

Chapter 3211: Destroy With a Single Blow

"You're finally here..." Despite not having met Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er prior to this, Zhang Jin Yi knew the two people in front of him were Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er due to Huan'er's peerless beauty.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er discovered everyone from their group had been killed by the young man in front of them with just a blow.

After Duan Ling Tian took a better look at the young man, his eyes narrowed as memories from 100 years ago flooded his mind.

'It's him, Zhang Jin Yi! He's the envoy that the main Phantom Fox Clan in the Seven Upper Province's Heavenly Territory sent 100 years ago!'

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had hidden in the Little World that the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion created when Zhang Jin Yi visited the Profound Nether Mansion. Although they were in the Little World, they had seen Zhang Jin Yi. Therefore, he recognized Zhang Jin Yi in a short time.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'It has been 100 years, and he's still in the Southern Heaven Territory... It seems like the main Phantom Fox Clan in the Heavenly Territory still hasn't given up on Huan'er.'

At this moment, Huan'er said through Voice Transmission, "Brother Ling Tian, he's a member of the Phantom Fox Clan. He... he seems familiar... It's as though I've met him before."

"Huan'er, do you remember 100 years ago, we hid in the pavilion master's Little World?" Duan Ling Tian asked, helping Huan'er to recall where she had seen Zhang Jin Yi.

"It's him!" Realization dawned on Huan'er immediately. If Duan Ling Tian did not remind her, she would not have remembered Zhang Jin Yi.

"Huan'er, leave him to me... I'll kill him!" Duan Ling Tian said solemnly through Voice Transmission, "Once he confirms you're a Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox, he'll surely report back to the main Phantom Fox Clan in the Heavenly Territory. At that time, I'm afraid calamity would befall the pavilion master and everyone in the Profound Nether Mansion when we leave the Spirit Overarching Heaven. It's of utmost importance that we hide your identity from him and make sure he doesn't have a chance to report back to the main clan."

Duan Ling Tian felt indebted to the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion in the Profound Nether Mansion. Naturally, he did not want calamity to befall the Profound Nether Mansion. The mansion stood no chance against the main Phantom Fox Clan in the Heavenly Territory. Even the Su Clan that ruled over the Profound Nether Mansion would not dare to retaliate if the main Phantom Fox Clan annihilated the Profound Nether Mansion.

"I understand, Brother Ling Tian." Huan'er could sense the gravity of the situation based on Duan Ling Tian's tone. Her expression was grim as her Celestial Origin Energy that was raging slowly calmed down.

“Who are you? Based on your words, it seems like you’ve been waiting for us?” Duan Ling Tian asked lightly as he looked at Zhang Jin Yi.

“That’s right.” Zhang Jin Yi nodded.

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, Zhang Jin Yi charged toward Huan’er as his Celestial Origin Surged and a golden light shrouded his body.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian teleported in front of Huan’er, shielding her. His eyes shone with killing intent as he faced the ferocious Zhang Jin Yi.

“You’re no match for me.” Zhang Jin Yi came to a stop. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and coldly said, “You’re clearly weaker than her so why don’t you let her fight in your stead?”

“You will need to defeat me first.” Duan Ling Tian smiled. If this was 100 years ago, he would not be able to speak such words to Zhang Jin Yi. However, the circumstances were different now. Alas, Zhang Jin Yi was not unaware of this.

“Since you have a death wish, I’ll grant you your wish!” Zhang Jin Yi’s gaze grew frosty as he directed his Soul Energy toward Duan Ling Tian. This was also a technique that only direct descendants from the main Phantom Fox Clan could master; it could muddle one’s mind.

Soon after, a shocked expression on Zhang Jin Yi’s face when he discovered Duan Ling Tian was looking at him smugly, clearly unaffected by his attack.

“So this is your special technique? Your Soul Energy is not bad. Unfortunately, it’s useless against me.” Zhang Jin Yi’s domineering Soul Energy was easily deflected by the Profound Divine Metal in Duan Ling Tian’s body that protected his soul. Although the Profound Divine Metal was only in its third form, it could easily deflect weaker Soul Energies.

“Y-you own a soul defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon?” Zhang Jin Yi’s eyes narrowed as he solemnly asked.

A soul defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon was capable of deflecting soul attacks from those below the stage of a Celestial Lord.

“Well, you can say so, I guess. In short, your technique doesn’t work on me,” Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

Duan Ling Tian had learned from Huan’er that Zhang Jin Yi had mastered a unique skill that was exclusive to direct descendants of the main Phantom Fox Clan. However, he was not afraid at all since Zhang Jin Yi was only a Ten Directions Celestial Lord. He would have been worried if Zhang Jin Yi was a Celestial Lord.

“If that technique is useless, I’ll just crush you with my strength!” Zhang Jin Yi sneered. He was clearly angered. At the same time, a translucent metal figure appeared as his Celestial Origin Energy surged.

“The Metal Guardian Profundity!” Duan Ling Tian recognized the profundity from the law of metal that Zhang Jin Yi had cast. The Metal Guardian Profundity was a defensive profundity that also boosted one’s strength.

“Your Royal Grade Celestial Sword seems to be more powerful than ordinary Royal Grade Celestial Weapons.” Duan Ling Tian could tell Zhang Jin Yi’s weapon was extraordinary. Nevertheless, it could not compare to the Yin Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring.

“I’ll kill you with my sword in less than three moves!” Zhang Jin Yi scoffed. He seemed to have transformed into a streak of golden light as he shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

As Zhang Jin Yi drew close, Duan Ling Tian teleported away.

Huan’er followed suit and teleported to some distance behind Duan Ling Tian before she continued to watch the fight. She had strategically chosen her spot so that Zhang Jin Yi would not be able to get to her unless he defeated or killed Duan Ling Tian.

“I’d like to see how many times you’ll be able to avoid me.” Zhang Jin Yi seemed to turn into a golden streak of light again. He shot across the sky like a shooting star toward Duan Ling Tian. He seemed to have become one with his Celestial Sword as he left a long and narrow sword ray in his wake. His aura was truly domineering at this moment.

A peculiar noise rang in the air as the sword ray shot out as though it was tearing the void as it moved.

“Is there a need for me to avoid you?” Duan Ling Tian sneered as he mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Space Elemental Profundity. Although he was only a Nine Palaces Celestial King, his Celestial Origin Energy and speed were far superior to most Ten Directions Celestial Kings, including Zhang Jin Yi, due to his 99 Heavenly Veins.

Territory Profundity! Distortion Profundity!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian’s Space Territory began to expand until it covered a 100-meter radius. Naturally, it was not a coincidence that Zhang Jin Yi was within range.

Zhang Jin immediately felt his movements slowly being restrained. The golden sword ray slowed down as well. He snorted before he said, “Your comprehension of the law of space is not bad. Unfortunately, it’s not enough to stop me!”

Swoosh!

As soon as Zhang Jin Yi finished speaking, the golden sword ray suddenly picked up speed. It breached the Space Territory and shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

“Perfect timing!” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted as he looked at the streak of golden light. He stood unmoving before he punched the air.

Subsequently, three spatial tears appeared in the void before three grey sword rays shot out, forming a fist. Then, it shot toward the incoming streak of golden light.

Duan Ling Tian had raised the strength of this shadow fist by casting all the offensive profundities from the law of space that he had comprehended.

Bang!

As a loud explosion rang in the air, the streak of golden light was destroyed by the shadow fist. Then, a figure was sent flying across the sky.

Zhang Jin Yi, who was sent flying back, summoned his purely defensive Celestial Weapon that manifested in the form of a blood-red armor.

“A purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted as he said with a faint smile on his face, “You’d be dead if it weren’t for this Celestial Weapon.”

“Impossible!” Zhang Jin Yi who was standing in the distance looked at Duan Ling Tian incredulously. “How could you defeat me without a Celestial Weapon? How many profundities from the law of space did you comprehend to the initial stage?”

A Nine Palaces Celestial King defeated Zhang Jin Yin with his bare hands. Moreover, he was only alive because of his purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. It was only natural that he felt like this was a bitter pill to swallow. He was the third strongest Celestial King in the main Phantom Fox Clan’s Zhang Clan, and yet, he was thoroughly defeated by a Nine Palaces Celestial King from a backward palace in the Southern Heaven Territory!

“Do you really want to know?” Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile on his face.

Zhang Jin Yi narrowed his eyes, focused on listening to Duan Ling Tian’s words.

However, Duan Ling Tian seemed to vanish into thin air, only leaving after images in his wake.

“No!” Zhang Jin Yi’s expression changed drastically. Despite feeling extremely unwilling, he hastily brought out his Identity Jade Token so he could crush it and escape.

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Swoosh!

A seven-colored sword ray flashed briefly before it vanished into thin air and reappeared near Zhang Jin Yi who was holding his Identity Jade Token. Alas, before he could crush it, the seven-colored sword ray had cleaved him into two from his head down. Even his purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was cleaved into two. With that, the direct descendant from the main Phantom Fox Clan died in the grade-three secret realm of the upper realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm after spending 100 years in the Southern Heaven Territory. Even he would not have expected that he would meet such an end.

“Huan’er, let’s go.” After collecting Zhang Jin Yi’s Celestial Weapons and Spatial Ring, Duan Ling Tian beckoned Huan’er over. Before they left, he turned to look at the two entrances that were still closed. Obviously, the battles still had not concluded.

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In the Zhang Clan of the main Phantom Fox Clan located in the Seven Upper Province's Heavenly Territory.

"Grand Elder! Jin Yi's Soul Pearl has shattered!"

Very soon after Zhang Jin Yi's death, a member of the Phantom Fox Clan reported his death to the Grand Elder of the Zhang Clan upon discovering Zhang Jin Yi's shattered Soul Pearl.

"What?!" The Grand Elder of the Zhang Clan rose to his feet, shocked. "What's happened? Wasn't he in the Southern Heaven Territory? How dare the people of the Southern Heaven Territory kill him!"

Shortly afterward, an elder, the person in charge of liaising with the Phantom Fox Clan's branch in the Southern Heaven Territory, was summoned before the grand elder.

"Jin Yi is dead."

The elder was shocked by the grand elder's words. "What? Jin Yi is dead?"

"Speak to the Branch Leader of the Phantom Fox Clan in the Southern Heaven Territory. Tell him that only death awaits him if he can't give us an explanation of what happened," the grand elder said grimly.

With that, a special Communication Celestial Talisman was sent out of the Zhang Clan across the Riot Star Sea to the Phantom Fox Clan's branch in the Southern Heaven Territory.

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"What?!" Zhang Dong Nan, the Branch Leader of the Phantom Fox Clan in the Southern Heaven Territory, was similarly shocked when he received news of Zhang Jin Yi's death. "Lord envoy is dead? Isn't he in the upper realm? Did he leave after the upper realm's scoreboard was refreshed and was killed by a Celestial Lord?"

Zhang Dong Nan was eager to know what happened as well. However, despite pulling all the strings he could, his investigation did not yield any results.

