

**Chapter 3141: Duan Ling Tian Ranks 25th**

In the Han Qing Mansion's estate, a figure appeared at one of the Transporting Formations to the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Liu Ji!"

"It's Senior Liu Ji!"

"Senior Liu Ji has returned!"

"Unfortunately, Senior Liu Ji only managed to rank at the 31st place. With his strength and if he didn't enter late, he could've easily ranked in the top 30."

"That's right."

As soon as Liu Ji appeared, he caught the attention of the elders and disciples of the Han Qing Celestial Mansion. For this reason, they did not see his name disappearing from the 31st, causing the people behind him to rise in rankings. This was considered a huge change in rankings and would cause a commotion if the people present on the scene were not distracted by Liu Ji's sudden appearance.

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Meanwhile, in another site of a Transporting Formation in the Han Qing Mansion.

"Senior Liu Ji's name has disappeared from the scoreboard!"

"Heavens! It's true! His name has disappeared! Does this mean he's eliminated? Who's capable of eliminating Senior Liu Ji?"

"I... I have a feeling it's the same person who eliminated the Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng..."

"You're right! It's him! Look! He now has 154 points and is ranked 25th!"

"It seems like he really did eliminate Senior Liu Ji. Senior Liu Ji had 113 points, and that person had 41 points before this. His points have increased by 113 points. It has to be him!!"

The elders and disciples look at the name at the 25th place incredulously. Similar to Heng Feng who had, before his battle with Duan Ling Tian, comprehended six profundities from the law of earth and was in the process of comprehending the seventh one, Liu Ji had also comprehended six profundities from the law of wind and was in the process of comprehending the seventh one. Despite that, Liu Ji was stronger than Heng Feng since Liu Ji had comprehended the law of wind while He Feng had comprehended the law of earth that specialized in defense. The majority of the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm would find it difficult to catch up to Liu Ji if Liu Ji decided to escape. How could they not be shocked and confused upon discovering Liu Ji had been eliminated?

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“Duan Ling Tian?” Liu Ji looked at the scoreboard and the name he hated with all his guts. His expression was unsightly, and his hands were tightly clenched.

At this moment, the people around him began to notice that something was amiss. They followed his eyes and looked at the scoreboard, gasping when they saw the changes in rankings.

“Senior Liu Ji is also eliminated by Duan Ling Tian from the Profound Nether Mansion?”

“Who’s this Duan Ling Tian? Did the Profound Nether Mansion really seek external help?”

“That has to be it! Otherwise, if the Profound Nether Mansion has such a genius, would they really hide his existence until now? A person with such capabilities wouldn’t remain unknown.”

“That’s right. I heard he’s only an outer court disciple in the Profound Nether Mansion. If he’s not hired to help the Profound Nether Mansion, how could he only be an outer court disciple?”

“A friend of mine in the Profound Nether Mansion said that Duan Ling Tian isn’t even 100 years old. Moreover, he also said Duan Ling Tian was hired by the Profound Nether Mansion!”

“What?! Duan Ling Tian isn’t even 100 years old?”

“Preposterous! That’s impossible!”

The majority of people present on the scene did not believe Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old.

Despite the unsightly expression on Liu Ji’s face, an elder asked, “Liu Ji, is Duan Ling Tian really an outer court disciple?”

“Yes. At least that’s what it says on his identity token,” Liu Ji replied solemnly.

“Is he really stronger than you?” another elder asked.

Liu Ji scoffed before he replied, “If it weren’t for my carelessness, I would’ve eliminated him instead!” His expression turned even more unsightly as he spoke. “If we meet again next month, I, Liu Ji, will change my surname to Duan if I don’t defeat him!” After he finished speaking, he left immediately.

The eyes of the people of Han Qing Mansion lit up when they heard Liu Ji’s confident words. They did not doubt Liu Ji’s words that he was only eliminated due to his carelessness. After all, Duan Ling Tian was an unknown outer court disciple. Most people would not be on high alert when facing Duan Ling Tian.

Before Liu Ji left, another elder could not help but ask, “Liu Ji! Is he really less than 100 years old?”

“Do you think it’s possible for a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who has comprehended at least six profundities from the law of space to be younger than 100 years old?” Liu Ji left them with this rhetorical question.

Liu Ji had immediately attacked as soon as he discovered Duan Ling Tian’s presence. He did not probe Duan Ling Tian with his Divine Consciousness. It was beyond his expectation that he would be eliminated by someone he deemed an easy target. Therefore, he thought it was preposterous when people mentioned Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old. He was aware of Duan Ling Tian’s strength due to their battle earlier. How could someone with that strength be younger than 100 years old?

After Liu Ji left, the elders and disciples looked at each other in disbelief. They knew Duan Ling Tian was not an ordinary person and had heard that he had possibly comprehended seven profundities of a law, but they did not expect him to comprehend the law of space! All of them knew how difficult it was to comprehend the law of space. It was comparable to comprehending eight or nine profundities from an ordinary law.

“He’s comprehended six profundities from the law of space?”

“Previously, a friend of mine in the Martial Battle Mansion told me that Duan Ling Tian has comprehended seven profundities from the law of space. I didn’t believe it at first, but it seems like there are some truths to it,” one of the disciples said.

“Seven profundities from the law of space? Are you sure?”

The elders and disciples looked at that disciple in disbelief. Did this not mean Duan Ling Tian had held back when he eliminated Liu Ji? If that was the case, even if Liu Jiu was not careless, he might not be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian at all!

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As the commotion broke out in Han Qing Mansion due to Liu Ji’s elimination, other grade-six Celestial Mansions, including the Profound Nether Mansion, were in an uproar as well.

“Duan Ling Tian, the outer court disciple of the Profound Nether Mansion, obtained 154 points and ranks 25th after spending only five days in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?”

“Although there are many people who had accumulated more points in five days, none of them had done so at the end of the month. After all, everyone knows it’s difficult to accumulate points during the end of the month.”

“This Duan Ling Tian is not only powerful, but he’s lucky as well! He even managed to run into Liu Ji who had accumulated so many points.”

“With his current points, he’s only second to Zhou Hong Jie in the Profound Nether Mansion.”

The fifth day of Duan Ling Tian’s time in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm was the day his name spread to all grade-six Celestial Mansions. Due to various factors, most of them were convinced he was hired by the Profound Nether Mansion to help the mansion compete for higher rankings.

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In just a blink of an eye, two days had passed. With this, whoever was left in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm was automatically transported out.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian finally returned to the site of the Transporting Formation to the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate. At this moment, a hint of

disappointment could be seen on his face. After he eliminated Liu Ji, he did not encounter anyone over the last two days. Therefore, he did not obtain any points at all.

“Duan Ling Tian has returned!”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian exited the Transporting Formation, everyone swarmed toward him. They stared at him curiously; some of them even extended their Divine Consciousness to probe him.

“He’s really not even 100 years old!”

“Heavens! I thought it was just a rumor! Duan Ling Tian’s really not even 100 years old!”

“Not even 100 years old, but he managed to rank 25th in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm! Such a feat is unprecedented in the history of the Southern Heaven Territory!”

“Don’t forget he only entered the middle realm at the end of the month! I really look forward to his performance next month!”

### **Chapter 3142: Foreign Beings**

This was not the first time a crowd had gathered around Duan Ling Tian, and he usually had no problem escaping. However, he had been taken by surprise when he was suddenly transported out of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and had been slightly distracted when he arrived. Before he could react, everyone had already gathered around him and looked at him with curious and burning gazes, clamoring for his attention.

One disciple asked curiously, “Duan Ling Tian, did you really comprehend six profundities from the law of space? My cousin brother is a disciple of the Han Qing Mansion. According to him, Liu Ji said you’ve comprehended six profundities from the law of space!”

Another disciple quickly followed up with another question. “Duan Ling Tian, my cousin brother is a disciple of the Martial Battle Mansion. He mentioned that Heng Feng said you’ve comprehended seven profundities from the law of space... Is that true?”

The elders and disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian curiously, eagerly waiting for Duan Ling Tian’s answer. It was already incredibly shocking that Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old, but it was even more shocking that he comprehended six or seven profundities from the law of space at this age! Chills ran up their spines whenever they thought about this.

Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows slightly as he looked at the crowd that was throwing questions at him.

At this moment, an energetic voice rang in the air. “Duan Ling Tian!” The voice belonged to Qi Tian Ming, one of the ten inspectors in the Profound Nether Mansion.

Swoosh!

Before the crowd could react, Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air and reappeared next to Qi Tian Ming. Subsequently, both of them turned around and left.

When the crowd regained their senses, they broke into another uproar again.

“The Teleportation Profundity?”

“That’s right! It’s the law of space’s Teleportation Profundity! Otherwise, how’s it possible that a Celestial King like me can’t even capture his movements?”

“Teleportation doesn’t require the user to move. It’s only natural that no one was able to catch his movements.”

“We can now confirm that Duan Ling Tian is indeed less than 100 years old and has comprehended the law of space. Moreover, we can be sure that he has comprehended the law of space’s Teleportation Profundity. Based on these facts, we can be absolutely sure that Duan Ling Tian has comprehended, at least, two profundities, including the Space Elemental Profundity.”

“I wonder if he really comprehended six or seven profundities from the law of space. Many the Martial Battle Mansion’s Heng Feng and the Han Qing Mansion’s Liu Ji lied about it to preserve their dignity.”

“That’s possible. However, even if Duan Ling Tian didn’t comprehend six or seven profundities from the law of space, he’s still not simple since he’s able to eliminate Heng Feng and Liu Ji.”

