

### Chapter 3481: The Mastery Dao

During the third round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, Duan Ling Tian had eliminated a Two Star God of War with just a single blow. Since then, nobody dared to challenge him to a duel, hence, this was only his second challenge since then.

"Duan Ling Tian's opponent is an unknown cultivator called Zhou Shao Kun... Could he also be a disciple of an expert living in seclusion?"

The crowd began to speculate among themselves when they saw Duan Ling Tian's opponent was someone they had never heard of before. Therefore, they were reminded of Zhong Gui Yu and Tang San Pao who displayed their remarkable strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War previously. Nevertheless, their speculation was quickly put to rest.

"Zhou Shao Kun is a Young Master of the Heaven and Earth Celestial Sect, a heaven-grade force in the Transcendence Heaven. He already has the strength of a Two Star God of War 100 years ago, and during the second round of the Battle of the Geniuses, the strength he displayed was that of a top Two Star God of War."

Although Zhou Shao Kun was not famous throughout the Devata Realms, he was well-known in the Transcendence Heaven. Therefore, those from the Transcendence Heaven quickly spoke up and corrected the others' speculations.

When the young geniuses learned about Zhou Shao Kun's background, they shook their heads in disappointment.

"The Title Temple is showing great favor to Duan Ling Tian by matching him with such an easy opponent..."

"I disagree... After all, who knows if Zhou Shao Kun is hiding his strength? There's a possibility that he's just like Zhong Gui Yu and Tang San Pao who have strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. Moreover, even if he only has strength comparable to a Four Star God of War, he still has a chance of defeating Duan Ling Tian."

"You're overthinking! It's already rare enough that there are two dark horses like Zhong Gui Yu and Tang San Pao in the Battle of the Geniuses. I don't think there are going to be many surprises going forward. Even if there are surprises, I doubt any of them will be as shocking as Zhong Gui Yu and Tang San Pao. I don't think Zhou Shao Kun is hiding his true strength..."

While the crowd was fervently discussing among themselves, Duan Ling Tian and the other nine participants entered their respective battle rings.

Zhou Shao Kun was an ordinary-looking young man with a medium-built who was dressed in fine robes. He would not have stood out in a sea of people with his appearance.

At this moment, Zhou Shao Kun looked at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, I know I'm no match for you, but I'm still excited to fight you..."

Duan Ling Tian only nodded in response.

The remaining eight participants in the other battle rings were rather speechless upon hearing Zhou Shao Kun's words. They had been anticipating a fierce battle between Duan Ling Tian and Zhou Shao Kun, and yet, Zhou Shao Kun had readily admitted defeat.

"I'll attack now," Zhou Shao Kun said.

Subsequently, an emerald energy surged out, transforming into vines as thick as giant pythons that struck toward Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian easily teleported and appeared behind Zhou Shao Kun in just a blink of an eye.

The vines suddenly changed directions as though Zhou Shao Kun had anticipated Duan Ling Tian's move. They snaked forward, intending to cage Duan Ling Tian.

"Break," Duan Ling Tian muttered as he side-stepped the vines. With that, fine lines began to appear in the rippling and distorting void around him. Following that, the vines that were shooting toward him were instantly destroyed by the distorting void around him. It was as though the space around him had become a restricted zone that others could not enter.

Zhou Shao Kun was unaware that Duan Ling Tian had cast the elementary Mastery Dao that he had just grasped recently. He had naively thought it was an attack from a Fused Profundity from the law of space.

"Duan Ling Tian, I'll surrender and leave the battle ring if you're able to deflect this attack!" Zhou Shao Kun said with a grunt before an ordinary-looking wooden staff appeared in his hand.

The wooden staff flashed with light as Celestial Origin Energy surged. Following that, grass began to grow quickly in the battle ring.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Zhou Shao Kun tapped the wooden staff on the ground before hundreds of vines began to intertwine, forming a huge and thick vine.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian remained unmoved when faced with the gigantic vine that was shooting toward him.

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Upon seeing this, many people were shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian did have any intention of dodging the fierce attack at all.

"Zhou Shao Kun's attack contains the force of a top Two Star God of War, but Duan Ling Tian is completely unfazed. Don't tell me he's planning to face the attack directly?"

"Even a Three Star God of War isn't capable of facing this attack directly, right? What's he doing?"

At this time, the giant vine was only ten meters away from Duan Ling Tian. Even a Three Star God of War would not be able to dodge the attack at this time.

"What's Duan Ling Tian doing?!"

Most people were confused when they saw Duan Ling Tian standing motionlessly.

When the giant vine was only five meters away from Duan Ling Tian, it was destroyed by the rippling and distorting void around Duan Ling Tian in just a blink of an eye. It was as though there was a protective barrier within a five-meter radius of him.

Just like that, the giant vine was destroyed before it could even touch the edge of Duan Ling Tian's robe.

"What happened?"

"What technique is that? Is the law of space capable of something like this?"

Many young geniuses were shocked and confused.

On the contrary, the Heavenly Emperors and high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches rose to their feet instinctively, shocked.

Even Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple who was presiding over the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief.

Unlike the young geniuses, the Heavenly Emperors and high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches could clearly see Duan Ling Tian's movements and understood what was going on.

"It's the Mastery Dao!"

"Heavens! Not only did Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang's only true disciple create his own Space Sword Dao based on the Destructive Sword Dao, but he also managed to create his own Mastery Dao?"

"What a monstrous talent!"

"Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang is truly lucky to have such a talented true disciple!"

"He has created two Daos before he attains godhood. Even if he has only created one Dao, it's a guarantee that he'll attain godhood sooner or later. With two Daos, not only will he become a god, but he'll be considered a talent even when he becomes a god..."

Based on Duan Ling Tian's potential, no one doubted that Duan Ling Tian would attain godhood as long as he did not die prematurely. Moreover, they knew he would be considered extraordinary even after he became a god.

Many of those who had lived a long time were envious when they saw Duan Ling Tian's display of strength.

Meanwhile, Feng Qing Yang, Duan Ling Tian's master, was similarly taken aback when he saw Duan Ling Tian's performance. Just like everyone else, he had only found out his true disciple had created his own Mastery Dao and was able to bend the space around him to his will.

Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, noticed Feng Qing Yang's reaction so he asked, "Brother Feng, were you unaware that Junior Nephew Duan has created his own Mastery Dao?"

Feng Qing Yang nodded.

“Your true disciple is truly brilliant,” Ding Fu said enviously, “Based on his attack, I can sense the level of his Mastery Dao is comparable to the level of my Devouring Dao. I really can’t wait to see how strong he’ll become once he attains godhood...”

Not everyone was capable of forming one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, after all. One’s strength when one was a celestial was tremendously different after one became a god. This was even more so for those who had already formed their own Daos.

At this time...

“It’s the Mastery Dao!”

A few young geniuses, including Ling Jue Yun, finally figured out what was going on.

Ling Jue Yun instinctively rose to his feet and looked at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze.

Although the Space Sword Dao and the Mastery Dao that Duan Ling Tian formed were only at the elementary stages, it was unprecedented in all the Devata Realms for a celestial to form two Daos before attaining godhood. Moreover, he had managed to form one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. Godhood aside, this was a strong indication that he was on the right path to becoming a supreme powerhouse!

#### **Chapter 3482: Unprecedented in the History of All the Devata Realms**

Since when did it become so easy to form a Dao of Heaven and Earth?

Ling Jue Yun’s gaze when he looked at Duan Ling Tian was as though he was meeting Duan Ling Tian for the first time.

Ling Jue Yun possessed a valuable treasure that caused the downfall of the Ling clan in the Divine Offering Land. Even with the help of that valuable treasure, he had only managed to form the Limitless Dao and comprehended it to the elementary stage, which was the same stage as Duan Ling Tian’s comprehension of his Space Sword Dao and Mastery Dao. Most importantly, even with that treasure, he had only managed to form one Dao!

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun’s soaring fighting spirit was reflected in his eyes as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He murmured to himself, “I’m currently behind you in regard to the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. However, I’ll definitely surpass you in all aspects in the future! As a direct descendant of the Ling clan in the Divine Offering Realm, I won’t allow myself to be defeated by someone from a mundane realm!”

Although Ling Jue Yun knew he was behind Duan Ling Tian, his spirit was not dampened. After all, the future was long, and he still had time to surpass Duan Ling Tian since their Daos were only at the elementary stage.

“The Mastery Dao?”

Although most of the young geniuses had heard of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, they could not tell Duan Ling Tian had formed the Mastery Dao. They only figured it out when they heard the conversations between those in the know.

“It’s said if one manages to raise one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, they can attain godhood immediately. Rumor has it that Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang attained godhood through this method...”

“There are some Nine Star Gods of War whose comprehension of the law is weaker than Eight Star Gods of War. However, they make up for that after forming and comprehending an elementary Dao...”

“Heavens! This is too unbelievable! Duan Ling Tian is only slightly over 600 years old, but he managed to form two Daos! Although the Daos are still in the elementary stages, it’s only a matter of time before he gains a deeper understanding of his Daos!”

“It’s said that there are a few Heavenly Emperors who have formed an elementary Dao. For example, Heavenly Emperor Ding Fu of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven has formed a Devouring Dao while the Heavenly Emperor of the Ten Thousand Beast Heavens has formed the Limitless Dao.”