"Based on his ranking, he should've entered the grade-three secret realm. What could threaten him in there? Was he killed by Formation spirits in the secret realm?"

However, after a while, he dismissed that thought. Although there were Formation spirits in the grade-three secret realm that could threaten Zhang Jin Yi's life, Zhang Jin Yi should have been able to easily escape. There was no Formation spirit in the grade-three secret realm powerful enough to restrain Zhang Jin Yi.

"Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er have entered the grade-three secret realm as well?" Zhang Jin Yi's expression turned grim when he later discovered Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had entered the grade-three secret realm as well. "100 years ago, Huan'er was already powerful even though she wasn't even 100 years old. It's not impossible for her to be able to kill Lord Envoy now that 100 years have passed."

With that, he reported back to the main Phantom Fox Clan in the Heavenly Territory.

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After the elder, the person in charge of liaising with Zhang Dong Nan, relayed the message to the Grand Elder of the Zhang Clan, the grand elder said, "Go to the Southern Heaven Territory and investigate this matter... I don't care who it is, but they should pay with their lives for killing a direct descendant of the Zhang Clan!"

"Yes, grand elder!"

Thus, the elder was sent to the Southern Heaven Territory through a Transporting Formation.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er finally ran into their first Spirit Formation in the grade-three secret realm. However, the Formation spirit was so weak that Duan Ling Tian destroyed it with just a punch.

Following that, the duo continued to search for the next Spirit Formation.

"The main Phantom Fox Clan will undoubtedly send someone to investigate Zhang Jin Yi's death, and Huan'er and I will certainly become the biggest suspects. However, it's likely that there's nothing they can do to the Profound Nether Mansion since they haven't confirmed Huan'er's identity. Moreover, Zhang Dong Nan's under the impression that we left the Profound Nether Mansion years ago. Zhang Dong Nan's rather smart so he'll avoid involving the Profound Nether Mansion in fear of offending Huan'er and me unless it's absolutely necessary."

Zhang Dong Nan, whom Duan Ling Tian had met twice, left a deep impression on Duan Ling Tian during their first meeting. Duan Ling Tian could tell Zhang Dong Nan was an intelligent man. If anything were to happen to the Profound Nether Mansion, Zhang Dong Nan should know he would have to face the consequences and answer to him and Huan'er. 100 years ago, they might not be a match for Zhang Dong Nan, but what about 100 years later? With Zhang Dong Nan's level of intelligence, he was sure Zhang Dong Nan must have thought about this as well.

After thinking about this, Duan Ling Tian felt more at ease and wandered the grade-three secret realm carefreely with Huan'er.

After encountering many Spirit Formation, including those that needed Huan'er to unleash her full strength to deal with, she did not have a breakthrough and become a Celestial Lord.

At this time, half a day was left before they would be transported out of the grade-three secret realm.

"Huan'er, let's leave the upper realm... It's about time for us to leave the Spirit Overarching Heaven for the Jade Emperor Heaven." Duan Ling Tian decided to shatter their Identity Jade Tokens instead of waiting to be transported out.

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When Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er returned to the Imperial Tutor Pavilion, they did not waste time and bade farewell to the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion before they left the Profound Nether Mansion.

The duo was clad head to toe in black robes to disguise themselves when they left the Profound Nether Mansion to avoid people connecting them to the Profound Nether Mansion.

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When Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were leaving the Spirit Overarching Heaven through the Transporting Formation located in a city under the Profound Nether Mansion, the people in the grade-three secret realms were transported out one after another now that their time there was up.

Following that, Zhang Dong Nan began to look for those who had left the grade-three secret realm to uncover what had happened to Zhang Jin Yi. Then, he and the elder from the main Phantom Fox Clan interrogated them.

"He's very strong. Before entering the grade-three secret realm, he killed a man who offended him. However, after the entrance to the secret realm opened, he didn't leave immediately. He was standing guard outside the other three entrances as though he was waiting for someone..."

With this, Zhang Dong Nan and the elder confirmed that Zhang Jin Yi had indeed entered the grade-three secret realm.

The elder asked Zhang Dong Nan solemnly, "Do you think that woman Huan'er whom we suspect to be the Thousands Phantom Ice Fox is capable of killing Jin Yi?"

"It's possible... However, if she's that strong, I don't see a reason why she would enter the grade-three secret realm... I have a strong feeling that someone entered the grade-three realm using Huan'er's name. Even Lord Envoy was suspicious about her identity and thought it might be an impostor. There's a possibility that after Lord Envoy confirmed that 'Huan'er' was an impostor, he had left after crushing his Identity Jade Token. After all, the treasures in the secret realm didn't hold his interest at all. With this, there's a possibility he was killed outside of the upper realm. Over the past decades, Lord Envoy didn't enter the upper realm using our branch's Transporting Formation so I'm not sure about his whereabouts as well... Under such circumstances, it'd be like searching for a needle in a haystack if we want to find his murderer..." Zhang Dong Nan speculated out loud.

From the beginning until the end, Zhang Dong Nan tried his best to convince the elder from the main Phantom Fox Clan that Zhang Dong Nan was killed by a Celestial Lord after leaving the upper realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in an attempt to misdirect the elder and the main clan.

It was just as Duan Ling Tian had expected, Zhang Dong Nan did not bring up the Profound Nether Mansion in fear of attracting trouble to himself. Even if he was punished by the main Phantom Fox Clan, it was not a big deal. After all, as one of the branch leaders of the Phantom Fox Clan, the main clan would not punish him too heavily unless they had evidence that he had committed a grave mistake. Moreover, since Zhang Jin Yi was rarely in the branch estate, he could not be held accountable for Zhang Jin Yi's disappearance and death.

"Continue investigating Jin Yi's death. If you're able to find the murderer, the main clan will definitely handsomely reward you after avenging him," the elder from the main clan said before leaving the Southern Heaven Territory.

Zhang Dong Nan did not think much of the elder's words. He was convinced that Huan'er was the one who killed Zhang Jin Yi. Based on her strength previously, he believed she must have grown incredibly strong. In fact, he would not find it surprising if her strength was on par with his now. Therefore, he had no intention of voicing his suspicion to the main clan. All he wanted was to secure his life and his position as a branch leader. It was true that he was rather ambitious in the past. However, now that so much time had passed and he was certain that Huan'er was very strong, he did not want to attract trouble to himself.

Duan Ling Tian would never have expected that Zhang Dong Nan was much smarter than he had thought.

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In the Jade Emperor Heaven.

Duan Ling Tian brought Huan'er to a place called the Nan Dou Territory instead of the Equal Heaven Territory he had gone to previously.

The Nan Dou Territory and another seven territories were collectively known as the Eight Upper Provinces in the Jade Emperor Heaven.

"Huan'er, we'll settle down temporarily in this city... After we obtain enough information, we'll decide on our next move," Duan Ling Tian said after he and Huan'er decided to settle down in a city called Xu Yang City that was located not far from the Transporting Formation they had arrived in.

Chapter 3213: The Snow Horizon Celestial Sect

Xu Yang City was one of the cities in the Eight Upper Province's Nan Dou Territory of the Jade Emperor Heaven. The city was under the control of the Piercing Clarity Celestial Sect.

"The Piercing Clarity Celestial Sect is a grade-six sect. It's comparable to most of the grade-six forces in the Spirit Overarching Heaven's Southern Heaven Territory... However, it's a far cry from the Profound Nether Mansion. The Piercing Clarity Celestial Sect only has dominion over two small cities in the Nan Dou Territory. The Nan Dou Territory is indeed worthy of being one of the territories in the Eight Upper Province of the Jade Emperor Heaven... Even a grade-six sect is nothing here."

After spending a few days in Xu Yang City, Duan Ling Tian gained a certain level of understanding of the city through various means.

"The Spirit Overarching Heaven's center is called the Spirit Overarching Territory. The Seven Upper Province, including the Heavenly Territory, are seven territories that surround the center of the Spirit Overarching Territory like the stars surrounding the moon. Apart from that, the Heavenly Emperor of the Spirit Overarching Heaven stays in the Spirit Overarching Territory. There are also many heaven-grade and supreme-grade forces that are based there," Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself, "Similarly, the center of the Jade Emperor Heaven is called the Jade Heaven Territory, and it's surrounded by the Eight Upper Province, including the Nan Dou Territory."

Apart from Xu Yang City, Duan Ling Tian learned many things about the Nan Dou Territory as well over the past few days. Among the Eight Upper Provinces, the Nan Dou Territory was rather special. The Eight Upper Provinces in the Jade Emperor Heaven were each ruled by a titled Celestial Emperor except for the Nan Dou Territory. The titled Celestial Emperors who had tried to conquer the territory in the past eventually died trying. This was because the three strongest forces in the Nan Dou Territory were strong enough to kill titled Celestial Emperors. Unless the titled Celestial Emperors had a huge force under their control, it was impossible for them to conquer the Nan Dou Territory. For this reason, the Nan Dou Territory was considered special in the Jade Emperor Heaven. In fact, it was said that the three strongest grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory had Celestials comparable to titled Celestial Emperors but did not claim their titles at the Title Temple. Apart from that, there was only one word that could describe the situation of the top forces in the Nan Dou Territory: chaotic.

“The three strongest grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory are a sect, a clan, and a Celestial Beast clan. Although there are other grade-one forces, they’re no match for these three forces.” Duan Ling Tian was rather shocked when he learned about the Nan Dou Territory.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived in the Jade Emperor Heaven, he knew the fastest way for him to raise his cultivation base was to join a powerful force to enjoy its resources. If he had stayed in the Southern Heaven Territory, he could only join one of the Ten Major Clans and Top Five Sects. These grade-five forces did not appeal to him at all.

Now that he was in the Jade Emperor Heaven, it was best if he could join one of the grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory.

“The Celestial Beast clan is definitely not an option. Between the clan and the sect, I would prefer to join the sect. However, it definitely won’t be easy to join a grade-one sect.” Duan Ling Tian had a headache when he thought about this matter.

“It’s better for me to obtain more information to see if I can find a way to join a grade-one force...”

Since Huan’er had entered closed-door cultivation to comprehend the law of space through the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity, Duan Ling Tian went out alone to gather information.

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It took Duan Ling Tian a month before he finally obtained a piece of information that he deemed useful.

“The Genius Secret Realm in the Nan Dou Territory opens every 1,000 years. Celestial Lords under 1,000 years old will be able to enter and explore the realm. The secret realm contains treasures left behind by the ancestors of the grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory. There are ordinary Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, and soul defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapons as well. There are also Celestial Pills and Celestial Fruits that can assist the cultivation of Celestial Lords. Young geniuses from all the grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory will enter the secret realm in search of fortuitous encounters during that time... Sectless cultivators are also able to enter the secret realm. If they perform well, they might even be invited to join one of the grade-one forces.”

