

Chapter 3231: Invitations From All The Forces

Yun Ye's friend, who had asked Yun Ye to come to the Formation Spirit Pagoda, withdrew his Divine Consciousness from the stone table. Not only was he shocked that Duan Ling Tian ranked first in the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking, but he was also shocked that Duan Ling Tian had broken Yu Jian Cheng's record. Duan Ling Tian was truly too heaven-defying!

A dozen breaths had just passed since Duan Ling Tian appeared when a white-clad figure suddenly appeared out of thin air.

Huan'er who was surprised to see Duan Ling Tian waiting outside said, "Brother Ling Tian, you came out so quickly? How long did it take you to leave the pagoda?"

"Huan'er, you did quite well! It only took you 143 breaths to leave the pagoda." Duan Ling Tian discovered Huan'er's ranking after he extended his Divine Consciousness into the stone table. She was currently ranked third after Su Li and ahead of Yu Tian Xing. Su Li had taken 141 breaths to leave the pagoda while Yu Tian Xing took 144 breaths to leave the pagoda. Although Huan'er was only quicker by one breath, she successfully surpassed Yu Tian Xing, causing him to drop from second place to fourth place.

Yun Ye asked his friend, "She's Huan'er? The one who killed my junior brother, Yun Xiao?"

As soon as Yun Ye's friend nodded, Yun Ye left without any hesitation at lightning speed. His friend did not linger in front of the Formation Spirit Pagoda and followed suit.

Many people present knew that he was acquainted with Yun Ye, after all. If Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er discovered he had a good relationship with the members of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect, who knew if the duo would kill him?

Meanwhile, the onlookers looked at Duan Ling Tian with jealousy and hatred flashing in their eyes.

"I didn't expect them to be so powerful! The Genius Secret Realm has been open for eight years, and yet, they still managed to rank so high up in the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking."

At this time, those who were ranked in the various rankings in the Genius Secret Realm were all talented and outstanding individuals. It had been quite some time since there were any changes in the rankings since these talented and outstanding individuals appeared.

"Hey, those who manage to break the past records would be rewarded with an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon or something with equal value, right?"

Swoosh!

At this moment, a beam of white light shone down from the sky. Soon after, a glowing three-foot-long saber slowly descended and came to a stop in front of Duan Ling Tian.

“Indeed, it’s an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.” Duan Ling Tian could easily tell the weapon in front of him was an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon based on its aura that was similar to the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda’s Jasper Celestial Sword.

The cyan three-foot-long saber’s aura was formidable and fierce even though it was just hovering motionlessly in the air.

Duan Ling Tian waved his hand, and the cyan three-foot-long saber flew into his hand immediately.

As soon as the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon flew into Duan Ling Tian’s hand, a loud and energetic voice resounded throughout the Genius Secret Realm. “Congratulations to Duan Ling Tian for setting a new record with 127 breaths in the Formation Spirit Pagoda.”

Similar to the World of Law, apart from a victory announcement, an announcement would also be made if one broke a record. However, the reward from the Formation Spirit Pagoda was superior to the reward from the World of Laws.

As expected, the announcement caused a stir among the young prodigies in the Genius Secret Realm. After all, no one expected the record that had been unbreakable for 20,000 years would be broken today.

“Duan Ling Tian?!”

“He’s back?”

“Heavens! He broke Sect Leader Yu Jian Cheng’s record in the Formation Spirit Pagoda?”

“In the past, it took Yu Jian Cheng 132 breaths to leave the pagoda. However, Duan Ling Tian only took 127 breaths to leave the pagoda! Heavens! He’s five breaths faster than Yu Jian Cheng! How terrifying!”

There were also people who doubted Duan Ling Tian’s identity. They did not think the Duan Ling Tian who broke the record in the Formation Spirit Pagoda was the same Duan Ling Tian at the Peak of Gravity eight years ago.

“Eight years ago, Duan Ling Tian couldn’t even reach the 3,000th step at the Peak of Gravity. How could he break the record at the Formation Spirit Pagoda eight years later?”

“Moreover, compared to the Peak of Gravity, the Formation Spirit Pagoda tests one’s overall strength... This person has to be incredibly strong!”

“I don’t think the two Duan Ling Tians are the same person. Although the latter’s performance at the Peak of Gravity wasn’t bad, he’s still mediocre in comparison to the other young prodigies. This person who’s capable of breaking Yu Jjiang Chen’s record is clearly a very outstanding individual. He’s on a different level compared to the former!”

“I agree. Logically, someone who’s capable of breaking the Formation Spirit Pagoda’s record should’ve been able to easily break the Peak of Gravity’s record. This was why Yu Jian Cheng was the record holder for both places!”

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Halfway up the mountain in a valley.

Yun Tian Xing who was sitting cross-legged on top of a stone and cultivating suddenly opened his eyes. He exclaimed in disbelief, “D-duan Ling Tian broke senior uncle’s record?!”

‘I must try to get Duan Ling Tian to join our Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect!’

He quickly rose to his feet and sent a message to all the members of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect in the Genius Secret Realm, asking them to keep an eye out on Duan Ling Tian’s location. If anyone were to run into Duan Ling Tian, they were to extend an invitation to him to join the sect.

Before Yu Tian Xing entered the Genius Secret Realm, his senior uncle and the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, Yu Jian Cheng, had instructed him to invite those who managed to break any one of his records in the Genius Secret Realm. Therefore, when he found out someone had broken his senior uncle’s record, he wasted no time in trying to recruit Duan Ling Tian.

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Meanwhile, Su Li had also heard the announcement from the Formation Spirit Pagoda that echoed in the entire Genius Secret Realm. He had yet to recover from the shock when he received Yu Tian Xing’s message.

“Duan Ling Tian broke the record with 127 breaths?” Su Li had challenged the Formation Spirit Pagoda a few times last year. His best time was only 141 breaths. He knew how difficult it was to reduce just one breath.

A hint of nostalgia flashed in his eyes as he muttered to himself, “This Duan Ling Tian is a monster just like him...”

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A beautiful woman with a curvaceous figure who was dressed in a fuschia long robe hovered above a lake.

“Duan Ling Tian broke Yu Jian Cheng’s record?” She inhaled sharply as her limpid eyes shone brightly. When she recovered her senses, she hurriedly sent out a series of messages.

“Dear seniors and juniors of the Ancient Phoenix Clan, we must find Duan Ling Tian no matter what and persuade him to join our Ancient Phoenix Clan.”

This woman was none other than Feng Qi Qi, the most outstanding prodigy from the Ancient Phoenix Clan.

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Similarly, Baili Hong Fei from the Baili Clan had also sent out messages to the members of the clan, urging them to keep a lookout for Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, he also instructed his members to persuade Duan Ling Tian to join their Baili Clan if they met Duan Ling Tian.

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Apart from the three most powerful grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory, the other grade-one forces were also told to invite Duan Ling Tian to join their respective forces. For example, Ye Wu Dao from the Profound Sky Dao Sect had also instructed other members to extend an invitation to Duan Ling Tian if they met him. Although they knew the chances of Duan Ling Tian joining them were slim, it did not stop them from trying.

Unsurprisingly, the only grade-one force that did not attempt to invite Duan Ling Tian to join them was the Thousand Hands Devil Sect. After all, Duan Ling Tian was closely related to the woman who killed Yun Xiao, the son of the Sect Leader of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect. Regardless of how outstanding Duan Ling Tian was, even if they invited him to join the sect, it would only be to lure him in so they could kill him. Naturally, they knew Duan Ling Tian would not be so stupid as to fall for such a trick so they did not bother inviting him at all.

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Outside the Formation Spirit Pagoda.

“Huan’er, take it. It’s yours.” Duan Ling Tian simply tossed the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon to Huan’er as though it was worth nothing under everyone’s watchful eyes.

“Thank you, Brother Ling Tian.” Huan’er did not hesitate to accept the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon because she knew he possessed much more powerful weapons. Otherwise, she would not have accepted the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.

Everyone was, naturally, baffled when they saw Duan Ling Tian simply giving away the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. With this, they began to speculate he must have an extraordinary background.

“He gave away the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?”

“He’s so generous. No wonder that peerless beauty is willing to follow him...”

“He’s clearly not interested in the Emperor Grade Celestial Sword at all... Who is he? He sure doesn’t behave like he’s a grassroots prodigy!”

At this moment, someone called out, “Duan Ling Tian!”

Then, a person stepped forward from the crowd. He cupped his hands together at Duan Ling Tian as he said, “My name is Baili Kong, and I’m a disciple of the Baili Clan. I’d like to invite you to join our clan. With your innate talent and comprehension skills, our clan will definitely provide you with the best resources to nurture you.”

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, another person stepped forward and cupped his fists together before he said, “Duan Ling Tian, I’m Lin Ji, a disciple of the Profound Sky Dao Sect. The Profound Sky Dao Sect invites you to join us. If you’re willing to join us, the sect will definitely provide you with the best treatment. It won’t be inferior to the treatment you’d receive in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, the Ancient Phoenix Clan, or the Baili Clan.”

Chapter 3232: First Place In The Peak Of Gravity Ranking

“Thank you for your invitations, but I have yet to consider which force to join... I plan to decide at a later date,” Duan Ling Tian responded with a faint smile when he received the invitations from the Baili Clan and the Profound Sky Dao Sect. After he declined the invitations, he left with Huan’er.

The onlookers only regained their senses when Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er disappeared from their sight.

“It seems like another monster has appeared in our Nan Dou Territory,” a middle-aged man murmured to himself.

“A grassroots prodigy broke the record set by Sect Leader Yu Jian Cheng of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect... Who would have expected this?”

“He’s such a monstrous talent... Even the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect will definitely invite him to join their sect.”

The onlookers were in awe, and most of them were certain that the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect that had always remained indifferent would put their pride aside to extend an invitation to Duan Ling Tian.

As expected, the prodigies from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect had begun to search high and low for Duan Ling Tian so they could invite him to join their sect.

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After Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er left the Formation Spirit Pagoda, they wandered around without a specific destination. It did not take long before a familiar mountain appeared before their eyes. The mountain that towered past the clouds in the sky looked similar to the Peak of Gravity they climbed in the past. However, this Peak of Gravity was in a different location from the one they climbed previously. The first Peak of Gravity they climbed was located in a vast plain while the foot of this Peak of Gravity was surrounded by a swamp forest.

“The Peak of Gravity!”

With its towering height, this Peak of Gravity was still very eye-catching despite being surrounded by a swamp forest. The mountain towered over the trees, making the trees look tiny in comparison.

Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er stood in a small clearing around the Peak of Gravity as they surveyed their surroundings. Previously, there were dozens of people present at the foot of the first Peak of Gravity they encountered. Currently, there were only two people present at the foot of the mountain and one person climbing the mountain.

