

SOVEREIGN 3511

### **Chapter 3511: Xu Kong Hai Bows to Ling Jue Yun**

“That’s not Ling Jue Yun! It’s his doppelganger!”

Soon enough, more and more people began to realize it was Ling Jue Yun’s doppelganger from the law of death’s Undead Doppelganger Profundity.

Many people, including the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms and high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches, were shocked.

“How did he do it? I couldn’t tell it was his doppelganger!”

“Obviously it’d be difficult to tell if it’s the real thing or not. Otherwise, would Huang Quan An have fallen for it and cast the law of time’s Instant Vicissitudes Of Life on him? He was tricked as well!”

“What kind of method is this? Even someone stronger than a Six Star God of War who comprehends the law of death can’t pull this off so seamlessly, right?”

“He must have his own secret techniques!”

Nobody could tell it was Ling Jue Yun’s doppelganger until the very last moment. It was only revealed after Huang Quan An’s attack had entered the doppelganger. Let alone a Five Star God of War, even a Six Star God of War would have been able to cast such an indiscernible doppelganger. Moreover, under normal circumstances, a doppelganger was a separate entity. It was impossible for the doppelganger to receive the attack on behalf of Ling Jue Yun.

At this moment, the doppelganger’s red eyes returned to normal. It was as though Ling Jue Yun could freely switch out his doppelganger. “Do you have any other technique apart from the Instant Vicissitudes of Life?”

“Restrain!” Huang Quan An hurriedly cast the law of time’s Time Restraint Profundity as soon as Ling Jue Yun’s voice fell.

Before Ling Jue Yun could react, he was frozen in time again.

Huang Quan An narrowed his eyes and cast the Instant Vicissitudes of Life again.

As soon as the Instant Vicissitudes of Life entered Ling Jue Yun’s body, everyone saw his eyes turn red again. Similar to before, the Instant Vicissitudes of Life was rendered useless by Ling Jue Yun’s doppelganger.

“It’s useless,” Ling Jue Yun said frostily after the Instant Vicissitudes of Life lost its effect, “It doesn’t matter how perfect your timing is, your attack is useless against me.”

Huang Quan refused to believe Ling Jue Yun’s words and tried a couple more times. Alas, none of it worked.

“You should be exhausted by now, right?” Ling Jue Yun asked as he looked at the pale Huang Quan An.

“The Instant Vicissitudes of Life is truly strange and powerful, but at the same time, it quickly exhausts one’s soul energy. It’s impossible for you to carry on like this. It’s my turn now.”

Just as Ling Jue Yun was about to make his move again, Huang Quan An cast the Time Restraint Profundity, freezing Ling Jue Yun again. This time, instead of using the Instant Vicissitudes of Life, he directly attacked Ling Jue Yun. However, before his attack landed, the doppelganger appeared again, blocking his attack.

“The offensive power of those who comprehend the law of time is really weak. You can even injure my doppelganger...” Ling Jue Yun said as he made his move again.

Huang Quan An’s law of time was completely useless against Ling Jue Yun and his doppelganger. He felt incredibly helpless at this moment.

In the end, although Ling Jue Yun had only displayed the strength of a top Five Star God of War, he managed to defeat Huang Quan An.

Even after Ling Jue Yun defeated Huang Quan An, the crowd, including Xu Kong Hai, still did not regain their senses. Yet another commotion broke out when they regained their senses.

“Ling Jue Yun won?”

“Ling Jue Yun is a monster! He defeated Huang Quan An even though he only used the strength of a top Five Star God of War! Didn’t everyone say it’s impossible for those who didn’t possess the strength of a Six Star God of War to defeat Huang Quan An?”

“That’s the case under normal circumstances. However, Ling Jue Yun is highly skilled in switching back and forth with his doppelganger, which should be a separate entity. Since he’s unaffected by the Instant Vicissitudes of Life, what else can Huang Quan An do?”

“Heavens! Did he perfect the law of death’s Doppelganger Profundity?”

Everyone, including the Heavenly Emperors and the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple branches, were curious about Ling Jue Yun’s technique. Those who comprehended the law of death, in particular, looked at Ling Jue Yun with bright eyes. After all, if they knew his secret, they would be able to improve their strength significantly.

After Ling Jue Yun defeated Huang Quan An, it was clear that no one with strength weaker than a Six Star God of War was a match for Ling Jue Yun. His doppelganger was too heaven-defying, after all; it was an incredibly powerful defense!

In a rare instance, Xu Kong Hai openly asked, “Ling Jue Yun, what secret technique did you use?”

Everyone looked at Ling Jue Yun with anticipatory expressions. They were curious about this matter as well.

“There’s no secret technique,” Ling Jue Yun replied indifferently, “This is something I inherited from my bloodline. More than 90% of my family members comprehend the law of death. It runs deep in our family...”

Many people were disappointed by Ling Jue Yun’s answer, and some even thought he was lying.

“Ling Jue Yun refused to disclose his secret technique because he’s afraid someone would steal it!”

“It runs deep in his family?”

Xu Kong Hai and some of the Heavenly Emperors narrowed their eyes in unison upon hearing Ling Jue Yun’s words. They instantly recalled a clan where more than 90% of their members comprehended the law of death. Their innate talent and speed of comprehending the law of death were heaven-defying.

“Your... Your family...” Xu Kong Hai stared at Ling Jue Yun as he stammered slightly, “That clan... Ling Jue Yun, are you from the Ling clan in the Divine Offering Land?”

“You’ve heard about the Ling clan?” Ling Jue Yun was taken aback. After all, before the Ling clan was annihilated, they had lived in seclusion and maintained a low profile in the Divine Offering Land.

“You’re really from the Ling clan?!” Xu Kong Hai’s eyes widened. When he regained his senses, he bowed and said, “Young Master Ling, I’m sorry for being disrespectful. I was unaware of your identity.”

Everyone, apart from a few Heavenly Emperors in the know, was shocked by Xu Kong Hai’s abrupt change in attitude. After all, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple and a god, bowed to someone who was only as strong as a top Five Star God of War and even addressed him as Young Master! Even when Xu Kong Hai met the son of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, he only addressed him as Junior Nephew.

‘It seems like Xu Kong Hai is quite familiar with the Ling clan,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. After all, Xu Kong Hai’s abrupt change in attitude was too obvious. Moreover, it was clear that Xu Kong Hai was unaware that the Ling clan had been annihilated. Otherwise, Xu Kong Hai would not have behaved so humbly. He thought that Xu Kong Hai was really smart and knew how to act appropriately according to the situation.

Xu Kong Hai looked at Ling Jue Yun and said respectfully, “Young Master Ling, the Title Temple shared a close relationship with the Ling clan many years ago... There are even records of the Ling clan in the Title Temple. However, we lost connection with the Ling clan after they retreated into seclusion. Even so, the Title Temple has always maintained the rule that all due respect must be given to the Ling clan members.”

Needless to say, Xu Kong Hai’s revelation caused a commotion.

“Heavens! What kind of clan did Ling Jue Yun come from that even the Title Temple has to be respectful to them?”

“I’ve never heard of the Ling clan before...”

“Didn’t Vice Temple Master Xu mention the Divine Offering Land? The Divine Offering Land is a Realm of Gods!”

The crowd was even more shocked when they recalled Xu Kong Hai had mentioned the Ling clan was from the Divine Offering Land, a Realm of Gods.

“Young Master Ling, your achievements are truly extraordinary, especially when you’re not even 700 years old. You must be a direct descendant of the Ling clan, right?” Xu Kong Hai asked politely with a smile on his face.

Ling Jue Yun nodded slightly.

Those who were unaware of Ling Jue Yun's age were shocked by these words.

"Ling Jue Yun is the same age as Duan Ling Tian and Su Li?"

"Heavens! He's another monster!"

"However, this is to be expected, right? After all, he comes from the Divine Offering Land..."

"You're right. The Divine Offering Land is a Realm of Gods, after all. The cultivation environment there is superior to all the Devata Realms. Moreover, the cultivation resources in prominent clans must be very good as well!"

### **Chapter 3512: A Token of Apology**

After the revelation about Ling Jue Yun's identity, a huge commotion erupted at the venue of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Everyone, apart from Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang, was shocked to find out that Ling Jue Yun was from the Divine Offering Land, a Realm of Gods. Everyone knew the Realms of Gods were superior to the Devata Realms in every way. Gods were a dime in a dozen in Realms of Gods.

"Hey, don't you think it's unfair that a native of a Realm of Gods is participating in the Battle of the Geniuses?"

Some of the young geniuses were rather dissatisfied when they found out about Ling Jue Yun's origins.

"Nonsense. Isn't Ling Jue Yun younger than 700 years old? The connection between the Realms of Gods and the Devata Realms has been closed for the past 600 years. This means he came here when he was about 100 years old!"

There were those who were aware that the link between the Realms of Gods and the Devata Realms had been closed over the past 600 years. The passages linking both realms were close for 1,000 years. Until they reopened 400 years later, no one could travel to and from the Realms of Gods.

"So Ling Jue Yun grew up in the Devata Realms?"

"Nevertheless, he's from a prominent clan in a Realm of Gods. I'm sure he has his means and techniques. He'll naturally be more talented than us..."

Despite knowing Ling Jue Yun had spent most of his time in the Devata Realms, there were many who still felt unconvinced. In their opinion, Ling Jue Yun had an advantage since he came from a prominent clan in a Realm of Gods. However, upon seeing how respectful Xu Kong Hai was to Ling Jue Yun, even if they were dissatisfied, they knew there was no point in objecting. Xu Kong Hai would definitely defend Ling Jue Yun. As the highest-ranking person from the Title Temple present on the scene, he held the highest authority in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

"I didn't know there's a clan that specializes in the law of death and has a natural aptitude for the law of death. It's so amazing that they can even merge with their doppelgangers..."

