#### **SOVEREIGN 3531**

# Chapter 3531: Duan Ling Tian: A Ten Directions Celestial Emperor With the Strength of an Eight Star God of War

"Thank you, Brother Feng," Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou hurriedly thanked Feng Qing Yang.

Following that, Feng Qing Yang turned to Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Didn't you say there's another successor from the Seven Absolutes Sect in your Little World?"

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian replied, "That would be Xue Nai. She's been in closed-door cultivation since we were in the Asura Hell, and she hasn't woken up. I'll bring her to meet you once she emerges from her closed-door cultivation."

When Duan Ling Tian was still in the Asura Hell, he tried to rouse Han Xue Nai from her closed-door cultivation to let her try comprehending the law of time but was unable to do so. He had tried sending her Voice Transmission and using his Divine Consciousness, but they were useless. Based on the unique state she was in, he knew if he had forcibly woken her up, it might result in Qi deviation or something worse. Hence, in the end, he no longer tried to rouse her. Moreover, he knew he could ask his master to bring her there in the future. Perhaps, if it were someone else, he might have hesitated to ask his master. However, since she was also a member of the Seven Absolutes Sect, Feng Qing Yang could be considered her senior uncle.

"Don't worry. There are plenty of chances to meet in the future..." Feng Qing Yang smiled. He was truly delighted to see the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect's disciples ascending to a Devata Realms. Throughout his long life, the place and time where he felt a sense of belonging the most was the mundane realm.

The Seven Absolute Sect; the Fog Rain Sword Saint; those were his days of glory. Due to his fondness for his time in the mundane realms, he called himself the Fog Rain Hermit after ascending to the Devata Realm.

Duan Ling Tian was also well aware of Feng Qing Yang's sentiments.

"Where's your other partner?" Feng Qing Yang asked teasingly. "Not only did I prepare a gift for Xue Nai, but I've also prepared a gift for your partner."

Duan Ling Tian naturally knew Feng Qing Yang was referring to Huan'er. He smiled, embarrassed. "She's in closed-door cultivation as well. I'll bring her to meet you as well when she emerges from closed-door cultivation. Is that okay, master?"

Feng Qing Yang nodded before he changed the subject. "When do you plan to go to the Title Temple?"

The Exploding Element Celestial Fruit was not the only reward for the winner of the Devata Realms' Battle of Geniuses, but the winner would also be allowed to enter the chamber of laws in the main Title Temple. The winner would also be able to stay for the longest duration in the chamber of laws. Naturally, the lower one ranked, the shorter one's time would be in the chamber of laws.

"I plan to break through and become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor first and spend some time with my family before going to the Title Temple." Duan Ling Tian had high expectations for the chamber of laws after experiencing the room in the Asura Hell that contained the law of time. However, he knew it was not wise to rush things. It would be best for him to go after becoming a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. Moreover, he had not spent any quality time with his family after reuniting with them. He wanted to fully enjoy his time with his family this time. Who knew where everyone's cultivation paths would lead them in the future or when they would all be together again?

"Alright." Feng Qing Yang nodded. "Just let me know when you'd like to go, and I'll accompany you."

It was important that Feng Qing Yang accompanied Duan Ling Tian to the Title Temple since those people wanted to hold his disciple captive. The benefits of entering the chamber of laws could not be overlooked so it was not an option to not go. Moreover, as the saying went, 'Fortune favors the bold'. With his presence, his disciple would be safer since he would be able to save his disciple if his disciple met with danger.

"Thank you, master." Duan Ling Tian thanked his master. He did not stand on ceremony and refused his master because he was aware of the danger that lurked in the Title Temple. If his master were not present, the Title Temple would be even more unscrupulous. Moreover, who knew if they would attack him during his journey there? There were many gods in the Title Temple; even if he were a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor and were as strong as a Nine Star God of War, he would still be no match for gods.

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The accommodation that Feng Qing Yang assigned Duan Ling Tian and his family was a mountain valley in the Heavenly Palace Solitary Destructive Heaven. It was surrounded by mountains; the sounds of birds chirping rang in the air; the flowers were in full bloom.

After Duan Ling Tian picked his courtyard, the others chose their courtyards as well.

It was obvious Feng Qing Yang had put a lot of thought into this place.

"Tian'er, it seems like your master had picked this place out for you a long time ago," Duan Ru Feng said. Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and solemnly said, "Brother Feng treats you very well so you mustn't let him down. Otherwise, I won't forgive you..."

Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile, "Don't worry, father. I know what to do."

"What are you talking about? Don't you know our son? He'll surely repay Brother Feng without you needing to tell him."

"In the end, mother knows me the best," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Duan Ru Feng shook his head and feigned disappointment as he said, "If you spoil him, you'll only make him worse..."

After chatting with his parents for a little longer, Duan Ling Tian said, "Mother, father, I'll go check on the others."

Subsequently, he walked over to his wife, Li Fei, his daughter, Duan Si Ling, and Feng Tian Wu whom he would be staying with.

The courtyards Feng Qing Yang prepared for Duan Ling Tian and the others were spacious. Each courtyard had multiple rooms so it was not crowded even if a few of them lived together.

At this time, Duan Nian Tian, Duan Ling Tian's son, asked, "Father, which courtyard are you staying in? I'll stay with you..."

Duan Ling Tian smiled upon seeing the admiring expression on his son's face. He nodded and said, "Alright. Come with me to go get your Grandpa Feng."

'Grandpa Feng was none other than Feng Wu Dao, Feng Tian Wu's father.

Before settling down, Duan Ling Tian also brought Huan'er's parents, Lian Qiu and Du Xiang, to the mountain valley. They had been staying in another part of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

After admiring the mountain valley, the couple who had missed their daughter greatly asked, "Where's Huan'er?"

"Huan'er is in closed-door cultivation. I'll bring her to see you once she emerges from her closed-door cultivation," Duan Ling Tian said.

After helping Du Xuan and Lian Qiu to settle down, Duan Ling Tian began to set up a few Formations to protect the area they were living in. Then, as soon as he entered his room, he released his Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from his Little World. This was so his family friends could still cultivate despite not being in his Little World. After all, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his Little World was from a remnant of a Realm of Gods.

After everything was in place, Duan Ling Tian consumed the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit before he began to cultivate.

His cultivation base increased by leaps and bounds in just a short time, and he drew closer and closer to becoming a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor.

"I must become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor before turning 700 years old. After that, I'll start trying to attain godhood. I have to get stronger as quickly as I can. After 300 years, even if I'm a god, if my strength is only comparable to the average gods, I still won't be able to save Ke'er after going to the Divine Offering Land."

In the past, Duan Ling Tian had assumed that he would be able to save Ke'er from the Divine Offering Land once the passages opened up as long as he had attained godhood. However, the more he learned, the more he realized merely attaining godhood was not sufficient.

In the Realms of Gods, ordinary gods were nothing. He had learned from his master that even Kings of Gods were a dime in a dozen in the Realms of Gods. After all, natives of the Realms of Gods would eventually become gods as long as they had passable talents.

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Time flew by quickly as Duan Ling Tian cultivated.

A year had already passed when Duan Ling Tian finally became a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. A year was a short time to achieve a breakthrough. Moreover, he did not spend the entire year just cultivating; he had also been spending time with his family and friends. He would also look for Feng Wu Dao and the three little ones to chat once in a while since their courtyard was next to his.

After becoming a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian could keenly feel his strength had improved to a different level.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian sent a message to Feng Qing Yang. "Master, do you have time? I'm ready to go to the Title Temple to enter the chamber of laws."

"When do you want to leave?" Feng Qing Yang asked. Based on his words, it was clear he was ready to leave at any time.

## Chapter 3532: The Strongest Among the Younger Generation in the Devata Realms

The main Title Temple was not located in any of the Devata Realms; it was in an independent realm. The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the realm was comparable to the best in the Devata Realms, but it could not compare to that in Realms of Gods.

"Rumor has it that the independent realm that the main Title Temple was located in was created by the founder of the Title Temple. Some say the founder's a supreme powerhouse while others say he's just a Supreme God," Feng Qing Yang said to Duan Ling Tian.

The master and disciple were making their way to the Title Temple in the Solitary Destructive Heaven at this moment. To go to the main Title Temple, one must first go to any of the Title Temple branches located in the Devata Realms.

"Based on what I heard, the founder of the Title Temple is a supreme powerhouse..." Duan Ling Tian said upon hearing Feng Qing Yang's words. He had learned this from the World Cleansing Divine Water that was residing in his Little World. The World Cleansing Divine Water was the most knowledgeable among the Five Divine Elements so he did not doubt its words.