A middle-aged man, one of the two men present on the scene, shook his head and said with a sigh, “I wonder how high Third Brother can go... His name won’t be listed on the ranking if he fails to reach the 2,000th step.”

“Third Brother is too stubborn... The highest he has been was the 1,965th step. It’s impossible for him to climb up another 35 steps unless his strength improves to the next stage,” a young man replied as he shook his head.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Soon enough, the two men discovered the presence of the two newcomers. They were instantly captivated by Huan'er's flawless beauty.

"These two should be Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er, right?"

"Such a peerless beauty... Who else could she be if not Huan'er?"

In the Genius Secret Realm, everyone knew there was no one more beautiful than Huan'er. Therefore, it was not difficult for the two men to guess the two newcomers' identities.

"I wonder if he's the Duan Ling Tian who broke the record at the Formation Spirit Pagoda?" the young man asked in a low voice.

"I don't think so... The Duan Ling Tian who's with Huan'er didn't even manage to reach the 3,000th step at the Peak of Gravity. Only eight years have passed, how strong could he have gotten?" The middle-aged man shook his head.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er prepared to climb the Peak of Gravity again.

Duan Ling Tian smiled as he asked Huan'er, "Huan'er, shall we have a competition?"

"Alright." Huan'er nodded.

The two men who were looking at the duo saw the duo vanishing into thin air at this moment.

"Teleportation Profundity?" the two men cried out in unison.

It was not that no one had attempted to climb the Peak of Gravity using the Teleportation Profundity. However, using the Teleportation Profundity would cause discomfort since one would be instantly transported from a low altitude to a high altitude. Therefore, most people preferred to slowly advance to the top.

When Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's name began to flash above the Peak of Gravity, the two men looked up immediately. Their eyes widened when they saw Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had already reached the 3,000th step after casting the Teleportation Profundity once.

With this, Duan Ling Tian's ranking rose sharply after surpassing his previous record. On the other hand, Huan'er ranking remained the same since her previous record was also at the 3,000th step.

Nevertheless, the two men were thoroughly shocked.

"Heavens! They have reached the 3,000th step after using the Teleportation Profundity once. They covered 30,000 meters in just a blink of an eye!"

"I'm not surprised Huan'er climbed up to the 3,000th step since she had done it before. However, what's going on with Duan Ling Tian? Eight years ago, he couldn't even climb up to the 3,000th step, but now, he reached the 3,000th step immediately after casting the Teleportation Profundity!"

"Huan'er's body moved slightly, but Duan Ling Tian didn't move at all. It's like he didn't feel the pressure at all."

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Meanwhile, people at the other 98 Peaks of Gravity had already discovered the changes in the Peak of Gravity Ranking. The atmosphere turned lively again in just an instant.

“Duan Ling Tian? Huan’er?”

“They’re challenging the Peak of Gravity again?”

“Duan Ling Tian managed to climb up to the 3,000th step this time? Didn’t they say the Duan Ling Tian with Huan’er is not the same person as the Duan Ling Tian who broke the Formation Spirit Pagoda’s record?”

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Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

After receiving messages from their friends, many young prodigies stopped what they were doing and made their way to the nearest Peak of Gravity.

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After reaching the 3,000th step, Duan Ling Tian used his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Space Elemental Profundity to protect himself from the pressure of the Peak of Gravity. He looked at the ranking and discovered Su Li was ranked first after climbing to the 3,552nd step. ‘Su Li’s first again! He’s quite strong. I didn’t expect him to be a prodigy from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect; I thought he’s a grassroots prodigy.’

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian had heard people talking about Su Li when he was outside of the Formation Spirit Pagoda. That was how he found Su Li was a prodigy from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. Based on various rankings, it seemed like Su Li was stronger than Yu Tian Xing who was widely acknowledged as the most outstanding young prodigy in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

Huan’er waited for Duan Ling Tian as she stood at the side.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian called out, “Huan’er, let’s continue.”

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Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er’s speed of ascent was so fast that the two men at the foot of the Peak of Gravity were dumbfounded.

“After climbing up to the 3,000th step, he’s still so fast?” Although Duan Ling Tian’s current speed was slower than before, the two men could tell his speed was still very fast.

Duan Ling Tian continued to climb until the 3,500th step before his speed began to slow down again.

Meanwhile, Huan’er had already begun to slow down after climbing the 3,300th step.

“Did Duan Ling Tian hide his strength eight years ago?”

“Isn’t that obvious? He’s now ranked second in the Peak of Gravity Ranking, and he’s climbing the Peak of Gravity so effortlessly. There’s no doubt he hid his strength eight years ago.”

When most people saw Duan Ling Tian surpassed Yu Tian Xing and rose to second place, most of them were convinced Duan Ling Tian was the same person as the Duan Ling Tian who had broken the record at the Formation Spirit Pagoda.

“I wonder if Huan’er became stronger over the past eight years or if she hid her strength eight years ago as well... She’s almost at the 3,400th step now.”

Soon enough...

“He’s surpassed him!”

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had surpassed Su Li’s record at the 3,552nd step when he climbed to the 3,553rd step. To everyone’s surprise, he did not stop and continued to climb the Peak of Gravity.

“Is Duan Ling Tian trying to break another record of Sect Leader Yu Jian Cheng of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect?”

Many people were still in shock while a few others looked at Duan Ling Tian’s name in excitement. Most people felt optimistic about him breaking Yu Jian Cheng’s record at the Peak of Gravity.

“Can he create another miracle?”

“I think it’s possible... After all, he managed to break Yu Jian Cheng’s record at the Formation Spirit Pagoda. It shouldn’t be difficult for him to break another of Yu Jian Cheng’s records.”

“I agree. If he’s capable of breaking Yu Jian Cheng’s record at the Formation Spirit Pagoda, he should have no problem breaking Yu Jian Cheng’s record at the Peak of Gravity.”

“If he manages to pull this off, there’s no doubt he’s going to be known as the most outstanding young prodigy in the Nan Dou Territory.

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At the same time, Yu Tian Xing and He Zhan arrived at the foot of one of the Peaks of Gravity. They stood in the distance as they looked at the ranking above the peak.

“This Duan Ling Tian is formidable!” He Zhan was shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s strength. Then, he asked, “Senior Tian Xing, do you think Duan Ling Tian is capable of breaking the sect leader’s record?”

Chapter 3233: 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation

“If he’s only one breath faster than senior uncle when breaking the Formation Spirit Pagoda’s record, he might not be able to break senior uncle’s record at the Peak of Gravity,” Yu Tian Xing said as he looked at the name near the top of the Peak of Gravity Ranking, “However, he was five breaths faster than senior uncle when he cleared the Formation spirits in the pagoda. This means he’s much stronger compared to senior uncle at that time. With his strength, it isn’t difficult for him to break senior uncle’s record at the Peak of Gravity if he wants to.”

As though to prove Yu Tian Xing's point, Duan Ling Tian swiftly climbed past the 3,600th step and the 3,700th step even though his speed had slowed down some after passing the 3,500th step. He had slowed down even more after the 3,700th step, but he still easily climbed to the 3,788th step, breaking Yu Jian Cheng's record.

"He broke another record!"

"After almost 20,000 years, someone finally broke the record set by Sect Leader Yu Jian Cheng from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect... With this, Duan Ling Tian broke two records by Sect Leader Yu Jian Cheng!"

"There's no doubt Duan Ling Tian is the most outstanding young prodigy in the Nan Dou Territory!"

"Whether it's Yu Tian Xing, Su Li, or everyone else, they can't compare to Duan Ling Tian at all!"

"Well, I think Su Li might be a match for Duan Ling Tian. After all, Su Li's not even 300 years old while Duan Ling Tian is most likely 800 or 900 years old like Yu Tian Xing."

"You're right. In that sense, Su Li's potential is greater."

Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian breaking Yu Jian Cheng's record at the Peak of Gravity caused another uproar in the Genius Secret Realm when his feat was announced. Naturally, most people were not surprised that he managed to break the Peak of Gravity's record after he broke the Formation Spirit Pagoda's record since the two's level of difficulty was rather similar. With enough strength, one would be able to break both records just like how Yu Jian Cheng did back then. However, it could be seen that Duan Ling Tian was much stronger than Yu Jian Cheng back then.

"He... He's going to continue climbing the Peak of Gravity?"

The people gathered at the foot of the Peaks of Gravity were shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian's name was still blinking. It did not take long before they discovered Huan'er had already left the Peak of Gravity. Her final result had surpassed the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Yu Tian Xing, putting her in third place in the Peak of Gravity Ranking.

"Huan'er... made it to the 3,539th step! She's one step higher than Yu Tian Xing!"

"Yu Tian Xing is really unlucky... He was pushed back a place in the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking by Huan'er with just a one-breath difference, and now, he's pushed back a place in the Peak of Gravity Ranking by Huan'er with a two-step difference!"

There were many people who lamented Yu Tian Xing's luck, but there were also many people who disagreed.

"It has nothing to do with luck! It's just the strength difference between them. One breath in the Formation Spirit Pagoda can't be attributed to just luck."

"The same goes for the Peak of Gravity. Everyone has a limit... Are you saying you can easily surpass your own limit?"

In the end, no one doubted Huan'er was stronger than Yu Tian Xing. Naturally, the strength mentioned here was one's strength without the help of external tools. After all, Celestial Talisman, Celestial Pills,

Celestial Weapons, and the likes were prohibited at the Peak of Gravity and the Formation Spirit Pagoda. One could only rely on one's true strength.

If it was a duel and not climbing the Peak of Gravity or clearing the Formation spirits in the Formation Spirit Pagoda, no one would dare to say for sure that Huan'er would best Yu Tian Xing. After all, Yu Tian Xing was widely acknowledged as the most outstanding young prodigy in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. Someone like that was sure to have many tricks up their sleeve. Even Su Li might not be able to defeat Yu Tian Xing in a duel.

Those at the foot of the Peaks of Gravity were dumbfounded when they saw Duan Ling Tian continue to climb the Peak of Gravity. Even those who were not at the foot of the Peaks of Gravity were shocked when they received news of this.

"Duan Ling Tian is too powerful! I wonder how high he can go?"

About an hour later, Duan Ling Tian finally stopped climbing. At this point, he had already climbed to the 3,922nd step, which meant that he was 39,220 above ground. He had climbed 100 steps higher than Yu Jian Cheng! What a heaven-defying feat!

"I heard that those who manage to break a record in the Genius Secret Realm would be rewarded with a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon."

