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#### Chapter 3591: Duan Ling Tian Arrives at the Realm Battlefield

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian had also lied to his wife; Li Fei, his son, and his daughter so they would not worry about him. Similar to the Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou, he told them he would be going to the Realm of Gods through the Nine Serenities Battlefield. If they knew he was going to the Realm of Gods through the Realm Battlefield, they would try and stop him. However, he was determined to go to the Realm of Gods and no one would be able to change his mind.

"In the coming 300 years, stay and cultivate here. I'll cast a Formation here and leave some of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in my Little World here. If nothing goes wrong, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy would be able to last for more than 500 years."

Duan Ling Tian was worried his family and friends, particularly his son and his daughter, would be unwilling to stay in the mundane realm where the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was inferior. Hence, before he left, with the help of the World Cleansing Divine Water, he cast a Formation and left some of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his Little World in the Formation. When he was done, rich Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy permeated the air,

"Little Fei'er, wait for me," Duan Ling Tian said to Li Fei when they were alone. He could not bear to see the sorrow on his family's faces so he told Li Fei to inform them about his departure after he had left.

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After returning to the Devata Realm...

"Sister Water, is there anything I should watch out for in the Realm Battlefield?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he made his way to the Transportation Formation that would bring him to the Nine Serenities Battlefield again.

"You should watch out for everything," the World Cleansing Divine Water said solemnly, "After arriving at the Realm Battlefield, you must leave as soon as possible. If you're lucky, you might arrive near a Formation that will bring you out of the Realm Battlefield. Otherwise, you'd have to look for a Transportation Formation. That's not ideal since you risk running into gods there. With your current strength, you'll die if anyone makes a move on you. Fortunately, the Realm Battlefield won't reward them with points for killing you since you're not from the Realms of Gods. Hence, not everyone you run into will make an attempt on your life. However, you should know there are many who kill without rhyme or reason. There are many who are normally oppressed so when they meet someone weaker than them, they would kill them just to vent the frustrations and anger in their hearts."

"You'll need to act according to the circumstances when you're there. If there's a chance for you to ally yourself with someone, you should definitely seize that opportunity to leave the Realm Battlefield as soon as you can. You'll have to lower your pride and curry favor with them if necessary. You must remember that the most important thing is to stay alive. You have to do whatever is necessary to survive," the World Cleansing Divine Water said earnestly. It was worried that Duan Ling Tian might find it difficult to swallow his pride after achieving so much in the Devata Realms. "Most importantly, you have to make sure the Five Divine Elements and the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword's existence remains a secret. Otherwise, you'll definitely die," the World Cleansing Divine Water said grimly.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded solemnly. Needless to say, he knew this as well. During their journey, he had learned more about the Realm Battlefield from the World Cleansing Divine Water. He knew those who entered would kill opponents to gain points from them. This naturally did not apply to Duan Ling Tian. When they had accumulated enough points, they would be granted access to a secret realm that was left behind by a supreme powerhouse and use the points they accumulated to trade for treasures.

The Realm Battlefield was undoubtedly a place filled with many fortuitous encounters. Hence, every time it opened, those from the Realms of Gods would swarm to the Realm Battlefield. Apart from that, many of them also entered the Realm Battlefield to train themselves. Needless to say, the Realm Battlefield was far more dangerous than the

To put it simply, the Realm Battlefield was filled with various fortuitous encounters left behind by the supreme powerhouse. Therefore, every time the Realm Battlefield opened, countless people from the Realms of the Gods would enter to raise their levels through the merits. Some of them even entered just to gain experience.

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Once Duan Ling Tian returned to the Nine Serenities Battlefield, he found a remote place before he brought the Five Divine Elements out of his Little World so they could use the remnant energies of the other Divine Elements to break the barrier of the Nine Serenities Battlefield that would bring him to the Realm Battlefield.

Needless to say, the barriers of the Nine Serenities Battlefield and the Realm Battlefield were incredibly difficult to break. Only Emperors of Gods or those who were stronger had the strength to break them. However, gods, including Supreme Gods, would not do such a thing since they could lose their lives if they were transported to the Nine Serenities Battlefield. They had cultivated to such a high level so they cherished their lives even more.

Since the Nine Serenities Battlefield was formed from the power of a supreme powerhouse, the restrictions, one which prohibited gods from entering, were naturally enforced by the energy that the supreme powerhouse left behind. Hence, even if they were Emperors of Gods or Supreme Gods, they would not be able to bypass the restrictions.

# Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

After taking half a day to set up the Formation necessary, the Five Divine Elements mobilized their powers to burn the remaining energies from the other Divine Elements to activate the Formation.

Soon after, a mysterious and terrifying energy appeared and churned in the air at an increasing speed.

"We can only make a small opening in the barrier, and it won't hold for long. It'll stay open for two breaths at most. Stay alert and get ready to leave. There won't be a second chance if we fail," the World Cleansing Divine Water said to Duan Ling Tian before it returned to his Little World with the rest of the Divine Elements.

At this moment, apart from the Divine Tree of Life and the Five Divine Elements, there was no one left in Duan Ling Tian's Little World. After the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses ended, he had set the pair of Ning dragons free.

Duan Ling Tian stared at the churning energy intently after he sealed his Little World. His heart raced as he felt the energy getting stronger and stronger. He did not expect that burning the energies of the Divine Elements would be able to bring about such a terrifying energy. One could only imagine the force of the energy they would generate if they were burned in their complete forms.

At this time, a spatial tear finally appeared in the air. It slowly grew until it was a meter long. At the same time, the churning energy was growing weaker and weaker.

At this moment...

"Now!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted as he turned into a streak of purple light and shot into the spatial tear.

After a breath, the tear mended itself, and everything returned to normal as though nothing had happened.

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After entering the spatial tear, Duan Ling Tian traveled through a passage, guided by five energies with different colors. The energies protected him from the space turbulence as well.

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian saw another spatial tear up ahead.

#### Swoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian was transported out of the passage as the five energies dissipated. As soon as he exited from the spatial tear, the tear mended immediately.

"So this is the Realm Battlefield that was formed from the collision between Realms of Gods?" Duan Ling Tian surveyed his surroundings. It was desolate, and the sky was dark. He saw many hills where bones were piled high up in the air. When he looked down, he saw the soil beneath his feet was stained with some dark liquid that was likely blood. The entire place was eerily silent as well.

Duan Ling Tian's expression was extremely solemn at this moment. He did not let his achievements in the Devata Realms blind him and kept his guard up. Based on the World Cleansing Divine Water, usually, only those who were Kings of Gods or stronger would enter the treacherous Realm Battlefield. In fact, there were not many Kings of Gods who would dare to enter this place. Most of them were Lords of Gods.

"I must find a transportation site as soon as possible so I can leave this place. Sister Water has said that there are many base camps here.. The base camps are safe zones since no one is able to use their Divine Energy or Soul Energy there."

## Chapter 3592: Ye Bei Yuan of the Glorious Heaven Sect!

Apart from that, the base camps in the Realm Battlefield had Transportation Formations that led to the Realms of Gods.

"There are large and small base camps. The large base camps belong to the various Realms of Gods that are only accessible to their respective inhabitants. On the other hand, anyone can enter the small basecamps. The Transportation Formations in the small base camps lead to the Realms of Gods that collided..." Duan Ling Tian repeated the World Cleans Divine Water's words to him.

The World Cleansing Divine Water had also told Duan Ling Tian that he could only rely on himself in the Realm Battlefield. Under no circumstances should he open his Little World as well since it would expose the Five Divine Elements and the Divine Tree of Life. Apart from that, she also reminded him that the Five Divine Elements would be entering a state of slumber to digest the energies of their counterparts.

Apart from the Chao Divine Flame that will be evolving into its ninth form, the other Divine Elements would be evolving to their eighth form. As long as they were not interrupted, the chances of success were very high. It was crucial that they were not disturbed during this time since any disturbance could result in failure.

Duan Ling Tian made up his mind not to interrupt the Five Divine Elements unless it was absolutely necessary. Even if he was faced with a life-or-death situation, if he judged that the Five Divine Elements could not help him, then he would not disturb them. After all, even if he died, his Five Divine Elements would survive and continue with their transformation.

Although his relationship with the Five Divine Elements were mutually beneficial, he treated them with respect. They had helped him many times in the past, and he was grateful to them. Therefore, he really did not want to trouble them without good reason.

#### Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian used his Teleportation Profundity to travel in the Realm Battlefield. He crossed the desolate desert, hiding in the hills, mountains, and forests. Although this way of traveling was not efficient, it was the only way. After all, flying was too conspicuous.

As long as the gods did not deliberately probe their surroundings, they would not be able to sense Duan Ling Tian. However, Duan Ling Tian would not be able to escape notice if they did.

Duan Ling Tian was tense and guarded as he traveled the Realms Battlefield. After all, someone weak like him could be killed in just an instant.

'I hope there'll be a base camp after I cross this desert. I'll be safe as long as I enter the base camp due to the Formation that had been set up by supreme powerhouses.'

Duan Ling Tian traveled without running into any trouble for the first and second day. On the third day, he saw someone fly past him at a terrifyingly fast speed. It was so fast that he had a hard time catching the movement.

'He must be a Lord of God or an extraordinarily strong King of God,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He recalled Wu Hong Qing, the Temple Master of the Title Temple, who was a rudimentary King of God whose speed was significantly slower than the person he had encountered.

