

Chapter 3491: The Phantom Clan

There was a reason Yu Dong Fang had sent Duan Ling Tian a Voice Transmission, and yet, Duan Ling Tian had revealed it to everyone. His expression changed immediately since he did not expect to be exposed.

Although Duan Ling Tian had promised to return Gongsun Xuanyuan's favor, there was nothing he could do if Feng Qing Yang insisted on killing Ru Lai. Moreover, he was not troubled at all even if his master insisted on killing Ru Lai.

Feng Qing Yang scoffed when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "It seems like Gongsun Xuanyuan had asked for this favor in advance because he knew this day would come..."

Realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian after he heard Feng Qing Yang's words. It was not a coincidence that Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, had asked for a favor after Ru Lai probed him with his Divine Consciousness. After today's incident, it was clear that everything was linked to each other. Gongsun Xuanyuan must have known that Ru Lai would make a move on him sooner or later so Gongsun Xuanyuan made preparations in advance.

Duan Ling Tian grew furious at the thought of being tricked by Gongsun Xuanyuan. Moreover, his life was at stake. If Feng Qing Yang was not around, he would have fallen into Ru Lai's hands.

Killing intent flashed in Duan Ling Tian's eyes as he said icily, "Master, I will acquiesce to your wish if you insist on killing him. After all, you're my master. I will not impose my matters on you..."

"Since you promised Gongsun Xuanyuan a favor, I'll spare his life to return the favor. With this, there's no need for you to be indebted to him any longer," Feng Qing Yang said. Then, he turned to Ru Lai and coldly said, "Ru Lai, I won't spare you if this happens again."

Subsequently, Feng Qing Yang removed the cage that was formed by his sword rays from the law of earth and his Destructive Sword Dao.

Ru Lai, who had been possessed by Great Master Miyan, glared at Feng Qing Yang. "Feng Qing Yang, I'll never forget today's incident. I'll challenge you to a life-or-death battle in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven after 100 years!"

Great Master Miyan specialized in soul attacks. Since his divine soul was heavily injured by Feng Qing Yang, his strength had decreased by half. He was truly vexed and could not wait to recover so he could kill Feng Qing Yang.

Feng Qing Yang was not bothered by Great Master Miyan's threats at all. He said dismissively, "I'll be waiting for you."

Great Master Miyan scoffed before he quickly took off.

With this, the young geniuses left one after another. In the end, only Duan Ling Tian and his friends were left.

Before Yu Dong Fang left, he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully.

Duan Ling Tian met Yu Dong Fang's eyes fearlessly when he felt Yu Dong Fang's gaze on him.

Soon enough, Yu Dong Fang's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Duan Ling Tian, you've crossed the line today. If we meet during the Battle of the Geniuses, I won't go easy on you..."

Duan Ling Tian chuckled. "You won't go easy on me? I'm sorry, but you're really overestimating yourself..."

Yu Dong Fang stared at Duan Ling Tian intently before he turned around and left without a word. He was determined to let his actions speak for himself during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

After greeting Feng Qing Yang, Su Li and the others looked at Duan Ling Tian with grim expressions on their faces.

"Duan Ling Tian, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven wants to possess your body?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded with a faint smile on his face. "Yes, but that's all in the past."

"It's said that Temple Master Ru Lai already possessed the Golden Body. He has also created and comprehended his own Limitless Dao at the preliminary stage. Why does he want to possess you?" Tang San Pao asked, perplexed.

"I'm not sure either. That aside, before my master appeared earlier, he said something about being able to master the two Daos of Heaven and Earth that I created after possessing my body... This means he has always to comprehend the Daos through my soul..." Duan Ling Tian said as a hint of fear flashed in the depths of his eyes.

"Heavens! He has a way to comprehend the two Daos of Heaven and Earth that you created? What kind of method did he learn? I never knew such a method existed! If he's able to do that, doesn't that mean he'll be able to easily comprehend the law of space through your knowledge of it as well?" Tang San Pao exclaimed in shock.

At this time, Ling Jue Yun asked with a frown, "Duan Ling Tian, is Ru Lai from a mundane realm?"

"I think so." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I'm quite certain he was from a mundane realm. He came from the same mundane realm as Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan and Heavenly Emperor Yu Hao Tian..."

The characters whom Duan Ling Tian had thought were fictional back when he was on earth turned out to be real.

"Ru Lai was a human from a mundane realm," Feng Qing Yang said, "2,000 years ago, Gongsun Xuanyuan, Yu Hao Tian, and Ru Lai invited me to a remnant of a Realm of Gods. Only those who were once humans could enter that place."

"It doesn't make sense at all..." Ling Jue Yun furrowed his brows and said, "According to the ancient records left behind by my clan's supreme powerhouse, there's only one clan that's able to possess

another person once in their lives and obtain the knowledge of the laws and Daos of the person they possessed...”

“Ancient records left behind by a supreme powerhouse?!”

Su Li and Tang San Pao looked at Ling Jue Yun in shock and disbelief. This was not surprising since they knew nothing about Ling Jue Yun’s origins; all they knew was that he was Duan Ling Tian’s friend.

On the other hand, Feng Qing Yang had long learned of Ling Jue Yun’s origins, hence, he was not surprised by Ling Jue Yun’s words. It was only natural for a prominent clan from a Realm of Gods to possess ancient records left behind by a supreme powerhouse. After all, even the heaven-grade Qilin Clan in the Devata Realm had a supreme powerhouse.

“What clan is it?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“The Phantom Clan!” Ling Jue Yun replied.

“The Phantom Clan?!” Feng Qing Yang narrowed his eyes. “Isn’t that a clan from the Land of Dead? I heard that members of the Phantom Clan can’t leave the Land of the Dead unless they’ve attained godhood.”

“That’s right.” Ling Jue Yun nodded. “Before attaining godhood, it’s impossible for them to leave the Land of the Dead. This is because they rely on the special energy in the Land of the Dead to survive. They’ll be reduced to ash if they don’t replenish their bodies with the special energy from the Land of the Dead...”

Duan Ling Tian had heard of the Land of the Dead. Similar to the Asura Hell, it was one of the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms. However, it was not as dangerous as the Asura Hell where even some gods would find it difficult to survive.

“Is it possible that he’s not Ru Lai?”

Feng Qing Yang narrowed his eyes upon hearing these words. As though he had recalled something, he said, “No wonder Ru Lai seems like such a different person...”

In the past, Feng Qing Yang had a few interactions with Ru Lai. In his mind, Ru Lai had always been a polite, gentle, and wise monk. However, in recent times, Ru Lai had grown aggressive and violent, unlike his peaceful self from the past.

Feng Qing Yang said in a low voice, “Follow me. I want to verify something...”

Before Duan Ling Tian and the others could reply, Feng Qing Yang had already brought all of them away.

Chapter 3492: The Instigator and the Accomplice

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, they had already left Primeval Cliff. He asked, “Master, where are we? It was almost impossible to enter the Primeval Cliff due to the protection of the Formations. However, those at the Primeval Cliff could leave easily. This was also the reason Great Master Miyan had to bribe an elder to let him in, but he could leave easily.

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“Is it a success? Feng Qing Yang wasn’t alerted?” Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, asked as soon as he saw Ru Lai who had been possessed by Great Master Miyan. His eyes were bright as he stared at Great Master Miyan. He had been guarding outside all this time and did not see Feng Qing Yang.

“I failed.” Great Master Miyan’s expression darkened when Xu Kong Hai mentioned Feng Qing Yang.

“How could you fail when Feng Qing Yang didn’t show up?” Xu Kong Hai frowned.

“Feng Qing Yang was there. In fact, he probably arrived at the Primeval Cliff earlier than I did,” Great Master Miyan solemnly said, “He showed up just as I was about to make a move on Duan Ling Tian. Since he injured my divine soul previously, my strength has diminished by half. I was almost killed by him earlier. At the crucial moment, Yu Dong Fang, Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan’s third true disciple, pleaded on my behalf under his master’s orders. Duan Ling Tian had previously agreed to grant one of Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan’s requests. For this reason, Feng Qing Yang did not kill me...” Great Master Miyan’s eyes flashed as he clenched his hands tightly.

Xu Kong Hai’s expression soured when he learned that Feng Qing Yang foiled their plan. “Feng Qing Yang was there? He’s really protective of his disciple. It seems like kidnapping Duan Ling Tian is going to be more difficult than I expected...”

Xu Kong Hai and the Great Master Miyan assumed Feng Qing Yang had been waiting at the Primeval Cliff for a long time. In truth, Feng Qing Yang had only arrived 15 minutes before Great Master Miyan. Great Master Miyan did not see Feng Qing Yang because Feng Qing Yang had entered using another entrance.

Since the Primeval Cliff was part of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, could naturally enter when and as he pleased. Ding Fu had led Feng Qing Yang to the entrance and ordered his men to let Feng Qing Yang in.

When Feng Qing Yang had spoken to Ding Fu about this matter, Ding Fu had made preparations. He had ordered the elders guarding the Primeval Cliff to report back to him immediately if anyone from the Title Temple wanted to enter the Primeval Cliff. He had predicted those from the Title Temple might bribe their way in so he had also told the guards that they would be allowed to keep the bribe. With this, the guards were naturally delighted and even more eager to help. After all, they did not have to betray the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, but they would also be able to obtain a treasure.

