

Chapter 3241: The Ning Dragons Are Without Intelligence?

Earlier, Su Li did not think too much about it. However, after he found the sword according to Duan Ling Tian's directions, he could not help but wonder how Duan Ling Tian was able to accurately locate the sword.

"The soul of my Devata Artifact is able to locate other Devata Artifacts in its vicinity in this remnant of a Realm of Gods," Duan Ling Tian replied honestly. He did not hide this from Su Li since he knew Su Li was trustworthy and would not harm him. If Su Li wanted to harm him, Su Li would have done so while they were in the Crimson Sky Kingdom's King City. Su Li would have benefited a lot if he had helped others to kill him at that time.

"The soul of a Devata Artifact?" Su Li was shocked by Duan Ling Tian's reply. He knew how powerful a Devata Artifact with an intact soul was. It went without saying that soulless Devata Artifacts were not a match for it. In the end, he shook his head and said, "Duan Ling Tian, I thought my fortune was good. However, compared to you, it's nothing."

Duan Ling Tian only smiled faintly in response.

Following that, the trio continued to explore the remnant of the Realm of Gods.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian looked at Huan'er and curiously asked, "Huan'er, I remember those people saying that Ning Dragons are without intelligence. How did you communicate with them?"

Duan Ling Tian's question piqued Su Li's interest as well. He had also been wondering about this matter.

Like Celestial Beasts, quasi Divine Beasts like the Ning Dragons should only act based on their instincts. They did not have intelligence.

"Brother Ling Tian," Huan'er explained, "It's easy to mistake Ning Dragons as Divine Beasts without intelligence if one's unaware of certain matters. They don't understand human language so they can't communicate with humans. Therefore, to humans, it seems like they're without intelligence. They despise humans since humans had captured and enslaved their ancestors for generations. Therefore, they would quickly kill the humans they encounter. With this, it's easy for humans to misunderstand and assume Ning Dragons are without intelligence. As a Divine Beast, a matured Ning Dragon is comparable to a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. How's it possible for such a being to not possess even the slightest bit of intelligence? Without intelligence, how could they comprehend the laws?"

Indeed. How could Ning Dragons comprehend laws if they did not possess intelligence? From what Duan Ling Tian knew, Celestial Beasts could not comprehend laws as well if they were without intelligence. If they were Celestial Beasts who had comprehended a law without possessing intelligence, there was no doubt the beast must have regressed to the state where it only acted on its primal instincts after it had comprehended a law.

After listening to Huan'er's explanation, Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were enlightened.

"Duan Ling Tian, since you've already helped me locate a Devata Artifact, I'd like to explore the place on my own. I won't follow you and Huan'er," Su Li suddenly said at this moment. Apart from wanting to

explore the place, he wanted to leave because he was afraid Duan Ling Tian would give him another Devata Artifact. Even if he could obtain more Devata Artifacts by following Duan Ling Tian, it was not in his nature to take advantage of another person, let alone his best friend.

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian, naturally, understood Su Li’s thoughts. Hence, he did not persuade Su Li to stay. Moreover, the only advantage he had was being able to locate Devata Artifacts. Who knew if Su Li would discover other treasures or fortuitous encounters while he explored this place on his own?

Before they parted, they exchanged Soul Pearls to keep in touch.

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Outside the entrance of God’s Secret Treasure that was guarded by two Ning Dragons.

The young prodigies looked at the door longingly, but none of them dared to move closer to it.

“In just a blink of an eye, four of them have been in there for half a month now. They must have obtained all the good stuff in there, right?” a grassroots prodigy said enviously with a slight frown on his face.

A young prodigy from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect quickly refuted these words. “That’s impossible! The Realms of Gods are vast and so is this remnant of a Realm of Gods. Even if they didn’t stop moving, it’d still be difficult for them to explore 0.1% of that place.”

The young prodigies from the other grade-one forces seemed to agree with these words.

Upon seeing this, many grassroots prodigies who knew nothing about Realms of Gods sighed in relief.

“It’s good to know that their early entrance won’t affect us...”

“However, unless they’re incredibly unlucky, their gains will definitely be more than ours. After all, they have a month in there compared to the three days we have.”

Naturally, there were many grassroots prodigies who were jealous and envious of Duan Ling Tian and the other three people.

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In just a blink of an eye, a month had passed.

“The God’s Secret Treasure’s entrance will open today! We must cherish the three days we have. Otherwise, we won’t gain anything there.”

“In my opinion, it’s unrealistic to search for Devata Artifacts in there. Therefore, I’m planning to cultivate during these three days.”

“That’s right. The remnant of the Realm of God is in ruins. Even if there are Devata Artifacts, it’s likely that they had been taken by our predecessors.”

“That’s right. This is not the first time someone has triggered the opening of God’s Secret Treasure in the Genius Secret Realm, after all.”

The prodigies waited until the Ning Dragons, who were still chained, finally moved to the sides. With this, they were free to enter God's Secret Treasure.

"The two Ning Dragons are still chained..."

"Although they've moved to the sides, they can still attack us, right?"

"That's right. These Ning Dragons are without intelligence. If they decide to attack, we'll surely die!"

After the two Ning Dragons moved to the sides, the prodigies looked at them warily after they exchanged a look.

No one made a move until Feng Qi Qi led the prodigies from the Ancient Phoenix Clan to the door.

When the others saw Feng Qi Qi and the other safely entering God's Secret Treasure under the watchful eyes of the Ning Dragons, they sighed in relief.

Someone asked in confusion at this moment, "Didn't they say Ning Dragons are without intelligence? How did they know it was time to move to the sides and let us enter?"

"I find it hard to believe that they're without intelligence..."

"I agree. They look rather intelligent to me."

While some prodigies discussed among themselves, Baili Hong Fei led the prodigies from the Baili Clan into God's Secret Treasure.

At this moment, many grassroots prodigies almost made their moves and entered God's Secret Realm.

Those who were hesitant no longer waited after seeing so many people crossed over safely.

At this time, Ye Wu Dao from the Profound Sky Dao Sect and Yun Ye from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect were leading their members to God's Secret Treasures. Many grassroots prodigies moved with them as well. However, something dramatic and shocking happened when the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect were in front of the door and in between the two Ning Dragons!

Roar! Roar!

Two thunderous roars rang in the air as the Ning Dragons shot out a beam of light from their mouths, killing Yun Ye and all the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect and a few grassroots prodigies who were caught in the crossfire.

Those who had yet to enter God's Secret Treasure were shocked and frightened upon seeing this.

"Wh-what's going on?"

"The members of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect are dead?"

After witnessing the deaths of the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect, the grassroots prodigies and the members of the Profound Cat Clan who were about to make their entrance hesitated again. It was not just them, the others did not dare to make a move as well.

Meanwhile, the Ning Dragons lazily moved back to the sides after killing the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect.

“Why did they kill everyone from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect?”

“It’s really strange. The Ning Dragons didn’t attack anyone else, but they only attacked the people from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect.”

“Why do I feel like it’s deliberate?”

“Do you think this has something to do with Duan Ling Tian?”

“That’s possible! Duan Ling Tian and that woman next to him have become a target of the Thousand Hands Devil after they killed Yun Xiao, the only son of the Sect Leader of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect. Moreover, the Ning Dragons didn’t hinder Duan Ling Tian’s entrance to God’s Secret Treasure. It seems like this matter is related to Duan Ling Tian and that woman.”

“Preposterous! How’s that possible? Don’t tell me you think they asked the Ning Dragons to let them pass and also asked the Ning Dragons to kill the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect?”

“That’s right! Ning Dragons are without intelligence after all.”

“Do you really think they’re without intelligence?”

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Half an hour had passed since the prodigies from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect were killed. During this time, no one dared to enter God’s Secret Treasure yet.

At this moment, a few grassroots prodigies finally steeled themselves and entered God’s Secret Treasure. From the beginning until the end, the Ning Dragons did not even move when they entered God’s Secret Treasure.

Upon seeing this, everyone was relieved.

The people from the Profound Cat Clan and the others who had yet to enter finally made their way to God’s Secret Treasure.

Despite feeling relieved, all of them grew even more confused. Why did the Ning Dragons only kill those from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect? Was it just a coincidence or was it deliberate? If it was deliberate, did it have anything to do with Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er?

Chapter 3242: A Huge Gain

God’s Secret Treasure.

With the arrival of the prodigies, the remnant of the Realm of Gods became lively. Nobody lingered near the entrance and sped off in different directions. After all, even if there were treasures near the entrance, they must have been taken by the others. They only had three days here, how could they be willing to waste time near the entrance?

“The Heavens and Earth Spirit Energy here is really unusual... Why does it feel a little thin? It seems like cultivating here is worse than cultivating outside?”

A few prodigies discovered the different Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy immediately.

“As expected, rumors can’t be trusted. Perhaps, the remnant of the Realm of Gods has many treasures but cultivating here is definitely just a waste of time!”

“I’m going to look around and see if I can find any treasure.”

It was said that God’s Secret Treasure was the holy land of cultivation. However, the prodigies discovered this was not the case at all.

He Zhan, a prodigy from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, asked Yu Tian Xing with a slight frown on his face, “The quality of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here is actually higher than the Jade Emperor Heaven, but isn’t it a little too thin?”

“Indeed.” Yu Tian Xing nodded slightly. “Moreover, the difference is really big. Perhaps, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here has weakened with time and gradually dispersed...”

Perhaps, the only people who thought differently were the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect’s Su Li and Gongsun Jing.

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At this time, Gongsun Jin hovered in the air as he looked down at the ruins.

“What’s happening? In just one month, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here has become so thin? How could this happen? Compared to when I just arrived, it’s 100 times weaker.”

Gongsun Jing who had been here for almost a month could clearly feel the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy gradually thinning as the days passed. In recent days, it had grown thinner at a much faster rate. Considering the size of the place, such a phenomenon should not have occurred. Within a month, the place seemed to have lost 99% of its Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

Gongsun Jing wondered to himself, “Could our early arrival disrupt the energy here?”

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Meanwhile, Su Li faced similar doubts. Not even in his wildest dreams would he be able to guess that the drastic change in the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was caused by his best friend, Duan Ling Tian.

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In a corner of a seemingly bottomless abyss.

A glowing white orb hovered in the infinite darkness of the abyss.

At this moment, a woman could be seen sitting cross-legged next to the white orb. Although she was absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, the energy did not directly enter her body. Instead, it entered the white orb before it was turned into silk-like white energy and entered the woman’s body.