“Native of the Realms of God naturally have their own special techniques. After all, they’re descendants of supreme powerhouses...”

Apart from Xu Kong Hai, Feng Qing Yang, and Di Huang; the Clan Leader of the Qilin clan, most were shocked to learn that there was a clan with a natural aptitude for comprehending the law of death.

Xu Kong Hai was aware of this since he was a member of the main Title Temple; Di Huang was aware of this since the Qilin clan had a supreme powerhouse; Feng Qing Yang had learned about this during his time in the Asura Hell, one of the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms.

Regardless of Ling Jue Yun’s identity, he had won his match against Huang Quan An fair and square.

At this time, Huang Quan An smiled despite feeling shocked by the revelation. He said jokingly, “I have nothing to say about my loss; I’m thoroughly convinced. It seems like I have to avoid you and your clan members in the future for offending you...”

Huang Quan An was clearly not dissatisfied or upset with his loss at all.

Meanwhile, a hint of reverence could be seen in Xu Kong Hai’s eyes as he watched Ling Jue Yun return to his seat. After a moment, he finally moved his gaze to the battle ring before he said, “Zhou Yong Qi, the 6th participant, please enter the battle ring.”

Zhou Yong Qi was initially ranked fourth before Huang Quan An defeated Zhong Gui Yu and before he lost his match.

Similarly, Duan Ling Tian and Tang San Pao had dropped two places as well due to Ling Jue Yun and Huang Quan An’s match.

Swoosh!

The crowd shifted their attention back to Zhou Yong Qi who had entered the battle ring.

“Zhou Yong Qi is the last true disciple of Heavenly Emperor Zhou Bing Wu of the Equally Prosperous Heaven!”

“Do you think Zhou Yong Qi will challenge Duan Ling Tian? After all, before the commencement of the Battle of the Geniuses, Duan Ling Tian’s master, Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang, openly embarrassed his master, Heavenly Emperor Zhou Bing Wu!”

“I think he’ll challenge Duan Ling Tian.”

“It’s only natural for a disciple to avenge his master, after all.”

“Hey, have you forgotten that Duan Ling Tian displayed the strength of a top Five Star God of War during his match with Yu Dong Fang? Although Zhou Yong Qi is quite strong, he doesn’t seem to be as strong as a top Five Star God of War!”

“I agree.”

“If he’s not as strong as a top Five Star God of War, he won’t have the strength needed to avenge his master.”

Zhou Yong Qi smiled bitterly when he heard the conversation in his surroundings. It was true that he would have challenged Duan Ling Tian if Duan Ling Tian did not display his strength that was comparable to a top Five Star God of War during his match with Yu Dong Fang. After all, let alone Duan Ling Tian, he was not even a match for Yu Dong Fang. It would be foolish of him to challenge Duan Ling Tian now.

“I challenge...”

The crowd waited with bated breaths as they waited for Zhou Yong Qi to choose his opponent.

“Is Zhou Yong Qi still hiding his strength?”

“Is he going to challenge Duan Ling Tian?”

“Is it possible that he’s also as strong as a top Five Star God of War? If he is, then the match will be very exciting!”

Everyone was eager to watch Zhou Yong Qi fight Duan Ling Tian. Their eyes brightened when they saw Zhou Yong Qi look at Duan Ling Tian.

Alas, the crowd’s excitement died down when Zhou Yong Qi shifted his gaze away and said, “I want to challenge Tang San Pao!”

“It seems like we’re too hopeful,” a young genius said with a wry smile.

“You’re right. Zhou Yong Qi clearly knows he’s not a match for Duan Ling Tian so he targeted Tang San Pao who’s Duan Ling Tian’s friend to vent his anger...”

“How do you know that?”

“Isn’t it obvious?”

“How is it obvious? He can only challenge Tang San Pao or Duan Ling Tian now...”

“So it means he’s not targeting Tang San Pao. He only chose Tang San Pao because he feels Tang San Pao is a pushover...”

Duan Ling Tian and Su Li who were aware of Tang San Pao’s true strength felt rather speechless when they overheard the discussions in their surroundings. How could Tang San Pao who was highly likely to be as strong a Six Star God of War be a pushover?

Su Li turned back to look at Tang San Pao and said with a smile, “Hey, it seems like Zhou Yong Qi thinks you’re a pushover...”

Tang San Pao smiled before he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, “Duan Ling Tian, whether you believe it or not, I still have to say that I didn’t approach you with ill intentions. However, I admit I was wrong for hiding my identity. Zhou Yong Qi will be a token of my apology to you...”

As soon as Tang San Pao finished speaking, he did not wait for Duan Ling Tian’s reply and flew into the battle ring.

Su Li was puzzled. Then, he could not help but complain to Duan Ling Tian, “What nonsense is he talking about? Only he will benefit from defeating Zhou Yong Qi. How can he be so shameless to say this is for you?”

“It’s not as simple as just defeating Zhou Yong Qi,” Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head.

“You mean...” Su Li was briefly stunned. “You mean he plans to kill Zhou Yong Qi? However, Zhou Yong Qi is the last true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven who’s ranked 4th on the Heavenly Emperor ranking!”

Duan Ling Tian said, “Tang San Pao is the Title Temple’s ace. Do you really think the Title Temple will allow Zhou Bing Wu to act against Tang San Pao?”

Su Li nodded. Then, he said with a wry smile. “You’re right. It seems like apart from one’s strength, it’s important to have a strong background as well in the Devata Realms. Well, unless one’s really strong...”

Duan Ling Tian said, “It’s not just the Devata Realms. Wasn’t it like this as well when we were in the Saint Province Realm? It’s the same everywhere...”

At this time, Tang San Pao stood across from Zhou Yong Qi in the battle ring as he stared at Zhou Yong Qi coldly.

### **Chapter 3513: Killing a Five Star God of War With Just a Strike**

“Tang San Pao!” Zhou Yong Qi glared at Tang San Pao and said in a deep voice, “If you need to blame something, you can only blame the fact that you’re friends with Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have challenged you; I would’ve challenged Zhong Gui Yu instead.”

Zhou Yong Qi did not bother to lower his voice. He wanted everyone to know he had challenged Tang San Pao because he hated Duan Ling Tian. Perhaps, he thought the words could hide his fear of Duan Ling Tian.

Alas, the crowd was not stupid. They easily saw through his intention.

“Trash,” Tang San Pao said clearly and slowly.

Zhou Yong Qi’s expression changed drastically as anger surged in his heart.

Without waiting for Zhou Yong Qi’s reply, Tang San Pao continued to say, “The person who humiliated your master is Duan Ling Tian’s master, not mine. You’re too cowardly to challenge Duan Ling Tian so you’re trying to vent your anger on me instead? Zhou Yong Qi, do you really think I’m an easy target?”

Tang San Pao continued to say with a mocking smile on his face, “Do your best, and don’t hold back. I’ll only attack one. If you survive my attack, I’ll admit defeat.”

As soon as Tang San Pao finished speaking, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, frowned slightly. However, when he saw the determined expression on Tang Sang Pao’s face, he only sighed inwardly. Previously, he had tried to dissuade Tang San Pao from killing Zhou Yong Qi when he learned of Tang San Pao’s intention. There was no need for Tang San Pao to kill Zhou Yong Qi at all; all Tang San Pao had to do was defeat Zhou Yong Qi. Apart from that, although the Title Temple was not afraid of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven, there was no need to make

enemies unnecessarily. However, seeing how adamant Tang San Pao was, he knew would not be able to convince Tang San Pao otherwise.

“What did you say? You’re going to kill me with one move?” Zhou Yong Qi was shocked by Tang San Pao’s words. He began to size Tang San Pao up as wariness began to rise in his heart. He began to wonder if he had underestimated Tang San Pao.

No matter what, Zhou Yong Qi was as strong as a Five Star God of War. Even Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun, and Huang Quan An would find it difficult to kill him with just a move, and yet, Tang San Pao dared to make such a bold claim.

At the same time, Zhou Bing Qu, Zhou Yong Qi’s master and the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven, who was seated in one of the floating islands looked at Tang San Pao with a frown on his face. Was Tang San Pao not afraid that he would have to eat his words? After all, with his true disciple’s strength, one had to at least be as strong as a Six Star God of War to kill his true disciple with just one strike.

After a moment, a thought appeared in his mind; could Tang San Pao be as strong as a Six Star God of War? He hurriedly said through Voice Transmission, “Qi’er, this matter involves your life and death, you mustn’t take it lightly. It doesn’t seem like Tang San Pao is boasting. He seems so friendly when he’s with Duan Ling Tian, but now, he seems like a completely different person...”

After the incident with Feng Qing Yang, Zhou Bing Wu began to pay attention to Duan Ling Tian. The more he observed Duan Ling Tian, the more shocked he was. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be stronger than his true disciple. Out of all his true disciples, Zhou Yong Qi was the most talented. This was also the reason he stopped accepting true disciples after accepting Zhou Yong Qi. He had been very proud when Zhou Yong Qi revealed himself to be as strong as a Five Star God of War during the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. He had thought Zhou Yong Qi would be able to easily defeat Feng Qing Yang’s disciple. Alas, he learned later that his true disciple was no match for Feng Qing Yang’s true disciple.

Zhou Bing Wu had always been a cautious person. He did not dare to jump to conclusions immediately about Tang San Pao. Hence, in the end, he decided to let his disciple make the decision. “You decide for yourself.”