When the onlookers thought of the rewards for breaking a record in the Genius Secret Realm, they were green with envy. Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons were already incredibly precious, let alone purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. They were so rare that it was not an exaggeration to say that none of the prodigies in the Genius Secret Realm possessed a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. How could they not be jealous when they realized Duan Ling Tian would be rewarded with a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who returned to Huan'er's side after descending the Peak of Gravity finally received his reward. The purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon was in the form of a soft armor.

'A purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he confirmed the soft armor was a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. Then, he did not hesitate as he handed the soft armor to Huan'er.

Nevertheless, Huan'er did not accept the purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. "Brother Ling Tian, you don't have a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon so you should keep it for yourself."

Previously, Huan'er had only accepted the Emperor Grade Celestial Sword Duan Ling Tian had given her because she knew Duan Ling Tian possessed the much more powerful Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. This time, no matter how Duan Ling Tian tried to persuade her, she refused to accept the purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Sword.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian had no choice but to put the soft armor away. He decided to give the next purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon he obtained to Huan'er.

At this moment, Huan'er asked, "Brother Ling Tian, where should we go next?"

Duan Ling Tian who had received the rewards after breaking two records felt rather enthusiastic at this moment. He wanted to break more records now so he could collect more Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. He looked at the people in his surroundings and asked loudly, "Does anyone know of any other records to be broken in the Genius Secret Realm?"

At this point, there was quite a huge crowd at the foot of this Peak of Gravity; there were several dozen people at least. Many people had gathered here after they received news of what was happening earlier.

A middle-aged man replied to Duan Ling Tian, "There are a few more places with records to be broken, but not all of them test one's strength."

"That's right," another person chimed in, "Although Sect Leader Yu Jian Cheng from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect managed to set new records at the Peak of Gravity and the Formation Spirit Pagoda, he failed to set new records at the other places"

"It's not easy to break those records."

"That's right!"

Most people agreed that the other places that tested more than one's strength were not as easy to challenge.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian was not discouraged. In fact, he was determined to have a look to widen his horizons. It did not matter if he was not able to set a new record. He asked, "Is there anyone who's willing to lead me to one of those places or give me directions?"

A young man said, "There's one nearby... It's called the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation. You can try to set a new record there."

Upon hearing the young man's words, many people inhaled sharply.

"The 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation!"

"One's name would appear in the ranking as long as one's able to leave the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation within the allocated time... This sounds simple, but it's actually really difficult."

"Those who had entered the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation had said that it was difficult to find their way out despite how hard they tried. Most people could only wait until the time ran out to be transported out."

"If I'm not mistaken, the record of leaving the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation in the shortest time belonged to a young prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan."

"I'm not surprised. The Profound Cat Clan is naturally adept at sniffing out Illusory Formations."

"I remember the person who came closest to breaking the record was some prodigy from the Phantom Fox Clan... She's a direct descendant of the main Phantom Fox Clan in the Jade Emperor Heaven. If I'm not mistaken, her name's Du Xuan."

“That’s right! Du Xuan’s a woman if I’m not mistaken.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened when he heard the conversations in his surroundings. He instinctively turned to look at Huan’er who was standing next to him.

Tears welled up in Huan’er’s eyes as she murmured, “Mom...”

When Duan Ling Tian was at the borderlands of the Southern Territory, he had learned that Huan’er’s mother’s name was Du Xuan. He had learned this from Huan’er’s grandaunt.

“Huan’er, you’ll find your mom soon... Don’t worry...” Duan Ling Tian consoled Huan’er. “Moreover, the Du Clan of the Phantom Fox Clan is in the Jade Emperor Heaven. I’ll accompany you and investigate if your mom is there after you become a Celestial Emperor.”

“Alright.” Huan’er’s mood eased under Duan Ling Tian’s constant stream of comforting words.

After a while, Huan’er said, “Brother Ling Tian, I’d like to take a look at the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation...”

“Okay.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. Then, he asked with a knowing smile on his face, “Huan’er, you’re planning to set a new record in the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation, aren’t you?”

Based on the conversations in his surroundings and the name of the place, it was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to guess the nature of that place and its test.

As the Phantom Fox Clan’s rare Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox that only appeared once every 1,000,000 years, Huan’er was immune to Illusory Formations. In Duan Ling Tian’s opinion, the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation would not pose any difficulty to Huan’er.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian looked at the person who first mentioned the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation and asked, “Where’s the 10,000 Elephant Illusory Formation?”

The man was very enthusiastic and offered to lead the way.

Without wasting time, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er began to make their way to the 10,000 Illusory Formation.

Upon seeing this, many of the people in the surroundings began to follow the duo to the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation.

Chapter 3234: God’s Secret Treasure

The 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation was located in a vast mountain valley. Anyone could challenge the Formation by entering it.

The crowd who had followed Duan Ling Tian here were dumbfounded when they realized Duan Ling Tian had no intention of entering the Formation. Instead, the woman by his side, Huan’er, was the one who entered the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation.

“Duan Ling Tian isn’t going in?”

“Look! The person who’s ranked first in the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation is Hou Zi Long!”

The 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation Ranking could be seen outside of the Formation, looking as translucent as a cloud of mist.

“Su Li is only ranked sixth.”

“Yu Tian Xing is ranked eighth.”

“Look! Feng Qi Qi is ranked fourth!”

Duan Ling Tian who was looking at the ranking had also seen a few familiar names. Even someone as powerful as Su Li was only ranked sixth. Moreover, the gap between Su Li and Hou Zi Long who was ranked first was rather wide.

‘Hou Zi Long spent seven days, five hours and 15 minutes to leave the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation whereas Su Li took a full sixteen days to escape.’

Although Hou Zi Long was among the top ten in the Peak of Gravity Ranking and the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking, he was ranked at the bottom of the top ten. Based on this, it was clear he was significantly weaker than Su Li. Nevertheless, he managed to rank first in the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation. This meant he was adept at breaking Illusory Formations or he was immune to them like Huan’er.

“What’s the record for the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation?” Duan Ling Tian asked the man who led him here.

Both the Profound Cat Clan and the Phantom Fox Clan had an affinity with Illusory Formations; the Profound Cat Clan specialized in breaking Illusory Formations while the Phantom Fox Clan specialized in setting up Illusory Formations. The two clans could be considered natural enemies and had many conflicts in the Jade Emperor Heaven.

“Three days and one hour,” the man hurriedly answered Duan Ling Tian.

“Three days and one hour?” The corners of Duan Ling Tian’s lips twitched. Was that not half the time of Hou Zi Long who was currently ranked first?

‘I wonder if Huan’er would be able to break the record...’ Initially, Duan Ling Tian was confident that Huan’er would be able to break the record. However, after learning about the difference in time between Hou Zi Long and the prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan from 10,000 years ago, he did not feel as certain as he did before.

Time passed silently.

After almost three hours had passed, the crowd finally could not hold back their curiosity.

Someone asked, “Duan Ling Tian, aren’t you going in?”

“Me?” Duan Ling Tian was briefly taken aback by the question. Then, he shook his head and said, “I don’t plan to enter the Formation...”

Everyone was dumbfounded by Duan Ling Tian's answer. They had come here to watch Duan Ling Tian challenge the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation. Since he had no intention of entering the Formation, what were they doing here?

"As it turns out, he has no plans of entering the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation..." a middle-aged man said as he shook his head, preparing to leave.

"I was waiting for him to challenge the Formation. Who knew he had no plan of entering the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation at all? There's no point in me staying here if he doesn't plan to go in."

"Let's go!"

Just as the crowd was about to disperse, a figure suddenly appeared out of thin air. With this, it was as though everyone's legs had been frozen to the ground.

The person who had appeared was none other than Huan'er.

"Huan'er?" Duan Ling Tian was also taken aback by Huan'er's sudden appearance. It had only been a little more than three hours since she had entered the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation.

"One can only exit the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation if they can see through it. Otherwise, they'd have to wait in there for at least a month."

"She came out in three hours... She only needed three hours to leave the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation?"

"Three hours... Is that possible?"

"Three hours? Even the Profound Cat Clan prodigy from 10,000 years ago took three days to leave the Formation, but she came out in three hours?"

"Did she really enter the Formation?"

Everyone was thoroughly shocked that Huan'er left the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation in three hours. No one thought about leaving at this moment. Even those who were a distance away turned around and returned to the valley.

"If you want to know if she really entered the Formation, just check the ranking. If she broke the record, her name would certainly appear in the ranking."

With this, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, turned to look at the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation Ranking.

Huan'er, three hours.

Huan'er had now replaced Hou Zi Long and was ranked first in the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation Ranking!

Everyone was dumbstruck when they saw the time it took Huan'er to escape from the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation. Even those who were not present on the scene were dumbstruck when they heard about this matter.

At this moment, there was quite a huge crowd gathered outside of the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation. Some people had rushed here after receiving news that Duan Ling Tian would be challenging the 10,000 Illusory Formation. Most of them thought they would see Duan Ling Tian challenging the Formation. Who knew Huan'er, the woman by Duan Ling Tian's side, would challenge the Formation instead? Most importantly, she set a new record with only three hours!

"Even that prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan from 10,000 years ago needed three days to escape from the Formation, and yet, Huan'er only took three hours? Isn't the gap too wide?"

"This is really heaven-defying!"

"Who else can break such a record?"

"For 10,000 years, no one could break the three-day record set by the prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan... How long will it be before someone beat this three-day record? 1,000,000 years?"

"How terrifying!"

Huan'er's achievement shocked everyone, including the young prodigies from the grade-one forces. Duan Ling Tian was already monstrously talented. Who knew the woman by his side was a monstrous talent as well?

"How did she do it?" Many people were still in disbelief. Some even wondered if they were dreaming. After all, it was unimaginable that someone was able to escape from the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation in three hours! This was even more shocking than when Duan Ling Tian broke the records set by Yu Jian Cheng at the Peak of Gravity and the Formation Spirit Pagoda 20,000 years ago.

It was not that shocking that Huan'er had broken the record that was set 10,000 years ago. The shocking thing was the time it took her to leave the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation. The previous record could not compare to the Huan'er's record at all!

Duan Ling Tian had merely surpassed Yu Jian Cheng by a few breaths in the Formation Spirit Pagoda and surpassed Yu Jian Cheng by 100 steps at the Peak of Gravity. As impressive as Duan Ling Tian's achievements were, how could one compare the difference between three days and three hours?

"I didn't think I'd be alive to see three records being broken in the Genius Secret Realm! Something like that has only happened three times over a few hundred thousand years in the Genius Secret Realm, right?"

"That's right."

"Hey, I remember there's a rumor about the opening of God's Secret Treasure in the Genius Secret Realm if three records are broken..."

"God's Secret Treasure? Isn't that just a myth?"

"God's Secret Treasure is said to be a passage that led to a place that was once part of a Realm of Gods, right?"