If one took a closer look, one would be able to see a purple figure sitting cross-legged in the white orb.

“After the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life merged with the broken Divine Tree of Life here and absorbed almost all of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here, it has grown into a towering tree!” After taking a look at his Little World, Duan Ling Tian discovered that the small tree in the center of his world had grown into a tall tree that exuded rich vitality. Most importantly, the rich and pure Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the remnant of the Realm of Gods seemed to have moved into the Little World.

“Boy, I didn’t expect you to have such a big gain!” Shock could be heard in the Chaos Divine Earth’s childish voice when it spoke. “Since ancient times, you’re probably the only person to have opened 99 Heavenly Veins, obtained the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life and the Five Divine Elements, and entered a remnant of a Realm of Gods!”

“Previously, you gave the World Cleansing Divine Water to Huang Jia Long. Who knew you’d obtain another World Cleansing Divine Water from the destroyed Divine Tree of Life here. Moreover, this time, you obtained a fifth-form World Cleansing Divine Water.” The Chaos Divine Earth spoke faster and faster, clearly unable to conceal its excitement.

“If it’s not for that, my Little World wouldn’t be like this, and it wouldn’t be able to forcefully seize the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here....” Duan Ling Tian said emotionally. He did not expect he would have such a big gain before entering God’s Secret Treasure. After he came here, he only thought about looking for a few Devata Artifacts with Huang’er’s help. Who knew the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life in his body would lead him to the destroyed Divine Tree of Life here?

Every Realm of Gods had a Divine Tree of Life. After the destruction of this Realm of Gods, the Divine Tree of Life, naturally, could not survive. However, due to the existence of the World Cleansing Divine Water, it managed to survive after the World Cleansing Divine Water paid the price of reverting to a fifth-form World Cleansing Divine Water from a ninth-form World Cleansing Divine Water. One must know that a ninth-form World Cleansing Divine Water could create a Five Divine Elements Supreme Powerhouse.

The Divine Tree of Life in this place was sentient and was on the verge of becoming the first Supreme Divine Tree of Life when the core of this Realm of Gods was destroyed. However, after it was almost destroyed along with the Realm of Gods, it lost its sentience. The ninth-form World Cleansing Divine Water could only preserve the tree’s life after it paid the price of reverting to its fifth form.

The World Cleansing Divine Water continued to guard the Divine Tree of Life until Duan Ling Tian came along. Due to his 99 Heavenly Veins and the presence of four out of Five Divine Elements, the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, the Chaos Divine Earth, and the first-form Clear Heavens Divine Wood, in his body, he managed to make the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life acknowledged him as its master. With all these reasons combined, the fifth-form World Cleansing Divine Water guided him to merge the main branch of the Divine Tree of Life in his body with the destroyed Divine Tree of Life here.

“Five Divine Elements combine! The Great Five Elements Spirit Gathering Formation!”

With the help from the fifth-form World Cleansing Divine Water, the Five Divine Elements in Duan Ling Tian’s body merged to create Formation in Duan Ling Tian’s Little World.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian did not sense anything out of the ordinary. However, he later discovered this act had forcibly seized almost all of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy and brought it to his Little World. It was at that time he realized the Formation was so heaven-defying!

After the Formation had been laid down, the Five Divine Elements in his body underwent transformations of their own, reaching the sixth form.

Alas, for the World Cleansing Divine Water that was the catalyst of all these things, it had the smallest improvements.

On the other hand, the Divine Element with the biggest improvement was the Clear Heavens Divine Wood. From the first form, it directly became a sixth-form Clear Heavens Divine Wood.

As soon as the Clear Heavens Divine Wood gained sentience, it discovered it was in the midst of an evolution. It could tell that its improvement was due to the help from the World Cleansing Divine Water so it felt closer to the World Cleansing Divine Water.

Similar to the Clear Heavens Divine Wood, the World Cleansing Divine Water also possessed a feminine voice. The difference was the World Cleansing Divine Water's voice was more mature while the Clear Heavens Divine Wood's voice sounded like that of a little girl.

"Little Sister Wood, the Great Five Elements Spirit Gathering Formation has absorbed almost all of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in this remnant of a Realm of Gods, allowing us to enter our sixth form. For further transformation, we'll have to look for other means."

"Is that so?" A hint of disappointment could be heard in the Clear Heavens Divine Wood's voice.

"Little girl, you're still dissatisfied when you managed to reach the sixth form from the first form in just a year?" the Chaos Divine Earth rebuked the Clear Heavens Divine Wood. However, due to its childish voice, the impact was not big at all.

The Clear Heavens Divine Wood giggled and said, "Little Brother Earth, your voice is like that of a child. Once we evolve again, I, your big sister, will have a nice time pinching your cute cheeks!"

"How many times must I tell you not to call me Little Brother Earth?! Compared to me, how long has it been since you gained sentience? Address me as big brother, understand?" the Chaos Divine Earth retorted.

The Chaos Divine Earth did not care about the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame since the duo did not bother it. As for the World Cleansing Divine Water, it had helped him reach the sixth form in such a short time so it was only natural that it did not dare to act presumptuously in front of the World Cleansing Divine Water. Moreover, the World Cleansing Divine Water had clearly gained sentience long before it did. However, how could the Clear Heavens Divine Wood that had just gained sentience be so bold as to address itself as its big sister?!

The Clear Heavens Divine Wood said, "Hey, hey, with your childish voice you want me to address you as big brother? Do you think I'm an idiot?"

These words rendered the Chaos Divine Earth speechless. It could not help but wonder if there was a way to make itself sound more mature.

Chapter 3243: The Five Elements Strength

At this moment, the Five Divine Elements had left Duan Ling Tian's body and manifested their physical forms in Duan Ling Tian's Little World.

After evolving to the sixth form, the Five Divine Elements' strength had increased tremendously, and as a result, the help they would be able to provide Duan Ling Tian grew as well.

When the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth were still in the third form, they could already significantly boost Duan Ling Tian's strength. Now that they had evolved to the sixth form, needless to say, they would be able to boost his strength tremendously.

'It's great that the Five Divine Elements can leave my body and stay in my Little World now. All I need to do is seal my Little World if I want to prevent them from seeing what I'm doing.' Although the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth helped him tremendously, he often could not hide anything from them at all. For example, it was fortunate that his wives were not with him. Otherwise, he would have to be extremely careful if he wanted to get intimate with his wives.

Now that the Divine Elements were in his Little World, it was easy for him to prevent them from seeing what was going on outside.

At this moment, he finally heard the Chaos Divine Earth and the newly awakened Clear Heavens Divine Wood bickering. Not only were their voices like that of a child, but even their temperament was the same. "These two are really like kids..."

The Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the newly joined World Cleansing Divine sounded adult, and they seemed more mature.

'Perhaps, their voices indicate their temperament,' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly.

"I wonder how much time has passed? The prodigies outside must have entered God's Secret Treasure by now. Based on my calculation, they should have another two days in here."

After inhaling deeply, Duan Ling Tian finally rose to his feet before he flew up into the air.

At the same time, the white orb immediately entered his body and made its way to Duan Ling Tian's Little World. After the white glowing orb disappeared, he tried to sense the Heaven and Spirit Energy in this remnant of a Realm of Gods. As expected, he discovered it was 100 times less than what it was when he had just entered this place. 'My Little World really almost sucked all of the Heaven and Spirit Energy in this remnant of a Realm of Gods.'

After Duan Ling Tian had absorbed most of the Heaven and Spirit Energy from this place, there was no other way to cultivate. If Huan'er were to rely on her thin Heaven and Spirit Energy here, even with her talent, her gains would be minuscule.

"Huan'er, we should leave... During these two days, let's look around and see if we can find any more Devata Artifacts," Duan Ling Tian said to Huan'er.

A month ago, after Duan Ling Tian found a mediocre Devata Artifact sword for Su Li, he had found another three Devata Artifacts. Since they had two days left here, he intended to look for a few more Devata Artifacts.

“En.” Huan’er did not have any objections and rose to her feet, preparing to leave the bottomless abyss with Duan Ling Tian.

While the duo was about to leave the bottomless abyss, there were a few figures peering down the abyss with a frown on their faces. These three people were from the Profound Cat Clan.

“The glow in the abyss just disappeared...”

“Is it possible that someone’s down there?”

“That’s possible...”

Just as the three members of the Profound Cat Clan were about to leap into the bottomless abyss...

One of them exclaimed, “Someone’s coming out!”

“We have to kill them and take their treasures!”

The trio from the Profound Cat Clan exchanged a look before they unleashed all the techniques in their arsenals. Energies of different colors surged out of their bodies and shot into the abyss instantly.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

As the trio’s power combined and dove into the abyss, an earth-shattering explosion rang in the air.

“Are they dead?”

After making their move, the trio no longer bothered to conceal their presence. However, it did not take long before their expressions changed drastically.

They saw a shield that was the color of an earthy yellow. Cracks could be seen on the shield, but they were rapidly being healed by what seemed to be an endless supply of green energy.

“The law of earth and the law of wood?”

The trio could clearly sense the law of earth and the law of wood from the earthy-yellow shield.

“Is this the result of two people combining their forces?” The trio exchanged a look.

“I’m sure the young prodigies from the grade-one forces were not capable of this... Is it a grassroots prodigy?”

Soon after, the trio watched as the earthy-yellow shield disappeared, revealing two figures.

Upon seeing the two figures, their expressions changed again.

“Duan Ling Tian? Huan’er?”

The trio did not expect the people in the bottomless abyss to be Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er.

By now, everyone knew Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er were easily in the top three even among the young prodigies from the grade-one forces. Duan Ling Tian, in particular, could very well be the strongest among all the prodigies in the Genius Secret Realm. On the other hand, Huan’er was only second to Su Li.

After Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er left the abyss, they stood in front of the three prodigies from the Profound Cat Clan.

Duan Ling Tian looked at them intently as he said, "I wonder who was so audacious to attack us. As it turns out, it's the members of the Profound Cat Clan."

Upon discovering the identity of the people they had attempted to attack, the trio from the Profound Cat Clan waved their hands and hastily said, "Duan Ling Tian, this is a misunderstanding. It's just a misunderstanding."

"A misunderstanding?" Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. "Earlier, didn't you attack with all your strength? You didn't hold back at all..." After a beat, he continued to say, "I'll give you a chance. I'll use half of my strength to attack three of you. If you can survive my attack, I'll forget about this matter."

Upon hearing these words, the young prodigies from the Profound Cat Clan could not help but sigh in relief. Although Duan Ling Tian was strong, they were certain they would be able to withstand Duan Ling Tian's attack if he only used half of his strength.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian attacked, the trio knew they had underestimated him. They were filled with regrets.