Feng Qing Yang nodded. "It seems like that supreme powerhouse didn't manage to create a Realm of God so he created an independent realm instead"

Only a fixed number of Realms of Gods could exist at the same time. Every time there was a new Realm of Gods, an old one would cease to exist. For example, the remnant of the Realm of Gods that Duan Ling Tian found was one that was destroyed due to the emergence of a new Realm of Gods. When a Realm of Gods was destroyed, all its inhabitants, including Emperors of Gods and Supreme Gods, would be destroyed along with it. The destruction of a Realm of Gods was usually due to the death of the supreme powerhouse who created it because the two were linked.

"I agree." Duan Ling Tian nodded. After all, if the supreme powerhouse who founded the Title Temple could create a Realm of Gods, he would not have cultivated a force like the Title Temple. After all, despite its lofty status in the Devata Realms, it was nothing compared to Realms of Gods. This could be seen from the attitude of Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, toward Ling Jue Yun who was a native of a Realm of Gods during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

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"We're here."

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang arrived at the Title Temple in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. It resembled the Title Temple branch that Duan Ling Tian had once been to in another Devata Realm.

The duo hovered in the air, unlike the others who were queueing up in a neat line to enter the Title Temple. These people were Celestial Lords and Celestial Emperors who came to claim their titles.

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang caught the people's attention. After all, the duo stood out like a sore thumb among the crowd.

"Who are they?"

"Aren't they afraid of offending the Title Temple for acting in this manner?"

"They're really arrogant!"

At this time, a burly man with a full beard flew up into the air toward Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang. Then, he said with good intentions, "It's best if both of you descend to the ground. If this offends the Title Temple, it won't be good. I heard they're very strict..."

"Thanks for the reminder." Feng Qing Yang smiled faintly as he glanced at the burly man. He did not behave haughtily or carry the air of a Heavenly Emperor.

Duan Ling Tian smiled at the burly man warmly as well. In fact, he had already sent a message to the Title Temple and announced his arrival. It likely would not take long before the Title Temple sent someone to lead them in.

The burly man was rendered speechless when he saw Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang continuing to hover in the air despite his reminder. He wondered if they had a death wish.

While the others were still baffled by the duo's behavior, a few figures came out of the Title Temple. The group was led by a middle-aged man with a medium build. His appearance was average, and his gloomy expression was emphasized by his long black robe. This person was none other than Ye Ya, the Temple Master of the Title Temple branch in the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

Duan Ling Tian had no problem recognizing Ye Ya since he had met Ye Ya once during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Nevertheless, he was briefly surprised that Ye Ya had personally come out to receive them. However, upon thinking about it further, he thought it was to be expected since he had said his master was present as well. Then, he looked behind Ye Ya and saw two old men and an old woman. All of them were also dressed in long black robes.

Once the people from the Title Temple showed up, the others felt a wave of pressure pressing down on them even though the quartet did not intentionally exert pressure.

At this time, the burly man's expression changed drastically and he hurriedly flew back down to the ground. At the same time, he sighed inwardly. 'It's over for these two young men..."

Although the burly man could sense the two young men's extraordinary bearing, he assumed they were only from a powerful sect or clan. He did not think these clans or sects were powerful enough to stand

up to the Title Temple. The only force strong enough to stand up to the Title Temple here was the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

The crowd looked at the duo, certain that a disaster was about to land.

"They're as good as dead."

"That's right. How can the Title Temple allow them to blatantly trample on their dignity?"

However, soon after, everyone was stunned by the following scene. They watched as the quartet from the Title Temple flew up into the air before cupping their fists together and politely greeting the duo.

"Heavenly Emperor Feng, we meet again." A rare smile appeared on Ye Ya's face as he greeted Feng Qing Yang amiably.

"Temple Master Ye." Feng Qing Yang nodded.

Then, Ye Ya turned to Duan Ling Tian, who was standing beside Feng Qing Yang, and asked, "Young Master, we meet again. Did you come to enter the chamber of laws?"

Ye Ya addressed Duan Ling Tian since Duan Ling Tian was the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"I've been waiting for you," Ye Ya said with a smile.

At the same time, the two old men and the old woman stepped forward from behind Ye Ya and bowed at Feng Qing Yang and greeted him, "Lord Heavenly Emperor."

Then, they introduced themselves as the Vice Temple Masters of the Title Temple master in the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

"Heavenly Emperor Feng, Young Master, please come in."

With Ye Ya leading the way, Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang entered the Title Temple while the two old men and one old lady trailed behind them.

The crowd outside only slowly regained their senses after the group entered inside. Although they were quite a distance, everyone had overheard the conversation. All of them gasped in shock.

"That's... That's the Lord Heavenly Emperor of our Solitary Destructive Heaven?"

"No wonder I thought he looked familiar. I had seen a portrait of our Lord Heavenly Emperor. He looks even more charming in the flesh! That's why I didn't recognize him immediately."

"Who knew I'd be lucky enough to meet him in real life!"

"I heard our Lord Heavenly Emperor addressing the black-clad middle-aged man as Temple Master Ye Ya, right? To think Temple Master Ye personally came out to greet our Lord Heavenly Emperor."

"That's why he's known as the legendary Heavenly Emperor and the Invincible Sword Celestial. No, no, he should now be called the Sword God. Even Temple Master Ye came to greet him despite being a Nine Star God of War."

"The purple-clad young man next to the Lord Heavenly Emperor was addressed by Temple Master Ye as Young Master. He must be our Lord Heavenly Emperor's only true disciple, Duan Ling Tian, the pride of our Solitary Destructive Heaven!"

"He had won the latest Devata Realms' Battle of Geniuses! He even fought two participants with the strength of a Six Star God of War at once and won."

A long time had passed since the Devata Realms' Battle of Geniuses ended. The events that happened there had now spread everywhere. Now, most people from the Solitary Destruction Heaven were aware that their Heavenly Emperor had a remarkable true disciple. In fact, he was now widely known as the strongest among the younger generation in all the Devata Realms.

## **Chapter 3533: The Persistent Great Master Miyan**

Needless to say, it was an honor being the top young genius in all Devata Realms, and these young geniuses were the winners of the Devata Realms' Battles of the Geniuses. Now that Duan Ling Tian won the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, he would hold the title of the strongest among the younger generation until the next winner of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was crowned. However, if the future winner was not as outstanding as Duan Ling Tian, he would continue to hold the title of the strongest among the younger generation. After all, in the Devata Realms, those below the age of 3,000 were considered young.

Most people were of the opinion that the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven would continue to hold the title for the next 2,000 years due to his outstanding feat. Moreover, they knew after he consumed the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit, he would definitely become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor and possess the strength of a top Seven Star God of War at least before reaching the age of 700.

"Rumor has it that our Heavenly Emperor's true disciple will be as strong as an Eight Star God of War once he becomes a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor! In fact, this is acknowledged by the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple. Even the members of the Title Temple are said to agree with this speculation," someone said after Duan Ling Tian and the others entered the Title Temple.

The crowd was stunned upon hearing these words.

"As it turns out, it's our Lord Heavenly Emperor and his true disciple!"

At the same time, the burly bearded man who had stepped forward to advise Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang earlier felt embarrassed when he recalled his earlier actions. He did not expect the two young men whom he had been worried about were two of the most prominent figures in the Devata Realms. No wonder the duo did not care about offending the Title Temple earlier!

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Ye Ya, the Temple Master of the Title Temple Master branch in the Solitary Destructive, led Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang into the main hall and treated them courteously. After a moment, he asked

directly, "Lord Heavenly Emperor Feng, do you plan to accompany the Young Master to the main Title Temple?"

Feng Qing Yang nodded before he said, "Based on my knowledge, there's no rule prohibiting elders from accompanying their disciples to the chamber of laws in the Title Temple, right?"

"You're right." Ye Ya nodded. "I was just curious. The Title Temple will always welcome you. In fact, the Temple Master will likely personally receive you when he learns about your visit."

Duan Ling Tian had heard about the Title Temple whom Ye Ya mentioned from Feng Qing Yang. The Temple Master was a King of Gods; he was naturally far stronger than most from the Devata Realms.

"Lord Heavenly Emperor Feng, Young Master, please wait for a moment while I request for the main Title Temple to activate the Transportation Formation," Ye Ya said before leaving the main hall.

After leaving the main hall, Ye Ya contacted the main Title Temple immediately. He spoke to Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, who had also presided over the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. "Vice Temple Master Xu, it's just as you said. Feng Qing Yang is accompanying Duan Ling Tian to the main Title Temple."