“I think so.”

“Rumor has it that it was first discovered by a powerhouse from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. That person then joined forces with the Ancient Phoenix Clan and the Baili Clan to open up a passage that leads to that place.”

Now that Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had broken three records, many people began to recall the legend of the God's Secret Treasure in the Genius Secret Realm. However, most of them thought it was just a myth.

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Outside of another 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation.

Yu Tian Xing who was standing next to He Zhan looked at the ranking intently as he said, “Three records are already broken... The God's Secret Treasure should open soon. I didn't expect I'd be able to see this day.”

“Senior Brother Tian Xing, it seems like we'll be able to enter God's Secret Treasure! I heard it's a great place to cultivate. Moreover, there's a chance we'll be able to find Devata artifacts in there!” He Zhan exclaimed excitedly.

Most people dismissed the God's Secret Treasure as a myth, but those from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect knew it really existed. As the rumor said, it really used to be part of a Realm of Gods.

In the past, the powerhouses from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, the Ancient Phoenix Clan, and the Baili Clan had created a Little World around the passage leading to the abandoned Realm of Gods to stabilize the place. The Little World was now known as the Genius Secret Realm. At that time, the abandoned remnant of the Realm of Gods had almost collapsed when the three powerhouses entered it. They later discovered the remnant of the Realm of God could only accommodate those below the stage of a Celestial Emperor. This was the reason only Celestial Lords were allowed to enter the Genius Secret Realm.

The powerhouses from the three strongest grade-one forces in the Nan Dou territory were worried some Celestial Emperors would forcibly enter the Genius Secret Realm so they laid a Formation to prevent people over the age of 1,000 from entering it. With this Formation, they prevented most Celestial Emperors from entering the secret realm. After all, there were very few who managed to become a Celestial Emperor before the age of 1,000.

“The age restriction Formation was created by the Title Temple. Therefore, regardless of how powerful a Celestial Emperor is, they won't be able to break the Formation.”

“Well, those legendary figures might be able to break the Formation... However, if they enter the Genius Secret Realm, there's no doubt the secret realm and the remnant of the Realm of Gods would collapse.”

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian learned about the God's Secret Treasure in the Secret Realm from the conversations in his surroundings.

Chapter 3235: Guide

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had learned from the Chaos Divine Flame that those from the Realms of Gods could perish as well. Once they perished, the Realm of Gods they created would be destroyed by the supreme powerhouse who killed them. This was due to the fact that only 18 Realms of Gods could exist at one time. Unless a Realm of Gods was destroyed, a new Realm of Gods would not emerge.

“Is there really a remnant of a Realm of Gods here?” Duan Ling Tian could not hold back his curiosity and asked the three Divine Elements in his body.

The Chaos Divine Flame quickly replied, “Yes. It’s not difficult for a supreme powerhouse to destroy a Realm of Gods; they only need to destroy the realm’s core. Usually, a supreme powerhouse wouldn’t waste their energy to completely destroy a realm. It was enough for them to destroy the realm’s core. Once the core is destroyed, a new Realm of God could be created. It would take a lot of time and effort to completely destroy a Realm of God. Since it’s enough to destroy just the core, most supreme powerhouses wouldn’t bother with completely destroying a Realm of God after killing the supreme powerhouse who created it.”

The Chaos Divine Flame continued to explain, “A Realm of Gods without a core would wander in space. Eventually, it would sink and settle like a stone that had been thrown into a river. It would then be known as a remnant of a Realm of Gods. When creating Little Worlds, it’s possible for Celestial Emperors to come across remnants of Realms of Gods. If they were powerful enough, they could build a passage to the remnant of the Realm of Gods. However, the remnant that lacked a core wouldn’t be able to withstand the pressure of a Celestial Emperor. For this reason, it would collapse in the presence of a Celestial Emperor.” It paused for a moment before it concluded, “Therefore, the rumor should be true. The Genius Secret Realm is likely a passage to a remnant of a Realm of Gods.”

Soon after, the Chaos Divine Earth’s childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “Boy, you’re in luck if there’s really a remnant of a Realm of Gods here. The cultivation environment in a remnant of a Realm of God is far superior to that in Devata Realms. Since the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is limited in Devata Realms, there’s a limit to the help the Divine Tree of Life provides you. However, your cultivation speed would increase by almost 100 times with the help of the Divine Tree of Life in a remnant of a Realm of Gods!”

The Chaos Divine Earth could barely conceal its excitement as it continued to say, “Apart from that, your speed of comprehending a law would be much faster as well in the remnant of a Realm of Gods. Lower-form Divine Elements like us can also absorb the Five Elemental Energy in the remnant of the Realm of Gods to improve our strength!”

“However, I’m certain there would not be many Divine Artifacts in the remnant of a Realm of Gods. In fact, there might not be any at all. This is due to a wave of energy that would annihilate everything in a Realm of God when its core is destroyed. Naturally, there’s a chance that some Divine Artifacts might survive the terrifying blast. However, it’d be difficult to locate them due to the changes in the terrains such as the sea and earth caused by the blast of energy. It’d depend purely on luck to come across a Divine Artifact.”

At this point, a hint of envy could be heard in the Chaos Divine Earth’s voice as it said, “Naturally, that only applies to ordinary people. Since you possess the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, and that lass has

become its soul, you'll be able to detect Divine Artifacts near you. Sometimes, I'm really envious of your heaven-defying luck!"

With the confirmation from the Chaos Divine Flame and the Chaos Divine Earth, Duan Ling Tian ascertained that the God's Secret Treasure in the Genius Secret Realm was not just a myth.

While Duan Ling Tian was still lost in his thoughts, a clear and loud voice rang in the air. It was the same voice that had made all the announcements in the Genius Secret Realm.

"The God's Secret Treasure will open in six months."

The announcement rang throughout the Genius Secret Realm, leaving many people dumbfounded. When they recovered from the shock, they were ecstatic!

"The God's Secret Treasure is not just a rumor!"

"The God's Secret Treasure is a remnant of a Realm of Gods, right? There must be Divine Artifacts everywhere! Perhaps, we can find Divine Beasts as well! Can you imagine the kind of treasures we will find in there?"

"I heard that the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in a remnant of a Realm of Gods is much richer... Therefore, our cultivation speed would increase by two folds there!"

"That's right! The same goes for comprehending laws and profundities as well."

With this announcement, everyone's attention shifted away from Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. It was only natural since they would benefit from entering God's Secret Treasure. Although it was exciting watching Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er breaking records, it did not benefit them at all.

Nevertheless, there were some people who were grateful toward Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er since it was not an exaggeration to say both of them opened the God's Secret Treasure.

After the announcement of the opening of God's Secret Treasure and after Huan'er obtained a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon as a reward for breaking the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formations' record, Duan Ling Tian called out, "Huan'er, let's go."

As the duo wandered the Genius Secret Realm, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'I only managed to obtain a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon after breaking two records, but Huan'er obtained a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon after breaking one record. I have a feeling it's due to the vast difference between her record and the record she broke.'

Although Duan Ling Tian broke the records at the Peak of Gravity and the Formation Spirit Pagoda, the differences between his records and Yu Jian Cheng's records were not too wide. On the other hand, Huan'er record was more than twenty times faster than the record she had broken.

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Over the next few months, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er continued challenging various records. The tests were not very popular and he was not too adept with the skills needed to challenge the records as well.

The skills involved setting up Formations, refining Celestial Pills, and forging Celestial Weapons among many.

When Duan Ling Tian was in the borderlands of the Southern Heaven Territory, his pill refining skills were considered above average due to the Chaos Divine Flame. However, the Chaos Divine Flame was still in its third form, and there was no doubt this was insufficient here.

“There’s one more month left before God’s Secret Treasure opens... However, I still don’t know where the entrance would be located...” Duan Ling Tian was not the only one who was in the dark about the location of the entrance to God’s Secret Treasure. Everyone, including the young prodigies from grade-one forces, was clueless as well.

However, the young prodigies from grade-one forces were aware that the entrance to God’s Secret Treasure was not fixed, and before the entrance opened, they would be guided there.

‘Since there’s only a month left, we should be guided to the entrance soon,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Half a day passed, and as Duan Ling Tian expected, a golden glow appeared in the distance. It was as bright as the sun, catching everyone’s attention.

“Brother Ling Tian, is that it?” Huan’er looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“It’s so bright that everyone in the Genius Secret Realm would be able to see it... There’s no doubt this will lead us to the entrance. Let’s go, Huan’er!”

Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er did not waste time and flew side by side toward the golden glow.

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Meanwhile, the young prodigies in the Genius Secret Realm had also seen the golden glow. They knew it would lead them to the entrance of God’s Secret Treasure so they wasted no time in making their way over.

Su Li was also flying toward the golden glow at this moment. “I should be able to meet that Duan Ling Tian at the entrance of God’s Secret Treasure...” He had been extremely curious about the grassroots prodigy who shared the same name as his best friend. Although it was unlikely, he wished that Duan Ling Tian would turn out to be his best friend. After all, his best friend was capable of such amazing feats as well.

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Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, all the young prodigies from grade-one forces and all the grassroots prodigies in the Genius Secret Realm were flying toward the golden glow. All of them were determined to enter God’s Secret Treasure.

Chapter 3236: Ning Dragon, The Quasi Divine Beast

The golden glow shone above a Peak of Gravity. Despite the clouds swirling around it, its light did not dim at all.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this time, many figures were flying over from different directions. In just a blink of an eye, many people had gathered at the same place.

With just a glance, they saw an antique and ornate door in the middle of the dazzling golden light. It was maroon, and its edges seemed to be made from some heavy metal. Apart from that, many complex inscriptions could be seen on its surface. If one focused on them, one could see life-like humans, beasts, and sceneries depicted in the inscriptions.

Meanwhile, on both sides of the door, two terrifying creatures that resembled the hybrid of a dragon and a snake guarded the door.

The door was slightly ajar, and a mysterious black mist swirled out from the other side.

“What kind of Celestial Beasts are these?”

At this moment, everyone present on the scene was grassroots prodigies. They were confused by two creatures at the sides of the doors; they had never seen anything like these.

The creatures looked terrifying with drool constantly dripping off razor-sharp teeth, and their triangular eyes glinted fiercely at the others. They struggled against the chains that were as thick as the arm of an adult male, trying to attack the prodigies on the scene.

A young man said, “Regardless of what creatures these things are, there’s no doubt this door leads to God’s Secret Treasure...”

“So we’ll be able to enter in a month, right?”

Many people’s eyes lit up upon hearing these words.

“Look, the door is slightly ajar. Perhaps, we can enter now...” a middle-aged man said as he stared at the door. It was clear he could no longer wait as he shot toward the door at lightning speed.

Everyone watched as an unforgettable scene unfolded before their eyes.