After Duan Ling Tian cast the Cross-Dimensional Profundity, nine sword rays shot out from spatial tears instantly. However, the sword rays were strange. Usually, they were grey. However, at this moment, they were gold, green, blue, red, and earthy-yellow. In fact, this was the energy from the Five Divine Elements.

The nine sword rays with strange colors that did not contain any profundity sailed out in the air. The nine sword rays blocked the trio's path of escape and pierced them. Although they had Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, faced with Duan Ling Tian's attack, they could not put up a fight at all. At the moment of their deaths, their eyes were wide open, revealing the disbelief and horror they had felt before their deaths. The last thought in their minds was how was it possible that Duan Ling Tian's law of space contained the power of the Five Divine Elements?

It was common knowledge regardless of the number of laws one had comprehended, one could only use one law during an attack. This was due to the fact that Celestial Origin Energy could only be boosted with one Fundamental Profundity.

"Your deaths aren't in vain since you're killed by the power of the sixth-form Five Divine Elements..." Duan Ling Tian murmured indifferently as he looked at the dismembered corpses around him. Then, he waved his hand and collected the trio's Spatial Rings and Celestial Weapons.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian led Huan'er away to further explore God's Secret Treasure.

At this time, Huan'er asked curiously, "Brother Ling Tian, your cultivation base has improved again, right?"

Based on Huan'er's knowledge, during the eight years she had spent in closed-door cultivation, she had become a Four Phenomenon Celestial Lord while Duan Ling Tian did not have a breakthrough and remained a One Basic Celestial Lord. Most of the time, he usually relied on the power from the law of space.

A faint smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face as he replied honestly, "I'm a Three Talents Celestial Lord now. I managed to break through two levels. However, that's mostly due to my Little World absorbing almost all of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in God's Secret Treasure. As the medium for this, I benefited a lot... I'm afraid this kind of miracle will only happen once in a lifetime."

In fact, becoming a Three Talents Celestial Lord from a One Basic Celestial Lord did not raise his strength significantly. The tremendous increment in his strength was mostly due to the power of the sixth-form Five Divine Elements.

With the power of the Five Divine Elements, he did not need to boost his Celestial Origin Energy with it.

"Brother Ling Tian, although your Little World has absorbed most of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here and you can use it as you please in the future, it'd still be difficult to become a Four Phenomenon Celestial Lord," Huan'er said. She knew this because Duan Ling Tian had once explained this to her.

"Don't worry. All it'll take is some time," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

His biggest gain in God's Secret Treasure was merging his branch from the Divine Tree of Life with the broken Divine Tree of Life in God's Secret Treasure and gaining the World Cleansing Divine Water that used to protect the broken Divine Tree of Life in this remnant of a Realm of Gods. After all, with the help from the World Cleansing Divine Water, the other Divine Elements had all evolved to the sixth form as well.

Most importantly, with the joined effort of the Five Divine Elements, they managed to lay a heaven-defying Formation in his body. As a result of that, he managed to absorb 99% of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy into his Little World.

Currently, his Little World was brimming with rich and pure Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy that used to belong to the remnant of this Realm of Gods.

Chapter 3244: Leaving God's Secret Treasure

"According to the World Cleansing Divine Water, I'm the only person who's not a Supreme Powerhouse with a Little World that's filled with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from the Realm of Gods. In the Realm of Gods, even those with the strength of the gods aren't even capable of absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from another Realm of Gods into their Little Worlds."

Based on this, Duan Ling Tian knew how special his circumstances were. Nobody could compare to him except for Supreme Powerhouses now.

'In the future, not only will I be able to cultivate using the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in my Little World, but Huan'er will be able to do so as well.' Not only would Duan Ling Tian's good fortune benefit him, but it would benefit Huan'er as well.

Since they would have to leave in two days, Duan Ling Tian asked Huan'er, "Huan'er, how are you going to help the two Ning Dragons?"

"Brother Ling Tian, we should leave earlier. With our strength, we won't be able to break their chains. We will need a Devata Artifact for that," Huan'er said.

"Alright, we'll leave when it's time." Duan Ling Tian was grateful for the two Ning Dragons. Otherwise, he would not have had this fortuitous encounter if the Ning Dragons did not let him enter earlier.

"Ning Dragons?" At this moment, the soft and wise voice of the World Cleansing Divine Water rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. "Little Tian, you can let the Ning Dragons enter your Little World. These quasi Divine Beasts can be the guardians of your Little World."

"Senior, the problem is they aren't willing to enter my Little World. They only trust Huan'er," Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

"Rest assured... I'll talk to them later. It's a huge blessing for them to stay in your Little World. It'd be foolish of them to reject such an opportunity," the World Cleansing Divine Water said confidently.

"However, they don't understand human language... Will you be able to communicate with them?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"There aren't many languages that I'm not proficient in unless it's some obscure and ancient minority language. It's only natural for me to pick up many languages after living for such a long time," the World Cleansing Divine Water said with a hint of pride.

"That's great." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was still worried about the Ning Dragons entering Huan'er's Little World, after all. He was not worried about the Ning Dragons entering his Little World. His Little World would be able to withstand it if the two Ning Dragons wreaked havoc there. Moreover, he had the Five Divine Elements guarding his Little World as well. Therefore, he was not worried about the Ning Dragons living in his Little World.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian said to Huan'er, "Huan'er let's look around for another day... We'll leave after that."

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Over the next day, Duan Ling Tian managed to obtain another two Devata Artifacts with Huan'er's help even though the weapons were only primitive and mediocre respectively. In the end, he found a prominent Devata Artifact that was in the form of a white ribbon. He did not hesitate to give to Huan'er.

Following that, he said, "Huan'er, let's leave now."

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er retraced their steps and left the remnant of the Realm of Gods ahead of time.

As soon as the Ning Dragons saw the duo, their fierce eyes lit up immediately. They were clearly excited when they saw Huan'er. Based on this, it was clear they were not without intelligence.

Swoosh!

However, the Ning Dragons quickly turned wary when they saw Duan Ling Tian bring out the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Then, he brought the sword down on the chains, breaking them effortlessly.

At the same time, Huan'er cast an Illusory technique to conceal the Ning Dragons so they could enter her Little World. However, to her surprise, the Ning Dragons did not pay any attention to her and entered Duan Ling Tian's Little World instead. She asked in confusion, "Brother Ling Tian... What's going on?"

"Senior Water has convinced them to enter my Little World instead. Don't worry, they seem to be enjoying their time in my Little World," Duan Ling Tian said after he took a look at his Little World.

The Ning Dragons that finally regained their freedom flew around Duan Ling Tian's Little World.

When Duan Ling Tian looked at his Little World, he could acutely sense the two Ning Dragons' joy.

At this moment, the World Cleansing Divine Water's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind again, "Little Tian, I'm going to ask them to acknowledge you as their masters. If they're willing, it'll benefit you greatly before you become a god. With your Little World's environment, it's only a matter of time before they break through and possess strength comparable to a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. Moreover, their comprehension of the laws would be faster as well."

"How will you get them to acknowledge me as their master? Can I trust them?" Duan Ling Tian asked skeptically. The last thing he wanted was to have two ticking time bombs by his side.

"Rest assured. If they're willing, I have my way of making sure they don't have thoughts of rebellion or betrayal," the World Cleansing Divine Water said.

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I'll follow your arrangements then."

Since there was almost a day left before God's Secret Treasure closed, Duan Ling Tian beckoned Huan'er over and said, "Huan'er, since we still have some time left, let's re-enter God's Secret Treasure. We'll just explore the area near the entrance."

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The duo re-entered God's Secret Treasure before they eventually left with the other prodigies. Although they could choose not to leave, they would not be able to leave again until the next time someone triggered the opening of God's Secret Treasure. Who knew how long that would take? In any case, nobody was willing to stay longer than the allocated time. What was the point of staying in there and obtaining more Devata Artifacts if they were going to be stuck in God's Secret Realm for who knew how long?

When Su Li saw Duan Ling Tian, he asked with a smile, "Duan Ling Tian, how was it?"

"Not bad." Duan Ling Tian nodded before he asked in return, "What about you?"

"After spending more than a month in there, apart from the mediocre Devata Artifact you obtained for me, I only found a primitive Devata Sword. I found a few other things as well, but they can't compare to Devata Artifacts at all."

At this moment, the prodigies who had entered slightly earlier and did not see the Ning Dragons killing everyone from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect asked, "Where are the members of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect? Are they planning to stay inside?"

Someone replied, "All of the people from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect were killed by the Ning Dragons."

"They were killed by the Ning Dragons? But the entrance of God's Secret Treasures was open then, right? Why did the Ning Dragons attack them?"

Many of them were shocked and confused.

"Did they try to attack the Ning Dragons or something?"

"Impossible!"

There were some prodigies who thought the people from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect had provoked the Ning Dragons before entering God's Secret Treasure. However, the majority of the people did not think the people from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect were so foolish.

At this moment, a Profound Cat Clan's prodigy looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er meaningfully before he said, "They didn't provoke the Ning Dragons. They tried to enter just like everyone else. However, the Ning Dragons suddenly attacked them. I wonder if it's just bad luck or if someone managed to convince the Ning Dragons to kill those from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect."

"Convince the Ning Dragons? You really have an overactive imagination!"

"That's right! Who do you think is capable of communicating with the Ning Dragon?"

Despite the people refuting his words, the member from the Profound Cat Clan did not back down. He said, "Think about it, in the past, have the Ning Dragons ever allowed anyone to enter earlier than the set time? Did this not cross your minds? Since the Ning Dragons allowed them to enter earlier, is it really impossible for them to ask the Ning Dragons to kill those from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect?"

Upon hearing these words, many people turned to look at Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, Gongsun Jing, and Huan'er furtively.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the member of the Profound Cat Clan who kept pointing fingers at him with a frosty gaze as he said, "What? You think we're the ones who instructed the Ning Dragons to kill those from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect?"

The prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan fell silent.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say with a sneer, "Do you think I, Duan Ling Tian, need the Ning Dragons' help to kill the scumbags from the Thousand Hands Devil Sect?"

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian raised his hand.

A spatial tear appeared near the prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan immediately.

Swoosh!

A sword ray shot out from the spatial tear and severed one of the prodigy's arms.

At this moment, Huan'er hurriedly sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian, "Brother Ling Tian, I... I was the one who directed the Ning Dragons to kill the members of the Thousand Hands Devil Sect."