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After a month had passed, Duan Ling Tian had yet to come across a base camp. During this time, he had seen about 10 people. He barely caught the movements of the weakest among the ten. As for the strongest ones, he only saw the afterimages they left in their wake. He had never felt more insignificant than he did during the past month. In fact, he suspected that some of those he encountered had sensed him but could not be bothered with him due to how weak he was. In their eyes, he was likely no different from an ant.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had grown mentally exhausted. If he could find a safe place to rest, he felt as though he could just sit quietly and think of nothing for the next two years.

'I hope I'll see a base camp soon...' Duan Ling Tian continued to wander the Realm Battlefield cautiously.

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In just a blink of an eye, another half a month passed.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's expression changed. He could feel the wind stirring as though someone was heading toward him.

In just a blink of an eye, a kind and gentle old man dressed in a green long robe appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. A hint of surprise flashed in his cloudy eyes.

Duan Ling Tian did not catch the old man's movement at all. It was as though the old man had appeared out of thin air in front of him. This alone proved how powerful the old man was. He did not waste time and hurriedly bowed. "Greetings, senior!"

The old man sized Duan Ling Tian up before he said, "How bold of a demigod to enter the Realm Battlefield."

Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly. "Senior, it wasn't my intention to come to the Realm Battlefield. I was unlucky and ran into two experts in the midst of the battle. After that, I was swept into the collision and was caught in a spatial turbulence before ending up in this place..."

In fact, the World Cleansing Divine Water that had come up with this excuse for him

"Spatial turbulence?" The old man narrowed his eyes upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. "You... You ran into two Supreme Gods who were fighting?"

"I think so..." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I heard only Supreme Gods can tear the fabric of space."

The old man shook his head and said, "No wonder I didn't sense your merit token."

Usually, those who entered the Realm Battlefield would be given a token with an aura that corresponded with the Realms of Gods that they came from. Hence, the old man was slightly surprised that Duan Ling Tian did not have a token at all.

Duan Ling Tian bowed again and said respectfully, "Senior, I've been searching for a base camp for a month. Is it possible for you to lead me to a base camp?" Without waiting for the old man to reply, he continued to say solemnly, "If you're willing to help me, I promise never to forget your kindness today! I promise I'll repay it in the future!"

"Duan Ling Tian?" The old man smiled. "That's a nice name. However, how's a demigod going to return the favor of an intermediate Lord of Gods?"

The old man shook his head and said, "Fate has led me to you so I approached you out of curiosity. Come with me. With my speed, it won't take us long to arrive at a base camp."

"Thank you, senior!" Duan Ling Tian was delighted. He felt as though he had come alive again.

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During the journey, Duan Ling Tian asked respectfully, "Senior, may I know your name and which force and Realm of Gods you came from?"

"Young man, do you really intend to repay my kindness?" the old man asked with a kind smile upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's question.

"Senior, please answer me," Duan Ling Tian said sincerely.

"My name is Ye Bei Yuan. I'm an elder of the Glorious Heaven Sect in the Profound Energy Land," the old man said as he shook his head. Then, he asked, "What about you? Are you from the Profound Energy Land as well?"

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian replied, "However, I came from a remote place so I've never heard of the Glorious Heaven Sect. I'm but a frog living at the bottom of a well."

"The Glorious Heaven Sect isn't a huge sect. It's only natural that you've not heard of it," Ye Bei Yuan said with a smile, "What a coincidence that you're also from the Profound Energy Land. It looks like our meeting is fated."

"Indeed." Duan Ling Tian nodded as he committed the old man's information to his memory. He was determined to repay the old man's kindness if possible.

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Two days later.

"We've arrived."

Duan Ling Tian saw various figures moving around in an area shrouded by an almost translucent golden barrier. Many ancient buildings could be seen there as well.

"Ling Tian, farewell," the old man said after sending Duan Ling Tian to the base camp..

## Chapter 3593: The Profound Energy Land, a Realm of Gods

"Thank you, senior." Duan Ling Tian bowed respectfully to Ye Bei Yuan. He would not have been able to arrive at the base safely without the old man. He would never forget Ye Bai Yuan's kindness for the rest of his life.

"I hope we'll meet again in the future," Ye Bei Yuan said with a smile. Then, he turned and left. He could tell Duan Ling Tian was genuinely grateful to him, and he had a good impression of Duan Ling Tian. Nevertheless, he did not take Duan Ling Tian's promise to repay him seriously. Although he and the sect he belonged to were not very influential in the Profound Energy Land, in comparison, Duan Ling Tian, who was just a demigod, was much weaker than him. Hence, he did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to repay him.

Duan Ling Tian watched the old man until the old man vanished from sight. Following that, he surveyed his surroundings and listened to the conversation in his surroundings. His appearance had caught the attention of many since it was rare for a demigod to appear in the Realm Battlefield. Many of them assumed he was only here to watch the show and was under the protection of Ye Bai Yuan who had led him here.

"Rumor has it that an intermediate Emperor of Gods in the Zen Boundary Land died just recently. Apparently, he was killed by an advanced Emperor of Gods from the Ouyang Clan in the Profound Energy Land."

At this moment, a conversation caught Duan Ling Tian and many others' attention.

Duan Ling Tian looked up curiously at the middle-aged man who had just spoken.

'An intermediate Emperor of Gods died?'

Duan Ling Tian's heart skipped a beat. Once again, relief and gratefulness flooded his heart when he thought about Ye Bei Yuan who had sent him safely to the base camp.

At this time, another person said, "An intermediate Emperor of Gods died? There must be enmity between them. The advanced Emperor of Gods didn't seem to care if the intermediate Emperor of Gods he killed was from a prominent force, after all."

"The intermediate Emperor of Gods was a member of the Rotating Wheel Sect in the Zen Boundary Land," the middle-aged man said.

"The Rotating Wheel Sect?"

Realization dawned on the people in the surroundings.

"No wonder!"

"I heard that 400 years ago, a rudimentary Emperor of Gods from the Rotating Wheel Sect killed someone from the Ouyang Clan in the Profound Energy Land. It seems like this is an act of revenge by the Ouyang Clan."

"It seems like the grudge between the Rotating Wheel Sect and the Ouyang Clan isn't going away any time soon."

"It seems like we'll have an interesting show to watch soon."

After listening to the conversation, one of Duan Ling Tian's questions was finally answered. He learned that the Realm Battlefield was created by the collision between the Profound Energy Land and the Zen Boundary Land.

'It seems like I'll have to cultivate in the Profound Energy Land or the Zen Boundary Land over the next 300 years before I can go to the Divine Offering Land,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes gleamed with determination, 'Wait for me, Ke'er! I'll definitely save you after 300 years!'

As Duan Ling Tian walked through the base camp, many people thought about killing him to display their strength. Alas, they were in a base camp where they were prohibited from mobilizing their energies or casting the profundities of the laws they comprehended.

Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian also discovered he could not mobilize his Celestial Origin Energy that carried traces of the Divine Energy in the base camp as well. It felt as though a mysterious force was retraining his Celestial Origin Energy and the laws he had comprehended. He discovered he was unable to cast his Mastery Dao as well.

'A supreme powerhouse is really terrifyingly powerful...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after he discovered the restraints in the base camp.

After asking around, he finally arrived at the transportation site. He could choose to be transported to the Profound Energy Land or the Zen Boundary Land through the Transportation Formation. In the end, he decided to go to the Profound Energy Land where Ye Bei Yuan was from. This was because he was determined to repay Ye Bei Yuan for Ye Bei Yuan's help.

Since the Transportation Formations in the base camps were created supreme powerhouses, there was no need for Duan Ling Tian to use crystals to activate them.

Swoosh!

As soon as he stepped into the Formation, he was instantly shrouded by a mysterious force and was transported out of the Realm Battlefield.

Only the Transportation Formations in the two main base camps would transport one to a known destination in the Realms of Gods of their choosing. On the contrary, the Transportation Formations in the smaller base camps would transport one to a random destination in the Realm of Gods of one's choosing. Hence, there was a risk that one would be transported to a place close to a dangerous Formation or to the territories of some forces. In the Realms of Gods, there were many instances where people were immediately killed for trespassing into the territories of those forces.

#### Swoosh!

After the darkness receded, Duan Ling Tian discovered he was now in a forest. He flew into the air and surveyed his surroundings. He discovered he was above a vast mountain range, and there were no human activities in his surroundings. Following that, he tried to sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings. As expected, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Profound Energy Land was similar to the one in his Little World. Naturally, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here was richer than the one in his Little World since his came from the remnant of a Realm of Gods. In places with divine crystal veins, divine crystals, or divine rocks, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was even richer.

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian searched the remnant of the Realm of God he encountered, he had encountered a divine crystal vein. Unfortunately, the crystal vein had been destroyed when the Realm of Gods was destroyed. However, even if the divine crystal vein were still working, he would not be able to mine divine crystals or divine rocks from it. One must be a god at least to mine divine rocks, and one had to be a rudimentary King of Gods to mine divine crystals.

In the past, Huan'er had given Duan Ling Tian a divine crystal.

Due to the environment, divine crystals were rarely found in Devata Realms. It took a long time for just one divine crystal to form in a Devata Realm.

Needless to say, divine crystals were superior to divine rocks. One divine crystal was equivalent to 100 divine rocks.

In Realms of Gods, the divine rock veins were rather common. Even then, most of the superior veins were occupied by powerful forces. As for divine crystal veins, the smaller ones were occupied by powerful forces while the larger ones were occupied by incredibly prominent and influential forces.

Duan Ling Tian had learned all this from the World Cleansing Divine Water before he came to the Realm of Gods.

"The divine rock and the divine crystals will help my cultivation. It's unfortunate that I didn't find any divine rocks and divine crystals when I searched the remnant of a Realm of Gods. It must have been destroyed along with most things when the Realm of Gods was destroyed."