Zhou Yong Qi swiftly replied to his master through Voice Transmission, “Master, he’s incapable of killing me with just a strike unless he’s as strong as a Six Star God of War. The possibility of someone at our age possessing the strength of a Six Star God of War is too small. Moreover, didn’t you say the chances of a participant with the strength of a Six Star God of War appearing in the Battle of the Geniuses are extremely slim? Perhaps, only one would appear once in every 100 Battles of Geniuses...”

Zhou Yong Qi continued to say through gritted teeth, “I have to fight him. If I surrender without fighting, I’ll be thoroughly humiliated. At that time, how am I supposed to stand tall in the Equally Prosperous Heaven or the other Devata Realms?”

Zhou Yong Qi could clearly imagine the repercussions if he surrendered without a fight. It would be fine if Tang San Pao was proven to be as strong as a Six Star God of War. With that, most people would understand why he backed out and might even praise him for knowing when to retreat. However, if



Tang San Pao was proven not to possess the strength of a Six Star God of War, he would become a laughingstock. Even the people from the Equally Prosperous Heaven would laugh at him; this was unacceptable to him. In his opinion, it was more likely that Tang San Pao was not as strong as a Six Star God of War.

“Tang San Pao, you’re really good at boasting!” Zhou Yong Qi grew fearless once he had made up his mind. He said coldly, “I’d like to see how you’re going to kill me with a strike. Remember your words: if you can’t kill me with one strike, you’ll lose this match.”

Upon hearing these words, the corners of Xu Kong Hai’s lips twitched slightly. He knew Zhou Yong Qi would definitely die today. If he had surrendered, he would have been able to live. Since he had decided to fight, there was no doubt his Junior Nephew, Tang San Pao, would kill him.

“Don’t worry. I’ll keep my words,” Tang San Pao said indifferently.

The young geniuses were shocked by these words.

“Tang San Pao is serious about this?”

“It’s impossible for him to kill Zhou Yong Qi with just one strike, right?”

“Unless he’s as strong as a Six Star God of War...”

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At the same time, Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, looked at Tang San Pao and shook his head. “Tang San Pao is too confident. I’m afraid he’ll lose this match...”

“Not necessarily,” Feng Qing Yang, who was seated next to Ding Fu, said. At this time, he had already found out from his disciple that Tang San Pao was the Title Temple’s hidden ace. Most importantly, he had long suspected the Title Temple’s hidden ace to be as strong as a Six Star God of War.

“Take your shot, Tang San Pao,” Zhou Yong Qi said. Then, his Celestial Origin Energy surged from his body as he imbued it with all the profundities from the law he had comprehended to strengthen his defense. At the same time, a silhouette appeared near the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon in his hand.

Everyone was shocked by Zhou Yong Qi’s weapon that contained a weapon spirit. It was his first time using his weapon after all. His previous opponents were not strong enough to warrant him using the weapon. After thinking about it further, they thought it was only natural he possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit. He was the true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven after all.

Zhou Yong Qi did not hold back at all. Not only did he cast all the techniques he knew, but he had also brought out his weapon.

“It seems like Tang San Pao’s words affected him. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have gone all out...”

“Isn’t that obvious?”

“This Tang San Pao is really good at talking. However, he only made things difficult for himself since Zhou Yong Qi isn’t holding back anymore because of his words.”

Many people shook their heads. They thought Tang San Pao was exaggerating.

In the battle ring.

Tang San Pao remained indifferent. While Zhou Yong Qi charged at him fiercely, he leisurely brought a glove out from his Spatial Ring before putting it on his right hand. The glove was black and seemed to glow with a green sheen.

When Zhou Yong Qi was only a few meters away, Tang San Pao was finally done putting on his clothes.

Contrary to Tang San Pao’s leisurely attitude, the crowd felt nervous on his behalf. When Zhou Yong Qi’s attack was about to land, many people thought it was over for Tang San Pao.

All of a sudden, Tang San Pao lifted his gloved hand and pointed at Zhou Yong Qi.

Swoosh!

A streak of light shot out from his finger toward Zhou Yong Qi.

The crowd did not think much of Tang San Pao’s attack. After all, it was not as dazzling as Zhou Yong Qi’s attack.

Everyone watched as the streak of light that was just the size of a finger a moment ago suddenly enlarged into a monstrous and fiery beam of light.

Boom!

A thunderous explosion rang in the air as Tang San Pao shattered Zhou Yong Qi’s attack.

“No!” A sharp cry rang in the air. Pain, despair, and regret could be clearly heard in Zhou Yong Qi’s voice.

Boom!

A fiery beam of light that flashed with lightning pierced Zhou Yong Qi.

Swoosh!

The beam of light only vanished when Tang San Pao put his hand down.

### **Chapter 3514: Xu Kong Hai Intervenes**

Swoosh!

After the fiery beam of light disappeared, everyone watched in stunned silence as a shadow shot into the glove on Tang San Pao’s right hand.

“He possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit as well!”

At this time, Zhou Yong Qi could no longer be seen in the battle ring. The only things left of him were his Spatial Ring and Celestial Weapon, which were lying quietly on the ground. The Celestial Weapon was slightly damaged while the Spatial Ring was badly damaged.

Swoosh!

Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, waved his hand, sending a stream of energy to send Zhou Yong Qi's Spatial Ring and Celestial Weapon to Zhou Bing Wu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven.

"Heavenly Emperor Zhou, my condolences," Xu Kong Hai said emotionlessly. Despite his words, he clearly could not care less about Zhou Bing Wu's reaction. After all, Zhou Bing Wu was only a Heavenly Emperor who was ranked fourth on the Heavenly Emperors ranking. If he wanted to kill Zhou Bing Wu, there was nothing Zhou Bing Wu could do at all.

"Tang San Pao!" Zhou Bing Wu roared. He did not even spare a glance at his true disciple's belongings, which Xu Kong Hai had sent over. His hair fluttered in the air along with his robes. The void around him rippled and distorted as he glared at Tang San Pan.

Boom!

Zhou Bing Wu flew out in just a blink of an eye. Terrifying energy began to roll off him as he flew toward Tang San Pao like a bullet. "You have to die for killing my disciple!"

"Enough!" Xu Kong Hai said pointedly with a dark expression. He did not expect Zhou Bing Wu to have the courage to make a move. He pushed his hand out, and a palm-shaped energy that could cover the sky shot toward Zhou Bing Wu.

Zhou Bing Wu's expression changed drastically. He had been so angry that he had lost his composure and made a move. Now that he calmed down, he recalled that all the participants were protected by the Title Temple during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Nevertheless, he still protested. "Vice Temple Master Xu, he killed my disciple."

"All the participants knew they're risking their lives when participating in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses," Xu Kong Hai said. Then, he lifted his hand again.

Another palm-shaped energy shot toward the air above Zhou Bing Wu before it smacked Zhou Bing Wu, along with his elderly attendant, down to the ground. Zhou Bing Wu's elderly attendant died immediately while Zhou Bing Wu was severely injured. He could barely stand up and kept vomiting blood.

Everyone was in shock and awe. The power Xu Kong Hai demonstrated seemed stronger than that of an ordinary god. In the past, they had heard rumors that Xu Kong Hai was stronger than an ordinary god. Now that they saw Xu Kong Hai's casual display of strength today, they finally confirmed the rumor was true! In fact, he was even more terrifying than the rumor said. Xu Kong Hai easily defeated a Heavenly Emperor with just a wave of his hand. Moreover, it was obvious he was holding back. Otherwise, Zhou Bing Wu would definitely die.

"Thank you for showing mercy, Vice Temple Master Xu." Although Zhou Bing Wu was severely injured by Xu Hong Kai, he did not dare to show any anger or dissatisfaction on his face at all. In fact, he felt a little regretful that he had forgotten about Xu Kong Hai and the Title Temple's rules for the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Although there had been many Devata Realms' Battles of the Geniuses, there were rarely any disturbances during the competition. This was because very few dared to cause a commotion. Those who caused trouble would be killed. For this reason, Zhou Bing Wu was aware that he was lucky to be alive.

Xu Kong Hai scoffed but did not make another move. It was clear that he was going to let the matter go.

Zhou Bing Wu shifted his gaze to Tang San Pao. Hatred and killing intent rose in his eyes again as he contemplated his revenge in the future. Although he could not kill Tang San Pao today, he would have many chances to do so after the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses ended. He was determined to make Tang San Pao pay with his life for killing his true disciple.

"What are you looking at?" Tang San Pao said tonelessly when he saw Zhou Bing Wu glaring at him, "Heavenly Emperor Zhou, do you plan to kill me after the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses ends?"

Zhou Bing Wu sneered. His silence was tantamount to him agreeing with Tang San Pao's words.

Tang San Pao smiled faintly. "I have a piece of advice for you. If you want to live, it's best if you dismiss that idea..."

"Why? You dared to kill my disciple but you're afraid of bearing the consequences..." Zhou Bing Wu said with a sneer. He did not hide his intention of wanting to kill Tang San Pao after the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was over.

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At the spectator seats.

"Does Zhou Bing Wu have a death wish?" Su Li said. He was rendered speechless by Zhou Bing Wu's actions.

"Ignorance can be deadly." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. It was clear that Zhou Bing Wu was unaware that Tang San Pao was from the Title Temple. Zhou Bing Wu clearly thought Xu Kong Hai had only made a move to enforce the rules of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

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"Zhou Bing Wu," Xu Kong Hai called out as soon as Zhou Bing Wu finished speaking. He did not hide his killing intent as he said frostily, "I let you live because you did a good job with the task I entrusted to you previously. However, do you really think I won't kill you?"

Zhou Bing Wu was dumbfounded when he heard Xu Kong Hai's words. He did not understand why Xu Kong Hai was so angry when he no longer violated the rules of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. He wondered if Tang San Pao had made some sort of agreement with Xu Kong Hai, and Tang San Pao had agreed to join the Title Temple. With this thought in mind, he asked, "Vice Temple Master Xu, has Tang San Pao agreed to join the Title Temple?" After a beat, he added, "If he has agreed to join the Title Temple, I'll dismiss all thoughts of revenge..."