The young geniuses selected to participate in the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses were all outstanding. It did not matter if they came from a famous force or were disciples of experts living in seclusion, their elders were all powerhouses in the Devata Realms. Hence, it was only natural that they had heard of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth even if they had not seen them before. Prior to today, most of them had never seen the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth before. It was their first time seeing the Sword Dao, a Weaponry Dao, during the second round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses when Duan Ling Tian made a move.

Although most of them later figured out that Duan Ling Tian had formed another one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, it took them a while to identify the Dao as the Mastery Dao. When they recalled how Duan Ling Tian seemed invulnerable within a five-meter radius and how the space around him destroyed the vines, they slowly figured out that Duan Ling Tian formed a Mastery Dao that allowed him to manipulate the space around him. Since this was only the elementary stage, needless to say, the range of the space he was able to manipulate would only increase as his comprehension deepened.

At the same time, the Heavenly Emperors and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches were also discussing among themselves.

“Duan Ling Tian actually formed two out of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth... I’m afraid this feat is unprecedented in the history of all the Devata Realms, right? What a monstrous talent...”

“We’ll have to ask the Title Temple regarding this matter...”

“That’s right. The Title Temple’s history is as long as the Devata Realms’. They should know if someone with such heaven-defying talents had ever appeared in the past...”

Many of the Heavenly Emperors began to ask the Temple Masters of the Title Temple branches. However, they only received vague replies that said they were not sure. After all, those from the Title Temple branches had been warned by Xu Kong Hai to keep the matter a secret.

At this time, Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, responded to a Heavenly Emperor, “The Devata Realms have existed for a long time... Although a genius like him is rare, I’m sure he’s not the only monstrous talent to have appeared...”

Ru Lai's eyes burned feverishly as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and thought to himself, 'I, Great Master Miyan, didn't even manage to form a Dao after attaining godhood in the past. After possessing his body using my secret technique, I'll have his memories and knowledge. At that time, I'll be able to comprehend the two Daos as well... Duan Ling Tian is truly the best gift from the heavens to me...'

The greed flashing in Ru Lai's eyes grew more and more intense as he stared at Duan Ling Tian like the world's most precious treasure. His thoughts also revealed that he called himself Great Master Miyan.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was instantly alarmed when he felt Ru Lai's greedy gaze on him. He could sense Ru Lai's evil intentions even from such a distance.

At this moment, Zhou Shao Kun smiled sincerely as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, I admit defeat. You're too strong..."

Subsequently, Zhou Shao Kun crushed his jade token and left the battle ring. He did not ask about Duan Ling Tian's attack since he had heard the fervent discussions in his surroundings.

At the same time, everyone's attention was focused on Duan Ling Tian as he returned to his seat. How could he not attract everyone's attention when he not only formed his own Space Sword Dao based on his master's Destructive Sword Dao but also formed the Mastery Dao?

Soon enough, the crowd began to wonder about Duan Ling Tian's comprehension of the law of space. After all, during his two previous challenges, he did not use his law of space to defeat his opponents. The only profundities he had used from the law of space were the Teleportation Profundity and the Space Elemental Profundity.

Someone said, "Perhaps, he hasn't learned how to fuse his profundities..."

Many people refuted these words immediately.

"Nonsense!"

"Impossible! Based on his Celestial Origin Energy, he's clearly a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor. Do you think someone with such a profound cultivation base would be unable to fuse profundities? Most importantly, he's someone who has formed two out of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. How could he not have learned how to fuse his profundities?"

As with the way of the world, there would always be those who disagreed.

Those who doubted Duan Ling Tian spoke up to defend themselves.

"Everyone's energy is finite. I know Duan Ling Tian has high comprehension skills and is monstrously talented. However, he's only slightly over 600 years old, after all. It's natural for him to be limited by his age..."

"That's right! Moreover, he only ascended to a Devata Realm a few hundred years ago."

"It's heaven-defying enough that he manages to form two Daos within a few hundred years. How could he also learn to fuse profundities?"

“There’s even a possibility that he hasn’t comprehended all nine profundities from the law of space to the highest stage...”

Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian did not care about those who questioned his abilities.

Before Duan Ling Tian could even take a seat, Tang San Pao looked at him with blazing eyes and asked, “Duan Ling Tian, what’s your comprehension of the law of space like?”

“Why do you want to know?”

Tang San Pao said with a chuckle, “If your comprehension of the law of space is only average, I’ll still challenge you even if you’ve formed two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. However, if your comprehension of the law of space is high as well, I’m not going to challenge you anymore. After all, why would I intentionally seek defeat and embarrass myself? I won’t give that old man a chance to ridicule me! After all, I’ve been teasing him for being defeated by your master.”

Duan Ling Tian was rather amused by Tang San Pao’s words. He felt Tang San Pao was a really interesting character. Just like Zhang Tian You had said, Tang San Pao did possess the bearing of a powerhouse at all; Tang San Pao was the complete opposite of Ling Jue Yun.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile, “You’ll find out if you battle with me...”

### **Chapter 3483: The Third Bout**

Not only was Duan Ling Tian amused by Tang San Pao, but Zhang Tian You and the others were amused and speechless as well. Was this behavior appropriate for someone who possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War before reaching the age of 1,000? How could he be so blunt and shameless?

“You’re keeping me guessing again!” Tang San Pao was annoyed by Duan Ling Tian’s reply. However, he quickly calmed down and said, “Forget it. We won’t be facing each other so soon anyway. I’ll be able to judge for myself if your opponents manage to force you to reveal your strength. At that time, I’ll be able to decide if I should forfeit my match with you...”

Even Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by Tang San Pao’s behavior.

Subsequently, Tang Sao Pao shifted his attention to Ling Jue Yun. “Out of all of us, only Ling Jue Yun has yet to battle...”

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After two bouts of battles, Ling Jue Yun’s name finally appeared. His opponent’s name was Jiang Yu Heng.

Duan Ling Tian and the others learned about Jiang Yu Heng’s strength through the conversations in their surroundings.

Although the participants’ details were listed by the Title Temple, Duan Ling Tian naturally could not remember every single participant. He only remembered those stronger or comparable to a Four Star God of War, and Jiang Yu Heng was not among them.

“Finally, it’s Jiang Yu Heng’s turn. He was already as strong as a Three Star God of War a decade ago so he must be stronger now...”

“Jiang Yu Heng is a top prodigy in the First Celestial Pavilion, a heaven-grade force in the Blazing Heaven. At slightly over 800 years old, his strength is speculated to be that of a Three Star God of War. Many people believe he’ll be as strong as a Four Star God of War before turning 1,000 years old.”

“On the other hand, Ling Jue Yun is a sectless cultivator from the Wind Prop Heaven.”

“Although he’s a sectless cultivator, he’s the strongest among the young geniuses the Title Temple in the Wind Prop Heaven brought here. Moreover, during the second round of the Battle of the Geniuses, you could see how terrifying he was when killing someone comparable to a top Two Star God of War. At the very least, he’s as strong as a Three Star God of War.”

“Those young geniuses who came from the Wind Prop Heaven have said that Ling Jue Yun is as strong as a top Three Star God of War. There’s a chance he’s as strong as Four Star God of War!”

The crowd seemed knowledgeable about Ling Jue Yun. Clearly, they had asked around about him.

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Ling Jue Yun stood in the battle ring across from his opponent, Jiang Heng Yu.

Jiang Heng Yu was a solemn young man dressed in fine robes.

The solemn Jiang Heng Yu and aloof Ling Jue Yun silently faced each other.

Swoosh!

Without any warning, Jiang Heng Yu made the first move. He brought his Celestial Weapon that resembled a small and exquisite cauldron out before he tossed it up into the sky.

Flames surged around the cauldron immediately as it rapidly began to increase in size. When it finally shot toward Ling Jue Yun and dropped from above, it looked like a live volcano.

Ling Jue Yun remained expressionless when faced with the gigantic cauldron. When the cauldron dropped down, his death doppelganger that was shrouded in dragon-like black mist appeared immediately.

Ling Jue Jun’s doppelganger shot toward the cauldron fearlessly.

Bang!

A loud explosion rang in the air when Ling Jue Yun’s doppelganger collided with the giant cauldron. Flame surged and shrouded the death doppelganger soon after.

At the same time, Jiang Heng Yu’s expression was grim, and veins could be seen popping up on his forehead. It seemed like he was attacking with all his might at this moment.

“Did he manage to suppress Ling Jue Yun?”

Suddenly...



Roar!

The death doppelganger let out a fierce roar as it flew out of the surging flames' reach. Its bloodshot eyes looked terrifying as death aura began to surge around him before transforming into countless swords rays that put out the flames.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Following that, the death doppelganger gathered all the death aura around its fist before it punched the giant cauldron.

The giant cauldron that had lost its flame was sent flying with a loud bang.

Jiang Heng Yu, who was controlling the cauldron from afar, spit out a mouthful of blood immediately as he staggered backward. His face was as pale as a sheet of paper at this moment.

"I've lost." Jiang Heng Yu raised his trembling hand and retrieved the cauldron that had shrunk to the size of his palm before putting it away.

In just a blink of an eye, Ling Jue Yun won his match with Jiang Heng Yu before the others even managed to figure out what was going on.

Only a few astute young geniuses knew Jiang Heng Yu had attacked without holding back earlier but was still unable to stop Ling Jue Yun. Not only that, but Ling Jue Yun had easily defeated Jiang Heng Yu with just a strike. From the beginning until the end, Ling Jue Yun did not move at all nor did he use his Celestial Weapon; his doppelganger alone was enough to defeat Jiang Heng Yu.

