

### **Chapter 3291: Killing a Nine-clawed Blood Dragon**

Ji Xuan let out a deafening roar as his body began to twist. Soon enough, he reverted to a divine dragon that was more than 10,000 meters long. The scales on his body were blood-red, and he had nine claws in each of his paws. His eyes glinted dangerously, and his body emitted the metallic scent of blood.

“He’s a Nine-clawed Blood Dragon!”

Meng Hao Xuan and the other two people widened their eyes in shock and horror when they saw Ji Xuan’s true form.

A nine-clawed divine dragon was considered a top-tier Celestial Beast in the Devata Realms. Barring any mishaps, most of them were able to easily become Ten Directions Celestial Emperors even if it was not the case if they wanted to become a god.

Perhaps, only the legendary ten-clawed divine dragon would stand a chance to become a god. However, ten-clawed divine dragons were not considered Celestial Beasts. It would be more accurate to classify them as Divine Beasts. Their status was the same as the Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox. However, unlike the Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox that would only appear once every 1,00,000 years, a ten-clawed divine dragon would appear in the dragon clan once every 100,000 years.

“Boy, I will tear you into pieces!” The Nine-clawed Blood Dragon’s eyes flashed with a terrifying light as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian at top speed. At the same time, he brandished his front claws that glinted under the light.

In just a moment, Duan Ling Tian’s seven-colored sword ray was deflected by Ji Xuan in his true form.

‘A nine-clawed divine dragon?’ As soon as Duan Ling Tian saw Ji Xuan was a Nine-clawed Blood Dragon, he began to take the fight seriously.

Nine-clawed divine dragons that had become Celestial Lords possessed claws that were equivalent to Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. Once they became Celestial Emperors, their scales would be as tough as purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. Apart from that, they have extraordinary comprehension skills as well. There was a reason nine-clawed divine dragons were known to be blessed among top-tier Celestial Beasts, after all.

As the Nine-clawed Blood Dragon danced in the air, snowflakes began to fall in the air. Soon enough, even the air seemed to freeze as a wall of ice appeared out of thin air.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who had just teleported away was frozen into a statue of ice.

Ji Xuan, the Nine-clawed Blood Dragon, pointed his claws at Duan Ling Tian before two deadly icicles shot out.

‘Go!’ With just a thought, the air around Duan Ling Tian twisted and rippled violently before the ice that encased him shattered. Nevertheless, as soon as it shattered, ice began to form again.

“So you comprehended the law of ice? Not bad, but it’s not good enough,” Duan Ling Tian said coldly before he teleported 10,000 meters away, leaving the freezing range in an instant.

“He has comprehended the Teleportation Profundity to the mastery stage!” Meng Hao Xuan and the others exclaimed in unison. They could easily tell Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the law of space’s Teleportation Profundity to the mastery stage since he was able to teleport out of the range of Ji Xuan Frozen Profundity that had been comprehended to the mastery stage as well. It was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to escape the range of the Frozen Profundity that had been comprehended to the mastery stage if his Teleportation Profundity was still at the initial stage.

“Is this all you’ve got?” Duan Ling Tian said with a hint of disdain. Although Ji Xuan was rather strong after he reverted to his true form, he was only almost comparable to the Heavenly Pool Palace’s Liu Jian. How could he be a match for Duan Ling Tian who had easily killed Liu Jian?

“Brat, don’t get cocky.” Ji Xuan roared and attacked again. His 10,000-meter-long body seemed to occupy all the space in the air as he flew toward Duan Ling Tian.

“It’s time to end this.” Duan Ling Tian’s gaze turned frosty. He no longer held back as he cast the profundities from the law of space and shot a seven-colored sword ray out of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

Swoosh!

Just like before, after Duan Ling Tian cast the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity, nine grey sword rays shot out of nine spatial tears respectively.

“This...” Ji Xuan’s eyes widened in fear. He could clearly sense Duan Ling Tian’s attack was much more terrifying than the one before. Despite sensing the overwhelming force of the attack, he did not give up. A buzzing noise rang in the air as he cast a formation on himself. Blood-red scripts appeared on the sides of his body in just an instant before he was shrouded with a blood-red energy.

Following that, the blood-red energy from the formation merged with his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the law of ice before shooting toward Duan Ling Tian.

“It seems like I’ve underestimated you. I didn’t expect you to be so strong. This technique should be unique to a Nine-clawed Blood Dragon, right?” Duan Ling Tian said; his voice was still as indifferent as ever. With this technique, Ji Xuan was now stronger than Liu Jian. Nevertheless, it did not make a difference to Duan Ling Tian who was significantly stronger than Liu Jian.

When Ji Xuan’s attack collided with Duan Ling Tian’s attack, a huge shockwave rippled out, forcing Meng Hao Xuan and the other two to quickly erect a shield for protection.

“No!!!” A cry laden with despair, disbelief, and regrets rang in the air at this moment.

At that same time, the seven-colored sword ray pierced the dragon’s head without any resistance, destroying Ji Xuan’s soul.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Following that, the nine sword rays from the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity shredded Ji Xuan’s body into pieces. The platform seemed to shake when pieces of Ji Xuan’s body fell on it.

Just like that, Ji Xuan, the prodigious disciple from the heaven-grade Blood Dragon Clan in the Ten Thousand Beast Heaven, was dead!

“He’s too powerful!” Meng Hao Xuan only regained his senses when Ji Xuan’s body parts began to fall around him. He could barely conceal the shock in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian again. He truly did not expect the unassuming young man would possess such impressive strength. Even he, himself, was not sure he would be able to withstand Ji Xuan’s final attack. However, Duan Ling Tian not only destroyed Ji Xuan’s destructive attack, but he also killed Ji Xuan!

Swoosh!

At this moment, the seven-colored sword in Duan Ling Tian’s hand disappeared into his body. The others did not think much of this and assumed it was just an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. Ever since Huang’er had fused with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and became its sword soul, she was able to disguise the sword as an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. Let alone Meng Hao Xuan and the others, even titled Celestial Emperors would not be able to tell it was a Devata artifact as long as Duan Ling Tian did not exert its strength beyond that of an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.

After Duan Ling Tian collected Ji Xuan’s Spatial Ring and Celestial Weapons, Meng Hao Xuan stepped forward and said, “Duan Ling Tian, I didn’t expect you to comprehend all of the profundities from the law of space to the mastery stage when your cultivation base is only average!”

“I’m just slightly stronger than Ji Xuan, that’s all,” Duan Ling Tian said modestly. Meanwhile, he nodded in satisfaction after he had collected Ji Xuan’s corpse as well.

The corpse of a nine-clawed divine dragon was incredibly useful. It could be refined and forged into an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon among other things. Adding other materials, one could even forge a purely defensive Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.

In terms of value, Ji Xuan’s corpse was much more valuable than all the treasures in his Spatial Ring combined. Just his claws alone could be used to forge many Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons!

The corners of Meng Hao Xuan’s lips twitched when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s reply. After a moment, he changed the topic and said, “Duan Ling Tian, this platform is strange. We couldn’t figure out a way to leave. Do you have any idea?”

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian began to investigate with his Divine Consciousness. However, he did not find anything unusual.

“Sister Water,” Duan Ling Tian called out. At a loss, he could only ask for help from the World Cleansing Divine Water. The World Cleansing Divine Water was like an encyclopedia to him. After all, the longer one lived, the more knowledgeable one would be.

“This is a test on your ability to deactivate formations,” the World Cleansing Divine Water replied after observing Duan Ling Tian’s surroundings.

“Deactivate formations? There are formations here?” Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

“Yes,” the World Cleansing Divine Water said, “However, they aren’t offensive, defensive, or illusory formations. They’re just minor formations layered together to prevent you from leaving. You can think of them as a kind of restraining formation...”

“How do we render the formations useless?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“It’s simple.”

With the World Cleansing Divine Water’s instructions, Duan Ling Tian only took 15 minutes to deactivate the formation that prevented them from leaving the platform.

“Alright.”

In just a blink of an eye, an open door appeared in the air above the platform. However, it was pitch black behind the door so no one knew where it led to.

At this moment, Meng Hao Xuan and the other two people were filled with admiration for Duan Ling Tian. Previously, they, along with Ji Xuan, had looked around the platform for a long time, and yet, they could not figure out how to leave the platform. However, it only took Duan Ling Tian 15 minutes or so to dispel the formation that prevented them from leaving.

### **Chapter 3292: The Blood Dragon Clan**

The Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven.

Although the Blood Dragon Clan was part of the dragon clan, they were not acknowledged by the dragon clan. Nevertheless, due to their strength and the number of the titled Celestial Emperors in the clan, they were considered a heaven-grade force in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven.

Over the years, the Blood Dragon Clan’s overall strength had developed to a frightening point. In fact, they were even more terrifying than the dragon clan in some aspects.

The Blood Dragon Clan was a mutant dragon clan, and they were known as the fallen dragon clan by the dragon clan. This was due to the need for a large amount of blood essence for a blood dragon to grow. Blood dragons would devour the blood essence of low-level Celestial Beasts or even top-tier Celestial Beasts to improve their strength.

Up until now, there was no ten-clawed divine dragon in the Blood Dragon Clan. Those with the purest in the clan were Nine-clawed Blood Dragons. Even then, there were no more than 50 Nine-clawed Blood Dragons in the clan. Therefore, the clan placed utmost importance on every Nine-clawed Blood Dragon. Every Nine-clawed Blood Dragon was given the best treatment and resources in the clan.

When the Soul Pearl of a Nine-clawed Blood Dragon that was kept in the Blood Dragon Clan’s Hall of Soul Pearls suddenly shattered, it immediately drew the attention of the elder on guard.

“This is... Isn’t this the Soul Pearl of Ji Xuan, the Grand Elder’s direct disciple?”

The Grand Elder of the Blood Dragon Clan was the second strongest powerhouse in the Blood Dragon Clan. He was only second to the Patriarch of the Blood Dragon Clan.

“It seems like there’s going to be chaos in the Blood Dragon Clan.”

The Hall of Soul Pearls elder sighed as he hurriedly sent a message to inform their patriarch of the incident. However, he did not inform the grand elder about this matter.