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“Master, where are we going?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he regained his senses.

“You’ll find out once we arrive.”

Soon after, they arrived at a spacious courtyard. With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian knew they were at the courtyard of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft.

As soon as Gongsun Xuanyuan saw them, he immediately expressed his gratitude to both Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian. “Thank you for showing mercy.”

Gongsun Xuanyuan was well aware that Ru Lai managed to survive not just because of Duan Ling Tian but because of Feng Qing Yang as well. After all, if Feng Qing Yang insisted on killing Ru Lai, there was nothing Duan Ling Tian would be able to do.

“Gongsun Xuanyuan, my disciple no longer owes you a favor,” Feng Qing Yang said.

“Yes.” Gongsun Xuanyuan smiled wryly. He did not expect the favor to be returned so quickly as well. Inwardly, he was cursing Great Master Miyan. Did Great Master Miyan not know that Feng Qing Yang and Ding Fung were good friends? How could that fool make a move on Duan Ling Tian in Ding Fung’s territory?

Feng Qing Yang’s gaze was piercing as he looked at Gongsun Xuanyuan and asked, “Ru Lai isn’t himself, is he?”

Gongsun Xuanyuan’s eyes widened imperceptibly, which didn’t escape Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian’s notice.

“It seems like I’m right,” Feng Qing Yang said indifferently, “If I’m not mistaken, the person possessing Ru Lai is a member of the Phantom Clan in the Land of the Dead, right?”

“You know?” Gongsun Xuanyuan did not intend to admit to the matter, but he was shocked by Feng Qing Yang’s accurate guess.

“I’m certain Ru Lai is still alive even if the person is now in control of Ru Lai,” Feng Qing Yang continued to say, “He must have failed in completely possessing Ru Lai’s body, hence, he covets my disciple’s body. After all, not only is my disciple a Yan Huang Entity who possesses 99 Heavenly Veins, but he has also created and comprehended two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. Moreover, my disciple has a high comprehension of the law of space...”

“Yes, you’re right.” Gongsun Xuanyuan knew it was useless to deny the matter now.

Feng Qing Yang nodded. Then, he asked with a frown, “Is there no way to exorcise him?”

“There’s nothing we can do,” Gongsun Xuanyuan said with a hint of helplessness, “That person’s divine soul has fused with Ru Lai’s soul. Unless he willingly leaves Ru Lai’s body or if a supreme powerhouse intervenes, there’s nothing we can do.”

“Duan Ling Tian,” Gongsun Xuanyuan said in a grave tone, “Never leave the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven unless it’s absolutely necessary. If you must leave, it’s best if your master accompanies you. Otherwise, that person from the Phantom Clan will definitely make a move...”

Duan Ling Tian remained silent after he heard Gongsun Xuanyuan’s warning. He was certain that when that person had probed him previously, Gongsun Xuanyuan must have already guessed that person’s intention. However, not only did Gongsun Xuanyuan not warn him, but Gongsun Xuanyuan even asked for a favor from him.

Duan Ling Tian speculated that Gongsun Xuanyuan must have hoped that the person from the Phantom Clan would succeed in possessing him so that Ru Lai would regain his freedom. Gongsun Xuanyuan had asked for a favor back then in case that person from the Phantom Clan failed.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's cold reception, Gongsun Xuanyuan could naturally guess Duan Ling Tian's thoughts. A hint of guilt could be seen in the depths of his eyes as he smiled bitterly.

"Let's go." Feng Qing Yang brought along Duan Ling Tian and left.

After leaving Gongsun Xuanyuan's courtyard, Feng Qing Yang asked, "Did you gain anything at the Primeval Cliff?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "However, I was interrupted by that person from the Phantom Clan."

Since Duan Ling Tian knew Ru Lai was possessed, it did not feel right to address that person as Ru Lai.

"You should continue then..." Feng Qing Yang said before he sent Duan Ling Tian back to the Primeval Cliff.

Although Ding Fu had laid down a rule that the young geniuses would not be able to enter again after leaving the Primeval Cliff, Duan Ling Tian was an exception to that rule. After all, Duan Ling Tian was the true disciple of his good friend, Feng Qing Yang. Moreover, unlike the Title Temple's chamber of law, the Primeval Cliff would not lose its energy no matter how many times people went there to comprehend the laws. Therefore, Ding Fu had nothing to lose by granting Duan Ling Tian access to the Primeval Cliff.

After Duan Ling Tian entered the Primeval Cliff, a figure suddenly appeared next to Feng Qing Yang who was hovering outside of the Formation. It was none other than Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven.

"What did you find out?" Feng Qing Yang asked Ding Fu.

"After he left the Primeval Cliff, he met up with Xu Kong Hai. Xu Kong Hai must have known about this matter as well. They must be working together to kidnap Junior Nephew Duan..." Ding Fu said.

Under normal circumstances, Xu Kong Hai, who had attained godhood, would have sensed Ding Fu's presence if Ding Fu lurked around him. However, since he was in Ding Fu's territory, Ding Fu easily concealed his aura with the Formations in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven. As long as he was careful, gods would not be able to sense him.

Feng Qing Yang scoffed. "It seems like that person is using Xu Kong Hai."

After discovering the motive of that person from the Phantom Clan, Feng Qing Yang knew that person must have lied to Xu Kong Hai and said that he was helping the Title Temple to capture Duan Ling Tian. After all, that person needed Xu Kong Hai's help to stall for time if Feng Qing Yang came. Once that person succeeded in kidnapping Duan Ling Tian, that person would definitely flee.

Chapter 3493: The Fifth Round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses

"The Title Temple is relentless... They failed to make a move on me in the past, and now, they're after my disciple. Do they think I'm a pushover?" Feng Qing Yang said.

Chills ran up Ding Fu's spine when he saw the killing intent flashing in Feng Qing Yang's eyes. Clearly, the Title Temple had crossed Feng Qing Yang's bottom line this time.

“Brother Feng, I know you’re strong, but the Title Temple has a solid foundation. It’d be unwise for you to confront them directly,” Ding Fu reminded Feng Qing Yang. He was worried Feng Qing Yang would cause a scene at the Title Temple.

“Brother Ding, rest assured. Before my physical body leaves the Asura Hell, I won’t act recklessly,” Feng Qing Yang said with a smile as the cold expression on his face eased.

Ding Fu’s heart thumped loudly in his chest when he heard Feng Qing Yang’s words. Feng Qing Yang’s strongest law was the law of destruction. Unlike the clone from the law of earth that could leave Feng Qing Yang’s side, the clone from the law of destruction was inseparable from him. In the end, he could not help but curiously ask, “How strong is your physical body now?”

“Killing Xu Kong Hai will be as easy as trussing a chicken,” Feng Qing Yang said as his narrowed eyes glinted coldly.

Ding Fu inhaled sharply when he heard Feng Qing Yang’s reply.

Although there were quite a few Vice Temple Masters in the main Title Temple, Xu Kong Hai was undoubtedly among the strongest. At the very least, an ordinary god was no match for him. How could Ding Fu not be shocked when Feng Qing Yang said it would be as easy as trussing a chicken to kill Xu Kong Hai?

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Duan Ling Tian, who was unaware of Feng Qing Yang and Ding Fu’s conversation after he left, continued to comprehend the law of space after he returned to the Primeval Cliff. He had lost all track of time until Su Li’s voice pulled him back to his senses.

“Duan Ling Tian, it’s time. The fifth round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses is about to start.”

“Time passed so fast...” Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself when he heard Su Li’s words.

Su Li, Ling Jue Yun, and Tang San Pao hovered in the air as they waited for Duan Ling Tian.

After returning to the Primeval Cliff, Duan Ling Tian was fully focused on comprehending the law of space. After Great Master Miyan’s plan was foiled, he was not worried Great Master Miyan or the Title Temple would make a move again so soon.

At that time, his master had also sent him a message informing him that Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, was involved in his kidnapping attempt as well. Xu Kong Hai was in charge of distracting Feng Qing Yang if Feng Qing Yang showed up to intervene.

After learning about that, Duan Ling Tian was even more eager to grow stronger as fast as he could. He could not wait to grow strong enough to kill Xu Kong Hai. Although he knew the Title Temple had hidden agendas, he did not expect they would be so despicable and stooped so low as to work with Great Master Miyan to kidnap him even if they did not know Great Master Miyan, a member of the Phantom Clan from the Land of the Dead, had possessed Ru Lai.

If Great Master Miyan had succeeded in his plan, Duan Ling Tian would have been brought out of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven to the Land of the Dead so Great Master Miyan could possess him.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived before Su Li, Ling Jue Yun, and Tang San Pao, he shook his head and sighed. "A month flew by in just a blink of an eye..."

If he had successfully kidnapped Duan Ling Tian out of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, he might have brought Duan Ling Tian back to the Land of Dead and fully possessed him.

"It felt as if a moment had just passed instead of a month..." Duan Ling Tian sighed and shook his head.

"We feel the same way as well," Tang San Pao said with a smile, "Let's go. The fifth round of the Battle of the Geniuses is about to start."

"Alright."