Duan Ling Tian finally found out that the Genius Secret Realm was one of the ways to join a grade-one force. This was also his preferred method. The grade-one force would definitely pay attention to him

and carefully nurture him if they invited him to join them after he performed outstandingly in the Genius Secret Realm. After all, to be able to perform outstandingly in the Genius Secret Realm indicated one's boundless potential. How could they not put in their resources and efforts to nurture such a talent?

"There are easier ways to join a grade-one force if one's willing to join as an ordinary disciple. Although I can rise in ranks by proving myself even if I'm an ordinary disciple, it'll take a long time since there'll be many obstacles that stand in my way. Jealous people are everywhere, after all. Therefore, it's best if I wait for the Genius Secret Realm to open and show my capability in there to directly attract the attention of a grade-one force. There are 60 years left before it opens... At that time, Huan'er should've already become a Celestial Lord... As for me... It'll be quite challenging for me to become a Celestial Lord in 60 years..."

For the average person, it was completely impossible to become a One Basic Celestial Lord from a Nine Palaces Celestial King within 60 years. In fact, even geniuses from grade-one forces needed at least 100 years to become a One Basic Celestial Lord from a Ten Directions Celestial King.

Duan Ling Tian who was only on the brink of a breakthrough and becoming a Ten Directions Celestial King only had 60 years to become a One Basic Celestial Lord. Despite having a high innate talent and many trump cards up his sleeve, he was not sure he could compare to the geniuses from the grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory due to the resources they received. Although it was not completely impossible as it was for ordinary people, it was still a rather difficult task for him to break through within 60 years.

"Those geniuses might not have the branch from the Divine Tree of Life to help their cultivation, but their resources should be, at least, comparable to the branch from the Divine Tree of Life. However, in terms of comprehending laws, it's impossible for them to be superior to Huan'er and me."

The Supreme Powerhouse Divinity was Duan Ling Tian's greatest treasure. It was from a Supreme Powerhouse, after all. The grade-one forces might have amazing resources to help their geniuses to comprehend the laws, but they definitely could not compare to the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity.

'I can only try my very best to raise my strength in the coming 60 years...' Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly.

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Since Duan Ling Tian was short on time, he did not plan to stay long in Xu Yang City. When Huan'er finally emerged from closed-door cultivation, he decided to leave the city.

Similar to the past, Huan'er wore a veil and hat when she was out despite not liking them. After all, as strong as they were, they were only comparable to ordinary Celestial Lords in the Nan Dou Territory that was filled with many titled Celestial Lords. Therefore, it was best for them to keep a low profile.

When Huan'er learned about Duan Ling Tian's plan, she asked, "Brother Ling Tian, why don't I give you six drops of my blood essence to consume?"

“There’s no need for that.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “The 10 drops of blood essence you gave me previously were barely effective. The most I can get out of another six drops of blood essence is directly breaking through and becoming a Ten Directions Celestial King. Even without the blood essence, I’m already very close to becoming a Ten Directions Celestial King.”

Although Huan’er blood essence was potent, its effects would diminish the more one consumed it and the higher one’s cultivation base was. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian knew that it was agonizingly painful for Huan’er to harvest her blood essence. The pain was comparable to being forced to lie in a bed of nails. Previously, she had secretly harvested the ten drops of blood essence without his knowledge. If he had known about it, he would have stopped her. Alas, he only found out about it when she presented the ten drops of blood essence to him. At that time, he was in a dilemma when deciding whether to consume her blood essence or not.

Upon recalling the past, Duan Ling Tian sternly said to Huan’er, “Huan’er, don’t mention harvesting your blood essence in front of me ever again. I hope you won’t do it without my knowledge either. Otherwise, I’ll ignore you!”

When Duan Ling Tian first found Huan’er had harvested her blood essence, he had wanted to say these words to Huan’er, but in the end, he held back because the words were too hurtful. However, now that Huan’er offered to harvest her blood essence again, he felt it was necessary to say these words to ensure she would not harvest her blood essence again.

“I-I understand, Brother Ling Tian...” Tears welled up in Huan’er’s eyes when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s eyes.

Her sadness, naturally, drew Duan Ling Tian’s sympathy. He felt guilty and instantly regretted his harsh words. However, in the end, he remained firm.

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Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er wandered the border of Xu Yang City before they finally left the city. Eventually, they decided to temporarily join a grade-six sect instead of wandering aimlessly in search of fortuitous encounters.

Most grade-six forces here had two One Basic Celestial Lords respectively. Their strength was ordinary and their comprehension of the laws could not even compare to Jun Chong Shan, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall of the Wind Thunder Dao Sect in the Spirit Overarching Heaven’s Southern Heaven Territory. However, their cultivation and Celestial Origin Energies were slightly better.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er decided on a sect that was located in the north of the Nan Dou Territory. It seemed like this place was covered with snow all year round.

Huan’er easily defeated the sect’s Celestial Lords. With that display of strength, the sect’s Celestial Lords enthusiastically invited the duo to become the sect’s Revered Elders.

The truth was Huan’er was the one who had chosen to join this grade-six sect; she had only chosen the sect because she thought the name sounded good. The name of the sect was the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect.

Chapter 3214: Glacier Valley

The Snow Horizon Celestial Sect was located in Northern Iceland of the Nan Dou Territory. In addition to the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, there were another three grade-six forces, a sect and two clans, in Northern Iceland.

After becoming Revered Elders in the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were arranged to reside in a valley.

The valley was the cultivation ground of the sect's two Supreme Elders since it was the best cultivation place in the sect. Even the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect cultivated in the valley. Needless to say, the valley was a forbidden ground for everyone in the sect except for the two supreme elders and the sect leader. With Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's arrival, there were now two additional people who had access to the valley.

Inside a small courtyard in the valley.

Huan'er stood by a small tree and shook its branch as she said to Duan Ling Tian with a soft smile on her face, "Brother Ling Tian, I like this place."

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian sat in front of a stone desk, drinking tea. The tea, called the Cloud Stem Tea, was a gift from the two supreme elders. He was told that the tea was made from a Celestial Plant that the sect planted and was beneficial to those under the stage of a Celestial Duke. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian was only drinking it for its taste since it would not help his cultivation base. He found the tea's flavor to his liking.

Duan Ling Tian replied to Huan'er, "Since you like it here, let's just stay here for a while. With the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect as our eyes and ears, we'll be able to gather information faster, and it'll be easier for us to seize an opportunity if it presents itself."

"Hm?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked outside the courtyard as though he had sensed something.

He saw three figures at the entrance of his courtyard. He was familiar with the two figures standing in the lead; they were none other than the Supreme Elders of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect. Although he had not met the middle-aged man standing behind the two supreme elders, he knew the middle-aged man had to be Chai Xiong Yi, the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect.

The three figures stood outside respectfully as two old men, the supreme elders, greeted Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. "Revered Elder Huan'er, Revered Elder Ling Tian.

"Come in."

When Duan Ling Tian gestured for them to enter, they finally entered the courtyard.

When they arrived in front of Duan Ling Tian, the middle-aged man, Chao Xiong Yi, bowed at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er before he cupped fists together and said, "The Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial, Chai Xiong Yi, greets the two revered elders."

"What's the matter?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he swept his gaze past Chai Xiong Yi and rested on the two old men.

The Supreme Elder of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, the old man standing on the left, was Lian Qing He. His body was rather strong and robust for his age. He was the one whom Huan'er had easily defeated. At that time, even after he had taken out his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, he was still no match for Huan'er who fought barehanded.

As for the other Supreme Elder of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, the old man standing on the right, his name was Hao Wang. After Huan'er had defeated Lian Qing He, he did not even have the courage to step forward.

These two old men were the strongest powerhouse in the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect and the backbone of the sect.

"Revered Elders, I wonder if you're willing to help us..." Lian Qing He said somewhat sheepishly.

"Speak." Duan Ling Tian glanced at Lian Qing He indifferently. Inwardly, he was rather curious. If it was within his capability, he did not mind lending a helping hand. After all, he and Huan'er were planning to stay here for a while. It would make things more convenient if he helped the sect.

"It's like this..." Lian Qing He explained, "In the depths of Northern Iceland, there is a mysterious glacier valley called Glacier Valley. One's speed of absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy would increase if one cultivates there. Moreover, one can also comprehend the law of ice there. The Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, along with the other three grade-six forces in Northern Iceland, discovered Glacier Valley. Initially, we came to an agreement that each force would have three months to occupy the valley. However, as time passed, Hao Wang and I couldn't keep up with the progress of the Celestial Lords from the other three grade-six forces. As a result, they reduced our time in the valley from three months to a month... Revered Elders, since both of you are so strong, it shouldn't be difficult for you to get them to agree to give us three months in the valley as agreed upon. I... I wonder if you're willing to help us?"

Lian Qing He was slightly embarrassed and nervous. After all, the two people in front of him had just joined the sect. It seemed a little insincere and shameless that they were requesting help so soon.

"There's such a place?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow; his interest was piqued. For that valley to have such effects, he was certain it must be hiding a secret. Places where treasures were buried would turn into mysterious places that could help with one's cultivation after a period of time. Once the treasure was removed, the place would lose its miraculous effect.

"Yes." Hao Wang nodded lightly.

"Don't tell me you haven't investigated the place to see what treasure is hidden there?" Duan Ling Tian asked skeptically.

"It's not that we didn't investigate; we just don't have the ability to do so. There's an incredibly powerful Restraining Formation underneath the valley. At that time, all the Celestial Lords from the four forces worked together to attack the Formation, but we were all injured due to the backlash," Hao Wang said with a bitter smile on his face, "From then on, no one tried to investigate the treasure. Moreover, it's good enough that the place allows us to comprehend the law of ice and increase our cultivation speed. For that reason, everyone is perfectly content with leaving the treasure there."

“They dare to oppress the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect... Aren’t they afraid you’ll spread news about that place?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“That’s the only reason why they allow us a month in the valley instead of kicking us out,” Lian Qing He said.

“Lead the way. Huan’er and I will have a look.” Duan Ling Tian was very curious about the place. He beckoned Huan’er over and followed the three men out of the courtyard.

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After the five people from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect left the sect’s estate, they made their way north.

After roughly fifteen minutes, the three men in front of Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er began to slow down. At this moment, they were already outside of Glacier Valley.

The entire place was abnormally cold.

“The energy here is really rich...” As Duan Ling Tian peered down the valley, he felt as though he was peering into a different world. Although they had not entered the valley, he could still feel the rich icy energy. It was so cold that it felt as though the cold pierced into his bones and froze them.

“Revered Elders, this is the place,” Chao Xiong Yi, the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, said.

“Based on the initial agreement, it was the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect’s time to occupy the valley half a month ago. If we’re able to get them to let us occupy the place now, we’ll still be able to stay here for two and half months,” Lian Qing He said, “Therefore, we asked for your help, Revered Elders. If you help us, you’ll also be able to cultivate here and comprehend the law of ice.”

After a beat, Lian Qing He continued to say, “The speed of comprehending the law of ice here is very high. If we cultivate here for three months every year, our comprehension of the law of ice will definitely be more profound than the laws we have comprehended.”