One of the beasts opened its mouth and roared thunderously as the middle-aged man drew close to the door. An overwhelming force swept out immediately and landed on the middle-aged man. Although he managed to erect his defenses, he was still crushed by the overwhelming force. In the end, nothing was left of him except for a mist of blood. After a few beats, a damaged Spatial Ring fell from the sky. The Royal Grade Celestial Weapon he held in his hand and the purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon he wore were completely destroyed by that force.

At this moment, a horrified expression could be seen on everyone’s faces. They knew none of them would have been able to resist that force either.

“That... The force is equivalent to that of a Celestial Emperor, right?”

That wave of energy was similar to that of a Celestial Emperor's Celestial Origin Energy that was boosted with some powerful Elemental Profundity.

A grassroots prodigy gulped before he said in a trembling voice, "Even the most outstanding prodigy from a grade-one force wouldn't have been able to defend against that energy!"

At this moment, someone exclaimed, "That is Baili Hong Fei!"

Soon after, Baili Hong Fei arrived with five to six people who were also clearly from the Baili Clan.

"Brother Hong Fei, what are those things?" a girl standing behind Baili Hong Fei asked curiously as she stared at the creatures guarding the door.

Upon hearing this question, everyone turned to look at Baili Hong Fei immediately. He was the top young prodigy in the Baili Clan and was known to be well-read and knowledgeable.

Baili Hong Fei looked at the creatures guarding the door and solemnly replied, "If I'm not mistaken, they're not Celestial Beasts but Quasi Divine Beasts..."

"Quasi Divine Beasts?!"

Although the people present had never heard of Quasi Divine Beasts, they had heard of Divine Beasts. A fully grown Divine Beast could be as powerful as a supreme powerhouse; they were naturally superior to Celestial Beasts whose strength was limited to that of a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. It was not difficult to figure out that Quasi Divine Beasts were much more terrifying than Celestial Beasts even if they were not true Divine Beasts.

"Brother Hong Fei... This means Quasi Divine Beasts are stronger than Celestial Beasts and weaker than a Divine Beast, right?" a male member of the Baili Clan asked fearfully.

"That's right." Baili Hong Fei nodded. "If I'm not mistaken these two Quasi Divine Beasts are Ning Dragons. They're a type of Quasi Divine Beasts with no intelligence; they only possess the most primal instincts..."

Whether the Quasi Divine Beasts possessed intelligence or not, these young prodigies' fears did not lessen.

The female disciple from the Baili Clan who had spoken earlier exclaimed, "Brother Hong Fei, look! The door behind the Ning Dragons is ajar!"

Baili Hong Fei replied, "I've read that we'll be guided to the entrance of God's Secret Treasure a month before it opens. However, it's possible to enter God's Secret Treasure earlier as long as you're able to pass a test. If I'm not mistaken, these two Ning Dragons must be the test. As long as you're able to bypass them, you'll be able to enter God's Secret Treasure first... However, I don't think it's realistic to bypass the Ning Dragons..."

Baili Hong Fei was well aware that he was not strong enough to bypass the two Ning Dragons. Although these two Ning Dragons did not look like they had grown into their full potential, he could tell, based on the two creatures' auras, that the two creatures were stronger than Celestial Lords. How could it be easy to bypass two Ning Dragons with strength equivalent to a Celestial Emperor who had comprehended a powerful law?

“So we can enter God’s Secret Treasure now if we’re able to get past the Ning Dragons?!” another Baili Clan disciple exclaimed.

“That’s right.” Baili Hong Fei nodded. “However, it’s safer to just wait for a month. At that time, the Ning Dragons would no longer be a hindrance.”

“Brother Hong Fei, if we wait for a month, how long do we have in God’s Secret Treasure?”

“Three days.”

The people in the surroundings naturally heard the conversations between the members of the Baili Clan. They were shocked by this information. If they waited a month before entering God’s Secret Treasure, they would only have three days to spend in there.

“Three days? That’s too short a time, right?”

Even the members of the Baili Clan were stunned when they found out they only had such little time to spend in God’s Secret Treasure.

“It has always been this way,” Baili Hong Fei shook his head and said, “God’s Secret Treasure is a remnant of a Realm of Gods. You can even find Divine Artifacts if you’re lucky... Do you really think you’ll be able to stay there until the Genius Secret Realm closes? That’s just wishful thinking!”

Indeed, most people assumed they would be able to stay in God’s Secret Treasure until the Genius Secret Realm closed. They did not expect to be given only three days in God’s Secret Treasure.

“What can we do in three days?”

“How lucky must one be to find a Divine Artifact in three days?”

“I feel we should try to get past the Ning Dragons so we have more time in God’s Secret Treasure.”

“Get past the Ning Dragons? You can go ahead and try, but leave me out of it! Didn’t you see that even Baili Hong Fei isn’t attempting to get past the Ning Dragons? You’re just seeking death if you try to get past the Ning Dragons!”

While everyone was still discussing this matter, another group of people arrived on the scene.

“It’s the people from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect!”

Many people recognized the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect who were led by the most outstanding person among them, Yun Ye.

Upon seeing Yun Ye, Baili Hong Fei said mockingly, “Yun Ye, I heard that you didn’t even greet Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er before fleeing the last time you ran into them. What happened? I thought you wanted to avenge your Junior Brother Yun Xiao?”

“Baili Hong Fei!” Yun Ye said through gritted teeth. His expression soured as soon as he heard Baili Hong Fei’s words. He knew Baili Hong Fei was referring to that time outside of the Formation Spirit Pagoda. However, since Baili Hong Fei was not present at that time, he knew someone must have told Baili Hong

Fei about what had happened. If he knew the person who leaked this matter out, he would definitely not let that person go.

“I don’t understand. What does that mean?” There were a few grassroots prodigies who were unaware of what had happened. However, the others who were in the know quickly filled them in, and it did not take long before they began to laugh at Yun Ye as well.

After a while, the people from the Profound Sky Dao Sect arrived. Following that, the young prodigies from grade-one forces such as the Tuoba Clan, the Great Dragon Battle Sect, and the Profound Cat Clan arrived as well. Out of all the grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory, only the people from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect and the Ancient Phoenix Clan had yet to arrive.

The Nan Dou Territory had eight grade-one forces, and the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, the Ancient Phoenix Clan, and the Baili Clan were the strongest among them. To defend against these three forces, the remaining five forces would usually join forces. Fortunately, the three forces had no thoughts of joining forces to eliminate the other five forces. Otherwise, the remaining five forces would have long been destroyed.

Chapter 3237: All The Young Prodigies Are Here

“Those from the Ancient Phoenix Clan have arrived!”

It did not take long before those who were gathered outside of the entrance of God’s Secret Treasure saw a group of people with a woman in the lead flying toward them.

The woman in the lead was dressed in a red and violet robe. She was pretty, and her figure was curvaceous. However, her beautiful eyes shone with a cold light. This woman was none other than Feng Qi Qi, the most outstanding young prodigy in the Ancient Phoenix Clan.

“Qi Qi.” Baili Hong stepped forward and greeted Feng Qi Qi enthusiastically with a wide smile on his face.

However, Feng Qi Qi seemed displeased by Baili Hong Fei’s friendly greeting as she said, “Baili Hong Fei, don’t call me that. When you speak to me, use my full name.”

Baili Hong Fei had been pursuing Feng Qi Qi relentlessly for 100 years now. Although she had firmly rejected him, he did not give up. She really did not know how to make him give up on his pursuit of her. In terms of strength, he was comparable to her. Therefore, using force would be useless. However, she could not be polite either. She knew if she made even the slightest concession, he was the type to take advantage of it. Moreover, she was not the kind of person to be polite.

Meanwhile, many grassroots prodigies began to whisper among themselves as soon as Feng Qi Qi arrived.

“So she’s Feng Qi Qi from the Ancient Phoenix Clan?”

“Not only is she the most outstanding young prodigy in the Ancient Phoenix Clan, but she’s also the most beautiful woman in the Ancient Phoenix Clan.”

“The most beautiful woman in the Ancient Phoenix Clan? If I didn’t see Huan’er, I might have agreed that her beauty is unrivaled. However, after seeing Huan’er, I find her appearance rather ordinary.”

“I agree.”

Those grassroots prodigies who had seen Huan'er could not help praising her beauty and comparing her to Feng Qi Qi. Although Feng Qi Qi was beautiful, all of them agreed that she could not compare to Huan'er.

Women naturally wanted to be beautiful and placed importance on beauty. This was especially true for women who were already beautiful.

Although the grassroots prodigies' voices were not loud, Feng Qi Qi heard their words clearly. Her expression darkened immediately.

Since Feng Qi Qi could hear the discussion in the surroundings, Baili Hong Fei, naturally, heard the conversations in the surroundings as well. When he saw the change in her expression, he glared at the people in the surrounding.

Upon seeing Baili Hong Fei's intimidating glare, the grassroots prodigies fell silent immediately. After all, they could not afford to offend the Baili Clan's most outstanding young prodigy.

At this moment, a female member of the Baili Clan looked up and could not help but exclaim in awe, “What a beauty!”

Everyone instinctively looked up and followed her gaze.

Two figures could be seen flying in their direction at this moment. The figures belonged to a handsome young man and a peerless beauty who was dressed in a white robe.

The peerless beauty held the arm of the dashing young man with an unparalleled aura. They looked like a match made in heaven when they were standing side by side.

Those who had met the two figures recognized them immediately and exclaimed one after another.

“They're here!”

“It's Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er!”

All of the grassroots prodigies present on the scene had a big smile on their faces when they saw the duo. After all, the outstanding duo was the pride of grassroots prodigies.

A grassroots prodigy said, “It's all thanks to Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er that we have a chance to enter God's Secret Treasure.”

“That's right! If they didn't break three records and trigger the opening of God's Secret Treasure, how could we enter God's Secret Treasure?”

Meanwhile, the expression of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect's Yun Ye turned grim as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. However, he only looked at them briefly before he averted his eyes. It was as though he was trying to reduce his sense of presence so Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er would not notice him.

“There are so many people here?” Duan Ling Tian knew he and Huan'er were rather late after seeing the huge crowd at the entrance of God's Secret Treasure.

At this moment, Feng Qi Qi suppressed her jealousy and stepped forward when she saw Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. She smiled flirtatiously as she said, "Duan Ling Tian, I'm Feng Qi Qi from the Ancient Phoenix Clan. I'd like to invite you to join the Ancient Phoenix Clan. I can promise you that our clan will waste no effort in helping you to reach your full potential. At the very least, I can guarantee that your treatment won't be inferior to mine."