Zhou Bing Wu only wanted confirmation at this moment.

Xu Kong Hai scoffed before saying tonelessly, "He's already one of us, to begin with."

Xu Kong Hai's words shocked everyone.

"What?! Tang San Pao's from the Title Temple?"

"Isn't he a sectless cultivator? How did he end up being with the Title Temple?"

"Based on his attack earlier, Tang Sao already possessed the strength of Six Star God of War. The Title Temple really raised an outstanding genius!"

"How? How did he suddenly become one of those from the Title Temple?"

Most people were shocked. It was already shocking enough that Tang San Pao was as strong as a Six Star God of War. They had yet to recover from the shock when they learned Tang San Pao was with the Title Temple all along. Since Tang San Pao revealed his true strength until now, there was no lack of exciting twists and turns.

"Tang San Pao is my Junior Nephew; the only true disciple of my reclusive Senior Brother," Xu Kong Hai said, "Although my Senior Brother lives in seclusion, he holds a position in the temple. Tang San Pao is the heir of the Title Temple in the future, but you want to kill him?"

Zhou Bing Wu's expression changed drastically upon hearing these words. Not only was Tang San Pao from the Title Temple, but he was also the heir of the Title Temple? He still had a hard time believing the person who killed his true disciple had such a powerful identity. If he had known about this earlier, he would not have dared to provoke and offend Tang San Pao.

After a beat, Zhou Bing Wu suppressed his raging emotions and hurriedly waved his hands as he said, "Vice Temple Master Xu, it's a misunderstanding! It's truly a misunderstanding!"

After saying that, Zhou Bing Wu looked at Tang San Pao. The fear in his eyes and face were apparent to all to see.

At this moment, many of the Heavenly Emperors sympathized with him. However, their sympathy was like that of fox grieves when the hare had died.

Zhou Bing Wu was ranked fourth on the Heavenly Emperor rankings; he was a Nine Star God of War. However, he was now groveling like a dog. This scene reminded them again of how terrifyingly powerful the Title Temple was. They could easily kill a Heavenly Emperor who was a Nine Star God of War. Perhaps, only the Heavenly Emperors who had attained godhood would dare to oppose them.

Ding Fu who was seated next to Feng Qing Yang suddenly looked at the sky in the distance.

"Is he finally coming out?" Feng Qing Yang looked up at the sky as well.

"Brother Feng, what's..."

Before Ding Fu finished his sentence, he followed the direction of Feng Qing Yang's gaze and saw a silhouette of a person emerging from the clouds. Most importantly, the figure was making their way toward them.

**Chapter 3515: The Title Temple's Left Guardian**

Tang San Pao's master was Xu Kong Hai's Senior Brother?

A solemn expression appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face when he saw Xu Kong Hai's display of strength and heard his words. He did not expect there to be such a connection between them. From what he understood, Tang San Pao's master was living in seclusion. However, his master still maintained a position in the Title Temple. His master should also have a good relationship with the Title Temple. Otherwise, how could Tang San Pao be chosen to be the heir of the Title Temple? Needless to say, the Title Temple Xu Kong Hai mentioned was the main Title Temple.

"When Tang San Pao's master fought you back then, was he just trying to probe your strength?" Duan Ling Tian asked Feng Qing Yang through Voice Transmission.

"We'll talk about this later..." Feng Qing Yang replied swiftly, "Someone's here."

'Someone is here?'

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback by these words and instinctively looked around before following his master's gaze. Then, he saw the silhouette of a figure hidden behind the clouds.

As the figure drew closer, many people began to notice his presence as well.

Swoosh!

The figure finally relieved itself above the venue of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. It was a skinny old man dressed in a long black robe. His face was expressionless, but his gaze was piercing. His brows were white, and the way they were slightly slanted up made him look formidable. After he appeared, he did not say anything and looked down on the crowd.

"Left Guardian."

After the old man appeared, Xu Kong Hai glanced at Zhou Bing Wu with a hint of pity as he sighed inwardly. Zhou Bing Wu had completed the task he had entrusted him rather well. Who knew Zhou Bing Wu would be so bold as to harbor the intention of killing Tan San Pao after the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses ended. This itself was a great offense against the Title Temple.

Not only was Tang San Pao the disciple of a reclusive high-ranking powerhouse, but he was also the successor of the Temple Master of the main Title Temple. From the moment he was chosen to be the successor, the Left Guardian of the main Title Temple had been tasked with protecting him. This was a benefit of being the successor of the Temple Master of the main Title Temple.

Initially, Xu Kong Hai thought he could spare Zhou Bing Wu since Zhou Bing Wu seemed sincere when apologizing. However, now that the Left Guardian had shown up, he knew it was over for Zhou Bing Wu.

"Vice Temple Master Xu, why didn't you kill him?" the old man asked coldly as he looked at Xu Kong Hai.

Xu Kong Hai smiled wryly. "Left Guardian, he has completed a few tasks rather well for the Title Temple in the past. The Temple Master had been appreciative as well..."

"So that's the reason he's allowed to live after threatening to kill our Young Master?" the old man, the Left Guardian of the main Title Temple asked coldly.

Xu Kong Hai remained silent. Naturally, he knew those reasons were not enough to keep Zhou Bing Wu alive.

The old man sneered and casually lifted his hand in Zhou Bing Wu's direction.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Five huge green veins shot out and restrained Zhou Bing Wu before he could react or mobilize his Celestial Origin Energy. His expression changed drastically. When his Celestial Origin finally surged out, the veins tightened around him even more. Apart from that, the veins would also whip him occasionally. Soon enough, he was horrified when he discovered his Celestial Origin Energy that had been imbued with the profundities of the law comprehended was fading away. He could also feel a terrifying energy entering his body. In just a moment, the intrusive energy stirred up the energy in his body, severely injuring him.

The excruciating pain in his body forced him to throw up blood continuously. He had just begun to heal from the injuries Xu Kong Hai had inflicted on him, but then he was injured again.

"You're the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven who's ranked fourth on the Heavenly Emperors ranking? Is that why you're so bold to attempt to kill our temple's heir?"

The veins tightened again causing Zhou Bing Wu to spit out yet another mouthful of blood. His face was as pale as paper now. He struggled to say, "Left Guardian... i-it's a misunderstanding... a misunderstanding..."

Nevertheless, the old man ignored Zhou Bing Wu. He released his hold on the other end of vines. Following that, like a lighted fuse, flames traveled down the vines toward Zhou Bing Wu and exploded when they reached him.

Just like that, Zhou Bing Wu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, was blown to pieces and died. Even his Spatial Ring was destroyed. Nothing was left of him.

The crowd was stunned silent as they watched the old man kill Zhou Bing Wu. When they regained their senses, they inhaled sharply. Then, they turned to look at the black-clad old man. All of them were certain the old man was a god. Based on their conversation, the old man should hold equal or higher rank than Xu Kong Hai. His strength was also likely on par with or stronger than Xu Kong Hai.

Swoosh!

Before everyone regained their senses, the old man vanished from sight as though he was never there in the first place. With this, everyone knew the old man must have been watching over and protecting Tang San Pao secretly.

From the moment the old man appeared to kill Zhou Bing Wu, he did not speak to Tang San Pao at all. He did his job and left.

With this, everyone began to look at Tang San Pao warily. After all, a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm who was ranked fourth on the Heavenly Emperors ranking had died because of Tang San Pao.

The other Heavenly Emperors who were weaker than Zhou Bing Wu began to worry. It was clear to them now that if the Title Temple decided to deal with them, they would not be able to resist as well.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai finally said, pulling everyone back to their senses, "The Devata Realms' Battle of Geniuses will resume. Since Zhou Yong Qi died, those ranked behind him will move up a place. For example, Sima Rui who's ranked 7th will now be ranked 6th..."

With Zhou Yong Qi's death, there was now an empty spot in the top 30 places.

After a beat, Xu Kong Hai continued to say, "Duan Ling Tian, the fifth participant, please step forward."

At this moment, Tang San Pao had already left the battle ring. However, he did not return to sit with Duan Ling Tian and the others. Instead, he found a place where there was no one and took a seat there.

Those in Tang San Pao's vicinity looked at him curiously, but they hurriedly looked away when he frowned and looked at them.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian finally entered the battle ring.

Many people were curious about who he was going to challenge.

"Duan Ling Tian is as strong as a top Five Star God of War. Among those ranked above him, Zhong Gui Yu seemed to be the weakest. Will he challenge Zhong Gui Yu?"

"That's possible. By choosing Zhong Gui Yu, he might be able to advance."

"If I were him, I'd challenge Zhong Gui Yu."

The crowd speculation was right. Duan Ling Tian ended up challenging Zhong Gui Yu.

"Duan Ling Tian." Zhong Gui Yu smiled bitterly. "What are you doing? I'm no match for you. You're as strong as a top Five Star God of War."

"Hm?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. "I remember you told me through Voice Transmission that you hope I won't disappoint you when you first revealed you're as strong as a Five Star God of War. Isn't this what you want?"

Upon hearing these words, Zhong Gui Yu smiled wryly. "You challenged me because of that?"

Zhong Gui Yu was dumbfounded. Was Duan Ling Tian feigning ignorance or what? Was it not obvious by now that he was not a match for Duan Ling Tian. For Duan Ling Tian to challenge him now, was it now to embarrass him?

Meanwhile, the spectators were stunned as well.

"So Duan Ling Tian challenged Zhong Gui Yu not because Zhong Gui Yu is the weakest, but because Zhong Gui Yu had provoked him before?"