"Previously, it's speculated that Ling Jue Yun possessed the strength of a top Three Star God of War. However, after this match, I'm sure he's a top Four Star God of War at least."

"That's right! An ordinary Four Star God of War won't be able to dispel Jiang Heng Yu's attack with so much ease!"

The crowd's eyes were glued to Ling Jue Yun as he returned to his seat next to Duan Ling Tian.

"Ling Jue Yun seems close to Duan Ling Tian..."

"That's right. They've been together since the start of the Battle of the Geniuses..."

"Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, Tang San Pao, and Su Li... That group is filled with monstrous talents!"

"As the saying goes, 'Birds of a feather flock together...'"

After Ling Jue Yun won his first battle, Duan Ling Tian and his friends gained even more attention.

On the other hand, Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian Yi felt the pressure of sitting with the four talented geniuses as the crowd whispered among themselves.

After a while, the first bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses finally came to an end.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, Ling Jue Yun, and Tang San Pao, there were a few more young geniuses who had performed brilliantly. Among them were Zhong Gui Yu, a sectless cultivator from the Boundless Heaven who stunned the crowd during his match. Then, there was Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. However, Yu Dongfan's true strength had not been determined since his opponent was weaker than him.

Currently, only Zhong Gui Yu and Tang San Pao had revealed strength comparable to a Five Star God of War due to their opponents possessing the strength of a Four Star God of War. The others only revealed strength comparable to a Four Star God of War at most. Needless to say, there were more participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War; they had just hidden their strength.

Now that the first bout of the fourth round of the Battle of the Geniuses has come to an end, Xu Kong Hai said, "The second bout of the fourth round will take place after three days..."

Although three days were short, they were enough for those injured young geniuses to recover.

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After three days...

The crowd could not wait for the second bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses to commence. They grew even more excited when they realized many of the outstanding participants had yet to show their full strength since they were mostly assigned to weaker opponents unlike Zhong Gui Yu and Tang Sang Pao.

Alas, the matches were not particularly exciting during the second bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

In the end, the 75 young geniuses with mediocre performances were eliminated while the other 75 outstanding young geniuses, including Duan Ling Tian, would continue to advance.

"It seems like the Title Temple intends to save the best for last... It seems like they're trying to determine the strength of the participants and select the strongest to battle at the end..." Zhang Tian You said.

"Indeed." Wang Ting nodded.

For the third bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, Ling Jue Yun, and Tang San Pao did not have to fight anyone.

#### **Chapter 3484: A Supreme Powerhouse's Will**

During the third bout of the fourth stage of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, the 75 participants who passed the second bout did not need to participate in the third bout.

The remaining 225 participants would fight among themselves for the remaining 25 places. This meant that only roughly 10% of the participants would be able to advance. Hence, the third bout was longer compared to the first and second bouts. Moreover, there were a few participants among the 225 participants who were not any weaker than some of the 75 participants who were exempted from the third bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

The third bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was not particularly exciting as well. As such, it did not take long before many of the Heavenly Emperors began to leave the venue. Upon seeing that, many young geniuses followed suit and left as well.

Feng Qing Yang and Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven and also the host of the Devata Realms' Battle Geniuses had left as well.

On the contrary, not one of those from the Title Temple left. No matter how boring the matches were, the Title Temple was the creator of the event after all. Those from the Title Temple branches might even be punished by the main Title Temple for leaving.

Upon seeing this, Tang San Pao said to Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Ling Jue Yun. "The matches are boring... Let's return to cultivate. We'll return once the bout ends or when we're needed here..."

Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Ling Jue Yun had no objections. Before they left with Tang San Pao, they had asked Zhang Tian You and the others to call for them once the third bout had ended. Although they did not need to participate in the third bout, they had to present for the fourth bout.

Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian Yi did not leave. Although Duan Ling Tian, Tang San Pao, Su Li, and Ling Jue Yun found the matches boring, the trio found the matches interesting. After all, those who were fighting in the third bout were naturally much stronger than those in the first two bouts. By observing the fights, they might learn something. Hence, how could they let go of such a good chance and leave?

Most of the young geniuses who had left the venue were part of those 75 participants who had advanced to the fourth round. In fact, out of 75 participants, only twenty or thirty of them had left.

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"See you later," Duan Ling Tian said to the others before all of them returned to their respective wooden houses.

After entering his wooden house, Duan Ling Tian lay on the bed and closed his eyes to meditate; in his hand, he held the Supreme Powerhouse's Divinity. It did not take long before he fell asleep. Although it was not necessary for celestials to sleep, they could easily sleep by cutting off their senses from the world. Needless to say, unlike some humans who could even sleep through earthquakes, their surroundings had to be quiet since the slightest noise could make the defenses kick in and jolt them awake.

Shortly after he fell asleep, he entered a dream where he was in a place of nothingness except for a figure casting the profundities from the law of space.

After some time had passed, Duan Ling Tian discovered he was no longer in a place of nothingness. He now saw the figure standing unmoving on a seemingly endless mountain range.

"The Mastery Dao?"

Then, Duan Ling Tian watched as the figure extended both his arms. Following that, the space around the figure began to distort and ripple. In the beginning, it was just space close to the figure. However, it gradually spread to the sky above and the ground below.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

As soon as the horrifying force that distorted the space came in contact with the ground, the mountain the figure stood on collapsed immediately, reduced to rubble and debris. When it touched the clouds in the sky, they vanished as well.

'The range of his Mastery Dao is really vast. Mine only covers a radius of five meters...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The Territory Profundity from the law of space was similar to Duan Ling Tian's Mastery Dao. However, its offensive strength could not compare to the Mastery Dao as well. The person who cast the law of space's Mastery Dao was a god in that particular space.

"Hmm?"

After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian discovered the figure had begun to move again. This time, a sword appeared in its hand before it began to demonstrate various astonishing moves along with the law of space.

As Duan Ling Tian continued to watch, the feeling like something was amiss gradually grew in his heart when he saw the figure's sword techniques slightly resembled his master's Destructive Sword Dao. It confused him that the figure seemed to know what he knew.

The feeling like something was amiss was so strong that Duan Ling Tian quickly jolted away. Then, he hurriedly brought the Formation compass out so he could speak to the World Cleansing Divine Water in his Little World.

"Sister Water, there's something strange with the Supreme Powerhouse's Divinity. It seems to understand my Sword Dao..." Duan Ling Tian said before recounting what he had seen in his dream. In fact, this was not the first time he had noticed something like that, but it had never been so obvious before. He could no longer hold back his curiosity so he decided to speak to the World Cleansing Divine Water that was the most knowledgeable among the Four Divine Elements.

"That's normal..." The World Cleansing Divine Water was not surprised by Duan Ling Tian's words at all. "The Supreme Powerhouse Divinity is a priceless treasure after all. It appears when a supreme powerhouse perishes. Not only can it help one to deepen one's understanding of the law, but it also holds a small trace of a supreme powerhouse's will..."

"Although it contains a trace of the will from a supreme powerhouse, it's not a living thing. Its actions are instinctive. Learning your Sword Dao can be considered as an example. It will also instinctively continue to comprehend your Dao, which will be helpful to you. After all, although it's just the divinity and the will of a supreme powerhouse, they still belonged to a supreme powerhouse, a peak existence. Therefore, its ability to refine your Dao will surpass yours even if the supreme powerhouse didn't form and comprehend such a Dao when he or she was alive. After all, all the Daos share a root..." the World Cleansing Divine Water explained, clearing Duan Ling Tian's confusion.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. As it turned out, the Supreme Powerhouse's Divinity still contained a trace of the will from the supreme powerhouse who had perished.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian took a look at his family and friends and found they were all deep in their cultivation. With that, he severed his Little World's connection to the outside world again before he slept again. After all, the figure in his dream was a great teacher.

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Although the third bout of the fourth stage of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was rather long, it still ended within a month after 25 out of 225 participants had been selected to proceed to the next bout.

"Duan Ling Tian, the fourth bout of the fourth stage of the Battle of the Geniuses will commence in three days. Similar to the previous rounds, those who were eliminated would have ten chances to challenge those who made it..."

Upon hearing Zhang Tian You's message, Duan Ling Tian jolted awake.

Over the next three days, he did not sleep. Instead, he cultivated to calm the restless Celestial Origin Energy in his body. After all, whenever he slept and comprehended the law of space using the Supreme Powerhouse's Divinity, his Celestial Origin Energy would circulate on its own. In the end, it only took him half a day to calm his Celestial Origin Energy.

Duan Ling Tian cultivated and thought to himself at the same time, 'I must rank first in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. I have to obtain the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit! With the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit, I can save a few decades of cultivation to become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor.'

Although Duan Ling Tian was now a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor, which was just a stage below a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor, it was difficult to progress at this stage. Just to become a Ten Directions Celestial from a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor was much harder compared to a One Basic Celestial Emperor becoming a Six Combos Celestial Emperor or a Seven Stars Celestial Emperor. Even for someone with heaven-defying talents who possessed plenty of cultivation resources and superior cultivation like Duan Ling Tian, it was not an easy task to break through. Usually, even geniuses would take a few hundred years at least to become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor from a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor.

"Among the participants of the Battle of the Geniuses, the strongest so far has strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. This means their cultivation base is that of a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor at most. In the history of all the Devata Realms, there aren't many who became Ten Directions Celestial Emperors before the age of 1,000. Those who managed such a feat had undoubtedly consumed the Exploding Element Celestial Fruits or other Celestial Fruits with similar effects."