Similar to Duan Ling Tian and his friends, many young geniuses in the Primeval Cliff were also leaving at this time, including Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven.

When Yu Dong Fang saw Duan Ling Tian, he sent a Voice Transmission immediately. "Duan Ling Tian, I hope we'll meet in the battle ring soon."

Yu Dong Fang's words were filled with provocation.

Duan Ling Tian only smiled faintly in response before he shifted his gaze away from Yu Dong Fang and ignored him.

Yu Dong Fang's expression darkened immediately upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's disregard for him.

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When Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived at the venue of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, most of the other young geniuses, the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms, and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches had already arrived.

Duan Ling Tian discovered that his master was the only Heavenly Emperor who had yet arrived. Even his master's good friend, Ding Fu, Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, had arrived.

'Master isn't here yet?'

Shortly after Duan Ling Tian and the others took their seats, Xu Kong Hai appeared and announced, "The fifth round of the Battle of the Geniuses will start in a moment. The rules are similar to the rules of the first bout of the fourth round. The Title Temple will arrange the matches for 50 matches in the first bout. The strong participants won't be pitted against each other in the first bout. Participants who have displayed strength comparable or stronger than a Four Star God of War will not be fighting each other during the first bout as well..."

Many people were disappointed upon hearing Xu Kong Hai's words. They were here to watch the exciting matches after all. How could a match between the strong and the weak be exciting? There was no suspense at all!

Among the 100 participants who had advanced to the fifth round, those with strength weaker than a Four Star God of War could only smile bitterly. It seemed like they were going to be beaten in a pulp during the first bout of the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Although they could still redeem themselves in the following bouts, it would be a difficult task. Most of those who had advanced to the fifth round were stronger than a Four Star God of War or at least as strong as a top Three Star God of War; how could they win a challenge with these people?

Tang San Pao said with a smile, "It seems like we won't be fighting each other for now..."

Shortly after that, the names of the participants began to appear in the air.

Five matches would take place simultaneously, and Ling Jue Yun was selected to fight with a participant called Yuan Tong.

Zhong Gui Yu was also selected, and his opponent was a participant who had almost gotten eliminated previously.

When the participants entered the battle ring, it was quite clear that those with grim expressions on their faces were the weaker ones.

The first five matches ended in just a few dozen breaths. The weakest among those who were eliminated was a participant as strong as a Four Star God of War.

Ling Jue Yun and Zhong Gui Yu were the fastest to end their fights.

The crowd naturally knew that barring any accidents, the duo would easily advance to the sixth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Only the top 30 participants would be able to advance to the sixth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. In the past, those who managed to make it into the top 30 had strength comparable to a Four Star God of War at least. However, this time, there were quite a few weaker participants with strength comparable to a Four Star God of War who were eliminated since there were quite a few participants this time who were stronger than a Four Star God of War.

In the following five matches, the winners were four participants stronger than a Four Star God of War and a participant with the strength of a top Three Star God of War. The four participants stronger than a Four Star God of War quickly ended their fights while the participants with strength comparable to a top Three Star God of War took longer to seal his victory since his opponent also had strength comparable to a Three Star God of War.

In just a blink of an eye, 10 matches had ended.

Another ten names appeared in the air. This time, not only Duan Ling Tian was selected, but Yu Dong Fang was also selected. Naturally, as per the rules, they were not assigned to fight each other.

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian and Yu Dong Fang's opponents had incredibly grim expressions on their faces at this moment.

Coincidentally, Duan Ling Tian and Yu Dong Fang ended their fights with just a strike at the same time.

Yu Dong Fang stared coldly at Duan Ling Tian's back after his match.

At this time, the young geniuses who were paying close attention began to notice something strange. In just a while, they could tell there was tension between Duan Ling Tian and Yu Dong Fang.

“Hey, don’t you think there’s something wrong with Yu Dong Fang’s gaze...”

“Is there bad blood between them?”

Chapter 3494: Zhou Yong Qi

After Duan Ling Tian returned to his seat, Tang San Pao shifted his gaze away from Yu Dong Fang and said to Duan Ling Tian, “Yu Dong Fang seems to have a grudge against you...”

Duan Ling Tian only nodded faintly in response. He was not worried about Yu Dong Fang as well. Previously, he had heard from Tang San Pao that although Yu Dong Fang had only shown the strength of a Four Star God of War, it was likely that Yu Dong Fang already possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War. In his opinion, Yu Dong Fang was only as strong as a top Five Star God of War at most. Even if Yu Dong Fang had progressed significantly over the past years, it was almost impossible for Yu Dong Fang to possess the strength of a Six Star God of War.

In Duan Ling Tian’s opinion, his most difficult opponent should be among those representing the Title Temple even if he had yet to determine which one exactly. There were a few participants cultivated by the Title Temple among those who advanced to the fifth round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. So that person should be among that small group of people.

‘Among those in the fifth round, the Title Temple’s ace should have the highest chances of possessing the strength of a Six Star God of War. The Exploding Element Celestial Fruit must have been reserved for him. Otherwise, the Title Temple would not have put that fruit up as a reward,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. This was Feng Qing Yang’s speculation, and Duan Ling Tian agreed with his master.

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As time passed, Tang San Pao and Su Li were also selected to fight. They easily secured their victories since their opponents only possessed the strength of a Three Star God of War.

At this moment, Tang San Pao’s eyes shone brightly as he asked, “Ling Jue Yun, you should be as strong as a Five Star God of War, right?”

As usual, Ling Jue Yun only remained silent.

Up until now, among these four men, only Duan Ling Tian and Tang San Pao had displayed strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. Ling Jue Yun and Su Li had only revealed the strength of a Four Star God of War up until now.

Since Su Li had just broken through recently during one of his matches, no one doubted that the extent of his strength was only that of a Four Star God of War.

On the contrary, many people were certain Ling Jue Yun was still hiding his strength. Based on his attacks, they thought it was likely that he was as strong as a Five Star God of War.

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Soon after, the second bout of the fifth round was about to start.

Xu Kong Hai said, "The Title Temple will also arrange the matches for the second bout of the fifth round of the Battle of the Geniuses. The 50 participants who won their matches during the first bout will be divided into two groups of 25 participants and compete against each other."

Following that, ten names appeared in the sky again for the first five matches.

"So fast?"

"Don't they need to think before they assign the participants to fight?"

"I'm sure they've already discussed this beforehand. They must have correctly guessed the 50 participants who advanced to the second bout of the fifth round."

"I agree."

Xu Kong Hai continued to say, "The 25 winners of the second bout will temporarily advance while the remaining 25 participants will compete against each other to determine the strongest five during the third bout... For the fourth bout, the 30 winning participants will be challenged by the remaining 70 participants who lost in the first three bouts. Each of the 70 participants will have three chances to challenge."

Many of the young geniuses were eagerly waiting for the second bout of the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses to start.

"I'm afraid many of the participants won't be able to conceal their strength any longer..."

Those whose strength had been exposed would definitely be assigned to weaker opponents with strength comparable to a Three Star God of War. Meanwhile, those with strength, both confirmed and speculated, of a Four Star God of War would be pitted against each other. There was no doubt during this time, many people will be forced to reveal their hidden strength.

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Tang San Pao said with a smile, "Su Li, you're up!"

Su Li's opponent was from the Title Temple. His name was Huang Yuan and possessed the strength of a Four Star God of War. He was a stern-faced young man who was dressed in a long grey robe. When Su Li entered the battle ring, he said indifferently, "Su Li, you're no match for me..."

Su Li replied without any changes in his expression, "We'll see about that..."

"Alright, let's start then." Huang Yuan nodded.

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At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's brows were furrowed as he looked at Su Li and Huang Yuan in the battle ring. Huang Yuan was one of those whom he suspected to be the Title Temple's ace.

During Huang Yuan's previous matches, he had always fought with ease. His strength remained a mystery until now.

Duan Ling Tian had a feeling that Huang Yuan was definitely stronger than a Four Star God of War.

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian's suspicion was confirmed when Huang Yuan defeated Su Li with less than ten moves.

Zhang Tian You said in a grave tone, "Su Li lost! Huang Yuan should be as strong as a top Four Star God of War. After all, Su Li who had recently broken through and possesses the strength of a Four Star God of War isn't a match for him."

When Su Li returned to his seat, he did not look disappointed at all. It was as though he did not care that he had lost.

"How was he?" Duan Ling Tian asked Su Li.

Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian were curious about Su Li's answer as well.

"Very strong." Su Li's expression turned slightly grim. "I have a feeling he's still hiding his strength."

Zhang Tian You, Wang Tian, and He Jian were shocked by these words.

"What?!"

"He's already revealed strength comparable to a top Four Star God of War, but you're saying he still has more to this strength?"

"So he's likely as strong as a Five Star God of War?"

Although the trio was shocked, they did not doubt Su Li's words at all.

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Meanwhile, the other young geniuses were discussing Su Li's defeat.

"Su Li did very well considering his age. He's definitely made a name for himself during the competition."

"That's right. Huang Yuan wouldn't be a match for Su Li at Su Li's age..."

"Su Li can only blame himself for being born 200 to 300 years earlier..."

Su Li's loss did not diminish the respect the others had for him. Perhaps, he was the only one who was still highly respected even after suffering a defeat.

