now the clan leader of his clan. Moreover, his clan isn’t just any ordinary clan, it’s one of the Ten Major Clans in Southern Heaven Territory. Although the clan leaders of the Ten Major Clans might not be the strongest, they’re at least first-rate Celestial Lords. Moreover, that person is said to be strongest among the clan leaders, and he might become a titled Celestial Lord.”

“He rose so high in ranks?” Duan Ling Tian sighed. “If that Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion was still alive, he would’ve become a titled Celestial Lord by now, right?”

Sun Liang Peng nodded. “If his innate talent and comprehension skills did not diminish with time, he should at least be a titled Celestial Lord by now and would be close to becoming a Celestial Emperor. His strength would probably be comparable to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who rules over the Southern Heaven Territory. Alas, heaven was jealous of the genius, and he died prematurely... Rumor had it that his wife was pregnant with his child the same year that she was violated. However, his pregnant wife mysteriously disappeared after his death. There were speculations that the man who violated her had killed her to avoid troubles in the future. In fact, I even heard his wife was rather strong. She didn’t kill herself in despair when she found out he had died but chose to live for the child in her belly!” At the end of his words, he sounded slightly angry.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed coldly when he heard Sun Liang Peng’s words. Not only did that person violate someone’s pregnant wife, but he even killed her after violating her and killing her husband? Such a person could not even compare to the beasts!

“Because of this matter, the people from the Profound Nether Mansion weren’t able to see that Imperial Tutor grow into his full potential and become the strongest person in the Southern Heaven Territory. Duan Ling Tian, your innate talent and comprehension skills are comparable to the former Imperial Tutor. Moreover, with your fortuitous encounter, you’ll definitely achieve great things,” Sun Liang Peng said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian, “With your achievements at such a young age, there’s no doubt you’ll become the new Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion!”

Sun Liang Peng paused for a brief moment as his expression turned solemn. He said, “Before joining the Profound Nether Mansion, I hope you’ll heed my advice... Now that you know why the former Imperial Tutor died before he grew into his full potential, learn from his mistake. Don’t act recklessly and put yourself at risk. As the saying goes, ‘Where there’s life, there’s hope’. However, if you die, there’ll be no hope left at all.” He obviously did not want Duan Ling Tian following in the footsteps of the former Imperial Tutor. After all, in his opinion, if the former Imperial Tutor had endured and did not act recklessly, he would not only have his revenge, but he would also become the strongest powerhouse in the Southern Heaven Territory by now!

“Sect leader, in my opinion, the former Imperial Tutor must be a sentimental man. If I may ask you a question... If you were in his shoes, could you endure such a matter?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes burned bright as he looked at Sun Liang Peng and said, “Some matters can and should be endured, but there are some matters that shouldn’t be endured even if you can endure it...”

Sun Liang Peng fell into a daze as he imagined himself in the former Imperial Tutor's shoes. He discovered he would not be able to endure such a matter as well. After all, how could one hold back from avenging one's parents or wife?

Duan Ling Tian did not wait for Sun Liang Peng to reply as he said, "I will never allow such a thing to happen to me in the first place... I admire the Imperial Tutor for being a man of sentiment, but I can't say he was a good husband since he failed to protect his wife. Moreover, she was bearing his child at that time! Apart from that, he even died after she was violated, leaving her alone to bear the burden! He should be held accountable for that!" In his opinion, a man who failed to protect his own woman failed his duty as a man and as a husband.

"I disagree... Who would have expected that person would violate his wife? He could not have foreseen that..." Sun Liang Peng disagreed with Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian only responded with a faint smile and no longer said anything. However, he firmly believed if the former Imperial Tutor had protected his wife better, such a tragedy could have been avoided. Even if the former Imperial Tutor had to leave his wife to cultivate in seclusion, with his status, could he not ask his seniors to protect his wife while he was away?

Sun Liang Peng noticed Duan Ling Tian seemed to have no intention of continuing this topic so he promptly changed the topic and asked, "Duan Ling Tian, the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit not only improves one's cultivation base, but I heard it helps one comprehend many profundities from a new law as well... I wonder what law and how many profundities you've comprehended?" He had been really curious about this matter since earlier.

"The law of space... I..."

Sun Liang Peng's eyes widened immediately, and he interjected, "Y-you comprehended the law of space?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"How many profundities?" Sun Liang Peng continued to ask.

"Not many... Just six," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"You don't think that's a lot?" Sun Liang Peng looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he wanted to beat Duan Ling Tian up.

"It really isn't a lot. I heard six is the minimum number of profundities one would be able to comprehend after consuming the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Even my friend, Ling Jue Yun, comprehended eight profundities from the law of metal. In that sense, I really didn't comprehend that many profundities," Duan Ling Tian explained.