He knew if informed the grand elder of this, it was likely that the grand elder would vent his anger on him. It was best to let the patriarch inform the grand elder about this matter. No matter how furious the grand elder was, he would not vent his anger on the patriarch.

Apart from that, he was certain the grand elder also had one of Ji Xuan's Soul Pearl. If the grand elder still did not know Ji Xuan had died, it would not be long before the grand elder found out about it.

As expected, it did not take long before a deafening roar resounded in the Blood Dragon Clan.

"Ji Xuan!"

"It seems like the grand elder just found out." The Hall of Soul Pearls elder smiled bitterly. It did not take much to guess the roar was from the Grand Elder of the Blood Dragon Clan.

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Ji Hu, the Grand Elder of the Blood Dragon Clan, was an old man with curly and unkempt hair that looked like snakes. He was dressed in a blood-red robe. At this moment, he was hovering in the air with an unsightly expression on his face.

After a few moments, a tall and muscular middle-aged man appeared. His complexion was jade-like, and his long hair rested on his back. His aura was that of someone who was used to being superior to everyone else.

"My condolences," Ji Feng, the Patriarch of the Blood Dragon Clan and the strongest powerhouse in the clan, said as soon as he arrived.

"You've heard about it?" Ji Hu asked Ji Feng.

"Yes." Ji Feng nodded. "I just received a message from the Hall of Soul Pearls. What happened? How did Ji Xuan die?"

"Ji Xuan went to the Title Temple with the Third Elder to try and obtain a title. When I spoke to the elder earlier, he said Ji Xuan was still in the Title Temple," Ji Hu said as his eyes glinted coldly as he said, "This means Ji Xuan was in the midst of his test when he died..."

After a moment, Ji Hu asked in a deep voice, "Patriarch, can you accompany me to the Title Temple? I want to look for Ji Xuan's murderer!"

"Grand Elder," Ji Feng frowned slightly as he said, "Those from the Title Temple might know what happened, but the rules of Title Temple clearly state they're not allowed to reveal what happened in the Title Temple. Only a few people had successfully discovered what happened during a test in the Title Temple."

"It doesn't matter if only a few had succeeded," Ji Hu said, "I'm willing to pay any price to find out who killed Ji Xuan. I don't think they'd be able to resist this offer."

"Alright." Ji Feng sighed. "If you insist, I'll go with you."

From their conversation, it was clear that those from the Title Temple could see what was going on during a test.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that the Nine-clawed Blood Dragon he killed had such a formidable background. Naturally, even if he knew about Ji Xuan's background beforehand, he still would not hesitate to kill Ji Xuan.

After leaving the platform, Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived at the test in the obstacle.

Similar to earlier, they were divided and sent to a space with crushing pressure. The difference was the pressure this time came from gravity.

"I'll just continue refining the Pine Willow Divine Tree's energy." Duan Ling Tian was not in a hurry to leave. He sat down cross-legged and began to refine the energy from the Pine Willow Divine Tree with the guidance from the World Cleansing Divine Water.

Just like before, Duan Ling Tian only stopped when the gravity had grown so strong that he could no longer endure it. He quickly broke free and left the place.

Duan Ling Tian expected to meet Meng Hao Xuan and the others again after he left the imprisonment. However, he discovered he was alone on an empty and cold stone platform. The stone platform radiated a chilling aura that made one feel as though one was in an ice cave.

"Hm?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed movements from the corners of his eyes. With this, he discovered another person standing at the other side of the stone platform.

When he turned to have a better look, he discovered the other person was an exact replica of himself. Without any warning, the other Duan Ling Tian scoffed before he charged toward Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian assumed his opponent would use the law of space as well. However, to his surprise, his opponent used the law of water, which Duan Ling Tian had never comprehended, instead.

At this moment, two water tornadoes spun out toward Duan Ling Tian.

"Is this it?" Duan Ling Tian had expected his clone to be as powerful as him, but he soon discovered his clone was even weaker than Ji Xuan.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian teleported and reappeared behind his clone. Then, he cast the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity. Soon after, nine sword rays shot out like the scythe of the grim reaper.

When his clone finally fell to the ground, Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he saw his clone's appearance had changed to someone else. In fact, he was familiar with the person lying on the ground. That person was one of his and Meng Hao Xuan's teammates.

Boom! Boom!

All of a sudden, two loud explosions rang in the air, and Duan Ling Tian felt the stone platform begin to shake. When he looked up, he saw another stone platform was now connected to the stone platform he was standing on. He saw another person standing on the other platform with a figure lying by his feet.

The person who was standing was Meng Hao Xuan while the person lying by his feet was their other teammate.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian and Meng Hao Xuan were the only survivors in their original group of five.

“Duan Ling Tian?” Meng Hao Xuan seemed shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian and the body lying by his feet. He could not help but ask, “Did he look like you before you killed him?”

“That’s right.” Duan Ling Tian nodded

“It’s the same for me as well.” Meng Hao Xuan smiled bitterly. “Where are we? Something doesn’t feel right. Our stone platforms are connected now; don’t tell me we’re supposed to fight...”

“It’s possible, but we don’t have to necessarily do that...” Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “Let’s see if we can find another way out...”

“Alright.” Meng Hao Xuan nodded. At the same time, he sighed in relief inwardly; he could tell Duan Ling Tian had no intention of fighting him. Perhaps, if he did not witness Duan Ling Tian fighting Ji Xuan, the Nine-clawed Blood Dragon, he might have been confident about defeating Duan Ling Tian. However, at this time, he was certain he was no match for Duan Ling Tian even if he was much stronger than Ji Xuan. If Duan Ling Tian insisted on fighting him, he knew he would die.

At this time, Meng Hao Xuan was unaware that Duan Ling Tian would not kill him unless he attacked Duan Ling Tian first. After all, he was Huan’er’s father’s junior brother.

How was Duan Ling Tian supposed to face Huan’er’s father in the future if he killed Meng Hao Xuan? Moreover, Meng Hao Xuan had provided him with an important lead regarding Huan’er’s parents’ location in the Heavenly Pool Palace’s estate. Although Meng Hao Xuan had only spoken about where Huan’er’s father was imprisoned, he was sure Huan’er’s mother must be imprisoned in the same place as well.

When faced with another problem, Duan Ling Tian sought out the World Cleansing Divine Water again. After he studied his surroundings, he still could not find anything. Therefore, he called out, “Sister Water.”

“Only one person can leave this place,” the World Cleansing Divine Water said.

Although Duan Ling Tian had prepared himself for this possibility, his heart still sank when he heard the World Cleansing Divine Water’s words. In the end, he still had to fight Meng Hao Xuan to death? He really felt like he was caught between a rock and hard place.

He asked with a bitter smile on his face, “Must I really kill him to get out?”

“Not necessarily,” the World Cleansing Divine Water said, “After looking around, I determined that only one person can leave this place. However, you can circumvent this rule by letting the other person hide in your Little World. Naturally, not many people are willing to let others into their Little Worlds; it’s very

risky after all. Although there's no way he can destroy your Little World, you have too many secrets in your Little World that you can't let him find out..."

### **Chapter 3293: The Hundred Variant Celestial Emperor and the Indestructible Celestial Emperor**

After listening to the World Cleansing Divine Water, Duan Ling Tian told Meng Hao Xuan about the way to leave. They could leave if one of them died or one of them entered the other person's Little World to leave.

"Duan Ling Tian, you can enter my Little World," Meng Haoxuan said tactfully. He knew Duan Ling Tian could have just killed him and left if that was what he wanted. Since Duan Ling Tian had suggested an alternative, it was only right that he took the initiative to invite Duan Ling Tian into his Little World. Put aside the fact that he was weaker than Duan Ling Tian, based on the current situation, it was obvious Duan Ling Tian would not wreak havoc in his Little World. After all, Duan Ling Tian could easily kill him if Duan Ling Tian wanted to; why would there be a need for Duan Ling Tian to destroy his Little World?

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian was glad Meng Hao Xuan was tactful enough to invite him into his Little World. This would save him the trouble of having to persuade Meng Hao Xuan. He allowed the force from Meng Hao Xuan's Little World to pull him in.

Meng Hao Xuan's Little World was like a barren land. The Heaven and Earth Spirit in the Little World was similar to that in Devat Realms. The only difference was it was not as rich.

"Amazing."

After Duan Ling Tian entered Meng Hao Xuan's Little World and hid his aura, he heard Meng Hao Xuan's exclamation. He asked, "What happened?"

Since Duan Ling Tian was hiding his existence, he could not use his Divine Consciousness as well. Therefore, he was unable to see what was happening outside.

"My surroundings began to change as soon as you entered my Little World... I think we've left the place," Meng Hao Xuan said.

"We've left?" After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked Meng Hao Xuan to send him out of the Little World. Although he was capable of leaving the Little World without help, it would take some effort and it might hurt Meng Hao Xuan. Therefore, it was best for Meng Hao Xuan to send him out.

After sending Duan Ling Tian out from his Little World, Meng Hao Xuan thanked Duan Ling Tian sincerely, "Thank you, Duan Ling Tian."

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian surveyed his surroundings and discovered they had, indeed, left the obstacle that could even prevent supreme powerhouses from leaving. After a moment, he asked curiously. "Did you gain anything there?"

Duan Ling Tian's biggest gain was refining almost 30% of the energy from the Pine Willow Divine Tree. Although he had other gains as well, they were insignificant in comparison. "Yes."

Meng Hao Xuan nodded with a faint smile on his face as he said, "My cultivation base improved a little... Apart from that, my comprehension of the profundities has deepened as well. However, they're nothing compared to your comprehension of the law." When he finished speaking, he shook his head.



Although Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was lower than his, Meng Hao Xuan knew Duan Ling Tian had already comprehended all of the profundities from the law of space to the master stage. Moreover, the law of space was notorious for being difficult to comprehend.

"I see." Duan Ling Tian nodded with a faint smile on his face. "I guess this is where we part. I hope there's a chance for us to meet again in the future."

"Okay." Meng Hao Xuan nodded. He was not surprised. After all, all things must come to an end. "If I have the chance, I'll definitely visit the Heavenly Pool Palace in the Boundless Heaven. At that time, let's have a drink together. If you happen to come to the Solitary Destructive Heaven's Solitary Destructive Territory, come visit me on Heavenly Sword Mountain if you have the time."