"I'm not surprised," Xu Kong Hai responded indifferently, "Duan Ling Tian had revealed his Space Sword Dao and Space Mastery Dao, two out of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth Daos. Feng Qing Yang knows we won't allow such a talent to go so easily. It's only natural that he wouldn't allow his disciple to come to the main Title Temple alone; it'd be no different from letting his disciple enter the lion's den alone. I guess this will be a great chance to test how strong the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven has become!"

"What should I do next?" Ye Ya asked.

"There's no need for you to do anything. I'll head over and lead them to the main Title Temple to show the legendary Heavenly Emperor how much we respect him" Xu Kong Hai said. A hint of mockery could be heard in his tone when he said the words 'legendary Heavenly Emperor'.

"Understood," Ye Ya replied respectfully before cutting off the connection.

The main Title Temple and its branches were connected by a complex and intricate Communication Formation that could only be used at specific locations. This Formation allowed them to communicate across different realms. For example, Ye Ya, who was in the Solitary Destructive Heaven, one of the 81 Devata Realms, had communicated with Xu Kong Hai who was in an independent realm. Apart from that, the Formation contained the markings of the members of the Title Temple. Through the markings, they could specifically choose to whom they wanted to speak to.

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After ending the conversation with Ye Ya, Xu Kong Hai wondered inwardly, 'Should I inform Temple Master Ru Lai in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven about this?"

When the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses had ended, Great Master Miyan had looked for Xu Kong Hai and offered to assist the main Title Temple in imprisoning Duan Ling Tian.

It was not Xu Kong Hai's first time meeting Ru Lai during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Before Ru Lai had attained godhood, he had met Ru Lai once. Despite only meeting twice, he could clearly sense that Ru Lai was like a different person compared to before. However, he had dismissed the change and attributed it to the fact that Ru Lai had become a god. There were many in the long history of the Title Temple who had changed drastically once they had attained godhood. Hence, he did not think much about Ru Lai's change.

Since Feng Qing Yang was accompanying Duan Ling Tian, he knew the Title Temple would have a hard time detaining and imprisoning Duan Ling Tian. Hence, he decided to inform Ru Lai about this in the end.

Naturally, he was unaware that Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple branch in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, had been possessed by Great Master Miyan, a member of the Phantom Clan from the Land of the Dead, one of the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms.

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"Duan Ling Tian is about to go to the main Title Temple?" Great Master Miyan's eyes lit up as soon as he received news from Xu Kong Hai.

"When will you come to the main Title Temple?" Xu Kong Hai directly asked.

"Vice Temple Master Xu, I'm currently dealing with something. I'll be there as soon as I'm done before Duan Ling Tian leaves the Title Temple. I'll think of a way to keep him in the Title Temple in the meantime," Great Master Miyan replied.

Xu Kong Hai frowned upon hearing these words, clearly displeased by Great Master Miyan's lack of urgency. At this time, he no longer held any hopes of receiving help from Great Master Miyan and only responded indifferently.

Great Master Miyan left the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven after ending his conversation with Xu Kong Hai.

"This day has finally come! I'll return to the Land of the Dead and ask for Elder Brother's help. I must possess Duan Ling Tian and obtain his abilities no matter what!" Great Master Miyan muttered to himself. His eyes gleamed brightly as though he was already imagining himself possessing Duan Ling Tian.

Great Master Miyan's brother was the Clan Leader of the Phantom Clan; he was also a King of Gods. Since he and his brother were young, they had been fascinated and curious about the world outside of the Land of Dead. However, since his brother became the clan leader, various duties prevented him from leaving the Land of Dead.

Although the mysterious Land of the Dead was ranked third among the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms, it was in fact not too treacherous. In fact, some powerful titled Celestial Emperors would go to the Land of the Dead to look for rare treasures. Occasionally, they would even come across spirits that could be refined into artifact spirits for Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons.

Great Master Milan prayed fervently that his elder brother would lend him a helping hand.

Previously, when he was at the Primeval Cliff in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, he had thought about asking his brother for help. However, it was difficult to send news to the Land of the Dead.

Now that he was returning to the Land of the Dead, he hoped he would be able to convince his brother to briefly push his duties aside and help him.

His chances of possessing Duan Ling Tian would be higher with his brother's help.

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## Chapter 3534: Mi Xuan, the Clan Leader of the Phantom Clan

Although many ventured to the Land of the Dead, they would not wander too deep into it since they were afraid of running into its inhabitants. The reason the Land of the Dead was the third deadliest place in the Devata Realms was mostly due to its inhabitants. In fact, even Kings of Gods and Lords of Gods would find it difficult to survive if they encountered those powerful inhabitants in the Land of the Dead. There were many Emperors of Gods there, but no one knew if there were Supreme Gods there.

In fact, the Phantom Clan was just one of the weaker sects in the Land of the Dead due to the members' innate talent and soul-like existence. The strongest person in the clan was merely a King of Gods. In the history of the clan, there was no Lord of Gods at all. The restriction was that they would never become stronger than a King of God if they did not possess a physical body. Moreover, those who managed to possess a physical body and became Lords of God were no longer considered members of the clan.

There was a strict rule in the clan that those who possessed a human, beast, or any living thing would be killed. This iron-clad existed because those who possessed physical bodies would gain the ability to grow stronger through devouring their clansmen. A long time ago, an incident like this happened, almost wiping out the clan. If it were not for the clan's Supreme Elder sacrificing himself by using the clan's secret weapon to kill the rogue clansman, the clan would not have survived that disaster. Hence, since that incident, they had been very strict regarding the possession of physical bodies. If any of the clansmen were found to have possessed a physical body, they would be killed unless they managed to flee the Land of the Dead. Even then, they would have to live on the run.

For all these reasons, Great Master Miyan did not return to the Phantom Clan at all after possessing Ru Lai's body. He knew very well the clan would not let him go if they discovered he had possessed a physical body. However, due to his sense of urgency and his relationship with his brother, who was the Clan Leader of the Phantom Clan, he decided to take a chance and return to the clan. He was certain, at the very least, that his brother would not expose his secret to the clan. After all, if his secret was discovered, it would negatively impact his brother as well. At that time, not only would his brother lose his position as the clan leader, his brother might even be expelled or killed because of this matter. Although the position of clan leader sounded lofty, the figure who held the greatest authority was the Supreme Elder of the clan, who was also the clan's secret weapon and strongest powerhouse.

After Great Master Miyan arrived near the vicinity of the Phantom Clan, he wasted no time and sent his eldest brother, Mi Xuan, a message.

Members of the Phantom Clan did not need Soul Pearls to communicate when in close proximity. Through the vibrations of their souls, they could easily communicate with each other. It was somewhat similar to radio signals that broadcasting stations used on earth where Duan Ling Tian came from.

"Miyan?"

Mi Xuan, the Clan Leader of the Phantom Clan, was in the clan estate when he received Great Master Miyan's message. He was in the form of a dark green energy that was vaguely human-shaped. At this time, the energy roiled slightly; this was a sign of agitation of members of the clan.

"Where have you been all these years? Why didn't you come see me at the estate?" Mi Yan asked excitedly. Through Great Master Miyan's message, he was able to roughly sense Great Master Miyan's location.

The Phantom Clan's breeding method was unlike the ways of the humans. Great Master Miyan and Mi Xuan were awakened at the exact same time; this meant that they were considered biological brothers. This was rather rare in the clan, hence, Mi Xuan had a soft spot for his brother.

"Eldest Brother, can you come out and meet instead? The Supreme Elder will discover my state instantly and kill me as soon as I step foot into the clan estate..." Great Master Miyan said with a sigh.

"Y-you... Did you possess a physical body?" Mi Xuan asked in a trembling voice. Possessing a physical body was the biggest taboo in the clan, after all. Transgressors would be killed without questions. As the clan leader, it was his duty to kill those whom he discovered to have possessed physical bodies. However, the person in question now was his brother.

Great Master Miyan remained silent in response to his brother's question.

In just a blink of an eye, Mi Xuan seemed to vanish into thin air. It did not take long before he arrived before Great Master Miyan. When he laid eyes on Great Master Miyan, his body shuddered involuntarily. After a while, he said angrily, "What have you done? I didn't stop you when you wanted to leave the clan and the Land of the Dead to see the outside world. How could you be so foolish as to possess a person? You know very well this is the clan's biggest taboo since it'll grant you the ability to devour our clansmen and absorb the laws they comprehended. Our clan was almost annihilated in the past because of this! Why did you return? Do you have a death wish?"