There were 81 Devata Realms, after all. It was only a matter of course that there were other Celestial Fruits with effects like the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit.

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After three days, Duan Ling Tian sent a message to Su Li before leaving his wooden house. Since Su Li did contact him, he knew Su Li must still be in his wooden house.

After Su Li left his wooden house, he said, "I lost track of time while cultivating and forgot the fourth bout will start today..."

"Let's go..." Duan Ling Tian said with a smile. Then, as the duo walked to the venue, a smile appeared on his lips as he wondered out loud, "I wonder how many challenges we'll receive this time..."

### **Chapter 3485: Ouyang Xu**

During the final bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, there were 100 participants who could be challenged. 75 out of the 100 participants were those who qualified in the second bout like Duan Ling Tian. The remaining 25 out of the 100 participants were those who advanced during the third bout.

The participants who were eliminated during the previous bouts in the fourth round would be given ten chances to issue challenges. Based on this, there would be roughly 1,000 matches if no one surrendered or if everyone used all their ten chances.

Needless to say, not everyone would use up all ten chances. Those who were truly powerful would usually be able to secure a place to advance to the next round after one or two challenges. Only those who were weak would usually use up all ten chances.

Since the final bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was rather interesting, apart from the young geniuses, the Heavenly Emperors were present at the venue as well.

As for the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple branches, they did not even leave during the boring third bout. Needless to say, they would be present during the final bout as well.

Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, appeared in the air. He looked at the young geniuses for a moment before he said in an even tone, "The final bout for the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses will start today. The final participants will advance to the next round. Since I'm sure you're all familiar with the rules, I won't be repeating them... Those who were eliminated in the earlier bouts of the fourth run will challenge the 100 participants who qualified up until now. Apart from that, the list of participants and their descriptions has also been updated. You can look through them."

As soon as Xu Kong Hai finished speaking, a list of names appeared above him,

The crowd instinctively looked up.

Duan Ling Tian found his name easily and discovered his description now was very different from before. It read: Duan Ling Tian. The only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. For now, he has shown the strength of a top Three Star God of War. If he's able to cast a double Fused Profundity, his strength would be that of a Four Star God of War.

'Their reasoning is logical based on what I've shown...' Duan Ling Tian nodded inwardly. Then, he looked at Ling Jue Yu, Tang San Pao, and Su Li's descriptions.

Ling Jue Yun's description read:

Ling Jue Yun from the Wind Prop Heaven. Background unknown. The strength he has shown so far indicates that he's at least as strong as a Four Star God of War.

Tang San Pao's description was as followed:

Tang San Pao has been confirmed to have the strength of a Five Star God of War at least. His background is unknown.

Finally, Su Li's description was as followed:

Su Li. A disciple of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect in the Jade Emperor Heaven. He had a breakthrough recently and possessed the strength of a Four Star God of War.

After reading through the descriptions, Tang San Pao gave Duan Ling Tian a thumbs-up as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, you hid your strength the best among the four of us. Generally, only those who are cunning are able to hide their strength so well..."

"Tang San Pao, you must be very confident about your strength, right?" Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Tang San Pao from the corners of his eyes. A small smile could be seen on his face.

Chills ran up Tang San Pao's spine immediately when he saw the smile on Duan Ling Tians face. He hastily said, "No, no, I'm joking. I'm just joking!"

Inwardly, Tang San Pao wondered to himself, 'Is Duan Ling Tian truly strong enough to defeat me?'

Su Lu who was still looking at the list of names above Xu Kong Hai said, "There are quite a lot of participants who have strength comparable to a Four Star God of War."

Upon hearing Su Li's words, Duan Ling Tian looked at the list of names again. Indeed, they were more than twenty participants who were speculated to be as stronger or stronger than a Four Star God of War.

"It seems like the participants are finding it harder and harder to hide their strength as the competition continues..." Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at the names of almost 30 participants who were as strong as or stronger than a Four Star God of War.

"People rarely challenge participants with strength comparable to or stronger than a Four Star God of War. Those with strength comparable to a Four Star God of War usually are able to rank in the top 30," Zhang Tian You said.

It was just as Zhang Tian You said. Most people would not dare to challenge those who were confirmed to have strength comparable to or stronger than a Four Star God of War. It was only natural that they would challenge those who were weaker. It did not make sense for them to challenge those who were stronger or would pose a higher difficulty after all.

Tang San Pao said with a smile, "Duan Ling Tian, I don't think anyone will challenge the three of us... However, I have a feeling someone will challenge you..."

Who knew if Tang San Pao jinxed Duan Ling Tian, but someone really challenged Duan Ling Tian soon after.

"I, Ouyang Xu, would like to challenge Duan Ling Tian!"

The green-clad young man who challenged Duan Ling Tian had a medium-built. Despite his ordinary appearance, his eyes were extraordinarily bright and piercing. Golden sword rays as thin as needles circled him as he stood in the battle ring. Apart from that, a huge translucent golden sword ray could be seen beneath his feet as well.

“It is Ouyang Xu! He’s a young genius from our Solitary Destructive Heaven as well!” Wang Ting said with gleaming eyes, “He’s as strong as a Three Star God of War, and he’s rather famous in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. He’s also a Sword Celestial.”

Wang Ting paused for a moment as though she had just recalled something. Then, she said, “I heard that Ouyang Xu once kneeled outside the gates of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven for a month, hoping that our Lord Heavenly Emperor would accept him as a disciple. Alas, our Lord Heavenly Emperor did not respond to him at all so he left after kneeling for a month. After that, as though obsessed, he kept challenging geniuses under the age of 1,000 in the Solitary Destructive Heaven and is undefeated. About 100 years ago, he was already speculated to be as strong as a Three Star God of War. At that time, he returned to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and kneeled for three months, begging our Lord Heavenly Emperor to accept him as a disciple. Unfortunately, just like before, our Lord Heavenly Emperor did not respond to him...”

At this point, Wang Ting paused for a moment as she looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully. Then, she continued to say, “However, he didn’t leave quietly like the first time. He began to cause a ruckus outside of the Heavenly Palace. He questioned why our Lord Heavenly Emperor refused to accept him and boasted that he could defeat or kill our Lord Heavenly Emperor’s only true disciple with just a move. I’m sure he was so confident at that because he knew you’re 300 years younger than him. All in all, the commotion he caused was centered around how our Lord Heavenly Emperor made a mistake accepting you as his true disciple... Naturally, he was more tactful with his words...”

“Oh? Is that so?” Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. He finally understood why he felt a sense of hostility from Ouyang Xu.

Swoosh!

Following that, Duan Ling Tian left his seat and appeared in the battle ring in just a blink of an eye. He looked at Ouyang Xu and calmly said, “You can attack now...”

Ouyang Xu did not attack immediately. Instead, he sized Duan Ling Tian up before he asked in a deep voice, “Duan Ling Tian, do you know how long I’ve waited for this moment?”

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “I don’t know nor am I interested in knowing.”

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At the same time, the onlookers finally sensed the tension between Ouyang Xu and Duan Ling Tian.

“Hey, does Ouyang Xu have a grudge against Duan Ling Tian? The way he’s looking at Duan Ling Tian is as though he can’t wait to eat Duan Ling Tian alive.”

“You noticed that as well?! They must have enmity between them!”



“I came here with Ouyang Xu and the people from the Title Temple in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Ouyang Xu is rather famous in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. However, this should be his first time meeting Duan Ling Tian. I don’t think there’s any enmity between them.”

“No enmity? How’s that possible?”

“Hey, you might not have heard about it, but Ouyang Xu begged Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang to accept him as a disciple twice. He even kneeled outside the gates of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven each time. However...”

As the discussions continued, most of the young geniuses finally discovered the reason for the tension between Ouyang Xu and Duan Ling Tian. As it turned out, Ouyang Xu was jealous and resentful that Feng Qing Yang refused to accept him and accepted Duan Ling Tian as a true disciple instead.

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“Duan Ling Tian.” Ouyang Xu stared at Duan Ling Tian with eyes burning with hatred. “Today, I’ll show our Lord Heavenly Emperor what a big mistake he has made by accepting you as his true disciple. I’ll show him how powerless you are when faced with me!”

As soon as Ouyang Xu finished speaking, a golden light burst forth from his body. Following that, numerous small golden sword rays could be seen circling a huge golden sword.

Duan Ling Tian only smiled indifferently. “Alright, I’ll wait for you to attack...”

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At this moment, Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, chuckled before he said, “Brother Feng, your disciple is truly unruffled by everything...”

Feng Qing Yang smiled faintly in his response. His gaze was warm as he looked at Duan Ling Tian; he did not even spare a glance in Ouyang Xu’s direction.

“Duan Ling Tian, I’ll defeat you in ten moves!” Ouyang Xu cried out before he shot toward Duan Ling Tian like a sword.

At the same time, sword rays rained down on Duan Ling Tian. They had all been boosted with profundities, including Fused Profundities, from the law of metal.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sword rays swept out like a huge wave as the sharp sounds of sword cries rang in the air.

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### **Chapter 3486: Duan Ling Tian is As Strong As a Five Star God of War!**

When Ouyang Xu attacked, the entire battle ring was illuminated by a golden light.

As the sword rays shot out, the sound of the void tearing could be heard amidst the sword cries.

The strength Ouyang Xu displayed even caused Duan Ling Tian to cock an eyebrow. It was clear, based on this attack alone, that Ouyang Xu was far stronger than a Three Star God of War; Ouyang Xu was at least as strong as a Four Star God of War.