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he heard Huan'er's words. He felt slightly embarrassed and sorry for the prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan. Nevertheless, he did not say anything.

Meanwhile, the most outstanding young prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan stepped forward. He was a strange-looking young man who was dressed in blood-red robes. He glared at Duan Ling Tian and said grimly, "Duan Ling Tian, are you challenging the Profound Cat Clan?"

"Wow, the Profound Cat Clan is really bold!" Gongsun Jing sneered and stepped forward. "Xuan Kong, why don't you have a duel with Duan Ling Tian if you're dissatisfied with him? Otherwise, ask your father to come to the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Yellow Thearch Progeny to look for my grandfather."

The Profound Cat Clan's Xuan Kong's expression changed drastically when he heard Gongsun Jing's words.

Duel with Duan Ling Tian? Was that not just seeking death? On the other hand, it was impossible for him to ask his father to meet the Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. Not only his father, but even the old ancestors of the Profound Cat Clan would not be bold enough to challenge the Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny.

At this moment, Su Li sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian, "Xuan Kong is the eldest son of the Clan Leader of the Profound Cat Clan. His ability is only mediocre, and he has a short temper."

"What a clown." Duan Ling Tian said before he looked away.

Xuan Kong was, naturally, furious when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. Alas, he did dare to utter a word, let alone make a move, when he saw Gongsun Jing and Duan Ling Tian. In terms of strength, he knew he was no match for Duan Ling Tian. Background-wise, Duan Ling Tian had the support of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Yellow Thearch Progeny.

Meanwhile, Yu Xian Ting, who was standing at a corner, narrowed his eyes as he said, "This Su Li is smart." He finally knew why Su Li had chosen Gongsun Jing to enter God's Secret Realm earlier. He was obviously helping Duan Ling Tian to pave the way into the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

Chapter 3245: The Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect

"Where are the Ning Dragons?"

After everyone left God's Secret Treasure, they finally discovered the absence of the Ning Dragons. They could only watch as the broken chains and the door to God's Secret Treasure slowly vanished.

Soon enough, Xuan Kong, the most outstanding prodigy from the Profound Cat Clan, discovered three of his fellow disciples were missing. "Where are Junior Brother Yue, Junior Brother Leng, and Junior Brother Wang?"

Everyone had already left God's Secret Treasure. However, the Profound Cat Clan's three members were nowhere to be seen. There were only two possibilities for this: one, they had decided to stay in there, and two, they were killed in there.

Xuan Kong knew the former possibility was not possible so he hastily brought out the three members' Soul Pearls. Sure enough, the three Soul Pearls were shattered.

'There are no dangers or traps in God's Secret Treasure that could kill them. This means someone here must have killed them,' Xuan Kong thought to himself as he swept his gaze across the people present on the scene with a grim expression on his face.

"Ladies and gentlemen, did anyone witness the deaths of three members from our Profound Cat Clan?" Xuan Kong asked without beating around the bush. "If there's a witness, please send me a Voice Transmission. The Profound Cat Mansion will be grateful to you."

With this, the others finally realized three members of the Profound Cat Clan were missing. They began to discuss among themselves, spurred by their curiosity.

"The three members of the Profound Cat Clan died inside the God's Secret Treasure?"

"There's no danger in the God's Secret Treasure... Unless they chose to stay inside, it's likely someone had killed them."

"Who could have killed those three people?"

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian glanced at Xuan Kong and said airily, "When I was in God's Secret Treasure, three rats hid and lurked in a corner before they attacked me... They, naturally, died in the end."

Xuan Kong's expression changed when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He glared at Duan Ling Tian and asked through gritted teeth, "It's you?! Why did you kill our members?"

"Ah, so they're from the Profound Cat Clan." Duan Ling Tian feigned a look of surprise. "Are you sure they're from the Profound Cat Clan? They looked like dirty rats to me, waiting in the dark to ambush their targets."

"Impossible!" Xuan Kong said in a low voice, "If they met you, they wouldn't... wouldn't have attacked you." In fact, he wanted to say that those three people would not dare to attack Duan Ling Tian. However, he changed his words since it was rather embarrassing to say such words.

"Why would I kill them if they didn't attack me first?" Duan Ling smiled. "After all, I, Duan Ling Tian, have no grudge with the Profound Cat Clan."

"Duan Ling Tian, I know you have a high innate talent and comprehension of the law... However, they're useless if you die before you can grow into your full potential!" Xuan Kong threatened as his eyes glinted coldly.

"Xuan Kong, don't worry," Gongsun Jing chimed in after he smiled, "Whether Duan Ling Tian will successfully grow into his full potential or not has nothing to do with the Profound Cat Clan."

Xuan Long's expression turned even colder when Gongsun Jing intervened. He said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go!"

Xuan Kong knew he was at a disadvantage. Strength-wise, he was no match for Duan Ling Tian. Background-wise, he was inferior to Gongsun Jing. If he continued to stay here, he would only be treated as a joke.

Before Xuan Kong left, he turned back and looked at the grassroots prodigies and said, "The grassroots prodigies who managed to rank in the Peak of Gravity Ranking or the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking who wish to join the Profound Cat Clan, please leave with me."

The grassroots prodigies who met the qualification Xuan Kong stated were rather moved.

Upon seeing this, the Tuoba Clan and the Great Dragon Battle Sect began to extend invitations to the grassroots prodigies as well.

As a result, most of the grassroots prodigies decided to join the Tuoba Clan and the Great Dragon Battle Sect and did not leave with the Profound Cat Clan. After all, it was rather embarrassing to leave with the Profound Cat Clan since it was akin to fleeing away.

After that, the most outstanding prodigies from the Ancient Phoenix Clan, the Baili Clan, and the Profound Sky Dao Sect such as Feng Qi Qi, Baili Hong Fei, and Ye Wu Dao began to extend invitations to the grassroots prodigies as well. However, in comparison to the Tuoba Clan and the Great Dragon Battle Sect, the requirements to join these three clans were much higher.

At this moment, Yu Tian Xing from the Thousand Tribulation Sword Sect finally said, "Those who are ranked in the top 20 in the Peak of Gravity Ranking or the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking or top 10 in other rankings are eligible to join the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect."

At this moment, Su Li said to Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, let's explore the surroundings... When it's time, I'll bring you to the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect."

Therefore, while Yu Tian Xing was busy recruiting grassroots prodigies, Su Li, Duan Ling Tian, and Huan'er left.

Upon seeing this, Gongsun Jing called out, "Hey! Su Li, Duan Ling Tian, wait for me!" It seemed like he now regarded himself as part of Duan Ling Tian's group and no longer followed Yu Tian Xing around.

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Time passed by quickly. In just a blink of an eye, it was time to leave the Genius Secret Realm.

After exploring various places in the Genius Secret Realm, Duan Ling Tian, Huan'er, Su Li, and Gongsun Jing managed to find treasures, but they were incomparable to things they gained in God's Secret Treasure.

When it was time to leave, the quartet left and made their way to the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

The estate of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, one of the three strongest grade-one forces in the Nan Dou Territory, was located high above the clouds. The tens of thousands of floating islands in the sky looked grand and majestic. They looked like swords pointing at the sky. Among the numerous floating islands, there were 10 larger islands that belonged to the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's ten progenies respectively.

"These ten islands are the base of the sect's ten progenies. The other islands are laid with a Sect Guarding Formation," Gongsun Jing explained to Duan Ling Tian as he pointed to the ten islands that were different from the others.

"There are tens of thousands of islands just for a Sect Guarding Formation?" Duan Ling Tian asked in shock, "Even if multiple titled Celestial Emperors join forces, it would still be difficult for them to destroy the Sect Guarding Formations, right?"

"Duan Ling Tian, you're wrong," Gongsun Jing smiled and said, "Although the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect is not as glorious as we used to be, our ancestors paid a huge price to create this Sect Guarding Formation... Not to mention a few titled Celestial Emperors, even dozens or a hundred of them won't be able to breach our Sect Guarding Formation."

"Even dozens or a hundred titled Celestial Emperors still won't be able to breach the Formation?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. After all, he knew how powerful the combined strength of dozens of titled Celestial Emperors were, let alone a hundred of titled Celestial Emperors.

"Even the Formations that guard the heaven-grade sects or clans that are second only to a Heavenly Emperor's force aren't so powerful, right!?" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed.

"Duan Ling Tian, our Sect Guarding Formation was created based on the Sect Guarding Formations of various heaven-grade forces... Our Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect used to be a heaven-grade sect, after all. I wonder if our sect will be able to return to its glorious days." A hint of hope could be seen on Gongsun Jing's face when he finished speaking.

"A heaven-realm sect?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. He had no idea the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect used to be a heaven-grade sect. After all, heaven-grade forces were only second to the force of a Heavenly Emperor! There were many titled Celestial Emperors in a heaven-grade force; the number of titled Celestial Emperors was almost comparable to that of a Heavenly Emperor's force.

"Yes." Gongsun Jing nodded. "Since you're joining the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, you can visit the library and learn about the history of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect."

Duan Ling Tian nodded as he looked at the 10 eye-catching floating islands. Then, he asked, "The Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect has 10 progenies. Su Li is from the Shadow Support Progeny, you're from the Yellow Thearch Progeny, and Yu Tian Xing is from the Tai-Ah Progeny. What are the names of the rest?" he asked.

"The 10 progenies of our Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect are the Yellow Thearch Progeny, the Profound River Progeny, The Crimson Sky Progeny, the Tai-Ah Progeny, the Seven Stars Dragon Abyss Progeny..." Gongsun Jing said.

However, before Gongsun Jing could finish naming the progenies, Duan Ling Tian interjected, "The remaining are the Gan Jiang Progeny, the Mo Xie Progeny, the Pure Porcelain Progeny, and the Shadow Support Progeny, right?"

"How do you know?" Gongsun Jing was taken aback.

"This..." Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. How could he not know these names; these names were the names of the ten most famous swords on earth, his home planet in his last life! He already had a suspicion this might be the case when he heard Yu Tian Xing was from the Tai-Ah Progeny, Su Li was from the Shadow Support Progeny, and Gongsun Jing was from the Yellow Thearch Progeny.

'The Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect seems to be related to the Yan Huang Planet,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The Yan Huang Planet was another name of earth. Most of the progenitors in the Yan Huang Realm were from the Yan Huang planet.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked Su Li and Gongsun Jing, "Where should we go next?"

Since he had been invited to join the Thousand Tribulation Sword Sect, an accommodation should have been prepared for him, right?