"The law of metal is only an ordinary law. How can it compare to the law of space? The law of space is one of the Four Supreme Laws. They're known to be difficult to comprehend," Sun Liang Peng shook his head as he said, "Based on what I heard, those who consumed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit in the past and comprehended six profundities were ordinary laws. I've never heard of anyone who managed

to comprehend one of the Four Supreme Laws.” His eyes shone with envy as he spoke. It was only natural since he did not come across any of the Four Supreme Laws in his entire life.

The duo continued chatting for a while longer before Duan Ling Tian decided to return to his residence.

However, Sun Liang Peng insisted that Duan Ling Tian stayed in his residence. “Since you’ll be leaving in three days, stay here and chat with me. Moreover, I’m interested in listening to your adventures in the Jade Emperor Heaven and how you obtained the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit from the reincarnated Celestial Emperor.”

Duan Ling Tian did not feel it was right to decline Sun Liang Peng’s invitation so he spent the next three days in Sun Liang Peng’s residence. They chatted, and he told Sun Liang Peng about everything during his time in the Jade Emperor Heaven. Naturally, he did not mention the Five Divine Elements or his divine artifact. In fact, even when Sun Liang Peng asked about Royal Grade Celestial Weapons and Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, he denied seeing such things.

“It seems like that reincarnated Celestial Emperor didn’t manage to reclaim his past life’s possessions... Perhaps, someone else found them,” Sun Liang Peng speculated.

Duan Ling Tian faintly nodded in agreement. However, he knew Sun Liang Peng might not necessarily believe his words, but without his confirmation, there was nothing Sun Liang Peng could do even if Sun Liang Peng was suspicious. Moreover, if he performed well in the Profound Nether Mansion, Sun Liang Peng might even be rewarded with a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon from the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion for discovering a genius like him.

Chapter 3117: Qi Tian Ming

After three days, a guest who traveled from afar finally arrived at the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. The guest was an old man with a medium build who was dressed in a long grey robe. His hair was completely white, and his complexion was ruddy. All in all, he looked healthy and energetic despite his age. When he arrived at the sect’s estate, he entered the residence of Sun Liang Peng, the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, undetected by the patrolling elders and disciples. He hovered in the air above Sun Liang Peng’s residence as he called out, “Little Peng.”

‘Little Peng?’

Duan Ling Tian and Sun Liang Peng were sitting in front of a stone table in the courtyard, in the middle of a conversation, when they heard the old man’s voice. Neither one of them had detected the old man’s presence before the old man spoke.

When Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze back to Sun Liang Peng, he saw a hint of embarrassment on Sun Liang Peng’s face as a result of being addressed as Little Peng.

Indeed, Sun Liang Peng was feeling rather embarrassed at this moment after hearing his nickname. His face was slightly red when he discovered Duan Ling Tian looking at him strangely. After a beat, he quickly rose to his feet to greet the old man and said with a wry smile on his face, “Senior uncle, can you please stop using that nickname? It’s detrimental to my images as the sect leader...”

“Boy, I’ve called you by that nickname since you were a child. You want me to change the way I address you now that you’re all grown up?” the grey-clad old man replied as he descended in the courtyard. Without any ceremony, he sat next to Sun Liang Peng and helped himself to the jar of wine on the table, pouring the wine down his throat.

Duan Ling Tian naturally followed suit when he saw Sun Liang Peng rising to his feet. However, an invisible energy surged out from the old man’s body and prevented him from getting up. “You must be Duan Ling Tian, right? There’s no need for you to mimic Little Peng. You can dispense with the formalities. Just be casual.”

“Thank you, senior,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a polite smile. Based on this, he could tell the old man was friendly and easy to get along with.

Sun Liang Peng looked at Duan Ling Tian before he shifted his eyes to the grey-clad old man and said, “Duan Ling Tian, this is my senior uncle, Qi Tian Ming. He’s also the former Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. You can address him as Old Qi.”

“Old Qi,” Duan Ling Tian greeted the old man again. After sensing the old man’s aura, he could tell the old man was stronger than the two Nine Palaces Celestial Kings from the Blood Skull Gang. He could sense the old man’s aura due to his Celestial Origin Energy and Soul Energy that were comparable to that of a One Basic Celestial Lord. Since that time he had used his consumable Royal Grade Celestial Energy to kill the first assassin from the Blood Skull Gang, his strength had depleted to that of a One Basic Celestial Lord. As he continued using his energy, his strength would continue to deplete to that of a Ten Directions Celestial King, a Nine Palaces Celestial King, an Eight Trigrams Celestial King until it reached his true cultivation base.

“Sect leader, is Old Qi a Ten Directions Celestial King?” Duan Ling Tian asked Sun Liang Peng through Voice Transmission to confirm his speculation.

“The ten inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion are all Ten Directions Celestial Kings. This isn’t a secret. What’s wrong? From whom did you hear about this matter? You seem unaware of this,” Sun Liang Peng replied.

‘The ten inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion are all Ten Directions Celestial Kings?’ Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he heard Sun Liang Peng’s words. He knew that the ten inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion were stronger than all the sect leaders and clan leaders of the Three Sects and Two Clans, but he was unaware that all of them were Ten Directions Celestial Kings.

‘So, this means Bihai Mingfeng is also a Ten Directions Celestial King...’ Duan Ling Tian had met another inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion before meeting Qi Tian Ming. The other inspector was Bihai Mingfeng, the third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect. He had met Bihai Mingfeng at the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Bihai Mingfeng also seemed like Huang Jia Long’s idol.

Duan Ling Tian inevitably thought about his friend when he thought about Bihai Mingfeng. ‘I wonder how Huang Jia Long is doing in the Coupling Celestial Sect?’ Huang Jia Long was one of the few friends Duan Ling Tian had made after ascending to the Spirit Overarching Heaven. Huang Jia Long had become an important friend to Duan Ling Tian over the time they had spent together. One had to know that he

was not someone who would easily acknowledge another person as a close friend. He thought to himself, 'After joining the Profound Nether Mansion, if I have the time, I should visit Jia Long in the Coupling Celestial Sect.'

At this moment, Sun Liang Peng looked at Qi Tian Ming and asked with a smile, "Senior uncle, I'm sure there'll be a huge uproar in the Profound Nether Mansion when you bring Duan Ling Tian back, right?"

Qi Tian Ming ignored Sun Liang Peng's question. Instead, he looked at Duan Ling Tian intently as he asked, "Duan Ling Tian, Little Peng said that you comprehended six profundities from the law of space after consuming the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit... Is that true?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Qi Tian Ming asked, "Can you enlighten me by showing me the law of space's profundities that you've comprehended?"

Duan Ling Tian naturally knew the old man was trying to test his strength. It was to be expected since the old man had only heard about him from Sun Liang Peng. Just as Sun Liang Peng had said earlier, the old man would definitely cause a huge uproar in the Profound Nether Sect after bringing Duan Ling Tian back to the mansion. If Duan Ling Tian were to fail the Imperial Tutor test, it would definitely be a disgrace to the old man.

Without waiting for Duan Ling Tian's reply, the old man continued to say, "Use the law of space and attack me with all your might." As soon as he finished speaking, a surge of energy rose from his body.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Blue energy surged from Qi Tian Ming's body and shrouded the stone table and stone benches, the ground, and the courtyard before it seemed to shroud Sun Liang Peng's entire residence.

'The law of water! Moreover, it... it seems like he had cast seven to eight profundities in one go,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, slightly taken aback. He mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy and boosted them with the law of space's Fundamental Profundity, the Space Elemental Profundity, after circulating it through his 99 Heavenly Veins.

'Territory Profundity! Restraining Profundity! Distortion Profundity! Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity!' Duan Ling Tian consecutively cast four profundities from the law of space. The energy shot out from his fingertip and spread in all directions.

Swoosh!

The power from the law of space was truly fierce. Fortunately, Qi Tian Ming had cast a protective barrier around their surroundings. Otherwise, Sun Liang Peng's entire residence would have been reduced into rubble by Duan Ling Tian's strength!

"Hmmm... The Territory Profundity, the Restraining Profundity, the Distortion Profundity, and the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity..." Although the law of space was formidable, it could not threaten Qi Tian Ming. He easily deflected Duan Ling Tian's attack as he easily discerned the number and name of profundities that Duan Ling Tian had cast. He did not bother mentioning the Space Elemental Profundity

since it was a given that Duan Ling Tian would have to comprehend the Space Elemental Profundity before being able to use other profundities from the law of space.

Duan Ling Tian's attack did not discriminate and swept toward Sun Liang Peng as well, but Sun Liang Peng deflected it easily, similar to Qi Tian Ming.

Swoosh!

Qi Tian Ming's eyes flashed as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. All of a sudden, he waved his hand. A water dragon seemed to appear out of thin air and charged toward Duan Ling Tian. The water dragon increased in size as it sailed through the air. When it drew close to Duan Ling Tian, it suddenly opened its mouth as though it intended to devour Duan Ling Tian.

Whoosh!

Before Qi Tian Ming's attack landed, Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air like a ghost.

"This..." Sun Liang Peng widened his eyes when he saw Duan Ling Tian disappearing into thin air. After a beat, he discovered Duan Ling Tian had appeared far behind Qi Tian Ming.

"The Teleportation Profundity!" Qi Tian Ming's low voice rang in Sun Liang Peng's ears.