Great Master Miyan fell to his knees and said with a contrite expression on his face, "I know I'm wrong! However, I didn't do it without reason. I would've lost my life if I didn't possess him. Brother, faced with a life-or-death situation, would you choose death or would you choose to violate our clan's taboo?"

None of Great Master Miyan's words was true. He was already a god when he had met Ru Lai so it was impossible for Ru Lai to kill him at that time. He wanted to possess Ru Lai for selfish reasons. However, he knew he had to lie to his brother in order to gain sympathy and most importantly, get his brother to help him.

The anger in Mi Xuan's voice subsided as he said, "If that's the case, you shouldn't have returned at all. Leave now. It's too dangerous for you to be here. Find someone to send me a message, and I'll meet you outside."

At the end of his words, Mi Xuan flashed and brought Great Master Miyan far away from the Phantom Clan estate.

After they finally came to a stop, Great Master Miyan looked at Mi Xuan excitedly as he asked, "Brother, you're already at the mid-stage of a King of Gods?"

Great Master Miyan thought that his return to the Land of the Dead was very timely. Now that his brother was at the mid-stage of a King of Gods, it would be even easier for him to possess Duan Ling Tian's body.

Mi Xuan nodded. "Yes, I've had a breakthrough recently. In the future, don't come here even if you want to meet me. I'll leave the clan estate to meet you instead. If you're discovered by the Supreme Elder, he'll definitely hunt you down and kill you! Do you understand?"

"Yes, brother," Great Master Miyan replied.

"Tell me. Why did you risk your life to come and see me? What happened?" Mi Xuan bluntly asked. He knew his younger brother very well so he knew there must be a reason that his brother risked his life just to see him.

Great Master Miyan said with a sheepish smile, "Brother, I'm unable to fully possess this body. I found a more suitable body. That body belongs to a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor who's not even 700 years old. Apart from that, he has also formed and comprehended the Space Sword Dao and the Space Mastery Dao to the preliminary stages. His comprehension of the law of space is remarkable as well..."

## **Chapter 3535: Duan Ling Tian's Choice**

"Mi Yan, there's still hope for you since you haven't fully possessed this body. If you give up this body, everything will return to the way it was." Mi Xian's eyes lit up immediately upon hearing Great Master Miyan's words.

Initially, Mi Xuan had assumed his brother had fully possessed his host. Once his brother fully possessed a body, he would no longer be able to live without a physical body. However, since his brother had yet to fully possess his current body, there was still a chance for his brother.

Little Brother Yan, there's still hope since you can't fully possess this body... If you're willing to give up this body, you're still one of us." Mi Xuan's eyes lit up upon hearing the words of the Great Master Miyan, so he promptly advised.

Great Master Miyan's expression changed slightly upon hearing Mi Xuan's words. He realized he had said the wrong thing. After a moment, he decided to be honest with his brother. "Brother, I'll be honest with you. There's no turning back for me. I'm rather used to possessing a physical body, and I like it. I enjoy having a physical body! I can possess that person's body, my future will be incredibly bright. I'll be able to become a Lord of Gods or even an Emperor of Gods. No, in fact, I even have a chance to become a supreme powerhouse if I possess him. Brother, the Phantom Clan is just a weak clan in this place that's only a speck of dust in the grand scheme of things. Brother, do you understand what I'm saying? Moreover, I promise I'll never harm our clansmen after possessing that person..."

Despite his words, Great Master Miyan's thoughts were the complete opposite. Once he grew strong enough, he would definitely return to the Phantom Clan to devour his clansmen to swiftly raise his cultivation base. Except for his brother, he did not care about the others at all.

"A supreme powerhouse?" Mi Xuan was shocked by Great Master Miyan's words. He did not expect his brother to be so ambitious. At this moment, he did not know what to say. Was he really willing to destroy his brother's future by refusing to help him? After a while, he asked in a grim tone, "Are you sure you want to possess someone with such a huge potential? You should know that you only have one chance to full possess a body. If you fail, not only will you have to find another body to possess, but you'll also lose the ability to inherit the body's abilities and potential..."

"Brother, I'm aware of this. Hence, I won't act recklessly," Great Master Miyan said confidently. He was confident he would be able to fully possess Duan Ling Tian's body. Then, he said pleadingly, "Brother, please help me this once! I promise not to bother you again in the future!"

Subsequently, Great Master Miyan's brought up the past and reminded Mi Xuan about the time he had saved Mi Xuan's life to further coerce his brother into helping him.

Mi Xuan was moved when he was reminded of the past. In the end, he relented and agreed to help Master Miyan.

"Alright. I'll help you. Wait for me while I return to the clan to deal with some matters. After that, I'll leave the Land of the Dead and help you possess that body..." Mi Xuan said before he left.

Great Master Miyan's eyes lit up like the stars in the sky upon hearing Mi Xuan's words.

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Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of what was happening in the Land of the Undead. He and his master waited for a while at the Title Temple branch in the Solitary Destructive Heaven for someone to lead them to the main Title Temple.

"Vice Temple Master Xu." Duan Ling Tian was rather surprised when he sat Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple.

On the other hand. Feng Qing Yang remained calm.

"Lord Heavenly Emperor Feng, Duan Ling Tian, I came to bring you to the main Title Temple." Xu Kong Hai was now much friendlier and courteous to Duan Ling Tian compared to his stern and aloof self during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

"Vice Temple Master Xu, please lead the way," Feng Qing Yang replied timelessly with a nod. He was very clearly not as warm as he was toward Duan Ling Tian earlier. In fact, he did not intentionally behave in such a manner; he had always been like that. He would only behave casually with those whom he had a close relationship with, such as his true disciple. Moreover, there was no need for him to be friendly to Xu Kong Hai. In fact, even if the Temple Master was present, he still would not behave differently.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Xu Kong Hai led Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang to the main Title Temple through the Transportation Formation in the Solitary Destructive Heaven's Title Temple branch.

Upon arriving in the independent realm that housed the Title Temple, Duan Ling Tian discovered the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in every corner of this place was comparable to that at the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

"Duan Ling Tian, the chamber of laws is an important place in the Title Temple. There are rules to follow and procedures to complete before you'll be allowed into the chamber of laws," Xu Kong Hai said after coming to a stop in front of a huge palace

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was not surprised. After all, the chamber of laws was an important place. It was only natural that there were rules in place.

Then, Xu Kong Hai turned to Feng Qing Yang asked, "Lord Heavenly Emperor Feng, are you coming with us or should I arrange a place for you to rest?"

Feng Qing Yang looked at Xu Kong Hai knowingly before he said, "I'll follow your arrangements, Vice Temple Master Xu."

"If that's the case, I'll arrange for my man to bring you to the guest room to rest." Xu Kong Hai smiled faintly as though he was oblivious to Feng Qing Yang's knowing gaze. Then, he summoned someone over.

About a dozen breaths later, a figure suddenly appeared at the speed of lightning. It was an average-looking middle-aged man dressed in a long dark green robe. His aura was rather formidable, and it was clear he was not simple.

"Elder Luo, this is the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Let him choose from our nicest courtyards to rest in," Xu Kong Hai said to the middle-aged man.

"Yes, Vice Temple Master," the green-clad middle-aged man, Elder Luo, responded respectfully before he looked at Feng Qing Yang and said, "Lord Heavenly Emperor Feng, please follow me."

Feng Qing Yang nodded and left with the green-clad middle-aged man while Duan Ling Tian followed Xu Kong Hai to complete the procedures of entering the chamber of laws.

Although Feng Qing Yang was not by his side, Duan Ling Tian was calm. After since Feng Qing Yang was in the Title Temple as well, they would not dare to act recklessly. Even the Title Temple would not unnecessarily risk the wrath of a god.

Although Feng Qing Yang's physical body was not here, Duan Ling Tian knew Feng Qing Yang cold easily protect him. The Title Temple might be unaware, but he knew his master was close to becoming a King of Gods.

After completing the procedure, Xu King Hai asked, "Duan Ling Tian, do you plan to stay with your master for a few days or do you want to enter the chamber of laws now?"

"I'll enter now," Duan Ling Tian replied decisively. The earlier he entered, the sooner he would be done.

Xu Kong Hai nodded. "As the winner of the Battle of the Geniuses, you're allowed to stay in the chamber of law the longest. Apart from that, you are allowed to enter two chambers of law. We have five chambers of elemental laws.

Since Duan Ling Tian had learned about this recently, he was not surprised.

"Which two chambers of law do you want to enter?" Xu Kong Hai asked.