Lian Qing He thought his words would entice Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. Alas, the duo were not interested at all.

Duan Ling Tian furrowed his eyebrows and asked, “Why can’t all the Celestial Lords from the forces cultivate here together? Why is there a need to split the time one can spend in this place?”

Hao Wang said with a bitter smile, “Revered Elder Ling Tian, you don’t know this, but the fewer people there are in the valley, the faster the cultivation and comprehension speed would be...”

“That means if Huan’er and I were to enter the valley with all of you, your cultivation and comprehension speed would slow down, right?” Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow.

“That’s right.” Hao Wang nodded slightly. “However, three of us have discussed this matter. If they return the remaining two months to us, the three of us will cultivate together for a month, and both of you can cultivate during the remaining two months.”

“However, you won’t gain much at all this way,” Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile.

“One’s dignity is as important as one’s life. As long as Revered Elders are able to return us the agreed-upon time, it’s worth it as far as we’re concerned,” Lian Qing He replied.

“Let’s go then.” Duan Ling Tian smiled indifferently as he took the initiative to lead Huan’er and enter the chilly Glacier Valley.

As soon as they stepped into the valley, they saw an old man, two middle-aged men, and a young man.

The four men opened their eyes as soon as Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er stepped foot into the valley. They looked at the duo like a tiger watching its prey.

“Who are you?!”

After a moment, the old man spotted the two Supreme Elders and Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect standing behind Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. He exclaimed, “It’s the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect!”

Duan Ling Tian looked at the four men and said expressionlessly, “Are all of you going to leave on your own, or do you need me to help you?”

Upon hearing this, the expression of the young man sitting in the middle darkened as he looked at Chai Xiong Yi and asked, “Chai Xiong Yi, what is the meaning of this?! Why did you bring outsiders to this place? Have you forgotten about the agreement between the four forces?”

Chapter 3215: The Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation

“Tong Jin, these two people aren’t outsiders,” Chai Xiong Yi, the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, said indifferently in response to the young man’s words, “They recently joined out Snow Horizon Celestial Sect as Revered Elders. This gentleman is Revered Elder Duan Ling Tian, and this lady is Revered Elder Huan’er.”

The four men’s expressions grew sourer as Chai Xiong Yi introduced Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. He paid them no mind and turned to Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er and said, “Revered Elders, they’re from the Tong Clan. The Tong Clan is one of the four grade-six forces in Northern Iceland. He’s Tong Jin, the Clan Leader of the Tong Clan. The remaining three men are the Supreme Elders of the Tong Clan.”

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted coldly when he saw the four men remained unresponsive to his earlier words. He said, “Huan’er, send them away!”

“Yes, Brother Ling Tian,” Huan’er said obediently. Her eyes gleamed as a terrifying wave of energy rippled out of her body and overwhelmed the four Tong clansmen.

While the four men still had not recovered from the effect of Huan'er's energy, Duan Ling Tian moved to their sides in just a blink of an eye. With his bare hands, he threw them out of Glacier Valley.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the four men snapped out of their daze, they felt pain all over their bodies. At the same time, they discovered they had been thrown out and were no longer in Glacier Valley. Although their expressions changed drastically, there was a trace of apprehension in their eyes when they looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er again.

One of the old men from the Tong Clan said with an unsightly expression on his face, "These two people aren't even Celestial Lords... How are they so terrifyingly strong? If the purple-clad young man didn't hold back, we would've died earlier!"

"You're right. The woman is only a Ten Directions Celestial King, and that man is only a Nine Palaces Celestial King. Since when do insignificant Celestial Kings possess this kind of strength?" a middle-aged man chimed in after he probed Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's cultivation bases through their auras.

The four Tong clansmen could not believe they, as Celestial Lords, were thrown out of the Glacier Valley by two Celestial Kings. If someone had told them previously that a Celestial King was capable of this, they would never have believed it. However, since they personally experienced it, they had no choice but to believe it despite how unbelievable it was.

Finally, Tong Jin said grimly, "Perhaps, we were too careless earlier and were caught off guard. Otherwise, how could they have thrown us out?"

Another middle-aged man said, "I agree."

With this, two of the four Tong clansmen stepped forward, intending to enter Glacier Valley again.

However, before the two men could move again, Duan Ling Tian said frostily, "If you step foot into the valley again, don't ever think about leaving ever..."

Hao Wang, one of the Supreme Elders from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, laughed before he said, "I advise the four of you to dispel the idea that what happened earlier was just a fluke. Even Lian Qing He and I aren't a match for our two Revered Elders..."

Hao Wang's words successfully frightened the four Tong clansmen. Their expressions changed immediately, and in the end, they left the valley despite being incredibly unwilling.

Before the four Tong clansmen left, the Tong Jin, the Clan Leader of the Tong Clan, swept his eyes across the five people from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect and solemnly said, "Chai Xiong Yi, Hao Wang, Lian Qing He, the time you spend in the Glacier Valley can't be decided by my Tong Clan. If you want to stay here for the full three months, you'll have to obtain consent from the other two forces... I'm going to look for the Thousand Search Celestial Sect and the Situ Clan. I hope you'll have the ability to convince us..."

After the four Tong clansmen left, Lian Qing He said with a scoff, "So what if the Celestial Lords from the three forces come? If they dare to behave audaciously in front of our Snow Horizon Celestial Sect's two Revered Elders, they can't blame us if we decide to take over their time in Glacier Valley as well."

Duan Ling Tian said, "That's not right. Even if they're no match for us, we'll only take back what originally belongs to the sect."

Hao Wang and Chai Xiong Yi felt even more at ease after listening to Duan Ling Tian's words that brimmed with confidence.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian studied his surroundings. He could sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in Glacier Valley was exceptionally rich. With the branch from the Divine Tree of Life, his cultivation speed would increase tremendously if he cultivated here. Apart from that, he could also feel a cold bone-piercing energy from the valley. The energy was profound and mysterious. He felt as though he could understand it, and yet, he could not. When he recalled the words of the three men from the Snow Horizon Celestial, it was not difficult for him to figure out the energy belonged to the law of ice.

One could not touch or seize the laws; one could only comprehend them.

At this moment, Huan'er's voice entered Duan Ling Tian's ears. "Brother Ling Tian, there seems to be something underneath this place. All the aura is coming from below."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian increased the range of his Divine Consciousness. As Huan'er had said, he could feel something underneath the valley. 'According to the words of those three from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, this has to be the place that's protected by the Formation... Even after the Celestial Lords from the four grade-six forces worked together, they still failed to destroy the Formation...'

Huan'er said through Voice Transmission, "Brother Ling Tian, it's just as they said, the Formation is really strong. This Formation is called the Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation. It's usually used to suppress things with incredibly cold auras."

"The Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation?" Duan Ling Tian said in confusion. Then, he asked the three Divine Elements residing in his body, "Do you know the Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation?"

At this moment, three of the Five Divine Elements, the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth, resided in his body. The three Divine Elements possessed ancient knowledge; they were like a fountain of knowledge. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian was certain the Divine Elements knew of ways to deal with the Formation.

"The Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation?"

"Kid, are you sure?"

The Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal spoke at the same time. Based on their tones, it was clear that they were shocked.

Similarly, a hint of shock could be heard in the Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice as well when it spoke. "If it's really the Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation, something with an incredibly cold aura must be hidden here. Moreover, the thing is likely at the level of a supreme treasure or an artifact soul!"

After a beat, the Chaos Divine Earth continued to say, "Kid, it's like that this Great Revolving Freezing Sky Formation was created by a titled Celestial Emperor. Don't even think about breaking it. What you can do is let Huang'er have a look at it. She's an artifact soul so the Formation won't reject her."

“Huang’er?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened imperceptibly. Then, he nodded in agreement. “Alright.”

The three men from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect watched in stunned silence as Duan Ling Tian raised his hand before pushing it down on the ground, creating a hole.

The bone-piercing cold aura intensified immediately.

“It’s that Formation!” Chai Xiong Yi said gravely, “Revered Elder, I’m afraid even a titled Celestial Lord wouldn’t be able to break this Formation. You...”

Before Chai Xiong Yi could dissuade Duan Ling Tian from wasting his time and effort, Duan Ling Tian had already leaped down the hole.

Upon seeing this, the expressions of the three men from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect changed drastically. They instinctively stepped forward...

However, Huan’er was faster than them. She appeared in front of them and barred their way.

Lian Qing He smiled wryly as he said, “Revered Elder Huan’er, we only want to warn Revered Elder Ling Tian. This isn’t an ordinary Formation. Using force would only cause one to suffer from the Formation’s rebound.”

Meanwhile, Hao Wang called out loudly, “Revered Elder Ling Tian! It’s fine to take a look at the Formation but don’t try to break it using brute force!”

In fact, Duan Ling Tian did not have any intention of breaking the Formation. He only hovered above the Formation and appraised it. He saw a translucent glass-like barrier shrouding the Formation. However, the icy aura beneath the barrier prevented him from seeing what was being protected in the Formation.

Duan Ling Tian called out to the soul artifact in his body, “Huang’er, go. Have a look and see if that hidden thing is useful to you. If it is, it can be considered as your fortuitous encounter.”

“Alright, I’ll enter with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.” After a moment, a slender and charming woman dressed in a seven-color robe appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. Her dazzling beauty made her look like a goddess.

“Okay.” Upon hearing Huang’er’s words, Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate and brought out the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword with just a thought before he handed it to Huang’er.

“If nothing unexpected happens, I should be able to completely fuse with the sword and become its sword spirit. At that time, I’ll be able to manifest a physical body when I leave the sword,” Huang’er said as she took the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword from Duan Ling Tian. Then, she did not wait for a reply from Duan Ling Tian before she entered the Formation.

Duan Ling Tian might not be able to enter the Formation, but it was easy for Huang’er to enter the Formation. She was not met with any resistance at all as she strode into the Formation as though it was her home.

The others, naturally, did not witness this scene.

Before Duan Ling Tian leaped down the hole, he had already instructed Huan'er to keep the three men from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect away from the hole. After all, he did not want them to see Huang'er and the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

Whoosh!

As soon as Huang'er entered the Formation, Duan Ling Tian flew out of the hole and returned to the surface of Glacier Valley. Then, he waved his hand and covered up the hole on the ground. Just like that, the hole disappeared. It was as though Duan Ling Tian did not make a hole in the ground at all.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed in anticipation as he thought to himself, 'Once Huang'er completely fuses with the sword, the sword's might would rise greatly! Moreover, Huang'er should be incredibly powerful as well once she's able to manifest a physical body!'

Chapter 3216: Huang'er's Transformation

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had spent half a day in Glacier Valley when they were awakened by Chai Xiong Yi, the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect. "Revered Elders, the people from the Tong Clan are here! They're accompanied by the members of the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect as well."

When Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, he saw the four men from the Tong Clan and five other people flying toward them. The five new faces were separated into groups of twos and threes.