“That’s for sure... Those who are ranked in the top 30 are no ordinary people.”

The conversations grew softer and softer as Duan Ling Tian moved further and further away from the site of the Transporting Formation.

“I didn’t expect you to achieve such a ranking when you only entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm so close to the end of the month!” Qi Tian Ming said emotionally as he walked back to his cultivation place.

“I was just lucky,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a faint smile. He knew very well that if he did not chance upon the Han Qing Mansion’s Liu Ji, he would not have made it to the 25th place. In fact, he was considered lucky for even being able to rank in the top 50.

“You managed to stumble across the Martial Battle Mansion’s base and encounter Liu Ji, there’s no doubt you’re incredibly lucky. However, if you didn’t possess the ability to defeat them, these encounters would still be useless. Moreover, you even risked getting eliminated by them,” Qi Tian Ming replied with a smile. With his position, it was not difficult for him to learn about the ins and outs of Duan Ling Tian’s performance in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Qi Tian Ming knew it was unprecedented when Duan Ling Tian discovered the Martial Battle Mansion and eliminated almost a dozen disciples from the Martial Battle Mansion. This could be considered as a great provocation. There was no doubt that Duan Ling Tian would be targeted by people from the Martial Battle Mansion in the future. Although Heng Feng was rather strong and his defenses were unparalleled among Celestial Dukes in the Martial Battle Mansion, there were a few people who were stronger than Heng Feng in the Martial Battle Mansion. In fact, even Heng Feng’s peers who only comprehended six profundities of a law and were in the progress of comprehending the seventh one had stronger combat strength compared to Heng Feng who had comprehended seven profundities from

the law of earth. For example, Liu Ji might have only comprehended six profundities from the law of wind and was in the process of comprehending the seventh one, but his combat strength was much stronger than Heng Feng. Nevertheless, despite superior offensive strength, Liu Ji would not be able to defeat Heng Feng since Heng Feng's defenses were incredibly strong. Similarly, Heng Feng would not be able to defeat Liu Ji due to Liu Ji's superior speed.

Qi Tian Ming said, clearly delighted, "The mansion master came to see me a few days ago to ask about you. He's very concerned about you as well." Since he was the one who brought Duan Ling Tian to the Profound Nether Mansion, if Duan Ling Tian successfully became the Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion, the mansion master and the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion would definitely generously reward him. The other inspectors would definitely envy his rewards since the mansion master was known to be generous with rewards. In fact, he did not care much even if the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion did not reward him so long as the mansion master rewarded him. It was enough that he was able to meet with the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion.

"In my opinion, once the mansion master finds out you're out of the middle realm, he'll definitely want to meet you," Qi Tian Ming said confidently.

Duan Ling Tian did not care much if the mansion master was interested to meet him or not. He changed the topic and asked, "Old Qi, the ranking for the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm will reset tomorrow, right?"

"Yes." Qi Tian Ming nodded. "Today is the last day of the month so everyone in the middle realm has been transported out. Tomorrow marks the fresh start, and the middle realm will open again. Are you planning to enter tomorrow?"

Duan Ling Tian asked, "I haven't decided. Old Qi, in your opinion, when do you think is the best time to enter the middle realm?"

"If you're aiming for the top 20, it's fine to enter tomorrow. To make it into the top 10, it's best to enter three days later," Qi Tian Ming replied.

"And what if I want to rank first?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a glint in his eyes.

"Rank first?" Qi Tian Ming was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's words. Soon after, a wry smile appeared on his face as he said, "I know you want to pass the test as quickly as possible and become the Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion. However, it's unrealistic for you to rank first immediately. Based on my knowledge, there are a few mysterious Ten Directions Celestial Dukes who have comprehended seven profundities of a law who could easily defeat their peers who have comprehended seven profundities and are in the process of comprehending the eighth profundity. This means they are also in the process of comprehending the eighth profundity or it could mean that some of them rely on special abilities. These people are born with inherent special abilities, and they're foreign beings disguised as humans. There's quite a handful of foreign beings who're disguised as humans in grade-six Celestial Mansions, after all." Based on his words, it was clear he did not think Duan Ling Tian's current strength was sufficient for him to rank first in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“There are foreign beings as well?” Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. He knew these ‘foreign beings’ Qi Tian Ming mentioned referred to Celestial Beasts and plants that gained sentience. In the Devata Realms, with enough luck, plants that had existed for a long time could gain sentience and cultivate. With time, they might even gain a human form. There were some Celestial Emperors in Devata Realms who were initially plants. Not only was their strength on par with humans and Celestial Beasts, but they might even have an advantage in certain aspects.

Qi Tian Ming nodded. “Foreign beings exist in the Profound Nether Mansion as well. Do you a disciple who ranks in the top 30 in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?”

“I remember.” A glint of light flashed in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes. “When I came out earlier, I saw he’s ranked 29th, behind Zhou Hong Jie who’s ranked 24th.”

Duan Ling Tian ranked 25th, Zhou Hong Jie ranked 24th, and another disciple named Hua Xiao ranked 29th on this month’s scoreboard.

“He’s not human. His original form is that of a flower that grew in the depth of a lake. Due to a fortuitous encounter, he was able to cultivate and gain a human form. He’s only a little over 500 years old now.”

#### **Chapter 3143: Such a Map Doesn’t Exist**

“After becoming human, he’s slightly over 500 years old?” Duan Ling Tian frowned slightly upon hearing Qi Tian Ming’s words. “This means the age restriction in the middle realm doesn’t count the years before they gained human forms?”

If this was the case, it meant that it was the same for Celestial Beasts as well. Did this not mean Celestial Beasts would have an advantage? After all, powerful Celestial Beasts could only gain a human form after a long time. When they finally gained human forms, their abilities were already comparable to Celestial beings.

Qi Tian Ming nodded. “Plants absorb the essence of the sun, the moon, the heavens, and the earth. In order to gain human forms, they’d need to be incredibly lucky. After they gain human forms, they have no cultivation base at all so they have to start cultivating from the beginning. Nevertheless, since they absorbed the essence of the sun, the moon, the heavens, and the earth, the speed of their improvements is heaven-defying. Even their comprehension skills are incredibly high.”

Duan Ling Tian was enlightened after hearing Qi Tian Ming’s words. In this regard, plants were different from Celestial Beasts that could instinctively cultivate and retain their cultivation bases after gaining human forms. For this reason, Celestial Beasts would still retain some of their strength after gaining human forms.

“So does the age restriction apply to Celestial Beasts as well or their treatment is the same as plants?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Yes.” Qi Tian Ming nodded and replied, “In this aspect, Celestial Beasts aren’t like plants who have gained sentience. The age restriction still applies to Celestial Beasts. If a Celestial Beast only gained a human form at 900 years old, it would only have 100 years left to enter the middle realm. The Southern

Celestial Lord had taken this into consideration before he created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Otherwise, it would be unfair to humans and other beings.”

Duan Ling Tian was relieved upon hearing these words. If that was the case, then it was fair.

“Although Hua Xiao is only slightly over 500 years old, he’s comprehended six profundities and is in the process of comprehending the seventh profundity from the law of water. Moreover, the profundities he has comprehended are the more powerful and practical profundities from the law of water. Due to the advantage he has from his origin, he’s above his peers in all grade-six Celestial Mansions. For this reason, he’s ranked in the top 30,” Qi Tian Ming explained.

Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of Hua Xiao after listening to Qi Tian Mings’ words.

“Initially I thought that after Zhou Hong Jie reaches 1,000 years old, Hua Xiao will be the only pillar of strength the Profound Nether Mansion could rely on in the middle realm. I didn’t expect to find you in the Simplicity Celestial Sect. With your presence, the Profound Nether Mansion will definitely outperform the others in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm! It’s only a matter of time before you rank first.” It was clear Qi Tian Ming thought Duan Ling Tian needed some time before he would be able to rank first.

Duan Ling Tian could tell Qi Tian Ming was not confident of his current strength. However, he did not take offense. Moreover, he knew actions spoke louder than words. He would prove his ability by ranking first. After a while, he asked, “Old Qi, do you have a map that marks the bases of every grade-six Celestial Mansions in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?”

Although Qi Tian Ming had mentioned waiting at the bases of Celestial Mansions to eliminate their disciples was a blatant sign of provocation and would spark retaliation, Duan Ling Tian did not care. His only concern was ranking first. Moreover, even if they wanted to seek revenge from him, they could only do so in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm or secretly seek revenge outside the middle realm. If it were known that they tried to seek revenge outside of the middle realm, their reputation would be tarnished since it showed that they had no sportsmanship!

“Why? Do you still plan to wait in the vicinity of the bases?” Qi Tian Ming was shocked. Naturally, he could guess Duan Ling Tian’s intention.

Duan Ling Tian smiled before he asked in return, “This way, I’ll be able to accumulate points faster, right?”

Qi Tian Ming took in a couple of deep breaths to calm down before he said, “Duan Ling Tian, this approach is inadvisable. Although the Celestial Mansions can only seek revenge in the middle realm, if you cross their bottom lines, they wouldn’t let things slide. They might not attack you in the open, but they can easily hire an assassin to get the job done.” He shook his head, feeling Duan Ling Tian was rather naive. He tried to persuade Duan Ling Tian by saying, “Moreover, even if you’ve comprehended the law of space’s Teleportation Profundity, any Ten Directions Celestial Duke who has comprehended two movement profundities of a law can easily catch up to you. In my opinion, it’s best if you keep a low profile. Don’t repeat what happened at the Martial Battle Mansion’s base.”