"I've already sent a message to the sect leader when we left the Genius Secret Realm. We're to meet the sect leader first," Gongsun Jin said with a smile, "Duan Ling Tian, the sect leader is very curious about you. After all, you managed to break his records in both the Peak of Gravity Ranking and the Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking. The sect leader has always cherished talented people so he won't mistreat you after you join our sect. Look at Su Li for example! Although Su Li suddenly appeared, the sect leader has always taken good care of him." A hint of reverence could be seen on Gongsun Jing's face when he spoke about the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

In fact, Duan Ling Tian even noticed the reverence Su Li had for the sect leader. For these reasons, he was curious about what kind of person the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect was.

Chapter 3246: Competing Over Duan Ling Tian And Huan'er

The Tai-Ah Peak, where the Tai-Ah Progeny was located, was one of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's ten main peaks.

Duan Ling Tian could sense that the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here was stronger than any of the places he had been in the Devata Realms. Naturally, it was still no match for the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the remnant of the Realm of Gods that was now in his Little World.

"Senior Brother Gongsun Jing."

A group of Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's patrolling disciples who were standing on their flying swords greeted Gongsun Jing as soon as he stepped foot on Tai-Ah Peak. However, it seemed like they were not familiar with Su Li.

"Look! Didn't I tell you to make a public appearance every once in a while, Su Li? Look at these little b*stards, they don't even recognize the most outstanding prodigy in the Shadow Support Progeny who's

even more outstanding than Yu Tian Xing, the top prodigy in the Tai-Ah Progeny,” Gongsun Jing complained to Su Li after the patrolling disciples left.

Su Li only smiled faintly in response to Gongsun Jin’s words. He would not have come so far if he had cared about these trivial matters. Before he joined the Shadow Support Progeny, he had inherited the legacy and memories of the progenitor of the Shadow Support, who had become a god in the Yan Huang Realm. At that time, he went through a series of tests that were related to fame and greed. Only those who did not covet fame and were not greedy would be able to pass the tests and inherit the progenitor’s legacy. Needless to say, many people had failed the tests. There were times when he thought that if it were not for his obsession with the sword and his lack of regard for worldly matters that he would inherit the progenitor’s legacy.

“Duan Ling Tian, Huan’er, this is the entrance to Tai-Ah Peak... There are Formations here that prohibit us from flying so we’ll have to travel on foot.” A sword-shaped tablet was erected before the entrance. Gongsun Jing led the rest and landed on the ground. “Even titled Celestial Emperors won’t be able to fly here.”

Duan Ling Tian could sense the heavy pressure when he drew close to the entrance. However, as soon as his feet landed on the ground, the pressure vanished immediately.

“Tai-Ah Peak.” Duan Ling Tian glanced at the sword-shaped stone tablet that was carved with the words ‘Tai-Ah Peak’. It was not difficult to see that the words had been carved with a sword.

After entering the main hall in Tai-Ah Peak, Duan Ling Tian finally met the Leader of the Tai-Ah Peak who was also the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. He was none other than Yu Jian Chen, the previous record holder for the Peak of Gravity Ranking and Formation Spirit Pagoda Ranking in the Genius Secret Realm for 20,000 years.

“Sect leader.” Su Li and Gongsun Jing bowed slightly as they greeted Yu Jian Cheng.

Yu Jian Cheng nodded in response before he shifted his eyes to Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. He asked with a smile, “You must be Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er, right?”

“Sect Leader Yu.” Duan Ling Tian nodded with a smile.

On the other hand, Huan’er only nodded in response.

Although Huan’er’s response seemed rude, Yu Jian Cheng did not seem to take offense.

Swoosh!

At this moment, a black and grey sword ray with a destructive aura suddenly appeared out of thin air in front of Yu Jian Cheng and shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

“Sect Leader!” Su Li and Gongsun Jing cried out with a horrified expression on their faces. They did not expect Yu Jian Cheng to attack Duan Ling Tian.

However, faced with Yu Jian Cheng’s attack, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes only glinted. He did not panic at all. He released his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Earth Elemental Profundity into the surroundings. Subsequently, nine grey sword rays shot out of nine spatial tears behind Duan Ling Tian and flew toward Yu Jian Cheng.

The long gray and black sword ray seemed to halt for a brief moment before it continued sailing in the main hall.

“What a strong profundity of the law of space.”

The black and grey sword ray had halted because Duan Ling Tian had cast the law of space’s Restraining Profundity, the Distortion Profundity, and the Magnetic Storm Profundity. Nevertheless, they could not completely stop the long black and grey sword ray.

Although the long grey and black sword ray only contained the strength of a Five Elementals or Six Combos Celestial Lord, the profundities it contained were very powerful.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

When Duan Ling Tian’s sword rays collided with the black and grey sword ray, they exhausted the grey and black sword ray’s energy. In the end, all the sword rays disappeared into thin air.

“What an amazing technique!” Yu Jian Cheng’s eyes lit up as he praised Duan Ling Tian. “No wonder you’re able to surpass two of my records in the Genius Secret Realm. Your current strength is far better than mine when I entered the Genius Secret Realm back then. Moreover, I was almost 1,000 years old at that time, and yet, you’re only 300 years old.” He could not help but sigh when he finished speaking.

“Sect Leader Yu, you flatter me too much,” Duan Ling Tian replied calmly and humbly. Since earlier, he knew Yu Jian Cheng had no intention of killing him and was just testing his strength.

Then, Yu Jian Cheng smiled and asked, “Which Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect’s progeny do you wish to join? I have to say that the Tai-Ah Progeny welcomes you with open arms.”

Before Duan Ling Tian had a chance to reply, a cold scoff rang in the air. The noise echoed in the main hall for a while.

Soon enough, a scrawny old man appeared in the main hall. He was dressed in a loose but luxurious robe. Despite his white hair, his face looked healthy and his eyes were bright. All in all, he looked young for his age.

“Grandfather,” Gongsun Jing bowed and greeted the newcomer.

“Progeny Leader Gongsun,” Su Li bowed and greeted the newcomer as well.

“The Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny?” Through Gongsun Jing and Su Li, he knew the Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny, Gongsun Kang, was one of the strongest powerhouses in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

“Senior Uncle Gongsun, what brings you over?” Yu Jian Cheng asked with a wry smile on his face. Naturally, he knew Gongsun Kang was interested in the newcomer, Duan Ling Tian, as well.

Previously, Yu Tian Cheng had sent a message to his nephew, Yu Tian Xing, urging him to get Duan Ling Tian to join the Tai-Ah Progeny. Otherwise, he was afraid the Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny might act first. Moreover, Gongsun Kang’s grandson, Gongsun Jin, seemed to be on friendly terms with

Duan Ling Tian. He did not expect Gongsun Kang who rarely left the Yellow Thearch Peak would make an appearance today just for a new disciple.

"If I didn't come, wouldn't your Tai-Ah Progeny take all the talented candidates?" the old man said before he snorted, "Jian Cheng, my boy, the Tai-Ah Progeny already has Tian Xing... However, my Yellow Thearch Progeny only has Jing'er this incompetent child. Since such a talent has appeared, don't you think the Yellow Thearch Progeny should be given priority?" Gongsun Kang said to Yu Jian Cheng.

"Senior Uncle Gongsun..." Yu Jian Cheng began to say.

However, at this moment, another person interjected, "Senior Brother Gongsun, the Yu Chang Progeny doesn't even have anyone as good as your grandson, Gongsun Jing... Why don't you let the Yu Chang Progeny have the good candidate?"

An old lady suddenly appeared in the main hall. She stood upright like a lonely peak as she looked at Gongsun Kang.

Meanwhile, Gongsun Jin sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, it seems like Yun Yi from the Yu Chang Progeny has informed this old lady about you joining the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect... She's Ximen Wan Wan, the Yu Chang Progeny's Leader and my grandfather's junior sister."

"Junior Sister Wan Wan, did you come to join the fun?" Gongsun Kang smiled wryly. "You haven't left the Yu Chang Peak for almost 1,000 years now, right?"

"Senior Brother Gongsun, I'm not asking a lot... I want either Duan Ling Tian or Huan'er," Ximen Wan Wan looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er as she said, "I won't insist on Duan Ling Tian joining us, but the Yu Chang Progeny wants Huan'er," Ximen Wan Wan said in a tone that brooked no argument.

"That's not a problem." Gongsun Kang's eyes lit up immediately. He was under the impression that his junior sister wanted Duan Ling Tian. He was, naturally, relieved when he heard her saying she wanted Huan'er. It was enough as long as the Yellow Thearch Progeny had Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, a muscular middle-aged man entered the main hall and said, "Senior Brother Gongsun, Senior Sister Ximen. Both of you came here secretly to poach the new talents. Isn't it unfair that both of you didn't inform me about this?"

Gongsun Jing sent another Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian at this moment. "He's Chong Jiu, the Leader of the Profound River Progeny... He Zhan must have informed him about you as well."

"Senior brother, senior sister, the Profound River Progeny lacks a talent like Duan Ling Tian... Since Senior Sister is not interested in Duan Ling Tian, I hope senior brother won't compete with me over Duan Ling Tian..." Chong Jiu said as he looked at Gongsun Kang.

Gongsun Kang scoffed. "Junior Brother Chong Jiu, your timing is uncanny... You should learn to be content. The Profound River Progeny has He Zhan who's stronger than my grandson, Gongsun Jing. How dare you compete with me for Duan Ling Tian?"

"He Zhan?" Chong Jiu shook his head. "Senior Brother Gongsun, if you like He Zhan... I'll let him join your Yellow Thearch Progeny in exchange for Duan Ling Tian. What do you think about that?"

“You...” Gongsun Kang was rendered speechless for a moment. “After so many years, you’re still as shameless as ever!”

Swoosh! Swoosh!

At this moment, another two figures appeared out of thin air like ghosts. One of them was a handsome young man and the other person was a beautiful woman.

“Heavens! Even the Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny are here?” Gongsun Jing was dumbfounded.

“Brother Ling Tian... These two people look rather similar.” Huan’er’s voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears. It was then he discovered the young man and woman had a 60% resemblance to each other.

Chapter 3247: The Zhuge Siblings

“The Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny are fraternal twins; that’s why they look somewhat similar,” Gongsun Jing promptly explained upon hearing Huan’er’s words. “Individually, they’re no match for my grandfather or the sect leader. However, if they join forces, they’ll have the advantage if the fight drags on.” Then, he lowered his voice before he continued to say, “Rumor has it that in the past, a titled Celestial Emperor who tried to conquer the Nan Dou Territory was killed by them. When they join forces, not only in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, but they’re also invincible in the entire Nan Dou Territory. As twins, not only do they think alike, but they’ve also comprehended the extremely powerful Fusion Method.”