Duan Ling Tian did not possess any divine rocks or divine crystals. Even the divine crystal Huan'er had given him was no longer functioning since its energy had been depleted.

"I need to look for a place to settle down in the Profound Energy Land before I start searching for divine rocks or divine crystals to help my cultivation. Sister Water has also said there are many Divine Fruits and Divine Pills in the Realms of Gods that'll boost my cultivation and strength. There are even Divine Pills that would help a demigod become a god immediately..." Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as his eyes shone with anticipation.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian randomly traveled in a direction and left the mountain range.

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After half a month, Duan Ling Tian finally ran into two people. His eyes lit up as he followed the two people in hopes that they would lead him to a city or town.. With that, he would be able to learn more about his surroundings and begin his cultivation journey in the Profound Energy Land.

#### Chapter 3594: The Duan Clan Village

Realms of Gods were not as vast as Devata Realms. However, there were fewer uninhabited and deserted lands in the Realms of Gods compared to Devata Realms.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was at one of the uninhabited lands in the east of the Profound Energy Land that was known as the Eastern Ridge. Lush green trees grew all over the mountain range in the Eastern Ridge.

Duan Ling Tian followed the two people before he finally arrived at a village near the Eastern Ridge that was located in the mountain. Although the scenery was beautiful, the path leading to the village was fraught with danger.

Meanwhile, the two people were completely unaware that Duan Ling Tian was following that. After probing the two people with his Divine Consciousness, he discovered the reason for that. One of them, a middle-aged man, was just a Three Talents Celestial Emperor while the other person, a young man, was just a One Basic Celestial Emperor. Since their cultivation bases were much lower than Duan Ling Tian's, how could they have detected his presence?

'The Duan Clan Village?!'

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised when he saw a six-meter-tall stone with the words 'Duan Clan Village' engraved on it. He felt that he was fated to come to this place. After all, the first human settlement he encountered after coming to the Profound Energy Land was a village called the Duan Clan Sect. Based on the name of the village, the villagers here must bear the surname Duan as well.

When the two men Duan Ling Tian was following were about to enter the village, a figure suddenly flew out of the village. The figure's eyes were trained on Duan Ling Tian as soon as he flew out.

In fact, before the figure showed up, Duan Ling Tian had already sensed the Divine Consciousness of a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor probing him.

The figure belonged to a skinny old man who was dressed in a light grey long robe. Wrinkles that spoke of the years he had lived were etched on his face. At this moment, the old man was looking at Duan Ling Tian fearfully.

When the middle-aged man and the young man saw the old man, they were surprised.

"Grandpa Qing? Why are you here?"

The old man was Duan Qing, the head of the Duan Clan Village. He was one of the four strongest powerhouses in the village and a guardian of the village.

Duan Qing replied, "I'm here to welcome a guest."

The middle-aged man and the young man followed the direction of Duan Qing's gaze, and their eyes widened when they saw a handsome purple-clad young man with an extraordinary bearing following them. They did not have the slightest idea they were being followed until now. This meant that the purple-clad young man was much stronger than them.

"W-When did you start following us?" The young man looked at Duan Ling Tian fearfully.

On the other hand, the middle-aged man did not say a word, but he was clearly hostile toward Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "I didn't come with ill intentions. I came here by accident. Is this the Zen Boundary Land?"

"The Zen Boundary Land?" Duan Qing raised his eyebrows. "This is the Profound Energy Land. Are you from the Zen Boundary Land?"

Although Duan Qing was from a small village in the Profound Energy Land, he naturally knew about the Zen Boundary Land. He was also aware that the Realm Battlefield that opened this time was formed from the collision of the Profound Energy Land and the Zen Boundary Land.

A bitter smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face as he said, "I

Although Duan Qing came from a bottom background in the Profound Energy Land, he had heard of the Zen Boundary Land and knew the Realm Battlefield was created by the collision between the two realms.

"Profound Energy Land?" Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly, "I never expected the spatial tear created by the battle between the two powerhouses would send me to the Profound Energy Land... With my cultivation level, I wonder when I will be able to return to the Zen Boundary Land..."

Duan Ling Tian tweaked the lie he had told Ye Bei Yuan earlier and repeated it to Duan Qing. He naturally could not disclose the fact that he was from a Devata Realm to avoid trouble. No one would suspect him if he told them he was sent here as the result of a violent battle between two powerhouses.

"Spatial tear?" Duan Qing inhaled sharply. "Based on the ancient books I've read, only Supreme Gods would be able to create spatial tears!"

"Supreme Gods?" The middle-aged man and the young man were shocked by Duan Qing's words. After all, Supreme Gods were standing at the peak in the Realms of Gods. They were only second to supreme powerhouses.

"I lost consciousness when I was pulled into the spatial tear. When I woke up, I was in a mountain range. I wandered for days, but I didn't see a single soul. When I finally saw both of them, I decided to follow them," Duan Ling Tian explained.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Duan Qing's expression eased considerably. "So that's what happened. What are your plans then? It seems like it'll be difficult for you to return to the Zen Boundary Land for now..."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Indeed, it's difficult. When the Realm Battlefield was formed, not only did the passages from the Realms of Gods to the Devata Realms close, but even the passages between Realms

of Gods are closed. There's only one way for me to return to the Zen Boundary Land now; I can return through the Realm Battlefield. However, my cultivation base is too low for me to risk entering the Realm Battlefield. It's highly likely that I'll die if I enter the Realm Battlefield before I even return to the Zen Boundary Land."

Duan Qing lowered his guard after he listened to Duan Ling Tian's explanation. Moreover, he knew Duan Ling Tian was just a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor so Duan Ling Tian did not pose a threat to their village at all. Apart from that, there was an advanced god from the village who had cast a Formation to protect the village in the past. The Formation could injure a rudimentary god and kill those who had yet to attain godhood.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say with a smile on his face. "It's a coincidence that we share the same surname. My name's Duan Ling Tian!"

Duan Qing's eyes lit up upon hearing these words. "What a coincidence! Since you have no place to go, why don't you stay with us for now while you plan your next step?"

"That'd be great! I'd love that! Thank you," Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes lit up. He thanked Duan Qing earnestly. After all, he truly needed a place to settle down while he learned more about this new place and come up with a plan.

'I have to raise my cultivation base quickly and come up with a plan,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He was desperate to get as strong as possible. He would not have a problem comprehending the law of space since he had the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity, but he would have to rely on himself to further comprehend the Mastery Dao and the Sword Dao.

"Brother Duan, you're being too courteous." Duan Qing shook his head with a smile on his face.

As Duan Qing led Duan Ling Tian into the village, he introduced the middle-aged man and young man as Duan Chi Wen and Duan Lang respectively.

"The Duan Clan Village is divided into four smaller villages: the eastern village, the western village, the southern village, and the northern village. Apart from being the third Village Head of the Duan Clan Sect, I'm also the head of the Northern Village," Duan Qi said to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Qing also told him that the main entrance of the Duan Clan Village?was also the entrance to the southern village in the Duan Clan Village. The Duan Clan Village had another three entrances that lead to the northern village, eastern village, and the western village respectively.

After entering the northern village, Duan Ling Tian saw a vast land. Before he entered, he only saw a few buildings. They were clearly just illusions. He saw many people gathered as soon as he entered the northern village. Some were sparring and some were chatting. There were kids playing among themselves as well.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian and Duan Qing appeared, the villagers greeted Duan Qing enthusiastically.

"Grandpa Qing."

"Uncle Qing!"

"Senior Uncle Qing."

Based on this, one could see Duan Qing was highly respected in the Duan Clan Village.

At this time, a middle-aged man looked at Duan Lang who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian and said teasingly, "Duan Lang, you're finally home! Your father would've broken your leg if you didn't return. You didn't forget about your marriage with the daughter of the second Village Head of the Tie Clan Sect, right?"

Duan Lang scratched his head, embarrassed, as he said, "I wanted to return after I broke through and become a Celestial Emperor. With that, I'll be able to leave a better impression on the Tie Clan Village.."

## Chapter 3595: Duan Ling Tian's Impending Departure

Although the Duan Clan Village was just a small village, they had many Celestial Emperors. In fact, Celestial Lords and Celestial Kings were common in the village. Even the children's constitutions were that of a celestial.

Duan Ling Tian indirectly asked around and learned that children in the Realms of Gods were born celestials. In fact, pregnant mothers had to suppress their babies' powers while the babies were still in gestation to avoid injuring both the mothers and the babies. He had to ask in a roundabout manner since it would be strange for him to not know such things when he had told them he came from the Zen Boundary Land.

"The members of the Duan Clan have been living in the mountains for generations. We earn divine rocks to help with our cultivation through farming Celestial herbs and fruits."

"After attaining godhood, the villagers will venture down the mountain to cultivate and gain experience. However, they're prohibited from sharing their cultivation method with outsiders. They have to take the Heart Demon Blood Oath before they are taught their cultivation methods. Since this oath was created by a supreme powerhouse, even Supreme Gods wouldn't be able to break the oath without repercussions."

"In fact, this practice isn't just limited to the village. Many forces make their members take the Heart Demon Blood Oath as well. The supreme powerhouse can sense when the oath is broken and will send his men to deal with the oath breakers."

"Everyone in the Realms of Gods will have to take the Heart Demon Blood Oath, leaving a mark on them. The mark is indelible until they become a supreme powerhouse."

During his stay in the Duan Clan Village, he did not only learn about the Duan Clan Village but Realms of Gods in general as well.