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At the same time, the crowd began to discuss among themselves when they saw the force of Ouyang Xu's attack.

"Ouyang Xu is much stronger than what was speculated. However, it was not surprising since it's been 100 years since he was confirmed to be as strong as a Three Star God of War."

"He possesses the strength of a Four Star God of War despite being under 1,000 years old. There won't be more than thirty or forty people like him even if we take all the Devata Realms into consideration. In my opinion, 90% of the Heavenly Emperors would gladly accept him as a true disciple..."

"Considering how amazing Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang is, he's definitely not part of the 90%."

"I thought he was only as strong as a Three Star God of War. In that case, he definitely wouldn't be a match for Duan Ling Tian. Unless Duan Ling Tian is also as strong as a Four Star God of War, it'd be tough for Duan Ling Tian to defeat him..."

Based on the strength Duan Ling Tian had shown thus far, the Title Temple had speculated that his strength was only comparable to a top Three Star God of War. They only took into consideration the fact that he formed two out of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth and did not consider if he had comprehended any Fused Profundities. After all, he had yet to showcase much of his law of space.

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"Too ostentatious..." Duan Ling Tian casually waved his hand, sending a blast of Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the law of space to deflect Ouyang Xu's attack.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy turned into a few grey sword rays.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sword rays sailed out, looking as though they were leaving tears in the void.

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Upon seeing this, many people were shocked.

It was easy for celestials to tear holes in space in mundane realms. However, the space in Devata Realms was much more stable. In regard to tearing a proper hole in space, even powerful titled Celestial Emperors could barely manage such a feat. Only those who had attained godhood were capable of that.

On the other hand, tiny cracks and tears in the void were not as uncommon. Powerful titled Celestial Emperors would usually leave cracks and tears in the void when they unleashed a particularly powerful attack.

After a moment, a few astute young geniuses finally figured out Duan Ling Tian's attack.

“His attack didn’t leave tears in the void. It should be due to the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity that’s been fused with another profundity.”

“The Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity has been fused with another profundity?”

“This means Duan Ling Tian’s comprehension of the law of space is quite deep...”

Many of them were in awe of Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

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At this time, Duan Ling Tian’s grey sword rays had already arrived near Ouyang Xu’s golden sword rays.

Duan Ling Tian’s dull grey sword rays looked unimpressive when compared to Ouyang Xu’s bright and dazzling golden sword rays that shone as bright as the sun.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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Everyone watched with rapt attention as Duan Ling Tian began to flash around Ouyang Xu, leaving afterimages in his wake just as his grey sword rays were about to collide with Ouyang Xu’s golden sword rays.

At this moment, the space around Ouyang Xu began to distort and ripple. The space around kept shrinking as though it was trying to trap him. Not only that, but Ouyang Xu’s golden sword rays were also being trapped in such a manner. It was like an invisible hand was slowly squeezing around Ouyang Xu and his golden sword rays.

Eventually, Ouyang Xu was trapped in a cube-like space. The only reason the onlookers could tell he was trapped in a cube-like space was due to the illumination from the golden light on his body.

Soon enough, someone cried out, “It’s the law of space’s Restraining Profundity!”

“He successfully restrained Ouyang Xu!”

“How’s it so easy for him to restrain Ouyang Xu who’s as strong as a Four Star God of War?”

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At this moment, Ouyang Xu, who was trapped in the cube-like space, sneered. “How naive! Do you really think your Restraining Profundity is capable of holding me back? Shatter!”

The golden sword rays around Ouyang Xu grew in intensity as soon as he finished speaking.

“You can try breaking free...” Duan Ling Tian said. Then, he teleported near the cube-like space and used his Mastery Dao to control the space within a five-meter radius. More than half the area under the effect of the Restraining Profundity was now under his control. As for the area that was not within his control, he sent his grey sword rays there.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

At the same time, Ouyang Xu attacked the space that restrained him in a frenzy using his golden sword rays. The golden sword rays that looked as though they could destroy everything slashed at the void causing sounds of explosions to resound in the venue. Nevertheless, the area that within Duan Ling Tian's control remained unaffected.

Upon seeing this, Ouyang Xu focused his attention on the area that was not under Duan Ling Tian's control. A hint of joy could be seen on his face when he thought he had found an opening. However, before he could act, the grey sword rays easily destroyed his golden sword rays before they flew toward him, leaving cuts on his body.

When Ouyang Xu felt the excruciating pain from his body, he cried out in horror. It felt as though tens of thousands of daggers were slashing at his body at this moment. He could endure the pain at all.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian released his control over the space and used the remaining energy to form a ball of energy that contained spatial energy. The ball of energy landed squarely on Ouyang Xu's chest, sending him flying back.

Ouyang Xu spat out a mouthful of blood before he dropped to the ground.

Just like that, Ouyang Xu who was as strong as a Four Star God of War was defeated. Not only was he defeated, but he was thoroughly defeated. From the beginning until the end, he did not even have a chance to draw close to Duan Ling Tian, who was in control and was toying with him.

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The crowd inhaled sharply when they saw the outcome of the match. None of them had expected this.

"Duan Ling Tian defeated Ouyang Xu so easily?"

"Heavens! Even Su Li would only be able to fight to a draw with Ouyang Xu..."

"I thought Su Li's monstrously talented as it is. It'd be shocking if Duan Ling Tian was also as talented as Su Li. I didn't expect Duan Ling Tian to be even more talented and powerful than Su Li! He's truly a heaven-defying talent! Su Li is definitely not a match for him!"

"Not only has Duan Ling Tian formed two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, but he also has a profound comprehension of the law of space!"

Many people were shocked by the strength Duan Ling Tian displayed. They all turned to look at Feng Qing Yang instinctively as they discussed among themselves.

"No wonder the legendary Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang only accepted Duan Ling Tian as his true disciple and completely ignored Ouyang Xu! Duan Ling Tian and Ouyang Xu are in completely different leagues!"

"Ouyang Xu is about 300 years older than Duan Ling Tian, and yet, he's significantly weaker than Duan Ling Tian... It's no wonder he was rejected Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang!"

“The Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven is truly amazing! Not only is he monstrously strong, but his true disciple is monstrously strong as well. It seems like it was not just luck when Duan Ling Tian inherited Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang’s legacy in the mundane realm.”

In the past, there were many who thought Feng Qing Yang was too careless in accepting his true disciple. Now, after Duan Ling Tian’s performance during the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses, everyone thought he was brilliant and had an eye for picking out talents.

“Duan Ling Tian never fails to surprise me every time he fights. I wonder if he went out during this match or if he’s still hiding his strength...”

“If he’s still hiding his strength, doesn’t that mean he’s as strong as a top Five Star God of War or a Six Star God of War?!”

“A Six Star God of War? Impossible! In the history of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses, which is held every 1,000 years, there were rarely any participants as strong as a Six Star God of War. Perhaps, such a participant would only appear once every 10,000 years...”

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian returned to his seat in front of Tang San Pao, Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian Yi.

Ling Jue Yun and Su Li were not surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s performance. In their hearts, Duan Ling Tian was definitely powerful. They would have been surprised if he had lost to Ouyang Xu.

Tang San Pao began to probe again. “Duan Ling Tian, did you go all out earlier?”

Just like before, Duan Ling Tian glanced at Tang San Pao and said with a mysterious smile, “What? If I say I went all out earlier, will you be confident in challenging me?”

Tang San Pao, who had been seen through by Duan Ling Tian, smiled sheepishly. “I... Forget it. With the strength you’ve shown so far, I’ll likely only be able to fight you to a draw...”

### **Chapter 3487: The Primeval Cliff**

Not only were the young geniuses shocked that Duan Ling Tian had so easily overpowered someone as strong as a Four Star God of War, but the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms were shocked as well. They did not expect someone who was only a little over 600 years old was capable of such a feat.

Previously, when Su Li broke through in the middle of a battle, they had already been shocked. After all, there were very few cultivators who possessed the strength of a Four Star God of War at only a little more than 600 years old. Who knew Duan Ling would be even more heaven-defying? Duan Ling Tian was the same age as Su Li but possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War at least, based on how he had easily defeated Ouyang Xu who was as strong as a Four Star God of War. With this, Duan Ling Tian outshone Su Li.

Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, looked at Feng Qing Yang and said, “Brother Feng, your disciple is truly a gem.”

Although Feng Qing Yang only smiled modestly in response, the people in his surroundings could tell, based on the traces of joy hidden in the depths of his eyes, that he was not as unaffected as he seemed by Ding Fu's praise.

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"I don't think anyone will challenge us now..." Tang San Pao said as he shook his head.

Among the four of them, even the weakest possessed strength comparable to a Four Star God of War. All of them would undoubtedly be part of the 100 participants to advance to the next round. As such, would there be anyone dumb enough to challenge them? Not only would the challengers not have a chance of winning, but they would risk getting injured as well. Even Ouyang Xu, who was as strong as a Four Star God of War, was injured during his match with Duan Ling Tian.

Even with the Prominent Grade Celestial Pills provided by the Title Temple, Ouyang Xu's injuries would still take a few days to heal. Regardless, with his strength that was comparable to a Four Star God of War, he would definitely be able to advance to the next round once he had recovered and challenged another person. In fact, even if the Title Temple granted him a pass to advance to the next round, no one would object to it as well.

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Two days later...

"How boring..." Tang San Pao grumbled impatiently.