Upon hearing Gongsun Jing’s words, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes brightened when he looked at the twins again. He did not expect the seemingly harmless-looking duo to be so formidable; they were even capable of killing a titled Celestial Emperor.

Duan Ling Tian asked through Voice Transmission, “Your grandfather’s strength should be comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor, right?”

“My grandfather has fought a few titled Celestial Emperors in the past. He told me one of them was weaker than him while the others were as strong as him,” Gongsun Jin replied.

With this, Duan Ling Tian confirmed that Gongsun Kang, the Leader of the Yellow Thearch Progeny, was comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor.

“What about Sect Leader Yu?” Duan Ling Tian asked again.

“Sect Leader Yu is not any weaker than a titled Celestial Emperor as well. If he wishes to, he could obtain a title in the Title Temple.” He paused for a moment before he said, “A few years ago, my grandfather and Sect Leader Yu had a duel, and the duel ended in a tie. However, I suspect the sect leader is now slightly stronger than my grandfather.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded. His emotions were slightly stirred. There were so many powerhouses in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect who were capable of killing titled Celestial Emperors and comparable to titled Celestial Emperors. However, the sect was just a grade-one force?

'A supreme-force mostly has one or two titled Celestial Emperors, right? Although the sect isn't what it once was, it should still be supreme-force...' Duan Ling Tian was aware of this since he had some knowledge about the forces in a Devata Realm.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian dismissed his thoughts and observed the situation in the main hall of Tai-Ah Peak.

It was silent after the Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny arrived.

In the end, Gongsun Kang was the first to break the silence. "Both of you came for Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er as well?" A hint of helplessness could be seen in his eyes as he smiled wryly. Although he had higher seniority and the twins addressed him as senior uncle, if both of them joined forces, he was no match for them.

"Senior Uncle Gongsun, I want Huan'er," the beautiful young woman, the Leader of the Mo Xie Progeny, said with a smile.

The Leader of the Mo Xie Progeny only said, "Duan Ling Tian."

"I didn't expect both of you would be interested in these two youngsters. In that case, this old woman won't compete with you for them," Ximen Wan Wan, the Leader of Yu Chang Progeny, said as she shook her head. Following that, she vanished into thin air.

"Since both of you are here, this old man won't compete with you as well." Chong Jiu shook his head and left with a smile on his face.

At this moment, Yu Jian Cheng, the Sect Leader of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, smiled and greeted the twins. "Senior Brother Feng, Senior Sister Yun."

The name of the Leader of the Gan Jiang Progeny was Zhuge Feng while the Leader of the Mo Xie Progeny was Zhuge Yun.

"Junior Brother Jian Cheng, are you going to compete with us?" Zhuge Yun asked with a faint smile on his face.

"Since both seniors are here for them, how dare I compete with you for them?" Yu Jian Cheng smiled wryly.

Upon hearing Yu Jian Cheng's words, Zhuge Yun nodded, clearly delighted. Then, she looked at Gongsun Kang. "Senior Uncle Gongsun, do you have the heart to compete with us two lonely people?"

"Lonely people?" Duan Ling Tian was confused.

"The two leaders are the only members of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny... They have no disciples under them," Gongsun Jing explained, "It's really strange. How could they be so well informed about what happened in the Genius Secret Realm when they don't have any disciples?"

At this moment, Su Li said, "I'm the one who told them about it."

"Ah, I forgot the Shadow Support Progeny has a close relationship with the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny." Gongsun Jing smiled sheepishly.

“Su Li, when we were in the Genius Secret Realm, I assumed you wanted me to join the Yellow Thearch Progeny. Isn't that why you suggested we bring Gongsun Jing with us into God's Secret Treasure? Do you want us to join the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny?” Duan Ling Tian asked through Voice Transmission.

“Duan Ling Tian, I suggested you bring Gongsun Jing with us so Leader Gongsun would owe you a favor,” Su Li replied, “However, the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny are more suitable for you and Huan'er compared to the Yellow Thearch Progeny. Joint Strike Method is the two leaders' strongest technique. You and Huan'er can learn this from them. Moreover, the two leaders are very protective. If you become their disciple, no one in and outside of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect would dare to seek trouble with you or Huan'er,” Su Li explained through Voice Transmission.

“Thank you, Su Li.” Duan Ling Tian expressed his gratitude. He was naturally touched by Su Li's kind intentions.

“It's nothing,” Su Li said with a smile. They had been friends for so long, it was only natural that he wanted the best for his friend. Moreover, he was happy that he was able to reunite with Duan Ling Tian and be in the same sect as Duan Ling Tian.

“Since both of you are keen to take them as disciples, I won't interfere. It's about time for the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny to have disciples anyway.” Gongsun Kang shook his head and left.

After the Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny arrived, the other leaders of the progenies left and did not contend with them.

Zhuge Yun smiled and asked politely, “Huan'er, are you willing to join my Mo Xie Progeny?” Although the other leaders had given up, she still needed Huan'er's consent after all.

As usual, Huan'er did not respond immediately. Instead, she looked at Duan Ling Tian for answers.

“Huan'er, you should join the Mo Xie Progeny,” Duan Ling Tian said with a smile. Since Su Li had arranged everything for them, there was no reason to reject his good intentions.

Upon obtaining Duan Ling Tian's approval, Huan'er turned to Zhuge Yun and nodded.

“Young man, you're truly blessed.” Zhuge Yun shook her head and sighed. “Fortunately, I'm not a man. Otherwise, I would be jealous of you.”

“Why do you think all men would be jealous of him?” Zhuge Feng, who was standing next to Zhuge Yun, asked.

Zhuge Yun glared at her twin brother. However, there was a hint of helplessness in her eyes. She had tried sending many beauties to seduce her brother, but he was not moved at all. He was only devoted to cultivation. In the end, she had given up on ever having a sister-in-law in this life.

“Duan Ling Tian, are you willing to join my Gan Jiang Progeny?” Zhuge Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian and forced a smile on his face. It was such a rare sight that even Zhuge Yun, Yu Jiang Cheng, Gongsun Jing, and Su Li were shocked. This cold and aloof person actually smiled?

“Senior, I’m willing to join the Gan Jiang Progeny... However, I already have a master. Before I obtain his approval, I’m afraid I can’t acknowledge another master,” Duan Ling Tian replied honestly, “If senior insists that I acknowledge you as my master, I’m afraid I won’t be able to join the Gan Jiang Progeny.”

“It’s just a title, I don’t care about it.” Zhuge Feng shook his head. At the same time, his admiration for Duan Ling Tian grew. After all, not everyone would be so steadfast and loyal.

“Progeny Leader.” Duan Ling Tian bowed after hearing Zhuge Feng’s words.

A smile appeared on Zhuge Feng’s face again. He was clearly satisfied with the first disciple of the Gan Jiang Progeny. Individually, he was not a match for Yu Jian Cheng. Yu Jian Cheng would constantly brag about his records in the Genius Secret Realm to him. Most importantly, the records that Yu Jian Cheng had broken were his records! Therefore, he was inwardly delighted that his disciple had broken Yu Jian Cheng’s records. Despite being expressionless, he could be rather petty in certain matters. Naturally, the biggest reason he was satisfied with Duan Ling Tian was due to Duan Ling Tian’s high innate talent and comprehension skills. Although Duan Ling Tian was 300 years old, the same age as Su Li, Duan Ling Tian was stronger than Su Li. He used to envy the Leader of the Shadow Support Progeny for having a disciple like Su Li. How could he not be pleased when his disciple was even more outstanding than Su Li?

Chapter 3248: Return to the Profound Nether Mansion

With that, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er joined the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny respectively in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

With Duan Ling Tian, Huan’er, and Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun, the Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny, there were now four people in the two progenies.

After leaving the Tai-Ah Peak, Duan Ling Tian said to Zhuge Feng, “Progeny Master, Huan’er and I would like to return to the Spirit Overarching Heaven for a short while.”

Duan Ling Tian felt it was time to return to the Spirit Overarching Heaven to settle his grudge with the Blood Skull Gang and avenge the former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion. When he had first left the Spirit Overarching Heaven, he did not expect he would have the capability to do such things in just a few decades.

“What do you plan to do in the Spirit Overarching Heaven?” Zhuge Yun asked curiously.

“I have scores to settle,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Grudges?” Zhuge Yun’s eyes lit up when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s reply. She said, “I like settling scores... Since Zhuge Feng and I have nothing better to do, we will follow you...”

“Won’t it disturb your cultivation, Progeny Masters?” Duan Ling Tian asked. However, his eyes lit up when he heard those words. After all, if Zhuge Yun and Zhuge Feng went with them, their safety was absolutely guaranteed. The twins were even capable of killing titled Celestial Emperors when they joined forces.

“No, it won’t,” Zhuge Feng said.

“Okay! It’s decided then! We’ll accompany you and Huan’er to the Spirit Overarching Heaven!” Zhuge Yun said excitedly, “I haven’t left the Jade Emperor Heaven for many years... I think it has been 10,000 years at least...”

Zhuge Yun was like a child in a candy store at this moment. Her excitement was palpable, and she looked even more like a child compared to Huan’er.

As one of the top forces in the Nan Dou Territory, the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect naturally has its personal Devata Realm Transporting Formations.

The Devata Realm Transporting Formation was not located in any of the ten main peaks; it was located on a sword peak.

Under Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun’s lead, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er quickly arrived at the Transporting Formation.

“My respects, Progeny Masters.” The elder from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect responsible for guarding the Devata Realm Transporting Formation hurriedly greeted Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun.

“Four of us are going to the Spirit Overarching Heaven,” Zhuge Yun said calmly to the elder. Then, she turned to Duan Ling Tian and asked with a smile, “Duan Ling Tian, which territory and which mansion do you want to go to”

The Devata Realm Transportation Formation could accurately teleport a person to a specific mansion of a territory in a Devata Realm.

“Southern Heaven Territory’s Profound Nether Mansion,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

“Did you hear that?” Zhuge Yun asked the elder.

“Yes, yes.” The elder nodded hastily before he furtively looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. After all, he had never seen the duo before. Most importantly, the duo was accompanied by the Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny. He committed Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er’s faces to his memory; he knew he could not afford to offend the duo.

Whoosh!