"The Teleportation Profundity? No wonder I couldn't follow his movements at all... There are no movements when one is teleporting, after all..." Realization dawned on Sun Liang Peng when he heard Qi Tian Ming's words. With the Teleportation Profundity, let alone a Celestial King like him, even a Celestial Emperor would not be able to track Duan Ling Tian's movement at all since there was no movement to be tracked.

"Old Qi, is this enough?" Duan Ling Tian asked. Then, he vanished into thin air again before he reappeared in front of the stone table.

Qi Tian Ming's attack, naturally, did not land since Duan Ling Tian had used the Teleportation Profundity. However, it had to be said that if Qi Tian Ming were to attack without holding back, with Duan Ling Tian's current strength, Duan Ling Tian would not have been able to cast the Teleportation Profundity in time before the attack landed.

Chapter 3118: The Middle Realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Heaven

"Amazing! Truly amazing!" The old man applauded as he said, "Your strength is more than enough for you to easily become the first Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion in 30,000 years! Moreover, you'll definitely rank at the top if you enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!" His eyes were as bright as the stars in the night sky when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

'Rank at the top in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?' Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, familiar with the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. After all, he had entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm before joining the Simplicity Celestial Sect. He had even ranked second, after Ling Jue Yun, at that time. Moreover, if he did not deliberately let Ling Jue Yun win, he would have ranked first. He asked curiously, "Old Qi, is the middle realm of the Southern Heaven

Ancient Realm similar to the lower realm apart from the limit on the cultivation base of those who enter the realms?”

Duan Ling Tian knew the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm was divided into the lower, middle, and upper realm... Only those who were peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials or below could enter the lower realm. Similarly, only Ten Directions Celestial Dukes or those below could enter the middle realm, and only Ten Directions Celestial Kings and those below could enter the upper realm.

“Almost the same?” Qi Tian Ming shook his head. “The difference between the two realms is huge... If you want to know more about the realms, I’ll explain them to you during our journey back to the Profound Nether Mansion.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

At this moment, Qi Tian Ming rose to his feet. He looked at Sun Liang Peng and said with a smile, “Little Peng, I’ll leave with Duan Ling Tian now. Be patient, you’ll definitely be rewarded by the mansion master.” He was sincerely happy for Sun Liang Peng. Not only was Sun Liang Peng his junior nephew whom he had watched grow up, but he also treated Sun Liang Peng like a son.

“Senior uncle, why don’t you stay for a few days?” Sun Liang Peng asked, clearly reluctant to part, “It’s been a while since I last listened to your teachings.”

“Since when have you been willing to listen to my teachings?” Qi Tian Ming asked as he cocked an eyebrow.

Swoosh!

In just a moment, Qi Tian Ming brought Duan Ling Tian with him as the duo disappeared in front of Sun Liang Peng’s eyes, leaving Sun Liang Peng alone and embarrassed in his courtyard.

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Meanwhile, Qi Tian Ming and Duan Ling Tian were a great distance away from the Simplicity Celestial Sect’s estate. Since Qi Tian Ming was a Ten Directions Celestial King, their speed was rather fast.

“Old Qi, since you’re the sect leader’s senior uncle, you must be his master’s senior brother. Does this mean the sect leader’s master is in the Profound Nether Mansion as well?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“His master is indeed my junior brother.” A hint of nostalgia flashed in his eyes. “In the past, both of us had entered the Profound Nether Mansion together. However, he wasn’t as fortunate as I was and perished in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. It was unfortunate he was not able to see his disciple becoming the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. In any case, he should be happy wherever he is since Little Peng has become the Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. It was his lifelong wish for Little Peng to become the sect leader after all.” He heaved a long sigh after he finished speaking.

“The middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?” Duan Ling Tian frowned slightly. “Only Celestial Dukes and those below Celestial Dukes could enter the middle realms... This means the sect leader’s master died before he became a Celestial King?”

The old man nodded. "Both of us were Ten Directions Celestial Dukes when we joined the Profound Nether Mansion and entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. He perished, but I managed to survive. After his death, I returned to the Simplicity Celestial Sect and became the grand elder before returning to the Profound Nether Sect to compete for the position of an inspector of the mansion," he explained.

Duan Ling Tian could sense the old man's sorrow when the old man spoke about his junior brother. The old man seemed much more solemn as well when the old mentioned competing for the position of an inspector in the Profound Nether Mansion. Therefore, he nodded and said, "I see," before he quickly changed the topic. "Old Qi, you said earlier that there's a huge difference between the lower and middle realm apart from the cultivation base restriction imposed on those who enter... Can you explain how they are different?"