“Old Qi, I understand where you’re coming from. However, I’d still love to have a copy of the map. How about this? I won’t wait for them close to their bases. I’ll observe from afar and only make my move



once they travel a distance away from their bases.” Duan Ling Tian knew Qi Tian Ming’s words were borne out of concern for him so he made a compromise. Nevertheless, he was determined to get his hands on the map. With the map, he would be able to accumulate points efficiently, and there would be no need for him to wander aimlessly looking for targets.

Qi Tian Ming shook his head and said, “I’m sorry to disappoint you, but such a map doesn’t exist.”

“It doesn’t exist?” Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows. “Nobody drew a map of the bases at all? I remember the way to the Martial Battle Mansion’s base from our base. When I enter the middle realm again, I should be able to find their base again.”

“You won’t be able to find it.” Qi Tian Ming shook his head once again.

“I won’t be able to find their base?” Duan Ling Tian’s frown deepened. An ominous feeling rose in his heart instantly.

“At the end of the month, when the rankings of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm resets, the terrains change as well. Based on what I know, the locations of the bases change as well. They never appear in the same location. Therefore, it’s pointless even if you remember the location of the base. You won’t be able to find it even if you follow the route when you enter the middle realm again. Now that I’ve explained everything clearly, you should understand what I mean, right?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. “I didn’t expect this. No wonder there’s no map of the bases.”

How could there be a map when the locations of the bases of the grade-six Celestial Mansions changed every month?

Suddenly, several voices rang in the air. Their tones were rather casual and not reverent or respectful like the tone the disciples and the elders used.

“Inspector Qi!”

Qi Tian Ming shook his head. “Well, well, well, these old fellows are here before the mansion master...” Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a smile, “Duan Ling Tian, these people are my old friends. Except for one of them, all of them are from the Three Sects and Two Clans.”

The Three Sects and Two Clans consisted of the Simplicity Celestial Sect, the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, the Coupling Celestial Sect, the Zhangsun Clan, and the Gongyang Clan.

At the entrance of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, Duan Ling Tian had met with several high-ranking officials from the Three Sects and Two Clans. One of them was Bihai Mingfeng, the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect and an inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion.

“They must have come over since they knew you’ve come out from the middle realm,” Qi Tian Ming said with absolute certainty.

Indeed, these people, inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion from the Three Sects and Two Clans, had come because of Duan Ling Tian. Currently, Duan Ling Tian was famous in the Profound Nether Mansion. The only people who had not heard of him were those in closed-door cultivation. These few

inspectors, like the others, were curious about Duan Ling Tian. Therefore, once they learned that Duan Ling Tian had come out from the middle realm, they immediately came to look for Qi Tian Ming. These inspectors were mostly old men from the same generation as Qi Tian Ming and had a good relationship with Qi Tian Ming. Therefore, they did not hesitate to look for Qi Tian Ming to satiate their curiosity. Moreover, they treated Duan Ling Tian kindly as well.

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, knew these few inspectors treated him kindly due to their good relationship with Qi Tian Ming. Apart from that, he knew it was also due to his performance in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and his achievements. After all, a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who had comprehended at least six profundities from the law of space before reaching 100 years old was more than enough to cause a stir in the Ten Major Clans and Top Five Clans in the Southern Heaven Territory, let alone a grade-six Celestial Mansion like the Profound Nether Mansion.

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Meanwhile, the Vice Leader of the Blood Skull Gang, Chen Yuan Shan, received a message.

“Duan Ling Tian, a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who’s suspected to have comprehended at least six profundities from the law of space before reaching the age of 100 has been brought to join the Profound Nether Mansion by Inspector Qi Tian Ming. Qi Tian Ming originally came from the Simplicity Celestial Sect.”

#### **Chapter 3144: The Middle Realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm Reopens**

As one of the top assassin organizations in the Southern Heaven Territory, the Blood Skull Gang’s intelligence was superior to the Ten Major Clans and Top Five Sects even if it was nowhere as strong.

“Duan Ling Tian is a Ten Directions Celestial Duke and has comprehended at least six profundities from the law of space? Most importantly, he’s not even 100 years old? He was recommended to join the Profound Nether Mansion by someone from the Simplicity Celestial Sect?” The expression of Chen Yuan Shan, the Vice Leader of the Blood Skull Gang, turned unsightly when he received this information. Although he was not sure if this genius from the Profound Nether Mansion was the same Duan Ling Tian from the Simplicity Celestial Sect whom his son, Chen Li, had agreed to assassinate, he had a strong feeling they were the same person. Although their target, Duan Ling Tian, and the Profound Nether Mansion’s Duan Ling Tian had a big difference in strength, he did not forget his target had been tricked by a reincarnated Celestial Emperor to be sacrificed to the tree of the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit. He knew the Heaven Sacrificial could help a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to break through and become a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. Moreover, rumor had it that the fruit would even help one to comprehend, at least, six profundities of a law.

“It’s too much of a coincidence. If Duan Ling Tian consumed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit, it makes sense that he’s Duan Ling Tian from the Profound Nether Mansion!” Chen Yuan Shan was certain of his speculation. However, to err on the side of caution, he decided to investigate Duan Ling Tian, the outer disciple of the Profound Nether Mansion.

“Once I confirm the two are the same person, I’ll have a word with my unfilial son! If Duan Ling Tian truly has become a disciple of the Profound Nether Mansion, coupled with his brilliant performance, the

Profound Nether Mansion would definitely look highly upon him. It'd be even more difficult for us to assassinate him. I can only hope I'm wrong and that they're not the same person." He was disinclined to believe there would be such coincidences, but he could not help but hope for the best.

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In the Profound Nether Mansion's estate.

After bidding the few inspectors farewell, Duan Ling Tian and Qi Tian Ming continued their conversation.

"Old Qi, you mentioned earlier that if I want to make it into the top 10, it's best for me to enter three days later... What's the reason for that?" Duan Ling Tian recalled Qi Tian Ming's earlier words. Qi Tian Ming's words alluded that there would be an advantage if he entered three days later, but he could not figure out what advantage he would gain.

"The first three days are like the time for people to accumulate points. When you enter three days later, you only need to eliminate a small group of people to obtain more points compared to entering as soon as the middle realm is opened," Qi Tian Ming explained.

Realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. Indeed, without Qi Tian Ming's explanation, he would not have thought about it. It was more efficient this way. He would be able to accumulate points faster with minimal work. After a while, he asked, "If that's the case, isn't three days too short?"

"You can wait a few more days if you want. However, the more time has passed, the number of people in there would dwindle. It'd be much more difficult for you to encounter people. Although you've only accumulated quite many points this time, I'm sure you've only encountered a few people, right?" Qi Tian Ming asked knowingly.

Duan Ling Tian promptly nodded. Indeed, he had only met a few people in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. In fact, it was mostly due to luck that he had encountered someone with many points and made it into the top 30.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Qi Tian Ming and returned to his room in the courtyard.

Qi Tian Ming had arranged for Duan Ling Tian to stay in a spacious courtyard with a beautiful scenery of plants and flowers.

During these three days, Duan Ling Tian planned to further comprehend the Transportation Profundity.

"At that time, it would've been impossible for me to breach his defenses if it weren't for the Transportation Profundity." Duan Ling Tian recalled his battle with the Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng a few days ago. He knew without the Transportation Profundity, he would not be able to breach Heng Feng's defenses since Heng Feng had comprehended the law of earth. "I only managed to go around his Defense Profundity due to the Transporting Formation. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to get past his defenses... Moreover, I haven't fully comprehended the Transporting Formation. If he was prepared and erected a shield around him with the Defense Profundity, my incomplete comprehension of the Transportation Profundity wouldn't be able to breach his shield at all..."

Duan Ling Tian knew if he were to encounter Heng Feng again, if Heng Feng was prepared, it would be impossible for him to breach Heng Feng's defenses again unless he had comprehended the

Transportation Profundity. For this reason, he immersed himself in comprehending the Transportation Profundity over the next three days.

Duan Ling Tian clearly knew that he was capable of eliminating Heng Feng mainly because of luck. If he were to meet Heng Feng again, it would be impossible for him to breach through his defense if he was well prepared!

“That’s unless I’ve fully comprehended the Teleportation Profundity, otherwise, it’s impossible to breach through Heng Feng’s defense.”

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“The middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm has been open for six days now. Why haven’t we seen Duan Ling Tian?”

Similar questions could be heard in the three sites of the Transporting Formations in the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate.

Since there were people constantly guarding the Transporting Formations when the middle realm was open, they knew Duan Ling Tian had yet to enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Heaven. Moreover, the scoreboard had been reset, but Duan Ling Tian’s name had not appeared.

Meanwhile, Zhou Hong Jie was now ranked at the 16th place, and Hua Xiao was ranked at the 14th place. Since the middle realm had only opened for six days, it was easy for them to rank in the top 20. Those who ranked in the top 30 would usually rank in the top 20 if they entered the middle realm on the first day it opened. In fact, there were some who even managed to make it into the top 10. However, it was difficult for them to maintain these rankings.

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Similarly, in other grade-six Celestial Mansions, many people were looking at the scoreboard as they discussed among themselves.

“Duan Ling Tian from the Profound Nether Mansion still hasn’t entered the middle realm?”

“Maybe... It’s not just him though. There are four people who ranked in the top 10 last month who aren’t on the scoreboard as well.”

“Duan Ling Tian entered late last month. I wonder if he’ll enter earlier this month. If so, I wonder if he’ll be able to make it into the top 20.”

“If he has really comprehended seven profundities from the law of space, it won’t be difficult for him to rank in the top 20. In fact, he might even rank in the top 10!”