The Devata Realm Transporting Formation flashed.

With that, the quartet left the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect in the Jade Emperor Heaven’s Nan Dou Territory and arrived at the Profound Nether Mansion in the Spirit Overarching Heaven’s Southern Heaven Territory.

The quartet arrived in a small city under the Profound Nether Mansion. They did not linger in the city.

Duan Ling Tian instantly led them to the Profound Nether Mansion’s estate. When they entered the estate, although the people in the Profound Nether Mansion were unable to react to their speed, the quartet still triggered the Mansion Guarding Formation.

The powerhouses led by the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion appeared as soon as the Formation was triggered. They were all surprised when they saw Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er.

“Duan Ling Tian? You’re back?” The Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion was slightly confused. In the past, he could not gauge Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base, and now, Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base had become even more unfathomable. Most importantly, the man and woman standing next to Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er were even more mysterious and formidable. Their auras alone were incredibly stifling.

“That’s right,” Duan Ling Tian smiled and said, “Mansion Master, I returned to see the pavilion master.” Then, he turned to Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun and said, “They are my seniors in the Jade Emperor Heaven... They’re the Progeny Masters of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect in the Jade Emperor Heaven’s Nan Dou Territory.”

Much to Duan Ling Tian’s surprise, the mansion master’s expression changed as soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian’s introductions. Based on his reaction, it seemed like he had heard of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

The mansion master said respectfully, “My respects, Progeny Masters. I apologize for not receiving you in person earlier. I didn’t expect your arrival, after all.” Beads of sweat could be seen on his forehead at this moment.

At the same time, the mansion master sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. “Duan Ling Tian, why didn’t you inform me in advance of your visit?”

“Mansion Master, you know the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“How could I not know of the sect? In the past, the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect was a famous heaven-grade force. One of the powerhouses from the sect even came close to defeating the Heavenly Emperor of the Jade Emperor Heaven,” the mansion master replied through Voice Transmission. “Even after the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect retreated from the Jade Emperor Territory and moved to the Nan Dou Territory, they still held massive power and influence. Due to the presence of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect in the Nan Dou Territory, no titled Celestial Emperor could meddle in the Nan Dou Territory’s affairs.”

Based on this, Duan Ling Tian discovered the mansion master was rather knowledgeable about the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect.

The mansion master continued to say through Voice Transmission, “All of the ten progeny masters in the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect are Celestial Emperors. Moreover, they aren’t ordinary Celestial Emperors. How could you bring such Celestial Emperors here without informing me in advance? I’ll be dead if they blame me for this...”

“Don’t worry, Mansion Master. These seniors are not petty individuals. They won’t mind this,” Duan Ling Tian said with a smile as he shook his head. After that, he said, “Mansion Master, I returned this time to visit the He Clan of the Ten Major Clans.”

The Clan Leader of the He Clan was the person who killed the former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion. The former Imperial Tutor was also the father of the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion. Naturally, this was something Duan Ling Tian was unaware of.

"I will inform the grandmaster immediately!" the mansion master said excitedly as he sent a message to the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Palace.

Upon receiving the message, the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Palace rushed over, especially when he heard two Celestial Emperors from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect had also come to the Profound Nether Mansion. As soon as he arrived, he greeted Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun respectfully, "My respects, Lord Celestial Emperors."

After that, the pavilion master looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. It was not difficult to see that the Celestial Emperors were here with Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er.

"We're just here to keep Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er company... There's no need to be too courteous." Zhuge Yun smiled gently.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man and solemnly said, "Senior, please lead us to the He Clan's estate. Today will be the day that Clan Leader He dies!"

The old man was naturally excited when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He wasted no time and immediately led the quartet to the He Clan's estate.

During the journey, the old man could not help but ask curiously through Voice Transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, how did you meet these two Celestial Emperors from the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect?"

"Senior, after we went to the Jade Emperor Heaven, through a series of events, we joined the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. The two progeny masters came to have fun," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission.

"Duan Ling Tian, thank you," the old man said solemnly, "If you didn't bring these two Celestial Emperors to avenge my father... I don't know when I will be able to avenge them." He stumbled over his words slightly, too overcome by emotions.

"Father?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"I didn't tell you about this previously. The former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion is my father." Killing intent flashed in the old man's eyes as he spoke, "This is why I created that rule when I became the Pavilion Master of the Imperial Tutor Pavilion in the Profound Nether Mansion."

The old man continued to say, "I'm aware that my strength is limited; it's not enough to avenge my father. Therefore, I'd hope to find an Imperial Tutor capable of that feat. Until you appeared, I didn't find anyone capable of avenging my father for 20,000 years...."

Duan Ling Tian finally realized why the old man was hell-bent on avenging the former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian said, "Senior, you're mistaken. The two Progeny Masters are only here to watch the fun. I, Duan Ling Tian, will be the one to avenge the former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion!"

Although the Clan Leader of the He Clan was strong, he was no match for Duan Ling Tian now.

“You?” The old man looked at Duan Ling Tian skeptically. It was only natural he was doubtful. After all, Duan Ling Tian had only left several decades ago. It would be considered a miracle if Duan Ling Tian could become a One Basic Celestial Lord during that time, but it still was not enough to kill the Clan Leader of the He Clan.

“Duan Ling Tian, this isn’t funny.” The old man shook his head; he was under the impression that Duan Ling Tian was joking with him.

Chapter 3249: The Southern Heaven Celestial Lord

“Joke?” Duan Ling Tian said in a faint voice. However, he did not bother to explain himself. He would prove his words with actions in the He Clan’s estate

As one of the Southern Heaven Territory’s top grade-five clans, the He Clan is located in a vast plain with densely distributed buildings. Based on the hustle and bustle, it was obvious that the clan was thriving.

When Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived near the entrance of the He Clan’s estate, they were stopped by the clan’s patrolling disciples.

“Who are you?”

Although the patrolling disciples stopped them, their attention was mostly on Huan’er. It was only natural since she was a peerless beauty.

The old man’s eyes flashed with killing intent as he said, “The Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion is here with the Imperial Tutor to kill your clan leader!” With a wave of his hand, he killed all the patrolling disciples except for one.

The lone survivor paled and stammered, “C-celestial Lord!”

The lone survivor struggled to get up and quickly fled. Nevertheless, the old man did not kill him.

“Let’s wait here,” the old man said to Duan Ling Tian.

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. He knew the clan leader would definitely show up after the old man made such a display.

About 15 minutes later...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sound of wind howling accompanied the arrival of a group of people from the He Clan.

The person in the lead was a burly middle-aged man. Behind him, there were six old men and four middle-aged men. At this moment, all of them were fiercely glaring at Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Although Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun were just standing, their extraordinary aura caused the group of people from the He Clan to be wary. They did not dare to act recklessly.

The aura of a Celestial Emperor would unwittingly put pressure on Celestial Lords. The stronger the Celestial Lords, the easier it was for them to sense the pressure. On the other hand, those below Celestial Lords would not be able to sense the pressure from the aura.

“Seniors, you aren’t from the Profound Nether Mansion, are you?” He Tian Chun, the Clan Leader of the He Clan, was an imposing middle-aged man. He was the person who killed the former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion. He looked at Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun warily. After all, even the Southern Heaven Territory’s titled Celestial Lord did not have such an intimidating and dangerous aura.

At the same time, He Tian Chun had secretly sent a message to the ruler of the Southern Heaven Territory, the current Southern Heaven Celestial Lord.

The Ten Major Clans of the Southern Heaven Territory had connections with the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord, after all. Now that two people who were possibly as strong as Celestial Emperors had appeared at the He Clan, it was only natural that He Tian Chun reached out to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord for advice.

“Don’t mind us,” Zhuge Yun looked at He Tian Chun and coldly said, “No matter the grievances between you and the Profound Nether Mansion, we will not interfere.”

“Hm?” Upon hearing Zhuge Yun’s words, the expression of the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion changed drastically. “Senior...”

“Both of you won’t interfere?” He Tian Chun asked skeptically. Since the two Celestial Emperors were here, was it really possible they would just stand aside and watch? Nevertheless, when he saw the reaction of the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion, his eyes brightened immediately. It seemed like it was true the two Celestial Emperors were only here to watch.

Feeling much more at ease, He Tian Chun finally shifted his attention to the old man. He asked in a deep voice, “You’re the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion.”

“That’s right.” The old man glared at He Tian Chun with hatred and fury burning in his eyes. “Not only am I the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion, but I’m also Chang Heng’s son!”

Chang Heng was the former Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion.

“Chang Heng?” He Tian Chun was briefly taken aback when he heard the name. Then, he nodded as realization dawned on him. “I see, so you’re Chang Heng’s son...”

The corners of He Tian Chun’s lips curved into a smirk as he continued to say, “Your mother was... amazing...”

Back then, He Tian Chun had violated the old man’s mother.

“You’re seeking death!” the old man cried out furiously. His Celestial Origin Energy erupted out of his body immediately.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The two enemies began to fight. Round after round they fought before He Tian Chun quickly gained the upper hand and overpowered the old man.

“You’re quite strong. Unfortunately, you’re not as talented as your father, Chang Heng. If Chang Heng didn’t die, he would, at the very least, be a titled Celestial Lord now!” He Tian Chun said indifferently.

Meanwhile, the old man was seriously injured and blood was dripping from the corner of his lips, but he had no intention of giving up.

At this point, Duan Ling Tian stepped forward, shielding the old man. He looked at He Tian Chun expressionlessly as he said to the old man, "Senior, allow me."

"Who are you?" He Tian Chun frowned slightly when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, the current Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"Duan Ling Tian?" He Tian Chun was briefly confused. After a while, he said, "So you're the Duan Ling Tian who performed brilliantly in the middle realm and the upper realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!"

He Tian Chun had heard about Duan Ling Tian, but he did not pay much attention to Duan Ling Tian since Duan Ling Tian was of the younger generation. Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian might be stronger than him in thousands or ten thousand years, but at this moment, he was certain Duan Ling Tian was no match for him.

"He's Duan Ling Tian?"

The elders standing behind He Tian Chun looked at Duan Ling Tian curiously and began to whisper among themselves. After all, Duan Ling Tian was famous at that time.

"It's said that he has left the Profound Nether Mansion, right?"

"That's right! I heard the news from the Phantom Fox Clan."

Swoosh!

The sound of wind whistled in the air before a skinny figure appeared before everyone.

In fact, before the figure appeared, Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun could be seen slightly raising one of their eyebrows.