"The lower realm is merely like a test conducted by the Profound Nether Mansion to weed out the weak peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials as the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials search for fortuitous encounters. However, the middle realm is where grade-six Celestial Mansions send their Celestial Dukes to kill each other to rise to the top of the ranking. The rankings of the representatives of the Celestial Mansions would greatly affect the rewards the mansions would receive from the Ten Major Clans. For example, if the representative from the Profound Nether Mansion ranks first consistently in the middle realm during the entire month, the Ten Major Clans would greatly reward the Profound Nether Mansion and its representative. Needless to say, the higher the rank, the greater the rewards," the old man explained in one breath. Then, he further described the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm to Duan Ling Tian.

With Qi Tian Ming's explanation, Duan Ling Tian realized how vicious it was in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. It was a dog-eat-dog world! The grade-six Celestial Mansions sent their representative into the middle realm to kill their peers just so they could obtain rewards from the Ten Major Clans.

Generally, grade-six Celestial Mansions were required to offer a huge tribute of Celestial Crystals to the Ten Major Clans they were affiliated with every month. However, if their representatives managed to rank in the top twenty, they would not be required to pay tribute the next month. If their representatives ranked in the top ten, apart from not having to pay tribute the next month, they would also be rewarded by the Ten Major Clans. However, there were many rules that they had to adhere to.

Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback when he learned about the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Initially, he had assumed the middle realm would also be filled with fortuitous encounters like the lower realm. He did not expect it to only be a place for Celestial Dukes to battle so the forces they represented would be rewarded and would not have to pay tribute for a month.

"The ranks will constantly change for a month, and the ranking on the final day of the month will be the final ranking. At the beginning of the following month, the rank would reset again, and the same process will repeat itself," Qi Tian Ming continued explaining.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he asked curiously, "Old Qi, is it possible to obtain Royal Grade Celestial Weapons in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Heaven?" Although he

possessed the divine artifact and a few Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, he could not openly use them. After all, it would only attract trouble. However, if it was possible to find Royal Grade Celestial Weapons in the middle realm, it would be considered as him obtaining the weapon through proper channels. He would not have to worry about others trying to snatch the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon since the weapon could be considered as a reward from the Profound Nether Mansion.

“There’s such a possibility.” The old man nodded. Duan Ling Tian’s eyes had just lit up when he added, “However, it’s rather difficult...”

“Why?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Like I mentioned earlier, the rankings of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm reset every month. In other words, even if you rank first the previous month, you’ll have to start over again the next month. The Ten Major Clans have an agreement that if a representative manages to rank first consecutively for 12 months, the representative would be rewarded with an offensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. If a representative manages to maintain the first rank for 24 months, they’ll be rewarded with a defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. At the same time, the representative would be given a chance to join any of the Ten Major Clans and become a disciple even if one doesn’t bear the clan surname. In fact, the representative’s treatment and resources might be even better than members of the clans,” Qi Tian Ming replied.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up again. This was undoubtedly one of the fastest ways for him to grow stronger. 24 months were 2 years. After two years, he would be able to join one of the Ten Major Clans. At that time, he could take advantage of the better resources from the clan to grow stronger.

Chapter 3119: The Profound Nether Mansion

After learning about the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm from Qi Tian Ming, one of the inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion, Duan Ling Tian became even more eager to join the Profound Nether Mansion. The middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, unlike the lower realm, was always open, and Celestial Dukes from the Profound Nether Mansion were free to enter whenever they wanted. The restriction on the cultivation bases meant that the strongest people who were allowed to enter were Ten Directions Celestial Dukes.

“Each person is only allowed to stay in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm for a maximum of 10 days per month. You can choose to stay consecutively for ten days, or you can choose to spread the days out and enter multiple times. You’ll be automatically transported out of the middle realm as soon as you reach the time limit. You’ll have to wait until the next month before you can enter again,” Qi Tian Ming said, concluding his explanation. Then, as though he had just recalled something, he added, “That’s right! To accumulate points, you’ll naturally have to kill other Celestial Dukes to gain the points from their Accumulative Point Jades. However, you can crush your Accumulative Point Jade so that the points would be transferred to your opponent. Moreover, once you crush your Accumulative Point Jade, you’ll be transported out of the middle realm through a one-time hidden Transporting Formation in the Accumulative Point Jade. So...”

Before Qi Tian Ming finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian interjected, "So if I were to meet an opponent I'm not a match for, I can crush my Accumulative Point Jade to surrender my points to my opponent and also escape at the same time through the Transporting Formation?"

"That's right." Qi Tian Ming nodded. "As the saying goes, 'A wise man knows when to retreat and when to advance'. It was not the intention of the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm to drive Celestial Dukes to death. However, saying that, the Transporting Formation wouldn't work as soon as you crush your Accumulative Point Jade. It would take a little time for the Formation to activate. Therefore, if your opponent is intent on killing you, it'd be difficult to just rely on the Accumulative Point Jade to save yourself."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. "That's rather humane. At least, it gives a chance to those who are weaker to enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm." Then, he continued to ask, "However, after the Accumulative Point Jade is crushed, can one still enter the middle realm after that?"