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The other four matches that were going on simultaneously with Su Li's match quickly ended as well. Among the four matches, one participant revealed the strength of a Five Star God of war.

"It's Zhou Yong Qi, the true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven!"

"He's actually as strong as a Five Star God of War?!"

“Previously, Heavenly Emperor Zhou Bing Wu was completely suppressed by Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang when he tried to defend the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven. Wouldn’t it be exciting if Zhou Yong Qi is pitted against Duan Ling Tian in a match?”

“I heard Zhou Yong Qi was an orphan adopted by Heavenly Emperor Zhou Bing Wu. He treats Heavenly Emperor Zhou Bing Wu as his father. I’m sure he must be furious that Feng Qing Yang humiliated Heavenly Emperor Zhou Bing Wu. He’ll surely vent his anger on Duan Ling Tian if they were matched...”

“I would be the same if I were in his position. This is a good chance for him to seek revenge after all. Even if he kills Duan Ling Tian, Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang won’t be able to do anything since it’s within the rules of the Battle of the Geniuses.”

Many people’s attention shifted to Duan Ling Tian when it was revealed that Zhou Yong Qi was as strong as a Five Star God of War.

Zhou Yong Qi glanced at Duan Ling Tian as well amidst the discussion in the surroundings.

Despite the indifferent expression on Zhou Yong Qi’s face, Duan Ling Tian could see coldness flashing in Zhou Yong Qi’s eyes. Needless to say, he could not care less. He was not even afraid of the ace from the Title Temple who was likely as strong as a Six Star God of War, why would he be afraid of Zhou Yong Qi.

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Following that, ten participants’ names appeared again for the next five matches.

“It’s Ling Jue Yun again!”

Ling Jue Yun’s opponent, coincidental or not, was also one of the participants from the Title Temple whom Duan Ling Tian speculated to be as strong as a Six Star God of War even if he had only shown the strength of a Four Star God of War. His name was Liu Kong Yu.

Despite his average appearance and average build, Liu Kong Yu’s grey hair was rather conspicuous.

Since Liu Kong Yu had easily defeated his opponents previously, many people suspected he was concealing his strength as well.

“Both Ling Jue Yun and Liu Kong Yu are definitely hiding their strength. I just wonder which of them is stronger...”

“Based on the strength they’ve shown so far, Ling Jue Yun is slightly stronger.”

“If Liu Kong Yu isn’t as strong as a Five Star God of War, he won’t be a match for Ling Jue Yun.”

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In the battle ring.

Ling Jue Yun and Liu Kong Yu faced each other. Their match was the most highly-anticipated one so far.

Chapter 3495: Another Four Participants With Strength Comparable To a Five Star God of War

Everyone watched as Liu Kong Yi took the initiative to attack. As most people had guessed, his strength was stronger than what he had displayed before. Faced with an opponent like Ling Jue Yun, he had to reveal the strength of a top Four Star God of War.

“As expected, Liu Kong Yi was hiding his strength!”

“To think he’s as strong as a top Four Star God of War! If Ling Jue Yun isn’t hiding his strength, then he won’t be a match for Liu Kong Yi at all. However, I’m quite certain Ling Jue Yun is hiding his strength as well!”

While the others were fervently discussing the matter, Ling Jue Yun and Liu Kong Yi’s battle was already in full swing. Both of them seemed to be evenly matched. Ling Jue Yun also displayed the strength of a top Four Star God of War.

“The geniuses cultivated by the Title Temple are really outstanding...” Ling Jue Yun said indifferently, in a rare instance. Although his voice was not loud, the people in his surroundings clearly heard his words.

After exchanging roughly thirty moves, Ling Jue Yun said tonelessly, “Alright, let’s end this.”

Following that, death aura suddenly surged out of Ling Jue Yun’s body. His doppelganger returned to his body and shrouded him before it began to shine with a dark light. In just a moment, the now translucent doppelganger, which was shrouding him, suddenly grew to the size of a giant. It held a giant scythe in its hand that radiated a bone-chilling energy.

“The Grim Reaper’s Scythe!”

Many onlookers could sense that the Grim Reaper’s Scythe Profundity had been fused with some other profundity from the law of death as well.

“I knew it! Ling Jue Yun was hiding his strength as well!”

Although the onlookers had guessed this, it was different witnessing it. Many of their eyes lit up as their hearts raced, waiting for what was to come next in the battle.

At this moment...

Swoosh!

As the Grim Reaper’s Scythe moved, the void rippled in its wake as though they were going to tear.

Liu Kong Yu flashed, trying to dodge the scythe. However, the scythe seemed to have eyes. No matter what movement technique or tricks he used, he could not seem to shake it off. In the end, he roared in frustration, gathering all his strength to launch a fierce attack to destroy the incoming scythe.

Boom!

Alas, the scythe was like a peerless destructive as it easily dispelled Liu Kong Yu’s attack as soon as the two attacks collided. The scythe’s momentum only slowed down a little from the collision.

At this moment, Xu Kong Hai’s voice rang in Liu Kong Yu’s ears.

“Surrender; you’re not his opponent. You’ve already accomplished your mission. We only arranged for you to fight with him to probe his strength...”

When the scythe was a hair’s breadth away from killing Liu Kong Yu, he suddenly vanished from the battle ring.

The onlookers were finally able to breathe again upon seeing this. After all, if Liu Kong Yu was a moment slower, he would have died without a doubt.

The scythe continued to fly out and landed on the barrier after Liu Kong Yu disappeared. In just a blink of an eye, it destroyed the barrier and continued flying toward Liu Kong Yu who had reappeared outside of the barrier.

In fact, Ling Jue Yun was not intentionally targeting Liu Kong Yu. He could control the attack once he had launched it, after all.

Before the scythe could hit him, Liu Kong Yi vanished at top speed.

Subsequently, Xu Kong Hai scoffed before a large almost translucent hand appeared and destroyed Ling Jue Yun’s Grim Reaper’s Scythe.

Ling Jue Yun’s robe fluttered softly in the air as he stood in the battle ring. At this moment, he was the focus of everyone’s attention. After all, his performance this time had revealed he possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War at least.

Needless to say, the crowd was in an uproar again.

“How many participants have revealed the strength of a Five Star God of War so far?”

“There are Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Duan Ling Tian, Zhou Yong Qi, and Ling Jue Yun... There are likely others who are still hiding their strength as well...”

“Does that mean there are ten or more participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War at least?”

“Seems like it...”

Although it was not unprecedented, it was rare for more than ten participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War to appear at the same time during the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. Usually, there would only be less than five participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. Currently, the second bout of the fifth round of the Devata Realm’s Battle of the Geniuses was not even over, but there were already five participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War at least.

“It’s like this time’s Battle of the Geniuses is going to be one of the rare times where there are more than ten participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War.”

Many people’s eyes gleamed with expectations, and this included the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches.

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When Ling Jue Yun returned to his seat, Tang San Pao said, "Ling Jue Yun, I knew you're as strong as a Five Star God of War at least!"

Since Tang San Pao had long suspected this, he was not surprised at all.

Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were not surprised either.

On the contrary, Zhang Tian You and the others were shocked. Although they knew he was not simple, they did not expect him to possess the strength of a Five Star God of War. This meant that in their group, there were three people with the strength of a Five Star God of War! One had to remember there were only five participants so far who had been revealed to have such strength.

Soon after, the other four matches ended. No one revealed the strength of a Five Star God of War in the four matches; only two participants who had shown the strength of an ordinary Four Star God of War revealed the strength of a top Four Star God of War.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian was selected to fight in the next five matches. His opponent had revealed the strength of a Three Star God of War so far. No one was surprised since the Title Temple would not arrange difficult matches for those with the strength of a Five Star God of War for the fifth round. In any case, it was just a formality; no one would care if those with the strength of a Five Star God of War did not fight in the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

At this moment...

"I surrender..."

Duan Ling Tian's opponent only had the strength of a Three Star God of War. Let alone someone like Duan Ling Tian who possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War, he would find it difficult fighting someone with the strength of a Four Star God of War. After weighing his options, he decided to surrender.

When Tang San Pao was finally selected to fight, the circumstances were similar to Duan Ling Tian's. His opponent, who also only possessed the strength of a Three Star God of War, surrendered.

Many people thought that it was the benefit of being exceptionally strong. However, none of them thought anything was wrong with the others surrendering.

After a while, Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of Gongsun Xuanyuan; the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, was finally selected to fight. His opponent was a young genius from the Title Temple with strength comparable to an average Four Star God of War.

Duan Ling Tian could tell the young genius was hiding his strength as well. Sure enough, he revealed the strength of a top Four Star God of War during his battle with Yu Dong Fang. Nevertheless, that was naturally not enough to defeat Yu Dong Fang. Without any suspense, Yu Dong Fang won his match as well.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, unsurprised, 'No wonder Yu Dong Fang dares to openly provoke me... As expected, he's as strong as a Five Star God of War at least...'

During this match, Yu Dong Fang was also forced to reveal that he was as strong as a Five Star God of War at least.

With this reveal, the crowd broke into an uproar again.