“I really look forward to his performance!”

“How strange! I’m not a member of the Profound Nether Mansion and Duan Ling Tian’s performance has nothing to do with me. However, I’m excited about his performance.”

“Me too!”

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware that people from other grade-six Celestial Mansions were highly anticipating his performance in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. He only discovered six days had passed since the middle realm reopened after he left his room to look for Qi Tian Ming. Moreover, the person who was currently ranked first had already accumulated more than 100 points.

"I was afraid of disturbing your cultivation so I didn't notify you," Qi Tian Ming explained. Then, his eyes flashed with excitement as he asked, "So, do you plan to enter the middle realm today?"

Currently, the entire Profound Nether Mansion was anticipating Duan Ling Tian's performance in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm as well.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted. Six days had passed since the middle realm reopened. If he did not enter now, it would be more difficult for him to accumulate points.

### **Chapter 3145: We Meet Again**

"Duan Ling Tian's here!"

"So, he's Duan Ling Tian? Hey, it's true! He's not even 100 years old!"

"Is he really a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who has comprehended six profundities from the law of space before the age of 100? Is it even possible to achieve such a feat before the age of 100?"

A commotion broke out among the disciples of the Profound Nether Mansion as soon as Duan Ling Tian appeared in one of the sites of the Transporting Formations in the Profound Nether Mansion's estate. They had been waiting for Duan Ling Tian at the site all this time. After all, they knew Duan Ling Tian was staying with Qi Tian Ming on this island. Moreover, the previous time Duan Ling Tian had entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, he had used the Transporting Formation here. Therefore, most of them were certain he was going to use the Transporting Formation here again. Indeed, Duan Ling Tian's arrival proved their speculation right.

After Duan Ling Tian entered the main hall, he randomly made his way to one of the counters instead of going to the counter he went to previously. "Elder, I want to apply for an Accumulative Point Jade."

At the counter Duan Ling Tian had gone to previously, a new elder had replaced the elder who had previously attended to Duan Ling Tian. The new elder looked at Duan Ling Tian intently as he thought to himself, 'So, he's Duan Ling Tian?'

Meanwhile, the elder who was attending Duan Ling Tian smiled amicably as he asked, "Duan Ling Tian, your performance last month is remarkable! Are you confident about making it into the top 10 this month?"

"If I'm lucky, it shouldn't be difficult for me to rank at the top this month," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile as he reached out to take his Accumulative Point Jade from the elder.

Every month, participants who entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm were required to apply for a new Accumulative Point Jade. After spending ten days in the middle realm, the Accumulative Point Jade would shatter on its own and transport its owner out of the middle realm. Naturally, their points would not be affected by the Accumulative Point Jade's self-destruction. In another case, similar to Duan Ling Tian during his sojourn into the middle realm last month, one's Accumulative Point Jade would also shatter on its own before ten days were up when the middle realm closed at the end of the month.

"Rank at the top?" The elder's eyes widened upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words.

Those who heard Duan Ling Tian's words were stunned as well. They only regained their senses after Duan Ling Tian entered the Transporting Formation and was transported to the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Isn't Duan Ling Tian too arrogant? He said it shouldn't be difficult for him to rank at the top..."

"He's crazy! Although his innate talent and comprehension skills are heaven-defying, does he think the other Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the other grade-six Celestial Mansions are pushovers?"

"I wouldn't have any doubts if he had said these words after a few decades... However, he's still green now..."

"The same people have been dominating the top 6 places in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm over the last few years. Their ranks might change from time to time, but all of them have always ranked in the top 6. Recently, the person who's ranked first managed to maintain his rank for two consecutive months, right?"

"That's right. The six of them are equally strong. Fate and luck decide who ranks at the top. This year, all six of them have ranked first before."

"Although it'd be amazing if Duan Ling Tian manages to enter their circle, it's just unrealistic for him to rank first."

"I wonder where he gets his confidence from?"

After Duan Ling Tian left, those who heard his words shook their heads and discussed among themselves. All of them were of the opinion that Duan Ling Tian was too naive and optimistic. Those who heard about Duan Ling Tian's words from the others shook their heads disapprovingly as well. It was clear everyone doubted him. In their opinion, Duan Ling Tian might be able to rank in the top six if he had comprehended eight profundities, but even then, they thought it was impossible for him to rank first. To rank first, they thought Duan Ling Tian would need to comprehend all nine profundities from the law of space at least.

The disciples and elders of the Profound Nether Mansion were not the only ones who felt this way, but the people from the other grade-six Celestial Mansions shared the same opinion as well.

"Heng Feng has progressed tremendously! He just appeared on the scoreboard two days ago, but he has already entered the top 30 now!" someone suddenly exclaimed at this moment.

These words caused the elders and disciples of the Profound Nether Mansion present on the scene to fall silent. Naturally, they did not care about the progress of ordinary people, but Heng Feng was different. Previously, Heng Feng had just entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm before he was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian as soon as he stepped out of the base. It was undoubtedly Heng Feng's most devastating loss in the middle realm thus far. However, after his battle with Duan Ling Tian, he had successfully comprehended the seventh profundity from the law of earth. Prior to that, there was only one Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the Martial Battle Mansion who had comprehended seven profundities of a law.

There were rumors about this Ten Directions Celestial Duke that he was in the process of comprehending the eighth profundity and that he had already comprehended the eighth profundity and was in the process of comprehending the ninth profundity. Over the last year, although it was not consecutive, he had managed to rank first twice. These two feats were more than enough to prove his strength. He was in the circle of the top 6 Ten Directions Celestial Dukes who were considered the cream of the crop among the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in all grade-six Celestial Mansions in the Southern Heaven Territory.

"In such a short time, Heng Feng rose to 26th place?"

Not too long ago, Heng Feng was ranked 29th. However, in just a blink of an eye, he had risen to 26th place.

"Although Heng Feng has comprehended seven profundities, the profundities are from the law of earth. Defense is his forte, and speed is his weakness. Usually, his rank doesn't increase so fast since his opponents can easily escape from him," a disciple said.

"You're right. However, don't forget he can join forces with another person. As long as his partner is able to prevent their targets from escaping, it'd be easy for Heng Feng to eliminate his targets," an elder said.

"You have a point. As long as Heng Feng works with someone who has a fast speed, it won't be difficult for him to accumulate points."

"That's right. Moreover, it'd be a win-win situation. If their target is strong, joining forces would make it easier for them to eliminate their target."

"The middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm doesn't prohibit Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from working together... For Heng Feng, who has always been prideful, to work with another person, it seems like he's feeling ambitious this month!"

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Heng Feng's performance not only caught the attention of the people from the Profound Nether Mansion, but he caught the attention of the other grade-six Celestial Mansions as well.

"Did Heng Feng finally come to his senses and put his pride aside?"

“There’s a Ten Directions Celestial Duke In the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient who has comprehended seven profundities from the law of earth as well. In recent years, he managed to enter the top 10 by joining forces with another person. Heng Feng is probably trying to emulate his success...”

“Those strong and fast Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Martial Battle Mansion might look down on Heng Feng previously. However, now that Heng Feng has comprehended the seventh profundity, the law of earth’s Defense Profundity, they should be more than willing to work with him now.”

“The question is who is he working with? If he’s cooperating with Wan Qing Qing, there’s a high likelihood that he or Wan Qing Qing will rank in the top 10 this month!”

Last month, Wan Qing Qing ranked 17th in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Most importantly, she was a woman.

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In the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Above a forested mountain, a tall and muscular man smiled as he looked at the young woman next to him. “Junior Sister Qing, it’s your turn to collect the points next.”

The young woman was dressed in a simple green robe. Her long hair fell like a waterfall on her back, and she had such alluring delicate features that her surroundings seemed to dim in comparison. Her eyes shone with such coldness that it made her seem aloof. Upon hearing the tall and muscular man’s words, she nodded expressionlessly. All of a sudden, she looked ahead in the distance as though she had detected something.

Soon after, a person seemed to appear out of thin air. The newcomer looked at the tall and muscular man with a faint smile on his face as he said, “What a coincidence! We meet again!”

“It’s you!” the tall and muscular man exclaimed. His expression changed drastically when he saw the person who had eliminated him last month.

Meanwhile, the young lady’s expression turned grim when she heard the tall and muscular man’s words. After all, she knew only a handful of people in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm were capable of eliciting such a reaction from the tall and muscular man. Even she could not breach the tall and muscular man’s defenses. She sent a Voice Transmission to the tall and muscular man. “Who’s he?”

A hint of bitterness could be heard in the tall and muscular man’s voice as he replied through Voice Transmission, “Duan Ling Tian...”

### **Chapter 3146: Wan Qing Qing**

“Duan Ling Tian?!” The young woman narrowed her eyes when she looked at the purple figure in front of her. A hint of fear could be seen in the depths of her eyes. Six days ago, she was not even aware of the existence of Duan Ling Tian, an outer disciple of the Profound Nether Mansion. However, over the last six days, she had learned from her peers in the Martial Battle Mansion that he was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who was suspected of comprehending seven profundities from the law of space before



even reaching the age of 100! She had also naturally heard about how Heng Feng, a fellow disciple of the Martial Battle Mansion, had been eliminated by Duan Ling Tian shortly after Heng Feng had entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. During the battle, at the critical juncture, Heng Feng had comprehended the Defense Profundity, the seventh profundity from the law of earth. Based on this, one could see how formidable Duan Ling Tian was. A few days ago, Heng Feng had proposed to join forces with her to obtain more points in the middle realm. Moreover, he even promised that he would not surpass her ranking. Considering the fact that most people in the middle realm would not be able to breach Heng Feng's defenses, coupled with her speed, she knew they were suited to work together. Therefore, she agreed to join forces with Heng Feng. As they traveled together after entering the middle realm, Heng Feng had also recounted his experience of battling Duan Ling Tian to her, which made her further realize how formidable Duan Ling Tian was. It was out of her expectation that they would run into Duan Ling Tian, whom everyone had been fervently discussing, three days after entering the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Junior Sister Qing, take me with you and leave! We're no match for him!" Heng Feng hurriedly sent a Voice Transmission to Wan Qing Qing. He could sense Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness had locked onto him. It was not easy for him to come this far with Wan Qing Qing's help. He was reluctant to be eliminated so early, therefore, he did not hesitate to urge Wan Qing Qing to help him escape.