Duan Ling Tian replied decisively, "The chambers of the law of fire and the law of earth."

Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the law of fire and the law of earth so it would be easier for him to comprehend them. Moreover, since Feng Qing Yang was also skilled in the law of earth, he could not learn from Feng Qing Yang as well.

# **Chapter 3536: The Temple Master of the Title Temple**

Before comprehending the law of space, Duan Ling Tian had specialized in the law of fire. Hence, it was not surprising that he had chosen the law of fire.

Since his time in the chamber of laws was limited, he was only confident he would be able to master all the profundities from the law of fire and the law of earth. If he had extra time, he would try to fuse the profundities of the laws.

Xu Kong Hai asked, "You won't be able to change your mind once you've made up your mind. Are you certain about your choices?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He had already made up his mind from before.

After confirming Duan Ling Tian's choices, Xu Kong Hai brought Duan Ling Tian to the chamber of laws.

Not only was the chamber of laws heavily guarded by various Formations, but it was also deeply hidden by concealing Formations. One would not even be able to find it with one's Divine Consciousness.

"The chamber of laws is divided into five rooms according to the five elements. Currently, the room that contains the law of earth is occupied by one of our disciples. Why don't you enter the room that contains the law of fire, first?" Xu Kong Hai asked after he brought Duan Ling Tian to a vast and high platform that was covered with mysterious and intricate carvings. They looked like it would make one lose their senses if one probed it with one's Divine Consciousness.

Five rooms stood on the hall platform, facing five different directions.

'So this is the chamber of laws created by the supreme powerhouse who founded the Title Temple? I remember Sister Water had said that only supreme powerhouses are capable of creating chambers of laws,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The Title Temple's chamber of laws looked simple. It was unlike the room that contained the law of time that was housed in a palace in the Asura Hell.

"It's up to you how you plan to spend the three months that have been given to you. If you choose to spend all three months in one room, you won't be able to enter the other room," Xu Kong Hai reminded Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"If there's anything you need, just look for the two elders. They'll definitely help you as long as it's within their capabilities," Xu Kong Hai continued to say.

The two elders Xu Kong Hai mentioned were in charge of guarding the chamber of laws. One of them wore a long gray robe, and the other one wore a long brown robe. Their expressions were both solemn.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded again.

"You may enter now... I'll take my leave now since I have something to attend to. I'll return again after three months," Xu Kong Hai said.

After Xu Kong Hai went away and only the two elders were left, Duan Ling Tian entered the room that contained the law of fire.

'It seems like I won't be able to carry out my plan.' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he felt as though he was being watched as soon as he entered the room. Initially, he had planned to summon the Chaos Divine Flame to see if it could steal the profundities from the law of fire in the room and bring them into his Little World. The World Cleansing Divine Water had confirmed that it was possible to do such a thing. However, he quickly dismissed this idea once he sensed someone watching him.

Apart from that, he had also initially planned to sneak his family friends into the chamber of laws. However, he quickly dismissed the idea when he thought of the danger lurking in the Title Temple. In the end, only Han Xue Nai and Huan'er who were still in closed-door cultivation were left in his Little World. The others were now in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven so felt rather at ease.

'I should rely on myself to comprehend the law of fire... Apart from that, I should completely comprehend the law of fire and the law of earth in three months,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself before he began to focus on comprehending the law of fire. Since he had experienced the room that contained the law of time, everything went smoothly.

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On the other hand, after Xu Kong Hai left the chamber of laws, he went to meet the Temple Master of the Title Temple.

The Temple Master was a tall and burly middle-aged man dressed in a long blue robe. A red crescent mark could be seen between his brows that made him look dignified. At this time, he sat on the highest position in the hall, resembling a king surveying his subjects.

Apart from Xu Kong Hai, there were three powerhouses from the Title Temple who had attained godhood.

"Lord Temple Master, Duan Ling Tian has entered the chamber of laws," Xu Kong Hai reported, "As for Feng Qing Yang, I've arranged for him to settle down in one of our courtyards.

The Temple Master before shifting his gaze to the three old men and asked, "Is it worth offending Feng Qing Yang for Duan Ling Tian? Since I'm certain that's Feng Qing Yang's clone, it shouldn't be hard for us to destroy his clone and keep Duan Ling Tian here. However, this will definitely anger Feng Qing Yang. We don't know where his physical body is. Moreover, it'd be disastrous if he decided to strike our Title Temple branches first…"

One of the three old men stepped forward and said in a low voice, "Temple Master, Duan Ling Tian is not even 700 years old, but he has already formed and comprehended the Space Sword Dao and the Space Sword Dao to the preliminary stages. His comprehension of the law of space is very as well. Apart from that, there are rumors that he's as strong as a top Eight Star God of War now. He must possess some secret techniques or treasures that allow him to achieve all these things, including forming and comprehending the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth."

The old man continued to say, "If we're able to possess whatever he has, we might be able to nurture young disciples who are as outstanding as him. Moreover, we've been searching for someone who has formed and comprehended the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. Even if we have to pay a huge price, we have to have Duan Ling Tian... Moreover, Feng Qing Yang has only recently attained godhood; is there a need to be afraid of a young man? I'll find and kill his physical body if he dares to attack our branches."

The old man who had spoken was a Supreme Elder of the Title Temple. Although he was not as strong as the Temple Master, he was still a god who was much stronger than Xu Kong Hai. He had lived for more than 60,000 years compared to Feng Qing Yang who was only slightly over 10,000 years old. Hence, Feng Qing Yang was indeed a boy in comparison.

Another Supreme Powerhouse chimed in, "That's right. How can we allow a weak god like him to wreak havoc in our branches? Moreover, we can send gods who are stronger to deal with him. If no one can handle him, I'll personally kill him if he dares to do anything to the Title Temple at all!"

After listening to the two Supreme Elders, the Temple Master looked at Xu Kong Hai and the remaining old man, who was also a Vice Temple Master and a god at the mid-stage. "What do you think? I'd like to hear your opinion first. You've had more interactions with Feng Qing Yang than I do..."

Xu Kong Hai said in a low voice, "I understand how the Temple Master and the Supreme Elders feel... but I don't think Feng Qing Yang is as simple as we think he is. I don't think he's only as strong as a new god. In fact, I have a feeling that I won't be able to defeat his clone."

Before the Temple Master replied, one of the Supreme Elders interjected, "Vice Temple Master Xu, you must be mistaken. He has just attained godhood recently. How can he be as strong as an intermediate new god when he had just become a god a few hundred years ago? What a joke!"

## Chapter 3537: Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang Are Surrounded

One of the Supreme Elders said, "I think we should deal with this decisively. We don't want history to repeat itself, do we?"

Upon hearing these words, everyone, including Xu Kong Hai, fell silent.

Although the Title Temple's history predated that of the Devata Realms, none of its members from this generation, including the current Temple Master, could form or comprehend any of the Four Daos of

Heaven and Earth. In the past, this was not the case at all, hence, many of the high-ranking officials from the main Title Temple could not help but feel anxious and upset. Although their predecessors had recorded their insight on the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth on scrolls, the current generation had difficulties comprehending them. As a result, there was no one in the Title Temple now who was able to form and master any of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. For this reason, they felt they were left with no choice but to forcefully detain outsiders to learn the secrets of forming and comprehending the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth.

In fact, in the past, when Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, was still rising in fame and had displayed his Destructive Sword Dao, one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, the Title Temple had sent Tang San Pao's master, a powerhouse from the Title Temple who was living in seclusion, to test Feng Qing Yang's strength. At that time, after defeating Feng Qing Yang, Tang San Pao's master had concluded that Feng Qing Yang had indeed formed and comprehended the Destructive Sword Dao to the preliminary stage. Additionally, Tang San Pao's master had also concluded that Feng Qing Yang would only continue to improve tremendously moving forward. With this, the Title Temple decided to wait until Feng Qing Yang had gained a deeper understanding of the Destructive Sword Dao before they would capture him. After all, the difference after Feng Qing Yang's comprehension of the Destructive Sword Dao moved beyond the preliminary stage was going to be huge. The Title Temple was not worried they would not be able to capture Feng Qing Yang at that time since they knew Feng Qing Yang could be found in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. In the end, they decided to wait until Feng Qing Yang was about to attain godhood before they would capture him.

Everyone from the Title Temple, including Xu Kong Hai, waited patiently for years. Alas, when they were close to making a move, they received news that Feng Qing Yang had disappeared into the Asura Hell, one of the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms. None of them thought he would survive the Asura Hell and regretted they did not make a move sooner. After all, even the Temple Master of the Title Temple, who was a King of God, would not recklessly enter the Asura Hell due to how dangerous it was.