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After Yu Dong Fang's match, another two participants were also revealed to be as strong as a Five Star God of War at least. Although the crowd was still shocked, their reaction was no longer as though as the previous reveals. It seemed like they had grown numb to it.

"There are eight participants now with strength comparable to Five Star Gods of War," Zhang Tian You said after he sighed emotionally, "If Su Li is right, Hong Yuan, who defeated him, should be as strong as a Five Star God of War as well..."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's attention was focused on two of the participants: Hong Yuan and Sima Rui. Hong Yuan had defeated Su Li before while Sima Rui had just revealed his strength earlier. These two were also people he had speculated to be the Title Temple's ace.

Chapter 3496: The Final Round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses Will Commence In Three Months!

Following Yu Dong Fang's match, two other participants were revealed to possess strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. One of them was Sima Rui, a young genius cultivated by the Title Temple, while the other was an unknown young genius.

The unknown young genius was also one of the few female participants of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Her name was Ye Dong Li. Her facial features were delicate, and her tight clothing revealed her curvaceous figure.

Although Sima Rui and Ye Dong Li's strength had surprised the crowd, they did not stir up a big commotion like Zhou Yong Qi and Yu Dong Fang.

"As expected of the Title Temple that's considered a sacred place in all Devata Realms. There are at least a dozen young geniuses whom they had cultivated in the fifth round. This is a huge number considering there are only 100 participants in this round. Moreover, one of their participants also possesses the strength of a Five Star God of War!"

"I don't know why, but I have a feeling there are more than one of their participants who possess the strength of a Five Star God of War."

"Me too!"

"Where did Ye Dong Li come from? A female young genius under the age of 1,000 who possesses the strength of a Five Star God of War is really rare... As a man, I feel quite embarrassed of myself. I feel like I've lived so long in vain..."

"I agree. From today onward, I'm going to slap all those who tell me women are inferior to men!"

Following that, the 25 young geniuses who would be advancing to the third bout of the fifth round were determined. Apart from Duan Ling Tian, Tang San Pao, and Zhong Gui Yu, who had displayed the

strength of a Five Star God of War, the remaining 22 young geniuses were those who had revealed the strength of a Five Star God of War and a Four Star God of War.

Before the third bout of the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, the 75 participants who failed in the second bout would compete for the five places left to join the 25 participants. Following that, the 30 participants would receive challenges from the remaining 70 participants in the third bout.

The 75 participants fought fiercely, but their matches were naturally not as exciting as the matches between the stronger participants. In the end, Su Li was among the five who qualified.

Although Su Li had just broken through not too long ago and possessed the strength of a Four Star God of War, he had also inherited the legacy of the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect. Even if he had yet to create his own Dao, he was still able to incorporate his law with his sword techniques perfectly. For this reason, he was much stronger than most participants with the strength of a Four Star God of War. Alas, he was still no match for those with strength comparable to a top Four Star God of War. That was why he had lost to Hong Yuan, a young genius from the Title Temple, who possessed the strength of a Four Star God of War.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Su Li, it seems like it won't be a problem for you to rank in the top 30."

"I barely made it," Su Li said with a sigh, "Before I broke through, I wondered if I could make it into the top 30 with the strength of a Three Star God of War. However, now that I have strength comparable to a Four Star God of War, I realized it's still difficult for someone with the strength of an ordinary Four Star God of War to rank in the top 30."

Upon hearing these words, Zhang Tian You chimed in, "There are just too many outstanding young geniuses in the Battle of the Geniuses this time. There are more than 40 participants with strength comparable to a Four Star God of War, and it's likely there are more than 10 participants who possess the strength of a Five Star God of War at least. After all, there are already 8 participants who revealed the strength of a Five Star God of War. It's not surprising if there are participants who are still hiding their strength..."

During the third bout of the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, the 70 participants would be given chances to challenge the top 30 participants. Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian and the others who were confirmed to possess the strength of a Five Star God of War or a top Four Star God of War did not receive any challenges. Those participants, like Su Li, who possessed the strength of an ordinary Four Star God of War, received the bulk of the challenges. In the end, among the 5 final participants of the 30 participants, one lost his challenge and was replaced.

When the third bout of the fifth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses finally ended, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, said in a loud voice that resounded in the venue, "The 30 participants who will advance to the sixth round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses have now been confirmed. The 30 participants will be given three months to prepare for the sixth round. Please use the time given wisely... The sixth round is also the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses."

Upon hearing the sixth and final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses would commence in three months, the other young geniuses who were eliminated were filled with anticipation. They were even more excited than the participants who would be advancing to the final round.

"During the final round, no one will be able to hide their strength anymore!"

"That's right! At that time, the top 30 participants will be determined!"

"I've been waiting so long for the final round!"

"I wonder who will rank at the top!"

At the same time, Tang San Pao did not waste time and bade farewell to the others. "Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, Ling Jue Yun, I'll see all of you in three months!"

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised that Tang San Pao had left on his own. Usually, Tang San Pao would leave together with them.

"Is Tang San Pao feeling the pressure now and is in a hurry to cultivate?" Su Li asked, surprised by Tang San Pao's hasty departure as well.

Duan Ling Tian shrugged before he asked Su Li and Ling Jue Yun, "Do both of you want to go to the Primeval Cliff again? Although Heavenly Emperor Ding Fu will only open up the Primeval Cliff for the 30 participants a month before the sixth round starts, I'm sure my master can convince Heavenly Emperor Ding Fu to grant us entry earlier..."

"Yes. I'd like to go to the Primeval Cliff again if possible," Su Li replied.

"What about you?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Ling Jue Yun who had yet to reply.

Ling Jue Yun shook his head. "I'm not going. I gained an insight previously at the Primeval Cliff so I'm going to spend the next three months comprehending it. Both of you can go ahead without me..."

"Alright." Duan Ling nodded.

After Ling Jue Yun left, Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian rose to their feet. All of them looked at Duan Ling Tian and Su Li with hints of anticipation in their eyes.

"Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, I look forward to your performances three months from now!"

The trio naturally hoped both men would put on a great performance during the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian was the only true disciple of their Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and an acquaintance of theirs. Needless to say, they were rooting for him wholeheartedly, hoping he would live up to their Heavenly Emperor's reputation.

After the trio left, Duan Ling Tian sent a message to Feng Qing Yang to ask Feng Qing to ask for permission from Ding Fu to enter the Primeval Cliff.

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At the Primeval Cliff.

“Duan Ling Tian, I’ll see you in three months,” Su Li said to Duan Ling Tian before he made his way to the location where he was previously comprehending his law.

As for Duan Ling Tian, he planned to spend two months comprehending the law of space at the Primeval Cliff and used the remaining one month to gain a deeper understanding of the law of space using the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity. Since it would take a long time for him to make progress with his two Daos of Heaven and Earth, he did not plan to comprehend them now.

Duan Ling Tian was not worried about his safety this time because Feng Qing Yang had informed him that Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, had instructed most trusted subordinates to guard the Primeval Cliff and ensure no one entered the cliff without permission. In fact, for the next three months, the Primeval Cliff was off-limits to the members of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven.

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Although three months was a short time, the 30 participants who advanced to the final round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses all hoped to have a breakthrough during this time. After all, if their strength increased, the higher their rank would be at the end of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. The higher they ranked, the longer they would be able to stay in the Title Temple’s chamber of law.

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Meanwhile, Yu Dong Fang did not return to his wooden house. Instead, he went to the residence of his master, Gongsun Xuanyuan; the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. He had planned to cultivate alone in the wooden house until his master had invited him to cultivate together because his master had recently gained an insight on his own Sword Dao recently. If Yu Dong Fang managed to gain something from his master’s insight, his strength would rise to another level.

“Master, Duan Ling Tian has openly disrespected you... I’ll make sure to humiliate him during the final round of the Battle of the Geniuses.”

Upon hearing these words, Gongsun Xuanyuan shook his head and said, “You shouldn’t blame him nor target him. What would you do at that time if you were in his shoes?”

Chapter 3497: The Title Temple’s Secret Weapon

Yu Dong Fang knew Gongsun Xuanyuan meant well, but he refused to let the matter go. He stubbornly said, “How dare he mock you, master! He promised to return you the favor, and yet, he still acted that way. He even openly revealed my Voice Transmission. Isn’t that disrespectful toward you?”

Yu Dong Fang’s eyes glinted coldly at the end of his words. It was as though winter had arrived.

Gongsun Xuanyuan shook his head but did not say anything else. Based on what he could see, his disciple was stronger than Duan Ling Tian. However, his instinct told him Duan Ling Tian was still hiding his strength. He did not say anything because he did not want his disciple to feel discouraged. Therefore, he swiftly diverted the topic to his Sword Dao.

After Gongsun Xuanyuan gained insight recently, he was only a step away from forming his Sword Dao and gaining a preliminary understanding of it. If he was successful, he would not have to be afraid of Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, who was ranked fourth in the Devata Realms' Heavenly Emperor ranking.

Ding Fu was so powerful because he had successfully created and gained a preliminary understanding of the Devouring Dao. As long as Gongsun Xuanyuan managed to create his own Sword Dao and gained a preliminary understanding of it, he was confident he would be evenly matched with Ding Fu. However, he needed to further increase his strength if he wanted to defeat Ding Fu.