Swoosh!

Before Wan Qing Qing finished listening to Heng Feng's words, her body flickered, and she appeared next to Heng Feng before her afterimage even disappeared.

Swoosh!

In the next moment, a green light burst forth and shrouded Wan Qing Qing and Heng Feng. Like two streaks of green light, they shot away soon after. In terms of strength, she was no match for Heng Feng. However, speed-wise, she was superior to him. In fact, her speed was on par with the top six Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. This was also the main reason Heng Feng had chosen to collaborate with her.

"We just met, old friend, why are you in such a hurry to leave?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback when he saw the young woman bringing Heng Feng with her to escape. Her speed was so fast that it was comparable to his Teleportation Profundity.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian did not waste time and cast the Teleportation Profundity and other profundities from the law of space to boost his speed. Even with this, he could only barely catch up with Heng Feng and the young woman. Based on his current speed, he would need an hour to catch up to the duo.

'She's fast!' Duan Ling Tian was astonished by the young woman's speed as he chased after the duo. As he probed her with his Divine Consciousness, he thought to himself, 'Her speed is comparable to a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who has comprehended three movement profundities from the law of wind. However, she seems to have comprehended the law of wood. I wonder how someone who has comprehended the law of wood came to possess such speed. Even if she has comprehended all nine

profundities from the law of wood to the rudimentary stage, it would still be impossible for her to possess such speed, right?’

As Duan Ling Tian probed deeper, he discovered Wan Qing Qing’s speed seemed to come from another force, not the profundities she had comprehended. ‘Is her speed an inherent skill? After all, Celestial Talismans and Celestial Pills are prohibited in the middle realm. There’s no way her speed is from those things...’

Duan Ling Tian asked the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Metal, “Is it possible that her speed comes from the Clear Heavens Divine Wood, one of the Five Divine Elements?” Although the middle realm prohibited external help, it did not apply to the Five Divine Elements. He had confirmed this during his previous visit to the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. In fact, he also possessed a Clear Heavens Divine Wood, but it was in its first form. Since the Clear Heavens Divine Wood had not gained sentience, it was of no help to him at the moment.

The Chaos Divine Flame’s gruff voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind immediately. “No, if she’s using drawing power from the Clear Heavens Divine Wood, we would’ve sensed it.”

“No?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Wan Qing Qing intently. “So it must be an inherent skill like Ling Jue Yun’s power of blood.” He recalled Ling Jue Yun’s power of blood that Ling Jue Yun was born with. Naturally, inherent skills were not considered as external help.

“I didn’t expect him to be so fast!” Heng Feng could tell it would only be a matter of time before Duan Ling Tian caught up to them. He said decisively, “Junior Sister Qing, leave me behind and escape! Provided he didn’t conceal his strength previously, he should be slower than you.” He knew if Duan Ling Tian cast his profundities from the law of space to restrain them, both of them would not be able to escape at all. Therefore, he decisively told her to leave him behind.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was hot on the duo’s trails said, “Heng Feng, you only gave me a point last month. This time, I’m impressed and delighted by the points you’ve accumulated!” Previously, he only obtained one point from Heng Feng since he eliminated Heng Feng when Heng Feng had just entered the middle realm. This time, before he entered the middle realm, he saw Heng Feng had already accumulated more than 20 points and was ranked 29th on the scoreboard. He was unaware that after he entered the middle realm, Heng Feng had eliminated a Ten Directions Celestial Duke with Wang Qing Qing’s help. Therefore, currently, Heng Feng had accumulated 33 points and was ranked 26th on the scoreboard.

Duan Ling Tian who had been surprised by Wan Qing Qing’s speed continued to say, “You must have joined forces with this person, right? Based on her speed, she’ll definitely be able to help you break into the top 20! However, I don’t remember seeing the name of a female disciple from the Martial Battle Mansion on the scoreboard before I entered the middle realm... This means she hasn’t obtained any points, right?”

Duan Ling Tian, who possessed a good memory, had committed the names on the scoreboard to memory. Among the hundred names he remembered, only two names were from the Martial Battle Mansion. Apart from Heng Feng, the other name was clearly masculine. It was obvious it was not the

young woman's name. Since it was impossible for Heng Feng to work with someone from other grade-six Celestial Mansions, he knew the young woman had to be from the Martial Battle Mansion and had yet to gain any points. As he looked at the young woman who was helping Heng Feng escape, he speculated inwardly, 'Last month, there were three participants from the Martial Battle Mansion who were ranked on the scoreboard. One of them is currently ranked fourth, the other person is Heng Feng, and the final person from the Martial Battle Mansion is Wan Qing Qing. The name is clearly feminine. I'm sure this young woman is Wan Qing Qing...'

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Earth's voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Boy, if it's possible, you should join forces with the young woman. Although we can increase the strength of your attacks, there's not much we can do to boost your speed. Both of you are suited to work together in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm."

The Profound Divine Metal chimed in, "I agree. You should collaborate with her." It was rare for the Profound Divine Metal to agree with the Chaos Divine Earth.

"Collaborate with her? Alright!" Upon hearing the Chaos Divine Earth and the Profound Divine Metal's words, Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up. If the two Divine Elements did not voice their opinions, it would not have crossed his mind to work with the young woman. Although his speed was fast, he might not be able to catch up with opponents whose forte was speed in the middle realm. Let alone those who have comprehended three movement profundities from the law of wind, he might not even be able to catch up with those who comprehended two movement profundities from the law of wind.

Meanwhile, upon hearing Heng Feng's words and after seeing Duan Ling Tian was drawing closer and closer, Wan Qing Qing did not hesitate to heed Heng Feng's words.

Swoosh!

As soon as Wan Qing Qing dropped Heng Feng, her speed increased by a level. She shot forward like a fired arrow before she disappeared from Duan Ling Tian's sight.

Heng Feng hovered in the air calmly with a wry smile on his face as he waited for Duan Ling Tian's arrival.

### **Chapter 3147: Duan Ling Tian and Heng Feng Battles Again**

Heng Feng already had a battle plan in mind before Duan Ling Tian arrived. Drawing from his previous mistakes and experience, he cast the law of earth's Rock Style Profundity, Crystal Barrier Profundity, and Defense Profundity. After he cast the Crystal Barrier Profundity, what seemed like crystal armor appeared on his body. At the same time, his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the Earth Elemental Profundity had reached its peak, and he could easily cast another three profundities from the law of earth at a moment's notice. Apart from the three profundities he had just cast and the Earth Elemental Profundity, he had comprehended the Shake Profundity, the Gravitational Space Profundity, and the Recovery Profundity as well.

As Heng Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian who was standing across from him, he smiled wryly and said, "Duan Ling Tian, I didn't expect I'd be so unlucky to run into you again three days after entering the middle realm... How long has it been since you entered the middle realm?"

"I just entered not too long ago. You and your partner are the first people I encountered after entering the middle realm," Duan Ling Tian said with a shrug.

'He just entered? And we're the first people he ran into?' Heng Feng's heart sank upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. Previously, Duan Ling Tian was the first person he encountered after entering the middle realm. Now, he was the first person Duan Ling Tian encountered after entering the middle realm. What sort of luck was this?

Duan Ling Tian did not seem to pay attention to Heng Feng who was ready to attack or defend. Instead, he asked, "Heng Feng, that young woman with an incredible speed is your Martial Battle Mansion's Wan Qing Qing, right?" Since he clearly remembered the names of those who ranked in the top 30 last month, he knew that Wan Qing Qing had ranked 17th previously.

"You're right." Heng Feng nodded. Then, he scoffed before he said confidently, "However, you might as well give up if you intend to eliminate her. Her speed is comparable to the strongest Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Only a few people can match her speed. It's impossible for you to catch her."

After witnessing Wan Qing Qing's speed, Duan Ling Tian did not doubt Heng Feng's words. If Wan Qing Qing wanted to escape, he had no way to catch up to her. He looked at Heng Feng as he asked, "If I'm not mistaken, she has already helped you to obtain points, but you've yet to return the favor, right? Don't you feel guilty about not being able to return the favor?"

Duan Ling Tian's words seemed to affect Heng Feng deeply. His expression was rather unsightly after he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. Indeed, he felt guilty. Without Wan Qing Qing's help, he would not have been able to accumulate so many points in just a few short days. Alas, before he could return the favor, they ran into Duan Ling Tian. In the end, he scoffed before he said, "I'll return the favor after I'm done with you!"

A faint smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face as he narrowed his eyes. "It seems like she hasn't left..." It was not difficult for him to figure out that Wan Qing Qing was lingering nearby. He had a hunch Wan Qing Qing would not really leave Heng Feng behind. Moreover, with her speed, as long as she was prepared, she could easily escape from him again. He would not have watched her leave without asking her to collaborate if she really left.

Heng Feng sneered. "What can you do even if you know she hasn't left? Do you think you'll be able to catch her?"