"Here's my Soul Pearl." Before leaving, Meng Hao Xuan exchanged Soul Pearls with Meng Hao Xuan.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian teleported a few times in the secret realm. He sighed inwardly as he thought to himself, 'I still need to overcome a few obstacles. I've only refined 30% of the energy from the Pine Willow Divine Tree, after all. To completely refine it, I'd have to overcome another two obstacles at least.'

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt slightly helpless. However, since he still had time, he knew he still had chances to continue refining the energy from the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

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Somewhere in the Boundless Heaven's Boundless Territory.

In a barren desert, there was the ruins of a human settlement. Amidst the ruins, a perfectly intact palace stood in the center. The palace looked dusty from the outside, but one would realize the floor was spotless if one paid attention. It seemed like the dust was being repelled by some force.

At this moment, two figures hovered about the ruins. One of them asked, "Are you sure this is it?"

The two figures belonged to two young men who were dressed in long grey robes. They were covered head to toe, and only their eyes and forehead could be seen.

"Yes," the other person replied.

If Duan Ling Tian were here, he would be able to recognize the voices of these two people. They were Han Yun Jin and Lei Jun, the prodigious disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor and the Merciless Celestial Emperor respectively.

The person who had spoken first was Han Yun Jin.

Swoosh!

Lei Jun suddenly made a move. An orb formed from Celestial Origin Energy shot out of his hand and landed on the bell in front of the entrance to the palace.

Dong! Dong! Dong!

After about ten breaths, someone walked out of the palace. It was a teenager who looked to be about 13 or 14 years old. He flew into the air as soon as he stepped out of the palace and looked at Lei Jun and

Han Yun Jin from afar as he said, "You must know the rules since you're able to find this place. Leave the payment, the information about the target, and one of your Soul Pearls behind. After that, you may leave and wait for the good news."

"You are?" Han Yun Jin was stunned by the boy's sudden appearance. Although the boy looked to be around 14 years old, he did not have the aura of a teenager. It was rather obvious that despite his young appearance, the boy was definitely more than 100 years old.

"I hate repeating myself," the boy said coldly as soon as he heard Han Yun Jin's question. A terrifying aura surged out of his body in just an instant.

Han Yun Jin and Lei Jun shuddered when they felt the boy's terrifying aura.

Lei Jun hurriedly bowed. "Greetings, Senior Dugu."

Upon seeing this, Han Yun Jin hurriedly followed suit.

Based on the teenage boy's aura, it was obvious that he was a titled Celestial Emperor. Therefore, it was obvious that the boy was one of the two assassins who were titled Celestial Emperors.

"Senior Dugu, this is the payment." Lei Jun waved his hand and brought out the Spatial Ring they had prepared beforehand. Then, he said without beating around the bush, "The person we want you to assassinate is called Duan Ling Tian. He's a prodigious disciple from the Heavenly Pool Palace."

"The Heavenly Pool Palace?" The boy took the Spatial Ring and established ownership on it before he took a look inside the Spatial Ring. Then, he nodded before he said indifferently, "Alright. However, I have to tell you that we won't be able to do anything if he stays hidden in the Heavenly Pool Palace's estate."

"Therefore, if I accept the mission, you'll have to inform me immediately if he leaves the Heavenly Pool Palace's estate."

The Heavenly Pool Palace was a heaven-grade force, after all. Its Sect Guarding Formation was so powerful that even a titled Celestial Emperor could not enter without permission. If they tried to forcefully enter the estate, their presence would be discovered immediately.

"Don't worry about it, senior," Lei Jun said with a smile, "The target is now in the Title Temple to obtain a title. He has a titled Celestial Emperor next to him. The titled Celestial Emperor by his side is the Heavenly Pool Palace's Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor."

"The Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor?" The boy cocked an eyebrow upon hearing Lei Jun's words. "Is that why the reward is so generous? It doesn't matter. We'll accept the job since he's not in the Heavenly Pool Palace's estate." After a moment, he continued to say, "Give a description of the target and the person he's traveling with. It's best if you have a portrait of him."

"Yes, we've prepared his portrait." Lei Jun handed the portrait to the boy.

After a while, Lei Jun exchanged Soul Pearls with the boy.

“We’ll contact you if there are any changes,” the boy said before. After he finished speaking, he seemingly disappeared into thin air.

During their journey back to the Heavenly Pool Palace, Han Yun Jin asked, “Lei Jun... everything should be fine, right?”

“Of course.” Lei Jun smiled confidently. “That boy should be the Dugu Wen, the Hundred Variant Celestial Emperor who has many physical forms. It’s said that he’s not human but a Hundred Colors Flower. He’s even more famous than your mother and the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor. I’d say his fame is on par with your master, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor. Apart from that, it’s also said that Dugu Wu, his brother, is stronger than him. Dugu Wu’s true form is a Tenacious Heavenly Bamboo. His title is the Indestructible Celestial Emperor. If Dugu Wen’s strength is on par with Xu Lang, then Dugu Wu is definitely stronger than Xu Lang.”

Upon hearing this, Han Yun Jin said in a low voice, “I hope everything goes smoothly. After all, we paid such a hefty price for this...”

Indeed, the cost of hiring the two titled Celestial Emperors was incredibly high. It was not a stretch to say that the duo had become penniless overnight after hiring the two titled Celestial Emperors to assassinate Duan Ling Tian.

“The high price we paid ensures we get the result we want,” Lei Jun replied indifferently.

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Not long after Han Yun Jin and Lei Jun left, two figures flew out of the palace that stood in the midst of the ruins in the direction of the Title Temple.

### **Chapter 3294: Duan Xiao Hei and Duan Xiao Bai**

The dragon clan in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven.

The dragon clan was the main clan for divine dragons. The Blood Dragon Clan aside, Golden Dragons, Devil Dragons, White Dragons, Green Dragons, and Red Dragons were all members of the dragon clan. Among the divine dragons, the Golden Dragons and the Devil Dragons’ bloodlines were considered as the noblest followed by the White Dragons, Green Dragons, and the Red Dragons.

The dragon clan did not acknowledge the Blood Dragon Clan due to their heretical practice.

Needless to say, the dragon clan’s estate was much bigger than the Blood Dragon Clan’s estate.

At this moment, in the dragon clan’s Prodigy Valley.

“Duan Xiao Hei, Duan Xiao Bai!”

A young man dressed in long golden robes stood across from a black-clad young man and a white-clad young woman. His eyes shone brightly like the twinkling stars in the night sky as he glared at the duo in front of him. Apart from that, he had a commanding air about him as well.

The black-clad young man standing in front of the golden-clad young man was tall and muscular with a handsome appearance. However, his aloof expression and chilly aura made him seem unapproachable.

On the other hand, the white-clad young woman was beautiful. Her long hair cascaded down her back like a waterfall, and her limpid eyes shone brightly. She looked innocent and pure like untainted fresh snow.

At this moment, the white-clad woman asked with a smile, "Ji Yan, are you really going to challenge me and Xiao Hei? If I remember correctly, you were defeated by us 30 years ago, right?"

Upon hearing this, the golden-clad young man scoffed. "As you said, that was 30 years ago. There's no saying who will be defeated today."

The white-clad woman smiled and said, "It seems like you've become very confident of your strength after going to the Title Temple and becoming a titled Celestial Lord."

"Cut the crap and make your move!" Killing intent rose from the golden-clad young man's body. His eyes glinted sinisterly before he charged out at lightning speed toward the white-clad young man and black-clad young man.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The black-clad young man and the white-clad young woman moved away, leaving afterimages in their wake.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The air rippled and a series of thunderous explosions rang in the air as the trio collided, shaking the earth.

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At this moment, one of the disciples of the dragon clan watching from the side shook his head and said, "Duan Xiao Hei and Duan Xiao Bai always gang up on their opponents..."

"Not only are they siblings, but they're inseparable as well. It's to be expected that they would join forces. Moreover, don't forget they're not even 300 years old. It doesn't necessarily mean they have an advantage over Ji Yan just because they've joined forces..."

"You have a point. Even if you add both of their ages together, Ji Yan is still slightly older. However, you shouldn't take Duan Xiao Hei and Duan Xiao Bei lightly. Although they're from the mundane realm, after arriving in the clan and soaking in the Ancestor Pool, they've transformed into a Nine-clawed Devil Dragon and a Nine-clawed White Dragon respectively. This is rare even in the history of our dragon clan. Before that, when they were in the mundane realm, it's said that they were purified by the Legacy Blood Pool in Blood Moon Ridge and were transformed into an Eight-clawed Devil Dragon and an Eight-clawed White Dragon. With that as a foundation, they easily transformed into a Nine-clawed Devil Dragon and a Nine-clawed White Dragon."

"I heard that the Lord of Blood Moon Ridge came to the clan to receive his reward after the duo's successful transformation in the mind."

"That's right! It caused quite a commotion back then. Rumor had it that the Lord of Blood Moon Ridge threatened to take the duo away if our clan didn't reward him."

Despite coming from the mundane realm, Duan Xiao Hei and Duan Xiao Bai had become prodigious disciples in the dragon clan 200 years after joining the clan. They became highly sought after after they transformed into a Nine-clawed Devil Dragon and a Nine-clawed White Dragon. Currently, both their strength was comparable to a titled Celestial Lord. When they joined forces, those who were below the stage of a Celestial Emperor were no match for them at all.

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At this time, the golden-robe young man, Ji Yan, said in a thunderous voice, "Duan Xiao Hei, Duan Xiao Bai, revert to your true forms!"

In the next moment, an earth-shattering roar rang in the air. At the same time, the golden-clad Ji Yan had also reverted to his true form, a Nine-clawed Golden Dragon that was more than 10,000 meters long. His body was covered with dazzling golden scales that glinted coldly under the light.

Following that, another two thunderous roars rang in the air one after another.

The black-clad young man and the white-clad young woman had also reverted to a Nine-clawed Devil Dragon and a Nine-clawed White Dragon respectively.

The scales of the Nine-clawed Devil Dragon were black and shiny. Its aura was even more chilling than the Golden Dragon's aura.

On the other hand, the Nine-clawed White Dragon's white scales shone with a pure and brilliant light.

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The disciples of the dragon clan looked at the Nine-clawed White Dragon with bright eyes.