"Duan Ling Tian is truly a rare genius," Gongsun Xuanyuan said with a sigh, "He only met Feng Qing Yang about 100 years ago, but he has already successfully created his own Space Sword Dao by studying Feng Qing Yang's Destructive Sword Dao. You should learn a thing or two from him in regard to this. Naturally, I'm not blameless since I can't compare to Feng Qing Yang..."

Yu Dong Fang shook his head upon hearing Gongsun Xuanyuan's words. "Master, everyone has their own time to run into fortuitous encounters. Feng Qing Yang must have had a fortuitous encounter in the Asura Hell. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to attain godhood so quickly."

"Luck can also be considered as one's capabilities," Gongsun Xuanyuan said, "It's the truth that I can't compare to him now..."

"It doesn't matter, master. During the final round of the Battle of the Geniuses, I'll show everyone that your true disciple is stronger than the true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven," Yu Dong Fang said confidently and resolutely.

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The young geniuses, the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms, and the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple were staying in three different places in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven.

However, since Xu Kong Hai was the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, Ding Fu had arranged for him to stay in a secluded and quiet valley.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai was sitting cross-legged in front of a waterfall with his eyes closed. It was hard to tell if he was cultivating or resting.

Swoosh!

All of a sudden, a figure swooped down from the sky and landed near Xu Kong Hai.

"Junior Uncle Xu."

Xu Kong Hai opened his eyes and asked immediately, "Are you confident?"

"Based on the strength they displayed today, I'm 100% confident," the young man said arrogantly.

Xu Kong Hai nodded. "It's impossible for any of the participants to be as strong as a Six Star God of War... It won't be a problem for you to rank first. After all, even a top Five Star God of War isn't a match for you..."

Surprisingly, the young man shook his head and said, "I'm not sure about that..."

"Who is it that makes you feel uncertain?" Xu Kong Hai asked, slightly surprised.

"There are two of them," the young man's eyes gleamed as he said, "Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun..."

Xu Kong Hai furrowed his brows slightly. "Those two? I wouldn't be surprised if you'd mentioned Yu Dong Fang, Zhong Gui Yu, or Ye Dong Li. However, I don't think those two pose a threat to you at all. Duan Ling Tian is only slightly over 600 years old. He's truly outstanding to possess the strength of a Five Star God of War at such a young age. Although he has created and gained a preliminary understanding of two Daos of Heaven and Earth, I believe he has displayed all of his comprehension of the law of space. Hence, I don't think he's still hiding his strength..."

A hint of greed flashed in Xu Kong Hai's eyes when he mentioned Duan Ling Tian.

The young man nodded.

Xu Kong Hai asked, "How much do you know about Ling Jue Yun? Do you know his age?"

"All the participants are below the age of 1,000..." the young man trailed off. Then, he asked, "Junior Uncle Xu, are you implying that Ling Jue Yun is younger than Duan Ling Tian and Su Li?"

"He's almost the same age as Duan Ling Tian," Xu Kong Hai said as his eyes glinted.

The young man inhaled sharply upon hearing these words. Shock and disbelief could be seen in his eyes at this moment. When he regained his senses, he asked, "Junior Uncle Xu, how do you know that?"

It was shocking enough that Duan Ling Tian and Su Li possessed such strength at their age. How could the young man not be shocked when he learned that Ling Jue Yun was also so young?

"You should know that apart from the participants that came with the various Devata Realms' Heavenly Palaces, the others are brought here by the Title Temple branches. Normally, before bringing the participants here, the Heavenly Palaces must have already confirmed the participants' ages. After all, it would be a disgrace and an embarrassment if the Heavenly Emperors were found out to have brought participants over the age limit. Moreover, the Title Temple won't let the matter slide as well. Since the ages of the participants will only be confirmed at the end of the competition, it'll be slightly difficult to find out the ages of the participants who came with the Heavenly Emperors. However, since Ling Jue Yun came with the Title Temple in the Wind Prop Heaven, it was not difficult for me to find out his age. The Title Temple in the Wind Prop Heaven had confirmed that Ling Jue Yun isn't even 700 years old. They thought his strength was that of a Three or Four Star God of War so they were shocked when they discovered he was as strong as a Five Star God of War," Xu Kong Hai explained.

Then, Xu Kong Hai glanced at the young man and said, "Now, do you still think that two men who aren't even 700 years old are a threat to you? Especially when you possess the strength of a Six Star God of War? Don't you think you're worried for nothing? It's heaven-defying enough that they possessed such strength at this age; it'd be impossible for them to be any stronger..."

"I hope so." The young man nodded. "However, I just can't shake off the feeling that there's more than meets the eyes with them. Junior Uncle Xu, my master must have mentioned to you that my instincts

are very accurate. It's due to my sharp instincts, that I managed to survive a few life-or-death situations in the Nine Serenities Battlefield..."

"Yes, I've heard about it, but your instincts aren't completely foolproof. Don't tell me there's not even one time when you were wrong?" Xu Kong Hai asked.

The young man said, "As soon as I feel something is amiss, I'll leave without any hesitation. I won't even stay around to confirm it. However, I have to say that there are times when I was wrong..."

Xu Kong Hai nodded. "See? You can trust your instincts fully..."

"I hope you're right." The young man nodded.

Xu Kong Hai said to boost the young man's confidence, "Moreover, so what if they're as strong as Six Star Gods of War? I heard from your master that you killed nine Six Star Gods of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield before..."

The young man nodded. "However, they were very weak Six Star Gods of War."

Xu Kong Hai scoffed. "So what? They're still stronger than the top Five Star God of War. Don't worry too much. You'll definitely rank first in this Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses and obtain the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. Although Vice Temple Master Liu's granddaughter covets the fruit, nothing can be done about it since there's only one..."

Many high-ranking officials and their descendants or disciples, naturally, coveted the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. One of them was Vice Temple Master Liu, who held the same position as Xu Kong Hai. When the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple discovered the two Vice Temple Masters were vying for the Celestial Fruit, many of them did not dare to get involved.

Due to the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit, the hostility between the two Vice Temple Masters intensified since both of them were not willing to back down.

Chapter 3498: The Top 30 Young Geniuses are Calm, But The Crowd is Anxious

In order to prevent the situation from escalating any further, the Temple Master of the main Title Temple decided to put up the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit as a reward for the young genius who ranked first in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

With that, Vice Temple Master Liu of the main Title Temple had no choice but to give up since he knew his granddaughter would not stand a chance of winning the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

As for Xu Kong Hai, he felt that the Temple Master of the Title Temple was biased toward his junior nephew who was the Title Temple's ace during this time's Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Naturally, Vice Temple Master Liu could tell the Title Temple favored the young man as well. However, what could he say since the Temple Master had spoken? He could only secretly hope an outsider would win the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses to assuage his anger. He naturally had to keep this thought a secret to avoid being labeled as a traitor.

"The Exploding Element Celestial Fruit will definitely be mine!" the young man said as his eyes gleamed with determination. He was a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor now. With the Exploding Element Celestial

Fruit, he would become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor in a short time. After that, he would be able to attempt attaining godhood. The time saved from using the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit could be used to further comprehend his law.

“You may leave now,” Xu Kong Hai said with a faint smile, “Don’t overthink things and put pressure on yourself. The young geniuses, including Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun, are destined to become your stepping stones.”

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was comprehending the law of space at the Primeval Cliff was naturally unaware that the Title Temple’s ace was wary of him and Ling Jue Yun.

Although comprehending the law of space at the Primeval Cliff was not as fast compared to the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity, comprehending the law of space at the cliff allowed him to learn the different ways to fuse profundities from the law of space. Although he had already fused a few profundities, he still had a lot to learn in regard to fusing profundities.

Different profundities, when fused, created different results. For example, if two offensive profundities were fused, the offensive strength of the Fused Profundity would increase more than one fold. Whereas if an offensive profundity was fused with a movement profundity, it would create a profundity with both speed and incredible force. There were so many ways to fuse profundities that even a titled Celestial Emperor usually only managed to fuse a few profundities.

Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were so immersed in comprehending their respective laws at the Primeval Cliff that they completely lost track of time.

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Meanwhile, Great Master Miyan, who possessed Ru Lai; the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, was rather excited when he found out Duan Ling Tian had returned to the Primeval Cliff again.

‘Feng Qing Yang must feel at ease letting Duan Ling Tian stay at the Primeval Cliff now, right? If I make a move now, my chances of success should be quite high...’

After pondering on it for a while, he changed his mind. “No, it’s too risky. Even if Feng Qing Yang isn’t there, he must have taken precautions. It’s likely that Ding Fu has placed guards there. Since Feng Qing Yang and Ding Fu are good friends, Ding Fu will definitely help Feng Qing Yang. It seems like I better wait for another chance...’

Great Master Miyan was so determined to possess Duan Ling Tian that he was willing to make certain sacrifices for his cause. After all, with 99 Heavenly Veins and his high innate talent, Duan Ling Tian would certainly attain godhood if he did not die prematurely. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had created and gained a preliminary understanding of the two Daos of Heaven and Earth, which was one of the requirements of attaining godhood! How could he not be eager to possess Duan Ling Tian with all these factors?

