

Chapter 3151: He's Duan Ling Tian!

At this moment, Wan Qing Qing felt slightly regretful; she regretted revealing to Duan Ling Tian that she was privy to the location of the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. She had assumed Duan Ling Tian was going to wait outside the base and silently eliminate those who came out. Who knew he was going to do it so openly so that he could lure those from the Fire Glaze Mansion's base out?

If she did not join forces with Duan Ling Tian, she would not care less about Duan Ling Tian's plan. Even if groups of disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion attacked him and eliminated him, it would have nothing to do with her. However, things were different now that she decided to work with him. If he was somehow eliminated, she would be on her own. Since so many days had passed since the middle realm opened and she had yet to gain any points, without Duan Ling Tian's help this time, her rank would definitely fall! Currently, she only had one point after all!

"Duan Ling Tian, although none of the top six are from the Fire Glaze Mansion, the Fire Glaze Mansion has disciples who often rank in the top ten. They also have two disciples who consistently rank in the top 30. Most importantly, if you deliberately wait outside their base to eliminate their disciples, they won't fight with you one-on-one. They'd definitely group up to fight you," Wan Qing Qing said solemnly. It was obvious she was trying to dissuade Duan Ling Tian from carrying out his dangerous plan. Even those six people who were ranked in the top six would not do something as bold as this. After all, they would have a difficult time as well if everyone grouped up to attack them. Moreover, they would not want to offend another grade-six Celestial Mansion.

Duan Ling Tian nodded after he heard Wan Qing Qing's words. However, he still said, "I understand... Now, can you please lead me to the Fire Glaze Mansion's base? Our time is limited, and I don't want to spend too much time near the Fire Glaze Mansion's base."

Wan Qing Qing sighed in relief when she heard Duan Ling Tian said he did not wish to spend too much time near the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. She thought she had successfully dissuaded him from openly provoking the Fire Glaze Mansion. Nevertheless, she would find out how naive her thinking was after she led Duan Ling Tian to the Fire Glaze Mansion's base.

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Swoosh!

Wan Qing Qing hid somewhere in the distance once they arrived in the vicinity of the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. She watched as Duan Ling Tian teleported to the sky above the Fire Glaze Mansion's base.

Duan Ling Tian hovered in the sky and laced his voice with his Celestial Origin Energy before he said, "Listen up, disciples of the Fire Glaze Mansion... You'd better stay in your base. Otherwise, I'll eliminate each and every one of you who dares to step out!"

Not only did Duan Ling Tian's voice resound clearly through the Fire Glaze Mansion's base, but even Wan Qing Qing who was hiding a distance away could clearly hear his voice.

“What...” Wan Qing Qing was dumbfounded. Was this what he meant when he said he did not wish to spend too much time near the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base?

Meanwhile, silence descended briefly in the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base. Soon enough, a commotion broke out.

“Who’s kicking up a fuss in our Fire Glaze Mansion’s base?”

“State your name! It seems like you want to die a gruesome death!”

“Who’s that? Are you trying to provoke the Fire Glaze Mansion?”

Every single disciple who was in the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base was angered. They stopped what they were doing and looked at the sky outside of the Formation protecting their base. However, despite their angry words, no one stepped forward to take action. After all, for these people to reach this stage in their cultivation base, they were naturally cautious. Since the purple figure hovering in the air was confident enough to cause a ruckus, there were only two possibilities: the purple figure had a death wish or he truly had nothing to fear. In their opinion, the second possibility was more likely.

“Come out of your base if you want to know my name... Cowards aren’t qualified to know my name!” Duan Ling Tian continued his provocations. Inwardly, he was slightly puzzled. His words were rather harsh, but the disciples from the Fire Glaze Man could still maintain their composure?

Since Duan Ling Tian was hovering quite a distance away from the disciples of the Fire Glaze Mansion and he had taken measures to hide his identity token with his Celestial Origin Energy, the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion’s disciples could not see anything when they tried to look at his identity token.

“Damn it!”

“Who the hell is he? He dares to call us cowards?”

“I say we fight him at once. With our collective strength, can he still threaten us? If he’s really too much for us to handle, we can always crush our Accumulative Point Jades to escape. Once we return to the mansion’s estate, we can spread word of this as well!”.

“You’re right! Let’s go!”

After listening to Duan Ling Tian provoking them again and again, the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples could no longer endure it. All of them flew up into the air one after another.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

About twenty disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion charged at Duan Ling Tian immediately, leaving their base and its protection.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Colorful energies sailed in the sky toward Duan Ling Tian as the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples attacked in unison.

Swoosh!

Just as the attacks were about to land on Duan Ling Tian, he suddenly vanished into thin air. He reappeared behind the group of disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion, blocking their path back to the base.

“Where did he go?”

“Is he dead? However, I don’t think my attack landed...”

“Me too...”

Due to the chaotic energies and Duan Ling Tian’s timing, the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion did not have a good look at what happened.

All of a sudden, someone cried out, “He’s behind us!”

The group of disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion hastily turned around.

“Heavens! When did he get there? I didn’t see any signs of movement earlier!”

“What a terrifying speed!”

At this moment, a few of them finally had a good look at Duan Ling Tian’s identity token.

“An outer court disciple from the Profound Nether Mansion!”

“H-he... H-he’s Duan Ling Tian!”

With this revelation, the expressions of the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples changed drastically as they inhaled sharply. A few of them even shuddered in fear. After all, they knew if the purple figure in front of them was truly Duan Ling Tian, the outer court disciple from the Profound Nether Mansion, they were no match for him at all.

Until last month, none of them had heard of Duan Ling Tian. They only learned about his existence after the commotion he caused by consecutively eliminating eleven Martial Battle Mansion disciples all on his own. Moreover, the Martial Battle Court’s Heng Feng and Liu Xiao Zhou were part of these eleven people who were eliminated. One had to know that Heng Feng and Liu Xiao Zhou were ranked on the scoreboard.

Despite their number, there was only a handful of them who were ranked on the scoreboard in the past. However, it was mostly due to luck that they even managed to rank on the scoreboard.

At this moment, it could be seen that Duan Ling Tian’s reputation preceded him.

“Teleportation Profundity! He must have used the Teleportation Profundity earlier!”

“That’s why none of us saw him moving. It has to be the Teleportation Profundity!”

“As it turns out, the rumors are true! He really comprehended the law of space!”

“He must be extremely confident about eliminating us since he dares to come here. In my opinion, we should just crush our Accumulative Point Jades now. When we return, we can spread the word about his despicable act!”

“This Duan Ling Tian is too much!”

Although the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples hated Duan Ling Tian and wished they could kill him, they could only crush their Accumulative Point Jades one after another when they saw Duan Ling Tian’s energy stirring up the corner of his robes. In just a brief moment, all twenty of them disappeared from sight.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian discovered his points had increased from 33 points to 58 points. He thought to himself, ‘58 points... From what I remember, I should be ranked 17th with these points...’

Meanwhile, Wan Qing Qing who was watching from afar saw the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion disappearing. She was stunned despite knowing that they had taken the best course of action. “They... only attacked once?”

When she recalled the faces of the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion who had attacked Duan Ling Tian earlier, she did not see anyone familiar. Since she did not recognize them, they were probably not very strong. It was no wonder they were frightened into surrendering after only attacking once.

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In the Fire Glaze Mansion’s estate.

One after another, disciples were transported out of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Their sudden appearance, naturally, caught people’s attention.

“What happened?”

“Why did all of you come out at the same time?”

Faced with these questions, the expressions of the disciples who were just eliminated turned even more unsightly.

“It’s Duan Ling Tian!”

“The Profound Nether Mansion’s outer court disciple, Duan Ling Tian, found our base and lured us out!”

“He was making a ruckus, telling us to stay in the base and that he would eliminate those who dare to step out!”

As soon as these words fell, the entire place was as silent as a graveyard.

Chapter 3152: The Old Man Who’s Fishing

“Duan Ling Tian?!”

When the Fire Glaze Mansion elders and disciples finally regained their senses, they turned to look at the scoreboard in unison. They were dumbfounded when they saw Duan Ling Tian's name had risen to the 19th place with 58 points.

"58 points..."

"If I'm not mistaken, he only had about 34 points before this. This means he gained 24 points from the disciples of the Fire Glaze Mansion!"

"24 points? H-how many of you did he eliminate?"

"He eliminated 23 of us... One of us had two points."

"That's right!"

"The most insufferable part was him making a ruckus outside our base, saying he'll eliminate whoever dares to step out!"

"He's too arrogant!"

"I'm going to inform Senior Brother Tan Yuan and Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi about this!"

"If he's truly as powerful as rumored, I'm afraid even Senior Brother Tan Yuan and Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi are no match for him."

"That's right! Since he dares to do this, I'm sure he has already considered having to deal with Senior Brother Tan Yuan and Senior Brother Mo Ping Zi!"

Someone scoffed. "Who says we have to fight him one-on-one? Ask Senior Brother Tan Yuan to team up with Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi and the others in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!"

"Isn't that unfair though?"

"Unfair? He is pissing all over our territory, and you dare say we're being unfair?"

The news about Profound Nether Mansion's outer court disciple, Duan Ling Tian, making a ruckus outside of the Fire Glaze Mansion's base and eliminating more than 20 disciples at one go spread in the Fire Glaze Mansion's estate. Many members of the Fire Glaze Mansion were infuriated when they received news of this. Even the Vice Mansion Master of the Fire Glaze Mansion was enraged.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

One after another messages were sent from the Fire Glaze Mansion to the sites of the Fire Glaze Mansion's Transporting Formations. The elders at the sites of the Transporting Formations would then relay the message to those disciples who were still in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

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Meanwhile, the other grade-six Celestial Mansions had also noticed the change in Duan Ling Tian's ranking.