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply to Feng Qi Qi's invitation, Baili Hong Fei, who had set his personal feelings aside, extended an invitation to Duan Ling Tian as well. "Duan Ling Tian, I'm Baili Hong Fei from the Baili Clan. I'd like to invite you to join our clan as well." Then, he turned to look at Huan'er and said with a smile, "Naturally, Ms. Huan'er is welcome to join us as well."

Then, Baili Hong Fei continued to confidently say, "If both of you join the Baili Clan, I can guarantee your treatment will be better than mine..."

Upon seeing this, Ye Wu Dao, the most outstanding prodigy from the Profound Sky Dao Sect, stepped forward to extend an invitation to Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er as well. "Brother Ling Tian, Miss Huan'er, the Profound Sky Dao Sect would like to invite you to join us as well."

Following that, a charming woman dressed in a red robe stepped forward and said with a smile, "Sister Huan'er, you're really beautiful. Brother Ling Tian is really lucky to have someone like you by his side..."

Huan'er's cheeks flushed red as she looked at Duan Ling Tian nervously. She was, naturally, pleased by the red-clad woman's words.

The red-clad woman continued to say, "Although the Tuoba Clan isn't as powerful as the Ancient Phoenix Clan and the Baili Clan, if you're willing to join us, I, Tuoba Hong, the representative of my father, the Clan Leader of the Tuoba Clan, guarantee that the Tuoba Clan will give you the best of everything..."

Tuoba Hong, the red-clad woman, was the daughter of the Clan Leader of the Tuoba Clan. She was also the strongest among the younger generation in the Tuoba Clan. However, her strength could not compare to the likes of Feng Qi Qi, Baili Hong Fei, and Ye Wu Dao. Therefore, she was very eager to get Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er to join her clan so her father would not have to worry about the future of the Tuoba Clan.

As soon as Tuoba Hong finished speaking, a disciple from the Great Dragon Battle Sect quickly said, "I'm the Great Dragon Battle Sect's Yuan Zhu. The Great Dragon Battle Sect would be honored if both of you decide to join us. Both of you will naturally be given the best resources if you join our sect..."

The grassroots prodigies watched in envy as the grade-one forces invited Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er to join them one after another. Although they were envious, they thought the duo was worthy of such a treatment. After all, the duo's performance in the Genius Secret Realm even surpassed those prodigies from grade-one forces.

As time passed, more and more grade-one forces began to invite Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er to join them. In the end, there were only three forces that had yet to extend an invitation to the duo; the three

forces were the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, the Thousand Hands Devil Sect, and the Profound Cat Clan.

The Thousand Hands Devil Sect naturally would not invite Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er since they were aware that the duo would not accept the invitation. They were only asking to be humiliated if they tried to invite the duo to join them.

On the other hand, the members of the Profound Cat Clan looked at Huan'er with a slight frown on their faces. They could faintly sense the aura of their clan's enemy, the Phantom Fox Clan, from her. However, there was something different about her aura. Although her aura had traces of a Phantom Fox, at the same time, she did not seem to be a Phantom Fox. Apart from that, they were also unhappy that the record that their ancestor, who was now a pillar of the clan, set in the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation 100,000 years ago had been broken by her. Moreover, Huan'er's record was far superior to their ancestor's record. They had always been reverent toward their ancestor; how could they feel happy with Huan'er after everything?

Meanwhile, everyone was wondering if the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect would invite Duan Ling Tian to join them as well.

Yu Tian Xing did not disappoint. He stepped forward and said with a smile, "Hello, I'm Yu Tian Xing from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Tai-Ah Progeny. On behalf of the sect, I'd like to invite both of you to join us. If you join us, I can guarantee the Thousand Hands Devil Sect won't dare to act against you openly and in the dark."

Yu Tian Xing did not promise the stars and the moon to Duan Ling Tian like the others. He only made it clear that if Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er joined the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, the sect would protect them from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect.

The expressions of Yun Ye and the members of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect changed immediately as soon as they heard Yu Tian Xing's words. Nevertheless, there was nothing they could do. After all, Yu Tian Xing was not wrong. The Thousand Hands Devil Sect, indeed, could not afford to offend the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

Meanwhile, after hearing Yu Tian Xing's promise, Feng Qi Qi hurriedly chimed in, "The Ancient Phoenix Clan won't allow the Thousand Hands Devil Sect to harm you as well."

"This goes for the Baili Clan as well," Baili Hong Fei said.

Feng Qi Qi and Baili Hong Fei had forgotten that Huan'er, who was always next to Duan Ling Tian, had killed Yun Xiao from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect.

With this, the other grade-one forces began to speak up one after another, unwilling to back down.

"The Tuoba Clan isn't afraid of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect," Tuoba Hong hastily said.

"The Great Dragon Battle Sect is willing to go to war with the Thousand Hands Devil Sect for both of you," Yuan Zhu added.

"If the Thousand Hands Devil Sect dares to move against you, the Profound Sky Dao Sect and I, Ye Wu Dao, will not stand for it. If they dare to harbor such thoughts, we'll start by killing their young

prodigies,” Ye Wu Dao said as he looked at Yun Ye and the members of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect coldly.

Everyone was eagerly waiting for Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er’s response when...

“It’s Su Li!”

“Su Li is here!”

Swoosh!

A black-clad figure standing on a blood-red sword was flying toward them at this moment. It was none other than Su Li from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect’s Shadow Support Progeny!

Chapter 3238: Best Friends Reunited

“Su Li?”

Upon hearing the commotion, Duan Ling Tian could not help but turn around and looked at the distance curiously.

Duan Ling Tian knew Su Li was a prodigy from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. Before he entered the Formation Spirit Pagoda and climbed the Peak of Gravity again after being in closed-door cultivation for eight years, Su Li was ranked first in both places. With this, one could imagine how strong Su Li was. Most importantly, when he saw the name Su Li, he was reminded of a teenager in his hometown in the mundane realm, the Saint Province Realm, whose name was also Su Li. He had become best friends with Su Li when they were participating in the Iron Blood Genius Camp that was organized by the Crimson Sky Kingdom. Before he left the Crimson Sky Kingdom, he had met Su Li a few times and was surprised by the rate of Su Li’s growth. Alas, after he ascended to the Devata Realm, he had lost all contact with Su Li.

Meanwhile, everyone, including Feng Qi Qi, the most outstanding young prodigy from the Ancient Phoenix Clan, was looking at Su Li.

“That’s Su Li? The young prodigy from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect who’s stronger than Yu Tian Xing?”

“Yu Tian Xing is old news... Su Li is now the most outstanding young prodigy in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect!”

“Su Li will lead the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect into a new era!”

A hint of excitement could be seen in Feng Qi Qi’s eyes as she looked at Su Li.

Upon seeing Feng Qi Qi’s reaction, a slight frown appeared on Baili Hong Fei’s face. When he turned to look at Su Li again, a hint of hostility could be seen in his eyes.

“Su Li.”

The young prodigies from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, including Yu Tian Xing, regarded Su Li with complex emotions brewing in their eyes. After all, Su Li’s achievements had surpassed theirs despite being the latest to join the sect.

While everyone's eyes were trained on Su Li, he was staring intently at a purple figure standing in the crowd.

Similarly, Duan Ling Tian was staring intently at Su Li.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Su Li stepped off his sword to descend to the ground while Duan Ling Tian rose to the air and flew toward Su Li.

Huan'er, who was left standing alone, looked slightly confused by Duan Ling Tian's action.

Everyone watched as Duan Ling Tian and Su Li stood across from each other with less than 10 meters between them.

"What's... What's going on?"

"Are the two strongest prodigies in the Genius Secret Realm going to have a duel now?"

"Are they going to put on a good show for us?"

Upon seeing this, the young prodigies assumed Duan Ling Tian and Su Li saw each other as rivals.

Huan'er was the only one who saw the joy on Duan Ling Tian's face when he flew to Su Li earlier. She could tell he was genuinely happy to see the black-clad young man.

Following that, the prodigies present on the scene were dumbfounded when they saw Duan Ling Tian and Su Li hugging and patting each other on the back. Both men had a wide smile on their faces. Su Li who was known for being aloof was smiling? Even the prodigies from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect had never seen Su Li smiling before!

"They know each other?"

With this, the onlookers could naturally tell the duo was acquainted. In fact, based on the duo's actions, the duo was clearly more than mere acquaintances.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Su Li could sense each other's joy even though both of them did not speak. It had been a very long time since they had last met; it was almost 200 years ago since they last saw each other. When they first met, they were both in their teens, and the last time they met, both of them were only a few decades old; they were not even 100 years old at that time. It was their longest separation yet.

After separating from the hug, Su Li said emotionally, "Duan Ling Tian, when I first saw your name in the Peak of Gravity Ranking, I couldn't help but wonder if it was you... However, after giving it some thought, I thought it was unlikely..."

"At least, you had the courage to think it was me... After entering the Genius Secret Realm, I spent eight years in closed-door cultivation. When I saw your name in the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking and the Peak of Gravity Ranking, I didn't dare to hope it was you," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile as he shook his head. Although they had been separated for so long, their friendship remained strong and indestructible.

“Most importantly, your performance is too brilliant! You never cease to amaze me since our time in the Crimson Sky Kingdom’s Iron Blood Genius Camp. Although I’ve grown stronger, I always thought you’d achieve greater things than me. And based on the current situation, it seems like I’m right,” Su Li said sincerely. Although Duan Ling Tian was far stronger than him, he did not feel jealous at all. He was genuinely happy for Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian said with a sigh, “I didn’t expect you to have ascended to a Devata Realm and become a prodigy of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, a grade-one force in the Jade Emperor Heaven’s Nan Dou Territory.”

“It’s a long story... I’ll tell you all about it after we leave the Genius Secret Realm,” Su Li said with a smile.

“Alright.” At this moment, Duan Ling Tian discovered they had become the center of attention. He nodded to Su Li, gesturing to Su Li to follow him, before he returned to Huan’er’s side.

“Huan’er, this is Su Li. He’s my best friend.” Duan Ling Tian introduced Huan’er to Su Li with a smile on his face. He was eager to share his joy with Huan’er after reuniting with Su Li.

“Miss Huan’er? You’re just as beautiful as the rumor says,” Su Li said. After he took a look at Huan’er, he winked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully.

Duan Ling Tian kept a straight face when faced with Su Li’s reaction.

“Big Brother Su Li.” Huan’er greeted Su Li with a smile.

“Big brother?” Su Li was startled and seemed slightly embarrassed. “Actually, I’m only slightly above 200 years old.”

“What’s wrong? Are you hurt because Huan’er addressed you as big brother?” Duan Ling Tian laughed faintly before he said, “Huan’er is not even 200 years old...” He had expected this response from Su Li because he knew Su Li thought Huan’er was older than him.

“She’s not even 200 years old?”