"There are only two Nine-clawed White Dragons in our clan, right? Apart from Duan Xiao Bai, the fourth elder is the only other White Dragon in the clan," one of the members of the dragon clan said.

"Why do you think Fourth Elder treats Duan Xiao Bai like one of her own? Didn't you see that the fourth elder has been here since the beginning?"

"She's here? Where's she?"

"Look! Over there!"

A white-clad figure hovered in the air as she watched the three divine dragons battling in the Prodigy Valley. She was a beautiful woman who was both graceful and elegant. Her eyes were gentle as she looked at the Nine-clawed White Dragon. She was none other than Ji Ning Yun, the Fourth Elder of the dragon clan.

After a moment, one of the disciples exclaimed, "Elder Ji Xiang is here as well!"

Ji Xiang, the young woman standing next to Ji Ning Yun, was the youngest elder in the dragon clan.

"Mother, Xiao Bai seems to be stronger than you when you were young," Ji Xiang said with a smile to Ji Ning Yun.

Duan Xiao Bai, a Nine-clawed White Dragon from the mundane realm, was Ji Ning Yun's only disciple. Ji Ning Yun treated Duan Xiao Bai so well that even Ji Xiang, Ji Ning Yun's daughter, felt envious.

"That's right... I didn't expect a Nine-clawed White Dragon at her age would achieve such feats..." Ji Ning Yun nodded. "Fortunately, you met her and Xiao Hei and brought them back. If they had continued staying at Blood Moon Ridge, that old man definitely wouldn't let them come to the dragon clan once he discovered their innate talents."

Ji Xiang continued to say, "Ji Yan obtained his title from the Title Temple a month ago... It's said that he had a fortuitous encounter in the Title Temple, hence, his strength had increased tremendously. With his current strength, apart from Xiao Bai and Xiao Hei joining forces, nobody below the stage of a Celestial Emperor is a match for him in the dragon clan."

"He's still no match for Xiao Bai and Xiao Hei even if they don't join forces." Ji Ning Yun shook her head.

"This pair of siblings are fast learners. They even mastered the dragon clan's Joint Strike Technique... When they become Celestial Emperors, it's likely that they'll be unrivaled in the dragon clan," Ji Xiang said with a sigh, "There are many people in various Devata Realms who have mastered the Joint Strike Techniques... The most prominent ones are the Leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny in the Jade Emperor Heaven's Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect, Zhuge Feng and Zhuge Yun. That pair of siblings' strength is comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor. When they join forces, they're even capable of killing ordinary titled Celestial Emperors. Similar to them, Xiao Hei and Xiao Bai are fraternal twins as well... Moreover, they're nine-clawed divine dragons. Their future achievements will at least be on par with those two from the Jade Emperor Heaven."

Based on these words, it was obvious Ji Xiang was very confident about the future of the Nine-clawed Devil Dragon and Nine-clawed White Dragon.

"I have no doubts about that," Ji Ning Yun said as her eyes narrowed imperceptibly, "What I'm concerned about is if they're capable of transforming into ten-clawed divine dragons! It has been almost 100,000 years since a ten-clawed divine dragon appeared in our dragon clan. These two have the highest chances of becoming one."

"T-ten... Ten-clawed divine dragons?" Ji Xiang said in disbelief as she watched the three nine-clawed divine dragons battling from afar.

After a few rounds, it was clear that the Nine-clawed Devil Dragon and the Nine-clawed White Dragon had the upper hand.

When Ji Xiang regained her senses, she murmured, "Are they really capable of that?"

"Your father, the patriarch, and I have discussed this matter previously. Their chances are high..." Ji Ning Yun said

"Father and the patriarch... think so as well?" Ji Xiang inhaled sharply.

Ji Xiang's father was the dragon clan's Grand Elder.

The Patriarch of the dragon clan and Ji Xiang's father were part of the clan's three strongest powerhouses.

There were 16 titled Celestial Emperors in the dragon clan. One could imagine how strong Ji Xiang's father and the patriarch were as the two of the three strongest powerhouses in the dragon clan.

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Meanwhile, after a dozen rounds, Ji Yan roared in frustration, "Duan Xiao Hei, Duan Xiao Bai... Challenge me to a one-on-one battle if you dare!"

"Ji Yan, you're becoming more and more shameless," the white-clad young woman looked at Ji Yan with a smile on her face and said, "Don't you think it's embarrassing for you to challenge us to a one-on-one fight considering our huge age gap? Consider this; were you as strong as us at our age?"

Ji Yan's expression turned unsightly upon hearing the white-clad young woman's words. He could not refute her words at all since he knew clearly he was nowhere as strong as they were at their age.

### **Chapter 3295: The Fog Rain Celestial Lord**

In the testing ground of the Title Temple.

"20% left."

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had been in the testing ground in the Title Temple for a year now. Apart from the obstacle Meng Hao Xuan discovered, he had discovered another three obstacles on his own. After refining the energy from the Pine Willow Divine Tree in the three obstacles, he had already refined roughly 80% of the energy. After completely refining the energy, he would be able to master the Godly Image Phenomenon, and his strength would improve to another level.

"Sister Water, what have you been teaching the Ning Dragons? Why do I feel that they're becoming more and more similar?" Duan Ling Tian asked the World Cleansing Divine Water curiously. He discovered that the World Cleansing Divine Water had been educating the Ning Dragons. In the beginning, the Ning Dragons looked identical, but their auras were different. However, currently, even their auras were indistinguishable from one another.

"I'm teaching them the Joint Strike Techniques through a combination of Formations and the bloodline connection between them," the World Cleansing Divine Water replied, "Thankfully their aptitude for it is rather good. Currently, their combined strength has risen to another level."

Duan Ling Tian knew two people with a close bond would be even more powerful if they joined forces. For example, the leaders of the Gan Jiang Progeny and the Mo Xie Progeny in the Jade Emperor Heaven's Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect who were fraternal twins. With their combined strength, they could easily kill an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'It's been a year now... I wonder how's Huan'er doing? She should have already left the testing ground, right?'

In his opinion, it would not be difficult for Huan'er to kill nine people and leave the testing ground.

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Duan Ling Tian was right. Out of the disciple from the Heavenly Pool Palace who had entered the Title Temple, he was the only one left in the testing ground. Huan'er, Hu Mei, Wen Wan'er, and even Nan Liu

Feng, the disciple of the Copper Mountain Celestial Emperor, had left the testing ground. Not only that, but they had also obtained their titles from the Title Temple and became titled Celestial Lords.

Huan'er's title was the Tian Huan Celestial Lord. The words 'Tian' and 'Huan' were derived from Duan Ling Tian and her name respectively.

Outside of the Title Temple.

After the Copper Mountain Celestial Emperor and his disciple left, Hu Mei wondered out loud with a frown on her face, "Why hasn't Little Junior Brother come out yet?"

Hu Mei's expression was one of confusion. In her opinion, Duan Ling Tian should have come out the earliest due to his strength. However, up until now, he was nowhere to be seen. She could not help but wonder if anything had happened to him. Since she had his Soul Pearl, she was not afraid that he had been killed. She only wondered if he was delayed by some difficult obstacles in the testing ground.

"Since Little Junior Brother's Soul Pearl is intact, let's just wait for him," Wen Wan'er, who was more patient, said, "Maybe Little Junior Brother ran into a fortuitous encounter. After all, with his strength, it should be easy for him to pass the Title Temple's test for Celestial Lord."

On the other hand, Xu Lang stood at the side quietly with his eyes closed; he did not express his opinion. However, after a few moments, he opened his eyes and looked at Huan'er. He saw that there were no ripples in her eyes, and she looked very calm. He could not help but think to himself, 'Either she's really confident about the boy's strength or she knows the reason why he isn't out yet...'

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Another three months passed before the group from the Heavenly Pool Palace received a message from Duan Ling Tian.

"I'll be coming out soon. I'm following the elders of the Title Temple to record my title."

Upon receiving this message, Hu Mei and Wen Wan Er heaved a sigh of relief.

In the Celestial Lord's training ground, Celestial Weapons were allowed but Celestial Talismans, including Communication Celestial Talismans, were prohibited. Therefore, those who were in the testing ground would not be able to communicate with those who were outside and vice versa.

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After leaving the testing ground, Duan Ling Tian followed an elder of the Title Temple to the main hall.

The Title Temple elder was cloaked from head to toe in black. His face was barely visible.

At this moment, the elder's raspy voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. "Think about the title you want so I can record it for you once we arrive at the main hall..."

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian replied, "I already have a title in mind. It's Fog Rain."

When Duan Ling Tian entered the main hall of the Title Temple, he looked around and discovered the pillars, the walls, and even the ceilings were densely packed with names and titles. Clearly, the Title Temple had been around for a long time.



Intrigued, Duan Ling Tian asked, “Elder, are all of these the names of titled Celestial Lords in the Boundless Heaven?”

While waiting for the elder, who was engraving his name and title on the ceiling, to reply, Duan Ling Tian suddenly saw Huan’er name next to where his name was being engraved.

‘This little girl...’ Duan Ling Tian shook his head slightly. He, naturally, knew the meaning of Huan’er’s title.

“That’s right,” the elder replied indifferently. After he was done, he brought Duan Ling Tian away and left using another route.

While he was being led out of the Title Temple, Duan Ling Tian was lost in his thoughts.

‘When we return to the Heavenly Pool Palace, I must find out where the Thousands Chains Prison is located... According to Meng Hao Xuan, that’s where Huan’er’s father is imprisoned. As for her mother, if she’s in the Heavenly Pool Palace, she should be imprisoned in that place as well.’

Duan Ling Tian never forgot the reason they had joined the Heavenly Pool Palace was to rescue Huan’er parents.

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Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian left the Title Temple and joined Huan’er and the others.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian, Hu Mei sighed in relief before she asked, “Little Junior Brother, you finally came out! What happened in there? Why did you take so long?”

“I came across some obstacles while I was in there. I only looked for Celestial Lords to kill after overcoming all the obstacles...” Duan Ling Tian had already thought of this excuse earlier. Moreover, he was telling the truth. He only withheld the reason he had intentionally looked for obstacles.