“The Profound Nether Mansion’s Duan Ling Tian managed to make it into the top 20 in such a short time?”

“He gained 24 points... I wonder who he eliminated?”

“There is only one person on the scoreboard with 24 points, but he’s not eliminated yet!”

“In fact, no one on the scoreboard has been eliminated.”

“That’s odd. What’s happening?”

Almost everyone was curious about how Duan Ling Tian obtained his points. It was not even mid-month, but he had already accumulated so many points. Even if he did not gain any more points after this, he should still be able to rank in the top 50.

At this moment, an elder said, “Do you remember Duan Ling Tian eliminated roughly a dozen disciples from the Martial Battle Mansion last month?”

“Elder, are you saying Duan Ling Tian eliminated disciples from the Martial Battle Mansion again?”

“Are you stupid? The locations of the bases change every month. It was only a coincidence that Duan Ling Tian found the Martial Battle Mansion’s base last month. Do you think he’d chance upon their base again? How could they be so unlucky?”

“Then... he probably found another grade-six Celestial Mansion’s base, right?”

Everyone was speculating among themselves until they received news from the Fire Glaze Mansion. They were shocked.

“Duan Ling Tian went to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base and eliminated more than twenty disciples there?”

“I heard he was making a ruckus, saying he’d eliminate those who dare to step outside. Do they have enmity between them?”

“Duan Ling Tian is crazy! He offended the Martial Battle Mansion last time, and now, he has gone to offend the Fire Glaze Mansion!”

“Just watch... The Fire Glaze Mansion won’t let this slide!”

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Words of Duan Ling Tian’s deed in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm continued to spread. Naturally, the Profound Nether Mansion had also received news of it. Many people from the Profound Nether Mansion thought he was too reckless.

“I was wondering how he obtained so many points when no one on the scoreboard was eliminated. Who knew he had gone to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base and killed those disciples who aren’t ranked on the scoreboard?!”

“Does he have a death wish? He might have obtained a lot of points, but does he really think the Fire Glaze Mansion will let this matter go?”

“Even if the Fire Glaze Mansion can’t do anything to him in the middle realm, they will surely secretly act against him once he comes out!”

“Reckless! He’s way too reckless!”

“That lad...” Qi Tian Ming was stunned as well when he heard about what happened. “Never mind what he did to the Martial Battle Mansion last month since it was a coincidence... The Martial Battle Mansion won’t take the matter to heart since it was a coincidence. However, why would he deliberately provoke the Fire Glaze Mansion and humiliate them?” Hints of worry could be seen in his eyes.

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Meanwhile, in a palace hidden by an Illusory Formation in the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate.

A tall and well-built middle-aged man dressed in dark green robes with a majestic and imposing air about him hurried into the palace. He made his way to the backyard immediately, clearly familiar with the place. Half of the backyard was occupied by a lake.

A skinny old man wearing a bamboo hat was fishing by the lake at this moment.

The green-clad middle-aged man stood behind the old man quietly. He only spoke after the old man reeled a fish up and placed it in the basket. “Grand Master.”

The old man who was dressed in a patched robe put his fishing rod aside before he lifted a wine gourd from his waist and drank from it. Then, he asked impatiently, “Why are you here again?”

“Grand Master, it’s about that boy,” the green-clad middle-aged man said, slightly nervous. Although he was the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion, he was still fearfully respectful when faced with this old man who raised him. The old man’s strength and majesty had left a deep impression on him.

“Oh?” The old man turned around and looked at the green-clad middle-aged man with eyes that had seen the vicissitude of life. This was one of the rare instances where his eyes twinkled with curiosity. “What happened to him?”

“He managed to make it to the 19th place less than a day after he entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm... He... he went to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base and announced he’d eliminate anyone who dares to step out of the base!” the green-clad middle-aged man said with a bitter smile on his face, “Grand Master, are you really going to make him the Imperial Tutor? He’s a troublemaker. He has caused such a big trouble before he even becomes the Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion... Once he becomes the Imperial Tutor, I shudder when I think about the trouble he might stir up... Moreover, after my investigations, I discovered he only achieved these feats at such a young age because he consumed the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit...”

The green-clad middle-aged man continued to say, “When he joined the Simplicity Celestial Sect a few years ago, he was just a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. At that time, he hadn’t even comprehended the law of space. It’s all thanks to the Heaven Sacrificial Divine Fruit that he’s a Ten Directions Celestial Duke and is able to comprehend the law of space... He...”

At that point, the old man interjected, "You have said a lot... What are you trying to imply?"

"Grand Master, I just want to say he might not be as remarkable as you think he is." The green-clad middle-aged man sighed.

"Are you afraid that he would let the position of Imperial Tutor go to his head and act recklessly, and in turn, indirectly harming me?" The old man looked at the green-clad middle-aged man knowingly.

"... Yes." The middle-aged man nodded.

"Only mediocre people are afraid of stirring up trouble," the old man said indifferently, "I think we'll get along quite well... As for becoming the Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion, it'll depend on whether he's able to pass my test." After he finished speaking, he no longer paid any attention to the green-clad middle-aged man and continued fishing.

Upon seeing this, the green-clad middle-aged man could only smile bitterly and leave. He did not dare to continue disturbing the old man.

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In the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Duan Ling Tian, aren't you going to leave? I'm sure the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples whom you eliminated have spread word about what happened here. I'm afraid they've already informed the other disciples who are still in here about what happened, and they're on the way back now to deal with you!" Wan Qing Qing grew even more nervous when she saw Duan Ling Tian had no intention of leaving after eliminating more than twenty disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion.

After listening to Wan Qing Qing's Voice Transmission, Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, "No hurry... I will wait for one more day. If no one from the Fire Glaze Mansion comes, we can leave." Then, he said in an attempt to reassure her, "Don't worry. I'll give you more of the points we collect later to compensate you for wasting your time here."

Wan Qing Qing retorted, "That can only happen if you manage to leave this place alive!"

Duan Ling Tian no longer replied to Wan Qing Qing. Instead, he sat in the air in front of the Fire Glaze Mansion's base.

"You!" Wan Qing Qing fumed. Before she left, she said, "Fine. I'm going to search around the area for targets and come back after a day to see you... if you're still alive that's it..."

Chapter 3153: The Figure Hidden In The Shadows

"Transportation Profundity..." As Duan Ling Tian rested, he was comprehending the law of space's Transportation Profundity as well. At this time, he had already comprehended more than half of the Transportation Profundity. Once he had successfully comprehended the Transportation Profundity, his speed would double. His speed would be comparable to Wan Qing Qing's. At that time, he no longer had to join forces with other Ten Directions Celestial Dukes with high speed like Wan Qing Qing when he entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the future.

Needless to say, while Duan Ling Tian was comprehending the law of space's Transportation Profundity, he did not let his guard down. He had extended his Divine Consciousness into his surroundings.

Not long after Wan Qing Qing left, he sensed a few Divine Consciousness from the direction of the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. He could feel the few Divine Consciousness trying to probe him, and it was not long before more Divine Consciousness joined in and probed him as well.

"That's quite a lot of them..." Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes after he discovered the increasing Divine Consciousness that were probing him. He looked down at the Fire Glaze Mansion's base as his eyes glinted coldly. With just a glance, he saw the base was packed with people.

'So many of them? Well, it's not surprising I suppose. After all, as long as they haven't become Celestial Kings, they would be able to enter. Moreover, they know as long as they don't step out of the base, they'd be safe..." Duan Ling Tian knew the majority of the crowd were probably not Ten Directions Celestial Dukes and had only come to watch the show.

Indeed, Duan Ling Tian was right. The Fire Glaze Mansion members were infuriated when they heard about Duan Ling Tian's actions. Many of those who were not at the stage of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke had obtained Accumulative Point Jades so they could enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm to join in the fun. Most of them were just outer court disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion. There were actually more disciples who had wanted to enter to watch the show, but the elders on duty no longer let them in since there were too many disciples who had entered the middle realm. If they continued letting people in, the Fire Glaze Mansion's base would not be able to hold all of them. At that time, some disciples would have no choice but to leave the base due to overcrowding. Needless to say, those who stepped out of the base would only be free points for Duan Ling Tian. For all these reasons, the elders had stopped people below the stage of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke from coming in.

At this moment, the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples who had just arrived were looking at Duan Ling Tian.

"Is he Duan Ling Tian?"

"Wow! He's quite handsome! Moreover, it's true that he's not even 100 years old! How did he become so powerful at such a young age? It'd be amazing if I can marry someone like that."

Many female disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion looked at Duan Ling Tian with bright eyes.

"I wonder where the Profound Nether Mansion found someone so young and powerful."

Someone scoffed before saying, "I heard the Senior Brother Tan Yuan, Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi, and the other seniors who are in the middle realm have already received word about this. They should be arriving shortly. At that time, they'd probably join forces to eliminate Duan Ling Tian!"

"Don't you think just eliminating him is too light of a punishment?"

"Yes, but that's all we can do for now... Duan Ling Tian achieved so much at such a young age. Even the Ten Major Clans and Top Five Sects might not have any disciple as talented as him. There's a possibility that he has a remarkable background."

“That’s right! We don’t know how or where the Profound Nether Mansion found him after all. Until we confirm he doesn’t have a remarkable background, we can’t openly kill him...”

“He’s a powerful Ten Directions Celestial Duke even though he hasn’t reached the age of 100... Is it even possible for someone like that to have an ordinary background?”

“Well, if he doesn’t have an extraordinary background, his luck must have been incredibly good.”