Although a few participants had shown remarkable strength during the final bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, the strongest among them only displayed strength comparable to a top Three Star God of War. After all, no one dared to challenge those who were as strong as or stronger than a Four Star God of War.

Nevertheless, those strong participants were not allowed to leave even if no one challenged them. Their presence was made mandatory by the Title Temple. Otherwise, what would happen if, on the off chance, someone decided to challenge them?

While waiting, Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes to cultivate by circulating the energy in his body. Needless to say, he did not use the Supreme Powerhouse's Divinity in such a public place. Even if everyone knew his master, Feng Qing Yang, had attained godhood, it would not matter once people found out he possessed the Supreme Powerhouse's Divinity.

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Another few days passed in just a blink of an eye.

The final bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was already approaching the end at this time. Most of the challengers had also used up their ten chances.

Many of the participants, those who had secured a place to advance to the next round and those who had long been eliminated, could not wait for the fourth round to end. All of them were looking forward to the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

However, there were also as many participants who enjoyed themselves such as Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian Yi. The trio was even weaker than those who were eliminated in the fourth round, therefore, they still had a lot to learn from all the matches in the fourth round.

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The fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses finally came to an end after a few days.

Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, who presided over the event announced loudly, "The 100 participants who have successfully advanced to the next round will have a month to recuperate. We will gather here after a month for the fifth round of the Battle of the Geniuses..."

When Duan Ling Tian and the others were about to leave, Tang San Pao called out, stopping Duan Ling from leaving, "Duan Ling Tian."

Ling Jue Yun and Su Li stayed back as well.

On the other hand, Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian Yi did not stay back. They knew what Tang San Pao had to say likely had nothing to do with them. After all, their strength was too different.

"What's wrong?" Su Li asked.

Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun looked at Tang San Pao with puzzled expressions as well.

"Did you know there is a place called the Primeval Cliff in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven?" Tang San Pao asked.

The trio shook their heads.

"A few days ago, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven has said that those who will be advancing to the fifth round are allowed to visit the Primeval Cliff," Tang San Pao said with bright eyes, "What do you think? Do you want to explore the place together?"

"What's the Primeval Cliff?" Su Li asked.

"Seriously? None of you have heard about the Primeval Cliff?" Tang San Pao stared at the trio in disbelief. Then, he explained, "The Primeval Cliff was left behind by the first Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven. Legend has it that he has become a supreme powerhouse. However, no one can verify this. The Primeval Cliff was where

Tang San Pao stared in disbelief. "The Primeval Cliff was left behind by the first Heavenly Emperor of Primeval Heaven... Legends say that he had become a Supreme Powerhouse later on. Certainly, it was just a legend since no one knew the truth because he had disappeared after that. Accordingly, the Primeval Cliff is where he stored the comprehension of various powerhouses' laws after he devoured their souls. Although it isn't as direct as the Title Temple's chamber of laws, it'll still be beneficial to us. It's especially beneficial to those with a high aptitude for cultivation..."

"There's such a place here?" Su Li's interest was piqued after listening to Tang San Pao's words.

Similarly, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were interested as well.

“Where is the Primeval Cliff?” Su Li asked.

Tang San Pao chuckled before he said, “Follow me. I’ve already asked about the location. Moreover, I saw Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, and Zhong Gui Yu heading in that direction as well...”

Tang San Pao led the trio to the other side of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven. The place he led them to was a sparsely populated mountain range. At this time, only an elder and disciples of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven on duty could be seen. There were one elder and ten disciples patrolling the area every shift.

After the elder and disciples stopped the young men and verified their identities, they were allowed to pass.

Following that, Tang San Pao led them to a tall but hidden peak among the clouds. The peak towered over the clouds, looking like a massive pillar piercing through the sky. The clouds swirling around the peak were in fact no ordinary clouds. They were clearly created by Formations.

There were a group of people patrolling this area as well.

“The security is quite tight here. In fact, all the other past Heavenly Emperors of the Primeval Heaven highly valued this place...” Tang San Pao said, “I didn’t expect the current Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven to be so generous as to allow us access to this place. However, I heard some people saying the Title Temple had compensated the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval in exchange for allowing us to come to this place. If that’s true, then we have to thank the Title Temple for this great opportunity!”

“The Title Temple?” Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows. He did not have many dealings with the Title Temple. However, based on his master’s words, he did not think the Title Temple would be so magnanimous or benevolent. After all, they organized the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses solely so they could recruit young geniuses to join them. He had even heard that sectless cultivators with powerful backgrounds were held captive by the Title Temple. The Title Temple would use some secret technique to plant a curse in the geniuses’ bodies, forcing the geniuses to work for them. In short, the Title Temple was not a benevolent force.

At this moment, the group of people patrolling the area stopped Duan Ling Tian and the others.

“Are you the participants who will be advancing to the fifth round of the Battle of the Geniuses?”

“Yes.” Tang San Pao nodded.

“Wang Ke, bring them to the people from the Title Temple.”

An elder from the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven ordered a disciple to lead Duan Ling Tian and the others to the other side of the peak.

When Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived, they saw many of the participants who had qualified for the fifth round had already arrived.

‘Ru Lai?’



It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian saw Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, with the others from the Title Temple branches.

Ru Lai seemed to have sensed Duan Ling Tian's gaze. He turned around, and when his gaze landed on Duan Ling Tian, a hint of greed flashed in the depths of his eyes.

### **Chapter 3488: Vigilant**

Duan Ling Tian did not expect to see Ru Lai here. However, when he recalled Ru Lai's position, he thought it was not surprising that Ru Lai was here. Since the Title Temple had paid a price so the participants who advanced to the fifth round could visit the Primeval Cliff, it was only natural that the Title Temple would be maintaining order and verifying the participants' identities.

"Sir, once the people from the Title Temple confirm your identity, the people from the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven will lead you to the Primeval Cliff," the disciple from the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven explained.

Although it was not without reason that Ru Lai was here, Duan Ling Tian still found it strange that someone with Ru Lai's position, a Temple Master of a Title Temple branch, would personally come here just to verify the participants' identities.

When Duan Ling Tian thought about Ru Lai's behavior previously, he grew even more vigilant. In the end, he decided to send his master, Feng Qing Yang, a message.

"Master, I'm going to visit the Primeval Cliff. Those from the Title Temple are here to verify our identities, and Temple Master Ru Lai is here as well. I find it strange that the Temple Master of the Title Temple in Pavilion Shaft Heaven would be here to personally verify the participants' identities. Even a Vice Temple Master of a Title Temple branch would be out of place doing such a job, right?"

Previously, Ru Lai was bold enough to probe him even when his master was around. Now that his master was not present, he was not certain what Ru Lai would do. He had no idea why Ru Lai would behave in such a manner. He thought it was likely that it had something to do with him being a Yan Huang Entity.

Regardless, Duan Ling Tian thought it was best to inform his master about this matter for his safety. Moreover, it seemed like his master had a rather good relationship with the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven. It should not be a problem if his master decided to visit the Primeval Cliff as well.

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Just as Duan Ling Tian expected, Feng Qing Yang went to see Ding Fu immediately. Since the Primeval Cliff belonged to Ding Fu, he and his companions could naturally come and go as he pleased.

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Duan Ling Tian who had thought Ru Lai would cause trouble for him was surprised when Ru Lai let him pass without saying anything.

'What is he scheming?' Instead of feeling relieved, Duan Ling Tian was even more guarded and suspicious. Before he made his way to the Primeval Cliff with Su Li and the others, he sent another message to update his master.

The Primeval Cliff was a cliff on the side of a towering peak that was shrouded by clouds and mist. To go to the cliff, the people from the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven had to deactivate a few Formations to open up a path. The path was also the only path that led to the Primeval Cliff. Without the people from the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, it would be difficult for others to go to the Primeval Cliff even if they were gods. This was because the Formations were laid by the first Heavenly Emperor of Primeval Heaven who had attained godhood a very long time ago. Even at that time, he was already considered a powerhouse among gods.

After stepping onto the path, Duan Ling Tian's surroundings brightened and the swirling clouds and mist vanished. A lush and verdant peak with colorful flowers appeared before his eyes as the sounds of birds chirping rang in his ears.

"They are up there!" Tang San Pao exclaimed as he pointed at the sky.

Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Ling Jue Yun looked in the direction where Tang San Pao pointed and saw quite a few figures on the peak. However, from where they were standing, the figures looked just like black dots.

As Duan Ling Tian flew closer to the peak, he discovered almost 80 participants were already there. Even those who were injured during the final bout of the fourth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses were here. He was not surprised that even those who were injured came. After all, this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve their strength. If they were successful, it would definitely help them during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

When they arrived, Su Li stated the obvious by saying, "The laws are scattered around this place... Let's split up..."

The others nodded.

Duan Ling Tian was looking around to find the place where he could comprehend the law of space when he heard someone calling out to him.

"Duan Ling Tian!"

Duan Ling Tian, who found the voice vaguely familiar, instinctively turned to look and saw someone he knew but was not familiar with. "Yu Dong Fang?"

Yu Dong Fang was the third true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. Up until now, he had only shown the strength of a Four Star God of War.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're stronger than I expected," Yu Dong Fang said with a smile when he drew close to Duan Ling Tian, "You're only a little over 600 years old, but you've already possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War. If I were your age now, I'm afraid I won't even be able to withstand a strike from you..."

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. "You're pretty strong as well. I'm sure you're still holding back your strength, and at the very least, you're as strong as a Five Star God of War..."