"No. Before the ranking is reset, those who escaped by crushing their Accumulative Point Jades are unable to enter the middle realm again. This is because you'd only be given one Accumulative Jade every month," Qi Tian Ming replied.

Duan Ling Tian knew this was to restrict people from leaving and entering the middle realm as they pleased, taking advantage of the loophole, and also to prevent those who were stronger from repeatedly killing those who were weaker to gain points.

At this moment, Qi Tian Ming looked at Duan Ling Tian and solemnly said, "Duan Ling Tian, there's no need for you to reveal the fact that you've consumed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. Although it can also be considered as your ability for being able to come across such a fortuitous encounter, it's best to let them assume your achievements are from your innate talent and comprehension skills. That way, they'll look upon you favorably. Otherwise, they'll definitely question you incessantly about how you escaped from that reincarnated Celestial Emperor, if you killed that reincarnated Celestial Emperor, or how you managed to obtain the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. That would inevitably lead to them suspecting you of possessing Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. Even if the reincarnated Celestial Emperor didn't possess Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, they wouldn't believe that he didn't even possess a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Even an ordinary Celestial Emperor would possess a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon at the very least. You should know how valuable a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Emperor is. The difference between a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon that had been nurtured by a Celestial Lord and an ordinary defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon is incredibly wide, let alone the difference between a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon nurtured by a Celestial Emperor and an ordinary defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon..." He grew even more solemn after he finished speaking.

"I understand, Old Qi." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Qi Tian Ming's expression eased after he heard Duan Ling Tian's response. As they continued on their journey, Qi Tian Ming no longer spoke.

Therefore, Duan Ling Tian began to focus on comprehending the law of space's Transportation Profundity as Qi Tian Ming continued to lead the way. Initially, he had planned to break through and become a Celestial King as soon as he could. However, now that he learned about the middle realm of

the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, he decided to put a hold on his plan. After all, he would not be able to enter the middle realm once he became a Celestial King.

After half a day had passed, a question appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind so he asked, "Old Qi, since the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm benefits grade-six Celestial Mansions, is there a possibility for some Celestial Mansions to deliberately suppress their members' cultivation bases when the members are Ten Directions Celestial Dukes so they would have more representatives in the middle realm?"

Ten Directions Celestial Dukes who were thousands or 10,000 years old definitely would have comprehended more profundities than younger Ten Directions Celestial Dukes even if their comprehension skills were not particularly high. If the grade-six Celestial Mansions had such strong representatives, their chances of being rewarded were higher.

"This is a great question. This matter had also occurred to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Therefore, apart from the cultivation base limit, there's an age limit as well. Those who enter the middle realm can't be more than 1,000 years old! However, there are many Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in grade-six Celestial Mansions under the age of 1,000 who have comprehended many profundities from a law," Qi Tian Ming said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully, "In fact, many of them have comprehended six or seven profundities from a law. For example, there are few Ten Directions Celestial Dukes who have comprehended six profundities from a law in the Profound Nether Mansion. In fact, there's one who has comprehended seven profundities from the law of wood. They've been specially nurtured by the Profound Nether Mansion to enter the middle realm. The Ten Directions Celestial Duke who has comprehended eight profundities from the law of wood is 980 years old now so there's not much time left before he won't be able to enter the middle realm anymore."

'A Ten Directions Celestial Duke who has comprehended seven profundities from the law of wood?' Duan Ling Tian was slightly startled. That was just a profundity short of the number of profundities from the law of metal that Ling Jue Yun had comprehended after consuming the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. 'The few Celestial King assassins from the Blood Skull Gang I encountered might not have even comprehended seven profundities from a law...'

Before asking Qi Tian Ming, Duan Ling Tian was already rather certain that some grade-six Celestial Mansions must have deliberately raised disciples for the purpose of entering the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. They would suppress the disciples' cultivation bases and make sure the disciples comprehended many profundities. He was certain there was some sort of suppression on the disciples' cultivation bases. Otherwise, it would not be difficult for these Ten Directions Celestial Dukes to break through and become a Celestial King. There was no doubt the grade-six Celestial Mansions had also invested heavily in these disciples to ensure they comprehended as many profundities as they could. Moreover, it would not be difficult for grade-six Celestial Mansions to gather resources to speed up the comprehension of these disciples.

'I thought I'd be able to easily stay above my competitors in the middle realm with my current strength... No wonder when I met Old Qi, he said I'd be able to easily rank at the top of the rankings. He

didn't specifically say I'd rank first. As it turns out, many grade-six Celestial Mansions have nurtured many powerful Ten Directions Celestial Dukes!

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In just a blink of an eye, two days had passed.