“You came across a few obstacles? How lucky!” Hu Mei said in shock. “The entire time in there, I only came across one obstacle. How did you manage to find so many obstacles?”

“Since I was in there for so long, it’s only natural that I’d come across more obstacles,” Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

After giving it some thought, Hu Mei thought Duan Ling Tian had a point. Then, she asked, “How did they go?”

“Not bad.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“Since Old Seventh is out, let’s leave,” Xu Lang said at this moment before he began to lead the others away.

During their journey back, Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Huan’er. “Huan’er, did you gain anything in there?”

However, before Huan'er could reply, two figures suddenly appeared, blocking the path of the group from the Heavenly Pool Palace.

One of them looked like a teenager who had not even reached the age of 20 while the other person was an old man.

The teenager stepped forward and looked at Xu Lang before he said, "The Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor." Then, he shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian and asked, "You must be Duan Ling Tian, right?"

The killing intent flashing in the teenager's eyes did not escape Duan Ling Tian's notice. His expression turned grave immediately. These two people were undoubtedly hostile. These two people clearly knew his teacher was a titled Celestial Emperor, and yet, they still dared to block their path. This could only mean that they were not afraid of titled Celestial Emperors, or at the very least, they were not afraid of his teacher.

"Who are you?" Xu Lang furrowed his brows as he looked at the teenager in front of him who seemed like he had not even reached the age of 20. Nevertheless, the teenager's aura and bearing were not that of someone who had not even reached the age of 100.

"Dugu Wen," the teenager replied as a smirk appeared on his face.

'Dugu Wen?!' Xu Lang's expression changed drastically upon hearing the teenager's reply. A hint of fear could be seen in his eyes as he looked at the teenager and the old man standing behind the teenager. 'If he's Dugu Wen, then that old man must be Dugu Wu...'

Apart from Xu Lang, Hu Mei and Wen Wan'er's expressions had turned grim as well when they heard the teenager's reply. They had heard about Dugu Wen, after all.

Dugu Wen was a titled Celestial Emperor. His title was the Hundred Variant Celestial Emperor. His true form was a Hundred Colors Flower. His defenses were strong, and he could transform into many other forms.

'Dugu Wu?' The same thought appeared in Hu Mei and Wen Wan'er's minds as they instinctively shifted their eyes from the teenager to the old man standing behind him.

### **Chapter 3296: The Titled Celestial Emperors Attack**

The Hundred Variant Celestial, Dugu Wen; the Indestructible Celestial Emperor, Dugu Wu. These two were famous in the Boundless Heaven's Boundless Territory. They were even more famous than those titled Celestial Emperors who were stronger than them. They were not famous for their strength or talent, but they were famous for being assassins. Their fame grew even more due to their killing of many titled Celestial Emperors.

For the duo to show up in front of them, Hu Mei and Wen Wan'er naturally knew someone had hired the duo to assassinate one of them. Based on Dugu Wen's words, it was clear that his target was Duan Ling Tian.

"They're titled Celestial Emperors and assassins?" Duan Ling Tian finally discovered the duo was here to kill him after receiving the Voice Transmissions from Hu Mei and Wen Wan'er.

'The assassins are here for me? Who did I offend in the Boundless Heaven?' Questions began to appear in Duan Ling Tian's mind. One could only imagine the cost of hiring two titled Celestial Emperors as assassins.

"Did you offend anyone?" Hu Mei asked through Voice Transmission.

"Third Senior Sister," Duan Ling Tian replied, "Huan'er and I are not from the Boundless Heaven... Apart from the people in the Heavenly Pool Palace, I have no contact with the people outside. The only people I offended are a few prodigious disciples from the Heavenly Pool Palace. I can only think of them. However, it shouldn't be easy to hire two titled Celestial Emperors to get rid of someone, right? Perhaps, out of everyone, only Han Yun Jin has the resources to hire these two assassins?"

"Han Yun Jin?" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Hu Mei replied dismissively, "Little Junior Brother, you've overestimated Han Yun Jin... To be precise, you've grossly underestimated the cost of hiring Dugu Wen and Dugu Wu. Even if Han Yun Jin gives up everything he owns, he would only have half of what's needed to hire these two people. There's no way he's able to afford them on his own. In the Heavenly Pool Palace, apart from the nine titled Celestial Emperors, I don't think anyone has the means to employ the service of these two titled Celestial Emperors. Saying that, I don't think the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor and the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor would hire assassins to kill you just because you killed their disciples. If they really wanted to kill you, they would do so personally. After all, after killing you, at most, they would be expelled from the Heavenly Pool Palace. With their strength, even after leaving the Heavenly Pool Palace, other heaven-grade forces would gladly welcome them into their ranks."

Duan Ling Tian grew confused after listening to Hu Mei's words. If it was not Han Yun Jin or any of the titled Celestial Emperors in the Heavenly Pool Palace, who could it be? After pondering on the matter for a moment, he still had a feeling Han Yun Jin was behind this matter.

At this time, Dugu Wen, the Hundred Variant Celestial Emperor, looked at Xu Lang and said, "Xu Lang, we came for your seventh prodigious disciple. Hand him over to us, and we won't act against you. Otherwise, we'll have to see how strong the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor is today..." Nearing the end, his voice turned cold and threatening.

Swoosh!

As soon as Dugu Wen finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air.

Dugu Wen's eyes glinted coldly as he turned into a streak of light and gave chase. With his Divine Consciousness, he had locked onto Duan Ling Tian as soon as he had ascertained Duan Ling Tian's identity.

On the other hand, Dugu Wu remained where he was standing, looking at Xu Lang menacingly. It was clear he would make a move if Xu Lang tried to intervene.

"Let's return," Xu Lang said faintly as he glanced at Dugu Wu. Then, he continued to lead Huan'er and the others back to the Heavenly Pool Palace. Although it might seem like he was heartless, having no intention to help Duan Ling Tian, the fact was that he was helpless. There was nothing he could do.

Rumor had it that Dugu Wen's strength was not inferior to his, after all. He could send a message back to the Heavenly Pool Palace to ask for reinforcement, but he knew Dugu Wen would have killed Duan Ling Tian before reinforcement arrived.

Dugu Wu followed Xu Lang for half a day before he finally decided to leave. He had no intentions of attacking Xu Lang as long as Xu Lang did not try to save Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, if he engaged in a fight with Xu Lang, it would take a while for him to defeat Xu Lang. Now that half a day had passed, he was certain Xu Lang would intervene anymore so he decided to leave.

"You're leaving?"

However, just as Dugu Wu was about to leave, Xu Lang suddenly made his move.

A sword ray shot out toward Dugu Wu.

"Xu Lang, how dare you attack me?" Dugu Wu sneered. "It requires at least a day for the titled Celestial Emperors of the Heavenly Pool Palace to arrive... Do you think you'll be able to endure my attacks for so long?"

The old man, Dugu Wu, had white hair, and he was dressed rather sloppily. Nevertheless, it did not dampen the bloody and sinister aura he emitted.

"I've long heard about the Indestructible Celestial Emperor. Since we have the chance to meet today, I'd like to learn a thing or two from you." Xu Lang's eyes glinted as a three-foot-long green saber shot out of his hand. He emitted a formidable aura as he charged toward Dugu Wu along with his saber.

Dugu Wu scoffed before he made a move as well.

Dugu Wu let out a grunt and headed straight for it.

Meanwhile, Huan'er, Hu Mei, and Wen Wan'er retreated to the distance to watch.

Although Dugu Wu was slightly stronger than Xu Lang, it was impossible for him to gain the upper hand in a short time. Both of them were titled Celestial Emperors, after all. Moreover, Xu Lang was not an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor.

For these reasons, the three women were not worried Dugu Wu would attack them. After all, Dugu Wu would fall into a disadvantageous position if he shifted his attention away from Xu Lang to them.

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After an hour...

An ear-piercing sword cry suddenly rang in the air.

Soon after, a sword ray shot down from the sky toward Dugu Wu.

Dugu Wu who was in the midst of fighting Xu Lang was caught off guard. There was nothing he could do even if he was aware of the incoming threat.

An ear-piercing sword howl suddenly rang in the air.

“Xu Lang, you tricked me!” Dugu Wu roared furiously. His body trembled for a moment as the sword ray descended and severed one of his arms. However, he was quick to reattach his severed limb. His Celestial Origin Energy surged and knitted his flesh together. As a Tenacious Heavenly Bamboo, he had comprehended the law of wood. These two factors were the reason why a severed limb was nothing to him. In just a blink of an eye, his limb was as good as new.

Swoosh!

At this moment, a figure suddenly descended from the sky and stood next to Xu Lang. It was none other than Zheng Yu Yi, the Copper Mountain Celestial Emperor, who had left the Title Temple ahead of the group from the Heavenly Pool Palace.

“Who are you?” Dugu Wu’s expression darkened as he looked at Zheng Yu Yi. It was out of his expectations that reinforcement would arrive within half a day. Moreover, this person was also a titled Celestial Emperor.

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On the other side, another figure appeared near Huan’er, Hu Mei, and Wen Wan’er. It was none other than Nan Liu Feng, Zheng Yu Yi’s disciple. He asked, “Where’s Duan Ling Tian?”

“Little Junior Brother had lured Dugu Wen away,” Hu Mei said grimly.

Although Duan Ling Tian had sent them a message to inform them of his intention before he teleported away, Hu Mei could not help but worry. After all, he was only a titled Celestial Lord while Dugu Wen was a titled Celestial Emperor.

At this time, a hint of worry could be seen in Huan’er’s eyes. She had always been confident and managed to remain calm in the past, but it was different this time. How could Dugu Wen, a titled Celestial Emperor, be compared to their past opponents?

“Dugu Wen? The Hundred Variant Celestial Emperor? Then, this old man must be Dugu Wu, the Indestructible Celestial Emperor!” Nan Liu Feng exclaimed in shock when he heard Hu Mei’s words. His eyes were trained on the old man that was confronting his master and Xu Lang. He had followed his master here, not knowing anything. He only found out about their opponents’ identities after listening to Hu Mei’s words.

“Who did Duan Ling Tian offend? To think that person hired these two famous assassins just to get rid of him!” Nan Liu Feng was still in shock. Dugu Wen and Dugu Wu were famous. It was no secret that the cost to hire them was incredibly high. Moreover, just Celestial Crystals were not sufficient to hire them. One had to offer up something precious and rare as well.