When they finally received news again that Feng Qing Yang had survived the Asura Hell and had returned to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, they were filled with hope again. Therefore, they sent Tang San Pao's master to test Feng Qing Yang's strength again. However, this time, Tang San Pao's master was thoroughly defeated by Feng Qing Yang.

Tang San Pao's master had said that Feng Qing Yang not only gained a deeper understanding of the Destructive Sword Dao, but Feng Qing Yang had also attained godhood. Most importantly, he was defeated by Feng Qing Yang's clone from the law of earth, which indicated Feng Qing Yang's physical body was likely still in the Asura Hell.

With that, the Title Temple knew it was too late for them to make a move against Feng Qing Yang. Even if Feng Qing Yang had just attained godhood and was only a weak god, it would not be easy to force a god to do something against his or her will. Dealing with celestials was very different from dealing with gods, after all.

Master, the strongest among them who was a King of God, would never dare enter the Asura Hell recklessly. Just like its name, that place was hell indeed. They were filled with hope once again after

Feng Qing Yang managed to survive the Asura Hell and returned to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and regained his position as the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Then, the Title Temple sent Tang San Pao's master to test Feng Qing Yang once again where he suffered a terrible defeat.

"We should make a move as soon as we can."

"That's right!"

One of the Supreme Elders said again, "We can't be indecisive now. This chance will only come once. If we miss it, it'll be difficult for us to capture Duan Ling Tian in the future..."

Another Supreme Elder's eyes glinted coldly as he said, "Feng Qing Yang should feel grateful we didn't make a move on him at that time. If he's smart, he'll stay out of this matter. Otherwise, we'll teach him a lesson he'll never forget..."

"Temple Master..."

Xu Kong Hai and the other Vice Temple Master looked at the Temple Master in unison, waiting for him to make the decision.

At the same time, another Supreme Elder of the Title Temple said, "We can't hesitate anymore... Such an opportunity only comes once. If we miss this opportunity, it will be difficult for us to retain Duan Ling Tian in the future."

The Temple Master shifted his gaze to his two Vice Temple Masters and asked, "What do the both of you think? I want to hear your opinion now that the two Supreme Elders have expressed theirs..."

"Temple Master, I agree with the two Supreme Elders," the other Vice Temple Master said.

Xu Kong Hai smiled wryly. "If I'm not mistaken, you've already made up your mind, Temple Master. Even if I oppose everyone's opinion, I don't think it'll change your mind..."

Following that, everyone looked at the Temple Master.

"Capture Duan Ling Tian," the Temple Master said tonelessly, "We'll do as the Supreme Elders suggested. Why should the Title Temple be afraid of Feng Qing Yang? It's only been a few hundred years since he attained godhood. Like the Supreme Elders have said, if he dares to meddle, we'll teach him a lesson!"

"When should we make a move?" Xu Kong Hai asked.

"After Duan Ling Tian's time in the chamber of laws is up," the Title Temple Master said. He paused for a moment before he continued to say, "Perhaps, he'll gain an insight in the chamber of laws and deepen his understanding of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. If that's the case, it'll only benefit us."

The other Vice Temple Master's eyes lit up as he said ingratiatingly, "Lord Temple Master is wise!"

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Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang were naturally unaware that the Title Temple had already decided to make a move on Duan Ling Tian.

After spending a month in the room that contained the law of fire, Duan Ling Tian had already entered the room that contained the law of earth and spent his remaining time there.

Time flew by in just a blink of an eye.

"Time's up."

At this time, Duan Ling Tian heard a voice before a powerful force pushed him out of the room.

Duan Ling Tian was calm and expressionless after being ejected from the room. Inwardly, he was rather pleased with the results after spending three months in the chamber of laws. Not only did he comprehend all the profundities from the law of fire and the law of earth, but he had also comprehended them to the mastery stage. With this, he had now comprehended the law of space, the law of time, the law of fire, and the law of earth to the mastery stage.

"Elders, please help me contact Vice Temple Master Xu. It's time for me to leave with my master," Duan Ling Tian said to the two elders guarding the chamber of laws.

The two elders nodded.

One of the elders said, "I've already sent a message to Vice Temple Master Xu on your behalf. Please wait a moment."

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Then, he sent a message to Feng Qing Yang. "Master, I've left the chamber of laws. We can leave after Vice Temple Master Xu brings me to you..."

"Alright, I'll be waiting for you then," Feng Qing Yang responded, "Did things go well?"

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian responded with a smile, "I've comprehended all the profundities from the law of fire and the law of earth to the mastery stage. I'll be trying to fuse the profundities next just like the law of time..."

Feng Qing Yang was naturally pleased when he heard Duan Ling Tian's reply. "Very good... I can provide you with some insight regarding the law of earth. However, you'll have to rely on yourself to truly fuse them..."

"Yes, master," Duan Ling Tian replied.

At this time, a figure suddenly appeared before Duan Ling Tian at the speed of light.

"Master, I'll speak to you later. Vice Temple Master Xu is here."

Xu Kong Hai asked with a smile, "Duan Ling Tian, do you want to stay in the Title Temple a little longer to continue comprehending the law of fire and the law of earth, or do you plan to leave immediately?"

"Thank you for your good intentions, Vice Temple Master Xu, but I plan to leave as soon as I meet my master," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Xu Kong Hai nodded. "I'll bring you to your master then..."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt rather at ease. It seemed like the Title Temple was not going to capture him.

Alas, as soon as the master and disciple met, gusts of strong wind began to stir around them.

#### Swoosh!

At the same time, Xu Kong Hai flew up into the sky. Then, four figures suddenly appeared next to him; it was three old men and a middle-aged man.

Four people stood in different directions while the fifth person hovered high above the others. With this, they completely blocked all of Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian's escape routes.

### Chapter 3538: Dead Within a Second

Duan Ling Tian was surprised by this ambush. He did not expect Xu Kong Hai, one of the Vice Temple Masters of the main Title Temple, to make a move as soon as he met his master.

At this time, the five people from the Title Temple looked at the master and disciple frostily.

Based on the five people's attitude, Duan Ling Tian could tell they were determined to imprison him. He wondered where they gained the confidence to oppose his master so openly.

Duan Ling Tian's expression was dark and he felt his heart sink. The Title Temple must be thoroughly prepared and confident for them to make such a move. They were clearly unafraid of the consequences of offending his master.

"Wu Hong Qing?" Feng Qing Yang remained calm, unlike Duan Ling Tian. He looked at the middle-aged man who hovered in the air above the others.

Wu Hong Qing was the current Temple Master of the main Title Temple.

One of the old men hovering in the air scoffed. "Feng Qing Yang, do you think a mere Heavenly Emperor like you is worthy of addressing our Lord Temple Master by his name?"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes shifted to Wu Hong Qing.

Wu Hong Qing was dressed in a long blue robe. He was tall and burly, and a crescent mark could be seen between his brows. His straight brows gave him a dignified air. At this time, he was staring Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian solemnly.

"Feng Qing Yang." Wu Hong Qing looked at Feng Qing Yang and said indifferently, "The Title Temple wants your true disciple. It's best that you forget about your disciple. If you're willing to step aside, the Title Temple won't stop you from holding onto your position as the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven even though you're now a god. I, Wu Hong Qing, give you my word."

Wu Hong Qing did not beat around the bush and directly stated he wanted Duan Ling Tian and even said he would compensate Feng Qing Yang as long as Feng Qing Yang promised not to meddle in the matter.

Duan Ling Tian smiled mockingly. It seemed like he was worth quite a lot to the Title Temple. Apart from that, based on Wu Hong Qing's words, he knew that the Title Temple was unaware of his master's true strength. Otherwise, Wu Hong Qing would not have made such an offer to his master. After all, his

master was more than capable of holding onto his position as the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven regardless of whether the Title Temple agreed to it or not.

Feng Qing Yang did not respond to Wu Hong Qing's words. Instead, he asked, "Has the Title Temple thought this through?"

"Feng Qing Yang, stop putting on airs!" One of the Supreme Elders of the Title Temple scoffed. "You've only attained godhood not too long ago; at most, you're an intermediate god. How dare you act so arrogantly before the Title Temple? If you even dare to seek revenge from the Title Temple after your physical body returns from the Asura Hell, I'll personally destroy your physical body and clones!" Killing intent rose from his body as he continued to say, "If I can't find you, the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and its members will pay the price. You'll forever be hunted by the Title Temple..."