Duan Ling Tian finally arrived at the Profound Nether Mansion's estate.

The estate was located in the sky among the clouds. There were a few humongous floating islands above a towering mountain. The islands were covered in greeneries, looking like paradise from afar. Each island had many smaller islands hovering around them like the stars surrounding the moon.

At this moment, a group of patrolling disciples saw Qi Tian Ming. They bowed and greeted in unison, "Lord Inspector!"

Soon enough, a figure flew toward Duan Ling Tian and Qi Tian Ming from afar. "Senior Uncle Qi, did you just return to the estate?"

'It's him!' Duan Ling Tian's eyebrows rose imperceptibly when he saw the newcomer. The newcomer was none other than Bihai Mingfeng whom he had met in the past.

Chapter 3120: The Ten Holy Pavilions of the Profound Nether Mansion

Despite the same position, among the ten inspectors in the Profound Nether Mansion, there were naturally levels of seniority among them. Since Qi Tian Ming was older than Bihai Mingfeng, he addressed Qi Tian Ming as senior uncle in the Profound Nether Mansion just like how he addressed elders in the Coupling Celestial Sect. Moreover, Qi Tian Ming was one of the top three strongest inspectors in the Profound Nether Mansion. With this, he did not feel unwilling to address Qi Tian Ming as senior uncle.

Qi Tian Ming nodded at Bihai Mingfeng before he turned to say to Duan Ling Tian, "This is the third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect. He's also one of the ten inspectors in the Profound Nether Mansion. He's not even 1,000 years old but has reached the peak of a Celestial King. He's the most likely candidate in the Profound Nether Mansion to become a Celestial Lord next. Previously, he had led his people from the Coupling Celestial Sect to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm when the entrance opened. You must have seen him at that time, right?"

"Yes, Old Qi. I met Inspector Bihai at the entrance of the lower realm of Southern Heaven Ancient Realm." Duan Ling Tian nodded before he looked at Bihai Mingfeng and greeted Bihai Mingfeng with a smile and slight nod.

"No wonder I thought you looked familiar. You're Duan Ling Tian who ranked second in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!" Bihai Mingfeng was slightly taken aback. He finally discovered why he had found the person next to Qi Tian Ming so familiar.

"Yes, it's me." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“Since the two of you are old acquaintances, I won’t bother to make any introductions. Inspector Bihai, I need to bring Duan Ling Tian to settle some matters so I’ll excuse myself. Come over and have a drink with me when you’re free.” Qi Tian Ming bade farewell to Bihai Mingfeng and left with Duan Ling Tian.

Although Bihai Mingfeng was a junior and weaker than Qi Tian Ming, Bihai Mingfeng was incredibly young compared to him. In terms of innate talent and comprehension skills, there was no doubt that Bihai Mingfeng surpassed him. Like he had said earlier, Bihai Mingfeng was very likely to become the next Celestial Lord in the Profound Nether Mansion. For all these reasons, he did not put on the air of a senior in front of Bihai Mingfeng and treated Bihai Mingfeng like his peers.

“Alright,” Bihai Mingfeng replied. His eyebrows were knitted together as he watched the duo leave. He wondered inwardly, ‘Why did Inspector Qi bring Duan Ling Tian to the Profound Nether Mansion? Is he planning to accept Duan Ling Tian as a direct disciple because of Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent and comprehension skills? However, that’s against the rules, right?’

The Profound Nether Mansion did not restrict their inspectors from accepting direct disciples. However, the inspectors were forbidden from bringing their direct disciples to the Profound Nether Mansion if their direct disciples were not from the Profound Nether Mansion to begin with. If they wanted to bring their disciples into the Profound Nether Mansion, their disciples would have to pass a test. Since the Profound Nether Mansion would recruit new disciples from the Three Sects and Two Clans from time to time, the inspectors’ disciples could join the new candidates to take the test.

‘It’s still quite a while before the test for the candidates from the Three Sects and Two Clans would be held... I wonder why Inspector Qi brought Duan Ling Tian back to the mansion?’ Bihai Mingfeng could not figure out the reason even after half a day had gone by. He eventually stopped dwelling on the matter and continued on with his business.

Little did Bihai Mingfeng know, Qi Tian Ming was bringing Duan Ling Tian to a secluded and almost forgotten place in the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate; it was the Imperial Tutor Pavilion.

Very few from the younger generation in the Profound Nether Mansion knew about the Imperial Tutor Pavilion since the elders in the Profound Nether Mansion rarely mentioned it. After all, even the most outstanding among the younger generation was not qualified to enter the Imperial Tutor Pavilion or become the Imperial Tutor. Moreover, not every elder in the Profound Nether Mansion knew about the matter as well.