Based on the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples’ conversation, it was clear that the Fire Mansion Glaze only intended to eliminate Duan Ling Tian. They were not told to kill him because they were uncertain of his origins. If he had truly come from an extraordinary background, the Fire Glaze Mansion would only suffer if they killed him. Therefore, regardless of how angry they were, before they confirmed his origins, they did not dare to kill him, not openly at least.

“It’s a pity we can’t attack from the safety of our base...” one of the disciples said with a sigh.

The Formation in the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base not only protected the people inside the base, but it also blocked the attacks from inside and outside. Although attacks from the base would not trigger a response from the Formation, the attacks still would not be able to bypass the Formation.

“Are you daydreaming? Anyway, just wait for Senior Brother Tan Yuan and Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi to arrive and eliminate him.”

Currently, there was roughly 1,000 Fire Glaze Mansion disciples in the base. However, none of them dared to leave the base to attack Duan Ling Tian. They stayed in the base and waited for the arrival of Tan Yuan, Mo Ping Zhi, and the others. At that time, they would join forces to eliminate Duan Ling Tian, the Profound Nether Mansion outer court disciple. In their opinion, it would not be difficult for them to eliminate Duan Ling Tian since they were led by powerful disciples like Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi. In fact, they thought there was a possibility Duan Ling Tian would crush his Accumulative Point Jade as soon as the number of people they had on their side.

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Half a day later.

From different directions, many had appeared ten kilometers away from the Fire Glaze Mansion.

“Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi!”

The three figures who had just appeared respectfully bowed to two men. To be precise, they were bowing at the younger man.

The young man who was dressed in a long and loose blue robe was slender, and his features were sharp. He was none other than Mo Ping Zhi, the second strongest Ten Direction Celestial Duke in the Fire Glaze Mansion. He was only second to Tan Yuan in the mansion. During the last year, he had ranked in the top 20 ten out of twelve times. His highest rank so far was the eleventh place. Due to his strength, friendly disposition, and righteous character, he was rather popular with the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Fire Glaze Mansion. In fact, the disciples respected him more than they respected Tan Yuan. If Tan Yuan did not have his strength, nobody would have paid any attention to him at all. On the other hand,

even if Mo Ping Zhi lost his strength, his peers would still respect him. He had rushed back after he received the news from two Vice Mansion Masters of the Fire Glaze Mansion. He did not expect someone would be so bold as to wait outside of their base to eliminate people. Moreover, that person was none other than Duan Ling Tian, the Profound Nether Mansion's outer court disciple, who had recently risen to fame.

"Senior Brother Mo, how many people should we join forces with before we attack?"

"We'll discuss that when Senior Brother Tan Yuan arrives. Our opponent is simple after all," Mo Ping Zhi said solemnly. Although he had yet to meet Duan Ling Tian, he believed the rumors that were flying outside. He was rather certain that Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background. Therefore, being the cautious person he was, he did not act recklessly.

"Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi, the message I received from my master said that we shouldn't kill Duan Ling Tian... The others received the same message as well. With this, how are we supposed to vent our anger?" One of them said angrily.

"I received a similar message from Vice Mansion Master Xiao. They're just being extremely cautious. Although there's a chance he doesn't have an extraordinary background, there's a higher chance that he has an extraordinary background. If that's true, the force he's from will definitely not let the matter slide if we kill him."

Despite the killing intent flashing in Mo Ping Zhi's eyes, he said in a low voice, "I'm sure all of you understand why we can't kill him for now,"

"Yes, but it feels terrible," one of the three cultivators said with a bitter smile.

"We can't openly kill him before we confirm his background. The only thing we can do now is to endure!"

After these five people finished speaking, they continued to circle the area about ten kilometers away from the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. This was because they had been told by the high-ranking officials from the Fire Glaze Mansion had told them to meet and gather ten meters away. They were told to attack when their number was sufficient. Apart from that, both Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi had to present before they were allowed to attack Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, Mo Ping Zhi and the others were unaware that someone was hiding in the shadows and had been observing them for quite a while now. "Why's Mo Ping Zhi circling around the Fire Glaze Mansion's base?"

Chapter 3154: A Coincidence?

'They're clearly deliberately maintaining a 10-meter distance from the Fire Glaze Mansion's base...' The figure hiding in the shadows was none other than Wan Qing Qing. Just a while ago, she had run into two disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion. Although she was capable of eliminating those two disciples, she did not make a move. This was to save herself trouble in case they make the connection that she was working with Duan Ling Tian. She was afraid of being targeted by the Fire Glaze Mansion after all.

Earlier, she had also seen Mo Ping Zhi meeting with a fellow disciple first before he ran into the other three disciples.

'They must be waiting for everyone to arrive before they confront Duan Ling Tian...' Wan Qing Qing speculated inwardly. A hint of worry could be seen flashing in her eyes. As though she had made her mind, she gritted her teeth before she secretly made her way back to the place where she had left Duan Ling Tian earlier.

When she arrived near the Fire Glaze Mansion's base, Wan Qing Qing was shocked by the number of disciples who had gathered in the base. 'There's so many of them here?'

There were roughly 1,000 people in the Fire Glaze Mansion's base at this moment. How could Wan Qing Qing not feel shocked when on average, only slightly more than 300 disciples from each grade-six Celestial Mansion would enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?

'How can he remain so calm?' Wan Qing Qing was rather speechless when she saw Duan Ling Tian sitting cross-legged in the air as though he did not have a care in the world. Did he not feel the danger at all? If she did not agree to work with Duan Ling Tian, she really would not have bothered with him at all.

After a beat, she quickly sent a solemn Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, some of the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion have returned. They're gathered about 10 meters away from here. If I'm not mistaken, they're waiting for the others to arrive before they come for you..."

"Are you suggesting that I go to them now to defeat them instead of waiting for all of them to come here?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Well, this is a good opportunity..." Wan Qing Qing shrugged.

"Indeed." As soon as he finished speaking, he vanished into thin air before he reappeared 100 meters away.

Teleportation Profundity!

Meanwhile, the outer court disciples in the Fire Glaze Mansion's base, naturally, noticed Duan Ling Tian's sudden disappearance.

"Hey, where did Duan Ling Tian go?"

"Did he run away? What a coward! I was looking forward to seeing him get eliminated!"

Someone scoffed. "Well, he has to be smart since he achieved so much at such a young age. He must have felt something's amiss with so many of us gathered here."

"I agree! He must know we're here to watch a show."

Some of the 1,000 disciples in the Fire Glaze Mansion were disappointed when they saw Duan Ling Tian left. Since most of them were of the opinion that Duan Ling Tian had run away after detecting something amiss with the situation, they began to leave one after another. Since the main character had left, what use was there for them to stay here? In the end, only a small group of Ten Directions Celestial Dukes who usually did not enter the middle realm remained.

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At the sites of the Transportation Formations in the Fire Glaze Mansion's estate...

The disciples who left the base began to appear one after another.

This attracted the attention of those who were gathered there. They began to discuss among themselves excitedly.

"Has Duan Ling Tian been eliminated?"

"I think so. Otherwise, why would all of them return?"

"It's such a shame I came too late! Otherwise, I would've been able to enter the middle realm to watch the show as well!"

"What a pity!"

However, when these disciples heard the conversations between the disciples who had just returned from the middle realm, they discovered they had been overthinking.

"I can't believe Duan Ling Tian just left! What a waste of my time!"

"If I knew he's going to be so cowardly, I wouldn't have bothered entering the middle realm. All my efforts to enter the middle realm is a waste."

"That's right. I wasted so much time waiting in there as well. In the end, it was all for naught"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At this moment, seven disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion who looked miserable appeared in the Transporting Formation.

"Damn it! Wasn't Duan Ling Tian waiting at our base? Why did he suddenly appear?"

"Before I could react, he had already made a move. Thank the heavens he spared my life. Otherwise, I would've died!"

"Did he take action first because he's afraid we'll join forces and attack at the same time?"

These seven disciples who were wandering the middle realm had received a message asking them to return to the Fire Glaze Mansion's base and to team up to eliminate Duan Ling Tian. After seven of them met up, they were about to look for other fellow disciples. At that time, Duan Ling Tian suddenly appeared like a ghost and almost killed one of them. As soon as they realized their opponent was Duan Ling Tian, they hurriedly crushed their Accumulative Point Jades. After all, with just seven of them, they knew they were no match for Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, since Duan Ling Tian had shown mercy to one of them, would they not only provoke him to kill them if they continued to resist?

The elders and disciples were rendered speechless when they learned these seven disciples were eliminated by Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, they were all unaware that Duan Ling Tian did not coincidentally meet these seven disciples.

"All of you met Duan Ling Tian?"

“How unfortunate! Duan Ling Tian had just left the base, but seven of you ran into him!”

At this moment, someone suddenly cried out, “Heavens! Look at Duan Ling Tian’s points. He has 70 points now and has risen to 16th place!”

“He gained 12 points from seven of them!”

“He’s really lucky! He has already chosen to leave our base, but he still managed to run into seven of them.”

“Why are these seven people together anyway?”

“The higher-ups must have sent a message to those who are in the middle realm to meet up before heading to the base to deal with Duan Ling Tian together.”

“Do you think those seven told Duan Ling Tian where they were supposed to meet up under duress?”

“I hope not... Otherwise, the others would be in trouble. If Duan Ling Tian decides to eliminate them before all of them gather, they won’t be able to stop him at all, right?”

“That’s right. Let alone Senior Mo Ping Zhi, I’m afraid even Senior Tan Yuan would be eliminated by Duan Ling Tian if he’s alone.”

Upon hearing these discussions, the seven disciples who had just arrived began to speak up.

“Don’t worry, we didn’t reveal our meeting point.”

“That’s right! We won’t betray our seniors and juniors even if our lives are threatened!”