Someone laughed. "This is interesting. Zhong Gui Yu must have said those words to Duan Ling Tian at that time because he didn't think Duan Ling Tian was as strong as a top Five Star God of War!"

The crowd's eyes brightened as they waited to watch the chaos that was about to ensue.

**Chapter 3516: Six Star God of War**



Zhong Gui Yu felt humiliated when he heard the remarks in the surroundings. However, he eventually decided to withdraw from the fight. "I surrender."

Many people looked down on Zhong Gui Yu for surrendering, but he paid no mind to those people. Instead, he said to Duan Ling Tian solemnly, "Duan Ling Tian, you're even more remarkable than my Senior Sister had described. However, I believe I'll catch up to you in the future! I'm a few centuries behind you now, but it doesn't mean I won't be able to catch up to you."

"I'll be waiting for that day," Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile before leaving the battle ring.

Although the crowd was disappointed that there was no fight to watch, their excitement was soon roused again. This was because it was finally the time for Tang San Pao, who was ranked 5th, to challenge someone. He was initially ranked 2nd. However, after Huang Quan An, Ling Jue Yun, and Duan Ling Tian won their matches, he was pushed to fifth place.

At this time, the top ten participants of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses were as follow:

Ling Jue Yun

Huang Quan An

Duan Ling Tian

Zhong Gui Yu

Tang San Pao

Sima Rui

Ye Dong Li

Hong Yuan

Liu Xu Yan

Yu Dong Fang

"After Tang San Pao finishes with his match, this bout will end soon. Although Zhong Gui Yu still has a chance to challenge an opponent, I doubt he'll do so since those ranked above him are stronger than him..."

Many people agreed with these words.

"Since Zhong Gui Yu and Duan Ling Tian's match has just ended, although they didn't fight, both of them can't be challenged during this round."

"That's right. This means Tang San Pao can only challenge Huang Quan An or Ling Jue Yun. Who do you think he'll challenge?"

"He seems to have a good relationship with Ling Jue Yun as well so he might challenge Huang Quan An. Huang Quan An's law of time is formidable. Unless one's as strong as a Six Star God of War or if one possesses a special technique like Ling Jue Yun that could render the law of time useless, it'd be difficult to defeat him. However, Tang San Pao has shown the strength of a Six Star God of War earlier..."

Everyone stared as Tang San Pao flew into the battle ring. He had just killed Zhou Yong Qi, the true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven, and even caused the death of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven. After all, it had been revealed he was the successor of the Temple Master of the main Title Temple.

Tang San Pao's eyes glinted as he looked at the participants. "I want to challenge..."

The crowd was sitting on the edge of the seats waiting for Tang San Pao's decision.

"Huang Quan An," Tang San Pao said.

Tang San Pao looked at Ling Jue Yun meaningfully after he challenged Ling Jue Yun. He said, "Ling Jue Yun, I didn't challenge you not because I'm afraid. I just felt our battle should be left at the end..."

"Alright." Ling Jue Yun's expression remained unchanged.

Back in the battle ring.

Huang Quan An's expression was solemn as he stood across from Tang San Pao. Based on Tang San Pao's previous match, it was highly likely Tang San Pao was as strong as a Six Star God of War. If that was really the truth, he knew he would not stand a chance in winning the match. Moreover, his true strength was weaker than a top Five Star God of War. He only had an advantage due to the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes of Life.

Tang San Pao who was standing across from Huang Quan An said tonelessly, "I'll give you three chances to use the Instant Vicissitudes of Life..."

The crowd who heard these words began to discuss among themselves again.

"Although I know this is likely, to hear him say those words, we can finally confirm he's as strong as a Six Star God of War! Otherwise, he won't dare to say such words. No wonder he's the successor of the Temple Master of the main Title Temple!"

"Just watch. We'll see soon enough. Moreover, Huang Quan An isn't an easy target as well. He should be able to push Tang San Pao to use his full strength..."

Back in the battle ring.

Huang Quan An attacked Tang San Pao immediately with the Instant Vicissitudes Of Life, but Tang San Pao had easily deflected it.

Tang San Pao only stood at his spot and waved his hand leisurely, neutralizing Huang Quan An's attack with his soul energy that had been imbued with the profundities from the law he comprehended.

"Stop!"

Upon seeing this, Huang Quan An changed his strategy. He used a profundity to freeze Tang San Pao before using the Instant Vicissitudes of Life.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Alas, before the two beams of light could enter Tang San Pao's body, they were stopped by Tang San Pao again.

"You're not affected by the law of time?" Huang Quan An's eyes widened in horror. "So you truly possess the strength of a Six Star God of War! Otherwise, you won't be able to remain unaffected by my law of time!"

Tang San Pao did not stop Huang Quan An's attack with any ostentatious technique, but the fact that he was not frozen by the law of time was much more impressive. After all, only Six Star Gods of War was capable of such a feat.

With this display, no one doubted anymore that Tang San Pao was truly as strong as a Six Star God of War.

"So he really has the strength of a Six Star God of War. Although we all knew this after his previous match, this undeniable confirmation still shocks me"

"Heavens! We really have a participant as strong as a Six Star God of War in the Battle of the Geniuses this time!"

"This time's Battle of the Geniuses will definitely be recorded in the books!"

The crowd went wild when Tang San Pao finally confirmed he was indeed as strong as a Six Star God of War.

Meanwhile, the Heavenly Emperors and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches were also slightly surprised even if they had been mentally prepared after watching Tang San Pao's previous match. However, what shocked them the most was this participant who was as strong as a Six Star God of War and was not even 1,000 years old, belonged to the Title Temple.

"As expected as the successor of the Temple Master of the main Title Temple. Even the current Title Temple only had the strength of a Five Star God of War at this age..."

"As long as he can maintain this cultivation speed, he would definitely grow stronger than the current Temple Master."

How could someone who was not even 1,000 years old but possessed the strength of a Six Star God of War not be selected as the successor of the main Title Temple? If he was not qualified, then no one would be qualified.

"I surrender," Huang Quan An said decisively once he confirmed that Tang San Pao was as strong as a Six Star God of War.

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"So he's really as strong as a Six Star God of War..." Su Li said with a sigh, "It's truly impressive..."

On the other hand, Zhang Tian You, Wang Ting, and He Jian Yi seated behind were dumbstruck. They did not imagine the goofy person who like to joke around with them was someone who possessed the

strength of a Six Star God of War before reaching 1,000 years old. Moreover, he was also the successor of the Temple Master of the main Title Temple! His background alone was higher than any of the true disciples of the Heavenly Emperors or those from the heaven-grade forces.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai called out, “Zhong Gui Yu, it’s your turn.”

“I give up the right to challenge,” Zhong Hui Yu said after he rose to his feet.

No one was surprised by this outcome. After all, those ranked before him were truly powerful. In fact, most people thought he was wise.

“Alright. With that, this bout ends here, and we’ll proceed to the next bout now,” Xu Kong Hai said, “Now, we’ll start the bout with the 29th participant since there’s no one who’s ranked 30th.”

At this moment, a Heavenly Emperor suddenly interjected, “Vice Temple Master Xu, since the 30th place is empty. Is there a chance for others to fight for that spot?”

The participants who had failed to make it into the top 30 places looked at Xu Kong Hai with shiny eyes that were brimming with anticipation.

Alas, Xu Kong Hai said, “The 30th place will remain empty.”

Following that, another round of challenges started again.

Although the matches between those as strong as a Four Star God of War were intense as well, they&nbsp;naturally could not compare to the matches between those with strength like a Five Star God of War.

It was clear the crowd was not as interested as they were before.

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Although it was difficult, Su Li managed to defend his ranking again.

It did not take long before it was Yu Dong Fang’s turn to issue a challenge again.

“Yu Dongfang, who are you challenging?” Xu Kong Hai asked.&nbsp;

Yu Dong Fang replied without any hesitation, “Zhong Gui Yu!”

Zhong Gui Yu was ranked at the top among those who did not have the strength of a top Five Star God of War. Yu Dong Fang chose to fight Zhong Gui Yu because he thought to replace Zhong Gui Yu. Moreover, Zhong Gui Yu was the best opponent; not only for Yu Dong Fang but also for the others who were too afraid to challenge those who were ranked above Zhong Gui Yu. Those who were ranked above Zhong Gui Yu all possessed the strength of a top Five Star God of War, and there was even one who was as strong as a Six Star God of War.

### **Chapter 3517: The Match is About to Start**

Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, wanted to challenge Zhong Gui Yu who was now ranked fifth. At this time, Yu Dong Fang had already lost several matches; he first lost to Huang Quan An before he lost to Duan Ling Tian. Although his master did not

blame him for his losses and even consoled him, he found his consecutive losses unbearable. All along, he was known as the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven's most remarkable true disciple. Although his senior brother and senior sister were stronger than him now, he was much more talented and was younger than then. He knew he would surpass them eventually. He had always been greatly admired in the Heavenly Palace of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven.

Yu Dong Fang had an easy time during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses until he had to face Huang Quan An and Duan Ling Tian, and after his consecutive losses, he was determined to win to prove himself. Hence, he decided to challenge Zhong Gui Yu who was ranked fifth. Initially, his goal was to rank in the top 3; now, he thought he had to, at least, rank in the top 5 to avoid humiliation.

While Yu Dong Fang and Zhong Gui Yu stood across from each other in the battle ring, Su Li asked, "Duan Ling Tian, who do you think will win this match?"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed upon hearing this question before he replied, "It's hard to tell. Based on the strength they'd revealed so far, they seemed to be evenly matched. I guess the victor will depend on who's more determined or mentally stronger..."

"If that's the case, I think Zhong Gui Yu will win..." Su Li said, "Yu Dong Fang seemed to have suffered a blow mentally and has the composure he used to have..."