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned unsightly as soon as he heard the Supreme Elder's threats.

"You think you can kill me?" Feng Qing Yang wore a faint smile on his face as he looked at the Supreme Elder who threatened him.

All of a sudden, Wu Hong Qing widened his eyes and cried out, "Watch out!"

#### Swoosh!

Wu Hong Qing vanished into thin air in just a blink of an eye and reappeared next to the Supreme Elder who had threatened Feng Qing Yang. Alas, it was too late. A bloody hole could be seen on the Supreme Elder's glabella, and the disdainful expression on his face was frozen on his face. Clearly, the Supreme Elder had no time to react before he died.

The other Supreme Elder, the other Vice Temple Master, and Xu Kong Hai felt chills running up their spines.

"B-brother Quan..." The other Supreme Elder grew furious when he regained his senses. However, when his eyes shifted to Feng Qing Yang, he felt as though his fury had been doused by fear.

"How's this possible?!"

Xu Kong Hai and the other Vice Temple Master were in shock and disbelief. The Supreme Elder had died in just a blink of an eye despite being an advanced god. All they heard was a brief sword cry before the Supreme Elder died.

"Did Feng Qing Yang use his sword?"

"I'm an intermediate god, but I couldn't capture his movements at all... Most importantly, this is just his clone from the law of earth!"

Xu Kong Hai and the other Vice Temple Master shuddered as fear rose in their hearts.

"In fact, it seemed like Supreme Elder Su Quan couldn't even react in time to Feng Qing Yang's attack..."

"Doesn't this mean that..."

At this time, Wu Hong Qing cried out, "Y-you've broken through and became a King of Gods?"

Wu Hong Qing's voice was laced with anger and fear as he looked at Feng Qing Yang in disbelief. How could Feng Qing Yang be a King of God when he had just attained godhood a few hundred years ago? It was impossible!

"A King of God!"

At this time, the others were certain Feng Qing Yang was now a King of God. Otherwise, Feng Qing Yang would not have been able to kill Su Quan so effortlessly.

'Master has had a breakthrough?' Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up in delight and surprise. When he had gone to the Asura Hell with his master, his master had yet to become a King of Gods. This meant that his master broke through in less than two years!

Feng Qing Yang flashed and appeared among the four people from the Title Temple. He calmly asked, "I'll ask again. Is the Title Temple determined to imprison my disciple? If you're determined, then, you can make a move now..."

Wu Hong Qing's expression darkened. "Feng Qing Yang, how dare you conceal your strength! Did you intentionally kill Supreme Elder Su to prove your strength?"

From the moment Feng Qing Yang revealed he was now a King of God, Wu Hong Qing and the others knew they no longer had any hope of imprisoning Duan Ling Tian. It was unfortunate that Su Quan, one of their Supreme Elders, had died in vain.

Although Wu Hong Qing could activate the Title Temple's guarding Formation, he knew it would not be enough to kill Feng Qing Yang. After all, the Formation could only kill an ordinary god at most.

The Formation that was powered by many divine crystals was undoubtedly strong, but since they were not in the Realms of Gods, due to the inferior Heaven and Earth Energy, the Formation would not be able to kill most gods. On the other hand, in the Realms of Gods, this Formation was strong enough to kill a King of Gods.

Unlike Wu Hong Qing who was burning with cold fury, Feng Qing Yang remained expressionless, "So what if it's intentional?" Then, he said to Duan Ling Tian, "Little Tian, let's go."

There was nothing Wu Qing Hong could do as he watched Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian leave.

Just as Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian were about to leave, a cold scoff rang in the air before a figure suddenly appeared.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes immediately.

The newcomer was none other than Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple branch in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, who had been possessed by a member of the Phantom Clan.

#### Chapter 3539: A Deal Between Great Master Miyan and the Title Temple

"Temple Master Ru Lai?"

Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, was surprised by the appearance of Ru Lai, who had been possessed by Great Master Miyan. Moreover, Miyan seemed strangely optimistic when the others were afraid. Nobody had expected Feng Qing Yang to have become a King of Gods after all. If they had known earlier about his breakthrough, they would not have tried to capture Duan Ling Tian in front of Feng Qing Yang. A King of God was enough to make the Title Temple compromise.

Although the Title Temple had stronger powerhouses, they were all in the Realms of Gods. Before the passages between the Devata Realms and the Realms of Gods opened, there was no way for them to seek help. Currently, the strongest powerhouse in the Title Temple was Wu Hong Qing, the Temple Master, who was just an ordinary god. Even if Wu Hong Qing was not afraid of Feng Qing Yang, what about the other members? If Feng Qing Yang decided to kill all of them, what could they do? For this reason, Wu Hong Qing held back even though he was furious.

If Feng Qing Yang was only an intermediate god, there would not be any need for the Title Temple to hold back. After all, there were more than 20 intermediate gods in the Title Temple; they even had more than five advanced gods. Even if Feng Qing Yang was an advanced god, the Title Temple would still persist in capturing Duan Ling Tian today. Alas, Feng Qing Yang was a King of Gods and had easily killed their Supreme Elder who was an advanced King of God.

"Ru Lai?" Wu Hong Qing glanced at Great Master Miyan before he said, "Vice Temple Master Xu told me you'd help. However, it's meaningless now. Return to the Title Temple branch in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven."

Although Wu Hong Qing knew that Ru Lai had come to help, he could not help but feel impatient. After all, even if all the Temple Masters of the Title Temple branches showed up, there was nothing they could do. Moreover, this was just Feng Qing Yang's law of earth's clone; they already had a difficult time dealing with his clone, it would be even more difficult to deal with his real person.

"Temple Master, I witnessed what happened earlier," Great Master Miyan said leisurely upon hearing Wu Hong Qing's words, "I didn't expect that Feng Qing Yang has already become a King of Gods. Although he had just recently broken through, it's still unexpected..."

Wu Hong Qing was stunned. He did not understand why Ru Lai was so confident despite having witnessed what had happened earlier.

"Temple Master, please stand aside and watch," Great Master Miyan said, "After I possess Duan Ling Tian, if the Title Temple is willing to make me the next Temple Master of the main Title Temple, I'll also be willing to share my insight on the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth."

Wu Hong Qing and the others from the Title Temple were shocked by Great Master Miyan's words. Was it possible to access a person's knowledge after possessing them?

While Wu Hong Qing and the others were still in shock, Duan Ling Tian asked, "How should I address you? I can't address you as Ru Lai since you're a member of the Phantom Clan."

"The Phantom Clan?!"

The Title Temple members looked at Great Master Miyan in shock and fear. As high-ranking members of the Title Temple, they naturally knew about the Phantom Clan.

Great Master Miyan was slightly taken aback. Then, he laughed before he said, "It seems like you're aware of everything. You can address me as Great Master Miyan. As for the Phantom Clan, I'm no longer a member of the Phantom Clan. After I possess you, I'll be expelled from the clan. I'll become you, and everything you own such as your memories and cultivation will belong to me!"

Great Master Miyan looked at Wu Hong Qing and said, "Temple Master, you should know the Phantom Clan will never accept someone who has possessed a physical body. You should also know a Phantom Clan member only has one chance to completely possess a body. I've not completely possessed Ru Lai and I've only been suppressing his soul. I've decided to use my one chance to possess Duan Ling Tian. I stand by what I said earlier. I need the protection of the Title Temple since the Phantom Clan will hunt me down once they discover this matter. It's fine if I don't become the Temple Master. As long as you agree to protect me, I'll share my knowledge on the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth with the Title Temple after I possess Duan Ling Tian."

Wu Hong Qing was moved by Great Master Miyan's words. He knew about the Phantom Clan, a small force in the Land of the Dead, one of the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms. He knew the Phantom Clan members did not have a corporeal form and could only possess a physical body once in their lives. He also knew it was taboo to possess a physical body in the clan due to an unfortunate incident in the past where the clan was almost annihilated due to a member who had possessed a physical body.

"I agree." Wu Hong Qing knew the Title Temple was more than capable of protecting Great Master Miyan from the Phantom Clan. He said through Voice Transmission, "With Feng Qing Yang around, I'm afraid it'll be difficult for you to possess Duan Ling Tian. I won't be able to help you since I won't openly provoke him."

"Rest assured, Temple Master. You don't need to do anything," Great Master Miyan said confidently, "Feng Qing Yang will soon disappear from this world. He's just a new King of Gods."

Following that, Great Master Miyan said in a low voice as his eyes glinted coldly, "Brother, please deal with Feng Qing Yang. After you destroy his clone, you should be able to find the location of his physical body and another clone. Please kill him."