“You said earlier that Duan Ling Tian gave up and left our base. It must be a coincidence that he ran into us.”

“That’s right. I’m sure he doesn’t know about our meeting point. We were just unlucky to run into him!”

Upon hearing these words, the others sighed in relief.

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The people from the Profound Nether Mansion and other grade-six Celestial Mansions were shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian had risen to the 16th place with 70 points.

“Is Duan Ling Tian still waiting at the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base? Did he gain these points from the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples?”

“Isn’t that obvious? What’s going through those people’s minds? Don’t they know they shouldn’t act recklessly unless they’re certain they’re able to defeat Duan Ling Tian?”

“No one on the scoreboard has been eliminated. Those people Duan Ling Tian have eliminated must be ordinary Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Fire Glaze Mansions.”

Most people thought the seven disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion had acted recklessly and were, thus, eliminated by Duan Ling Tian. However, those who had received news from the Fire Glaze Mansion knew better and began to spread the news of what really happened.

“The latest news is that Duan Ling Tian had left the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base. After he left, he encountered seven disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion and eliminated them. That’s how he obtained 70 points and rose to 16th place!”

Chapter 3155: A Snitch

“Coincidence?”

“Duan Ling Tian’s luck is heaven-defying as well! After he left the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base, not only did he run into their disciples, but he ran into seven of them!”

“That’s right! He’s really lucky!”

Most people thought Duan Ling Tian’s luck was extremely good after learning about what happened from the Fire Glaze Mansion.

“But why were the seven of them together? Were they all working together to obtain points?”

“A team of seven? Impossible! It makes no sense since they won’t obtain many points if they had to divide it between seven of them.”

While everyone was discussing this matter, the Fire Glaze Mansion received news again. The seven disciples who were eliminated by Duan Ling Tian did not reveal the fact that they were supposed to meet with their fellow disciples at a designated place before eliminating Duan Ling Tian together.

“I didn’t expect Duan Ling Tian to leave. I thought I’d be able to watch a good fight.”

“I thought I’d be able to see Duan Ling Tian’s name vanish from the scoreboard. Although none of the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion are ranked in the top six, Tan Yuan consistently ranks in the top 10. If all of them join forces, it shouldn’t be difficult for them to eliminate Duan Ling Tian.”

“Duan Ling Tian is too intelligent. It’s as if he could sense danger...”

“There must be a snitch among those from the Fire Glaze Mansion who informed the Profound Nether Mansion about this matter. That’s probably why Duan Ling Tian knew when to leave.”

“That must be it. He must have known he was in danger, that’s why he left so suddenly.”

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In the sites of the Transporting Formations in the Fire Glaze Mansion’s estate.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

13 figures appeared in various Transporting Formations.

With this, a commotion broke out again.

“Why did all of you come out? Were you eliminated?”

“It’s Duan Ling Tian!”

“Didn’t they say that Duan Ling Tian has left? He even eliminated seven people after he left. How did he manage to find us anyway?”

“Among the 13 of us, five of us would’ve died if he didn’t show mercy.”

“Does he know our meeting place? Is that why he left our base?”

“He must have found out about our plan! First, he met seven other disciples, then, he met 13 of us. How could there be such a coincidence? There’s only one possibility; he must have found out about our meeting place and intercepted us before we arrived at our meeting place!”

“There must be a spy among us. Otherwise, how could he have known about our plan?”

News about the 13 disciples being eliminated quickly spread in the Fire Glaze Mansion, creating an even bigger commotion.

“There’s a snitch among us! We must investigate this matter at once!”

“It’s either a snitch or one of the seven disciples earlier told him about our plan!”

“We have to investigate this!”

“That’s right! We have to catch the snitch!”

At this point, most of the elders and disciples were certain they had a spy among their ranks. After all, in such a short time, 20 disciples had been eliminated. All of them were clamoring for an investigation to be carried out.

The commotion was so big that even the mansion master and vice mansion masters came together for an emergency meeting.

In a grand hall in the Fire Glaze Mansion’s estate.

The Mansion Master of the Fire Glaze Mansion looked at the high-ranking officials before him and solemnly said, “Before the seven inner court disciples were eliminated, we were the only ones who knew the location of their meeting place.” His eyes flashed coldly after he finished speaking. Based on the current situation, he was also of the opinion that there was a spy among their ranks. Otherwise, it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to find out about their meeting place.

An inner court elder said, “My Lord, I agree there has to be a spy among us. However, he or she might not be among those of us present here. There’s a possibility the snitch is among the seven disciples.”

Upon hearing these words, the other high-ranking officials agreed one after another.

“My Lord, Elder Qian is right!”

“It’s impossible for the spy to be among us. I personally think it’s one of the seven eliminated disciples .”

“I agree.”

The expressions of the high-ranking officials of the Fire Glaze Mansion were unsightly. When they first learned about a snitch in their ranks, they were worried their disciples' lives were in jeopardy. They were relieved when they discovered Duan Ling Tian did not kill their disciples and only eliminated them.

An old man walked into the hall at this moment. "My lord."

This old man was one of the Vice Mansion Masters of the Fire Glaze Mansion. He was not privy to the location of the disciples' meeting place since he was sent out by the mansion master to investigate a matter.

"I've investigated the matter. Before the 13 inner court disciples were eliminated, none of our disciples had returned to the base. Therefore, it's not possible for a snitch to be among our disciples." With these words, he eliminated the possibility of the snitch being a disciple of the Fire Glaze Mansion.

"Vice Mansion Master Yuan, summon the seven inner court disciples here," the mansion master ordered.

"Yes, My lord." It was clear the vice mansion master already knew the seven inner court disciples were since the mansion master did not mention their names.

"My lord, you must get to the bottom of this matter!"

"That's right! We have to find that snitch and kill him to make an example out of him!"

The high-ranking officials were furious about their disciples' location being exposed.

"We can only hope the remaining inner court disciples have received our latest message and leave immediately," an elder said with a sigh.

The hall was as silent as a graveyard at this moment.

The high-ranking officials of the Fire Glaze Mansion, including the mansion master, could not help but worry about their disciples who were still in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

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In the sites of Transporting Formations in the Profound Nether Mansion's estate.

Everyone was still shocked that Duan Ling Tian gained 70 points and rose to 16th place when they saw the latest change on the scoreboard.

"Heavens! Duan Ling Tian is too terrifying! His points just increased to 70 a while ago, and now, he obtained another 23 points."

"With 93 points, he's now ranked 12th."

"He hasn't even been in there for two days, right?"

"In less than two days, he accumulated 93 points and rose to 12th place! How did he do it?"

When Qi Tian Ming received the latest news, he only smiled wryly and said, "This lad is truly heaven-defying!"

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The other grade-six Celestial Mansions were similarly shocked when they received the latest news. It did not take long before they found out Duan Ling Tian's recent surge in points was due to him eliminating another 13 disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion.

"What's the Fire Glaze Mansion doing? Are they deliberately sending their disciples to Duan Ling Tian?"

"How absurd."

"In such a short time, Duan Ling Tian eliminated 20 disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion. This number doesn't even include the dozens of Fire Glaze Mansion disciples he had eliminated earlier."

"Is it possible that the Fire Glaze Mansion is intentionally surrendering their points to Duan Ling Tian?"

"Perhaps, the Profound Nether Mansion and the Fire Glaze Mansion came to an agreement earlier?"

"That's possible. I suspect one of the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples had led Duan Ling Tian to their base after they encountered him in the middle realm."

"The audacity! Aren't they afraid the Ten Major Clans and the Top Five Sects would investigate this matter? The sects and clans have zero tolerance for matters like this and would punish them severely if they were found guilty!"

The Ten Major Clans and Five Top Sects had strictly prohibited grade-six Celestial Mansions from working together in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Failure to comply with this rule would definitely result in a harsh punishment.

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It did not take long before other grade-six Celestial Mansions received news about the existence of a snitch in the Fire Glaze Mansion's ranks.

"I think there's a misunderstanding! I don't think the Profound Nether Mansion and the Fire Glaze Mansion are working together!"

"That's right. I just received news that there's a snitch in the Fire Glaze Mansion!"

"So that's how Duan Ling Tian managed to find those disciples!"

Chapter 3156: Strong and Bold

"There's a snitch in the Fire Glaze Mansion?"

"Does this mean the 13 disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion were betrayed by their own members?"

“So that’s what happened. It makes sense. I didn’t think the Profound Nether Mansion and the Fire Glaze Mansion would be so bold as to openly defy the rule set by the Ten Major Clans and Top Five Sects.”

Someone scoffed. “Of course they won’t dare to violate the rules.”

Many people sighed when they found out there was a snitch in the Fire Glaze Mansion. They pitied the Fire Glaze Mansion for the predicament they found themselves in.

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In the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

‘A snitch?’ Wan Qing Qing had learned about the Fire Glaze Mansion’s theory from the Martial Battle Mansion. ‘It seems like no one knows there’s no snitch in the Fire Glaze Mansion. Duan Ling Tian only knew where to find those disciples because I informed him about it...’ Although she knew the truth, she was naturally going to keep it to herself. Otherwise, she would be only shooting herself in the leg if the Fire Glaze Mansion found out she was the one who exposed their disciples’ location. It was in her interest to let the Fire Glaze Mansion misunderstand this matter.

A frown appeared on her face as she thought. ‘The 20 disciples Duan Ling Tian found are only ordinary inner court disciples... Why didn’t he meet Mo Ping Zhi? The Fire Glaze Mansion must have told them to leave!’