Duan Ling Tian did not answer Heng Feng's question. Instead, he asked with a smile on his face, "Heng Feng, do you want to crush your Accumulative Point Jade or do you want me to help you?"

"Previously, you only managed to defeat me because I didn't expect you to have comprehended the law of space's Transportation Profundity as well. I have to say I'm not sure if you've comprehended the Transportation Profundity or if you're still in the process of comprehending it. However, if you haven't fully comprehended it, your attack won't be able to breach my Defense Profundity and Crystal Barrier Profundity," Heng Feng said in a lowered voice. He knew there was a huge difference between completely comprehending a profundity and only grasping the basics of a profundity. He had researched the Transportation Profundity a few days ago as well. After mulling over it, he thought there was a high

chance that Duan Ling Tian only had a basic comprehension of the Transportation Profundity. If he was right, he would be able to defend himself against Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was slightly startled by Heng Feng's words. He said bluntly, "I didn't expect you to be so astute. You're right. I only have a basic comprehension of the Transportation Profundity. Since you cast the Defense Profundity to boost the Crystal Barrier Profundity, I really can't breach your defenses..."

Heng Feng's eyes flashed as the corners of his lips curled into a smile, "Well, at least you know that..." He looked into the distance before he boosted his voice with Celestial Origin Energy and called out, "Junior Sister Qing, you can come back now!"

Swoosh!

A green figure appeared in the distance almost immediately.

This was the first time Duan Ling Tian had a good look at Wan Qing Qing. She was rather pretty with her long black hair and curvaceous figure. In fact, her beauty was comparable to his two wives. When his eyes met hers, time seemed to stand still. He only recovered his senses when Heng Feng broke the silence.

"Junior Sister Qing, Duan Ling Tian's unable to breach my defenses. Let's eliminate him together!" Heng Feng said with a hint of excitement as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. This was his chance to redeem himself! Then, he added after a moment, "However, I'm not sure if he still has any trick up his sleeves. If he manages to breach my defenses, you must leave immediately. Whatever I owe you, I'll definitely repay in the future."

Wan Qing Qing nodded slightly in response.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Wan Qing Qing with a smile on his face and said, "Senior Sister Wan, if I'm unable to breach Heng Feng's defense, you can join forces with him to eliminate me. However, if I'm able to breach his defenses, please don't leave in a hurry. Why don't we work together? I can guarantee that if both of us work together, you'll make it into the top 10."

Heng Feng and Wan Qing Qing were taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's proposal to join forces.

Heng Feng scoffed. He said confidently, as though he could read Duan Ling Tian's mind, "Duan Ling Tian, are you trying to trick my junior sister so you can eliminate her?"

"How many points has she accumulated? Do you think it's worth it for me to eliminate her when I can work with her? If you were in my shoes, would you eliminate her?" Duan Ling Tian replied as he glanced at Heng Feng.

Heng Feng was rendered speechless by Duan Ling Tian's words. Indeed, it was meaningless for Duan Ling Tian to eliminate Wan Qing Qing who only had one point at the moment.

At this moment, Wan Qing Qing said nonchalantly, "The three of us can work together."

"He has no value to me as far as I'm concerned. Moreover, it's not efficient to distribute the points three ways," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Wan Qing Qing replied coldly, "I won't join forces with you if you eliminate him."

"Regardless if you join forces with me or not, I'm still going to eliminate him. Although you'd help me gain points faster, it's not like I can't do without you," Duan Ling Tian said domineeringly. Despite his words, he admired Wan Qing Qing's attitude. However, he was unwilling to compromise.

"You!" Wan Qing Qing was infuriated by Duan Ling Tian's words. This was the first time she was treated in such a manner by a man.

Heng Feng snorted. "Duan Ling Tian, you'll have to breach my defenses if you want to eliminate me. Otherwise, you'll be the one who's eliminated!" As soon as he finished speaking, he charged toward Duan Ling Tian like a rampaging bull. At the same time, he sent a Voice Transmission to Wan Qing Qing in an attempt to persuade her. "Junior Sister Qing, if Duan Ling Tian manages to eliminate me, you should join forces with him. Although I don't know him well, I have a good eye when it comes to judging people. He's not the type that will renege on his promise. Perhaps, with his help, you'll be able to make it into the top 10 this time."

"We'll see if he's capable of breaching your defense," Wan Qing Qing replied.

Duan Ling Tian said flippantly with a smile on his face, "Since you're confident about your defenses, I won't use the Teleportation Profundity, and I'll breach your defenses with just one strike!"

Heng Feng's heart skipped a beat upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. 'He's not going to use the Teleportation Profundity? Is it possible that he has comprehended another two profundities from the law of space?' Previously, he had seen Duan Ling Tian cast seven profundities from the law of space, including the Transportation Profundity. Based on Duan Ling Tian's confident words, he could not help thinking that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended another two profundities from the law of space. Alarmed, he quickly cast all the profundities he had comprehended from the law of earth. He was afraid that Duan Ling Tian would attack before he could even make his move. After all, the law of space was unpredictable. "Gravitational Space Profundity! Shake Profundity! Recovery Profundity!"

### **Chapter 3148: History Repeats Itself**

Faced with Heng Feng's fierce attack, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of using the Teleportation Profundity just like he had said. The space within a 10-meter radius around him began to ripple and distort in just a blink of an eye. In just a blink of an eye, he had cast the law of space's Territory Profundity and Distortion Profundity of the law of space.

"Restraining Profundity!" As soon as Heng Feng entered the distorted space, Duan Ling Tian mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the Space Elemental Profundity to restrain Heng Feng.

"Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity!" In the next moment, a grey sword ray shot out of a spatial tear that had appeared in the void. It cut across the sky as easily nullified Heng Feng's attack. Its strength did not diminish, boosted by the Territory Profundity, the Distortion Profundity, and the Restraining Profundity. In fact, its strength seemed to have doubled as it continued on its trajectory.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Meanwhile, Heng Feng cast the law of earth's Gravitational Space Profundity and the Shake Profundity. Rock pillars appeared and formed a barrier, separating him from Duan Ling Tian. The energy from the rock pillars repelled the incoming energy from the other side. It was clear he had been prepared for this. He had switched his strategy and focused entirely on his defenses as he waited for Duan Ling Tian to attack. His mind was completely focused on the rock pillars; he would not allow himself to be distracted. He was prepared to shift the rock pillars if Duan Ling Tian were to transport or teleport his attack to another direction. He did not think Duan Ling Tian would refrain from using the Teleportation Profundity at all.

"Senior Chaos Divine Flame, Senior Profound Divine Metal, please help me!" Duan Ling Tian said. He wanted the two Divine Elements to boost the grey sword rays that had shot out of the spatial tear.

At the end of his words, two streaks of energies shot out from his body and merged with the attack from the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity. A dazzling golden flame shrouded the grey sword ray immediately. It was visually impactful!

"What technique is this?" Wan Qing Qing who was watching from afar was shocked upon seeing this.

At this moment, Heng Feng's heart skipped a beat. He had also noticed there was something different about this attack from the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity. It was different from Duan Ling Tian's previous attack. 'He really concealed his true strength before this!'

Heng Feng could tell the golden flame that shrouded the grey sword ray was not from any profundities from the law of space. Therefore, he assumed this was Duan Ling Tian's inherent skill similar to how Wan Qing Qing's speed was an inherent skill that she was born with.

Wan Qing Qing's original form was a Celestial Grass, the Gale Grass, in a canyon in the Southern Heaven Territory. Due to a fortuitous encounter, she gained a human form and began to walk on the path of cultivation. Since her original form was that of a plant, her comprehension of the law of wood was high and her cultivation speed was fast compared to humans. Most importantly, she had an inherent skill due to her origin as a Gale Grass that was called the Gale after she gained a human form. Her current speed from her inherent skill was comparable to three movement profundities from the law of wind. However, she was not able to further boost her speed with the profundities from the law of wood. Even then, her speed was superior to most of her peers.

For all these reasons, Heng Feng assumed Duan Ling Tian had an inherent skill as well. He thought to himself, 'Duan Ling Tian must not be human...'

At this moment, Heng Feng was under immense pressure. His heart raced wildly in his heart when he recalled Duan Ling Tian's confidence and his speculation about Duan Ling Tian being a foreign being. He forced himself to calm down as his eyes flashed with determination. 'Calm down... Even if he has an inherent skill, it might not be able to breach my defenses!'

"Heng Feng, prepare yourself. My attack will land in three breaths." Duan Ling Tian raised a hand. The grey sword ray shrouded in golden flames seemed to increase in strength and speed.

Heng Feng was infuriated upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. He felt humiliated. He retorted, "Duan Ling Tian, I'd love to see if your performance matches your confidence!"

In just a blink of an eye, three breaths had passed.

Buzz!

Duan Ling Tian swung his arm. The grey sword ray released by the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity shot toward Heng Feng's first line of defense, the rock pillars that were strengthened by the Earth Elemental Profundity, the Gravitational Space Profundity, and the Shake Profundity.

Meanwhile, Wan Qing Qing looked at the grey sword ray unblinkingly. She could not tear her eyes away from it at all. The void shook in the grey sword ray's wake. She watched as the grey sword ray landed on Heng Feng's first line of defense before destroying it.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Even with the reinforcement from the Gravitational Space Profundity, the Shake Profundity, and the Earth Elemental Profundity, the grey sword ray cut through the rock pillars like a hot knife through butter.