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Meanwhile, Zheng Yu Yi responded to Dugu Wu’s question, “Zheng Yu Yi.”

On the other hand, Zheng Yu Yi lightly replied to Dugu Wu’s inquiry.

“The Copper Mountain Celestial Emperor?” Dugu Wu frowned and asked solemnly, “Why are you here?”

He knew the Copper Mountain Celestial Emperor, Zheng Yu Yi, and the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor, Xu Lang, were good friends. As an assassin, he knew the connections between the titled Celestial Emperors in the Boundless Heaven very well.

### **Chapter 3297: The Godly Image Phenomenon of the Pine Willow Divine Tree**

As the Boundless Heaven's titled Celestial Emperors who were assassins, Dugu Wu and Dugu Wen did not simply accept assassination jobs. They only dared to kill those without extraordinary backgrounds, connections, or powerhouses. If it was not absolutely necessary, they would not kill Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor, in fear of offending the Heavenly Pool Palace. In fact, even killing an ordinary disciple or a prodigious disciple carried the risk of offending the Heavenly Pool Palace. Therefore, accepting the job to kill Duan Ling Tian came with certain risks. Who knew if the Heavenly Pool Palace would send all their titled Celestial Emperors after them.

Apart from that, there were other titled Celestial Emperors the duo was unwilling to provoke as well. One of them was Zheng Yu Yi, the Copper Mountain Celestial Emperor. Although he did not belong to a heaven-grade force, his biological elder brother was one of the three strongest titled Celestial Emperors in a heaven-grade force. If they killed Zheng Yu Yi, there was no doubt they would offend his eldest brother.

Zheng Yu Yi's appearance caused Dugu Wu to completely lose interest in the battle. He only wanted to leave at this moment. Unfortunately, it seemed like Zheng Yu Yi had no intention of letting him leave.

"Since you're already here, you should just stay!" Xu Lang said with a scoff before he and Zheng Yu Yi attacked.

In the end, Dugu Wu was forced to revert to his true form, a Tenacious Heavenly Bamboo. His aura was terrifying as he shot through the sky toward Xu Lang and Zheng Yu Yi.

"Xu Lang, Zheng Yu Yi, since you insist on this, don't blame me for not holding back!" Dugu Wen, who was being suppressed, was furious. He unleashed all his strength in hopes of turning the tide of the battle. However, despite his words, he did not continue to attack after gaining the upper hand. Instead, he seized the chance to run away instead. With his current strength, it would be difficult for him to fend off Xu Lang and Zheng Yu Yi's joint attacks for long. Moreover, the longer the battle dragged out, the higher the risk of the reinforcement from the Heavenly Pool Palace arriving. At that time, he would not be able to escape even if he wanted to.

After Dugu Wu left, Zheng Yu Yi asked curiously, "Xu Lang, who did your seventh disciple offend?"

"I have no idea." Xu Lang shook his head with a dark expression on his face. Before Duan Ling Tian teleported away, Duan Ling Tian had sent him a Voice Transmission. For this reason, he knew Duan Ling Tian had no contact with people in the Boundless Heaven except for those in the Heavenly Pool Palace. The biggest suspect was Han Yun Jin, the disciple of the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor. However, since this was an internal matter in the Heavenly Pool Palace, he did not reveal this to Zheng Yu Yi.

Zheng Yu Yi asked again, "Does it mean Dugu Wen is chasing after your seventh disciple?"

Xu Lang nodded. A hint of worry flashed in the depths of his eyes at this moment. Although Duan Ling Tian had told him he was confident facing Dugu Wen, he still could not help but worry about Duan Ling

Tian. After all, despite how talented Duan Ling Tian was, Duan Ling Tian was just a titled Celestial Lord. On the other hand, Dugu Wen was not just an ordinary Celestial Emperor; he was a titled Celestial Emperor.

In the end, Xu Lang said to Zheng Yu Yi, "Thank you for helping me... We should return now."

After bidding farewell to Zheng Yu Yi, Xu Lang led Huan'er and the others back to the Heavenly Pool Palace. Although he really wanted to help Duan Ling Tian, there was nothing he could do now.

Wen Wan'er said, "Let's wait for Little Junior Brother's message... He said he'll notify us once he's safe."

Before Duan Ling Tian left, he had told them he would contact them again once he was safe. Although they were eager to send Duan Ling Tian a message, they did not do so because they were afraid it would distract him. A slight distraction was the difference between life and death when hunted by a titled Celestial Emperor after all.

Therefore, even Huan'er dared not send Duan Ling Tian a message. She could only fervently pray for Duan Ling Tian to be safe.

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Somewhere in the Boundless Heaven Territory.

"Boy, you can't run from me even though you've comprehended the Teleportation Profundity to the mastery stage!"

The teenager was like a phantom as he trailed closely behind the person ahead of him. As time passed, the distance between them began to grow closer and closer.

'As expected of a titled Celestial Emperor, he really is fast.' Duan Ling Tian who was being chased kept casting the Teleportation Profundity. However, his expression was turning grimmer and grimmer as time passed.

At this moment, the World Cleansing Divine Water's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. "It's almost time. You will overexert yourself if you continue like this. I'll take something for Dugu Wu to arrive. I believe Xu Lang is able to keep him occupied."

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that Xu Lang had sought help from Zheng Yu Yi and that they were successful in delaying Dugu Wu.

After Duan Ling Tian responded to the World Cleansing Divine Water, he stopped casting the Teleportation Profundity. He turned to look at the teenager who had just arrived in a blink of an eye.

"You should have just come to a stop earlier," Dugu Wen said as the corners of lip lifted. "Since you didn't obediently cooperate with me, there's no need for me to leave you an intact corpse." Based on his words, it was obvious he had no doubts Duan Ling Tian would die.

"How arrogant! You're just a puny flower..." Duan Ling Tian said before he smiled disdainfully.

"Die!" Dugu Wen's eyes shone with killing intent as his green Celestial Origin Energy surged out violently. Soon after, vines shot out in the air like dancing dragons toward Duan Ling Tian.

Dugu Wen was a Seven Stars Celestial Emperor, to be precise. His Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the law of wood weighed down on Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath when his expression changed slightly.

All of a sudden, a translucent small tree appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. In just a short time, the tree grew rapidly into an enormous tree. At first glance, the tree looked like a giant pine tree. However, upon closer inspection, one could see its branches and leaves were that of a willow tree.

“A Pine Willow Divine Tree?! You’re not human?” Dugu Wen’s eyes narrowed when he saw the tree. After a moment, he added, “No, you’re not a Pine Willow Divine Tree! It’s the Godly Image Phenomenon!”

In just a brief moment, Dugu Wen discovered Duan Ling Tian was using the Godly Image Phenomenon to manifest the Pine Willow Divine Tree. The Pine Willow Divine Tree was similar to his true form, the Hundred Colors Flower, in the sense that they were comparable to top-tier Celestial Beasts. He scoffed before saying contemptuously, “Boy, so what if you’re capable of using the Godly Image Phenomenon? You’re a mere titled Celestial Lord, don’t tell me you think you can go against a titled Celestial Emperor like me?”

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, the vines reached Duan Ling Tian, ready to reap his life. However, he remained unfazed. Grey energy rose from his body before merging with the Pine Willow Divine Tree from the Godly Image Phenomenon.

Concurrently, a seven-color sword ray shot out of his body as well merged with the Godly Image of the Pine Willow Divine Tree, giving colors to the tree’s branches and leaves.

‘Clear Heavens Divine Wood!’ With just a thought, the Clear Heavens Divine Wood in Duan Ling Tian’s body sent its energy into the Godly Image of the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

With this, the Godly Image of the tree began to solidify and turned into a real Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The branches and leaves of the Pine Willow Divine Tree shone with seven colors as they collided with the vines.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

A huge shockwave from the collision rippled out into the surroundings and many small mushroom clouds bloomed in the air as thunderous explosions rang out.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The backlash from the collision caused the ground to quake violently. Soon enough, cracks began to appear on the tall and huge mountain beneath Duan Ling Tian and Dugu Wen’s feet. The mountain shook for a moment before it collapsed, stirring up a huge cloud of dust.



“I didn’t expect you to be able to block my attack. Your strength is not any weaker than that of an ordinary Celestial Emperor!” Dugu Wen said in shock as the huge mountain collapsed.

### **Chapter 3298: The Devata Artifact is Exposed**

Although Dugu Wen was shocked, his eyes were still brimming with disdain when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was only natural since Duan Ling Tian’s shocking strength was not a threat to him at all. He was a Seven Stars Celestial Emperor, and a titled Celestial Emperor; he was far superior to ordinary Celestial Emperors. If he were to strike with all his might, an ordinary Celestial Emperor might not even be able to withstand it, let alone a mere titled Celestial Lord like Duan Ling Tian. He said, “Duan Ling Tian, there’s no doubt your strength is remarkable. You should be proud of yourself for possessing such strength as a mere Celestial Lord.”

At this time, Dugu Wen was unable to see Duan Ling Tian who was inside the Pine Willow Divine Tree. The tree was so real that one could hardly tell it was a Godly Image Phenomenon.

“However, it’s unfortunate that you won’t be able to withstand even a single strike from me!” Dugu Wen said again before a seven-foot-long spear appeared in his raised hand. The spear that shot out of his body and complemented his youthful appearance was undoubtedly an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon at the very least.

“You talk too much nonsense!” Duan Ling Tian’s provocative words rang from inside the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Dugu Wen’s eyes narrowed upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words. His expression turned frosty in just an instant.

“You’re seeking death!” Dugu Wen said as he brandished the spear in his hand. In the next moment, a wave of green energy surged out of the tip of the spear, transforming into countless spear rays.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

As the spear rays shot out, they seemed to solidify into bamboo spears like how water would turn into icicles. Their speed increased tremendously after turning into green bamboo spears, destroying everything in their path.

Dugu Wen sneered as he manipulated some of the green bamboo spears to attack from the front while the others surrounded Duan Ling Tian before they shot toward him. To be precise, they were shooting toward the Godly Image of the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Once the Godly Image Phenomenon shattered, Duan Ling Tian would be forced to face Dugu Wen and the numerous bamboo spears.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sky full of green bamboo spears looked terrifying; it was as though they would impale Duan Ling Tian over and over again without rest.