Before Wan Qing Qing entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, Mo Ping Zhi had already accumulated more than 100 points and made it into the top 10. She knew he managed to obtain so many points because he had entered as soon as the middle realm opened. She knew luck played a big part in him obtaining so many points as well. Although Mo Ping Zhi was rather strong, he had comprehended the law of water. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian could easily catch him if he tried to escape. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had also comprehended the Teleportation Profundity. For this reason, she was certain Mo Ping Zhi was no match for Duan Ling Tian. Chills ran up her spine when she recalled how Duan Ling Tian had eliminated Heng Feng. She knew not even the top six Ten Directions Celestial Dukes, who were skilled in different areas such as offensive strength, defensive strength, and movement speed, were incapable of unleashing such power. One of the top six Ten Directions Celestial Dukes whose defenses were as strong as Heng Feng possessed speed that could match hers. Based on this, one could see how powerful he was. Even then, Duan Ling Tian was still stronger.

‘I’m afraid it won’t be easy for Duan Ling Tian to find Mo Ping Zhi now...’ Wan Qing Qing thought to herself.

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Indeed. The Fire Glaze Mansion had already sent messages to Mo Ping Zhi and the other disciples telling them to leave as soon as they could.

When Mo Ping Zhi received the message, there were seven disciples next to him. “All of you have received the message, right?”

Mo Ping Zhi was clearly not the leader of this group of disciples. The disciples, including Mo Ping Zhi, looked at a middle-aged man with a medium build and average appearance, silently asking for his opinion. It was clear all of them acknowledged him as their leader.

One of the disciples' expression was extremely unsightly as he said, "Senior Tan Yuan, you've heard the message as well, right? I didn't expect there to be a snitch among us. I won't let him go when I find out who he is!"

Another disciple said sarcastically, "What if the snitch is one of the inner court elders? What do you think you'll be able to do?"

"It can't be one of the inner court elders. It has to be one of the seven disciples who were eliminated. One of them must have exposed our location!" the disciple with the unsightly expression said confidently.

Mo Ping Zhi stepped forward and said, "Let's not jump to conclusions before the matter is investigated..."

"Junior Brother Mo is right. Let's not simply jump to conclusions," the leader of the group said. He was none other than Tan Yuan, the strongest Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the Fire Glaze Mansion.

"Senior Brother Tan Yuan, should we leave as the messages instructed us or ...?" Mo Ping Zhi looked at Tan Yuan with eyes burning with battle intent. It was obvious he wanted to disregard the message that was sent to him and fight Duan Ling Tian. He was so bold because he was now with Tan Yuan. If he was alone, he would not entertain the thought of confronting Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing this, Tan Yuan said with a smile, "It seems like Junior Brother Mo is eager to meet that outer court disciple from the Profound Nether Mansion."

"I'm afraid I'm not the only one..." Mo Ping Zhi promptly glanced at the other disciples who were looking at him and Tan Yuan.

Apart from Mo Ping Zhi and Tan Yuan, among the six disciples, only one of them managed to rank in the top 100 in the last decade. His highest rank was 86th place. The rest of them were rather weak; only two out of five managed to rank in the top 100 in the past, and it was mostly due to luck they were able to rank in the top 100.

When Tan Yuan saw the anticipatory gazes of his fellow disciples, he asked with a wide smile on his face, "Are all of you so confident in our collective strength?"

"Senior Brother Tan Yuan, since you and Senior Brother Mo are here, I don't believe Duan Ling Tian is capable of eliminating all of us!" one of the disciples replied.

"That's right! We believe in you and Senior Brother Mo."

"Senior Brother Tan Yuan, let's wait for Duan Ling Tian. I bet he won't expect you and Senior Brother Mo to be together," another disciple said excitedly. It was as though he could already see his two seniors defeating Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing these words, Tan Yuan laughed. "Since all you have such confidence in us, won't it seem like I'm afraid of Duan Ling Tian if I refuse to stay? Alright, let's stay!" Then, he looked at Mo Ping Zhi and asked, "Junior Brother Mo, what do you think?"

"Senior Brother Tan Yuan, of course, I'll stay. I really want to meet that outer court disciple from the Profound Nether Mansion whom everyone has been talking about recently," Mo Ping Zhi replied with a confident smile on his face.

"Junior Brother Mo, Duan Ling Tian must not be simple for him to be able to make a name for himself that quickly. We must not underestimate him when we face him," Tan Yuan solemnly reminded Mo Ping Zhi.

"Rest assured, Senior Brother Tan Yuan. Although I don't think he'll be able to beat us if we join forces, I'll be cautious and fight with all my strength!" Mo Ping Zhi vowed.

"Very well." Tan Yuan was relieved upon hearing these words. As the strongest Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the Fire Glaze Mansion, he knew someone like Duan Ling Tian could not be a weakling. Therefore, he would not underestimate his opponent and would fight with all his might. After a moment, he looked at the other six disciples and said, "Brothers, you can stand aside and look out for us or leave when Duan Ling Tian appears. With me and Junior Brother Tan Yuan here, he won't be able to get to you...."

The other six disciples began to reply one after another.

"Senior Brother Mo, I won't leave. I'll stay back and look out for both of you. Moreover, I want to see how you defeat that person from the Profound Nether Mansion."

"Senior Brother Mo, I'll stay as well!"

"Senior Brother Mo, I want to watch both of you eliminate Duan Ling Tian!"

The six disciples were adamant about staying back and looking out for Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi. Naturally, they knew Tan Yuan was only being courteous when he asked to be on the lookout. In reality, even if the six of them combined their strength, they were still not a match for Mo Ping Zhi and Tan Yuan, let alone an opponent who was stronger than Tan Yuan.

After the eight of them came to a decision, they stayed in the same place, waiting for Duan Ling Tian to find them.

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Meanwhile, the other disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion within 10 kilometers of their base who were on the way to the designated meeting place received the messages from the Fire Glaze Mansion as well. All of them left immediately, unlike Tan Yuan, Mo Ping Zhi, and the disciples with them.

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'After I eliminate two groups of people, the Fire Glaze Mansion must know I've found out about their meeting place,' Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself inwardly as he continued to search the area within 10 kilometers of the Fire Glaze Mansion's base. 'I've already searched half of the area. When I finish searching, I'll return and look for Wan Qing Qing.'

Although Duan Ling Tian did not think he would meet any more disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion, he decided to complete his search around the area. Due to his decision, he eventually encountered the strong and bold duo, Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi, and six other disciples of the Fire Glaze Mansion.

Chapter 3157: Crushed

Swoosh!

After teleporting for a while, Duan Ling Tian saw eight figures hovering in the distance. In just a blink of an eye, he teleported in front of them. As soon as he appeared, he looked at the identity tokens hanging from their waists. Upon seeing the identity tokens, his eyes lit up immediately. 'They're all disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion!'

With just a glance, the names Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi caught his attention immediately. He knew the duo were the two most outstanding Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Fire Glare Mansion. Wan Qing Qing had briefed him about the duo previously. Therefore, he knew Tan Yuan had comprehended the law of metal whereas Mo Ping Zhi had comprehended the law of water. His speed was comparable to Mo Ping Zhi, but Tan Yuan was slightly faster than him. However, with the Teleportation Profundity, Tan Yuan would not have an advantage over him in terms of speed. Offensive strength-wise, Mo Ping Zhi was far inferior to Tan Yuan as well.

'It's obvious they were waiting for me...' Duan Ling Tian could easily tell they had deliberately waited for him and that their confidence was boosted by Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi's presence.

Meanwhile, as soon as Duan Ling Tian appeared, all eight disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion glared at Duan Ling Tian. They easily identified him after looking at the identity token hanging from his waist.

"He's here!"

"It's Duan Ling Tian!"

"It's the outer court disciple of the Profound Nether Mansion, Duan Ling Tian!"

Tan Yuan stepped forward with a solemn expression on his face. His eyes glinted coldly as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, you're finally here!" Although he could not wait to kill Duan Ling Tian, he did not dare to act recklessly. After all, who knew if Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background. Even the higher-ups in the Fire Glaze Mansion had told them repeatedly not to kill Duan Ling Tian even if they were capable of doing so. It was imperative that they investigated Duan Ling Tian before they acted.

Swoosh!

After Tan Yuan stepped forward, Mo Ping Zhi followed suit and stood next to Tan Yuan. He looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly and said, "Duan Ling Tian, you're really something. In less than a day, you eliminated roughly 40 inner court disciples from our Fire Glaze Mansion!"

There were roughly 200 inner court disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion who entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm this month. Alas, in less than a day, Duan Ling Tian eliminated roughly 40 disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion, setting an unprecedented record in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

As Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi confronted Duan Ling Tian, the remaining six disciples spread out and surrounded Duan Ling Tian from a distance. However, despite their actions and Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi's presence, it was obvious they were still slightly fearful and wary of him. After all, they knew he had comprehended the law of space's Teleportation Profundity. If he wanted to eliminate or kill them, Tan Yuan or Mo Ping Zhi might not necessarily be able to save them. At this moment, they felt slightly regretful that they did not leave when they had the chance to leave.

"Soon it'll be roughly 50 people..." Duan Ling Tian smirked when he heard Mo Ping Zhi's words. At the same time, his Celestial Origin Energy coursed through his 99 Heavenly Veins before surging out. The air around him rippled and distorted immediately.

"How dare you!" Mo Ping Zhi's expression darkened immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian insinuating that he would eliminate all eight of them. How could he not be enraged by Duan Ling Tian's disdainful words? Did he think they were so easily eliminated?

The six disciples' expressions were no better than Mo Ping Zhi's expression.

"Preposterous! Do you think you're a match for our seniors?"

"You're not even 100 years old. You must have had some sort of fortuitous encounter to possess such strength at this age... Regardless, you're destined to be eliminated by Senior Tan Yuan and Senior Mo Ping Zhi today!"