# "Brother?"

Although Great Master Miyan had lowered his voice, it did not prevent everyone from hearing his words.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grim. He recalled Great Master Miyan had mentioned his brother was a King of Gods when his master wanted to kill Great Master Miyan at the Primeval Cliff in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven. For Great Master Miyan to be so confident after finding out his master was a King of Gods, Great Master Miyan's brother had to be a stronger King of Gods.

At this moment, a humanoid soul suddenly shot out of Great Master Miyan's body. Its aura was terrifying as it looked at Feng Qing Yang. "Younger brother, this will be the last time I help you. You're on your own after this..."

It was none other than Mi Xuan, the Clan Leader of the Phantom Clan. He was an intermediate King of Gods.

"Brother, I'd be too embarrassed to ask another favor from you in the future," Great Master Miyan as his eyes shone with excitement. He was so close to possessing the perfect body.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Without wasting time, Mi Xuan made his move. A terrifying soul attack shot out immediately. Due to a lack of corporeal forms, members of the Phantom Clan could only cast soul attacks.

Wu Hong Qing was shocked by Mi Xuan's attack. "An intermediate King of Gods?!"

Although Wu Hong Qing had roughly guessed Great Master Miyan must have found an intermediate King of Gods at least to help him, he could not help but grow excited when he saw Mi Xuan's strength.

'The Phantom Clan specializes in tracking souls... Even if this is only Feng Qing Yang's clone, he should be able to locate Feng Qing Yang's physical body soon...' Wu Hong Qing's eyes shone brightly as he thought to himself, 'This intermediate King of Gods should be able to get rid of Feng Qing Yang for good!'

# **Chapter 3540: Feng Qing Yang Detonates His Clone**

The Phantom Clan members were rather unique. They were strong and capable of killing those with the same cultivation bases with their soul attacks after they became Kings of Gods. They were also inherently skilled in tracking souls. They could even track the souls of gods. These skills combined made them natural killers in ancient times.

Wu Hong Qing, the Temple Master of the Title Temple, was well aware of this. Therefore, his eyes lit up with excitement and his heart brimmed with hope when he saw Great Master Miyan had brought an intermediate King of Gods from the Phantom Clan. In his opinion, Feng Qing Yang was doomed. After all, Feng Qing Yang had only recently become a King of Gods. Let alone Feng Qing Yang, even he would have difficulty surviving without the Title Temple's soul defense divine artifact if he had to face the intermediate King of Gods from the Phantom Clan.

Wu Hong Qing's eyes shone brightly as he thought to himself, 'Unless Feng Qing Yang possesses a soul defense divine artifact, he'll surely die... It's unlikely he has such a divine artifact...'

# Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian watched as the intermediate King of Gods shot out like a streak of red light and entered Feng Qing Yang's glabella before Feng Qing Yang could even react.

At the same time, the energy from the law of earth began to buzz around Feng Qing Yang's clone.

A terrifying energy rolled out as the two souls began to clash in the body of Feng Qing Yang's clone. Alas, it was obvious that the intermediate King of Gods had the upper hand.

'No.' Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically. Based on the soul energy of the intermediate King of Gods, he could tell even if his master was in his physical body, his master might not necessarily be a match for the intermediate King of Gods. This was why Great Master Miyan's confidence was not shaken

even after discovering his master had become a King of Gods. It only proved that Great Master Miyan's elder brother was at least an intermediate King of Gods.

"Even if your physical body is here, I'll still be able to kill you!" Mi Xuan, the Clan Leader of the Phantom Clan, said from Feng Qing Yang's body.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian and the others from the Title Temple could clearly sense Feng Qing Yang's aura growing weaker and weaker as Mi Xuan's aura grew stronger and stronger.

"If you dare lay a finger on my disciple, I, Feng Qing Yang, swear that I'll annihilate the Phantom Clan in the future!"

Feng Qing Yang's icy voice rang in the air as his aura continued to grow weaker.

"I believe you'll be strong enough to do so in the future," Mi Xuan said, "After all, you achieved so much within 10,000 years. I don't doubt you have a high chance of becoming a Lord of Gods or even an Emperor of Gods in the future, but it's unfortunate that you won't be able to live long enough to do so. After destroying your clone here, I'll hunt you down and kill you!"

"Little Tian, run!" Feng Qing Yang said before his clone suddenly exploded.

A terrifying wave of divine energy mixed with the law of earth rolled out and swept through everyone.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The Supreme Elder, Xu Kong Hai, and another Vice Temple Master spat out a mouthful of blood as they were sent flying back in the sky.

Wu Hong Qing disregarded his subordinates and hurriedly moved to protect Great Master Miyan.

"Thank you, Temple Master," Great Master Miyan said through Voice Transmission. He had expected Feng Qing Yang to detonate his clone to give Duan Ling Tian a chance to escape so he had told Wu Hong Qing about his speculation and asked for Wu Hong Qing's protection earlier.

Although the law of earth was not as strong as the law of destruction, Feng Qing Yang was still a King of Gods. Needless to say, the force of his explosion was incredibly strong and could easily crush those weaker than him. Although ordinary gods and Kings of Gods were just a level apart, the difference between their strength was like heaven and earth.

Hence, it was only natural that the force from the explosion of Feng Qing Yang's clone gravely injured the Supreme Elder, who was an advanced god, and gravely injured the others, who were even weaker. When they regained their footing, fear filled their eyes as they looked at the site of the explosion. Just a clone was so powerful; they could only imagine how strong Feng Qing Yang was.

When Feng Qing Yang's clone exploded, Duan Ling Tian had swiftly teleported away.

'Master's clone from the law of earth has been destroyed. This will cause his physical body to suffer from the backlash. It'll require time and effort to create another clone from the law of earth...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. Although his master was not in any grave danger now, he was still furious at the member of the Phantom Clan.

All of a sudden, Duan Ling Tian discovered his Teleportation Profundity had stopped working. At the same time, he sensed a terrifying energy surging in his surroundings.

'A Formation?' Duan Ling Tian's expression turned unsightly.

Previously, the Title Temple did not dare to act recklessly after discovering Feng Qing Yang had become a King of Gods. After Great Miyan appeared along with his elder brother, who was an intermediate King of Gods, and forced Feng Qing Yang to detonate his clone, the Title Temple naturally grew bolder. Moreover, Great Master Miyan's brother had even announced he would hunt Feng Qing Yang down and kill him.

Duan Ling Tian had researched the Phantom Clan after the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses ended. He knew it was important to know his enemies. Moreover, he knew it would be impossible for his master to protect him all the time.

'Wu Hong Qing didn't dare to make a move earlier because he's afraid of retribution from my master. After all, master's physical body and clone from the law of destruction aren't here. However, it seems like he's no longer afraid since that intermediate King of Gods from the Phantom Clan vowed to hunt my master down and kill him. Wu Hong Qing must be confident that my master won't survive for him to act so openly now.'

Various thoughts raced through Duan Ling Tian's mind at this moment. At the same time, he tried to break through the Formation that was restraining him with all his might only to discover his attempts were in vain.

"It's useless." Wu Hong Qing appeared and glanced at Duan Ling Tian. "The Formation in the Title Temple is capable of restraining those who aren't gods. It's impossible for you to break this Formation if you're not a god..."

Great Master Miyan appeared next to Wu Hong Qing and looked at Duan Ling Tian greedily as though he was looking at a rare treasure. "Duan Ling Tian, you're finally mine!"

## Swoosh!

At this moment, a wave of energy with two blazing eyes appeared next to Great Master Miyan and studied Duan Ling Tian. "Little Brother, is this the perfect body you're after?"

"That's right!" Great Master Miyan nodded ecstatically. "Brother, thank you for your help! I'll definitely repay your kindness in the future!"

"There's no need for you to thank me. We're brothers, after all," Mi Xuan said, "However, you should go into hiding for a while after possessing him. I'm afraid Feng Qing Yang will make his way to the Phantom Clan and reveal this matter to the elders before I can stop him. After all, it's not a secret that the Phantom Clan strictly prohibits its members from possessing a physical body..."

"Don't worry, Brother," Great Master Miyan said dismissively, "I've made a deal with the Temple Master, Wu Hong Qing. After possessing Duan Ling Tian, I'll share knowledge about the Four Daos of

Heaven and Earth with the Title Temple in exchange for protection. The Supreme Elders of our clan won't dare to act recklessly as long as I remain in the Title Temple..."

Great Master Miyan was very confident about his newly found protection.