"The two old men are from the Situ Clan. The trio is the Guardians of the Thousand Search Celestial Sect, and they're One Basic Celestial Kings. The clan leader and the sect leader who are Celestial Lords aren't here," Chai Xiong Yi explained to Duan Ling Tian as the newcomers entered Glacier Valley.

After the nine men entered the valley, Tong Jing, the Clan Leader of the Tong Clan, glanced at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er before he said to the members of the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect, "That's them! Chai Xiong Yi said they're the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect's Revered Elders... In my opinion, the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect must have hired outside help. Otherwise, how could they be willing to join the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect?"

Before anyone could respond, Huan'er stepped forward and confronted the nine men. She said icily, "How dare you take Brother Ling Tian's warning lightly!"

As soon as Huan'er finished speaking, a powerful energy rippled out toward the nine men. Then, she teleported and appeared in front of the Tong clansmen. Without saying anything, she threw the Yin Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring toward them, killing the four of them immediately.

The members from the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect finally regained their senses when the last member of the Tong Clan died. Their expressions changed drastically as they hurriedly retreated. They looked at Huan'er fearfully as though she was a fearsome beast. They knew that even if they joined forces, it would take them 15 minutes at least to kill the four Celestial Lords from the Tong Clan. However, the peerless beauty in front of them had killed those four men in just a blink of an eye.

The five men from the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect exchanged a look and saw the fear in each other's eyes.

"We would've died if she had targeted us earlier..."

Meanwhile, Chai Xiong Yi, Lian Qing He, and Hao Wang looked at Huan'er in shock. Although they knew she was powerful, they did not expect her to be able to kill the men from the Tong Clan in just a blink of an eye. For a moment, they were unable to react at all.

Huan'er did not bother with others. After she collected the four Tong clansmen's Spatial Rings, she presented them to Duan Ling Tian after she returned to his side. "Brother Ling Tian."

Duan Ling Tian looked at the men from the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect indifferently as he asked, "Seniors, did you come with the Tong clansmen to test our strength?"

The five men's mouths twitched upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. The Tong clansmen's strength was on par with theirs, and yet, they were easily killed by Huan'er in a matter of seconds. Would it make a difference even if they joined forces to deal with Huan'er?

Finally, one of the men said, "My name's Situ Yun. This is my second younger brother, Situ Feng. We have no objections to your decision. Since the four Celestial Lords from the Tong Clan have died, the Tong clansmen won't be able to enter this valley in the future. The Snow Horizon Celestial Sect can stay here for half a year while our Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect will get to spend three months each in this valley. I wonder if that's okay with you?" After he finished speaking, he looked at Huan'er fearfully.

Another man hastily chimed in, "The Thousand Search Celestial Sect agrees with the Situ Clan."

All of them hastily expressed their thoughts, afraid they would end up like the four men from the Tong Clan.

"All of you are rather smart." Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. "For this reason, I won't make things difficult for you. However, we'll only implement what you said after 60 years have passed. During the next 60 years, Glacier Valley belongs to the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect alone, and the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect aren't allowed to step foot in here during that time. Do you have any opinion about this?"

The expressions of the men from the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect changed drastically when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. They did not expect him to be so domineering and suggested that they allow the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect to occupy Glacier Valley for 60 years. Nevertheless, they could only agree with Duan Ling Tian. After all, in the past, they had taken greater advantage of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect. Letting the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect have full the monopoly of the valley for 60 years was not a big deal.

Meanwhile, the members of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect could hardly believe this. They felt as though they were dreaming even after they watched the members from the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect leave with their tails tucked between their legs. When they finally recovered from their shock, they bowed and expressed their gratitude in unison. "Thank you, Revered Elders."

Duan Ling Tian said, "We'll cultivate here during this time. You don't have to worry about us, and you're free to come here to cultivate as you wish. We don't care about the law of ice or having to share the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy..." Duan Ling Tian said magnanimously. He decided to stay here to monitor Huan'er's progress in case something untoward happened to her.

"Thank you, Revered Elder." The eyes of the men from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect lit up when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. The expressions on their faces were one of gratitude when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"If you want to thank me, inform me immediately when you receive news about Celestial Pills and Celestial Fruits that are able to boost the cultivation bases of Celestial Kings," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Rest assured, Revered Elder. I'll send a message to Elder Qiu who's in charge of our sect's intelligence network and ask him to pay attention to this matter. I'll inform you as soon as I receive news," Chai Xiong Yi said confidently.

"Revered Elder, I have two Celestial Fruits that are beneficial to Celestial Kings... You can have it..."

"I have one as well... You can have it..."

Lian Qing He and Hao Wang willingly took out the Celestial Fruits they had treasured all these years from their Spatial Rings and handed them to Duan Ling Tian. Although the fruits were not extraordinary or rare, they were still beneficial to Duan Ling Tian and would boost his cultivation base that was at the level of a Celestial King.

"Thank you."

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Since Duan Ling Tian decided to settle down in Glacier Valley, he built a small but exquisite wooden hut with a courtyard for him and Huan'er to dwell in. Both of them planted flowers and trees similar to those found in the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect that thrived in the cold as well.

During this time, the three Celestial Lords from the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect enthusiastically helped Duan Ling Tian as though they were his juniors. After they witnessed Huan'er killing the Tong clansmen in just a blink of an eye, they revered the duo like one would revere the gods. They did not dare to be careless with the tasks Duan Ling Tian assigned them at all. They tried their best to please the duo, afraid the duo would leave their sect. If possible, they really wished the duo would stay in the sect forever even if they knew this was just wishful thinking.

Lian Qing He lamented to Hao Wang, "What a pity! I feel there's a reason Revered Elder Ling Tian decided on 60 years. I have a feeling they're going to leave after 60 years..."

"Nevertheless, the Situ Clan and the Thousand Search Celestial Sect won't dare to break their promises unless they're 100% certain Revered Elder Ling Tian and Revered Elder Huan'er won't return. It's likely they won't dare to act boldly in front of our Snow Horizon Celestial Sect again," Hao Wang said.

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In just a blink of an eye, 10 years had passed. During this time, Northern Iceland remained unaffected by the seasonal change.

“Huang’er?”

At this moment, a figure appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian and Huang’er.

The figure took the form of a beautiful and curvaceous woman wearing a seven-color dress. The figure was none other than Huang’er, the soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

As soon as Huang’er appeared, she fell to her knees and said sincerely, “Thank you, my lord, for giving me this opportunity.”

Duan Ling Tian could sense something was different about Huang’er. When she had first become the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword’s soul, she always remained indifferent to him due to her memories of the past. However, after completing the transformation and fully becoming the sword soul, she seemed to have let go of the past and was completely obedient to him. With this discovery, he could not help but curiously ask the Chaos Divine Flame, “Senior Chaos Divine Flame, what happened to her?”

“It’s simple,” the Chaos Divine Flame replied, “The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword had previously acknowledged you as its master... After the girl merged with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, her thoughts are greatly influenced by the sword’s loyalty. Even if you ask her to kill Ling Jue Yun now, she won’t hesitate at all.”

“Did she lose her memories?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked by the Chaos Divine Flame’s words.

“No. It’s just that they’ve slightly faded away and became less of a concern to her. Currently, it’s more important to her that she obeys your order and serves you faithfully. Your will is her motivation to live now...” the Chaos Divine Flame explained.

Chapter 3217: The Law of Destruction

Realization finally dawned on Duan Ling Tian after he listened to the Chaos Divine Flame’s explanation. Since Huang’er had merged with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, she was greatly influenced by the sword’s loyalty and would prioritize him above everything else. With this revelation, he decided to test her. He deliberately asked, “What would you do if I reneged on the promise and refused to help Ling Jue Yun avenge his clan?”

“If master is unwilling, Huang’er won’t insist on it,” Huang’er replied without any hesitation. Her expressions did not change at all, and there were no signs of unwillingness or unhappiness on her face.

With this answer, Duan Ling Tian was convinced Huang’er had truly prioritized him above everything else. Then, he shook his head and said, “I was just kidding. Don’t worry, I will keep my promise.”

There were no changes in Huang’er’s expression when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. She remained expressionless, not even the slightest trace of happiness could be seen on his face. It was obvious that she would support him unconditionally no matter what he did.

'It's really true that nothing else matters to her now except for me,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He felt relieved. After all, he had been concerned about Huang'er independent will. It would be troublesome if she continued to think about Ling Jue Yun and his clan after becoming the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's soul. What if she betrayed him if Ling Jue Yun became his opponent? Who would want to keep a ticking time bomb at their sides? Therefore, he was very satisfied with Huang'er's change in attitude.

"Brother Ling Tian, she's..." Huan'er seemed worried by the fact that a woman had appeared by Duan Ling Tian's side. Although the woman was not as beautiful as her, the woman possessed qualities that she lacked.

"Huan'er, this is Huang'er, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's soul. I've told you about this in the past," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "She has completely merged with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword so she's finally able to manifest a physical body."

'So she's Brother Ling Tian's Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's soul?'

"I really have to thank this place," Duan Ling Tian explained to Huan'er, "Due to the hidden object in the Formation, Huang'er successfully merged with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword in just ten years."

At this moment, Huang'er who was still on her knees suddenly turned into a seven-color sword ray before entering Duan Ling Tian's body.

"Huang'er, what's hidden in the Formation?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"My lord, it's an Eternal Ice Marrow," Huang'er replied honestly, "Its energy is almost depleted now because I used it to merge with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Based on my calculation, the icy energy in the valley will disappear in about 100 years."

Based on Huang'er's words, Glacier Valley would revert to an ordinary valley after 100 years. At that time, there would be no advantages to cultivating in the valley, and there would be no law of ice to comprehend.

'I didn't think Huang'er's successful merge with the sword would result in the end of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect's good fortune. I hope I'll be able to compensate them in the remaining 50 years.' Duan Ling Tian would not have known about this place if it were not for the members of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect. It could be said that they played a big part in Huang'er being able to completely merge with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword in such a short time. Therefore, he felt indebted to the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect and felt guilty that the sect would lose such a good cultivation ground.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked Huang'er, "How strong are you now?" He knew she used to be an artifact soul of a powerhouse in the Realm of Gods. Although her artifact was destroyed in the past, she was still rather powerful.

"My cultivation base is the same as yours, my lord... Artifact souls possess cultivation bases similar to their masters," Huang'er replied, "However, the profundities I've comprehended are still president. However, since you're not able to unleash the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's full potential, my usage of the profundities is limited as well. In conclusion, my strength should be similar to yours."

"What law did you comprehend?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Artifact souls usually comprehend the law of destruction,” Huang’er replied.

“The law of destruction?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up. Based on his knowledge, the law of destruction was similar to the law of light and the law of darkness; they were different from the elemental laws. Even the law of ice, the law of thunder, and the law of wind were derivatives of main elemental laws. In terms of strength, laws like the law of destruction, the law of light, and the law of death were only below the Four Supreme Laws. After that, they were followed by derivatives of elemental laws such as the law of ice, the law of thunder, and the law of wind. At the very bottom were the main elemental laws.