The figure belonged to a skinny middle-aged man who was dressed in a luxurious silver robe. He was rather handsome and had a majestic air about him.

As soon as the skinny middle-aged man appeared, He Tian Chun quickly bowed. "Clan Leader He Tian Chun of the He Clan pays respect to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord."

"Greetings, Southern Heaven Celestial Lord!" the elders from the He Clan said in unison.

Even the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion's Imperial Tutor Pavilion greeted the skinny middle-aged man. "Greetings, Southern Heaven Celestial Lord."

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er only looked at the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord silently.

On the other hand, Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun did not even deign to look at the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord.

“Duan Ling Tian, now that the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord is here, why aren’t you greeting him?” He Tian Chun rebuked Duan Ling Tian.

“Him?” Duan Ling Tian glanced at the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord and shook his head. “He’s not qualified.”

He Tian Chun and the elders expected the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord would be angry and punish Duan Ling Tian. Instead, they saw him bowing at Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun respectfully.

“Greetings, Lord Celestial Emperors, I’m the Southern Heaven Territory’s titled Celestial Lord, Xiang Qin Yu.” As soon as Xiang Qin Yu saw the duo, he confirmed they were Celestial Emperors. Since he was much stronger than He Tian Chun, he was even more sensitive to the aura of a Celestial Emperor. Therefore, he had no doubts the duo was Celestial Emperors.

‘Lord Celestial Emperor?’

He Tian Chun and the elders’ expressions changed drastically as they watched the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord bow to Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun and address them as Celestial Emperors. They reacted quickly and greeted Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun. “Greetings, Lord Celestial Emperors!”

‘Why did two Celestial Emperors come with the people from the Profound Nether Mansion?’ He Tian Chun began to feel uneasy. Since they came together, they must have had some connections to the Celestial Emperors. However, one of the Celestial Emperors said they would not interfere. Celestial Emperors would not lie, would they?

Meanwhile, Zhuge Feng did not even bother responding to Xiang Qin Yu’s greeting while Zhuge Yun only looked at Xiang Qin Yun expressionlessly and nodded slightly.

“What happened?” Xiang Qin Yun, the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord, asked He Tian Chun through Voice Transmission with a slight frown on his face.

He Tian Chun recounted what had happened to Xiang Qin Yun immediately.

“Since they’ve said they won’t interfere, they definitely won’t interfere...” Xiang Qin Yun nodded. Then, he looked at the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion and asked, “Did you come to settle scores with He Tian Chun?”

The old man hesitated to answer the question. After all, if the Celestial Emperors did not intend to help him, there was no way he could defeat He Tian Chun.

Before the old man could reply, Duan Ling Tian said, “That’s right.” He continued to say indifferently as he looked at Xiang Qin Yun, “We came to kill Clan Leader He today. Those who are unrelated to this matter should step aside.”

“Impudent!” He Tian Chun exclaimed as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. “Duan Ling Tian, not only are you disrespectful to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord, but you even dare to act this way! Are you looking down on the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord?”

Chapter 3250: The Blood Skull Gang’s Headquarters

“You talk too much!” Duan Ling Tian said coldly when He Tian Chun made a fuss. Celestial Origin Energy that was boosted with the Space Elemental Profundity surged out of his body and swept out.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air before he reappeared behind He Tian Chun.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian raised his arms as a terrifying energy swept out and shrouded He Tian Chun before He Tian Chun even had time to react.

Thunderous noise rang in the air as energy, in the space He Tian Chun was caught in, shredded him into a million pieces. In the end, all that was left of him was a Spatial Ring and purely defensive Celestial Weapon.

The He Clan elders only regained their senses after He Tian Chun died. The strongest person in the He Clan was so easily killed by Duan Ling Tian, the Imperial Tutor of the Profound Nether Mansion?

“How... How’s this possible?!”

The He Clan elders looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock, fear, and disbelief. They had heard about Duan Ling Tian when he rose to fame in the Southern Heaven Territory about 200 years ago. At that time, he was just a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who was invincible in the middle realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. How did he gain the strength in just 200 years to kill He Tian Chun so easily?

Although He Tian Chun was not a titled Celestial Lord, he was almost as powerful as one. And yet, he was so easily killed by the purple-clad young man in front of them!

“How strong!” Xiang Qin Yun, the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord, looked at Duan Ling Tian warily. Initially, he had been dissatisfied with Duan Ling Tian’s behavior due to He Tian Chun’s words. However, at this time, he no longer dared to express his dissatisfaction. After all, it was clear Duan Ling Tian was, at least, as strong as he was. Most importantly, Duan Ling Tian was accompanied by two Celestial Emperors. Although the Celestial Emperors said they would not interfere, even if they went back on their words, who would know? They could easily kill him, after all.

After a while, Xiang Qin Yun seemed to think Duan Ling Tian’s name sounded familiar. ‘Duan Ling Tian? His name sounds familiar...’ However, he could not remember when or where he had heard this name.

“Southern Heaven Celestial Lord...” the He Clan elders called out before they asked Xiang Qin Yun to avenge He Tian Chun.

Alas, Xiang Qin Yun did not even spare them a glance before he left without looking back.

The He Clan elders’ expressions turned grim immediately. It was obvious that even the ruler of the Southern Heaven Territory did not dare to fight Duan Ling Tian. At this moment, all of them were frightened and worried that Duan Ling Tian would annihilate the entire He Clan.

“Senior, it’s done. I have to leave soon,” Duan Ling Tian said to the Pavilion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion’s Imperial Tutor Pavilion who was still in shock.

Before he left with Zhuge Feng, Zhuge Yun, and Huan'er, Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Senior, if I have time, I'll visit you in the Profound Nether Mansion in the future."

At this time, the old man finally regained his senses. "Father... has been avenged?" He felt as though he was dreaming, and it took him a long time to accept this. When he finally regained his composure, he murmured, "It's truly surprising. In just a short time, he grew strong enough to kill He Tian Chun. Although He Tian Chun was reckless and unprepared when Duan Ling Tian struck, it's still obvious Duan Ling Tian's as strong as a titled Celestial Lord!"

The old man was not aware that that was not the extent of Duan Ling Tian's power even though he had cast all the profundities from the law of space earlier. He still had many tricks up his sleeves. Put aside the two Ning Dragons living in his Little World, just the boost from the Five Divine Elements was enough to give him strength comparable to an ordinary Celestial Emperor. Currently, most titled Celestial Lords were a match for him at all. After all, the Devata Realms were vast. In the 81 Devata Realms, there would definitely be extraordinarily strong titled Celestial Lords with strength comparable to Duan Ling Tian due to fortuitous encounters.

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After leaving the He Clan, Huan'er asked, "Brother Ling Tian, where are we going next?"

"Let's go to the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters," Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes gleamed coldly, "However, we'll have to find out where the headquarters is hidden."

Back then, the Blood Skull Gang had brought Duan Ling Tian a lot of trouble. There were a few instances where he could have died.

Although Duan Ling Tian searched wholeheartedly for the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters, he could not find it. After all, the headquarters changed locations frequently.

"I think we'll have to see the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord again..."

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The Southern Heaven Celestial Lord, Xiang Qin Yu, did not expect that not long after he left the He Clan and returned to his cultivation place, the people he had met at the He Clan were already waiting for him in his cultivation place.

"I want the location of the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly.

Xiang Qin Yun looked at Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun who were next to Duan Ling Tian before he mulled over Duan Ling Tian's strength. In the end, although he was rather unwilling, he revealed the location of the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters to Duan Ling Tian. He could not say he did not know the location; he was the ruler of the Southern Heaven Territory, after all.

After Duan Ling Tian and the others left, he thought to himself, 'Does Duan Ling Tian have a grudge with the Blood Skull Gang as well?'

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In the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters.

Boom!

Thunderous noises rang in the air as Duan Ling Tian struck,

All the buildings in the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters were reduced to rubble by his space energy in just a blink of an eye.

Blood flowed on the ground like a river. Many assassins and members of the Blood Skull Gang with lower cultivation bases had died immediately. Naturally, there were many who survived as well.

Soon after, a middle-aged man dressed in a long red robe led a group of people over; all of them looked miserable. He looked at the raging space energy with a frown and asked Duan Ling Tian, "Who are you? Why are you wreaking havoc in the Blood Skull Gang's headquarters?"

Despite the frowns on their faces, there was no anger in their eyes. There was only wariness when they looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was obvious to them the person before them was extremely powerful.

"Duan Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently.

"Duan Ling Tian?"

Most of the people from the Blood Skull Gang were confused. Then, an old man standing behind the red-clad middle-aged man said in a trembling voice, "Many years ago, we received an assignment to kill Duan Ling Tian..."

"You... You're Duan Ling Tian?" The red-clad middle-aged man looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief. Although he had heard of Duan Ling Tian's achievements in the past, he did not understand how Duan Ling Tian could grow so strong in such a short time. He was certain that he was no match for Duan Ling Tian now.

"Sir, we've already called off the assignment... Moreover, it wasn't personal. We were just accepting a job," the red-clad middle-aged man said with a bitter smile.

"Do you think I can't see you if you hide in the crowd?" Duan Ling Tian said, completely ignoring the red-clad middle-aged man. He was looking at an old man who was hiding among the crowd. It is none other than Blood Skull Gang's Leng Ye.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air and reappeared next to Leng Ye. Following that, he caught Leng Ye by his neck like how an eagle would catch a chick. A predatory smile appeared on his face as he said, "The last time we met... was at Yan Mountain Mansion in the Jade Emperor Heaven's Equal Heaven Territory, right?"

At that time, Duan Ling Tian would have died if it were not for Ling Jue Yun's Celestial Talisman.

At this moment, Leng Ye was shocked. His face was ashen. He did not expect the young man whom he could easily kill back then had grown so strong. About 100 years ago, when Duan Ling Tian rose to fame in the Southern Heaven Territory with his achievements in the upper realm of the Southern Heaven

Ancient Realm, he knew he would never be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian in this lifetime. Therefore, he buried his hatred for Duan Ling Tian deep in his heart. Nevertheless, he did not expect Duan Ling Tian would be so strong. He was certain Duan Ling Tian was even stronger than the Leader of the Blood Skull Gang. Otherwise, the leader would have attacked Duan Ling Tian by now.

“Duan Ling Tian, I... I was just carrying out my mission,” Leng Ye said bitterly, “I have no grudge with you. If it weren’t for the mission, I wouldn’t attempt to kill you at all.”

Duan Ling Tian only scoffed before he killed Leng Ye instantly with the raging space energy.