"It's only natural for someone who has always been praised all his life to lose his composure after suffering a setback..."

In a rare instance, Ling Jue Yun chimed in, "I think Zhong Gui Yu has a higher chance of winning as well..."

Back in the battle ring, Yu Dong Fang and Zhong Gui Yui had already begun fighting. Both of them were, indeed, evenly matched; even after exchanging a couple of dozens moves, there was still no clear winner. However, those with a keen eye could tell Yu Dong Fang was slowly growing reckless after exchanging about 100 moves with Zhong Gui Yu.

At the same time, on one of the floating islands in the venue, Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, shook his head and sighed.

Yu Hao Tian, the Heavenly Emperor of the Jade Emperor Heaven who was seated across from Gongsun Xuanyuan, shook his head as well. He said, "Your disciple is too rash. It seems like his previous losses really shook him up. He's too eager to prove himself that he has lost his cool. He won't be able to keep up with Zhong Gui Yu for long..."

"Losses are good for his growth..." Gongsun Xuanyuan replied, "None of the younger generation in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven is comparable to him so it's good for him to learn during the Battle of the Geniuses that there will always be someone stronger than him. With this, it'll prevent him from getting conceited..."

In the battle ring.

After exchanging another ten moves, it was clear that Yu Dong Fang had fallen into a disadvantageous position while Zhong Gui Yu had gained the upper hand. To no one's surprise, Zhong Gui Yu defeated Yu Dong Fang after another three moves.

After being defeated, Yu Dong Fang wiped the blood off the corner of his lips with the back of his hand as he said in a deep voice to Zhong Gui Yu, "You wouldn't have won if I wasn't careless!"

"Perhaps." Zhong Gui Yu smiled faintly before he turned to leave. In fact, after he was also consecutively defeated and fell from first to fifth place, he had also been feeling down. However, his victory against Yu Dong Fang cheered him up somewhat.

During the match, similar to Yu Dong Fang, Zhong Gui Yu was also anxious as the fight dragged on. Fortunately, Yu Dong Fang lost his composure. When he saw Yu Dong Fang acting rashly, he grew calmer and eventually managed to defeat Yu Dong Fang after several dozen moves.

Now that Yu Dong Fang lost the challenge, his rank would stay the same at tenth place. He would no longer be able to challenge Zhong Gui Yu to redeem himself. According to the rules of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, one could not challenge the same person twice. Otherwise, the competition would never end if everyone was allowed to challenge the same opponent over and over again.

Among the top 4 participants, two of them had already defeated Yu Dong Fang. Currently, the highest place he could aim for was sixth place. Even if someone defeated Zhong Gui Yu and took over the fifth place, he knew he would not be a match for someone capable of defeating Zhong Gui Yu. However, he was fairly confident he would be able to defeat those who were weaker than Zhong Gui Yu.

After Yu Dong Fang was defeated, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the Title Temple, said, "Liu Xu Yan, the ninth participant, please step forward to challenge your opponent."

Liu Xu Yan's choice of opponents was even more limited than Yu Dong Fang's. Among those ranked ahead of her, there was Ye Dong Li who had defeated her earlier; as such, she could not challenge Ye Dong Li again. Apart from that, she knew she was no match for those ranked in the top 5 places. Therefore, she could now only challenge Sima Rui who was ranked sixth or Hong Yun who was ranked eighth. Eventually, she decided to challenge Sima Rui; alas, she failed to defeat him.

After that, Xu Kong Hai called out again, "Hong Yuan who's ranked eighth, please step forward."

Hong Yuan challenged Ye Dong Li when he was called out. In the end, he used his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that contained a weapon spirit, snatching the advantage from her and defeating her.

Among the younger generation from the Title Temple, Hong Yuan was only second to Tang San Pao. Therefore, a few years ago, he was rewarded with an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that contained a weapon spirit by the Title Temple. However, even if the Title Temple did not reward him with the weapon, as the disciple of an elder who was stronger than most Heavenly Emperors, his master would have been able to obtain a weapon with a weapon spirit for him.

Xu Kong Hai glanced at Hong Yuan in satisfaction while Hong Yuan bowed at Xu Kong Hai respectfully before leaving. After all, how could he be respectful when even his master had to salute Xu Kong Hai respectfully if he were here.

Then, Xu Kong Hai said, "Ye Dong Li, you can choose to issue a challenge now or wait to do it later..."

Ye Dong Li shook her head. "No. I'm content with my rank."

No one mocked Ye Dong Li upon hearing she no longer planned to challenge anyone. In fact, they thought she was rather wise.

With that, Xu Kong Hai shifted his attention to Simai Rui who was ranked six and asked, "What about you? Do you plan to challenge anyone?"

"No." Sima Rui shook his head. Although he was as powerful as Hong Yuan, he knew he was no match for Zhong Gui Yu. This naturally also included the top 4 participants.

Subsequently, Xu Kong Hai looked at Zhong Gui Yu. Unsurprisingly, he also decided not to issue a challenge.

At this time, the crowd grew incredibly excited.

"It's finally Duan Ling Tian's turn! He won't give up his right to challenge an opponent, right?"

"I'm sure he won't. He's as strong as a top Five Star God of War. Perhaps, Tang San Pao is stronger than him, but he should be able to fight Ling Jue Yun..."

"Do you think he'll challenge Huang Quan An who's ranked third?"

"It's not impossible. However, he has to have some secret technique to deal with Huang Quan An's Vicissitudes of Life or possess the strength of a Six Star God of War to defeat Huang Quan An..."

At the spectator seats.

Su Li asked before Duan Ling Tian entered the battle ring, "Duan Ling Tian, who do you plan to challenge?"

Su Li believed that Duan Ling Tian was not weaker than those who ranked ahead of him even if the others had shown extraordinary strength.

"I think I'll challenge Huang Quan An first." Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. "I've never fought someone who comprehended the law of time before so this would be a good experience," Duan Ling Tian replied.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai's voice rang in the air. "Duan Ling Tian, the fourth participant, please step forward and challenge an opponent."

When Duan Ling Tian entered the battle ring, he felt many eyes scrutinizing him. However, a particular gaze caused him to feel unsettled. When he looked up, he saw the gaze belonged to Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, who had been possessed by Great Master Miyao from the Phantom Clan.

'You covet my body?' Duan Ling Tian sneered disdainfully.

Upon seeing the disdainful sneer on Duan Ling Tian's face, Great Master Miyao's gaze turned even more piercing. He was clearly angered by Duan Ling Tian's reaction.

Under everyone's eager gaze, Duan Ling Tian said, "I want to challenge... Huang Quan An who's ranked third..."

Although the crowd had expected this, they were still shocked by Duan Ling Tian's choice of opponent.

"Duan Ling Tian dares to challenge Huang Quan An even though he knows Huang Quan An comprehended the strange law of time?"

"It's true that Huang Quan An's law of time is powerful, but do you think Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun are easier opponents? They're even stronger since they both managed to defeat Huang Quan An!"

"If Duan Ling Tian can't even defeat Huang Quan An, then there's no way he'll be able to defeat Ling Jue Yun or Tang San Pao."

Then, the crowd looked at Huang Quan An as he flew into the battle ring.

The match between Duan Ling Tian and Huang Quan An, who comprehended the law of time, was finally about to start.

### **Chapter 3518: Duan Ling Tian is As Strong As a Six Star God of War?!**

"Duan Ling Tian, do you also have a secret technique to counteract my law of time?" Huang Quan An asked warily after he entered the battle ring. After being defeated by Ling Jue Yun and Tang San Pao consecutively, his confidence had wavered slightly. Initially, he was confident that he would be able to rank first in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses since he thought he was invincible among those weaker than a Six Star God of War. Who knew there was Tang San Pao was as strong as a Six Star God of War and Ling Jue Yun who was as strong as top Five Star God of War but was able to defeat him due to his innate talent in comprehending the law of death and his death clones? For this reason, Huang Quan An no longer aimed to rank first in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Huang Quan An could not help but feel wary now that another person had stepped forward to challenge him. Apart from that, the challenger was the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, Feng Qing Yang, who was already a god. When he saw Duan Ling Tian's relaxed and confident manner, he became wary. However, although he was wary, he thought it was unlikely that Duan Ling Tian was capable of defeating him due to Duan Ling Tian's young age. Although Ling Jue Yun who was slightly under 700 years old like Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat him, it was only because of Ling Jue Yun's extraordinary bloodline.

"No." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "I just want to try fighting you."

Those who were confident Duan Ling Tian had a chance of winning were rendered speechless when they heard Duan Ling Tian's reply. As it turned out, he only challenged Huang Quan An to gain experience and not to win?

"Does this mean Duan Ling Tian doesn't hold any hope of winning?"

"From the beginning, I didn't think Duan Ling Tian was capable of defeating Huang Quan An. I'm sure he'll rank fourth and Huang Quan An will rank third in the Battle of the Geniuses. As for the first place, I think it'll go to Tang San Pao."

"Tang San Pao is as strong as a Six Star God of War. He's obviously going to be the winner!"

Due to Duan Ling Tian's words, even more people thought Duan Ling Tian would not win this match.



Huang Quan An shared similar thoughts with the crowd as well.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian asked, "The Instant Vicissitudes of Life should be the strongest attack in your arsenal, right?"

Huang Quan An did not know the purpose of this question, but he nodded anyway. The Instant Vicissitudes of Life was indeed his stronger attack, but he had to combine it with other techniques to make sure it landed on his opponents.

Duan Ling Tian who seemed aware of this said, "Just use the Instant Vicissitudes of Life directly. I won't avoid it..."

"Just use the Instant Vicissitudes Of Life... I won't dodge it. If I dodge it, it'll be considered your win."