“One can comprehend main elemental laws and their derivative laws such as the law of ice, the law of thunder, and the law of wind from Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. However, it depends on luck to be able to comprehend the Four Supreme Law and the non-elemental laws like the law of destruction, the law of light, and the law of darkness.” Duan Ling Tian was aware of this fact.

“Master, you’ll be able to comprehend the law of destruction if you use the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword frequently... As the owner of a Devata Artifact, it’s not difficult for you to comprehend the law of destruction. However, it’d still be difficult to comprehend it to higher stages,” Huang’er said.

Even if Huang’er did not say so, Duan Ling Tian knew it would not be difficult to comprehend the law of destruction or any law for that matter. However, it was difficult to comprehend them to higher stages.

For now, Duan Ling Tian had no plans of comprehending the law of destruction. It would not benefit him in any way now. After all, he had comprehended the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws, to rather high stages. It would be impossible for the law of destruction to match the law of space’s strength.

‘With the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity, I won’t face any difficulties when comprehending the law of space. Before I comprehend the profundities from the law of space to the mastery stage, there’s no need for me to waste my time comprehending other laws.’

Although the Chaos Divine Flame, the Profound Divine Metal, and the Chaos Divine Earth could help Duan Ling Tian comprehend the law of fire, the law of metal, and the law of earth respectively, they could not compare to the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity at all.

It had to be said that the three Divine Elements would not leave Duan Ling Tian now even if Duan Ling Tian no longer wanted to be their host. After all, it would only become more and more beneficial to them if Duan Ling Tian grew stronger. If they were to encounter a higher form of Divine Elements, they would be able to defeat them and devour them with his help.

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Another 20 years had passed in just a blink of an eye after Huang’er successfully merged with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian who was cultivating in Glacier Valley heard someone calling out to him.

“Lord Revered Elder.”

When Duan Ling Tian emerged from the wooden hut, he saw Chai Xiong Yi, the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect, standing in the courtyard. He asked, "What's the matter?"

"Lord Revered Elder, we received news about the emergence of a medicinal herb paradise about a million miles away from the east of Northern Iceland. Many people are rushing there now," Chai Xiong Yi said, "However, rumor has it that a grade-five force nearby had cut off access to that place before the medicinal herb paradise even appeared. Only members of that force are allowed to enter that place."

"A medicinal herb paradise?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up immediately.

In Devata Realms, a medicinal herb paradise was a small realm where various rare medicinal herbs and Celestial Fruits grew. The herbs and fruits there could not be found elsewhere. This was something that the Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm created. Only those who had fate with the medicinal herb paradise would be able to enter it and harvest the rare herbs and Celestial Fruits. There were no tests of obstacles in the medicinal herb paradise; the only danger came from others who had entered the paradise as well. For this reason, many forces would try to monopolize the medicinal herb paradise so they could minimize the danger and maximize their harvest in the medicinal herb paradise.

"It's really a medicinal herb paradise?" Duan Ling Tian asked again for confirmation. After all, medicinal herb paradise rarely appeared, and not everyone was lucky enough to encounter it.

Over the past 30 years, Chai Xiong Yi had brought many pieces of news to Duan Ling Tian regarding Celestial Fruits and Celestial Pills beneficial to Celestial Kings, but only a few pieces of the news were accurate. Moreover, his success in obtaining the Celestial Fruits and Celestial Pills depended on luck as well. There were times when he failed to obtain anything because everyone had harvested the Celestial Fruits and Celestial Pills when he arrived. With that, he gradually grew lazy and no longer bothered. After all, he was not interested in fighting with others over ordinary Celestial Fruits or Celestial Pills. However, a medicinal herb paradise was different!

"I'm almost 100% certain," Chai Xiong Yi replied, "However, if it's true that a grade-five has decided to monopolize the place, it'd be difficult for you to enter."

"There's no need for you to worry about this." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Where's the location of the medicinal herbs paradise?"

After he found out about the location of the medicinal herb paradise, Duan Ling Tian did not waste time and brought Huan'er out of Glacier Valley.

At this time, Huan'er had already broken through and become a One Basic Celestial Lord while Duan Ling Tian was now a Ten Directions Celestial King.

Chapter 3218: Grade-three Medicinal Herb Paradise

In the Devata Realms, the Heavenly Emperors and their forces were only second to Title Temples. The Heavenly Emperors' forces were known as the Celestial Emperor Pavilions, and the Pavilion Masters of the pavilions were the Heavenly Emperors who ruled after their respective Devata Realms. It went without saying that as the rulers of Devata Realms, the Heavenly Emperors would take good care of their people.

The medicinal herb paradise was one of the benefits given by a Heavenly Emperor. It was divided into three grades. Grade one medicinal herb paradise was not only filled with Celestial Fruits and herbs that were beneficial to Celestial Emperors, but it was also filled with Celestial Fruits and herbs that were beneficial to Celestial Lords. Meanwhile, Celestial Fruits and herbs that would benefit Celestial Kings grew like weeds in the mountains. Naturally, the grade-one medicinal paradise rarely appeared. Heavenly Emperors would only create a grade-one medicinal herb paradise in the Devata Realms they ruled once every 10,000 years.

Below the grade-one medicinal herb paradise was the grade-two medicinal herb paradise. Apart from Celestial Fruits and herbs that were beneficial to Celestial Lords, there were also many Celestial Fruits and herbs beneficial to Celestial Kings. Meanwhile, Celestial Fruits and herbs beneficial to Celestial Dukes grew like weeds in the mountains. The grade-two medicinal paradise would appear once every 1,000 years.

Finally, there was the grade-three medicinal herb paradise that appeared once every 100 years. Although it had Celestial Fruits and herbs beneficial to Celestial Lords, they were incredibly rare. There were not many Celestial Fruits and herbs beneficial to Celestial Kings and Celestial Dukes as well even though they were not as rare as Celestial Fruits and herbs for Celestial Lords. On the contrary, there was an abundance of Celestial Fruits and herbs beneficial to Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. Apart from that, the grade-three medicinal herb paradise also had many Celestial Fruits and herbs for other uses apart from raising one's cultivation base.

"There's no way it's a grade-one medicinal herb paradise since it will only appear in the Jade Emperor Territory." Duan Ling Tian was aware of this fact. He muttered under his breath, "Although there's a possibility it's a grade-two medicinal herb paradise, chances are it's a grade-three medicinal paradise."

Duan Ling Tian was filled with anticipation as he traveled to the place where the grade-three medicinal herb paradise would appear. Naturally, he hoped it would be a grade-two medicinal herb paradise. However, he would still be happy with a grade-three medicinal herb even if it was not as good as the former. After all, he would still be able to obtain the Celestial Fruits he needed from the grade-three medicinal herb paradise. As for herbs, although they could assist in one's cultivation as well, their effects were no match for Celestial Fruits. For this reason, people would usually use herbs for pill refinement.

Over the years, Duan Ling Tian's pill refining skills had regressed due to lack of practice. Moreover, the Chaos Divine Flame was only in its third form. There was no way he would be able to refine the Celestial Pills he needed. For this reason, he only had his sight set on the Celestial Fruits.

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Three days later...

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er finally arrived at the location mentioned by Chai Xiong Yi, the Sect Leader of the Snow Horizon Celestial Sect. They met up with the elder from the sect's intelligence network that provided the sect with this news.

"Greetings, Revered Elders." The elder was an old man. He was very respectful when he met Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. He did not even dare to look at Huan'er because he felt it would be blasphemous to do so.

“What’s the situation like at this moment?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Signs of the medicinal herb paradise opening have appeared this morning. It’s a grade-three medicinal herb paradise,” the elder said, “The grade-five force couldn’t monopolize the medicinal herb paradise because everyone within 10,000 miles would be able to enter with just a thought. It’s impossible for the grade-five force to evacuate everyone and guard such a large area.”

“Since the signs appeared this morning, this means the grade-three medicinal herb paradise will appear after three days.” Duan Ling Tian had come across this piece of information in a Memory Celestial Talisman about medicinal herb paradise. That was how he learned about the different Celestial Fruits and plants in the three different medicinal grade paradise and how he knew the grade-three medicinal herb paradise would appear on the third day after it showed signs of opening.

“Revered Elders, I’ve arranged your accommodation for the next three days. Please follow me.”

The elder led Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er to a place within 10,000 miles of the grade-three medicinal herb paradise. With this, when the grade-three medicinal herb paradise appeared, they did not need to leave to enter the paradise.

A light from the grade-three medicinal herb paradise would cover as far as 10,000 miles of land. Everyone would be able to enter the grade-three medicinal herb paradise as long as they used their Divine Consciousness to touch the light.

On the other hand, the light from a grade-two medicinal herb paradise would only cover 100 miles. For this reason, it was possible for it to be monopolized by other forces.

Finally, the light from a grade-one medicinal herb paradise would only cover one mile.

At this moment, Huan’er was standing next to the window, As she gazed in the direction of the grade-three medicinal herb paradise, she said to Duan Ling Tian, “Brother Ling Tian, we have 30 years left. During this time, I’m sure you’ll be able to break through and become a Celestial Lord.”

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said with a wry smile, “Huan’er, I’m aware of my situation. I only managed to break through and become a Ten Directions Celestial King 20 years ago. Since then, my cultivation progress has become incredibly slow. It’s impossible for me to become a Celestial Lord within 30 years unless I run into some amazing fortuitous encounter.”

Huan’er solemnly said, “Maybe this grade-three medicinal herb paradise will have the fortuitous encounter you’ve been waiting for...”

“I hope so... In any case, I’ll leave it up to fate to decide.”

The Genius Secret Realm would open in 30 years. He did not place too much importance on whether he would be able to enter the Genius Secret Realm or not and left everything to fate instead.

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Three days flew by in just a blink of an eye.

Over the past three days, Duan Ling Tian spent his time cultivating while Huan’er comprehended the law of space using the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity.

At this moment, a dazzling golden light could be seen outside the window. It was also showing signs of disappearing as soon as it appeared.

“Brother Ling Tian... Is this the light from the grade-three medicinal herb paradise?”

“Huan’er, extend your Divine Consciousness toward it,” Duan Ling Tian hurriedly reminded Huan’er before he extended his Divine Consciousness to the golden light that seemed as though it would disappear at any moment.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Consciousness touched the dazzling golden light, he felt his vision turn black for a moment. When he could see again, he found himself in a lush green world.

“So many herbs.” Duan Ling Tian discovered that herbs covered 10% of the land he was standing on. After he surveyed his surroundings, he discovered he was alone. Even Huan’er had disappeared even though she had held onto his hand tightly before they entered this place to avoid being separated.

Duan Ling Tian did not think it was a bad idea for everyone to be alone. This would give them time to collect Celestial Fruits and herbs without having to fight for them.