The Profound Nether Mansion’s estate was made up of three floating islands. The outer islands of the three huge islands were where many small islands were located. The small islands hovered around the huge islands like the stars that surrounded the moon. The three huge islands were lined up together, and the inner parts of the islands were considered the main estate of the Profound Nether Mansion.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Qi Tian Ming brought Duan Ling Tian with him as he flew into one of three main islands in the estate.

Due to the clouds and distance earlier, Duan Ling Tian did not have a good look at the three main islands. He could have investigated with his Divine Consciousness. However, considering he was at the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate, he did not think it was a good idea. It was likely that as soon as he extended his Divine Consciousness, the patrolling elders and disciples would surround him immediately.

When Duan Ling Tian was approaching the huge island, he saw many magnificent pavilions. A few of these pavilions looked like colossal beasts crouching on the islands. They looked incredibly intimidating, and the longer he looked at them, a sense of danger that grew increasingly intense rose in his heart as well.

“Old Qi, the pavilions undoubtedly looked intimidating at first glance. However, why is it that I feel a sense of danger the longer I look at it? Am I imagining the feeling?”

Qi Tian Ming shook his head and said, “These pavilions have many ancient Formations, and most of these Formations are Killing Formations. If the Killing Formations in these pavilions are triggered, those who are weaker than Celestial Lords would definitely die. This means, even I will die if I were to trigger the Killing Formations...”

“The Formations are so powerful?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback. He asked again, “Who’s in charge of all these powerful and ancient Killing Formations?”

“The pavilion masters of these pavilions are in charge of the Formations in their respective pavilions. There are only ten pavilions in the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate that have these powerful Killing Formations. There are four pavilions on this island, and the other two islands have three of such pavilions each. The fourth pavilion on this island that contains the ancient and powerful Formations is the Imperial Tutor Pavilion. These ten pavilions are collectively known as the Ten Holy Pavilions of the Profound Nether Mansion. However, most people in the Profound Nether Mansions think there are only nine of such pavilions in Profound Nether Mansion despite the name because the Imperial Tutor Pavilion is hidden by a Fog Formation. Those who are weaker than Celestial Lords won’t be able to find the Imperial Tutor Pavilion unless they’ve already known about the location. It’s only these three pavilions that fill you with a sense of danger, right?” Qi Tian Ming asked at the end of his sentence.

Duan Ling Tian focused his senses and discovered, indeed, it was only those three pavilions that filled him with a sense of danger. “Yes, you’re right.”

“Come on, let’s go. I’ll take you to the Imperial Tutor Pavilion.” Qi Tian Ming brought Duan Ling Tian to the inner part of the island.

“Old Qi, based on what I know, the mansion master has the highest position and authority in the Profound Nether Mansion. The vice mansion masters are ranked above inspectors like you, right? Then, what about the Pavilions Masters of the Nine Holy Pavilions? Are they weaker than the inspectors even though they have control over the pavilions’ Killing Formations, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“You’re wrong. Indeed, the mansion master has the highest rank and authority in the Profound Nether Mansion. However, the vice mansion masters’ positions are no different from an empty title. Their strength is roughly on par with the inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion. However, since they are descendants of the founding fathers of the Profound Nether Mansion, they’re given the titles of vice mansion masters,” Qi Tian Ming shook his head and said, “The Pavilion Masters of the Nine Holy Pavilions in the Profound Nether Mansion are mostly our mansion master’s elders. The weakest among them is a One Basic Celestial Lord. Do you think it’s possible for them to be weaker than the inspectors?”

Duan Ling Tian was inwardly shocked. The weakest among the pavilion masters was a One Basic Celestial Lord?

“Although the pavilion masters are the mansion master’s elders, in terms of strength and capabilities, only a few of them are comparable to the mansion master, and only one of them is stronger than the mansion master.” After he finished saying these words, he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully as he said, “Try and guess who’s the strongest pavilion master?”

“Is it the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion?” Duan Ling Tian speculated.

“You’re right. It’s the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion!” Qi Tian Ming nodded. “Rumor has it that the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion is the oldest in the Profound Nether Mansion. Nobody has seen him fight, but the mansion master treats him with the utmost respect. Someone once asked the mansion master if the mansion master could defeat the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion... The mansion master had replied that he wouldn’t even dare to make a move against the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion. Moreover, he even said if the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion wanted him dead, he would willingly surrender his life!” A hint of reverence could be seen in his eyes as he spoke. After a pause, he said, “For this reason, although the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion is rarely seen, those who know of him revere him.”

“Old Qi, does this mean you haven’t met the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion before?” Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

“That’s right,” Qi Tian Ming smiled wryly, “It’s not only me, but even the other nine inspectors and the two vice mansion masters haven’t met the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion before. I’m afraid only the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion and the other pavilion masters have met him.”