Duan Ling Tian knew Huang Quan An doubted his words so he promised to admit defeat if he dodged the attack.

Although Duan Ling Tian's voice was not loud, everyone heard his words clearly. Many people began to shake their heads as though they could already see the outcome of the match.

"It seems like Duan Ling Tian is really only trying to gain experience from this match..."

"If he doesn't dodge, what hope does he have of withstanding Huang Quan An's Instant Vicissitudes of Life?"

"Alright." Since Duan Ling Tian had openly said these words, Huang Quan An felt assured. Indeed, he was worried that Duan Ling Tian was lying earlier. After all, if Duan Ling Tian dodged the attack, Duan Ling Tian would have an opening, and in turn, gain the upper hand. Although that did not mean he would lose, he would still be at a disadvantage. He naturally did not want to risk it. Now that Duan Ling Tian had given his word, he was no longer worried.

Then, under everyone's watchful eyes, Huang Quan An's eyes began to glow as he cast the Instant Vicissitudes of Life. Two streaks of light shot out of his eyes and entered Duan Ling Tian's body.

'So this is the Instant Vicissitudes of Life...' Duan Ling Tian stood unmoving as the attack entered his body. With this, he gained an understanding of how the Instant Vicissitudes of Life worked. It was a soul attack that damaged one's soul, and in turn, affected one's physical body. Since Huang Quan An's Instant Vicissitudes of Life could not harm his soul, it was only natural that his physical body was unaffected. Moreover, he discovered he could dispel the energy from the Instant Vicissitude of Life if he wished to.

It did not take long before everyone discovered that Duan Ling Tian was not aging rapidly.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he said, "This is really remarkable. Anyone weaker than a Six Star God of War without special abilities like Ling Jue Yun really wouldn't be able to resist your attack once it hits."

One's soul would continue to grow stronger as one's cultivation base improved. For example, the soul of a Five Star God of War was weaker than that of a Six Star God of War. Apart from that, having a deeper comprehension of the laws also helped strengthen one's soul. As for Duan Ling Tian, his soul was so powerful that Huang Quan An's Instant Vicissitudes of Life was unable to harm him at all.

“Stop!” Huang Quan An cried out just as Duan Ling Tian’s voice fell. Then, he launched an orb of energy that shot out and shrouded Duan Ling Tian. The energy orb that was capable of freezing time froze Duan Ling Tian immediately.

“Instant Vicissitudes of Life.” Huang Quan An was about to cast the attack again when he saw a smile blooming on Duan Ling Tian’s face.

Duan Ling Tian said, “This is pretty amazing. The law of time is truly worthy of its reputation.”

“You...” Huang Quan An’s eyes widened in horror when he saw he failed to freeze Duan Ling Tian. Shock and disbelief filled his eyes as he said, “You... You’re really as strong as a Six Star God of War!”

In fact, when the first Instant Vicissitudes of Life failed to age Duan Ling Tian, Huang Quan An was already very certain Duan Ling Tian was as strong as a Six Star God of War. However, he wanted to confirm it so he tried to freeze Duan Ling Tian.

At this time, the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches were shocked.

On the other hand, a solemn expression appeared on the face of Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple.

As for Great Master Miyan, he could barely conceal the greed in his eyes at this moment as he stared at Duan Ling Tian.

“Brother Feng, your true disciple held back a lot of his strength...” Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, said, “He’s not even 700 years old, but he’s already as strong as a Six Star God of War. Not to mention he’s an ascender. Brother Feng, not only are you talented and strong, but your ability to choose disciples is heaven-defying as well. Compared to your disciple, my disciples seem rather slow...”

Wei Qi, who was standing behind Ding Fu, could only smile wryly when his master who usually praised him said he was rather slow.

Needless to say, the crowd was in an uproar.

“Heavens! We have another participant comparable to a Six Star God of War!”

“Was there any Battle of the Geniuses in the past with two participants as strong as a Six Star God of War?!”

“I don’t think so.”

“We’re witnessing history in the making! To think there are two participants as strong as a Six Star God of War during this time’s Battle of the Geniuses...”

The young geniuses were all excited as though they themselves were the ones who possessed the strength of a Six Star God of War.

On the other hand, people like Yu Dong Fang who thought Duan Ling Tian was a match for them paled immediately. Yu Dong Fang knew it would be difficult for him to surpass Duan Ling Tian in this lifetime.

Zhong Gui Yu was also smiling wryly at this time. He murmured to himself, "Senior sister, your junior brother is much more heaven-defying than you described him to be... To possess the strength of a Six Star God of War before reaching 700 years old, I'm afraid someone like that isn't common even among the natives of the Realms of Gods..."

Meanwhile, Ouyang Xu who had sought to join the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven as Feng Qing Yang's true disciple over and over again finally understood why Feng Qing Yang did not accept him. He felt like a joke now. How could he be qualified to become Feng Qing Yang's true disciple, considering how heaven-defying Feng Qing Yang's true disciple was. After all, Duan Ling Tian was even more outstanding than Tang San Pao, the Title Temple's hidden ace, since Tang San Pao was older than Duan Ling Tian.

Back in the battle ring, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Shall we continue?"

"What's the point in continuing?" Huang Quan An smiled bitterly. "You're as strong as a Six Star God of War. Do you want to continue fighting just to feel good about yourself? I'm no match for you, Ling Jue Yun, and Tang San Pao..."

Following that, Huang Quan An turned to Xu Kong Hai and said, "I surrender, Vice Temple Master Xu."

"Alright." Xu Kong Hai nodded before he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and declared him the winner of the match. At this time, the complex emotions in his heart were even more intense than before.

### **Chapter 3519: The Third Participant With the Strength of a Six Star God of War**

Xu Kong Hai did not expect this Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses to have a participant as strong as a Six Star God of War like his junior nephew, Tang San Pao. Moreover, the other party, the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, had also formed and comprehended two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth; the Sword Dao and the Mastery Dao; before reaching the age of 700 years old. Even he himself had only formed and begun to comprehend one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth; in fact, he had not even comprehended it to the initial stage.

'If I have the chance, I have to imprison Duan Ling Tian in the Title Temple to learn his secrets about the Sword Dao and the Mastery Dao.' Xu Kong Hai thought to himself as his eyes brightened. His covetous thoughts did not display themselves in his expression unlike Great Master Miyan, hence, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of his covetous thoughts.

With this, Duan Ling Tian who was ranked fourth rose to third place.

Under normal circumstances, Huang Quan An would still be able to issue a challenge after resting for a round. However, since he had been defeated by the top three people in front of him, there was no one left for him to challenge.

Finally, it was Tang San Pao's turn to issue a challenge. Since he was ranked second, he only had one person left to challenge: Ling Jue Yun. After Duan Ling Tian and Huang Quan An left the battle ring, everyone's attention was focused on Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun.

After entering the battle ring, Tang San Pao looked at Ling Jue Yun and said, "Ling Jue Yun, come here."

Although Tang San Pao did not speak loudly, everyone heard his words.

After Ling Jue Yun entered the battle ring and stood across from Tang San Pao, Tang San Pao said with a faint smile, "Ling Jue Yun, your bloodline allows you to counter Huang Quan An's attack, but I'm afraid it won't work on me. If that's the extent of your strength, I'm afraid you're no match for me."

"We'll know if you're right after we fight," Ling Jue Yun said, "Stop wasting time and start the fight."

As soon as these words fell, flames surged from Tang San Pao's body. The flames burned white, and it was so hot that the void began to ripple. Following that, he launched himself toward Ling Jue Yun, moving as fast as a bullet.

Ling Jue Yun's eyes that were fixed on the fierce-looking Tang San Pao glowed red before he charged out.

Bang!

A thunderous explosion rang in the air when Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun collided. However, both of them were unharmed and seemed evenly matched.

"I've underestimated you..." A hint of surprise could be seen in Tang San Pao's eyes. Then, he waved his hand and attacked again. White flames shot out immediately toward Ling Jue Yun.

This time, Ling Jue Yun's law of death's clone shot out of his body and faced the incoming attack. It caught the white flames with its bare hands, causing it to be severely injured.

"Ling Jue Yun, I'm curious... Are you as powerful as a Six Star God of War as well?" Tang San Pao said. Then, he no longer held back and attacked with the might of a Six Star God of War.

At this time, not only Duan Ling Tian and the other young geniuses were watching solemnly, but the Heavenly Emperors from various Devata Realms and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches were watching solemnly as well.

Tang San Pao no longer held back because he knew he would not be able to win if he continued to hold back. He decided to go all out to avoid getting injured due to his carelessness. In a fight like this, one would definitely be at a disadvantage once one was injured.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Tang San Pao is no longer pulling his punches. He is well aware that he can't win if he is still holding back. In that case, he might as well go all out now to avoid getting injuries due to carelessness. In a fight like this, you will definitely be at a disadvantage once you get hurt.

Tang San Pao unleashed a few fused profundities from the law of fire, making him look like a god of fire. He was engulfed in a blinding and raging white flame.

Even the spectators who were seated far away could feel the scorching heat from the white flames that seemed capable of burning everything down.

"Ling Jue Yun, watch out!" Tang San Pao said coldly. Then, a spear appeared in his hand. It glinted coldly under the light as a translucent figure with eerie green eyes appeared.

The onlookers were surprised when Tang San Pao brought out his weapon and instinctively looked at Ling Jue Yun.

“This is the first time Tang San Pao is using his weapon!”

“It’s also an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit!”

Swoosh!

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Ling Jue Yun drew the long sword at his waist. The sword thrummed and buzzed before he sent his Celestial Origin into it. Then, a translucent figure of a python shrouded by black mist appeared.

“Another Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit!”