The Heart Demon Blood Oath was similar to the Lightning Penalty Oath in the mundane realm. Surprisingly, the Heart Demon Blood Oath could be considered inferior to the latter since the latter would attract the lightning as punishment if they broke their oath. On the other hand, if one broke the Heart Demon Blood Oath, the supreme powerhouse would have to personally send his men to deal with the oath breakers. If the oath breaker was a Supreme God, the supreme powerhouse would even personally make a move. Hence, everyone, unless they were supreme powerhouses, was afraid of breaking the Heart Demon Blood Oath. "The Realms of Gods were created by supreme powerhouses. In fact, to supreme powerhouses, Realms of Gods are almost the same as Little Worlds. In fact, there's a possibility that the Realms of Gods had evolved from supreme powerhouses' Little Worlds."

This was told to Duan Ling Tian by the World Cleansing Divine Water. However, the World Cleansing Divine Water had said this was its own conjecture.

'How unexpected... Even a small village in a Realm of Gods has so many Celestial Emperors and even produced a god!' Duan Ling Tian was still shocked that even a small village in a Realm of Gods was so powerful. Something like this was unimaginable in the Devata Realms. He had to constantly remind himself that he was now in a Realm of God, which was completely different from Devata Realms.

'Master taught me a cultivation method previously. I'll be able to become a Supreme God if my innate talent is high and my comprehension of the law is profound...'

After arriving in the Profound Energy Land, he realized the importance of cultivation methods in the Realms of Gods. Low-grade cultivation methods that could help one attain godhood were incredibly precious in Devata Realms, and yet, they were readily available even in such a small village like the Duan Clan Village. To obtain higher grades cultivation methods, they would need to spend divine rocks to obtain them so many of them could not afford to obtain them.

Most forces in the Realms of Gods possessed mostly mid-grade cultivation methods while only powerful forces would possess high-grade cultivation methods.

There were two ways for most people to become Supreme Gods. They either had connections to supreme powerhouses and inherited the supreme powerhouses' cultivation methods or they had to rely on their own innate talent and comprehension skills. It was not necessary to cultivate supreme cultivation methods to become Supreme Gods, but it would make the process easier.

"A primitive divine artifact without a soul is considered a luxury to the villagers in the Duan Clan Village. It'd cost them a fortune to obtain one. Despite being around for such a long time, the village only had one divine artifact that's kept by the first Leader of the Duan Clan Village."

The first Leader of the Duan Clan Village was also the head of the Eastern Village. He was a mysterious figure in the village since it had been a long time since anyone had seen him. The matters regarding the Eastern Village were delegated to his subordinates, and nobody knew if he was still in the village. Most of the villagers suspected he had already attained godhood.

"There are many villages like the Duan Clan Sect here. The nearest village is the Tie Clan Village. Apart from the Duan Clan Village and the Tie Clan Village, there were at least a dozen similar villages in the mountain range."

Duan Ling Tian did not spend all his time cultivating since he was curious about this new place. He wanted to see how he could utilize his time here. After all, he only had 300 years left to cultivate. After 300 years, regardless of his cultivation base, he was determined to head to the Divine Offering Land to save his wife, Ke'er.

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In just a blink of an eye, a month had passed since Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Duan Clan Village. He had gained a lot of information during his stay here. At this time, he planned to leave the Duan Clan Village for the nearest city. Those from the village who wanted to cultivate cultivation methods to attain godhood could only obtain them from that city. The strongest force in that city had many rudimentary gods.

Duan Ling Tian planned to leave after Duan Lang's wedding ceremony.

Duan Lang was one of the two men he had followed to the Duan Clan Village a month ago. The head of the southern village, Duan Qing, had asked Duan Lang to help Duan Ling Tian settle down in the village back then. For that reason, the duo grew closer and got along very well. It was only natural that Duan Lang invited Duan Ling Tian to attend his wedding. Duan Ling Tian gladly accepted the invitation and delayed his plan to leave the village.

Duan Ling Tian also decided to give Duan Lang a Celestial Emperor Grade Weapon as his wedding gift. Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons were rare in small villages like the Duan Clan Village; there were less than 10 Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons in the Duan Clan Village. There was only Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a spirit, and it was in Duan Qing's possession.

Duan Ling Tian planned to give Duan Lang an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon without a spirit even though he possessed several ones with weapon spirits from the Nine Stars Gods of War he killed during his time in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. However, he knew if he had given Duan Lang such a weapon, it would only bring disaster to Duan Lang.

The village was bustling with activities early in the morning the day before Duan Lang's wedding.

When Duan Ling Tian left his house, he saw the village had been fully decorated. Children were chasing each other; the sound of their laughter permeated the air. On the other hand, the adults were busy helping Duan Lang prepare for his wedding so the children were able to play without restraint.

The wedding ceremony would be held in the Duan Clan Village since the Tie Clan would send the bride over to their village.

Duan Ling Tian walked toward Duan Lang who was at the southern entrance of the village and handed him a spatial that contained the wedding gift to Duan Lang. He said with a smile, "Congratulations, Duan Lang. This is your wedding gift."

Duan Lang shook his head and said, "Brother Ling Tian, I can't accept this gift. I'm happy enough that you're attending my wedding ceremony."

Duan Lang knew Duan Ling Tian would be leaving soon since Duan Ling Tian had mentioned this matter to him.

Upon hearing these words, Duan Qing, the head of the southern village, asked, "Ling Tian, you're leaving?"

Duan Qing was present as well. After all, the bride was the daughter of the second Leader of the Tie Clan Village. He naturally had to be present to receive the bride as a show of respect.

Duan Ling Tian smiled and nodded. "I plan to leave after Duan Lang's wedding ceremony. Thank you for looking after me all this time. I'll never forget your kindness and will return the favor in the future."

"Brother Ling Tian, you're being too courteous." Duan Qing shook his head. "It's not a big deal at all. Moreover, you've been helping us hunt beasts during the past month. Without you, our clan would have suffered a great loss during the previous hunt."

10 days ago, the villagers in the Duan Clan Village encountered a beast with the strength of a Celestial Emperor. If Duan Ling Tian was not around, the villagers would have suffered a huge loss, and they would have needed to call for reinforcement to deal with the beast. Moreover, it was likely many of them would have been killed while they waited for reinforcement to arrive. Fortunately, Duan Ling Tian was around and had defeated the beast with just a punch..

## Chapter 3596: A Sudden Twist

The beast Duan Ling Tian and the villagers of the Duan Clan Village encountered was a demon beast. Ordinarily, beasts that were not Celestial Beasts and Divine Beasts were known as demon beasts. Most Celestial Beasts and the Divine Beasts in Realms of Gods were all intelligent and possessed human forms. Those without intelligence and did not possess human forms were considered demon beasts. Despite their lack of intelligence and human forms, they were rather strong.

Duan Ling Tian learned about this from the World Cleansing Divine Water. The World Cleansing Divine Water had also voiced her suspicion that it was the supreme powerhouses who had set the demon beasts loose in the Realms of Gods to maintain the ecological balance.

There were rumors the strongest demon beasts were as strong as Emperors of Gods and Supreme Gods. However, for the demon beasts to be so strong, they were likely to possess a certain level of intelligence. Once these demon beasts grew strong enough, they would eventually obtain human forms.

When Duan Ling Tian recalled the possibility of Realms of Gods evolving from supreme powerhouses' Little Worlds and how they set demon beasts free in the Realms of Gods to maintain the ecological balance, it finally dawned on him how terrifying strong supreme powerhouses were. The Realms of Gods' strongest inhabitants were Supreme Gods, and even their weakest inhabitants were celestials, and yet, these powerhouses were merely inhabitants of the supreme powerhouses' Little Worlds.

When Duan Ling Tian thought about his Little World that contained the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy and Divine Tree of Life from the remnant of a Realm of Gods, he could not help but think about the vast difference between his Little World and the supreme powerhouses' Little Words.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Duan Qing, who was clearly reluctant to part with him, and said, "All good things must come to an end. Moreover, I might have to return to the village if things don't work out for me."

Duan Qing said sincerely, "Ling Tian, the village will always welcome you with open arms. Alas, I'm certain you won't be returning to the village once you leave..."

Although Duan Qing had never fought with Duan Ling Tian nor did he witness Duan Ling Tian fighting, based on the other villagers' descriptions about how Duan Ling Tian killed the demon beast, he knew

Duan Ling Tian was rather strong. It would be easy for him to join a force in the city. He knew it would be a waste of Duan Ling Tian's talent to stay in the village.

At this moment, a loud voice rang from outside the village.

"The people from the Tie Clan Village are here!"

Everyone looked at the entrance of the village in unison.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the entrance before he placed the spatial ring in Duan Lang's hands and said, "Duan Lang, if you consider me your friend, you'll accept this gift."

"Brother Ling Tian..." Duan Lang smiled wryly and accepted the wedding ring. "After the wedding ceremony, let's have a drink before you leave."

"I'm afraid you'll be distracted after the wedding ceremony," Duan Ling Tian said with a meaningful smile.

"Brother Ling Tian, I'm not someone who would forsake friends for women," Duan Lang said.

Duan Ling Tian only shook his head and smiled before he said, "The bride is here."

The bride's entourage were all dressed in red robes, and they carried a sedan chair.

Duan Ling Tian was reminded of the marriage custom during ancient times on earth where he used to live.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly realized something was amiss. The people of the Duan Clan Village, including Duan Qing and Duan Lang, were all frowning.

"What's going on?"

"Isn't he Tie Heng, the Fourth Leader of the Tie Clan Village?"

"Why is Tie Heng here? Did he come on behalf of the second leader?"

"That doesn't make sense. Even if the Second Leader of the Tie Clan Village can't make it, he should've sent someone from his family branch as a representative. Why would the Fourth Leader come in his place?"