Duan Ling Tian’s words did not only shock Su Li, but the prodigies in the surroundings who overheard their conversations were shocked as well when they heard that Huan’er, the woman who set a new record in the 10,000 Elephants Illusory Formation, was not even 200 years old.

At this moment, a young prodigy from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect could not help but ask Su Li, looking confused, “Su Li, do you know Duan Ling Tian? As far as I know, since you ascended to the Jade Emperor Heaven with Senior Uncle Dugu, you didn’t leave the sect at all. In fact, this is the first time you’ve left the sect...”

“Duan Ling Tian is my best friend from the mundane realm,” Su Li replied with a smile. Then, he proceeded to introduce Duan Ling Tian to the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect’s young prodigy. “Duan Ling Tian, this is Senior Gongsun Jing from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect’s Yellow Thearch Progeny.”

After exchanging a quick but enthusiastic greeting with Duan Ling Tian, Gongsun Jin said to Su Li, "Su Li, since Duan Ling Tian is your friend, you should invite him to join our Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect."

Su Li shook his head and replied, "Although Duan Ling Tian is my best friend, I respect his decision. Whether he joins the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect or not, it won't affect our friendship at all."

Meanwhile, the prodigy from the other grade-one forces thought there was no chance of Duan Ling Tian joining their respective forces after witnessing his close friendship with Su Li. However, their eyes lit up with hope when they heard Su Li's words.

On the contrary, apart from Gongsun Jin, the prodigies from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, including Yu Tian Xing, frowned slightly upon hearing Su Li's reply. In their opinion, it should be a matter of course that Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er joined their sect since Su Li had a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian. However, based on Su Li's words, it seemed like he did not even have the intention of inviting Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er to join their sect.

At this moment, Yu Tian Xing stepped forward and looked at Su Li before he said in a lowered voice, "Su Li. If Senior Uncle Dugu knows about this, he'd surely want you to invite Duan Ling Tian to join our Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect..."

Su Li glanced at Yu Tian Xing before he replied, "Yu Tian Xing, I understand your thoughts. However, I believe Leader Dugu will respect my decision..."

Dugu Zui, the Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Shadow Support Progeny, was the one who brought Su Li to the Jade Emperor Heaven to join the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

"You..." Yu Tian Xing knew Su Li was right. Dugu Zui, the Leader of the Shadow Support Progeny, treated Su Li like a treasure. How could he be displeased with Su Li because of such a trivial matter? However, he was unwilling to give up so he resorted to using the name of Yu Jian Cheng, the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. "Su Li, the sect leader treats you well, right? It's your duty to recruit talents into the sect..."

Indeed. Since Su Li joined the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, Yu Jian Cheng, the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, had treated him very well. In fact, Yu Jian Cheng had also given him preferential treatment.

Upon hearing Yu Tian Xing's words, Su Li frowned slightly. Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian.

As though he could read Su Li's thoughts, Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Su Li, Huan'er and I will join the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect."

"Duan Ling Tian, you don't have to..." Su Li thought Duan Ling Tian decided the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect because of him and wanted to dissuade him.

However, before Su Li could finish his sentence, Duan Ling Tian quickly interjected, "Huan'er and I planned to join a grade-one force anyway. Since you're in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, there's no reason for me not to join the sect. Moreover, we can have fun together."

This was indeed Duan Ling Tian's plan. It was the main reason he decided to enter the Genius Secret Realm, after all. He wanted to join one of the three strongest grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory,

the Ancient Phoenix Clan, the Baili Clan, and the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. Out of the three grade-one forces, the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect had been his first choice even before he found Su Li was a member of the sect as well. Now that he found out Su Li was also in the sect, he was more than happy to join the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

Chapter 3239: A Deal With The Ning Dragons

Duan Ling Tian's words shattered the hopes of the young prodigies from the other grade-one forces. There was nothing they could do since Duan Ling Tian had the right to choose which force to join. Moreover, even if they wanted to, it was impossible for them to force Duan Ling Tian to join them. After all, if Duan Ling Tian was so weak that they could force him to join their respective forces, they would not even bother to invite him to join them in the first place. The only reason they had set aside their pride to invite him to join them was due to his high innate talent and strength.

At this moment, Gongsun Jin from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Yellow Thearch Progeny asked curiously, "Su Li, you said both of you met in the mundane realms and became best friends... Does this mean you're both about the same age?"

"That's right." Su Li nodded. "We're about the same age. To be precise, he's actually slightly younger than I am."

As soon as Su Li finished speaking, the entire place was as silent as a graveyard.

Yu Tian Xing felt the corners of his lips twitch when he heard Su Li's words. He did not expect that after a monstrous talent like Su Li entered the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, another person who was even more talented than Su Li would join the sect.

Meanwhile, the prodigies from the other grade-one forces who had invited Duan Ling Tian to join their respective forces were filled with envy as they looked at the members of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

After things settled down, Su Li asked Gongsun Jin, "What's going on here?"

"I'm not sure. I just arrived not too long ago," Gongsun Jin replied.

Upon hearing these words, everyone shifted their attention back to the door guarded by the two Ning Dragons.

"Ning Dragons!" Feng Qi Qi exclaimed as her expression changed drastically. It seemed like she had just noticed the Ning Dragons. As the most outstanding prodigy of the Ancient Phoenix Clan, she naturally recognized the Ning Dragons.

Baili Hong Fei said, "Previously, a grassroots prodigy who was fairly strong tried to enter but was killed by one of the Ning Dragons."

Feng Qi Qi said in a lowered voice. "Although these two Ning Dragons are young, their strength is comparable to an ordinary Celestial Emperor..."

Upon hearing these words, the expression of a group of people, including Duan Ling Tian, turned slightly grim.

A young prodigy from the Profound Sky Dao Sect asked curiously, "Is it possible to bypass the Ning Dragons and enter using the law of space's Teleportation Profundity?" He had comprehended the law of space's Teleportation Profundity to the initial stage. This meant he could teleport 10,000 meters away at a time.

"You can try," Feng Qi Qi said indifferently. A hint of contempt flashed in her eyes.

The Profound Sky Dao Sect's prodigy frowned slightly upon hearing her words. In the end, he decided to give it a try. He vanished into thin air in just an instant, but when he reappeared, he did not appear behind the door. Instead, he was above the Ning Dragons!

As soon as the Profound Sky Dao Sect's prodigy appeared above the Ning Dragons, one of the Ning Dragons opened its mouth and attacked.

"No!" The prodigy's expression changed drastically. He tried to teleport away, but he discovered a mysterious energy in his surroundings that prevented him from using the Teleportation Profundity.

Boom!

A beam of light shot out of the Ning Dragon's mouth and killed the Profound Sky Dao Sect's prodigy immediately. His purely defensive Celestial Weapon was reduced to ashes and only his Spatial Ring remained.

At this moment, Ye Wu Dao, the most outstanding prodigy from the Profound Sky Dao Sect, said through gritted teeth, "Feng Qi Qi! You knew this was going to happen, didn't you?" He glared at Feng Qi Qi, furious that his junior brother had died in vain.

Feng Qi Qi replied indifferently, "The Ning Dragons are gifted in the law of space... The Teleportation Profundity doesn't work on them. Moreover, if one is in the range of their territory, they could manipulate space and prevent one from teleporting away." Although she did not directly answer Ye Wu Dao's question, her reply proved that she knew the prodigy from the Profound Sky Dao Sect would have such an outcome.

"You!" Ye Wu Dao said angrily, "Why didn't you say anything earlier? Why did you intentionally egg him on?"

"I needed him to confirm that the two Ning Dragons truly have the strength of a Celestial Emperor... After all, only Ning Dragons with the strength of a Celestial Emperor are capable of manipulating space," Feng Qi Qi said callously as she shrugged, "With his death, I've confirmed these two Ning Dragons truly have strength comparable to a Celestial Emperor."

Many people felt chills running up their spines when they heard Feng Qi Qi's callous words. Just to test the Ning Dragons' strength, she had no qualms about tricking the Profound Sky Dao Sect's prodigy and sending him to his death.

"Feng Qi Qi, I won't forget this!" Ye Wu Dao glared at Feng Qi Qi. He did not make a move now because he knew he was no match for Feng Qi Qi. He glanced at the few people standing behind her as he continued to say, "You prodigies of the Ancient Phoenix Clan should be careful when you leave the clan." Although he was smiling when he spoke, he looked rather terrifying at this moment.

Upon hearing these words, the expressions of the people from the Ancient Phoenix Clan changed drastically.

However, Feng Qi Qi said with a sneer, "Ye Wu Dao, by all means, go ahead if you want to be expelled from the Profound Sky Dao Sect and hunted down by the Ancient Phoenix Clan."

Ye Wu Dao's expression turned grim. He knew the people from the Ancient Phoenix Clan could act so arrogantly because the Profound Sky Dao Sect was no match for it even if they were both grade-one forces. If the Ancient Phoenix Clan truly demanded his expulsion from the sect, he knew the Profound Sky Dao Sect could only acquiesce to the Ancient Phoenix Clan's demand.

Meanwhile, the other young prodigies looked at the two Ning Dragons guarding the door as they shook their heads and sighed.

"It seems like we have no choice but to wait a month to enter God's Secret Treasure."

Even Duan Ling Tian felt the only choice was to wait. Although he was strong, he knew he was no match for the two Ning Dragons.

"It seems like we can only wait." Duan Ling Tian and Su Li exchanged a look and could see they shared the same thoughts. In the end, he, Huan'er, and Su Li walked to the side, away from the others.

Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Su Li, since all we can do is wait now, why don't you tell me everything that has happened to you after we were separated?"

However, when Su Li was about to recount his experience, Huan'er looked at Duan Ling Tian and sent him and Su Li a Voice Transmission. "Brother Ling Tian... I managed to communicate with the two Ning Dragons through Voice Transmission. They allow me to enter, but I can only bring three people with me."

Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were shocked by Huan'er's words.

"Huan'er, is this... is this true?"

Huan'er nodded.

"Why are they willing to let you enter?" Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion.

"I made a deal with them. If they let us enter, I'll help them leave the Genius Secret Realm," Huan'er replied as a hint of pity flashed in her eyes, "It's really sad. They were caught and brought here a long time ago. Moreover, their growth was also restricted by the person who captured them."

"Help them leave this place?" Duan Ling Tian was startled. "Huan'er, are you capable of doing that?"

"Brother Ling Tian, it's not a problem for me to do that," Huan'er replied with a smile, "I'll use my illusory techniques to hide their absence and let them enter my Little World before I bring them away from this place. Alas, they're only willing to let me bring three people with me to enter God's Secret Treasure."

“Let them enter your Little World?” Duan Ling Tian frowned and objected immediately. “No! That’s too dangerous. Let them enter my Little World instead.”