“As for you, Feng Qing Yang... After my injuries recover after 100 years, I’ll definitely look for you to teach you a lesson! Once I kill you, Duan Ling Tian will be mine!” Great Master Miyan muttered to

himself as his eyes shone with excitement. He was already imagining himself killing Feng Qing Yang and possessing Duan Ling Tian's body.

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Since the final round of the Devata Realm's Battle of the Geniuses would commence in thirty days, all of the top 30 participants had gone into closed-door cultivation due to the pressure.

On the contrary, the other participants who had been eliminated were rather carefree. They gathered in groups and discussed fervently among themselves.

"So far, there are eight participants who have displayed the strength of a Five Star God of War. Do you think there'll be more than ten of them during this time's Battle of the Geniuses?"

"I think it's very likely!"

"I agree. I think there'll definitely be more than ten participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War this time!"

"Who do you think will rank first?"

"I'm not sure... After all, before the participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War fight each other, we won't be able to determine who's stronger..."

"Hey, do you think there's any participant with the strength of a Six Star God of War?"

"A Six Star God of War? What are you talking about? The Battle of the Geniuses is only held every 1,000 years. I don't think there's anyone who possesses the strength of a Six Star God of War before reaching the age of 1,000!"

"You can't say that for sure. Since there are so many participants this time with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War, it's not entirely impossible that we have a participant with the strength of a Six Star God of War!"

The young geniuses who were eliminated were even more excited than the top 30 participants who had advanced to the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Three months was a short time. However, to those eliminated young geniuses who were eagerly waiting for the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, it felt like a long time.

Those who were involved were calm while outsiders were anxious.

Days felt like years as they waited for the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses to commence.

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The day before the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Duan Ling Tian had already returned to his wooden house a month ago to comprehend the law of space using his Supreme Powerhouse Divinity.

“I should send a message to Su Li in case he loses track of time. The finals are tomorrow after all...”

Duan Ling Tian only stopped comprehending the law of space and the Space Sword Dao using the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity a few days ago when he felt there was no longer any progress to be made for the time being.

“The final round is tomorrow?”

Duan Ling Tian could tell Su Li was shocked that time had passed so fast when he received Su Li’s reply. He advised Su Li to stop comprehending his law at the Primeval Cliff in case Su Li missed the final round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses.

Even if Su Li missed the final round, he would still be ranked in the top 30. However, there was a chance he could improve his rank during the final round and prolong his time in the Title Temple’s chamber of laws.

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The group of young geniuses who had been waiting for the final round was elated.

“The final round is finally starting tomorrow!”

“I’m going to rest well tonight so I can concentrate while I watch the exciting matches tomorrow!”

“You’re right! We should all rest well tonight!”

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The day of the final round of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses.

Since early in the morning, the spectator seats had been filled. Everyone was waiting excitedly for it to begin.

On the other hand, the top 30 participants, the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms, and the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple branches had yet to arrive. In fact, they were not late; it was just that the eliminated young geniuses were early.

About an hour later.

The high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches began to arrive followed by the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms. Following that, the top 30 participants began to arrive as well.

When Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, Ling Jue Yun, and Tang San Pao arrived at the venue, they stirred up quite a commotion among the crowd.

“Duan Ling Tian is here!”

“Ling Jue Yun and Tang San Pao are here as well!”

“Can you believe it?! Not only are three of them friends, but three of them possess the strength of a Five Star God of War as well!”

Chapter 3499: Ye Dong Li

Among Duan Ling Tian's group, Tang San Pao was the first to reveal his strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War. At that time, let alone those who did not know him, even Duan Ling Tian and the others were shocked. In their eyes, he was friendly and talkative, especially to Duan Ling Tian, completely lacking the air of someone with extraordinary strength.

After Tang San Pao, Duan Ling Tian was next to reveal his strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War. Even before he appeared, his reputation had preceded him. He was the only true disciple of Feng Qing Yang, the legendary Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, after all.

Among the 81 Heavenly Emperors of the Devata Realms, most of them had a few true disciples. For the longest time, Feng Qing Yang did not even have one true disciple. Hence, everyone was shocked when he finally accepted a true disciple. Even when the strongest Heavenly Emperor accepted a true disciple, it was not as shocking as when Feng Qing Yang, who had yet to confirm he had attained godhood at that time, finally accepted a true disciple.

Feng Qing Yang was indeed rather unique among the Heavenly Emperors. Even Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, who was on par with Feng Qing Yang in the past had four true disciples and many nominal disciples.

For all these reasons, even before the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses started, Duan Ling Tian had already garnered a lot of attention. In the beginning, many people were of the opinion that Duan Ling Tian was only lucky that Feng Qing Yang took a liking to him and accepted him as a true disciple. However, after witnessing Duan Ling Tian's strength that was on par with a Five Star God of War during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, they were finally convinced that Duan Ling Tian was accepted by Feng Qing Yang because of his talent, not because of luck. Everyone knew they could not achieve what Duan Ling Tian achieved at his age. Indeed, only a monstrous talent like Duan Ling Tian was worthy of an extraordinary Heavenly Emperor like Feng Qing Yang.

"With his talent, if Duan Ling Tian didn't have a master, even the strongest Heavenly Emperor would want him as a true disciple."

"His innate talent is heaven-defying."

"He's only a little over 600 years old but possesses the strength of a Five Star God of War. With his heaven-defying innate talent and an extraordinary master like Feng Qing Yang, his future is incomparably bright. He'll definitely become a prominent figure in the Devata Realms in the future."

"A person like him would easily make a name for himself even in the Realms of Gods..."

The young geniuses sighed enviously when they discussed Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing the discussion in the surroundings, Zhong Gu Yu, the talented young genius with the strength of a Five Star God of War who claimed to be Xu Ya Si's junior brother, turned to look at Duan Ling Tian as well. 'It seems like Senior Sister wasn't lying. Based on the strength Duan Ling Tian had displayed, his strength should be on par with mine. However, it's still not enough for him to defeat me unless he has other tricks up his sleeve.'

On second thought, Zhong Gui Yu thought it was unlikely that Duan Ling Tian still had any tricks up his sleeve. After all, at Duan Ling Tian's age, his achievements were already shocking enough. A person like

Duan Ling Tian was rare in the history of the Devata Realms. Even top powerhouses in the Devata Realms did not achieve such feats at Duan Ling Tian's age. Perhaps, only those born in Realms of Gods possessed such talents like Duan Ling Tian. The gods were highly gifted, and the resources in the Realms of Gods were far superior to the Devata Realms. Nevertheless, there was still a chance there was no talent like Duan Ling Tian in the Realms of God. After all, not only did Duan Ling Tian possess the strength of a Five Star God of War before the age of 700, but he had even comprehended two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth.

At the same time, many people were also discussing Ling Jue Yun, the cold and mysterious young genius whose vicious attacks shocked and left a deep impression on everyone.

"Ling Jue Yun is really outstanding as well..."

"I wonder where he came from... There are many unknown young geniuses in this time's Battle of the Geniuses..."

"Perhaps, he's a descendant of a top powerhouse who used to live in seclusion. He might have inherited a heaven-defying legacy from his ancestor."

"A heaven-defying legacy? The heaven-defying legacy has to be left behind by a supreme powerhouse for him to be so heaven-defyingly strong at his age!"

Su Li also garnered some attention despite not possessing the strength of a Five Star God of War due to his young age. Although his strength was not as heaven-defying compared to Duan Ling Tian, there was no doubt he was also a genius in his own right.

No one knew Ling Jue Yun was the same age as Duan Ling Tian and Su Li. Otherwise, these people would be in a bigger uproar about Ling Jue Yun.

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At the same time, after listening to discussions in his surroundings, Tang San Pao's curiosity was piqued. He asked, "Ling Jue Yun, how old are you?"

Ling Jue Yun only glanced at Tang San Pao briefly before ignoring him.

Tang San Pao was undeterred. He asked with a grin, "Ling Jue Yun, you must be approaching 1,000 years old, right?"

Tang San Pao was clearly trying to provoke Ling Jue Yun into answering his question. Alas, Ling Jue Yun continued to ignore him, causing him to feel frustrated.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian said, "He's almost the same age as Su Li and me."

Since Duan Ling Tian had known Ling Jue Yun for quite some time, he had a rough idea of Ling Jue Yun's age. Moreover, the soul of his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, Huang'er, knew everything about Ling Jue Yun.

"So he's not even 700 years old?!" Tang San Pao was shocked by Duan Ling Tian's words. He looked at Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Ling Jue Yun as he said, "All of you are monsters!"

Then, the shocked expression on Tang San Pao's face was replaced with a smug expression before he said, "Since all of you are younger than me, don't you think you should address me as Big Brother Tang?"

With these words, even Duan Ling Tian and Su Li ignored Tang San Pao.

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Soon enough, the crowd broke into a commotion again with the arrival of another participant.

"That's Ye Dong Li!"

Although Ye Dong Li's appearance was rather ordinary, her strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War garnered her a lot of attention. Moreover, she was the only female participant to possess such strength in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. As such, she was the only female participant to make it into the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Although some of her peers were prettier than her, they were not as popular as her.

"I've never heard of Ye Dong Li before this. It's rare for a female celestial below the age of 1,000 to possess the strength of a Five Star God of War even in all the Devata Realms..."