Upon hearing the hushed conversation in his surroundings, Duan Ling Tian learned of the reason behind the villagers' frowns.

Despite bearing the same surname and sharing the same blood, there were different branches of the family in the Tie Clan Village. The degree of their relations varied. This was similar to the Duan Clan Village. For example, Duan Qing, one of the Leaders of the Duan Clan Village, was from a different branch of the family from the other Leader of the Duan Clan Village.

Apart from that, in the villages, most branches of the family rarely interfered with each other's affairs and would only unite when faced with outside threats.

'With how things work around here, the Second Leader of the Tie Clan Village or members from his branch of the family should be here. There's no reason for the Fourth Leader of the Tie Clan Village to be here...'

At this moment, Duan Qing asked with a frown, "Tie Heng, why are you here?"

Tie Heng was a middle-aged man with a full beard. He was tall and muscular and was dressed in a fine robe. All in all, he had the appearance of a wealthy man. He toyed with two jade balls in his hand as he said, "Leader Duan Qing, from today onward, the fourth branch of the Tie Clan and the southern village of the Duan Clan Village will be a family. My daughter will be marrying the prodigy of your southern village, Duan Lang. Please look after my daughter in the future."

Duan Lang was the strongest among the younger generation in the Duan Clan Village. He had become a One Basic Celestial Emperor before reaching 3,000 years old. In the Realms of Gods, those below the age of 1,000 were like children while those between the ages of 1,000 and 3,000 were considered youths.

"Daughter, come forward and greet Leader Duan Qing," Tie Heng said.

Duan Qing's frown deepened upon hearing Tie Heng's words. Anger burned in his heart at this moment when he recalled what he had heard about Tie Heng's only daughter. Clearly, the Tie Clan Village thought the Duan Clan Village was a pushover for boldly switching the brides without asking for the Duan Clan Village's opinion.

"Yes, father."

After a hoarse voice rang in the air, under everyone's watchful eyes, the sedan shook as a gigantic and muscular woman disembarked from the sedan. It felt as though the ground trembled with every step she took as she walked to Tie Heng's side. She bowed at Duan Qing and said with a smile, "Tie Lan Yu greets Leader Duan Qing."

When Tian Lan Yu smiled, her features looked as though they were squeezed together.

At this time, the flustered Duan Lang finally regained his senses. He cried out, "No, I'm not marrying you! I won't marry anyone except for Tie Yu!"

"What did you say, brat?!" Tie Heng growled.

Although Duan Lang was intimidated by Tie Heng, he firmly said, "Leader Tie Heng, I'll say it again. I won't marry anyone but Tie Yu today."

Tie Lan Yu narrowed her eyes and scoffed. She raised her head arrogantly and said in a disdainful tone, "Hey, do you think I'm eager to marry you? Do you think you're better than me? Whatever the reason is, there's nothing you can do."

At this time, Tie Heng moved to Duan Qing's side and said something in a low voice.

Duan Qing's expression changed drastically, and his face turned pale when he heard Tie Heng's words. His body trembled slightly as he called out, "Duan Lang..." Then, Duan Qing continued to say solemnly, "Restrain yourself. I'll look for your father now and ask for his opinion."

Before Duan Lang could respond, Duan Qing had already left to look for Duan Lang's father.

Duan Lang was stunned. He did not think it was necessary to ask for his father's opinion. After all, in his opinion, no one would be able to force him into this marriage.

'It seems like something's wrong...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He had noticed how Duan Qing's expression had changed when Tie Heng had spoken to Duan Qing.. He was curious about what Tie Heng had said to cause Duan Qing's expression to change so drastically.

## Chapter 3597: Duan Lang's Death

Duan Lang's father, Duan Yi Dao, was the strongest person after Duan Qing in the southern village of the Duan Clan Village. He was also the most suitable candidate to be the next head of the southern village. For that reason, Duan Qing had also acknowledged Duan Yi Dao as his successor.

During his time in the Duan Clan Village, Duan Ling Tian had also met Duan Yi Dao once due to his good relationship with Duan Lang. Duan Ling Tian found Duan Yi Dao to be a frank and direct man, which contributed to his popularity in the village.

Since today was Duan Lang's wedding day, according to traditions, Duan Yi Dao did not need to come out to receive the bridal party. All he needed to do was wait at home for the couple to pay respect to him.

This day was supposed to be a joyful day for Duan Yi Dao whose only son was getting married. Perhaps, fathers would only stop seeing their sons or daughters as children when their children get married.

"Yi Dao is here!"

"His expression doesn't look too good!"

Duan Ling Tian looked up when he heard the conversation in his surroundings. He saw a dour-faced Duan Yi Dao walking over with Duan Qing. The current Duan Yi Dao was a very different man from the Duan Yi Dao whom Duan Ling Tian met previously. When he first met Duan Yi Dao, Duan Yi Dao was very friendly and always had an amiable smile on his face. Duan Yi Dao seemed like an optimistic person, and it felt as though nothing would be able to wipe the smile off his face. Duan Yi Dao was not only like that when Duan Ling Tian met him. In fact, he was like that all the time.

Hence, it made people feel rather uneasy now that the always-smiling Duan Yi Dao was frowning. Based on this, something serious must have happened. It was clear that Duan Qing had told him something.

"Father," Duan Lang called out. His eyes lit up as soon as he saw Duan Yi Dao; it was as though he had just seen his savior. He hurriedly stepped forward and said, "The Tie Clan Village has crossed a line this time!! It has been agreed upon that I'll be marrying Tie Yu, the daughter of Tie Xiong, the Second Leader of the Tie Clan Village. However, Tie Heng came with his daughter today without asking for our opinion and insisted that I marry his daughter! This is a blatant disrespect toward the Duan Clan Village!"

Duan Lang's expression turned even more unsightly as he spoke.

On the other hand, Duan Yi Dao's expression eased slightly when he saw his son. However, he could not conceal the hints of helplessness and despair that shone in his eyes as he said, "Lang'er, don't be silly. The person you're marrying today is Tie Lan Yu, the daughter of Tie Heng, not Tie Yu. Since I was the one who agreed to the marriage, how can there be any mistake? Now, don't talk nonsense. Apologize to the fourth Leader of the Tie Clan Village before we continue with the wedding ceremony."

When Duan Yi Dao finished speaking, not only was Duan Lang stunned, but everyone from the Duan Clan Village was stunned as well. Their eyes widened in shock and disbelief.

"What's going on? Hasn't it been said that Duan Lang's supposed to marry Tie Yu? How did it become Tie Lan Yu?"

"Impossible!"

"However, Brother Yi Dao has already spoken so there should be no mistake. Perhaps, we'd heard wrongly before this?"

"What the hell is going on? It's clear that Brother Yi Dao is only saying these words after Leader Duan spoke to him...."

"Didn't you see Brother Yi Dao's expression earlier? He's clearly upset!"

"I'm afraid things are going to get complicated..."

Everyone began to discuss among themselves in hushed voices after they heard Duan Yi Dao's words. Almost everyone agreed that there was more to this incident.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Tie Heng and his daughter, Tie Lan Yu. The father and daughter were both sneering as they looked at Duan Lang with barely concealed contempt shining in their eyes.

"Father, you... What are you talking about? How can I forget who I'm supposed to marry?" Duan Lang shook his head vehemently when he regained his senses. His face flushed red as he said, "I only agreed to the marriage because of Tie Yu. I won't marry Tie Lan Yu. The person I want to marry isn't Tie Lan Yu!"

Duan Lang's voice grew increasingly loud.

Before Duan Yi Dao could respond to Duan Lang, a burst of laughter rang in the air.

Tie Lan Yu placed her hands on her hips and said arrogantly, "Duan Lang, even if you're unwilling, you have to marry me today. You have no choice!"

"Indeed, the person who was previously betrothed to you was Tie Yu. However, you're going to marry now." The grin on Tie Lan Yu's face grew wider and wider as she spoke. "Naturally, you can refuse. However, if you refuse, not only will you die, but you'll cause the deaths of the people in the Duan Clan Village as well."

"I won't marry you no matter what!" Duan Lang said through gritted teeth.

Duan Yi Dao spoke up at this moment. He said in a tone that brooked no argument, "Lang'er, you must marry her. Have you forgotten things I taught you as a child? Have you forgotten that the wellbeing of the village takes precedence over personal interests?"

Duan Lang asked grimly, "Why, father?"

This was the first time Duan Lang had spoken to his father with such a tone. If he had to sacrifice his happiness, he was determined to find out why. He could tell his father was hiding something from him based on his father's expression. After listening to his father's words, he grew even more certain of his suspicion. He wanted to know the truth. After all, he knew what kind of person his father was. His father was not the kind to give up without the fight even if the four Leaders of the Tie Clan Village were present.

Duan Yi Dao knew he had no choice but to explain the matter to his son. Otherwise, his son would not give up. Hence, he moved to stand next to his son before he whispered into his son's ears.

Upon hearing Duan Yi Dao's face, the grim expression on Duan Lang's face vanished. Instead, his body began to tremble as he laughed. His laughter contained a hint of sorrow. "So this is the reason... I finally know the truth..."

'Hmm?' Duan Ling Tian frowned. Clearly, Duan Yi Dao had repeated Tie Heng's words to Duan Qing.

After Duan Lang stopped laughing, he turned around before he walked toward Tie Heng and Tie Lan Yu under everyone's watchful eyes.

"What's wrong with Duan Lang?"

"He's acting strange ... "

"What did Brother Yi Dao tell Duan Lang?"

When Duan Lang came to a stop before Tie Heng and Tie Lan Yu, he calmly asked, "Do you really think that I'll compromise and do as you wish?"