He was also not too worried about being separated from Huan’er since he had warned her this might happen. He did not worry about her safety as well since even the strongest powerhouse from a grade-five force was an ordinary Celestial Lord. As long as there were no titled Celestial Lords present, no one was able to threaten her safety. Apart from being a One Basic Celestial Lord, her comprehension of the law of space was so high now that even titled Celestial Lords could not compare to her in this regard.

After collecting the herbs around him, Duan Ling Tian saw people appearing around him, frantically harvesting herbs as well.

Soon enough, he saw a small tree in the distance with three shining fruits. “Are those the Streaming Element Celestial Fruits?”

After a brief moment, Duan Ling Tian ascertained those three fruits were the Streaming Element Celestial Fruits. These fruits would boost the cultivation base of a Celestial King, and they were the kind of fruits he desperately needed.

At the same time, a few people in the surroundings had also discovered the Streaming Element Celestial Fruits. Their eyes lit up one after another.

“It’s the Streaming Element Celestial Fruit!”

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian did not waste time and teleported next to the Streaming Element Celestial Fruit tree. He quickly reached out and plucked all three Streaming Element Celestial Fruits from the tree.

The people in the surroundings had yet to make a move when they discovered Duan Ling Tian had already harvested the three fruits.

“It’s the Teleportation Profundity!”

“He comprehends the law of space!”

With this discovery, fear filled their covetous eyes as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, a big and bald man boldly stepped forward. He narrowed his eyes and asked Duan Ling Tian, “Brother, don’t you think it’s unfair that you took all three of the Streaming Element Celestial Fruits?”

“Are you dissatisfied?” Duan Ling Tian asked indifferently as he glanced at the bald man.

“I’m afraid I’m not the only one who’s dissatisfied; everyone here is dissatisfied,” the bald man retorted.

“Is that so? I’ll give you one Streaming Element Celestial Fruit... if you’re able to survive a blow from me. What do you think?” Duan Ling Tian asked. His eyes gleamed as he looked at the bald man.

“Are you serious?” The bald man’s eyes lit up immediately.

When Duan Ling Tian cast the Teleportation Profundity, he had used his Celestial Origin Energy. Therefore, the group of people in the surroundings, including the bald man, knew he was a Ten Directions Celestial King. Despite being fearful of the law of space, they were not too afraid since he was just a Ten Directions Celestial King.

The bald man did not think he had anything to fear at all. After all, he was also a Ten Directions Celestial King.

Swoosh!

As soon as the bald man’s words fell, Duan Ling Tian teleported and reappeared in front of the bald man. His Celestial Origin Energy surged as he raised his hand to cast a profundity.

Buzz!

A grey sword ray shot out and easily breached all the defenses that the bald man hastily erected as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian making a move. Just like that, the grey sword ray killed the bald man.

The entire place fell silent immediately.

At this moment, a figure flew into the air and looked at Duan Ling Tian indifferently. He said boldly, “Your strength isn’t bad for a Ten Directions Celestial King... Regardless, you’ll have to hand the three Streaming Element Celestial Fruits over to me now.”

As soon as this person appeared, the people in the surroundings whispered among themselves immediately. Based on their words, they seemed to recognize the person who demanded Duan Ling Tian to hand the three Streaming Element Celestial Fruits to him.

“It’s the Ganges Profound Sect’s Elder Sun Yu!”

“Elder Sun Yu is a Celestial Lord!”

Chapter 3219: Stealing From Celestial Lords

The person who had asked Duan Ling Tian to hand over the Celestial Fruits was a middle-aged man dressed in a long silver robe. His skin was smooth as jade, and he had a conspicuous mole on his forehead.

‘A One Basic Celestial Lord?’ Duan Ling Tian could sense the middle-aged man’s cultivation base through the middle-aged man’s Celestial Origin Energy that was surging out of his body. He smiled faintly and said, “We’ll have to see if you have the capability of snatching these Celestial Fruits from me...”

The onlookers were taken aback when they saw how nonchalant Duan Ling Tian was acting. It seemed like he did not take the Celestial Lord seriously at all. Was he not digging his own grave by acting in this manner? They looked at him pitifully.

“How dare this Ten Directions Celestial King behave so rudely to Elder Sun Yu?”

“Elder Sun Yu is not only the Ganges Profound Sect’s elder, but he’s a One Basic Celestial Lord... Is this kid crazy?”

“He’s seeking trouble!”

Sun Yu’s eyes flashed coldly as he said, “Brat, since you have a death wish, I’ll grant you your wish!” As soon as he finished speaking, he made a move immediately. However, he did not bother using his Celestial Weapon at all. In his opinion, a mere Ten Directions Celestial King was not worth him using his Celestial Weapon.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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Sun Yu who had comprehended the law of wind swept toward Duan Ling Tian like a gust of wind. When he was almost upon Duan Ling Tian, he discovered Duan Ling Tian had vanished into thin air. He sneered. “Teleportation Profundity? So what if you’ve comprehended the law of space? I can easily catch up with your speed...”

“Is that so?” Duan Ling Tian teleported and reappeared 100 meters behind Sun Yu. Then, he said with a chuckle, “I’ll give you a chance. Let’s see if you’re really capable of catching up with my speed.”

Under the onlookers’ watchful eyes, Sun Yu began to chase after Duan Ling Tian. However, as time continued to pass, he still failed to catch Duan Ling Tian. With this, his expression began to turn unsightly.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Sun Yu and said mockingly, “You’re too slow... You’re a disgrace to your peers... That’s it. I’m done playing with you...”

When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he teleported and appeared behind Sun Yu again. Following that, he raised his hand to attack.

Upon seeing this, Sun Yu released his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Wind Elemental Profundity.

At the same time, three spatial tears appeared before three grey sword rays shot out. Golden flames burst out of the sword rays as they sailed through the air. They easily passed through Sun Yu's Celestial Origin Energy and pierced his body, instantly killing him.

Just like that, a One Basic Celestial Lord had died.

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently after he killed Sun Yu, "How dare you challenge me when you've only comprehended three profundities from the law of wind to the initial stage?"

Meanwhile, the onlookers only regained their senses when Duan Ling Tian finally vanished from their sight.

"He killed Elder Sun?"

"Heavens! A mere Ten Directions Celestial King killed Elder Sun Yu, a One Basic Celestial Lord?"

"It seemed like Elder Sun Yu didn't even have time to bring out his purely defensive Celestial Weapon. That person's speed is too fast!"

"The law of space is really terrifying! If I'm not mistaken, he has comprehended at least four profundities to the initial stage. Moreover, there were the golden flames that appeared when he attacked as well... Who knows what technique is that?"

"Even if Elder Sun Yu brought his Celestial Weapon out, I don't think he'd be a match for that person."

"Where did this Ten Directions Celestial King come from? I don't think I've seen him before..."

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had already moved to another area to look for more Celestial Fruits and herbs. Although the herbs were not particularly helpful to him, they were very valuable in the market. Therefore, he decided to collect herbs as well. Moreover, when the Chaos Divine Flame evolved into a higher form, perhaps, he might start refining pills again.

At this moment, a group of twelve flew past Duan Ling Tian. Their conversation instantly caught Duan Ling Tian's interest.

"The Red River Celestial Fruit has appeared!"

"Let's go and have a look!"

"I heard that the Palm Fire Zen Sect and the Ganges Profound Sect's two Celestial Lords are there... There's only one Red River Celestial Fruit so they're fighting over it now!"

"Since the elders from the Palm Fire Zen Sect and the Ganges Profound Sect are there, there's no way any of us will be able to get our hands on the Celestial Fruit. We can only watch a show..."

'The Red River Celestial Fruit?' Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up immediately. He knew that the Red River Celestial Fruit could help raise a Celestial Lord's cultivation base. Such a Celestial Fruit was considered one of the best. He thought to himself, 'If Huan'er consumes the Red River Celestial Fruit, she'll definitely have a breakthrough in her cultivation base and become a Two Forms Celestial Lord!'

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian did not waste time and began to follow the group of people.

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Shortly after, Duan Ling Tian arrived in a beautiful valley. He saw roughly 60 people surrounding two old men, dressed in a green robe and a blue robe respectively, who were in the midst of a battle. In just a short time, his eyes found a red Celestial Fruit hanging from a wilted tree near the cliff of the valley.

The red Celestial Fruit was shrouded with a red mist that moved like water. It was for this reason that it was named the Red River Celestial Fruit.

At this time, the green-clad old man said solemnly, "Old Wang, I discovered this Celestial Fruit first. We'll miss out on many Celestial Fruits if we waste time fighting over the Red River Celestial Fruit here..."

The blue-clad old man replied with a smile, "If you're worried about wasting time, you can directly give me the Celestial Fruit..."

"So you're intent on fighting me?" the green-clad old man coldly asked.

"That's right. Let's see if your strength has improved recently. If you can beat me, the Celestial Fruit will naturally be yours," the blue-clad old man said as he narrowed his eyes.

The green-clad old man scoffed. He could no longer hold back and charged toward the blue-clad old man at lightning speed.

Similarly, the blue-clad man swept out toward the green-clad old man as well.

The two old men comprehended the law of water and the law of fire respectively. Fire and water were incompatible elements, and their battle became even more intense.

Meanwhile, the onlookers discussed among themselves as they watched the old men fight. Although the two old men were distracted now, none of them dared to seize the opportunity and pluck the Red River Celestial Fruit. In their opinion, to steal the Celestial Fruit from two Celestial Lords was akin to seeking death.

"I wonder if Elder Wang from the Palm Fire Zen Sect or Elder Qin from the Ganges Profound Sect is stronger?"

"I heard they're old rivals. Their fights had always ended in a tie in the past."

"Old rivals? No wonder they fought as soon as they met."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted as he watched the two old men's fearsome battle.

Whoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian appeared next to the Red River Celestial Fruit. Seemingly carefree, he reached out and plucked the Red River Celestial Fruit before putting it away. His actions

successfully caught everyone's attention. Even the two old men who were battling came to a stop and looked at him.

The two old men cried out one after another.

"Brat, do you want to die?!"

"How dare you steal my Celestial Fruit! Die!"

The two old men attacked in unison. Their Celestial Origin Energies shot out like a water dragon and fire dragon toward Duan Ling Tian. They only dared to attack unreservedly after they saw Duan Ling Tian had put the Red River Celestial Fruit away. Otherwise, they would not have simply attacked in fear of damaging the Red River Celestial Fruit.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the water dragon and the fire dragon were a hair's breadth away from Duan Ling Tian, he vanished into thin air.

Upon seeing this, the onlookers broke out in an uproar.

"It's the law of space's Teleportation Profundity!"

"It's not just that! He has also comprehended it to the initial stage!"

"Who's the purple-clad young man? I've never heard of a Ten Directions Celestial King who comprehended the law of space's Teleportation Profundity to the initial stage in this area..."

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian cast the Teleportation Profundity again when he saw the two old men trying to lock onto him with their Divine Consciousness.