"That's right. Someone like her might be common in Realms of Gods, but she's definitely as rare as a phoenix feather in the Devata Realms."

"Although she's not a beauty, whoever gets to marry her is really lucky!"

"To marry her, you'll have to be stronger than her!"

The attention Ye Dong Li drew was comparable to Duan Ling Tian and his friends.

Even Duan Ling Tian could not help but look at her for a moment. He thought the Devata Realms were really filled with hidden talents. Before the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, he had once asked Feng Qing Yang if there were many outstanding female young geniuses. According to Feng Qing Yang, they were very rare. During the previous few Battles of the Geniuses, there were no young female geniuses with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. For this reason, he could not help but look at her.

At this time, Tang San Pao, who was sitting behind Duan Ling Tian, said teasingly, "Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, why are both of you staring at Ye Dong Li? Do you like her? Let me remind you that a woman like her is very difficult to deal with. You have to be stronger than her at least to win her heart. Su Li, I don't think you stand a chance right now. As for Duan Ling Tian, I think your prospect looks promising..."

Duan Ling Tian turned back to look at Tang San Pao before he said, "You seem to know her pretty well. Are you acquainted with her?"

Tang San Pao smiled sheepishly before he said with a hint of unease, "We're not really acquainted. We've only met once. Her master is a god, and my master addresses her master as Junior Uncle."

Needless to say, this was the first time Duan Ling Tian and the others had heard of this matter.

Chapter 3500: Drawing Lots to Decide One's Opponent

Upon hearing Tang San Pao's words, Zhang Tian You, who was seated next to Tang San Pao, exclaimed, "No wonder Ye Dong Li kept looking in our direction previously. Initially, I thought she was looking at Duan Ling Tian. In hindsight, she must have been looking at you..."

"You thought she was looking at Duan Ling Tian? Why would she look at him?" Tang San Pao asked, confused. Was it not obvious that Ye Dong Li was staring at him? Put everything aside, he was truly impressed by a woman's ability to hold a grudge. They had only met once and had a misunderstanding at that time, but it seemed like she was still holding onto a grudge even after several centuries had passed.

"Isn't it obvious? Duan Ling Tian is handsome," Zhang Tian You replied without any hesitation, "Among us, Duan Ling Tian's looks are the most popular among women."

Tang San Pao looked at Zhang Tian You incredulously "Are you blind? You have no sense of aesthetics at all. I'm so much more handsome than Duan Ling Tian, and yet, you confidently said he's more handsome! What did he bribe you with? I'll double his offer!"

Apart from causing Zhang Tian You to roll his eyes, his words also caused Wang Ting to laugh. She thought that Tang San Pao was truly confident. Although Tang San Pao's appearance was above average, he could not be considered handsome.

At this moment, He Jian Yi said, "It's about to start."

With this, all of them turned to look ahead.

Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, flew over and arrived at the venue in just a blink of an eye. After looking around for a brief moment, he said, "Let the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses commence!"

The spectators were excited upon hearing Xu Kong Hai's words. They had waited for three months for this day to come, and it was finally here!

"The Title Temple will not arrange your opponents for you during the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. You'll draw lots to decide your opponent."

These words were no surprise to the others since this had been the case in the previous Devata Realms' Battles of the Geniuses. Since before, the final 30 participants would draw lots to decide their opponents.

"Do you think the first match will have two participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War fighting each other?"

"From what we know so far, eight out of the 30 participants possess the strength of a Five Star God of War. At some point, two of the eight will definitely fight each other..."

"I, for one, hope the exciting matches will take place at the end. I'd like to save the best for last."

While the spectators were busy discussing among themselves, Xu Kong Hai, brought out a big box with an opening at the top and said, "There are 30 jade slips in here with the number 1 to 30 engraved on

them. The person who draws the number 1 will fight with the person who draws the number 2; the person who draws the numbers 3 will fight with the person who draws the number four and so on. You're prohibited from checking the numbers with your Divine Consciousness. Otherwise, you'll have to bear the consequences. Now, the final 30 participants, please step forward..."

In the previous Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, there were participants who tried to probe the numbers on the jade slips. As a result, their Divine Consciousness was rebounded, and they were severely injured by the backlash. Moreover, their injury affected their performance during their matches, causing them to lose when they could have won.

After Xu Kong Hai's voice fell, the 30 participants, including Duan Ling Tian, flew toward Xu Kong Hai neatly. None of them dared to step out of line. Under everyone's watchful eyes, they took turns to draw a jade slip.

After Tang San Pao glanced at the number on his jade slip, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and the others around him before he asked, "What number did you get?"

Ling Jue Yun did reply, but he openly showed the number on his jade slip: number 5. This meant that his opponent was the person who drew the number 6.

Tang San Pao looked around and asked, "Who drew the number 6?"

No one responded.

After a moment, Su Li smiled bitterly and said, "You can stop looking around. I drew the number 6."

Even Duan Ling Tian was stunned by this development. He did not expect Su Li would have to fight Ling Jue Yun as soon as the first bout of the final round started.

"Duan Ling Tian, what about you? Are you my opponent?" Tang San Pao asked.

Duan Ling Tian held up his jade slip wordlessly. The number 12 could be clearly seen on his jade slip.

"It seems we're not fated to fight yet," Tang San Pao said. Then, he held up his jade slip to show the number 26 engraved on it.

At this moment, Xu Kong Hai's loud and clear voice rang in the air again.

"Apart from those who drew the number 1 and 2, the others can return your seats now..."

As Duan Ling Tian and the others moved to leave, only two figures remained motionless. Some of them could not help but turn back as they left to have a look at the first two participants to battle.

One of them was Zhong Gui Yu. He was a sectless cultivator who had previously demonstrated the strength of a Five Star God of War. He was also Xu Ya Si's junior brother.

As for Zhong Gui Yu's opponent, he was just a participant who had shown the strength of a Four Star God of War so far.

Not long after Duan Ling Tian and the others returned to their seats, Zhong Gui Yu's opponent wisely surrendered before the match began.

With this, Zhong Gui Yu won the match without fighting.

“Zhong Gui Yu, number 2, wins this match,” Xu Kong Hai said, “The participants with the numbers 3 and 4, please step forward.”

The following two participants were not any of the eight known participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War. The two participants had the strength of a top Four Star God of War.

One of them was someone Duan Ling Tian had paid attention to; it was Hong Yuan who had easily defeated Su Li previously. Su Li had suspected Hong Yuan had been holding back his strength and was possibly as strong as a Five Star God of War. Duan Ling Tian shared the same opinion as well. Apart from that, Hong Yuan was also one of the few people whom he suspected to be the Title Temple’s ace.

For these reasons, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes were following Hong Yuan as Hong Yuan flew into the battle ring. “Hong Yuan...”

At the same time, the spectators began to discuss among themselves again.

“Hong Yuan is one of the young geniuses cultivated by the Title Temple. His opponent is a sectless cultivator who’s surprisingly powerful as well. His opponent has the strength of a top Four Star God of War...”

“Previously, the strongest opponents they fought only had strength comparable to an ordinary Four Star God of War.”

“Since their opponents were weaker than them previously, it means there’s a chance two of them possess the strength of a Five Star God of War...”

“We’ll find out soon enough...”

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Hong Yuan and his opponent began to fight.

Just as Su Li had suspected, it was soon made obvious that Hong Yuan was hiding his strength. Not long after his match started, he revealed his strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War and swiftly defeated his opponent.

Xu Kong Hai naturally was not surprised by Hong Yuan’s strength. After all, as the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, how could he be unaware of Hong Yuan’s true strength?

‘I knew it.’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted. At the same time, he was perplexed as he wondered if Sima Rui or Hong Yuan was the Title Temple’s ace. For now, both of their strengths seemed to be about the same, making it hard for him to guess.

After announcing Hong Yuan’s victory, Xu Kong Hai called out the participants with the numbers 5 and 6 which belonged to Ling Jue Yun and Su Li respectively.

A commotion broke out again among the spectators when they saw the two friends stepping forward.

“It’s Su Li and Ling Jue Yun!”

“Heavens! How unlucky of them to have to fight each other so soon!”

“Will Su Li surrender?”

It was clear to everyone who the winner of the match would be. Nevertheless, Su Li did not surrender. Just as expected, Su Li was defeated by Ling Jue Yun using three moves. If Ling Jue Yun had gone all out, Su Li would have been defeated with just a move.

“Ling Jue Yun, number 5, wins the third match. Participants with the numbers 7 and 8 please take your places in the battle ring,” Xu Kong Hai said again.

The two following participants only possessed the strength of a Four Star God of War. In the end, the participant with the strength of a top Four Star God of War triumphed. Since his opponent was weaker than him, there was a chance he was still holding back his strength and possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War.

The participants with the numbers 9 and 10 also only possessed the strength of a top Four Star God of War. Due to their similar strength, the fight was rather intense, and it took a while before a winner could be determined. All in all, it was a close fight.

“Participants with the numbers 11 and 12, please step forward.”

The following match was finally Duan Ling Tian’s turn to fight. His opponent who drew the number 11 was a participant from the Title Temple who had shown the strength of the top Four Star God of War so far.