Before Tie Heng could reply, Tie Lan Yu snorted and said in a voice that grew increasingly disdainful, "Your father has already told you about it, right? What? You refuse to compromise? Do you really dare to do so? That person isn't someone you or the Duan Clan Village can afford to offend. Even if the entire Duan Clan Village joins forces, they still won't be a match for that person."

The others were confused.

Duan Ling Tian frowned again upon hearing Tie Lan Yu's words. Based on her words, it was clear to him that someone was pulling the strings from behind the scenes. Moreover, that person was so strong that the southern village and the entire Duan Clan Village could not afford to offend that person.

"I'd rather die with honor than live in disgrace! I won't let anyone control me or dictate my actions!" Duan Lang said determinedly. As everyone watched, Duan Lang suddenly raised his hand. As soon as his voice fell, a formidable purple energy that was flashing with lightning bolts swiftly began to swiftly cover him.

'D\*mn it!' Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically as he hurriedly cast the law of space's Teleportation Foundation.

At the same time, Duan Yi Dao cried out, "No, Lang'er!"

At the same time, Duan Yi Dao seemed to have turned into a ball of flames as he shot toward his son.

Alas, when Duan Ling Tian and Duan Yi Dao appeared next to Duan Lang, the purple energy had completely shrouded Duan Lang.

Duan Lang's body trembled as the lightning energy continued to shroud him. He spat out a mouthful of blood that stained his father's robe red.

The blood even splashed on Tie Heng and Tie Lan Yu who were standing nearby.

Duan Ling Tian stared at the pool of blood on the ground with a grim expression on his face. For a long time, he could not look away. He could believe Duan Lang had taken his own life so decisively.

Needless to say, the villagers from the Duan Clan Village were shocked and dumbfounded as well.

Duan Qing, the Leader of the Duan Clan Village, looked remorseful as though he was regretting his decisions.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at Duan Yi Dao and asked in a deep voice, "Why? Even a tigress wouldn't harm its cubs. What did you say to Duan Lang?"

Although Duan Ling Tian knew deep in his heart that it was not Duan Yi Dao's intention to harm his son, he could not help blaming Duan Yi Dao for Duan Lang's death. After all, Duan Lang had made such a drastic choice after listening to Duan Yi Dao's words.

Duan Yi Dao, who had fallen into despair, did not seem to hear Duan Ling Tian's words at this moment. He looked at the blood on the ground as he screamed, "Lang'er! Lang'er! It's all my fault! I shouldn't have said that to you! It's all my fault! I've failed you! I'm useless!"

Everyone, including Tie Heng and Tie Lan Yu, was still in shock.

When Tie Heng returned to his senses, he said grimly to Tie Lan Yu who was standing next to him, "Let's return. He's dead now so there's no way for this wedding to proceed."

Everyone from the Duan Clan Village moved to surround the father and daughter immediately. All of them glared at the father and daughter duo. After all, the duo was the cause of Duan Lang's death.

#### Chapter 3598: The Second Young Master of the Qian Family

The eyes of the people from the Duan Clan Village burned with fury as they surrounded those from the Tie Clan Village. Although they were unaware of the details, they knew the people from the Tie Clan Village were responsible for Duan Lang's death. The villagers of the Duan Clan Village had watched Duan

Lang grow up; it was only natural they were saddened and furious by his death. It was not only Duan Yi Dao, Duan Lang's father, who had high expectations for Duan Lang, but everyone from the village had high hopes for Duan Lang. After all, in the history of the village, those with Duan Lang's talents had all become gods without fail. With a god in their village, not only would their village grow famous, but it would also pave the way for the southern village of the Duan Clan Village to branch out on their own from the Duan Clan Village. With that, they would be able to gain a foothold in the cities. It was the dream of every villager from the southern village to leave the mountains. For this reason, every time they saw Duan Lang, it was as though they were seeing their hope.

"What are you doing?" Tie Heng shook his head when he saw the people from the southern village of the Duan Clan Village surrounding him and the others from Tie Clan Village.

Meanwhile, Tie Lan Yu said angrily, "Do you really think we're responsible for Duan Lang's death? Do you think I really wanted to marry someone like him? Ridiculous!"

As soon as Tie Lan Yu finished speaking, one of the villagers from the southern village asked in a deep voice, "Why did Duan Lang commit suicide? You know the reason, right?"

The people from the southern village knew that Tie Heng and the others held the answer to their question.

"If you want to know the answer, you should ask the head of your village?" Tie Heng calmly replied, "This matter has nothing to do with me or the Tie Clan Village. In fact, we're also victims of this incident."

Before the villagers from the southern village could speak up, Tie Heng turned to Duan Qing, the head of the southern village, and called out, "Leader Duan Qing."

Duan Qing, who had recovered from the shock, frowned when he heard Tie Heng's voice and saw the villagers surrounding Tie Heng. He immediately rebuked them, "Stop this immediately! Let Leader Tie Heng and his people leave!"

Upon hearing Duan Qing's words, the villagers looked at him with eyes brimming with reluctance. Most of them retreated, but a small number of them did not move. One of them said resentfully, "Leader, they killed Duan Lang!"

Duan Qing sighed before he said, "Duan Lang's death has nothing to do with them."

"Did you hear that? Duan Lang's death has nothing to do with us," Tie Lan Yu said with a sneer on her face.

Following that, Tie Heng and the others left without looking back. Due to Duan Qing's words, no one stopped them from leaving.

"Leader!"

"Leader, why are you sure Duan Lang's death has nothing to do with them? They drove Duan Lang into a corner and left him with no choice but to commit suicide!"

"Leader, you must give us an explanation regarding this matter."

The villagers looked at Duan Qing resentfully as they demanded an explanation from him.

"Alright. I'll give everyone an explanation," Duan Qing said as he nodded. Then, he inhaled deeply before he said in a deep voice, "Earlier, Tie Heng told me that Qian Fei, the second Young Master from the Qian family in Descent Mountain City, fell in love with Tie Yu when she went to the city recently. Following that, he brought a powerful god with him to the second branch of the Tie Clan Village to propose marriage. The Tie family's second branch was naturally eager to ally themselves with the Qian family. They didn't even care if Tie Yu would only be a concubine. Hence, they didn't hesitate to agree to the proposal immediately. However, when Second Young Master Qian heard about Tie Yu's previous engagement with Duan Lang, he had sneered and insisted that the Tie Clan Village send the most wicked woman in their village to marry Duan Lang. At that time, someone from the second branch mentioned the fourth branch's Tie Lan Yu. Subsequently, Second Young Master Qian led the powerful god with him to the fourth branch and ordered Tie Heng to marry his daughter off to Duan Lang. Second Young Master Qian even threatened to destroy the Tie Clan Village and the Duan Clan Village if they disobeyed him."

Duan Qing's expression was incredibly dark after he finished speaking.

Upon hearing Duan Qing's words, the villagers were infuriated.

"Second Young Master Qian is too much!"

Duan Qing sighed and said, "Duan Lang committed suicide because he didn't want his life to be under another person's control. Apart from that, he didn't want to implicate the Duan Clan Village as well..."

Based on Qian Fei's words to the Tie Clan Village, it was obvious he would not be satisfied unless Duan Lang died or married Tie Lan Yu. If Duan Lang ran away, Qian Fei would definitely vent his anger on the Duan Clan Village.

The villagers of the southern village were filled with grief, helplessness, and indignation.

"Second Young Master Qian has a high status and has the protection of powerful gods. Why does he have to make things difficult for us mountain villagers?"

"This is too much! He's too unreasonable!"

"How unfair! This is too unfair!"

Meanwhile, similar to the other villagers, Duan Ling Tian finally realized why Duan Lang had committed suicide after listening to Duan Yi Dao's words. Although he had not known Duan Lang for a long time, he knew Duan Lang's character very well. Hence, he knew Duan Lang only committed suicide because Duan Lang felt like he was left with no other choice, and he was unwilling to let another person dictate his fate.

Descent Mountain City was the city closest to the Endless Mountain where the Duan Clan Village was located, hence, Duan Ling Tian had heard of the Qian family. He also knew the Qian family was one of the few powerful families in the Descent Mountain City and had many businesses in the city. Most importantly, they had no less than five gods protecting them. There were even rumors that one of the gods was an intermediate god.

"Not only did he steal someone's fiancee, but he even toyed with people's lives..." Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he narrowed his eyes that flashed with killing intent. For the first time since he came to this Realm of Gods, emotions surged in his heart. He had gone through a lot in his past life and present life so his heart had been tempered. However, when he recalled Duan Lang's sincerity, helpfulness, cheerfulness, and optimism, he felt anger burn in his heart.

"Rest in peace, my friend. I'll definitely avenge you..." Duan Ling Tian muttered under his breath. Killing intent surged in his heart as he looked at Duan Yi Dao who was still sitting limply on the blood-splattered ground.

"Lang'er!"

At this moment, a shrill cry rang in the air.

Duan Lang's mother rushed over at this moment. She kneeled on the ground and began to cry.

Duan Yi Dao regained his senses and quickly hugged his wife to comfort her.

Upon seeing this scene, the villagers' eyes reddened. How could they not feel sad? Put aside the fact that Duan Lang was the most outstanding among the younger generation in the village, Duan Lang had sacrificed his life to protect the southern village of the Duan Clan Village.

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Over the next few days, the entire Duan Clan Village was busy with Duan Lang's funeral.

Duan Ling Tian, who had planned to leave the Duan Clan Village, naturally stayed back for Duan Lang's funeral. Now that Duan Lang had been buried, he was finally going to leave the village.

However, before Duan Ling Tian left, Duan Yi Dao called out, "Ling Tian!"

"What's the matter, Uncle Yi Dao?" Duan Ling Tian asked. Since he and Duan Lang were about the same age, he naturally treated Duan Lang's father like an elder.

"Ling Tian, you previously gave this as a wedding gift to my son. I really appreciate your sincerity, but he's no longer around to wield such a precious weapon," Duan Yi Dao said as he handed over the Spatial Ring that Duan Ling Tian had previously given Duan Lang. Based on his words, it was clear he knew an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon was contained in the Spatial Ring.

"Mr. Yi Dao..." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "This is my gift to Duan Lang. I won't take it back regardless of whether he's still here or not. You're his father so it's only right that you keep it. It's up to you to keep it or give it to someone else..."

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he teleported away without waiting for Duan Yi Dao's reply. He reappeared high up in the sky before he teleported again. He cast the Teleportation Profundity a few times before he finally vanished from sight.

'Liang Tian must be extraordinary for him to casually give an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon away...' Duan Yi Dao shook his head helplessly before he put the Spatial Ring away and turned around. •••

After leaving the Duan Clan Village, Duan Ling Tian followed the route that was previously shown to him and made his way to the Descent Mountain City. Initially, he only planned to stay in the city for a short while to learn more about the situation in the surrounding areas, but now, he had something to do in the city; he wanted to avenge Duan Lang.

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At the same time, chaos had descended on the fourth branch of the Tie Clan in the Tie Clan Village.

Tie Heng bowed and said respectfully, "Second Young Master Qian, I did as you asked and sent my daughter to the Duan Clan Village to marry her off. However, Duan Lang chose to commit suicide after learning about what had happened. Before he died, he said something about not letting another person control his fate"

A thin young man who was dressed in a brocade robe stood in front of Tie Heng with a grim expression on his face. He was none other than Qian Fei, the second Young Master of the Qian family.

A skinny old man stood at Qian Fei's back with his eyes closed and his hands resting on his back.

"Not letting another person control his fate?" Qian Fei sneered upon hearing Tie Heng's words. "Did that Duan Lang think this matter would be over after he died? He didn't marry your daughter, which means he went against my word. You, bring a few powerful cultivators and come with me to destroy the Duan Clan Village," Qian Fei ordered as he glanced at Tie Heng..

#### **Chapter 3599: Tassel Restaurant**

"Destroy the Duan Clan Village?" Tie Heng stiffened upon hearing Qian Fei's words. He did not expect this.

As soon as Tie Heng looked at the old man standing behind Qian Fei, the old man opened his eyes. He looked at Qian Fei affectionately as he said, "Second Young Master, it's enough to destroy the southern village of the Duan Clan Village. After all, there's a rumor that the head of the eastern village has become a god. Destroying the entire Duan Clan Village will definitely anger that god. Although the Qian family isn't afraid of the Duan Clan Village, it'd be troublesome if he causes trouble. However, if you only destroy the southern village, it's likely the village head of the eastern village will let the matter go even if he's angry. Destroying the entire Duan Clan Village will only drive him to desperate actions. Hence, we should leave the remaining three villages alone.

Qian Fei knew the old man was right. He frowned slightly. When his expression eased, he said, "Alright, I'll listen to you, Grandpa Qiu."

Grandpa Qiu's name was Qian Qiu. He was a rudimentary god. Qian Fei's status was not high enough so most of the gods in the Qian family naturally did not bother to intervene in his matters.?However, Qian Qiu had a close relationship with Qian Fei since Qian Fei was a child so he usually followed Qian Fei out to protect Qian Fei. Even Qian Fei's brother, the Young Master of the Qian family, did not have this privilege; Qian Fei's brother only had an imminent god protecting him.

For this reason, Qian Fei did not dare to go against Qian Qiu's words. Hence, upon hearing Qian Qiu's words, he nodded and said, "Elder Qiu is right."

Tie Heng sighed in relief inwardly upon hearing Qian Qiu's words. He was really worried about having to attack the Duan Clan Village. Although he knew the Qian family was stronger than the Duan Clan Village, there was no telling what the Duan Clan Village would do when driven into a corner. If the rumor were true that the Duan Clan Village had a god, he or she would definitely seek revenge from the Qian clan. With all these, the fourth branch of the Tie Clan in the Tie Clan Village would definitely be dragged into the matter. The Qian family would definitely be too busy taking care of itself at that time that they would not have time to help the Tie Clan Village out if the village was in danger.

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Descent Mountain City was the first city Duan Ling Tian had been to since he came to the Profound Energy Land, a Realm of Gods. In his eyes, Descent Mountain City was neither too big nor too small. When he was in the Devata Realm, he had seen cities that were ten times bigger than Descent Mountain Land. Naturally, the big cities he had seen in the Devata Realms could not compare to the big cities in the Realm of Gods.

"Descent Mountain City...." Duan Ling Tian hovered in the sky outside of Descent Mountain City, looking at the city from a distance. There were a total of eight entrances in the four directions; each of the four directions had two entrances.

Bricks and stones were used to build the city walls, and there were visible marks on them. Sword marks, knife marks, palm prints, and even fist marks could be seen on the wall. There were both deep and shallow marks. The marks made the walls look as though they had been erected a long time ago and had witnessed the passing of time.

# Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian moved at lightning speed as he flew into Descent Mountain City. He saw many people milling around the buildings, and he also noticed there was a small number of people who seemed to be deliberately avoiding the buildings. Upon seeing this, he was certain those buildings belonged to the powerful families in Descent Mountain City. After all, only powerful families were capable of stopping people from entering their establishments.

After passing through the entrance, Duan Ling Tian also noticed there were red flags hanging at the side of buildings with the names of inns and restaurants on them. These flags were like a guide to him. He naturally knew the inns and restaurants also belonged to the powerful families in Descent Mountain City.

"Tassel Restaurant..." Duan Ling Tian found out that the Tassel Sky Restaurant was the largest and busiest restaurant in Descent Mountain City. The building had three stories and occupied a vast land. The second biggest restaurant in the city had three stories as well, but the land they occupied was only half of the land Tassel Restaurant occupied. Most importantly, the Tassel Restaurant was located in the heart of the city. During Duan Ling Tian's time in the mundane realms and the Devata Realms, he had a habit of familiarizing himself with a place by hanging out at a restaurant. After all, all sorts of people were gathered in the restaurant to exchange information. He could learn a lot from these people.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived at the entrance of the Tassel Restaurant, he saw a few servers standing at the entrance. One of them stepped forward and greeted him warmly, "Sir, are you here alone? Do you want to eat in one of the private rooms or in the hall?"

The server did not directly lead Duan Ling Tian to the hall even if Duan Ling Tian was alone. After all, he knew there were some customers who enjoyed peace and quiet. Moreover, customers had to spend a minimum amount to eat in a private room. With that, the server would receive a commission accordingly.

"The hall... I'd like a table in the center of the hall," Duan Ling Tian said. With his superior hearing, he knew he would be able to hear all the conversations in his surroundings.

Although the server was disappointed by Duan Ling Tian's reply, the smile on his face did not falter. He led Duan Ling Tian to a small table in the center of the hall before he brought a menu out from a Spatial Ring and handed it to Duan Ling Tian. Then, he said, "Sir, this is our restaurant's menu. In our restaurant, you're required to spend at least one prominent Celestial Crystal if you want to dine in the hall..."

The lowest grade and most common crystals in the Realms of Gods were celestial crystals. Since they were common, they became the mainstream currency for those in the lower class. On the other hand, divine rocks were considered high-level currency in the surrounding areas.

Duan Ling Tian did not object and walked to his table.

After some time passed, Duan Ling Tian had learned about many things. Alas, they were of no interest to him. He did not hear anything that might be useful to him.

"I'll come again tomorrow..."

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A few days later.

After finding an inn to stay in, Duan Ling Tian would go to Tassel Restaurant and sit in the center of the hall.

"I'll go to the restaurant for another two more days. After that, I should look for a way to get some divine rocks..."

Divine rocks were able to increase the speed of cultivation. For someone like Duan Ling Tian who was rushing to attain godhood, he naturally could not wait to obtain divine rocks.

Over the past few days, he had been thinking of ways to obtain divine rocks. The easiest and most direct way was to sell some of the items he had in his possession. Naturally, he would not sell the things that would bring him trouble. Otherwise, he might be murdered for his possessions before he could even obtain the divine rocks.

Today, Duan Ling Tian came to the Tassel Restaurant as usual.

"Sir, what would you like to eat today?"

It was the same server again. When he saw Duan Ling Tian again, the smile on his face became even brighter because Duan Ling Tian had been dining at the Tassel Restaurant for many days in a row, and each time he had served Duan Ling Tian. With this, he would be paid each time Duan Ling Tian spent at the restaurant. Most importantly, every time Duan Ling Tian came, Duan Ling Tian would order the most famous and expensive dishes in the restaurant that was beneficial to his cultivation. Unfortunately, these dishes would slowly lose their efficacy after eating them a few times.

Duan Ling Tian nodded at the server and said, "Are there any signature dishes I've yet to try? Please order them for me."

Following that, he brought out a prominent Celestial Crystal and handed it to the server. Since the server had been very cooperative during his visits, he would 'tip' the server whenever he came.

This was also one of the reasons the server was enthusiastic about serving him. To the server, Duan Ling Tian was a wealthy customer that he would only meet once in a lifetime.

"Thank you, sir." After accepting the tip, the server went to work immediately.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian listened to the conversations around him carefully.

"Did you hear? The concubine of the Second Young Master of the Qian family found himself a beautiful concubine in the Endless Mountains two days ago. Moreover, he destroyed the southern village of the Duan Clan Village for her!"