'A Two Forms Celestial Lord and a Three Talents Celestial Lord... I bet they didn't think there would be someone bold enough to steal the Celestial Fruit under their noses...' After teleporting 30,000 meters away, Duan Ling Tian stopped moving. He knew he was out of the range of the two old men's Divine Consciousness, and they would not be able to track him.

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Back in the valley, the old men were, naturally, infuriated that the Red River Celestial Fruit had been stolen before their eyes.

"Old Wang, it's your fault that someone stole the Red River Celestial Fruit!"

"You should blame yourself for not letting me have it earlier!"

With this, the two old men began to bicker again.

Meanwhile, the group of onlookers only watched in stunned silence. When they regained their senses, they slowly scattered. Since the Red River Celestial Fruit was gone, there would no longer be a show to watch. It was better for them to continue looking for Celestial Fruits and herbs.

The grade-three medicinal herb paradise was vast. Although quite some time had passed and many people had entered the realm, there were still many unexplored places. Some of these places were

hidden by Illusory Formations so most people would not be able to find them. The reason for the Illusory Formations was so that those who entered later would still be able to harvest Celestial Fruits and herbs; naturally, that was only if they could see through Illusory Formations.

To protect the Celestial Fruits and herbs, there were no offensive Formations such as the Spirit Formation. Apart from that, there were no Celestial Beasts or guardians that guarded the fruits as well. Everyone was free to harvest and pluck the Celestial Fruits and herbs.

Chapter 3220: Big Gains

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had been in the grade-three medicinal herb paradise for quite some time and had explored many places as well. However, he still had not seen Huan'er. Hence, he decided to send a message to her. "Huan'er, where are you?"

Huan'er responded quickly, describing her surroundings to Duan Ling Tian. "Brother Ling Tian, I'm at a place with two small hills, and there's a stream near one of the small hills. All the herbs here have been harvested. Have you been to a place like this?"

"It sounds vaguely familiar... I'll try and look for you now." After responding to Huan'er, Duan Ling Tian traveled using the Teleportation Profundity.

After some time, Duan Ling Tian finally arrived at a place that was similar to Huan'er's description.

"Brother Ling Tian!" Huan'er called out.

The duo was finally reunited.

"Huan'er, I obtained a Red River Celestial Fruit not too long ago. After leaving this place, you can consume it. At that time, you'll definitely be able to break through and become a

Two Forms Celestial Lord in a short time," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile. It was as though he was even happier about Huan'er consuming the Celestial Fruit than if he were to consume it himself.

"Brother Ling Tian, I've gathered more than a dozen Celestial Fruits that can boost one's cultivation base," Huan'er said excitedly.

"More than a dozen?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. He only managed to obtain a handful of Celestial Fruit, and yet, Huan'er managed to obtain more than a dozen of them? He asked curiously, "Huan'er, how did you manage to obtain so many Celestial Fruits?"

"I snatched a few from other people, and I found the others in places hidden by Illusory Formations. No one discovered those places," Huan'er replied honestly.

Illusory Formations? No wonder Huan'er managed to obtain so many Celestial Fruits. It was easy for Huan'er to see through Illusory Formations, after all.

Huan'er said, "Brother Ling Tian, all the places that aren't hidden with Illusory Formations have already been picked clean. We should look for places hidden by Illusory Formations instead."

"Alright."

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Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er wandered the grade-three medicinal herb paradise and discovered a few more places that were hidden by Illusory Formations. Among these places, all of them were untouched except for one.

Duan Ling Tian learned from Huan'er that the Illusory Formations were fairly advanced. Naturally, for someone like Huan'er, no matter how advanced an Illusory Formation was, she could easily see through them.

Under Huan'er's lead, the duo swept the areas and obtained many Celestial Fruits and herbs.

"I didn't expect these places to have Illusory Formations..." Duan Ling Tian said. He discovered two of the places he had passed by earlier had Illusory Formations. At that time, he had searched the area and did not find anything out of the ordinary. With Huan'er's help, the two familiar places were like a different world after the Illusory Formations were dispelled.

Just as Duan Ling Tian harvested another Celestial Fruit, a loud and majestic voice rang in the air.

"You have three hours left before this grade-three medicinal herb paradise closes."

The voice was so majestic that Duan Ling Tian was inexplicably filled with the urge to worship it.

'This voice... Does it belong to the Heavenly Emperor of the Jade Emperor Heaven? The famous Jade Emperor in earth's ancient mythology?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes gleamed brightly. He could not help but feel excited when he thought about how the voice might belong to the Jade Emperor, a legendary figure in his past life on earth. He was born and raised on earth, after all. All his experiences in this life were just a continuation of his past life.

"Brother Ling Tian, since we have three more hours, let's look around to see if there are other places hidden by Illusory Formations," Huan'er suggested to Duan Ling Tian.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

After an hour, the duo finally found another place that was hidden by an Illusory Formation. They only left after they had harvested all the Celestial Fruits and herbs in that place.

'So far I've gathered more than twenty Celestial Fruits. In addition to the Celestial Fruits Huan'er obtained, we have almost fifty Celestial Fruits between us.' Duan Ling Tian mentally calculated their gains.

'We have another two hours... I wonder if we'll be able to collect more than fifty Celestial Fruits during this time.'

If other people could hear Duan Ling Tian's thoughts, they would certainly feel indignant.

It was considered a lot if one could obtain a few Celestial Fruits, and yet, Duan Ling Tian was thinking about collecting more than fifty Celestial Fruits.

Soon after the duo left the place hidden by an Illusory Formation, a boisterous rang in the air.

"Boy, it's you!"

Duan Ling Tian turned around and saw the Palm Fire Zen Sect's Elder Wang. Previously, he had snatched the Red River Celestial Fruit from Elder Wang when he was fighting with the Ganges Profound Sect's Celestial Lord.

Although Elder Wang was a Three Talents Celestial Lord, he could not defeat the Ganges Profound Sect's Two Forms Celestial Lord. This was because he comprehended the law of fire while his opponent comprehended the law of water, and since the world was created, water had always restricted fire.

At this moment, there was an old man standing next to Elder Wang. He asked curiously. "Elder Wang, do you know him?"

"Elder Liu, he's the person I mentioned earlier. When I was fighting Old Qin from the Ganges Profound Sect for the Red River Celestial Fruit, he seized the opportunity and snatched the fruit from us using the law of space's Teleportation Profundity. He even comprehended the Teleportation Profundity to the initial stage," Elder Wang replied in a deep voice. Based on the way he addressed the old man next to him, it was obvious the old man was also an elder of the Palm Fire Zen Sect.

"It's him?" Elder Liu's eyes lit up immediately when he heard Elder Wang's words. Then, he shifted his eyes to Duan Ling Tian like a predator eyeing its prey.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile, "Elder Wang is it? Did you manage to find anything so far?"

Even if Duan Ling Tian was alone he was not afraid of Elder Wang and Elder Liu, let alone now that Huan'er was with him.

The Palm Fire Zen Sect was a mere grade-five sect without titled Celestial Lords. Moreover, the elders sent to the grade-three medicinal herb paradise were certainly not the most powerful in the Palm Fire Zen Sect.

Despite being a Ten Directions Celestial King, he was confident he could kill the two old men from the Palm Fire Zen Sect under three breaths if he used his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

Although Duan Ling Tian still could not unleash the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's full potential, the sword had gained a soul after all. Therefore, it was much more powerful now. Currently, the sword's strength had already surpassed Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. Even extraordinary Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons were not a match for it.

Apart from that, Huang'er, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's soul, could also manifest a physical body and assist Duan Ling Tian. Although she was not at the peak of her strength and she had not regained all her comprehension of the law of destruction due to his current cultivation base, she was still as strong as him. He had sparred with Huang'er once ten years ago, and their fight ended in a tie. It should be noted that at that time, he had already comprehended all the profundities from the law of space to the initial stage.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the Palm Fire Zen Sect's Elder Wang laughed before he asked, "What? Are you going to rob us? You're too arrogant for a mere Ten Directions Celestial King. Boy, if you know what's best for you, you should hand the Red River Celestial Fruit over to me. Even if you escape

from me with your Teleportation Profundity now, I guarantee the Palm Fire Zen Sect won't let this matter slide even when we leave this place." His voice turned threatening during the latter half of his words.

"Escape?" Duan Ling Tian chuckled. "Did I say anything about escaping?"

"What? Don't tell me you're planning to fight us?" Elder Wang said disdainfully.

Duan Ling Tian did not respond to Elder Wang. Instead, he turned to Huan'er and said, "Huan'er, you take one, and I'll take one... Hm, just get them to hand over their Celestial Fruits."

The two elders from the Palm Fire Zen Sect were still looking at Duan Ling Tian contemptuously when Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er made their moves. It did not take long for the duo to overpower the two elders. Even after bringing out the Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, they still felt the pressure and threat on their lives.

Meanwhile, from the beginning until the end, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er did not use their Celestial Weapons at all.

The two elders from the Palm Fire Zen Sect were in despair when Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "If you don't want to die, hand over everything you've obtained. This lady by my side is skilled in Illusions so I advise you not to play tricks."

At this time, the two elders who had witnessed Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er strength, naturally, did not dare to try anything even if Duan Ling Tian did not warn them. They knew they would have died if Duan Ling Tian intended to kill them.

"These are the Celestial Fruits I obtained."

"I only managed to collect these."

With a dismal expression on their faces, the two elders from the Palm Fire Zen Sect presented all of the Celestial Fruits they had obtained to Duan Ling Tian. Their only consolation was Duan Ling Tian did not demand the herbs they had collected. Alas, even that last bit of consolation was shattered by Duan Ling Tian's following words.

"Hand over your herbs as well..."

After putting away the Celestial Fruits and herbs, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were about to leave...

At this moment, a booming voice rang from afar.

"Elders, it's him! He's the one who killed Elder Sun Yu."

The voice caught the attention of Duan Ling Tian, Huan'er, and the two elders from the Palm Fire Zen Sect.

Soon after, four men appeared before their eyes. The group consisted of a middle-aged man and three old men.

Duan Ling Tian recognized one of the old men as the Ganges Profound Sect's Elder Qin whom Elder Wang from the Palm Fire Zen Sect fought with.

“It’s you!” The Ganges Profound Sect’s Elder Qin cried out. Clearly, he had recognized Duan Ling Tian as well.

“Wang Ye, Liu Tong, stay out of this. The boy’s Red River Celestial Fruit belongs to the Ganges Profound Sect,” Elder Qin said to Wang Ye and Liu Tong, the two elders from the Palm Fire Zen Sect. He was confident since he had numbers on his side. As the saying went, ‘There’s strength in numbers’.

“You...” the Palm Fire Zen Sect’s Liu Tong said.

However, before Liu Tong could finish his sentence, Wang Ye sent him a Voice Transmission to stop him, “Don’t say anything to him. We can’t be the only ones to suffer a loss, right?”

After that, Wang Ye looked at the Ganges Profound Sect’s Elder Qin and feigned indignation as he said, “Qin He Dao, I wouldn’t have let you have the Red River Celestial Fruit if we have as many people as you do.”