"Your time in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realms this month will come to an end today."

"If you're smart, you should just crush your Accumulative Point Jade now and leave. If you insist on being stubborn, our seniors will definitely teach you an unforgettable lesson today!"

At this moment, Tan Yuan said, "Everyone can boast. You'll have to see if you have the capability to eliminate us..." He smiled coldly as a burst of golden light shrouded him. Then, his skin seemed to be plated by gold, making him look like a golden statue.

'The law of metal's Metal Style Profundity!' Duan Ling Tian raised a brow.

Mo Ping Zhi scoffed. Then, a surge of blue light shrouded him. In just an instant, it seemed as though he had turned into a body of water,

Whoosh!

Tan Yuan charged out, looking like a streak of golden light, as golden sword rays trailed after him. It was a dazzling sight to behold.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Whoosh!

Mo Ping Zhi did not waste time and followed suit. He seemed like the towering waves as he swept out toward Duan Ling Tian.

Splash!

Two streams of water shot out, looking like water dragons charging at Duan Ling Tian with their fangs bared.

The duo from the Fire Glaze Mansion was swift with their attacks. In just a blink of an eye, they were almost upon Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh!

However, seconds before their attacks landed, Duan Ling Tian suddenly vanished into thin air. When he reappeared, he was behind the duo.

Crack!

Suddenly, a spatial tear appeared out of thin air before a grey sword ray shot out.

Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity!

This Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity caught the attention of the six Fire Glaze Mansion disciples immediately. They were not surprised about the Teleportation Profundity since they had heard about it many times before. They were shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian casting the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity.

“Is that the law of space’s Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity?”

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When the duo saw Duan Ling Tian vanished and their attacks had missed, they instinctively spun around.

Naturally, Tan Yuan was a step faster than Mo Ping Zhi. After all, in terms of reaction, strength, and speed, he was superior to Mo Ping Zhi.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian clearly had the upper hand. In order to end this quickly, he asked for help from the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal. In just a second, the grey sword ray was further boosted as a golden flame shrouded it.

Upon seeing this, the eight disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion were confused. They did not know what technique Duan Ling Tian had used to boost the Cross-Dimensional Profundity, but they knew it was not the other profundities from the law of space. Naturally, they knew it could not be Celestial Talismans, Celestial Pills, or Celestial Weapons since they were prohibited in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“What technique is this?”

Buzz!

The Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity cut across the sky, firmly locked on its two targets.

No matter where the duo from the Fire Glaze Mansion flew, they could shake the grey sword ray of their trail.

Tan Yuan sent a Voice Transmission to Mo Ping Zhi at this moment, "Let's face it directly and destroy his attack!"

Initially, Mo Ping Zhi had been feeling slightly gloomy because they were unable to get away from the grey sword ray. However, his eyes lit up as soon as he heard Tan Yuan's words. He had been waiting for these words! After all, he firmly believed as long as he joined forces with Tan Yuan, they would be able to easily eliminate Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi came to a halt immediately and turned around before they attacked in unison. A towering wave swept out and numerous golden sword rays sailed in the sky, in the course of collision with the grey sword ray from the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity.

The duo watched, certain they would be able to eliminate Duan Ling Tian. Soon after, they discovered they had been too naive.

The Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity's grey sword ray easily cut through the wave of water and golden sword rays like a hot knife through butter.

The duo saw the golden flames on the grey sword ray disappear after that, but its momentum did not seem to decrease at all. It continued on its trajectory toward them. Their combined attacks did not weaken the grey sword ray at all, let alone nullify it.

Swoosh!

Faced with the terrifying and domineering grey sword ray, the golden light shrouding Tan Yuan brightened before he fled like a streak of golden light. Alas, he had just moved when a crisp noise rang in the air. Soon after, blood splattered in the sky like blooming red roses.

Another crisp sound rang in the air. Unfortunately, Mo Ping Zhi who was slower than Tan Yuan could not escape in time. The grey sword ray left a terrifying cut on his chest. At the critical moment, the grey sword ray suddenly disappeared before piercing through his chest and flew back to Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you for sparing my life!" Mo Ping Zhi thanked Duan Ling Tian at once. He was drenched in cold sweat and fear lingered in his heart. He knew very well that if Duan Ling Tian did not show mercy, he would have died.

Chapter 3158: 5th Place With 286 Points!

"This..."

The other six Fire Glaze Mansion disciples were shocked as they watched the one-sided battle in front of them. They did not regain their senses for a long time. It was simply too terrifying. Not only did Duan Ling Tian injure Tan Yuan, but he nearly killed Mo Ping Zhi as well.

Moreover, it was apparent that if Duan Ling Tian did not show mercy, Mo Ping Zhi would have died.

“Watch out!” Tan Yuan cried out.

The six disciples shuddered when they heard Tan Yuan’s warning that thundered in their ears. When they regained their senses, they saw the grey sword ray flickered in front of them one after another. Soon after, they felt a cold sensation on their chests. When they lowered their heads, they saw their robes were torn, and they were bleeding on their chests. It was very clear to them that Duan Ling Tian had held back.

Swoosh!

The moment Duan Ling Tian struck the six disciples, he vanished, causing Tan Yuan’s attack to miss again.

“Damn it!” Tan Yuan cursed loudly. His expression was incredibly unsightly at this moment.

Mo Ping Zhi spoke up at this moment. “Senior Brother Tan Yuan, let it be..... His attacks are too terrifying. Moreover, although his speed is slightly slower than yours, your speed has no advantage over him.” Then, without waiting for Tan Yuan’s reply, he turned to Duan Ling Tian and said earnestly, “Duan Ling Tian, I was wrong to underestimate you. I hope you’ll be able to make it to the top.” After he finished speaking, he did not waste time and brought his Accumulative Point Jade out before crushing it.

Mo Ping Zhi was aware that if Duan Ling Tian did not spare him, he would not be alive. He had done all he could by warning Tan Yuan. He knew there was nothing else he could do so he did not waste time and left the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm immediately without wasting any more words. He thought to himself as he was transported back to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s estate, ‘Duan Ling Tian, thank you for your kindness. If there’s a chance, I’ll certainly repay you in the future!’

After Mo Ping Zhi crushed his Accumulative Point Jade, the other six disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion brought their Accumulative Point Jades out and crushed them with a helpless expression on their faces after they thanked Duan Ling Tian. Similar to Mo Ping Zhi, they knew Duan Ling Tian had spared their lives. Although they were thankful, they knew it was futile to stay any longer. Moreover, they were too embarrassed to stay as well.

“Light and Shadow Profundity!” Mo Ping Zhi’s parting words to Tan Yuan successfully calmed him down. When he was first injured by Duan Ling Tian, he had been enraged and lost his reason for a moment. Mo Ping Zhi’s words were like a bucket of cold water that was splashed on him. He quickly prepared to escape using the law of metal’s main movement profundity. At the same time, he prepared to boost his speed with other profundities from the law of metal as well.

“Too late!” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

At the same time, Tan Yuan discovered he could not leave. When he tried to move, he crashed into an invisible wall, causing the air to ripple. He was even sent flying by the impact. His eyes widened as he cried out, “The law of space’s Restraining Profundity?”

Nevertheless, Tan Yuan had no intention of giving up. He lifted his hands, ready to cast his offensive profundity. This time, his target was not Duan Ling Tian, but the invisible prison he was in. He knew that as long as he had sufficient strength, he would be able to break free of the law of space's Restraining Profundity.

However, as soon as Tan Yuan attacked, golden flames burst forth from the edges of the invisible prison, illuminating the boundaries of the otherwise invisible prison.

If Duan Ling Tian did not seek help from the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal to boost the Restraining Profundity, he might not be able to restrain Tan Yuan. With the two Divine Elements' help, Tan Yuan was firmly trapped in the boundaries of the Restraining Profundity.

Naturally, with Tan Yuan's continual assault, signs of weakening were starting to appear. However, it would still take Tan Yuan a few breaths to break free. This time was more than enough for Duan Ling Tian to act.

Buzz!

Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance waved his hand.

A grey sword ray shot out the spatial tear as Duan Ling Tian cast the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity again. Similar to before, it was shrouded with golden flames as it flew toward Tan Yuan.

Crack!

Faced with the incoming grey sword ray, Tan Yuan weighed his options. It did not take long before he hastily brought his Accumulative Point Jade out and crushed it with an unsightly expression on his face.

When the grey sword ray arrived in the invisible prison, Tan Yuan had already been transported out of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

However, even if Tan Yuan did not escape in time, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of killing Tan Yuan. He knew he had trodden on the Fire Glaze Mansion's bottom line with his actions this time. If he killed the Fire Glaze Mansion disciples as well, it would only aggravate the matter. After all, if he did not kill their disciples, they would not go over the line as well even if they sought revenge from him.

Duan Ling Tian's objective was to gain as many points as possible. He would not hesitate to offend grade-six Celestial Mansions in order to achieve his goal. However, it was not necessary for him to kill his targets to obtain their points.

Now that he had eliminated the eight Fire Glaze Mansion disciples, he quickly brought out his Accumulative Point Jade. His eyes widened and shone as bright as the stars in the night sky when he saw his current points. "My points..."

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In one of the sites of the Transporting Formations in the Fire Glaze Mansion's estate.

Mo Ping Zhi and the other six disciples appeared one after another.

"Mo Ping Zhi?"

“Heavens! Senior Brother Mo Ping Zhi was eliminated?”

The elders and the disciples were still shocked by Mo Ping Zhi and the six disciples’ elimination when...

Swoosh!

An uproar greater than before broke out immediately. The site of the Transporting Formation resembled a market at this moment.