Yu Dong Fang smiled upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. He neither confirmed nor denied those words and only said, "I look forward to fighting you..."

“Likewise.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. Then, he said, “I’m going to look for the place to comprehend the law of space so I’ll talk to you another time...”

“Alright,” Yu Dong Fang said before he left. Similarly, he was also looking for the place where he could comprehend the law he specialized in.

The laws were scattered all over the place, and each spot only allowed one person to comprehend the law. Once someone attached their Divine Consciousness to a place, others would not be able to intrude.

Duan Ling Tian wandered around and found a few places where he could sense the law of space’s aura. However, the places were all occupied. Although the law of space was one of the Four Supreme Laws and was mostly not a law that many people comprehended, the people who were allowed in here were outstanding geniuses in their own right, after all.

“Over there!” After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian sensed the law of space’s aura again. When he saw from afar that the place was unoccupied, he teleported over immediately. When he arrived, he noticed there were quite a few people in his vicinity.

The Primeval Cliff was rather unique. The wall of the cliff looked like it was formed from crystals, and energy could be seen flowing underneath its surface. Sunlight was refracted off the crystal-like wall of the cliff onto all the different places. Strangely, the colors that were refracted from the wall of the cliff to the different places, where the laws were, corresponded with each law’s color. For example, the place where Duan Ling Tian sensed the law of space’s aura shone with a grey light that was exclusive to the law of space when it merged with the Celestial Origin Energy.

‘They said I’ll be able to comprehend the law of space once after I extend my Divine Consciousness...’ Duan Ling Tian only attached half of his Divine Consciousness to the Primeval Cliff. He was still very guarded so he used the other half of his Divine Consciousness to monitor his surroundings.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness, a vision appeared in his mind.

He saw a green-clad old woman fighting a muscular middle-aged man. Based on the middle-aged man’s seemingly indestructible defenses, he seemed to have comprehended the law of earth.

The green-clad old woman waved her hand, sending out a wave of spatial energy. At the same time, nine spatial tears appeared around the middle-aged man. Following that, a grey sword ray shot out of each of the nine spatial tears toward the middle-aged man.

Duan Ling Tian naturally recognized the attack; it was the law of space’s Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Initially, the middle-aged man was able to withstand the green-clad old woman’s attack.

However, the green-clad old woman suddenly vanished into thin air. At the same time, the nine grey sword rays dimmed before they merged with the spatial energy. Following that, she reappeared behind the middle-aged man before she used the Transporting Formation to move the spatial energy that had merged with the nine grey sword rays and directed it toward the back of the middle-aged man’s head.

Swoosh!

Mustard energy surged up from the middle-aged man's neck toward his head, protecting his head like a shield. Alas, it was futile.

Swoosh!

Although the old woman's attack was not transported behind the middle-aged man's defenses, it managed to weaken his defenses considerably. Following that, the old woman attacked a few more times before she finally decapitated the middle-aged man.

"It's a Quadruple Fused Profundity! It's a fusion of the law of space's Transportation Profundity, Teleportation Profundity, Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity, and the Distortion Profundity."

It should be noted that many Heavenly Emperors had yet to fuse four profundities or comprehend Quadruple Fused Profundities. Not counting Celestial Beasts and Celestial Plants, those who managed to comprehend a Quadruple Fused Profundity would have the strength of an Eight Star God of War even if they had yet to create a Dao of their own. On top of that, if they comprehended a few more Fused Profundities, they might possibly be as strong as a Nine Star God of War.

Swoosh!

After the old woman killed the middle-aged man, the scene in Duan Ling Tian's mind changed.

The old woman was now hovering above a lake, facing a different opponent. Just like before, she triumphed and killed her opponent.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Different scenes appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind one after another. After watching all the different scenes, he had gained a deeper understanding of the law of space after watching the old woman's battles.

Duan Ling Tian exclaimed inwardly, 'The Primeval Cliff is really an amazing place. It recorded all the battles fought by one person when a Floating Image Pearl would only be able to record one battle. If there was a Floating Image Pearl that could record all of one's battles, I'm sure its value wouldn't be inferior to ordinary Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons.'

### **Chapter 3489: The Great Master Miyan**

After Duan Ling Tian left, Ru Lai; the Temple Master of the Title Temple Heaven in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, stopped checking the identities of the young geniuses.

A figure who stood near the Primeval Cliff, unnoticed by the members of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, asked, "How confident are you?"

"Rest assured, Vice Temple Master Xu, I'm 90% confident," Ru Lai said confidently.

"Not 100%?" The figure standing in front of Ru Lai was none other than Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple.

Ru Lai had sought Xu Kong Hai's help since he was worried Feng Qing Yang might interfere and spoil his plans. He had asked Xu Kong Hai to help him stall for time if Feng Qing Yang came since he needed time to carry out his plan.

Xu Kong Hai was unaware of Ru Lai's intention to possess Duan Ling Tian. He did not even know that Ru Lai had been possessed by Great Master Miyan from the Land of the Dead.

Great Master Miyan was a sly old fox. He knew the Title Temple would not let Duan Ling Tian, who had formed two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, go so easily. Therefore, he had lied to Xu Kong Hai and said he planned to capture Duan Ling Tian and bring Duan Ling Tian to the Title Temple. His true intention was to go into hiding for about 100 years after possessing Duan Ling Tian since that was how long it would take for his divine soul to heal. He intended to let Ru Lai become the scapegoat.

Nevertheless, Great Master Miyan there was no way for him to escape Feng Qing Yang's wrath. Gongsun Xuanyuan and Feng Qing Yang were friends, after all. If Gongsun Xuanyuan told Feng Qing Yang that Ru Lai was, in fact, possessed by him, Feng Qing Yang would undoubtedly believe Gongsun Xuanyuan.

Xu Kong Hai frowned, clearly displeased.

Upon seeing this, Great Master Miyan said reassuringly, "In fact, I'm 100% confident. However, nothing is 100% guaranteed in this world... It's better for me to be modest..."

Xu Kong Hai nodded. "Don't waste time. Make your move as soon as the opportunity presents itself. Since you said Feng Qing Yang left a divine mark on Duan Ling Tian, he'll be instantly alerted as soon as you make a move on Duan Ling Tian..."

"Yes," Great Master Miyan replied before he took his leave.

Following that, Great Master Miyan found the elder of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven responsible for controlling the Formations that guarded the Primeval Cliff. He said, "I'd like to visit the Primeval Cliff..."

The elder of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven raised an eyebrow and said hesitantly, "Temple Master Ru Lai, our Lord Heavenly Emperor only agreed to grant the 100 participants of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses entry to the Primeval Cliff. I'm afraid I can't let you enter..."

Great Master Miyan seemed to have expected this response. He said with a smile, "Elder, I just want to check on the disciples of the Title Temple to see if they need any guidance comprehending the laws at the Primeval Cliff. Isn't it fine if you let me enter once?"

Great Master Miyan paused for a moment as he brought a ferrule out from his Spatial Ring before he said with a smile, "This ferrule is an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that has been with me for many years. Although its soul is injured, all it needs is time to recover. As celestials, all we have is time. Elder, as a token of appreciation for letting me visit the Primeval Cliff, I'll give this ferrule to you. What do you think?"

Although the elder's eyes lit up when he heard Great Master Miyan's words, he said skeptically, "Temple Master Ru Lai, guiding your disciples is just a pretext to visit the Primeval Cliff, right?"

Great Master Miyan remained calm. "Elder, you're truly smart. However, what does my intention matter to you? If anything happens, you can say I threatened you and that you were helpless. Even if you were punished to leave the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, I'm sure this Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon would make up for it. Don't you agree?"

Great Master Miyan was confident the elder would not be able to resist the temptation of an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with an artifact soul even if the artifact soul was injured. He was certain the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon was enough to tempt an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor into committing treason.

The elder's expression slightly before he reached out to take the ferrule. Then, he said, "Thank you, Temple Master Ru Lai."

Following that, the elder deactivated the Formation and stepped aside, "Please enter, Temple Master Ru Lai."

Great Master Miyan nodded and flew to the Primeval Cliff. His eyes shone with greed and excitement when he thought about the precious treasure waiting for him at the Primeval Cliff. Soon after, his body flickered and he turned invisible to avoid detection by the young geniuses.

He was quick to discover his target. He saw a handsome purple-clad young man shrouded by the law of space's energy. The greed in his eyes intensified as he muttered to himself, "His body is much stronger than Ru Lai's body..."

Then, Great Master Miyan waved his hand. 36 shiny beads shot out from his hand and hovered neatly in a formation. He had just cast a Formation to isolate Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was comprehending the law of space at the Primeval Cliff was instantly alerted. He could sense something was amiss through his Divine Consciousness. When he looked around, he discovered he seemed to be in the midst of space Formation. Following that, he saw a familiar figure approaching him. It was none other than Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven.

Duan Ling Tian asked solemnly, "Temple Master Ru Lai? What are you doing here?"

"I'm here for you." Great Master Miyan's eyes burned feverishly as he stared at Duan Ling Tian like a hungry wolf staring at its prey.

Seeing that the person in front of him had shed all pretenses, Duan Ling Tian bluntly asked, "May I know why you seem to dislike me?"

Duan Ling Tian had been curious about this.

"Dislike you?" Great Master Miyan was slightly taken aback. He shook his head and said with barely concealed greed, "You're mistaken. I don't dislike you. I only want your body and the Daos you created..."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed as realization dawned on him. He finally understood why the person in front of him dared to probe him in front of his master after learning he was a Yan Huang Entity. "So you want to possess my body?"