Everyone watched unblinkingly with rapt attention, afraid to miss even the slightest detail.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Three consecutive noises rang in the air suddenly. The intervals between the sounds were so short that it seemed like they were just one noise.

Tang San Pao had launched out three flaming white spear rays toward Ling Jue Yun. They seemed to have eyes as they followed Ling Jue Yun who dodged to the left and the right. They left ripples in their wakes as they chased after Ling Jue Yun.

While Ling Jue Yun dodged the attacks, he attacked as well. Three sword rays that were swirling with black mist shot across the sky like a comet.

In just a second, the two attacks collided. However, there was no sound of explosions. When the sword rays and spear rays collided, the black mist swirling around the sword rays shrouded the spear rays, devouring them.

Boom!

An earth-shattering sound rang in the air as Tang San Pao stomped both feet on the ground, causing the ground to tremble. He charged at Ling Jue Yun with his spear in hand at an even more exaggerated speed than the three spear rays from earlier.

Ling Jue Yun did not retreat and rushed out toward Tang San Pao as well. His death clone appeared again and clashed with Tang San Pao.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air as three figures collided and separated a few times. They fought fiercely in front of everyone, but even after exchanging several dozen moves, they were still evenly matched.

Many people regained their senses at this moment. Expressions of shock could be seen on all their faces, including Xu Kong Hai, when they realized Ling Jue Yun was holding his ground against Tang San Pao.

“Ling Jue Yun is also as strong as a Six Star God of War!”

Everyone was shocked. When did participants with the strength of a Six Star God of War become so common? In the past, there was hardly even one participant with the strength of a Six Star God of War. When the true disciple of Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, revealed the strength of a Six Star God of War, everyone thought they were witnessing history in the making. After all, there were two participants as strong as a Six Star God of War in this time’s Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. Who knew a third participant would also reveal the strength of a Six Star God of War?

Naturally, there were some people who were unimpressed.

“It’s not surprising he’s so strong. After all, he’s from a prominent clan in a Realm of Gods. It would be embarrassing if he lost to Tang San Pao and Duan Ling Tian.”

“Well, Duan Ling Tian and Tang San Pao are considered peerless geniuses in the Devata Realms, but Ling Jue Yun might not be considered that in Realms of Gods...”

“I agree. After all, natives of the Realms of Gods have more advantages...”

“Regardless, with Ling Jue Yun’s strength, even if he’s not considered a peerless genius in the Realms of Gods, he’s definitely still considered outstanding...”

Many people were not as impressed by Ling Jue Yun’s ability compared to Duan Ling Tian. After all, Ling Jue Yun was from a higher realm while Duan Ling Tian was from the lowest realm, the mundane realms.

### **Chapter 3520: ‘Privilege’**

Compared to Ling Jue Yun who had an extraordinary background, people thought Duan Ling Tian had relied on his own strength to come this far. Therefore, the crowd was more impressed and shocked when Duan Ling Tian revealed the strength of a Six Star God of War.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Ling Jue Yun and Tang San Pao continued fighting a fierce battle. After exchanging 300 moves, both of them were still evenly matched. None of them could gain the upper hand. Unlike the match between Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, and Zhong Gui Yu where both opponents were evenly matched in the beginning, but the balance tilted when Yu Dong Fang acted rashly, the duo was very patient and level-headed.

“Ling Jue Yun,” Tang San Pao called out as he distanced himself from Ling Jue Yun. “Why don’t we call it a tie since it’s difficult to decide on a winner? Although the Title Temple gave me a divine artifact, based on your status, you should have a divine artifact as well. I’m sure you’ve yet to bring it out because you want to defeat me relying on your own strength. If we end the match in a tie, you’ll still rank ahead of me...”

Ling Jue Yun nodded in agreement because it was truly difficult to decide on a winner unless they continued to battle to see who would get exhausted first or who would make a mistake first. However, that would be meaningless. Based on their temperament and experience, it could continue on for months before any one of them made a mistake.

“However...” Tang San Pao continued to say, “My goal in participating in the Battle of the Geniuses is to rank first so I can obtain the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. I don’t care about the rank, but I can’t allow you to have the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. Hence, I hope you’ll concede the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit to me... Naturally, I’ll compensate you for this. Alternatively, we can draw lots to decide who gets to have the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit.”

Tang San Pao sighed after he finished speaking. Initially, he had been confident he would be able to obtain the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. He did not expect Ling Jue Yun would be evenly matched with him. Moreover, there was also Duan Ling Tian who was as strong as a Six Star God of War. In the end, his intuition was right: Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were his greatest obstacles to obtaining the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit in the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses.

“Let’s draw lots to decide,” Ling Jue Yun said, “I want the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit as well.”

“Alright.” Tang San Pao nodded. This was the best way to deal with the matter since they were both evenly matched.

“However, don’t you think it’s too early for us to discuss this matter?” Ling Jue Yun said as he glanced at Duan Ling Tian. “Do you think we’ll be able to defeat him?”

Tang San Pao’s eyes glinted as he said, “We’ll see soon enough.”

Just as the duo was about to leave the battle ring, a voice rang in the air.

“Wait.”

A figure flew out of a floating island and appeared before everyone’s eyes.

“It’s the legendary Heavenly Emperor, Feng Qing Yang!”

“What’s Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang trying to do?”

“Who knows?”

The crowd was naturally curious.

At the same time, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, raised an eyebrow and asked, “Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang, what are you trying to do?”

“Vice Temple Master Xu,” Feng Qing Yang said with a faint smile, “An urgent matter suddenly came up so my disciple and I have to leave earlier than expected. Therefore, I hope his matches with Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun can be brought forward...”

“Heavenly Emperor Feng, if that’s the case, you can leave with your disciple first. After all, even if he doesn’t participate in the upcoming matches, he’ll likely still rank third. I’m sure everyone agrees with my judgment,” Xu Kong Hai said tonelessly. Inwardly, he was relieved because this meant his junior nephew, Tang San Pao, would have one less opponent to contend with. Since Duan Ling Tian’s strength was heaven-defying, he was not 100% certain his junior nephew would win. After a moment, he added, “You should be familiar with the rules of the Battle of Geniuses...”

“Of course,” Feng Qing Yang nodded and said, “That’s why I know it’s not against the rules for my disciple’s matches to be brought forward. If I’m not mistaken, there’s a rule that states that under special circumstances, the top 30 participants are allowed to issue a challenge at any time.”

“Special circumstances? Are you saying that...” Xu Kong Hai trailed off as an expression of shock and disbelief appeared on his face.

“That’s right.” Feng Qing Yang nodded. “My disciple will challenge both Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun who rank higher than him at the same time. Naturally, Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun can rest until they recover their strength before we proceed with the match.”

Silence descended on the venue of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses as soon as Feng Qing Yang’s voice fell.

Indeed, such a rule existed for the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. The top 30 participants could issue a challenge at any time during the bout to determine the final rankings if they were willing to fight against two opponents at once. Naturally, such a ‘privilege’ was only given to those who were truly outstanding.

“Heavens! So this was Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang’s intention? He wants his only true disciple to fight Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun at the same time?”

“Although Duan Ling Tian is as strong as a Six Star God of War, so are Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun!”

“Why is Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang so confident that Duan Ling Tian will be able to take on two opponents at the same time?”

Everyone, including the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms and the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple branches, were shocked by Feng Qing Yang’s work.

Even Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, who was seated next to Feng Qing Yang did not see this coming.

Wei Qi’s eyes shone as he said, “Master, it seems like Junior Uncle Feng is confident Junior Brother Duan will win even if he has to face two opponents at the same time...”

Ding Fu nodded. “If I’m not mistaken, Brother Feng must have given Junior Nephew Duan Ling Tian a weapon he found in the Asura Hell. Naturally, there’s also the possibility that Junior Nephew Duan Ling Tian still hasn’t shown his full strength...”

“He’s still hiding his true strength?” Wei Qi was shocked. “Don’t tell me he’s as strong as a top Six Star God of War? Is that possible when he’s not even 700 years old?”

Ding Fu shook his head. His eyes gleamed brightly as he said, “Even if he’s as strong as a top Six Star God of War, it’d be difficult for him to face Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun at the same time. After all, Tang San Pao and Ling Jue Yun’s strength is almost comparable to a top Six Star God of War. The only he’ll be able to win is if he’s as strong as a Seven Star God of War!”



“A Seven Star God of War?” Wei Qi inhaled sharply. Then, he said skeptically, “Is that possible? How can someone who has yet to reach 700 years old possess the strength of a Seven Star God of War? It’s unprecedented in the history of the Devata Realms, right?”

“That’s why I think it’s likely that Brother Feng has given Junior Nephew Duan a secret weapon from the Asura Hell. Perhaps, it’s a prominent divine artifact with an artifact soul... Divine artifacts are divided into primitive, mediocre, prominent, supreme, and the peerless grade,” Ding Fu said.

At the same time, Xu Kong Hai looked at Feng Qing Yang meaningfully as he said, “Indeed, the Title Temple has such a rule in place for the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. However, there’s a condition for that rule. During the match, no external tools are allowed. This means Tang San Pao, Ling Jue Yun, and Duan Ling Tian are prohibited from using their Celestial Weapons or any external tools during their match.”

Similar to Ding Fu, Xu Kong Hai assumed Feng Qing Yang must have given Duan Ling Tian a secret weapon that he had obtained from the Asura Hell that would give Duan Ling Tian an edge over his opponents. Therefore, he had quickly made up a condition on behalf of the Title Temple.

“As you wish.”

Upon hearing Feng Qing Yang’s response, the corners of Xu Kong Hai’s lips twitched slightly. He did not expect Feng Qing Yang would easily agree to this condition. He began to wonder why Feng Qing Yang had so much confidence in Duan Ling Tian.