“Tan Yuan?”

“It’s Senior Brother Tan Yuan!”

“Heavens! How did Senior Brother Tan Yuan get eliminated? What’s going on?”

“Senior Mo Ping Zhi has been eliminated as well. Both of them are the strongest representatives of the Fire Glaze Mansion in the middle realm, but they’re both eliminated?”

“It’s not just that, but they’re eliminated consecutively as well.”

At this moment, someone cried out, “Look at the scoreboard!”

Everyone shifted their attention to the scoreboard immediately. Their eyes immediately found Duan Ling Tian’s name on the scoreboard. His name had disappeared from 12th place and appeared in 5th place.

Duan Ling Tian, the outer court disciple of the Profound Nether Mansion, was currently ranked 5th with 286 points.

Everyone inhaled sharply when they saw Duan Ling Tian’s new ranking. They stared at his name in stunned silence.

The outer court disciple from the Profound Nether Mansion had risen to 5th place! Most importantly, he had only entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm less than two days ago. What kind of monster was he?

“In the history of our Southern Heaven Territory, was there anyone who managed to accumulate so many points in just two days?” an elder finally asked.

“I... I don’t think so...”

“There isn’t anyone like that! Gaining 286 points in less than two days is unprecedented in the Southern Heaven Territory!”

“If I’m not mistaken, the highest points someone managed to obtain in two days were 190 points, right?”

“It has only been a month since Duan Ling Tian appeared, but his achievements are mind-blowing. Nobody in this generation will forget his name unless they lose their memories.”

“Where did the Profound Nether Mansion find such a monster?”

The news spread like a wildfire through the Fire Glaze Mansion's estate, leaving commotions in its wake. The members soon discovered the reason for Duan Ling Tian's rapid rise in rankings; he had eliminated their mansion's Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi.

Tan Yuan had entered the middle realm a few days later than Mo Ping Zhi, but he had close to 100 points.

After adding Tan Yuan, Mo Ping Zhi, and the six disciples points, Duan Ling Tian's points jumped from 93 points to 286 points!

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At a grand hall in the Fire Glaze Mansion's estate.

The higher-ups in the Fire Glaze Mansion were furious; they were rebuking seven disciples who were standing before them.

These seven disciples were precisely Mo Ping Zhi and the six other disciples. For some reason, Tan Yuan was not present.

"Why? Why didn't all of you leave?!"

"All of you could've left without any problem, but you intentionally waited for Duan Ling Tian? Were you confident about your strength?"

"Damn it! All of you could've easily avoided him. Now, due to your arrogance, all your points have gone to him!"

"The Fire Glaze Mansion is humiliated this time because of all of you!"

Chapter 3159: A Staunch and Upright Huang Jia Long

Tan Yuan, who represented the Fire Glaze Mansion in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, was one of the few, if not the most, extraordinary Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Fire Glaze Mansion. Due to his extraordinary status, he was able to behave willfully and not show up after being summoned by the higher-ups of the mansion.

Mo Ping Zhi could have done the same and disregarded the higher-ups since he was an outstanding disciple in the Fire Glaze Mansion as well. However, he decided to face the music after considering the other six people who were eliminated along with him. This was the reason he was much more likable than Tan Yuan.

The other six disciples of the Fire Glaze Mansion were rather moved when they saw Tan Yuan standing alongside them and getting rebuked by the higher-ups. After all, they knew Mo Ping Zhi did not have to be there if he did not want to.

At this moment, Mo Ping Zhi stepped forward and said, "Lord Vice Mansion Masters, elders... This matter has nothing to do with the six of them.... I was careless and underestimated Duan Ling Tian. I had believed that as long as Tan Yuan and I worked together, we would be able to eliminate Duan Ling Tian."

Upon hearing Mo Ping Zhi's words, the higher-ups of the Fire Glaze Mansion sighed inwardly. They knew they could not be too harsh on Mo Ping Zhi. If they were too excessive, it might displease Mo Ping Zhi. At that time, who knew if he would still enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the future? If he decided not to enter the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm anymore, the mansion would only suffer a great loss.

After a few moments, one of the Vice Mansion Masters said with a sigh, "In fact, we can't solely blame Mo Ping Zhi for this matter. After all, he had never met Duan Ling Tian until today. It's understandable that he thought he would be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian as long as he joined forces with Tan Yuan. No one expected the Profound Nether Mansion to find such a powerful helper after all."

The other higher-ups nodded and expressed their agreement when they heard these words.

Upon seeing this, the other six disciples sighed in relief inwardly. They felt even more grateful to Mo Ping Zhi at this moment. They were aware that if it were not for Mo Ping Zhi, there was no way they could avoid shouldering the blame.

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At this moment, all the grade-six Celestial Mansions had seen Duan Ling Tian, the Profound Nether Mansion's outer court disciples, rising to fifth place with 286 points. Most importantly, he had risen to his current rank within two days of entering the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm! Currently, even those who did not pay much attention to the ranking in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm had heard about him.

"Where did the Profound Nether Mansion find such a monstrous talent? All of the disciples from the Fire Glaze Mansion have been completely eliminated this month!"

"Duan Ling Tian is really bold! Isn't he afraid the Fire Glaze Mansion would hold a grudge and seek revenge from him?"

"Based on Duan Ling Tian's strength and bold actions, do you really think he has a simple background? Before verifying his background, the Fire Glaze Mansion won't dare to act against him. In fact, they probably wish nothing would happen to him for now. After all, if something were to happen to him, they would be the prime suspect."

"I'm really curious about where the Profound Nether Mansion found him... What does he want from the Profound Nether Mansion? He's even willing to represent them in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm."

"I'm afraid only Duan Ling Tian and the Profound Nether Mansion have the answer to this question."

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Meanwhile, the Profound Nether Mansion's estate was like a bustling market at this moment; there was a huge commotion in the estate. After all, the mansion had not trumped all the major grade-six Celestial Mansions in this manner for a long time now.

"Good kid! He rose to fifth place within two days! It's truly an impressive feat!" Qi Tian Ming, an inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion, laughed heartily when he received news of this. He was,

naturally, delighted with Duan Ling Tian's impressive achievement in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Meanwhile, Bihai Ming Feng, an inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion and also one of the Sect Leaders of the Coupling Celestial Sect, was shocked as well when he received news of what had happened.

'Duan Ling Tian rose to fifth place? He single-handedly eliminated the Fire Glaze Mansion's Mo Ping Zhi and Tan Yuan? He's actually so strong? If I'm not mistaken, he has a pretty good relationship with one of the disciples we accepted at Scaling Cloud Lake previously. What's that disciple's name again?'

With these thoughts in mind, he quickly sent a Communication Talisman back to the grade-seven Coupling Celestial Sect.

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When the other Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect received the message from Bihai Ming Feng, he quickly ordered his subordinates to investigate the identity of the person who was said to have a close relationship with Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old, but he was already a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who had comprehended so many profundities from the law of space. Apart from that, he had risen to fifth place in less than two days after entering the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Such a person's future would be exceptionally bright unless he died an untimely death.

It was beneficial for the Coupling Celestial Sect to strike a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian. Now that they learned one of their new disciples had an existing relationship with Duan Ling Tian, how could they remain indifferent?

It did not take long before Huang Jia Long was brought to the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect. A confused expression could be seen on his face at this moment. It was obvious he did not have the slightest clue about what was going on. He even wondered if Duan Ling Tian had gotten into some sort of trouble. "Lord Sect Leader."

"You're Huang Jia Long?"

Huang Jia Long who had been nervous about being suddenly summoned sighed in relief when he saw the sect leader's amiable expression. It seemed like he had been overthinking things.

The Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect did not beat around the bush and asked, "I heard you have a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian?"

Huang Jia Long nodded faintly. "He's like a brother to me. Lord Sect Leader, is something the matter with Duan Ling Tian?" A hint of worry could be heard in his voice at this moment. Although he did not know Duan Ling Tian for long, due to their compatibility, they were close friends. It was only natural that he would worry about Duan Ling Tian.

The Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect did not answer Huang Jian Long's question. Instead, he asked in return, "How did both of you get acquainted?"

“We met in the Supporting Fall Nation... My father’s the City Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation...”

Upon hearing Huang Jia Long’s words, the sect leader’s expression turned cold without any warning. “I’ll give you one more chance to be honest... Do you really have a close relationship with Duan Ling Tian?”

“... Yes...” Huang Jia Long’s heart sank when he saw the sect leader’s abrupt change. It seemed like his initial thoughts were correct; Duan Ling Tian had indeed gotten into some sort of trouble. Moreover, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian had somehow offended the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect.

The Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect looked at Huang Jia Long with narrowed eyes and said in a threatening and low voice, “You should have Duan Ling Tian’s Soul Pearl, right? Bring it out. I’m going to send him a message; if he doesn’t come to our sect, I’ll kill you.” After a brief pause, he added, “Naturally, I’m not going to really kill you. I’m just planning to use you to lure him here. As long as I manage to kill him, I’ll definitely reward you. I’ll accept you as my last disciple. In the future, you’ll stand a chance of becoming the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect.”

It was clear now that the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect was trying to entice Huang Jia Long into helping him to kill Duan Ling Tian.

“Lord Sect Leader, may I ask how Duan Ling Tian offended you?” Huang Jia Long’s expression changed drastically.

Crack!

A crisp noise rang when Huang Jia Long suddenly fell to his knees. When he rose to his feet, a shattered Soul Pearl could be seen lying on the ground. With this, the soul mark branded in the Soul Pearl was naturally destroyed as well. Before he destroyed the Soul Pearl, he had managed to quickly send a message to Duan Ling Tian. “Brother Duan, I don’t know what happened, but don’t listen to any threats from the Coupling Celestial Sect. The sect leader wants me to lure you here with your Soul Pearl and threaten you using my life. I’ll be destroying your Soul Pearl after sending this message. I hope I’ll have a chance to be brothers with you again in my next life!”

“You destroyed the Soul Pearl?” the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect asked incredulously, “You’re not afraid of death?”

“Of course I’m afraid of death. Who isn’t? However, I’d rather die than betray my brother!” Huang Jia Long said resolutely. He was fearless now that he had accepted the fact that he was going to die. At this moment, whatever respect he had for the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect was gone.

Contrary to Huang Jia Long’s expectations, the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect laughed heartily and applauded as he said, “Good! Very good! From today onward, Huang Jia Long, you will become my, Gongsun Wenqing, last disciple!”

Huang Jia Long was stunned by Gongsun Wenqing’s sudden change in behavior. When he finally recovered his senses, he asked in confusion, “Lord Sect Leader, w-what’s going on?”

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In the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Duan Ling Tian, who had just met up with Wan Qing Qing, just received Huang Jia Long's message. His expression changed drastically when he heard the content of the message. His expression was one of confusion and worry. "What happened? Why does the Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect want to lure me to the sect?"

Despite his confusion, Duan Ling Tian was certain Huang Jia Long's message was real. He knew Huang Jia Long would never play a prank like this. He turned to Wan Qing Qing and said in a grave and urgent tone, "I have something urgent to deal with. I'm returning to the Profound Nether Mansion. Follow me to the Profound Nether Mansion's base before we part, and give me your Soul Pearl. I'll contact you once I'm done dealing with my affairs."

Chapter 3160: Wan Qing Qing is Shocked

Duan Ling Tian wanted to show Wan Qing Qing the way to the Profound Nether Mansion's base so it would be easier for them to meet up later. Although he could also meet her at the Martial Battle Mansion's base in the middle realm, he knew it would be difficult for her to reveal the location of her mansion's base.

After Duan Ling Tian received Wan Qing Qing's Soul Pearl, he said. "If the Fire Glaze Mansion's base is close to the Martial Battle Mansion's base, we can meet near the Fire Glaze Mansion's base."

"Where's the Profound Nether Mansion's base in the middle realm?" Wan Qing Qing asked. She did not fuss about Duan Ling Tian's sudden need to leave. She could tell he was not trying to get out of his promise to her and that he genuinely had something urgent to attend to. After all, if he really wanted to renege on their deal, there was no need for him to come up with an excuse at all.

"That way." Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and pointed in the direction of the Profound Nether Mansion's base.

Wan Qing Qing nodded. "Let's meet near the Fire Glaze Mansion's base then." Since she would need to pass the Fire Glaze Mansion's base on her way to the Profound Nether Mansion's base, it was more convenient for both of them to meet near the Fire Glaze Mansion's base that was like a middle-point for both of them.

"Alright!" Duan Ling Tian nodded before he added, "I'll send you a message before entering the middle realm again. If you're occupied and can't enter at that time, just let me know." After he finished speaking, he did not wait for her response and cast the law of space's Teleportation Profundity.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In just a few moments, Duan Ling Tian vanished from Wan Qing Qing's sight. With this, she returned to the Martial Battle Mansion's base as well. Like a streak of green light, she made her way to the base. Her speed was so fast that Duan Ling Tian's Teleportation Profundity would not have been a match for her speed at all.

The distance between the Martial Battle Mansion's base and the Fire Glaze Mansion's base was closer compared to the distance between the Profound Nether Mansion's base and the Fire Glaze Mansion's

base. Coupled with her superior speed, Wan Qing Qing arrived at the Martial Battle Mansion's base before Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Profound Nether Mansion's base.

"Senior Sister Wan!"

A group of disciples greeted Wan Qing Qing in unison as soon as she arrived at the Martial Battle Mansion's base. She nodded faintly in response before she left the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Upon seeing this, the disciples of the Martial Battle Mansion discussed fervently among themselves

"I heard Senior Sister Wan was working with Senior Brother Heng Feng. It's unfortunate that Senior Brother Heng Feng was eliminated," one disciple said with a sigh.

"I just entered the middle realm. I didn't see Senior Sister Wan's name on the scoreboard at all. It seems like things aren't going well for her after Senior Brother Heng Feng was eliminated," a disciple who had just entered the middle realm 15 minutes ago chimed in.

"With her capabilities, it won't be difficult for her to make it onto the scoreboard. It's only her fourth day here, after all. It won't be a problem for her to make it into the top 30 over the next six days."

"That's right! Unless Senior Sister Wan has really bad luck, she shouldn't have a problem ranking in the top 30!"

"But why is she leaving?"

"Who knows? Maybe there's something urgent she has to attend to?"

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At this time, Wan Qing Qing appeared in one of the sites of the Transporting Formations in the Martial Battle Mansion's estate. Since participants who were eliminated and participants who left on their own accord were sent to different sites, people knew she was not eliminated.

Wan Qing Qing instinctively turned to look at the scoreboard as soon as she arrived. 'He's ranked 5th?!' It did not take long for her to discover Duan Ling Tian was ranked fifth and had 286 points.

A disciple who had discovered Wan Qing Qing's presence asked curiously, "Senior Sister Wan, when Senior Heng Feng was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian, it must have been terrifying for you when you were escaping, right?"

Another disciple chimed in, "Of course it's terrifying! Even the Fire Glaze Mansion's Mo Ping Zhi and Tan Yuan failed to eliminate Duan Ling Tian after they joined forces! Senior Sister Wan is really lucky that she was able to escape!"

"That's right. News from the Fire Glaze Mansion said that in terms of speed, Tan Yuan failed to escape even though his speed was on equal ground with Duan Ling Tian's speed. Duan Ling Tian prevented him from leaving with the Restraining Profundity before eliminating him."

"Well, you can't say Senior Sister Wan managed to escape due to luck. After all, Senior Sister Wan is much faster than Tan Yuan. Moreover, Tan Yuan has never been able to eliminate Senior Sister Wan"

“Whatever it is, Tan Yuan was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian, and Senior Sister Wan successfully escaped from him. This proves that she’s stronger than Tan Yuan!”

It seemed as though Wan Qing Qing was deaf to the praises and flattery in her surroundings. She seemed to be lost in thought, and a hint of surprise could be seen in the depths of her eyes. ‘H-he eliminated the Fire Glaze Mansion’s Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi? Didn’t he just enter the middle realm two days ago?’

Duan Ling Tian and Wan Qing Qing had only just met up in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm before he suddenly had to leave. Therefore, she was unaware that he had eliminated Tan Yuan and Mo Ping Zhi and was clueless about his current rank.

‘I have six more days to raise my ranking in the middle realm...’ Wan Qing Qing thought to herself excitedly. She could not wait to meet Duan Ling Tian in the middle realm again. She wondered how many points she would be able to gain and how high she would rise on the scoreboard with Duan Ling Tian’s help.

At this moment, she seemed to recall something and hastily sent a message to Heng Feng. “Senior Heng Feng, did you tell anyone that I’m working together with Duan Ling Tian?”

Apart from Heng Feng who knew there was a possibility she would work with Duan Ling Tian, no one from the Martial Battle Mansion knew anything about this matter at all. After all, before Heng Feng shattered his Accumulative Point Jade, Heng Feng had heard Duan Ling Tian inviting her to join forces with him. Moreover, Heng Feng had also persuaded her to join forces with Duan Ling Tian before he left.

“Junior Sister Qing, does this mean you ended up joining forces with Duan Ling Tian?” A hint of surprise could be heard in Heng Feng’s reply. “Since you’re able to send me a message, does this mean you’re out of the middle realm?”

Since one could not send messages out of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, Heng Feng knew Wan Qing Qing had left the middle realm. He asked, “Were you eliminated?”

“No, I left the middle realm,” Wan Qing Qing replied.

“You agreed to work with Duan Ling Tian, right? It’s highly unlikely for him to be able to locate the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base on his own. I remember both of us running into the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base previously...” Heng Feng replied through Voice Transmission.

Four days ago, when Heng Feng and Wan Qing Qing entered the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, they accidentally discovered the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base. Therefore, it was not difficult for him to figure out that Wan Qing Qing had joined forces with Duan Ling Tian and had led him to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base.

“Yes,” Wan Qing Qing replied honestly. There was no need for her to lie after all.

Heng Feng asked solemnly, “You didn’t reveal the location of our base, did you?”

“Of course! I’ll never reveal something like that to him,” Wan Qing Qing said.

“That’s great. It’s best that no one knows about you joining forces with Duan Ling Tian. At the very least, you can’t let people know you’ve already joined forces with him before he went to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base. Otherwise, the Fire Glaze Mansion might seek revenge from you,” Heng Feng reminded her.

“I know. That’s why I hid myself when he went to the Fire Glaze Mansion’s base,” Wan Qing Qing said.

“That’s good. Rest assured, your secret is safe with me,” Heng Feng added.

“Thank you, Senior Heng Feng.” Wan Qing Qing promptly expressed her gratitude. She knew Heng Feng was trustworthy. Otherwise, she would not have agreed to work with him at all.

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In the Profound Nether Mansion’s base.

Duan Ling Tian’s sudden appearance, naturally, caught a group of disciples’ attention. With his achievement, he had become the pride and treasure of the Profound Nether Mansion.

“Duan Ling Tian?”

Before the disciples regained their senses, Duan Ling Tian had already teleported out of the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“Why did he leave?”

“It seems like he’s in a hurry. Something must have happened!”

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Similarly, when Duan Ling Tian arrived at one of the sites of the Transporting Formations in the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate, he caught everyone’s attention again.

“It’s Duan Ling Tian!”