“Kid, let’s see you withstand this attack of mine! I’ve used all the profundities from the law of wood in this attack. No one who’s not a titled Celestial Emperor will be able to withstand this attack!” Dugu Wen said confidently with a sneer on his face.

Upon hearing Dugu Wen's words, Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn. He called out to four of the Five Divine Elements in his Little World since he was already using the Clear Heaven Divine Wood's power to solidify the Pine Willow Divine Tree. Faced with this attack from Dugu Wen, he felt an unprecedented pressure. He knew the slightest mistake at this moment would result in his death.

"Go!" The World Cleansing Divine Water's voice rang almost immediately after Duan Ling Tian's voice fell. Its power surged out toward Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Following that, the Profound Divine Metal, the Chaos Divine Flame, and the Chaos Divine Earth lent their powers to Duan Ling Tian without holding back at all. After all, the time these three Divine Elements spent with Duan Ling Tian was much longer compared to the World Cleansing Divine Water and the Clear Heaven Divine Wood.

"Kid, get rid of him!" The Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. He was naturally rooting for Duan Ling Tian. After choosing Duan Ling Tian as its host, it had already reaped many benefits. Apart from itself, there was no other Chaos Divine Earth that managed to evolve from the third form to the sixth form in just a month. If he had chosen another host, it would have been considered good if it could evolve to the fourth form.

The Profound Divine Metal scoffed before saying coldly, "So what if he's a titled Celestial Emperor? How can a mere titled Celestial Emperor be a match for someone the Five Divine Elements have acknowledged?"

"One's bound to leave a trail of corpses in one's wake on the road to becoming a supreme powerhouse. Even titled Celestial Emperors aren't an exemption to this!" the Chaos Divine Flame added.

The energies from the four Divine Elements entered the seven-colored Pine Willow Divine Tree and merged with the energy from the Clear Heavens Divine Wood. Since the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword had also boosted the tree, giving it dazzling colors as a result, the presence of the energies from the Five Divine Elements could not be seen at all. Moreover, their auras were also hidden by the aura of the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Duan Ling Tian had obtained this Godly Image Phenomenon of the Pine Willow Divine Tree by refining the energy from the true Pine Willow Divine Tree. Therefore, after being powered by the Clear Heaven Divine Wood, it was no different from a real Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Meanwhile, the sky full of green bamboo spears continued shooting toward Duan Ling Tian, looking as though they were going to leave a corpse riddled with holes behind.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's contemptuous voice rang from the Pine Divine Tree again. "You say that nobody apart from titled Celestial Emperors can withstand your strike? What a pity they're only empty words! Today, I'll let you see how I, a titled Celestial Lord, easily withstand your attack!"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the branches from the Pine Willow Divine Tree began to move.

Whoosh!

At this moment, Huang'er, the soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. With a flick of her sleeve, she transformed into a streak of seven-colored light before shooting into the Pine Willow Divine Tree as well.

With this, the strength of the Pine Willow Divine Tree rose tremendously once again. After all, the strength of a devata artifact with and without a soul was in completely different leagues.

"Huh?" Dugu Wen's eyes widened imperceptibly as the seven-colored light shining from the Pine Willow Divine Tree grew even more vivid and dazzling after Huang'er had entered it as well.

"An... A-an artifact soul?! This... T-this kid possesses a devata artifact?" It did not take long before Dugu Wen discovered Duan Ling Tian's weapon was not an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, but a devata artifact. Moreover, it was a devata artifact with a soul!

With this discovery, Dugu Wen began to laugh heartily. "Who would've thought I, Dugu Wen, would be so lucky to come across a devata artifact!"

However, in just a moment, his laughter faded until only a stiff and frozen smile was left on his face.

He watched as his green bamboo spears clashed with the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree like two troops of ten thousand soldiers. His expression was one of disbelief as he watched his green bamboo spears being shattered one after another by the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Although the green bamboo spears' momentum was terrifying, they were all shattered by the branches from the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

"How's this possible?" Dugu Wen said in a daze. At the same time, the greedy expression intensified on his face. "His devata artifact isn't just an ordinary devata artifact!"

Dugu Wen was convinced the only reason Duan Ling Tian was able to shatter his attacks was due to the devata artifact. He assumed the extent of Duan Ling Tian's strength was his law of space that had been comprehended to the mastery stage, the Godly Image Phenomenon, and the devata artifact. He said, "Brat, I didn't expect you to possess such a powerful devata artifact. However, it's an insult to the devata artifact to be wielded by someone like you! Soon, your devata artifact will belong to me!"

As he brandished the Emperor Grade Celestial Spear in his hand, he said coldly, "Although the strength you displayed with the help of the devata artifact is shocking, this is as far as you go."

At the same time, beams of green light shot out of Dugu Wen's body as a tyrannical energy surged out. "I'll let you have a taste of the power of my fused profundities... Although you've comprehended the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws, to the mastery stage, it's not comparable to the power from a fusion of profundities. It's unfortunate that you won't have a chance to learn how to fuse your profundity since I'm going to kill you!"

## Chapter 3299: Profundity Fusion

In fact, comprehending the profundities of a law to the mastery stage did not mean one had completely mastered a law. In a way, one could say that comprehending all the profundities to the mastery stage was only the beginning. Even after comprehending all of the profundities from a law to the mastery stage, although one could cast them all at the same time, the power was not as strong as if one had fused them into a single powerful technique.

For example, before Dugu Wen, the Hundred Variant Celestial Emperor, became a Celestial Emperor, he did not master all the profundities from the law of wood to the mastery stage. However, after becoming a Celestial Emperor, he managed to comprehend all of them to the mastery stage. Following that, he began to study the way to fuse the profundities from the law of wood. His greatest achievement so far was fusing three profundities from the law of wood; the three profundities from the law of wood that he managed to fuse were the Vine Profundity, the Twining Profundity, and the Regeneration Profundity.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At this moment, the green streaks of light from Dugu Wen were swiftly solidifying into long vines that resembled huge pythons as they shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

“Brat, have a taste of the fusion of three of my profundities from the law of wood!” Dugu Wen sneered as he looked at the Pine Willow Divine Tree’s Godly Image Phenomenon in front of him that just destroyed his previous attacks. The Pine Willow Divine Tree was, naturally, not his target; his target was Duan Ling Tian who was in the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The numerous python-like vines lashed unceasingly from Dugu Wen’s body. There were so many of them that they covered the entire sky, causing the entire place to turn dark.

“Fused profundities?” Upon hearing Dugu Wen’s words and his attacks that intensified, Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned slightly grave in the Pine Willow Divine Tree. Previously, when he had comprehended all the profundities from the law of space to the mastery stage using the Supreme House Divinity, he had confirmed that comprehending the profundities to the mastery stage was not the end of mastering the law of space during a conversation with the World Cleansing Divine Water in his Little World. He had learned that he could further his comprehension by learning how to fuse his profundities. Apart from that, he learned that he could fuse two, three, or even four profundities from the law of space. When one could finally fuse all of the profundities together, one would be able to utilize the full power of a law. Even in the Realms of Gods, those who accomplished this feat were incredibly scarce. In the Realms of God, those who managed to fuse eight profundities from a law were all without an exception top powerhouses in the Realms of Gods. As for those who managed to fuse all the profundities from any of the Four Supreme Laws, they would directly become supreme powerhouses. Therefore, it was not surprising there was no one who managed to achieve such a feat in the Devata Realms.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘Fusing profundities from a law would get more difficult as one progresses. In Devata Realms, those who managed to fuse four profundities are as rare as a phoenix feather and a unicorn horn. Even among all the Heavenly Emperors in the Devata Realms, there isn’t one who managed to fuse four profundities. Nevertheless, most Heavenly Emperors have managed to fuse

multiple triple-profundity fusions. This is also why they're much stronger than ordinary titled Celestial Emperors. Therefore, ordinary titled Celestial Emperors who have fused three profundities are considered quite powerful. If Dugu Wen becomes a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor and mastered another three-profundity fusion, he would definitely enter the upper echelon of titled Celestial Emperors in the Boundless Heaven.'

While Duan Ling Tian was pondering on this matter, the python-like vines from Dugu Wen's triple-profundity fusion had already arrived near the Pine Willow Divine Tree. Upon seeing the python-like vines, Duan Ling Tian scoffed as his gaze turned frosty. At the same time, the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree began to swing around again.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of thunderous explosions rang in the air when the branches and the vines collided. In the beginning, the vines seemed to be destroyed by the branches, but in just a blink of an eye, they would regenerate and coil themselves around the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree. In the end, not only did the Pine Willow Divine Tree that Duan Ling Tian manifested fail to destroy the vines, but it was even bound by the vines, rendering them immobile. Even after the vines bound the Pine Willow Divine Tree, the vines shooting out from Dugu Wen's body did not stop and continued to attack and bind the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

Inside the Pine Willow Divine Tree, Duan Ling Tian's expression turned incredibly grim. 'So this is the might of a fusion? He only fused three profundities, but its might far exceeds that time when he cast all seven profundities at the same time. Moreover, this shouldn't be the extent of his strength. If he uses the other five profundities he has yet to fuse along with this triple-profundity fusion, it's likely that he'll be able to easily crush me...'

At this moment, Dugu Wen said indifferently, "Brat, you, an insignificant Celestial Lord, managed to make me, a Titled Celestial Emperor, unleash my triple-profundity fusion; you can feel proud even in your death."

Despite the indifference in Dugu Wen's voice, he was inwardly shocked by Duan Ling Tian's strength even if he had attributed it to the power of the devata artifact in Duan Ling Tian's possession. After a beat, he added, "After your death, I'll make sure to unleash the full potential of your devata artifact."

Based on Dugu Wen's words, it was clear that he was certain of Duan Ling Tian's death. In his opinion, the devata artifact was already his.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At this moment, the attacks from the python-like vines intensified, causing the pressure on Duan Ling Tian to increase by many folds.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

At this moment, another series of explosions rang in the air as the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree suddenly erupted with energy. Following that, the tree's life force soared before new branches

began to grow on it. At the same time, the branches continued to swing around, deflecting the vines that were attacking them.