Although it was almost impossible to destroy one’s Little World, if a person was powerful enough, they could wreak havoc in a Little World, causing great injuries to the owner of the Little World. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian did not want Huan’er to take such a risk.

“Brother Ling Tian, don’t worry. They won’t harm me. Moreover, they won’t be willing to enter your Little World since they don’t trust humans,” Huan’er said.

After listening to Huan’er’s words, Duan Ling Tian was less worried. He asked, “Did you take the initiative to make a deal with them or did they approach you first?”

“They approached me first... They can tell I’m a Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox. In fact, our ancestors had a good relationship in the past. I know this from my inherited memories,” Huan’er explained.

Duan Ling Tian was relieved after listening to Huan’er’s explanation. After all, Huan’er’s inherited memories could not lie. Then, he asked, “Since you’re allowed to bring three people, counting Su Li and me, you can bring another person with you as well, right?”

“Yes.” Huan’er nodded. “Brother Ling Tian, I’ll leave it up to you to decide who to bring with us since I don’t know these people. It’s fine if you don’t want to bring anyone with us as well.”

Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Su Li and asked, “Su Li, who should we bring with us?”

“We should bring someone from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect... However, the question is who we should bring with us... I only know the Yellow Thearch Progeny’s Gongsun Jin. I’m not very familiar with the others. After all, the Yellow Thearch Progeny has a close relationship with the Shadow Support Progeny. Gongsun Jing’s grandfather is the Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny. He’s so strong that I suspect him to be one of the Celestial Emperors in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect who has strength comparable to titled Celestial Emperors,” Su Li said, “If you bring Gongsun Jin with us, his grandfather will definitely feel indebted to you. Since you decided to join the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, this will only benefit you. Naturally, this is just my suggestion. You should do as you see fit...”

“If that’s the case, let’s bring him with us,” Duan Ling Tian said after listening to Su Li’s analysis, “Call him here so we can leave. However, don’t tell him the reason we’re able to enter. I don’t want him to know anything”

“I understand.”

After Gongsun Jing heard Su Li’s Voice Transmission, his eyes lit up immediately. He could barely conceal his delight as he asked, “Su, Li, are you serious?”

“You can choose not to believe me... We’re going in now.” After saying these words, Su Li followed Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er who were walking toward the door of God’s Secret Treasure that was guarded by the two Ning Dragons.

Chapter 3240: Entering God’s Secret Treasure

'Gongsun Jing... No wonder I found his name familiar. I've met someone with the same name in the past...' When Su Li had introduced Gongsun Jing to him earlier, Duan Ling Tian had found the name rather familiar. However, he could not recall where he had heard the name. As they were walking toward the Ning Dragons, he finally remembered when he had heard the name.

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian was in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, which was located in the Southern Heaven Territory's Profound Nether Mansion in the Spirit Overarching Heaven, he had killed a disciple from the Azuregreen Mansion whose name was also Gongsun Jing.

Meanwhile, upon seeing Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Huan'er walking toward the entrance of God's Secret Treasure, Gongsun Jin from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Yellow Thearch Progeny finally regained his senses. He hurried after Duan Ling Tian and the others. Since the trio was much stronger than him, he was confident they would not take such huge risks if they were not confident. Therefore, he did not hesitate to join them.

Meanwhile, everyone was confused when they saw the quartet walking toward the Ning Dragons.

"What are they doing?"

"They're going to enter God's Secret Treasure?"

"Are they not afraid of death?"

The grassroots prodigies and the young prodigies from grade-one forces were bewildered by the quartet's actions. Their hearts thumped wildly in their chests as they watched the quartet approach the Ning Dragons. Most of them were certain the quartet would definitely die if they drew any closer to the Ning Dragons.

Meanwhile, Yun Ye and the other prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect watched with malicious smiles on their faces.

Yun Ye said gloatingly, "Seeking death!"

On the other hand, similar to the others, Yu Tian Xing and the prodigies from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect were bewildered.

When Yu Tian Xing recovered his senses, he barked, "Su Li, what are you doing?!"

Although Yu Tian Xing knew he would become the most outstanding young prodigy in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect if Su Li or Duan Ling Tian died, he did not want to attain that title through such means. He had his pride after all. Moreover, Su Li and Duan Ling Tian would greatly benefit the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. As a loyal member of the sect, how could he bear to watch the duo throw their lives away in vain? Moreover, even Gongsun Jing decided to go with the trio! It was not hard to figure out that Su Li had invited Gongsun Jing to join them since Su Li had spoken to Gongsun Jin just before he made his way to the Ning Dragons.

Su Li only turned to look at Yu Tian Xing for a moment before he continued walking toward the Ning Dragons.

Everyone watched as the quartet approached the Ning Dragons. They were certain the quartet was going to die soon. However, in the next moment, their jaws dropped when they saw Duan Ling Tian and

the others walked past the Ning Dragons, pushed the door open, and entered God's Secret Treasure. It was as though they were invisible to the Ning Dragons!

'It... It works?' Gongsun Jing sighed in relief as he safely flew past the Ning Dragons that showed no signs of attacking them.

Meanwhile, the door was left wide open after the quartet entered God's Secret Realm. Only a gray and boundless void could be seen. The visibility was so bad that as soon as Duan Ling Tian and the others entered, the onlookers could no longer see them.

"What... What's going on?"

"Are the two Ning Dragons blind?"

"How did they get past the Ning Dragons? Did they use some techniques? The Ning Dragons seem oblivious to them!"

The onlookers were naturally shocked.

"What happened?" Baili Hong Fei asked in disbelief. He would not have believed this if he did not witness it with his eyes.

"Is it possible that the Ning Dragons would no longer attack those who try to enter God's Secret Treasure now?" A grassroots prodigy hesitated for a moment before he cautiously approached the Ning Dragons. However, as soon as he stepped within the range of the Ning Dragons, he was instantly killed by the Ning Dragons.

With this, the onlookers confirmed Duan Ling Tian and the others must have used some technique to get past the Ning Dragons.

With this serving as an example, many people began to use Celestial Talismans that could conceal one's aura or grant one invisibility to get past the Ning Dragons. Alas, it was all futile.

Even Feng Qi Qi who used an Invisibility Talisman that was undetectable by Celestial Emperors failed to get past the Ning Dragons. In fact, she even sustained mild injuries as a result of her actions.

Meanwhile, some prodigies from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect grew dissatisfied.

"How did they get past the Ning Dragons?"

"Why didn't they bring us with them?"

Yu Tian Xing calmly replied, "Perhaps, there's a limit to the number of people they can bring with them. Although I don't have many interactions with Su Li, I know he's not a selfish person. If he's selfish, my senior uncle wouldn't value him so much. Think about it... If he's selfish, why would he bring Gongsun Jing with him? They're mere acquaintances at best..."

A prodigy from the Thousand Tribulation Sword Sect's Profound River Progeny said in a lowered voice, "But... Senior Tian Xing, he brought Gongsun Jing with him instead of bringing you with him! What does that mean? Does he think you can't compare to Gongsun Jin?"

Yu Tian Xing replied, "I'm sure he has his reasons..."

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On the other side of the entrance of God's Secret Treasure.

After passing through the door, Duan Ling Tian and the others found themselves shrouded by a cloud of fog. They followed a dim light up ahead that eventually led them to a vast world. However, the world was in ruins.

'This is the remnant of a destroyed Realm of Gods?' Duan Ling Tian could sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings. He could tell it was much richer and purer than the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in Devata Realms.

"Brother Ling Tian, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here... is different." Huan'er had also discovered the difference in the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here.

Similarly, Su Li and Gongsun Jing also sensed the superiority of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here.

The quartet was so shocked by this discovery that it took them fifteen minutes to recover from the shock.

"Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, let's move separately to search for fortuitous encounters," Gongsun Jing said before he bade farewell to Duan Ling Tian and Su Li and quickly left. He knew there was no danger here since all living things and Formations were destroyed along with this Realm of Gods.

Su Li frowned while Duan Ling Tian only faintly smiled as they watched Gongsun Jing leave in a hurry.

Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly, "I guess he's worried he won't be able to gain anything if he stays with us..."

"If that's the case, then he's really shortsighted," Su Li said as he shook his head.

"Let's go." Duan Ling Tian beckoned Huan'er and Su Li over before they began to explore the remnant of the Realm of Gods.

To Su Li, it seemed as though they were wandering aimlessly. However, that was, naturally, not the case.

The voice of Huang'er, the soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind at this moment. "1,000 meters ahead."

Huang'er was leading Duan Ling Tian to the nearest Devata Artifact.

Following Huang'er's directions, Duan Ling Tian finally came to a stop above the ruins of what seemed to be a palace. There were things among the rubble and debris that could only be found in a palace.

Su Li was confused when he saw Duan Ling Tian suddenly stopping in his tracks.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian pointed in a certain direction and said, "Su Li, have a look over there. There should be a sword buried 30 meters deep..."

"A sword?" Although Su Li did not know how Duan Ling Tian was privy to such things, his eyes lit up immediately when he heard that a sword was buried there. After all, how could a sword in the remnant

of a Realm of Gods be ordinary? Even if the sword was not a Devata Artifact, it would be an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon at least.

Swoosh!

Although it had been a long time since Su Li saw Duan Ling Tian, his trust in Duan Ling Tian remained unconditional. He knew seemingly impossible miracles were possible with Duan Ling Tian around. For example, he thought they would have to wait for a month before entering God's Secret Treasure. However, they easily entered with Huan'er's help.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Su Li seemed to transform into a sword as he flew toward the direction Duan Ling Tian pointed out to him. As he charged into the debris and rubble, he stirred up a commotion immediately.

It did not take long before Su Li returned to Duan Ling Tian's side with a strange sword in hand.

The sword emitted a rather evil aura, and it was half black and half red.

Huang'er's voice promptly rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "This is a mediocre Devata Artifact, and its soul has been destroyed. With his strength, when he wields the sword, the sword's strength would be comparable to an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. If this sword is pitted against an Emperor Grade Celestial Sword, he would definitely be able to break the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon into two. Once he becomes a Celestial Emperor, the sword's strength would be at the early stage of a Devata Artifact..."

After listening to Huang'er's explanation, he conveyed the words to Su Li.

"A mediocre Devata Artifact?" Su Li was rather fond of the sword. However, when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he quickly handed the sword to Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, since you discovered the sword, it belongs to you!"

"Please take it. There's no need to be so courteous with me." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and gently refused Su Li with a smile. "Don't worry... None of us will lack Devata Artifacts if we continue to explore this place."

At this moment, Su Li who had been wondering how Duan Ling Tian had accurately located the sword inhaled deeply before he asked, "Duan Ling Tian, how did you know there's a sword there?"