Although the rock pillars Heng Feng had manifested were rather impressive, their defensive strength was incomparable to the Defense Profundity nor the Crystal Barrier Profundity from the law of earth. It was, at most, comparable to the defensive strength of the Rock Style Profundity. Nevertheless, Heng Feng's expression changed drastically as he watched his first line of defense crumble in just a blink of an eye. Only he alone knew even the Recovery Profundity was not fast enough to restore the rock pillars.

Swoosh!

The grey sword ray continued on its course toward Heng Feng. Upon closer inspection, one would be able to see the golden flame surrounding it had dimmed. It was obvious Heng Feng's first line of defense had exhausted some of its power. Soon after, it finally landed on the crystal armor that he had manifested and boosted using the Crystal Barrier Profundity and the Defensive Profundity, the two main defensive profundities from the law of earth.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

After a short stalemate, the grey sword ray pierced through the crystal armor that had been strengthened with the Defensive Profundity. After a short standoff, the grey sword ray destroyed the seals on the crystal armor. With that, the grey sword ray had successfully breached the Defense Profundity. However, the golden flame around the grey dimmed even further. It looked as though it was going to vanish at any moment.

"No!" Heng Feng cried out as his expression changed dramatically. He discovered that although the golden flame seemed as though it was going to disappear due to exhaustion, the grey sword ray's power was not exhausted at all! Even after breaching his first line of defense and the seals from the Defensive Profundity, the golden flame, weak as it might be, had not died out. Moreover, the grey sword ray still had its full strength! Heavens! What kind of power was this? The power of this attack was not inferior to the combined power of two main offensive profundities at all. In fact, this attack might be even stronger!



Buzz!

After breaching the Defense Profundity, the grey sword ray met with the layer of crystal from the Crystal Barrier Profundity. As a few fine cracks appeared on the crystal, the golden flame finally vanished. The powers that the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal had released had been exhausted. All that remained was the power from the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity.

Crack! Crack! Crack! Crack! Crack!

History repeated itself; the scene from their previous battle was reenacted. Heng Feng's crystal barrier was about to be destroyed, and his Rock Style Profundity was rendered useless.

The grey sword ray left a shallow cut on Heng Feng's body before Duan Ling Tian teleported it away to spare Heng Feng's life.

Wan Qing Qing's eyes widened imperceptibly as she watched this scene unfold. Her expression remained frosty, but her eyes lit up as she thought to herself, 'Such a formidable attack... Even those in the top six aren't capable of something like this, right? If I work with him, I don't have to fear encountering them at all...'

#### **Chapter 3149: Distribution Plan**

After Duan Ling Tian breached the defenses from the law of earth's Defense Profundity, the Crystal Barrier Profundity, and the Rock Style Profundity, Heng Feng hastily cast the Recovery Profundity. Alas, the speed of recovery could not keep up with the speed of destruction. With this, he could only watch as history repeated itself. If Duan Ling Tian did not show mercy, he would have died.

"Thank you." Previously, Heng Feng had been caught unaware and was defeated by Duan Ling Tian. However, this time, he had been fully prepared but was still defeated. For this reason, he accepted his loss this time. He thanked Duan Ling Tian for sparing his life before he brought his Accumulative Point Jade out. Before he crushed his Accumulative Point Jade, he looked at Wan Qing Qing who was standing in the distance and said, "Junior Sister Qing Qing, I owe you this time. In any case, I hope you'll consider working with Duan Ling Tian. You've seen his strength. Coupled with your speed and agility, both of you will have a chance of eliminating those six people from the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm." Without waiting for Wan Qing Qing's reply, he shattered his Accumulative Point Jade.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised when he saw the 33 points he had gained from Heng Feng. Coupled with the one point he had, he now had 34 points. After a moment, he lifted his head and looked at Wan Qing Qing who was still standing in the distance. "Looks like you and Heng Feng have been busy before I entered the middle realm... Anyway, have you made up your mind? Are you going to join forces with me?"

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Meanwhile, as soon as Heng Feng crushed his Accumulative Point Jade, people from various grade-six Celestial Mansions who had been keeping an eye on the scoreboard instantly noticed the change; the Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng had disappeared from the 25th place on the scoreboard and was replaced by another person! Their eyes widened in shock when they saw the new name.

"D-duan Ling Tian?!"

The Profound Nether Mansion's Duan Ling Tian was not on the scoreboard earlier. However, as soon as he made an appearance, he eliminated Heng Feng and directly entered the top 30! How could everyone not feel shocked?

"Based on what I heard, the Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian last month... He's really unlucky to run into Duan Ling Tian again!"

"Last month, Heng Feng was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian as soon as he entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Duan Ling Tian only obtained one point from him at that time. This time, he's defeated by Duan Ling Tian again, and Duan Ling Tian managed to gain 33 points from him."

"Heng Feng had accumulated so many points, but they've all gone to Duan Ling Tian... He must be filled with resentment now..."

"The Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng is really unlucky!"

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Meanwhile, there was an uproar in all three sites of the Transporting Formations in the Profound Nether Mansion's estate.

"Duan Ling Tian just entered the middle realm a few hours ago, but he has already made it into the top 30?"

"Is this a joke? Is... is it possible that the Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng is helping Duan Ling Tian to cheat?"

"Cheating? Impossible! Last month, Heng Feng was eliminated when he only had one point. What's the point of cheating over one point?"

"After Heng Feng was defeated last month, he revealed that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended seven profundities from the law of space. Now that he's eliminated again by Duan Ling Tian, it proves that Duan Ling Tian is stronger than him."

"Heng Feng must have joined forces with someone earlier to accumulate so many points in such a short time... I wonder if Heng Feng's ally was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian as well..."

"Well, if his ally is Wan Qing Qing, I don't think Duan Ling Tian is capable of eliminating her."

Within the day, news of Duan Ling Tian entering the top 30 reached Qi Tian Ming. His eyes were gleaming with excitement as he thought to himself, 'Good job, boy! I thought he'd be behind since he entered the middle realm rather late... Who knew he'd gain so many points in such a short time!'

It was a disadvantage to enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm six days after it opened. If one was unlucky, regardless of how strong one was, it would be difficult for one to make it into the top 10 on the scoreboard. Therefore, after receiving the news that Duan Ling Tian had gained so many points and entered the top 30, Qi Tian Ming felt immensely relieved. He muttered to himself, "Based on the current situation, it shouldn't be difficult for him to rank in the top 10..."

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In the Martial Battle Mansion's estate.

Heng Feng's appearance in the Transporting Formation drew the attention of the mansion's elders and disciples. However, after a moment, all of them quickly shifted their eyes to the scoreboard. Naturally, there was an uproar when they saw the name that replaced Heng Feng on the scoreboard.

"It's Duan Ling Tian again?!"

"Heng Feng, didn't you join forces with Wan Qing Qing this time around? How did the Profound Nether Mansion's Duan Ling Tian manage to eliminate you?"

"Where's Wan Qing Qing? Isn't she eliminated?"

"How's that possible? Can ordinary people catch up to Wan Qing Qing? As strong as Duan Ling Tian is, he might not be able to match Wan Qing Qing's speed."

"You have a point."

Heng Feng could only smile bitterly when he heard the conversations in his surroundings. He had no one to blame but his inferior strength.

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In the Han Qing Mansion's estate.

At this time, Liu Ji had also received news of Duan Ling Tian ranking in the top 30 after entering the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Duan Ling Tian has already entered the middle realm? He's rather lucky to encounter the Martial Battle Mansion's Heng Feng and obtain 33 points... I guess it's time for me to enter the middle realm as well..."

Liu Ji had yet to enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm because he was waiting for Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, he knew he might not run into Duan Ling Tian even if both of them were in the middle realm at the same time. However, as long as they were both in the middle realm, there was still a chance of them meeting. He still felt humiliated when he recalled how he was defeated by Duan Ling Tian last month due to his own carelessness. He was determined to seek revenge this month!

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In the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Wan Qing Qing did not instantly agree to join forces with Duan Ling Tian. Instead, she asked, "How do you propose we distribute the points after we join forces?"

Duan Ling Tian mulled over the question for a moment before he replied, "Don't worry, I won't take advantage of you... When meeting opponents whom we are able to defeat on our own, we'll take turns obtaining their points. However, if we meet opponents whom I'm able to defeat on my own but you're incapable of defeating, their points will go to me. The reverse applies. If we encounter opponents whom you're able to defeat on your own but I'm incapable of defeating on my own, their points will go to you... Do you agree with this?"

"I agree." Wan Qing Qing was slightly surprised. She had assumed Duan Ling Tian would propose a plan that would be disadvantageous to her. However, after listening to his words, she found his suggestion fair. Moreover, she could tell he was sincere about working together, therefore, she agreed to it. Naturally, she was still wary of him. Since she and Heng Feng were both from the Martial Battle Mansion, they wouldn't be able to gain points from each other. As such, there was no need to be wary of each other. However, it was different joining forces with Duan Ling Tian. Since they were able to gain points from each other, there was always a chance of betrayal.

After Wan Qing Qing agreed to work together, Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly as he said, "If you covet my points and attack me at any point while we're allies, don't blame me for being heartless..."

Upon hearing these words, Wan Qing Qing scoffed. "I will definitely honor my words. Similarly, if you betray our alliance, I will let everyone know how despicable you are once I leave the middle realm! At that time, your reputation will be tarnished! I might not be able to kill you, but I won't have a problem escaping from you. At that time, no one will dare to join forces with you except for the people from the Profound Nether Mansion..."

"You won't have such an opportunity," Duan Ling Tian said lightly.

Upon hearing these words, Wan Qing Qing grew nervous. "What do you mean?"

Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. As though he could read her mind, he said, "What do you think I mean? Let me guess, you think I'll kill you to silence you after obtaining your points?" He chuckled before he continued to say, "Relax... What I mean is you won't have an opportunity to tarnish my reputation since I don't have any intention of betraying our alliance..."

Wan Qing Qing heaved a sigh of relief inwardly. Her instincts told her Duan Ling Tian was a trustworthy person. Moreover, Heng Feng also felt that Duan Ling Tian was trustworthy. Otherwise, she would not risk joining forces with Duan Ling Tian. After all, he was much stronger than her. If he were to betray her, there was nothing she could do.

After that, both of them did not waste time and continued roaming the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

As they traveled, Wan Qing Qing maintained a safe distance from Duan Ling Tian. In case Duan Ling Tian attacked, at least, she would have a chance of escaping. Although she somewhat trusted him, she still could not completely let down her guard.

At this moment, she asked, "Are you really an outer court disciple in the Profound Nether Mansion?"

"That's right." Duan Ling Tian showed her his identity token that was hanging from his waist. Then, he asked teasingly, "Why are you maintaining such a distance between us? Are you afraid that I'll eat you?"

### **Chapter 3150: Wan Qing Qing is Shocked**

"I forgot to ask... How many points do you have at the moment? I didn't see your name on the scoreboard when I entered," Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

Wan Qing Qing was not embarrassed and replied truthfully, "One."

“One?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback. Heng Feng had 33 points while Wan Qing Qing only had one point. This meant that all the people whom the duo from the Martial Battle Mansion had eliminated had gone to Heng Feng. “So all the points from the people you and Heng Feng eliminated went to Heng Feng? How did both of you plan to distribute the points?”

“He said that as long as he has 100 points, the rest of the points would be mine,” Wan Qing Qing said. When Heng Feng had first proposed this idea, she felt the deal was advantageous to her. After all, as long as it was not those six people, almost no one could eliminate them if they joined forces. In fact, if they were lucky, it was not impossible for them to obtain 300 or 400 points. In fact, they might even gain more than that. However, she did not expect that Heng Feng would be eliminated before he even obtained 100 points. Moreover, she did not even gain one point from Heng Feng. She felt rather frustrated when she thought about this.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Wan Qing Qing and speculated out loud, “If I’m not mistaken, you must have been rather pleased by his suggestion, right? You thought you got the long end of the stick, right?”

“Yes.” Wan Qing Qing smiled bitterly.

After that, Duan Ling Tian and Wan Qing Qing no longer spoke.

They traveled silently for half an hour before Duan Ling Tian spoke up again. “From what I know, there’s someone quite powerful from the Martial Battle Mansion, right? He was ranked fifth last month...”

“You’re talking about Wang Tai?” Wan Qing Qing said.

“That’s right.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“Wang Tai is an inner court disciple of the Martial Battle Mansion. His strength and cultivation base are profound. Over the last few decades, he has consistently ranked in the top 10. In the last ten year, his rank has risen to the top six. Since then, his rank has never fallen beyond the sixth place,” Wan Qing Qing said.

“Before entering the middle realm, I heard people saying that the top six places are occupied by the same people for the past few years...” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted as he said, “Wang Tai aside, those five must be pretty strong as well...”

“I’m not sure about the extent of their strength, but I know I’m no match for them... I have met all six of them in the middle realm at some point or other,” Wan Qing Qing said as she shook her head.

“Well, Wang Tai is from the Martial Battle Mansion so he won’t attack you... What about the others? How powerful are they?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“Like I said, I’m no match for them. They’re all far stronger than me. Most importantly, their speed is not inferior to mine. If I encounter them, I’d surrender and crush my Accumulative Point Jade,” Wan Qing Qing said with a sigh.

Duan Ling Tian had expected as much. Since those six people had consistently occupied the top six places over the past few years, their strength was definitely not ordinary. However, he was surprised to hear that their speed was not inferior to Wan Qing Qing’s speed. This meant that even if he could defeat them, he could only watch if they fled. He knew his speed was his shortcoming. Currently, his speed

depended solely on the law of space's Teleportation Profundity. Although the Chaos Divine Flame, the Profound Divine Metal, and the Chaos Divine Earth could help him in a battle, they could only boost his attacks. They were unable to boost his speed.

'Unless I completely comprehend the law of space's Transportation Formation to the rudimentary stage, my speed would be inferior to those people.' The Transportation Profundity and the Teleportation Profundity from the law of space complemented each other. If Duan Ling Tian comprehended the two profundities, his speed would be comparable to those who had comprehended three movement profundities from the law of wind. Based on this, one could see how the law of space, or any of the Four Supreme Laws, was superior to ordinary laws. Two movement profundities from the law of space were comparable to three movement profundities from the law of wind.

'Regardless, things might go differently now that I joined forces with Wan Qing Qing... Even if we encounter any one of those six people, with her speed and her comprehension of the law of wood, which is an assistive law, she should be able to hold them back and prevent them from escaping while I strike...' Apart from Wan Qing Qing's speed, another reason Duan Ling Tian had chosen to join forces with her was due to her comprehension of the law of wood. If she had comprehended the law of wind, even with her incredible speed, he would not be interested in joining forces with her. After all, even if she was fast and could catch up to her opponent, if she had comprehended the law of wind, she would have a tough time restraining her opponents.

"Well, if we encounter any of them, I'll help you get even." Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as they flashed coldly.

Upon hearing these words, Wan Qing Qing's eyes lit up. Although she did not run into those people often, every time they met, she would end up in a miserable state. In fact, two of those people would always verbally harass her. However, due to her inferior strength, there was nothing she could do even if she loathed them.

At this moment, an idea appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind. He quickly said, "Wan Qing Qing, why don't we make a deal? Why don't you lead me to the Martial Battle Mansion's base?" Previously, he had waited outside the Martial Battle Mansion and gained many points as a result. Unfortunately, the positions of the grade-six Celestial Mansions' bases in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm would change every month so he was unable to return to the Martial Battle Mansion's base. However, with Wan Qing Qing leading the way, he would have no problem finding the Martial Battle Mansion's base. Disciples of the mansions they belonged to would be able to find their mansions' bases, after all. Similarly, he knew where the Profound Nether Mansion's base was located in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Unless he was forcefully ejected when the allocated ten days were up or if he crushed his Accumulative Point Jade, if he wanted to leave, he would have to return to the base and use the Transporting Formation there to return to the Profound Nether Mansion's estate.

"What? You're thinking of waiting outside the Martial Battle Mansion's base?" Wan Qing Qing's expression changed slightly as she shook her head decisively. "Impossible! I won't lead you there. I'd be betraying the Martial Battle Mansion if I do that, and I'd rather die than betray the Martial Battle Mansion." Her actual form was a Gale Grass. If it were not for the Martial Battle Mansion's care, she

would not have everything she had now. Perhaps, she was not originally human so she was purer compared to humans. Her sense of gratitude was incredibly strong.

Previously, Wan Qing Qing had heard how Duan Ling Tian had waited outside the Martial Battle Mansion's base and eliminated roughly a dozen disciples. It was a humiliation for the Martial Battle Mansion. Therefore, there were many disciples who wanted to retaliate and seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian. She knew very well that everyone who walked out of the Martial Battle Mansion's base, except for Wang Tai, would be eliminated if she brought Duan Ling Tian there.

"It's fine if you're unwilling..." Upon hearing Wan Qing Qing's vehement refusal, Duan Ling Tian did not force the issue. He just felt that it was a waste since he could easily gain points with the method.

At this moment, Wan Qing Qing suddenly said, "Although I can't and won't lead you to the Martial Battle Mansion's base, I can lead you to the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. Heng Feng and I passed by the base two days ago."

Duan Ling Tian was pleasantly surprised when he heard these words. His eyes lit up. He did not expect Wan Qing Qing would know the location of another grade-six Celestial Mansion's base. "The Fire Glaze Mansion's base?"

Wan Qing Qing was unwilling to lead Duan Ling Tian to the Martial Battle Mansion's base since she did not want to betray the mansion. However, she should have no qualms about leading him to the Fire Glaze Mansion's base, right?

"I can lead you there if that's what you want. However, I'll be upfront with you; I won't reveal myself nor will I help you while you wait outside their base," Wan Qing Qing said. To wait outside a grade-six Celestial Mansion's base and attack their disciples were tantamount to blatantly provoking the Celestial Mansion. She was not willing to offend a grade-six Celestial Mansion for no good reason.

"That's fine with me," Duan Ling Tian said eagerly, "I'll deal with them on my own, and you can just hide at the side. So can you lead me there now?" Even if everyone who came out from the Fire Glaze Mansion's base only had one point, he would still gain a lot of points.

There were, at least, tens of thousands of people from various grade-six Celestial Mansions who entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm every month. On average, there were at least a few hundred people from a Celestial Mansion who would enter the middle realm. Most of them would enter the middle realm during the first half of the month. There would be no less than twenty people exiting the base during this time.

"Celestial Talismans, including the Communication Celestial Talismans, can't be used in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. However, I'm sure people have other means of communicating with one another. If word spread from outside to inside the Fire Glaze Mansion's base, I'm sure more disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion would charge out indignantly. At that time, I'd be able to gain even more points!" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as his eyes shone in anticipation.

Upon hearing these words, Wan Qing Qing exclaimed in horror, "What?! You're planning to do that so openly?" Her cold and indifferent expression had vanished at this moment. She felt this outer court disciple from the Profound Nether Mansion was crazy! His action would make him the enemy of all the

Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Fire Glaze Mansion in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven  
Ancient Realm!