“Let me see how many more branches you’re able to grow.” Dugu Wen smiled coldly when he saw Duan Ling Tian’s desperate struggle. Green streaks of light continued to shoot out of his body, forming new vines before attacking Duan Ling Tian. It seemed like there was no end to these vines at all.

At the same time, the World Cleansing Divine Water’s voice promptly rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “Little Tian, the Divine Tree of Life can help you grow a little more than 100 branches at most. He has yet to use his other profundities along with this triple-profundity fusion; it’s clear he thinks this move is sufficient to kill you. If he uses his other profundities along with this fusion, your chances of surviving wouldn’t have been good. Therefore, this is a chance for you. As the situation stands, although your chances aren’t high, I wouldn’t say it’s small as well...” Then, she paused for a moment before she said, “The preparation on my side has been completed...”

Upon hearing the World Cleansing Divine Water’s last sentence, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up as his expression turned cold. “Good! Let’s begin then!”

With just a thought, the air around Duan Ling Tian began to ripple and distort as he used the Teleportation Profundity. In just an instant, the two Celestial Beasts in his Little World were transported behind Dugu Wen.

Dugu Wen who was looking at the Pine Willow Divine Tree coldly, waiting for his attack to destroy it, suddenly felt chills run up his spine. His expression changed drastically. His instincts helped him sense the threat at his back almost immediately. Even as a titled Celestial Emperor who had experienced many things, he could not help but shudder slightly.

The streaks of light stopped shooting out from Dugu Wen’s body as he tried to change his position when a force that was equivalent to the power of a double-profundity fusion landed on his back. Although his purely defensive Emperor Grade Weapons protected him in a timely manner, its light dimmed as soon as it blocked that destructive force.

### **Chapter 3300: The Death of Dugu Wen**

The two Celestial Beasts that appeared at Dugu Wen’s back were none other than the Ning Dragons.

When Duan Ling Tian was in the Genius Secret Realm located in the Jade Emperor Heaven’s Nan Dou Territory, Huan’er had promised the Ning Dragons to bring them out of the Genius Secret Realm in exchange for letting them pass unimpeded into the remnant of a Realm of Gods. Eventually, the World Cleansing Divine Water managed to convince the Ning Dragons to temporarily Duan Ling Tian and promised that Duan Ling Tian would set them free when the time came.

‘Their joint attacks are not inferior to the attacks of an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor. However, they could only unleash such an attack three times...’ Duan Ling Tian remembered the World Cleansing Divine Water’s words as though she had just said them yesterday.

After the Ning Dragons’ first attack landed successfully, Duan Ling Tian charged out with the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword in hand without any hesitation at all.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A series of sword cry rang in the air as the seven-colored sword rays rained down on the vines that bound the Pine Willow Divine Tree before severing them. Under normal circumstances, the vines would regenerate. Strangely, at this moment, the vines Duan Ling Tian severed did not regenerate at all. Moreover, Dugu Wen seemed to be severely injured at this moment.

The backlash from the attack caused his Qi circulation to deviate, and he spat out a mouthful of blood. His expression darkened when looked up and saw Duan Ling Tian had successfully severed his vines. He said frostily, "Brat, you tricked me!"

At this moment, if Dugu Wen still did not realize he had been tricked, he would have lived for such a long time in vain!

Whoosh!

Dugu Wen's body flashed, avoiding the Ning Dragons' onslaught of attacks. However, as he was about to make his next move, the branches from the Pine Willow Divine Tree that had been released from their restraints suddenly moved toward him and trapped him in just a blink of an eye.

"Constrict" Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted coldly.

At this moment, Dugu Wen was still entangled with the branches from the Pine Willow Divine Tree in the air. Even the manifestation of the Pine Willow Divine Tree from the Godly Image Phenomenon uprooted itself flew toward Dugu Wen.

"Attack!" At the same time, the World Cleansing Divine Water's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian and the Ning Dragons' minds.

The Ning Dragons flashed away before they unleashed their joint attack again at top speed. In just an instant, a ferocious energy swept toward who was still trying to free himself from the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

"No!" Dugu Wen cried out. He had just mustered up all his energy to break free of the restraints from the Pine Willow Divine Tree when the Ning Dragons' joint attack landed on him.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sounds of explosions rang in the air as the severely injured Dugu Wen that was still being restrained was hit with another joint attack from the Ning Dragons. He spat out a mouthful of blood again, staining his face red. He looked extremely wretched at this moment.

"Damn it! A puny Celestial Lord managed to reduce me to such a state! This is unforgivable!" Dugu Wen was furious. His body flashed before he seemed to turn into a thread of silk, easily escaping the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree. This was one of the 100 transformations he mastered that was unique to the Hundred Colors Flower.

"Finally managed to free yourself?" Duan Ling Tian was already waiting for Dugu Wen when Dugu Wen escaped.

"Brat, without the Pine Willow Divine Tree, you wouldn't have been a match for me even if I'm severely injured." The thread of silk flashed before Dugu Wen's teenager form appeared. He stared at Duan Ling Tian coldly before he charged toward Duan Ling Tian with his Emperor Grade Celestial Spear in hand. He

knew it was imperative he killed Duan Ling Tian before the branches and the Ning Dragons attacked again. Otherwise, the severity of his injuries, he would surely die!

Dugu Wen felt incredibly humiliated that he was pushed into such a desperate situation by a Celestial Lord even if he knew Duan Ling Tian was no ordinary Celestial Lord due to his mastery of the Godly Image Phenomenon and the two Ning Dragons that were as strong as titled Celestial Lords after joining forces. In fact, his severe injuries were caused by the two Ning Dragons.

“Duan Ling Tian, I want to see how you’re going to fight me without the Ning Dragons and the manifestation of the Pine Willow Divine Tree from the Godly Image Phenomenon!” As Dugu Wen spoke, his weakened Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the triple-profundity fusion from the law of wood shot into the long spear in his hand. As his first attack swept toward Duan Ling Tian, he prepared to unleash his other techniques.

“After sustaining such serious injuries, your Celestial Origin Energy now is only comparable to an ordinary Celestial Emperor at most. That’s not enough to kill me.” Duan Ling Tian remained unfazed by Dugu Wen’s attack as he smiled disdainfully. The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword returned to his body before a seven-colored sword ray shrouded by five powerful energies shot out of his mouth toward Dugu Wen.

“This...” Dugu Wen could clearly sense the energy from the Five Divine Elements as the sword ray drew closer to him.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Alas, before Dugu Wen could react, the seven-colored sword ray breached destroyed his attacks. His comprehension of the law of wood was undoubtedly rather high, but it did not matter if his Celestial Origin Energy was weak. At this moment, his Celestial Origin Energy strength was so greatly weakened that its force was no better than Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy.

Duan Ling Tian and Dugu Wen’s Celestial Origin Energies were the same at this moment. However, due to Dugu Wen’s higher comprehension of the law of wood, he thought he had a slight advantage. In Dugu Wen’s opinion, even if he was severely injured he would still be able to kill Duan Ling Tian. As long as he killed Duan Ling Tian, he would be able to survive. Alas, he did not expect that Duan Ling Tian still had hidden trump cards.

‘He has the... the Five Divine Elements!’ This was the last thought in Dugu Wen’s mind before he died. When Duan Ling Tian’s seven-colored sword ray destroyed his attacks, apart from the law of space, he could sense the power of the Five Divine Elements. Moreover, he could sense all Five Divine Elements had evolved to a rather high form.

After killing Dugu Wen, Duan Ling Tian heaved a long sigh of relief. “Since the energies from the Five Divine Elements were only exposed that split second before his death, he shouldn’t have had time to disclose this matter to anyone through a message...”

Indeed. Dugu Wen had discovered the presence of the Five Divine Elements too late. He did not have any time to inform anyone about this matter. However, after he transformed into a thread of silk to



escape the restraints from the branches of the Pine Willow Divine Tree, he had sent a message to his brother, Dugu Wu.

“Brother, I might die in the brat’s hands. I was too careless. Not only does he possess a devata artifact with a soul, but he also has a pair of Ning Dragons at his beck and call. The combined strength of the two Ning Dragons is comparable to that of a titled Celestial Emperor. Due to the Ning Dragons’ sneak attack, I’m seriously injured. The only way for me to survive is to kill him. However, even if I kill him, the Ning Dragons might still kill me after that. Come here as fast as you can!” This was Dugu Wen’s final message to Dugu Wu.

Duan Ling Tian was right about it. Dugu Wen had only discovered the Five Divine Elements at the final moment before his death, hence, he did not manage to send a message. However, when he transformed into a thread of silk to escape from the willow branches, he managed to send a few messages to Dugu Wu.

“Let’s go!” Duan Ling Tian said after claiming Dugu Wen’s Spatial Ring and putting them away. After the Ning Dragons returned to his Little World, he teleported away. Although he was sure Dugu Wen did not manage to expose the fact that he possessed the Five Divine Elements, he knew there was a chance Dugu Wen had disclosed the location of their battle to Dugu Wu. There was no doubt Dugu Wu was on his way here. Even with Xu Lang helping him stall for time, it was impossible for Xu Lang to stall for such a long time.

Therefore, after killing Dugu Wen, Duan Ling Tian left as fast as he could. At the same time, he sent messages to Huan’er and the others to inform them of his safety.

“I’m safe now... I’ll see all of you in the Heavenly Pool Palace.”

When Huan’er and the others received Duan Ling Tian’s message during their journey back to the Heavenly Pool Palace, all of them were filled with relief. The silence and heavy atmosphere that followed them finally eased now that they knew Duan Ling Tian was safe.

Hu Mei could not help ask curiously, “Little Junior Brother, how did you escape?”

“I killed him,” Duan Ling Tian replied to Hu Mei. At the same time, he was also conversing with Xu Lang and Wen Wan’er. All three of them had asked him the same question. Huan’er was the only one who did not ask him this question.

Needless to say, Xu Lang, Hu Mei, and Wen Wan’er were shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s reply. Was it really possible for Duan Ling Tian to kill Dugu Wen?

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Meanwhile, Dugu Wu who was rushing toward Dugu Wen was suddenly overcome with a sense of unease. He stopped dead in his tracks before he brought something out. When he saw the shattered Soul Pearl in his hand, his expression changed greatly. “Brother!”