"Yes! I heard no one from the southern village of the Duan Clan Village survived!"

"I heard the concubine is the daughter of the second Leader of the Tie Clan Village and the head of the Tie Clan's second branch."

"That's right. I heard when Second Young Master Qian went to destroy the Duan Clan Village's southern village, there were men from the second branch and the fourth branch of the Tie Clan who followed him there."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian was shocked. When he regained his senses, he found he had broken the teacup in his hand. The hair tie that held his hair broke, and his hair fluttered in the air even though there was no wind in the restaurant.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian tossed two Celestial Crystals on the table before he rose to his feet and vanished into thin air.

Those who saw this were stunned.

"It's the Teleportation Profundity!"

Although most of the customers were not gods, it was not difficult for them to see that Duan Ling Tian had cast the Teleportation Profundity from the law of space.

Meanwhile, when the server returned to Duan Ling Tian's table, he discovered Duan Ling Tian was no longer around. He sighed in relief when he saw the two Celestial Crystals lying quietly on the table. If Duan Ling Tian did not pay for the meal, he would have to pay for it out of his own pocket, after all.

"Well, he must have something urgent to attend to..." the server muttered to himself.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian made his way to the Endless Mountain after he left the Tassel Restaurant and Descent Mountain City.. He wanted to verify the conversation he had just heard.

## Chapter 3600: Peak Imminent God

After returning to the Endless Mountain, Duan Ling Tian navigated the route to the Duan Clan Village with ease since he was already familiar with it. It did not take long for him to arrive at the entrance of the southern village of the Duan Clan Village.

When he arrived, he saw the southern village in ruins. Not one building was left untouched, and blood stained the entire village. At this time, people were carrying corpses out of the village one after another.

As he drew closer, he heard a few people talking.

"The southern village was really unlucky to have provoked Second Young Master Qian."

"Although we're from different branches of the family, they're still an important branch in the Duan Clan Village. You shouldn't mock them and gloat at their misfortune."

"That's right! With Duan Qing and Yi Dao's deaths, our Duan Clan Village has lost two good fighters!"

"Everything happened too suddenly. Otherwise, the eastern village would've stepped forward to help them. Even if we couldn't save both of them, we could've at least saved one of them!"

With this, Duan Ling Tian knew these people were from the other branches of the Duan Clan. Apart from the southern village, there were the eastern village, western village, and northern village in the Duan Clan Village.

"Qian Fei and the Qian family..." Duan Ling Tian muttered under his breath as his eyes burned with flames of fury. He did not step forward since the others from the Duan Clan Village were handling the corpses of the villagers from the southern village respectfully.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not stay in the southern village of the Duan Clan Village for long, the villagers were very friendly and kind to him. He had already been furious when Duan Lang died previously, but his anger surged now that he discovered the entire southern village had been destroyed.

Figure after figure appeared in his mind. He remembered the lively children and teenagers who would interrupt him and Duan Lang when they were conversing; he remembered Duan Lang's mother who had cooked him all sorts of delicious food; he recalled the warmth of the villagers who had welcomed him into their village. Anger tightened its grip around his heart when he thought about how these good people were all gone.

Duan Ling Tian sneered as he thought to himself, 'Not only did he snatch Duan Lang's fiancee away and drive Duan Lang to death, but he even destroyed Duan Lang's home. That Qian Fei is truly despicable!'

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian quietly left. No one from the Duan Clan Village noticed his arrival and departure.

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Duan Ling Tian returned to Descent Mountain City and the inn that he had been staying in over the past few days. He had booked the best room in the inn for three months after paying for it with 1,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. To him, 1,000 prominent Celestial Crystals were nothing.

Back when he was at the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, Elder Huo had given him a lot of Celestial Crystals before he met his master, Feng Qing Yang. After he met his master, he had gained even more prominent and supreme Celestial Crystals. Most of the Celestial Crystals in his possession were of the prominent grade and the supreme grade. He did not have any primitive or mediocre Celestial Crystals at all.

His master, Feng Qing Yang, was the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, after all. Hence, the crystal ores in the Solitary Destructive Heaven belonged to him. This meant his master had access to many Celestial Crystals.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian never lacked Celestial Crystals. He was lucky that he came to this place in the Profound Energy Land that traded using Celestial Crystals.

'I'll make that Qian Fei pay for the matter with the southern village after I become a god,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself determinedly as his eyes flashed with killing intent.

Duan Ling Tian had long grown used to humans' ruthlessness and viciousness. However, he was still angered by Qian Fei's actions.

Duan Ling Tian had always been trying to raise his cultivation as swiftly as possible. However, the sense of urgency grew stronger with the destruction of the southern village of the Duan Clan Village. He knew he could only seek revenge from Qian Fei after he became a god. After all, Qian Fei was under the protection of a god. If he wanted to kill Qian Fei, he would have to be as strong as a god at least.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian knew he could deal with the people in and around Descent Mountain City who had yet to attain godhood and even those weaker gods even if he did not use his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. This was because the city was in a remote area and most of its inhabitants did not have a high comprehension of the laws even if they were imminent gods. With that, it was even difficult for them to form and master the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth.

"Any Nine Stars Gods of War in the Devata Realms can easily kill the imminent gods in the Descent Mountain City..."

Based on what Duan Ling Tian knew, even Duan Qing, the strongest imminent god in the southern village of the Duan Clan Village, had only comprehended double fused profundities and had yet to comprehend triple fused profundities. Meanwhile, the Duan Yi Dao, the second strongest person in the southern village, had only learned to fuse his profundities from the law of fire. In fact, there were many imminent gods around and in Descent Mountain City who had yet to comprehend fused profundities.

The inhabitants of Realms of Gods were born with a good foundation. Coupled with the superior cultivation environment, they could quickly become Celestial Emperors and imminent gods. However, in regards to comprehending the laws, they did not have an advantage over the inhabitants of Devata Realms.

With Duan Ling Tian's current comprehension of the law, even if he did not use his Daos of Heaven and Earth, he would still be able to defeat most people in the ?Descent Mountain City! In fact, if he used the Daos of Heaven and Earth he had comprehended, he was confident he would be able to defeat an advanced god.

'I need to cultivate to attain godhood as soon as possible.'

Currently, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation method was the Thousand Change Illusory Divine Technique, which had been taught to him by his master. The unique point of the cultivation method was that it could be used along with lower grade cultivation methods, raising the grade of the lower grade cultivation methods to that of the Thousand Change Illusory Divine Technique. The Thousand Change Illusory Divine Technique was also considered a top cultivation method in the Realms of Gods. It was created by a supreme powerhouse, after all.

However, if one were to cultivate the Thousand Change Illusory Divine Technique, one could only raise the grade of a lower grade cultivation method once.

Duan Ling Tian chose to raise the grade of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique that he had cultivated the longest. It was the cultivation method he had obtained in the mundane realm from the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor. He had this cultivation method for so long that he had forgotten about it. If it were not for the Thousand Change Illusory Divine Technique, he would not have remembered it.

After the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique was integrated with the Thousand Change Illusory Divine Technique, it had undergone a huge transformation. Currently, it could also boost the profundities and the laws that he comprehended by fusing with the cultivation method with his Celestial Origin Energy that carried traces of the Divine Energy.

In fact, in the Realms of Gods, many people determined how good a cultivation method was based on its ability to fuse with their Celestial Origin Energies.

With Duan Ling Tian's current cultivation method, his Celestial Origin Energy that carried traces of the Divine Energy surged smoothly through his meridians. It flashed with a grey light, which was the energy from the law of space that he had comprehended.

Duan Ling Tian continued to cultivate diligently. He knew raising his cultivation base needed patience since it was impossible to break through in just one night.

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"I'm almost there!"

Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian was spurred by his anger toward Qian Fei, his cultivation speed had increased. He was now just a step away from attaining godhood. However, he found that he seemed to have met with a bottleneck. No matter how hard he tried, he failed to break through the final barrier.

With his past experiences serving as lessons, he knew it would be futile to continue cultivating. Hence, he decided to stop for a while.

"I've cultivated for half a month this time..." Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he glanced at the four hourglasses in front of him that were provided by the inn.

When all of the sand in the first hourglass fell to the bottom, it meant that ten years had passed.

When all of the sand in the second hourglass dropped to the bottom, it meant that a year had passed.

When all of the sand in the third hourglass fell to the bottom, it meant that a month had passed.

Finally, when all the sand in the fourth glass fell to the bottom, it meant that a day had passed.

Before Duan Ling Tian went into closed-door cultivation, he had turned the hourglasses upside down to measure the time. Since the third hourglass was half empty, he knew that he had been cultivating for half a month.

"There should be some pills in the Realms of Gods that can help me break through from an imminent god to a god. I'll likely need divine rocks to exchange for those pills. I'll have to exchange my Celestial Crystals for divine rocks after this..."

100 supreme Celestial Crystals could be exchanged for a tael of divine rocks since a supreme Celestial Crystal weighed about one tael.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not have any divine rocks, he had an abundance of supreme Celestial Crystals. There was mountain after mountain of supreme Celestial Crystals in his Spatial Ring. Although he did not count exactly how many Celestial Crystals he had in his possession, he had a general idea of their number; he had about 10 million supreme Celestial Crystals.

This means that he could exchange for 1,000 taels of Celestial Crystals.

In the Descent Mountain City, even the strongest and most influential forces, including the Qian family, only had tens of thousands of divine rocks at most.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian's wealth had surpassed the strongest forces in Descent Mountain City.

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After leaving the inn, Duan Ling Tian made his way to a shop owned by the Qian family to buy pills and exchange for divine rocks.

"I'll exchange for 1,000 taels of divine rocks first..."