"That's right!" Great Master Yan replied, "However, my soul was injured by your master, and I'll only be able to possess your body after recuperating for 100 years. I plan to imprison you in my Little World for the next 100 years..."

After Great Master Miyan finished speaking, he stepped forward. He said with a grin, "I know Feng Qing Yang left his divine mark on you. Alas, he won't be able to make it in time. All he'll know is that his divine mark has been destroyed, but he won't know who did it. After possessing your body, I'll master the two Daos you created and attain godhood. Following that, I'll kill Feng Qing Yang with your body. I can't wait for that day! It'll be amazing..."

Then, Great Master Miyan said with bright eyes, "I'm going to imprison you now. It's best that you don't resist to avoid unnecessary pain..."

Following that, a terrifying pressure surged out of Great Master Miyan as the Formation began to spin. The Formation prevented the divine mark from sending out too much information. All Feng Qing Yang would be able to sense was the destruction of the divine mark and its location.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian remained calm even when faced with such a huge threat. "Thank you for helping me dispel my curiosity..."

Great Master Miyan was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's calmness. An ominous feeling rose in his heart immediately.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, an ear-piercing sword cry rang in the air. The sound was so sharp that it shattered Great Master Miyan's 36 beads.

Following that, a figure appeared next to Duan Ling Tian. It was none other than Feng Qing Yang who was looking at Great Master Miyan with cold killing intent.

### **Chapter 3490: The King of Gods**

"Feng Qing Yang?!" Great Master Miyan was thoroughly shocked by Feng Qing Yang's sudden appearance. How did Feng Qing Yang arrive so quickly? He had not even destroyed the divine mark yet. Had Feng Qing Yang been secretly protecting Duan Ling Tian all this time? He could not believe the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, a prominent figure in the Devata Realms, would put in so much effort just to protect his true disciple.

"W-why are you here?" Great Master Miyan asked with a grim expression on his face. A hint of fear could be heard in his voice when he spoke.

"You would've gotten away with your plan if I didn't show up, right?" Feng Qing Yang looked at Great Master Miyan icily. He had heard everything Great Master Miyan had said to Duan Ling Tian earlier. Naturally, he did not know that Great Master Miyan had possessed Ru Lai so he thought Ru Lai wanted to possess Duan Ling Tian.

Great Master Miyan sneered. He moved, preparing to flee. However, how could he get away with Feng Qing Yang around?

“Since you’re already here, why don’t you stay a little longer?” Feng Qing Yang said casually.

Mustard sword rays appeared out of thin air and formed a cage, trapping Great Master Miyan.

Faced with a formidable opponent, Great Master Miyan remained calm. His expression was grim as his kasaya suddenly fluttered. He raised his hand and transformed into a streak of golden light, attempting to break free from the restraint of the cage. He could not get into a direct confrontation with Feng Qing Yang since Feng Qing Yang had previously injured his divine soul. His strength had diminished so greatly that even someone who had just attained godhood could easily beat him.

‘How powerful!’ Duan Ling Tian exclaimed inwardly when he sensed the energy from the streak of golden light. If his master was not around, there was no doubt that he would have been taken away by Great Master Miyan.

On the other hand, Feng Qing Yang easily deflected Great Master Miyan’s attack. Moreover, his cage that was formed from the mustard sword rays stood firm, preventing Great Master Miyan from escaping.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of earth-shattering explosions rang in the air, alarming all the young geniuses at the Primeval Cliff.

However, since the Primeval Cliff was isolated by Formations, those outside of the Formations were unaware of the commotion inside.

Soon after, nearly 100 of the participants, including Su Li; Ling Jue Yun; Tang San Pao; Yu Dong Fang; and Zhong Gui Yu, gathered around Feng Qing Yang, Duan Ling Tian, and Great Master Miyan.

“It’s Temple Master Ru Lai from the Pavilion Shaft Heaven!”

“Temple Master Ru Lai, the Great Sun Celestial Emperor, is being restrained by Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang?”

“Is Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang that powerful?”

“Previously, didn’t Temple Master Ru Lai say he would go to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven to challenge Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang to a duel? How dare he say such words when he’s so much weaker than Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang?”

On the other hand, the group of participants from the Title Temple stepped forward and bowed in unison.

One of them bowed and said, “Lord Heavenly Emperor, may I ask how our Temple Master offended you?”

The group of young geniuses instantly recognize Duan Ling Tian, Feng Qing Yang, and Ru Lai, who was trapped by Feng Qing Yang.



“Lord Heavenly Emperor, please show mercy.”

About a dozen young geniuses stepped forward to plead for mercy for Great Master Miyan whom they mistakenly thought was Ru Lai.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh upon seeing this. The Title Temple’s influence was really far-reaching; among the 100 participants advancing to the fifth round, at least a dozen of them were from the Title Temple. Even the Heavenly Palaces of the various Devata Realms and the heaven-grade forces would find it difficult to nurture more than two young geniuses capable of advancing to the fifth round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses.

Alas, the Title Temple’s young geniuses’ pleas fell on deaf ears.

Feng Qing Yang stared at Ru Lai and coldly said, “Ru Lai, you’ll be the second god that I, Feng Qing Yang, kill...”

The young geniuses in the surroundings gasped in shock upon hearing these words.

Duan Ling Tian was shocked by this revelation as well. He did not expect his master to have killed a god before.

Great Master Miyan, who had possessed Ru Lai, said in a low and threatening voice, “Feng Qing Yang, the Title Temple won’t let this matter go if you kill me...”

Great Master Miyan had known that he was no match for Feng Qing Yang, but it was only at this moment that he realized that he could not even escape from Feng Qing Yang even after he had attacked with all his might. Faced with a life-or-death situation, he had no other choice but to threaten Feng Qing Yang with the Title Temple. He hoped that mentioning the Title Temple would help preserve his life.

“Ru Lai, you wanted to possess my disciple... If the Title Temple finds out about this, I wonder if they’ll still avenge you. Regardless, even if they want to avenge you, I’m not afraid. I’ll make sure to visit each of the Title Temple branches in the various Devata Realms,” Feng Qing Yang replied nonchalantly, “After all, it’s not unprecedented for members of the Title Temple branches to be annihilated...”

Great Master Miyan scoffed. “Feng Qing Yang, do you think you’re that person from the past? You’re far from being comparable to him!”

“The Title Temple will find out for themselves if I’m comparable to that person or not. It has nothing to do with you...” Feng Qing Yang replied.

At the end of Feng Qing Yang’s words, a mustard ring of light rose from his body and merged with the numerous sword rays in the sky.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Spatial tears appeared in the void as the seemingly indestructible sword rays shot toward Great Master Miyan. These spatial tears were unintentionally created from the sheer force of Feng Qing Yang’s attack; they were unlike the spatial tears that Duan Ling Tian created using the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity. Currently, Duan Ling Tian was not strong enough to create spatial tears in the Devata

Realms. Even those Nine Star Gods of War were not capable of it. Only those who had attained godhood were capable of such a feat.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Great Master Miyan did not give up or sink into despair. His expression was solemn as his kasaya fluttered in the air again. Following that, two large saber rays shot out as he waved his hand. A spatial tear that was not as big as the ones Feng Qing Yang created appeared in the void.

In just a blink of an eye, the sword rays and the saber rays collided. The air seemed to freeze as silence permeated the air for a split second; it was the calm before the storm. Following that, a thunderous explosion rang in the air as light as bright as the sun burst forth.

When the shockwave dissipated, silence descended. Only the sounds of the void ripping rang in the air.

Feng Qing Yang's sword rays had easily destroyed Great Master Miyan's saber rays and continued on their trajectory toward Great Master Miyan.

Great Master Miyan hastily avoided the sword rays. Although his body was riddled with cuts, he managed to avoid being fatally injured. Nevertheless, his speed had decreased considerably along with his strength. He said anxiously, "Feng Qing Yang, if you dare to kill me, you and everyone in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven will suffer the consequences! My elder brother is a king of gods!"

Alas, Great Master Miyan's threats fell on deaf ears. Feng Qing Yang only stared at him expressionlessly. How could he be so easily frightened? If he was so easily intimidated, he would not have been able to come so far. Moreover, he truly was not worried if Great Master Miyan was telling the truth or not; after all, he was on the verge of becoming a king of gods as well.

"Die!" Killing intent flashed through Feng Qing Yang's eyes. He was clearly determined to kill Great Master Miyan.

At this moment...

"Master!" Duan Ling Tian cried out before Feng Qing Yang attacked. At this time, he was likely the only person who was able to stop Feng Qing Yang from killing Great Master Miyan. He continued to say, "Master, Yu Dong Fang just sent a message. He said his master, Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan, wants to call in the favor. He wants me to plead with you to spare Ru Lai."

The reason Duan Ling Tian survived after dying on earth was directly related to Gongsun Xuanyuan, Yu Hao Tian, and Ru Lai even if the trio did not intentionally save his life. With the trio, his life would have ended on earth and he would not have transmigrated to another mundane realm. For this reason, he had agreed to do Gongsun Xuanyuan a favor. Moreover, he really did not like owing people favors, let alone a huge life-saving grace such as that.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of stopping his master if his master was truly determined to kill Ru Lai. Therefore, he added, "However, master, if you insist on killing him, I will not insist on you sparing his life as well. I can find another way to repay Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan."