

SOVEREIGN 4071

Chapter 4071: Duan Ling Tian's Strength

It was a well-known fact that Duan Ling Tian's strongest law was the law of space. Everyone also knew his comprehension of the law of space was profound and that his comprehension was not inferior to that of advanced Lords of Gods in the Seven Mansions who comprehended the law of space. There were even speculations that his comprehension was comparable to rudimentary Emperors of Gods. However, they were still shocked when he displayed his Double Teleportation Profundity today, which only intermediate Emperors of Gods in the Seven Mansions had comprehended.

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"He's not even 3,000 years old, but his comprehension of the law of space is comparable to mine... I've lived in vain for the past tens of thousands of years..."

This was the sentiment of many intermediate Emperors of Gods, who comprehended the law of space, after news of Duan Ling Tian comprehending the Double Teleportation Profundity spread to the various forces in the Seven Mansions.

There was a commotion in the various forces in the Seven Mansions as well.

"Duan Ling Tian comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity and injured Wang Xiong? It seems like Wang Xiong might not necessarily win today."

"Will the Pure Yang Sect obtain six slots this time?"

"Keep in contact with the Pure Yang Sect. We have to obtain a slot at all costs if they decide to put it up for auction!"

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At the venue of the Seven Mansions Feast.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Wang Xiong, who was standing in the distance, allowing Wang Xiong to recuperate.

Meanwhile, Wang Xiong was looking at Duan Ling Tian vigilantly as he tried to heal his injuries. He could not help but feel bitter. A moment of carelessness left him with eternal regrets. After all, he did not expect Duan Ling Tian to have comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity and was injured as a result. Now, he would be lucky if he could recover 80% of his strength. When he was injured earlier, it had caused his old injuries to flare up as well.

Swoosh!

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian flew toward Wang Xiong. He knew he had to end the fight quickly. If Wang Xiong recovered, it would be difficult for him to defeat Wang Xiong. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Everything was going according to his plan so far. As he flew, a figure suddenly appeared next to him. It was his doppelganger from the law of space.

The doppelganger held a prominent divine sword in its hand as it flew along with Duan Ling Tian toward Wang Xiong.

The spatial storm raged around Duan Ling Tian again. At the same time, he used his Sword Dao as well.

Upon seeing this, the crowd began to discuss fervently among themselves. The young disciples were no longer confident about Wang Xiong's victory at this time.

"Duan Ling Tian is preparing to defeat Wang Xiong in one fell swoop!"

"He's even brought out his doppelganger from the law of space!"

"Duan Ling Tian's doppelganger has the same combat strength as him. Now that there's two of him, even if the injured Wang Xiong uses his bloodline power, Duan Ling Tian should be able to win first place..."

"We'll know the outcome if we keep watching. Don't forget that there might not be a winner and that the fight might end in a tie. Even if it's a tie, it's enough for Duan Ling Tian to rank first."

"It's really a pity that Wang Xiong was injured earlier..."

Wang Xiong's face was very pale at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian's strength was beyond everyone's expectations. Now that Duan Ling Tian's doppelganger appeared, no one dared to underestimate him anymore even if he was just an intermediate Lord of Gods.

Among the top ten participants in the Seven Mansions Feast, only Duan Ling Tian, Yang Qian Ye, and Ximen Long Xiang were intermediate Lords of Gods. The other seven participants were all advanced Lords of Gods.

Yang Qian Ye and Ximen Long Xiang were ranked at the bottom, but Duan Ling Tian, who was also an intermediate Lord of Gods, was strong enough to fight for first place. His strength was not on the same level as the duo at all.

"Duan Ling Tian, everyone really underestimated you," Wang Xiong said solemnly as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and his doppelganger. A hint of fear flashed in his eyes briefly. At the same time, golden light and blood qi burst forth from his body again. Then, he made his move as well. However, instead of advancing, he retreated as he attacked.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Wang Xiong did not stop swinging his prominent divine sword as he flew back. Countless dazzling golden sword rays shot out to block Duan Ling Tian's sword rays.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. Then, he switched positions with his doppelgangers before they attacked in unison.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Two sword rays shot out violently. They were like one as they moved and crushed Wang Xiong's sword rays.

Everyone could clearly sense that Duan Ling Tian's strength had now doubled with the presence of his doppelganger. They were still surprised despite already expecting this.

Meanwhile, the Emperors of Gods present on the scene were shocked for a different reason. They naturally had better insight compared to the others. As such, they noticed many things that others could not.

"Is that... a formation?"

"It seems like a simple two-people formation, but due to the connection between the original body and the doppelganger and the Sword Dao, their strength is even stronger than usual."

"I've had many opponents from the lower realms, but none of them had this level of synergy with their doppelgangers..."

"The reason their synergy is so high is due to his Sword Dao."

"I didn't expect the Sword Dao would be able to improve their synergy."

"I heard that when those from the lower realms comprehend the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, their strength will improve significantly... Is this what it means?"

The Emperors of Gods were already shocked by Duan Ling Tian's Double Teleportation Profundity. They were further shocked now when they saw the level of synergy between Duan Ling Tian and his doppelganger. After a moment, some of them could not help but shake their heads when they looked at WangXiong.

Perhaps, if Wang Xiong was not injured, he might have had a small chance to defeat Duan Ling Tian. At the very least, he would be able to fight to a tie. However, now that he was injured, it would be difficult for the fight to end in a draw, let alone defeat Duan Ling Tian.

Without watching any further, the Emperors of Gods could already guess the outcome of this fight.

"I really didn't expect this..."

"I didn't expect Duan Ling Tian to be so strong. He's much stronger than what he had shown during his fight with Han Di..."

"He really hid his strength well..."

"Everyone was so sure that Wang Xiong would win... Now, I'd be surprised if Wang Xiong actually wins..."

There was no doubt that Wang Xiong was extraordinary, but he was injured due to an error in judgment. Consequently, he lost the chance to defeat Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, unlike Luo Yuan who was careless, no one blamed Wang Xiong for his 'carelessness' or error in judgment. After all, who would have thought that an intermediate Lord of Gods was capable of comprehending the Double Teleportation Profundity?

That aside, even if Wang Xiong was not injured, with Duan Ling Tian's current strength, it would also be difficult for Wang Xiong to defeat Duan Ling Tian. At most, the fight would end in a tie. In other words, injured or not, Wang Xiong would not be able to rank first in the Seven Mansions Feast. He did not lose the chance to rank first due to his error in judgment because he would have lost either way. Duan Ling Tian was destined to rank first in the Seven Mansions Feast this time.

Apart from the Emperors of Gods, the other elders from the various forces also saw through the intricacy of Duan Ling Tian's move.

A few of the outstanding young prodigies also wore solemn expressions on their faces as they looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock and disbelief.

'Duan Ling Tian is actually so strong? Fortunately, I didn't ambush him back then. Otherwise, I definitely would've been injured...' Han Di, who was standing with the people from the Consonance Mansion's United Heavens Sect, was dumbfounded. He felt fortunate that he did not launch a sneak attack on Duan Ling Tian back then.

Lin Yuan and Yuan Mo Yuan's expressions were no better than Han Di's.

Tuo Ba Xiu's icy expression was replaced with a complicated one as she looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes brimming with surprise. As an outstanding woman, her standards in regard to her partners were naturally very high. She had never paid attention to men weaker than her, whether they pursued her or not. This was the first time a man had caught her attention. Although Wang Xiong and Lin Yuan were very strong, they did not catch her attention. Duan Ling Tian was special because he was not even 3,000 years old, and yet, his achievements surpassed those older than him. She knew his future and potential were limitless. Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian was also very handsome.

Naturally, Tuo Ba Xiu was only attracted to Duan Ling Tian and saw him in a favorable light now. It did not mean that she had fallen in love with him.

'How's this possible?!' At the same time, Wanqi Hong's expression was very sour. Not even in his wildest dreams did he think Duan Ling Tian was so strong. Although Duan Ling Tian had defeated him back then, he could sense Duan Ling Tian was not much stronger than him. He wondered now if Duan Ling Tian was holding back at that time. Thinking that Duan Ling Tian defeated him even though Duan Ling Tian was holding back, he felt humiliated and ashamed.

Meanwhile, the people of the Pure Yang Sect were pleasantly surprised. Just like the others, they did not expect Duan Ling Tian to win at all.

Ye Chen Feng shook his head slightly. He had shown Duan Ling Tian his Sword Dao Principle, hoping that Duan Ling Tian would break through his bottleneck and increase his strength. However, judging from the current situation, he could tell that Duan Ling Tian had yet to break through the bottleneck. He wondered if his efforts were in vain. After all, even without a breakthrough, with the current strength Duan Ling Tian displayed, Duan Ling Tian still would be able to stay in the first place. If he had known Duan Ling Tian had such strength, he would not have been in such a hurry to show Duan Ling Tian his Sword Dao Principle and wait for a better time after they returned to the Pure Yang Sect.

However, unbeknownst to Ye Chen Feng, it was due to his Sword Dao Principle that Duan Ling Tian and his doppelganger had such a high level of synergy.

Chapter 4072: The Champion of the Seven Mansions Feast

On the battlefield, Wang Xiong watched as Duan Ling Tian ruthlessly destroyed his attacks. After seeing the synergy between Duan Ling Tian and his doppelganger, he felt helpless. He also realized at this time that even if he was not injured and was in peak condition, he could only fight to a draw with Duan Ling Tian, who had comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity and had such a high level of synergy with his doppelganger. When he was injured, he could only use about 70% or 80% of his strength. Now that he exchanged a few more blows with Duan Ling Tian, his injury had worsened so he could only exert about 60% of his strength.

'I lost fair and square...' Wang Xiong concluded to himself inwardly when he thought about Duan Ling Tian using the Double Teleportation Profundity, which he had previously hidden. Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian had been precisely waiting for that moment to use it.

"I surrender," Wang Xiong said just before he received Voice Transmissions from his elders in the Frozen Mountain Manor advising him to surrender.

After Duan Ling Tian's show of strength, the intermediate Emperor of Gods from the Feudal Lord Mansion's Frozen Mountain Manor thought it was pointless to continue to fight as well. After all, Wang Xiong was severely injured while Duan Ling Tian was unscathed.

Everyone had already expected this outcome so they were not surprised. They only lamented how the outcome was vastly different from what they had expected in the beginning. Wang Xiong, whom they were certain beyond a doubt would win, surrendered to Duan Ling Tian.

No one questioned Duan Ling Tian's win as well after his show of strength.

The young disciples had heard the explanation of their elders so they knew Duan Ling Tian deserved to win.

"According to my elders, even if Wang Xiong was not injured, he would fight to a tie with Duan Ling Tian at most. It's almost impossible for him to defeat Duan Ling Tian."

"Indeed. That's what my elder said as well."

"My elder said even if Wang Xiong was not injured, Duan Ling Tian had a good chance of defeating Wang Xiong, not just end the fight in a tie. Duan Ling Tian's comprehension of the law is more profound than that of Wang Xiong. His doppelganger is also stronger than Wang Xiong's bloodline power. Not only that, but his Sword Dao is also superior to Wang Xiong's. As such, Duan Ling Tian can close the gap between their cultivation bases and win..."

Even if the young disciples did not believe others, they naturally believed their elders, especially the intermediate Emperors of Gods. Moreover, although their insight was not as good as that of an intermediate Emperor of Gods, they were not blind. They could see that Duan Ling Tian was exceptionally strong.

Back on the battlefield, as soon as Wang Xiong surrendered, the golden light on his body disappeared. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and the spatial storm around him that was dying down before he asked with a wry smile, "Duan Ling Tian, is this the extent of your strength?"

Upon hearing this question, the crowd fell silent. Indeed, was this the extent of Duan Ling Tian's strength or was Duan Ling Tian still hiding his strength? They had instinctively assumed that was Duan Ling Tian's full strength. Even the Emperors of Gods thought so.

Everyone looked at Duan Ling Tian intently, waiting for his answer.

Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, "It's almost there..."

After all, Duan Ling Tian did not use his Mastery Dao earlier. However, if he did not find a way to raise the synergy between him and his doppelganger from Ye Chen Feng's Sword Dao Principle over the past two days, he still might not have the strength he had today even if he had used his Mastery Dao.

"Almost there?" Wang Xiong was stunned. Then, when he recovered, he said bitterly, "So you didn't use all your strength..."

"That's right..."

"I understand now..." Wang Xiong said before he turned around and left the battlefield, looking crestfallen.

Those who were looking at Wang Xiong's back could keenly sense his bitterness.

As for the others, they broke into an uproar when they regained their senses.

Even the Emperors of Gods were shocked when they heard that Duan Ling Tian did not use his full strength earlier.

Lin Dong Lai, who presided over the fights during the Seven Mansions Feast, looked at Duan Ling Tian with shining eyes as though he wanted to recruit Duan Ling Tian.

"I really didn't expect Duan Ling Tian to rank first in the Seven Mansions Feast!"

"Fortunately, I didn't place a bet yesterday! Otherwise, I'd lose miserably today!"

"Who expected this outcome?"

With this, Duan Ling Tian was the champion of the Seven Mansions Feast.

As Duan Ling Tian returned to stand with the people from the Pure Yang Sect, many Emperors of Gods from the other forces in the Seven Mansions congratulated Ye Chen Feng and Liu Feng Gu.

The people of the Pure Yang Sect were naturally ecstatic.

Contrary to everyone's expectations, the people from the Feudal Lord Mansion's Frozen Mountain Manor were not disappointed by Wang Xiong's loss.

However, the people from the Wanqi clan, who were seated next to the people of the Pure Yang Sect, were extremely gloomy at this moment. Since the time Ye Chen Feng broke into their clan's estate and killed Wanqi Jue, an intermediate Emperor of Gods and a Golden Seat Elder of the Wanqi clan, the clan

had become enemies with the Pure Yang Sect. Now that Duan Ling Tian was ranked first in the Seven Mansions Feast, how could they feel happy? It was natural that they felt unhappy.

At this time, Wanqi Yu Ning, who led the entourage from the Wanqi clan, rose to his feet. He said, "Let's go."

Meanwhile, Wanqi Hong did not look at Duan Ling Tian again after Duan Ling Tian left the battlefield. It was as though he was afraid to see Duan Ling Tian's mocking gaze. After all, he did not hold back in ridiculing Duan Ling Tian every chance he got. Duan Ling Tian's show of strength today was like a slap to his face.

The people from the Wanqi clan were the first to leave the venue.

The people from the Wanqi clan were not the only ones who were unhappy. Not everyone from the Pure Yang Sect was happy. For example, there was Yuan Han Jin, Yang Qian Ye's master and an elder from the Ping Sheng faction. Although he had a smile on his face, his heart was cold.

'Duan Ling Tian is so strong? Qian Ye hates him so much and doesn't bother to hide it... Will he target Qian Ye in the future? Will I be implicated?' Yuan Han Jin wondered inwardly, feeling a faint sense of crisis.

Yang Qian Ye looked at Duan Ling Tian. Despite the calm expression on his face, he was shocked. Duan Ling Tian's strength was beyond his imagination.

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Duan Ling Tian followed the people from the Pure Yang Sect back to their temporary accommodation. He soon discovered Ye Chen Feng and Zhen Ping Fan had followed him back to his wooden house.

Zhen Ping Fan could no longer wait. He asked unhappily, "Duan Ling Tian, when did you comprehend the Double Teleportation Profundity? You didn't tell me about it! Also, your synergy with your doppelganger was very high when you were in formation. How did you do it?"

Zhen Ping Fan was very curious about this.

Ye Chen Feng remained silent. After all, Zhen Ping Fan had asked the questions he wanted to ask.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised that the duo came looking for him. Unlike Ye Chen Feng who controlled his expressions, he could clearly see the curiosity burning in Zhen Ping Fan's eyes since earlier. He replied, "I comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity some time ago... As for the synergy between me and my doppelganger... I'll have to thank Elder Ye for that. After studying his Sword Dao Principle, although I didn't improve my Sword Dao, I was inspired by it and managed to raise the level of synergy between me and my doppelganger. As a result, my strength increased. As for how much stronger I became, you both saw it earlier..."

Ye Chen Feng nodded, feeling gratified. It seemed like his efforts over the past two days were not in vain.

Zhen Ping Fan turned to look at Ye Chen Feng with burning eyes as he asked, "Junior Uncle Ye, when will you show me your Sword Dao Principle?"

Ye Chen Feng glanced at Zhen Ping Fan and said, "I've shown it to you several times, didn't I? Until now, you haven't even comprehended the rudimentary form of the Sword Dao. This means that you're not suited to learn the Sword Dao."

Zhen Ping Fan seemed to wilt slightly upon hearing this. Then, he said unwillingly, "I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the Sword Dao Principle you showed Duan Ling Tian..."

Zhen Ping Fan knew that the Sword Dao Principle Ye Chen Feng showed Duan Ling Tian was inspired by Feng Qing Yang, Duan Ling Tian's master. In his opinion, he might not be suitable to comprehend Ye Chen Feng's Sword Dao, but that might not be the case for Feng Qing Yang's Sword Dao.

Ye Chen Feng shook his head and rejected Zhen Ping Fan. "I can share the Sword Dao I mastered. Unless I obtain Duan Ling Tian's master's approval, I can't show you the Sword Dao Principle I showed Duan Ling Tian..."

Zhen Ping Fan was not discouraged. He looked at Duan Ling Tian immediately and asked with a grin, "Duan Ling Tian, can you ask your master for his approval? I remember you said that your master left his doppelganger in the Devata Realm so you can speak to him using your doppelganger, right?"

Duan Ling Tian did not refuse Zhen Ping Fang. He quickly spoke to his master through the doppelganger he had left in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. After a moment, he nodded and said to Ye Chen Feng, "Elder Ye, my master is fine with it..."

Zhen Ping Fang's eyes shone with excitement as he said, "Junior Uncle Ye, did you hear that? Duan Ling Tian's master agreed to it!"

"Alright, alright, I'll show it to you when we return to the sect," Ye Chen Feng said, "The Seven Mansions Feast should officially end tomorrow. If it ends tomorrow, we'll leave the day after tomorrow. There are some things we have to do..."

After saying that, Ye Chen Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 4073: The Final Ranking

Upon hearing Ye Chen Feng's words, Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up. He did not forget that he might have a fortuitous encounter after the Seven Mansions Feast ended.

Ye Chen Feng was going to speak to Yuan Ping Shen, the founder of the Pure Yang Sect's Ping Sheng faction, about letting two people enter the Supreme Divine Mansion, which Yuan Han Jin found and Yang Qian Ye had entered.

Before the start of the Seven Mansions Feast, Yang Qian Ye was only considered a slightly above-average disciple in the Pure Yang Sect. His performance was mediocre, and he was inferior to many outstanding disciples in the Pure Yang Sect. As such, his performance during the Seven Mansions Feast surprised everyone. There were only three intermediate Lords of Gods in the top ten of the Seven

Mansions Feast this time, and he was one of them. Based on this, one could see how beneficial entering the Supreme Divine Mansion was.

As such, it was only natural that Duan Ling Tian was excited at the prospect of entering the Supreme Divine Mansion. He was not even as excited when he defeated Wang Xiong earlier. His biggest gain from defeating Wang Xiong and ranking first in the Seven Mansions Feast was that he won four slots for the Pure Yang Sect to enter the Secret Holy Realm. With this, the possibility of an advanced Emperor of Gods in the Pure Yang Sect had risen.

As for the rewards for Duan Ling Tian's personal use, perhaps, they would be fine for the average young prodigy, but to him, they were not attractive as well. The rewards were lord-grade divine pills; they were not even lord-grade Limit Divine Pills. The other rewards were also useless to him, and he could only exchange for some divine crystals.

"Alright, that's all. We'll take our leave now," Ye Chen Feng said. He bade farewell to Duan Ling Tian before he left with Zhen Ping Fan.

Before Zhen Ping Fan left, he did not forget to praise Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission. "Duan Ling Tian, you did an amazing job this time! From today onward, your fame won't just be limited to the Seven Mansions."

In the eyes of supreme-rank forces, the Seven Mansions with many emperor-rank forces were rather backward places. They saw the Seven Mansions as a place lacking in resources, and as such, it was difficult for anyone from the Seven Mansions to become Supreme Gods. To them, being famous in the Seven Mansions meant nothing.

Duan Ling Tian was aware of this since the beginning, hence, he did not think he was particularly amazing for being famous in the Seven Mansions. Moreover, in his opinion, he was still too weak now. He did not even have the ability to find his wife.

After Ye Chen Feng and Zhen Ping Fan left, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed, closed his eyes, and rested. At the same time, he pictured a sword in his mind.

The sword danced like a dragon, slashing ruthlessly at times and flying around erratically at other times.

"It's a bit difficult to improve my Sword Dao using Elder Ye's Sword Dao Principle. It seems like I'll have to trouble my master for guidance..."

Duan Ling Tian left his doppelganger from the law of time in the Heavenly Emperor Place in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. As such, he could speak to his master through his master's doppelganger. He did not waste time and sent his law of time's doppelganger to look for his master's doppelganger.

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When Feng Qing Yang heard about Duan Ling Tian's situation, he smiled and said calmly, "I didn't expect my time with Brother Ye would benefit you as well. Just stay with me over the next period of time. I'll tell you about my insight regarding the Sword Dao which you might not have thought of yet. It shouldn't be difficult for me to help you achieve a breakthrough in your Sword Dao. However..."

Feng Qing Yang suddenly trailed off. As though he had thought of something, his expression turned solemn before he continued to say, "Although you have my guidance that acts like a shortcut, I hope you'll rely on your own comprehension when you're making your final breakthrough. If you break through using my Sword Dao, your future Sword Dao path will be very difficult. It's fine to use someone else's path as a reference, but it's best to break through on your own. You have your own path after all. It's impossible for you to become stronger by following another person's path. If you follow my path, it'll be like the saying that it's impossible for the pupil to surpass the teacher..."

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn as well after listening to Feng Qing Yang. At this time, he also realized why his master did not interfere much with his Sword Dao. As it turned out, his master wanted him to walk on his own path.

Feng Qing Yang's following words also confirmed Duan Ling Tian's thoughts. He said, "In the past, after guiding you to the rudimentary stage, I rarely, if ever, interfered with the path of your Sword Dao." He paused and sighed before he continued to say, "I'm not a pedantic person. Since you're in a rush to grow stronger, I'll guide you as much as I can. I only hope that it won't affect your own path..."

In the end, Duan Ling Tian's doppelganger from the law of time stayed by Feng Qing Yang's side. Apart from comprehending the law of time, he also studied and observed Feng Qing Yang's Sword Dao.

Like the laws, the Sword Dao comprehended by a doppelganger was no different from the Sword Dao comprehended by the true body.

Doppelgangers were a part of a person's soul. They shared their respective true bodies' memories and abilities. What they saw, heard, and comprehended would be instantly transmitted back to their true bodies.

This was a major advantage of those from the lower realms.

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The next day.

Many people had already arrived at the venue of the Seven Mansions Feast early in the morning.

Duan Ling Tian came with the people from the Pure Yang Sect as usual, but he did not stand at the front. He sat cross-legged among the members of the sect and closed his eyes. No one knew if he was cultivating or just resting.

Many members of the Pure Yang Sect wanted to speak to Duan Ling Tian, but after seeing him in this state, they dismissed their ideas.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not sit in a conspicuous position today, he still attracted many people's attention.

"There's Duan Ling Tian, the champion of the Seven Mansions Feast!"

"This time, the Pure Yang Sect obtained six slots to enter the Secret Holy Realm thanks to him!"

"Making comparisons only serves to make one feel vexed. We didn't obtain a single slot, but the Pure Yang Sect obtained six!"

“Isn’t the Pure Yang Sect too greedy?”

While everyone was talking about Duan Ling Tian, Lin Dong Lai, the elder from the Howling Flames Sect who presided over the Seven Mansions Feast’s fights, said, “Today, we’ll continue with the Seven Mansions Feast.”

Most people shifted their attention to Lin Dong Lai, but there were a few people who were still looking at Duan Ling Tian curiously, wondering how someone who was not even 3,000 years old could be so powerful. They wondered if he had some amazing fortuitous encounters or treasures. With this thought in mind, greed arose in some of their hearts. There were also some who did not have any covetous thoughts despite being certain that he must have had some fortuitous encounters or treasures.

Meanwhile, Lin Dong Lai called out to the top ten participants one after another as usual, inviting them to issue a challenge.

Even when it was Tuo Ba Xiu and Yuan Mo Yu’s turns, they did not step forward to challenge Han Di, who was now in fourth place. During the last bout, Han Di had displayed his strength during his fight with Lin Yuan. Tuo Ba Xiu and Yuan Mo Yu were not certain they would be able to defeat Han Di; at most, they would fight to a draw with him. As such, it was meaningless for them to challenge him.

The most important distinction between the top ten ranks was the rewards. There was a huge difference between the rewards for the top three ranks and the rewards for those below the top three ranks. On the other hand, there was not much difference between the rewards for those who ranked fourth to sixth. Following the earlier pattern, the rewards for those ranked fourth to sixth and those ranked seventh to tenth had a huge difference.

Since no one had stepped forward to issue a challenge, it was not long before it was Lin Yuan’s turn. He was now ranked third. Similar to the others, he did not step forward to issue a challenge. When it was his turn, he only looked in the direction of the people from the Pure Yang Sect with a complicated expression before he looked away. After all, Duan Ling Tian was as strong or stronger than Wang Xiong, and he was slightly weaker than Wang Xiong. He would not be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian in a fight now.

After a moment, Lin Yuan said to Lin Dong Lai through Voice Transmission, “Junior uncle, our clan wants to recruit Duan Ling Tian at all costs. Those few people are very interested in him...”

Upon hearing Lin Yuan’s Voice Transmission, Lin Dong Lai’s eyes widened imperceptibly. He knew what Lin Yuan meant by ‘those few people’; Lin Yuan was referring to ancestors of the clan who were Supreme Gods. He was rather surprised that the Supreme Gods in his clan were also impressed by Duan Ling Tian’s performance. Although he had expected his clan to ask for his help to recruit Duan Ling Tian, he did not expect the Supreme Gods in his clan to pay attention to Duan Ling Tian.

After a moment, Lin Dong Lai glanced at Lin Yuan and replied through Voice Transmission, “You know I’ll try my best to recruit him, but I can’t guarantee the results. We’re not the only ones who have taken an interest in Duan Ling Tian. The other supreme-rank forces are likely to be interested in recruiting him as well.” After a brief pause, he continued to say, “In fact, the Howling Flames Sect had investigated him before. After coming to the Profound Energy Land, he had only joined one clan, and that’s the Linghu

clan, a lord-rank clan in the Eastern Ridge Mansion. Even then, he was forced by circumstance to join the clan. At that time, he faced a lot of danger in a sect so he joined the clan to ensure his safety. From this, it's obvious he's not very interested in joining a clan. You should know that clans can't compare to sects in many aspects."

Lin Yuan smiled faintly as he said, "Junior uncle, don't worry. The clan only wants your help to recruit him. It doesn't matter what the results are. After all, if it's so easy to recruit him, I would've gone over and recruited him myself."

Upon hearing Lin Yuan's words, Lin Dong Lai sighed in relief. With this, he no longer felt pressured. He said, "I'll try my best to recruit him. However, whether he joins the clan or not has nothing to do with me."

At the same time, after Lin Yuan gave up on his challenge, the ranking of the Seven Mansions Feast was finalized. The top ten rankings were as followed:

1. Ling Tian from the Eastern Ridge Mansion's Pure Yang Sect
2. Wang Xiong from the Feudal Lord Mansion's Frozen Mountain Manor
3. Lin Yuan from the Profound Jade Mansion's Howling Flames Sect
4. Han Di from the Consonance Mansion's United Heavens Sect
5. Yuan Mo Yu from the Green Province Mansion's Howling Heaven Sect
6. Tuo Ba Xiu from the Underworld Mansion's Yuwen clan
7. Wanqi Hong from the Eastern Ridge Mansion's Wanqi clan
8. Luo Yuan from the Divine Morning Mansion's Autumn Leaves Sect
9. Yang Qian Ye from the Eastern Ridge Mansion's Pure Yang Sect
10. Ximen Long Xiang from the Green Province Mansion's Marionette Villa

Chapter 4074 The Arrival of Emperors of Gods; A Storm Is Brewing!

This time, all of the Seven Mansions had at least one participant in the top ten rankings of the Seven Mansions Feast. The Eastern Ridge Mansion had the highest number of participants in the top ten; there were three people from the Eastern Ridge Mansion in the top ten. Following that was the Green Province Mansion with two participants in the top ten. As for the other Mansions, they each had one participant in the top ten.

After the final ranking was announced, many people began to discuss among themselves again. Quite a number of them looked at the people from Divine Morning Mansion and the Underworld Mansion and sighed.

"The respective top forces in the Divine Morning Mansion and the Underworld Mansion pooled their resources to cultivate a young prodigy each. There's no doubt they expected the young prodigies they

cultivated to rank in the top three. In the end, they only obtained two slots each to enter the Secret Holy Realm. I wonder if they considered this a failure or a success?"

"I think they must consider it a success. If I'm not mistaken, no one from the Divine Morning Mansion and the Underworld Mansion ranked in the top ten during the previous Seven Mansions Feast."

"I agree. I think it's considered a success."

At this time, although the intermediate Emperors of Gods from the various top forces in the Divine Morning Mansion and the Underworld Mansion did not look particularly happy, many of the members were smiling. Although the outcome was worse than what they had expected, it was not a complete failure. They failed to obtain three slots each, but they still managed to obtain two. The only problem was to figure out which force would get the slot since there were three forces in each Mansion, and they only had two slots each. Nonetheless, having two slots was better than none.

Soon enough, the topic changed again.

"The Eastern Ridge Mansion's performance this time is outstanding! They have three people in the top ten. The Pure Yang Sect is the most remarkable. They have two participants in the top ten, and out of the two, one of them is the champion of the Seven Mansions Feast!"

"In the history of the Seven Mansions Feast, there were many instances where there were two participants from the same force ranking in the top ten. However, I don't think there's a precedent of two intermediate Lords of Gods from the same force ranking in the top ten at the same time."

"If you didn't mention this, I'd have forgotten that Duan Ling Tian and Yang Qian Ye are only intermediate Lords of Gods."

"Don't forget Ximen from the Green Province Mansion's Marionette Villa. He's also an intermediate Lord of Gods."

"This time, there are three intermediate Lords of Gods in the top ten rankings. If I'm not mistaken, during the previous Seven Mansions Feast, no intermediate Lord of Gods ranked in the top ten. Are the current advanced Lords of Gods in the Seven Mansions too weak or have the intermediate Lords of Gods gotten stronger?"

"I think it's the intermediate Lords of Gods in the Seven Mansions who have gotten stronger. Well, at least, that's the case for those three. No one can doubt their strength at all. Yang Qian Ye and Ximen are almost as strong as the strongest advanced Lord of Gods. There's no need to talk about how strong Duan Ling Tian..."

"It's the era of great talents!"

This time, Duan Ling Tian undoubtedly stole the limelight. Previously, before Duan Ling Tian and Wang Xiong's fight, Wang Xiong was at the center of attention. However, everyone's attention had shifted away from Wang Xiong and was now focused on Duan Ling Tian. This was only natural since winners would garner the most attention.

Yang Qian Ye and Ximen, who were ranked at the bottom of the top ten, also attracted the attention of quite a few people. After all, it was rare for intermediate Lords of Gods to be able to rank in the top ten of the Seven Mansions Feast. As such, they received even more attention than Tuo Ba Xiu and Luo Yuan.

No one was impressed that Tuo Ba Xiu and Luo Yuan had ranked in the top ten. After all, they both received the resources from all the top forces in their respective Mansions. As such, their performance was lukewarm at best compared to Yang Qian Ye and Ximen Long Xiang.

After the announcement of the final ranking of the Seven Mansions Feast, many Emperors of Gods from the various top forces in the Seven Mansions congratulated Ye Chen Feng and Liu Feng Gu. Although they had already congratulated the duo yesterday, it did not stop them from congratulating the duo again today.

In the midst of many congratulatory messages, Ye Chen Feng and Liu Feng Gu also received messages from many people inquiring if the Pure Yang Sect planned to auction off a slot to enter the Secret Holy Realm.

The Pure Yang Sect obtained six slots to enter the Secret Holy Realm this time. It was truly more than enough for the sect. Even Ye Chen Feng and Liu Feng Gu thought so. However, the duo did not agree nor disagree; they only responded by saying that the matter would be decided by the decision-makers in the sect.

At this time, someone said to Ye Chen Feng through Voice Transmission, "Elder Ye, Elder Liu might not be able to make a decision, but it's different for you, right? With your strength, is there anyone in the Pure Yang Sect who would disagree with you?"

Ye Chen Feng's strength was not a secret. Although he was still an intermediate Emperor of Gods, there were a few people who treated him like an advanced Emperor of Gods. After all, despite being an intermediate Emperor of Gods, he had the combat power of an advanced Emperor of Gods.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian also received congratulatory messages of his own. To be precise, he received three congratulatory messages.

He was not very surprised by the sender of the first two messages, who were Wang Xiong from the Feudal Lord Mansion's Frozen Mountain Manor and Ximen Long Xiang from the Green Province Mansion's Marionette Villa.

However, he was rather surprised by the sender of the first congratulatory message. It was none other than Tuo Ba Xiu, the young prodigy from the Underworld Mansion's Yuwen clan. Her voice was pleasant and friendly when she congratulated him.

Duan Ling Tian was not familiar with Tuo Ba Xiu at all so he only responded politely with a 'thank you'.

However, after a moment, he suddenly added, "While I was on the way here earlier, I overheard our sect's Elder Ye say that a few Emperors of Gods have arrived in the vicinity of this place. These Emperors of Gods aren't those who are present here. I'm not sure if they're from the Underworld Mansion or the Primal Flame Sect in the Feudal Lord Mansion."

Since Tuo Ba Xiu took the initiative to congratulate him, Duan Ling Tian decided on a whim to tell her about what he had heard. If Tuo Ba Xiu did not send him a message, he would not have said anything. To put it bluntly, even if those Emperors of Gods came for Tuo Ba Xiu, they had nothing to do with him.

Tuo Ba Xiu's voice was much gentler this time as she replied, "Thank you for your reminder. There are many people around me so I'll be fine. You don't have to worry."

Duan Ling Tian felt rather speechless when he heard Tuo Ba Xiu's reply.

'When was I worried? I only told you about that on a whim...'

After realizing that Tuo Ba Xiu seemed to have misunderstood him, Duan Ling Tian no longer said anything to her. He was worried if he spoke again, she would misunderstand him again and put meaning into his words when there was none. At that time, it would be awkward.

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The Seven Mansions Feast was finally over.

Duan Ling Tian and the other participants in the top 100 also received their personal rewards. As for the slots to enter the Secret Holy Realm, it had nothing to do with them at all since they would go to the forces they represented. To put it bluntly, they were just like pawns of their respective forces to compete for a chance to enter the Secret Holy Realm. After all, the main reason for the existence of the Seven Mansions Feast was to decide who would be able to enter the Secret Holy Realm.

As soon as the Seven Mansions Feast officially ended, Liu Feng Gu said to Duan Ling Tian and the other young disciples of the Pure Yang Sect, "We're leaving today. Pack your things. We'll set off in half an hour."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised. He was under the impression that they would be leaving for the Eastern Ridge Mansion and the Pure Yang Sect tomorrow.

The others were like Duan Ling Tian as well. All of them thought they would be leaving tomorrow. Liu Feng Gu had told them that they would leave the day after the Seven Mansions Feast officially ended.

Liu Feng Gu seemed to be able to see the question written on everyone's faces so he explained, "It's still very early. There's more than an hour before noon. There's no point in staying any longer. Moreover..." He paused to look at the sky before he continued to say, "I'm afraid a storm is coming. It'll be fine for the elders, but it might not be so for all of you..."

Upon hearing this, Zhen Ping Fan suddenly said, "Junior Uncle Liu, we can just tell them the truth." Then, he looked at the young disciples of the Pure Yang Sect before he said, "The Emperors of Gods from the Feudal Lord Mansion's Primal Flame Sect are here. They also came with external help. They don't intend to let Tuo Ba Xiu leave this place alive. Many powerhouses from the Underworld Mansion have arrived as well. After all the forces that have nothing to do with this matter leave, war may break out here. In order to ensure all of you remain unaffected by this, we decide to leave ahead of time. There's no need for us to get involved in this matter."

Zhen Ping Fan was very frank when he spoke.

After Zhen Ping Fan spoke, there were a few people who suggested that they stay to watch the show. Upon hearing the suggestion, quite a number of people felt moved.

Zhen Ping Fan shook his head. "It's easy to be bold when you're ignorant. Do you know what will happen when Emperors of Gods fight with all their might with no regard for their lives? At that time, the elders might not be able to protect all of you." Then, he said with a hint of reproach, "Alright, behave yourself. Pack your things and gather."

Zhen Ping Fan felt slightly speechless at how fearless the young disciples from the Pure Yang Sect were. It seemed like they thought a life-or-death battle between Emperors of Gods was child's play. A battle like that would raze the entire place to the ground.

'A battle between Emperors of Gods...' In fact, Duan Ling Tian, like the others, also wanted to stay and watch the show. However, he knew it was a bad idea. In the end, he consoled himself inwardly, 'It's better to return as soon as we can. The Supreme Divine Mansion is waiting for me! I'll be able to watch Emperors of Gods fight sooner or later anyway. I can even go to the Realm Battlefield to watch such a battle once I get stronger.'

During the journey back to their temporary accommodation, Duan Ling Tian could not help but shake his head when he thought about the woman who wore a veil on her face. "Well, I hope you're lucky enough to survive. It's not easy for you, as a female cultivator, to reach this height..."

Duan Ling Tian and Tuo Ba Xiu originally had nothing to do with each other; they traveled on paths parallel to each other with no intersections. However, there was a slight interaction only because she congratulated him earlier. Even then, he thought that would be the only intersection they had. As such, although he hoped Tuo Ba Xiu would survive, he did not worry about her beyond that. Even if she died, he would at most sigh at how pitifully short the beautiful woman's life was.

Chapter 4075: Rejection

When the people from the Pure Yang Sect returned to the Eastern Ridge Mansion, they did not separate into two groups like when they came. Instead, all of them boarded Liu Feng Gu's flying ship. It was a little crowded, but there was still enough space for everyone to walk around.

Liu Feng Gu was the one who suggested everyone travel in one flying ship. Since many Emperors of Gods had gathered, it was best to stick together even if they were not the target of those Emperors of Gods.

Ye Chen Feng did not have any objections. The suggestion benefited him, after all. He would not have to pilot the flying ship and keep a constant eye on their surroundings. He was stronger than Liu Feng Gu, but when it came to surveilling their surroundings with their Divine Consciousnesses, their abilities were about the same.

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A few days later.

'I finally have some peace and quiet,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he finally had time alone.

After starting their journey back to the Pure Yang Sect, Duan Ling Tian was still receiving Voice Transmission. Many of them were from the young disciples of the Pure Yang Sect, who wanted to speak to him regardless if they were familiar with him or not. They had been very polite as well so it made it harder for him to ignore them. In the end, he responded to them patiently one after another.

Apart from Yang Qian Ye, all of the young disciples from the Pure Yang Sect present had congratulated Duan Ling Tian. Among those who congratulated him, there were a few who were usually arrogant, and it was obvious from their voices that they were unwilling and forced to speak to him.

It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to guess that these people were likely ordered by their elders to build a good relationship with him. After all, in their elders' eyes, he was incomparably outstanding after winning the Seven Mansions Feast despite being younger than 3,000 years old. In their opinion, there were only advantages and no disadvantages to befriending him.

At this time, Zhen Ping Fan said to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, you've performed exceptionally well this time. Over the past few days, my father and my junior brother, the Sect Leader of the Pure Yang Sect, had called for two meetings between the decision-makers. They've unanimously decided to reward you greatly to show appreciation for your dedication to the Pure Yang Sect. Not only will the sect give you some treasures from the treasury, but they'll also send people out to collect rare resources that'll be useful to you. The sect isn't a sect that will take advantage of its disciples. Since you won four slots for the sect to enter the Secret Holy Realm, the sect will definitely reward you handsomely."

This was good news to Duan Ling Tian even if he had already expected it. He would find it strange instead if the Pure Yang Sect did not reward him for ranking first in the Seven Mansions Feast. If the sect was so tactless, it would not survive until today.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian had a good impression of Ye Chen Feng's character. He could see that Ye Chen Feng had a deep sense of belonging to the Pure Yang Sect. Otherwise, Ye Chen Feng would not stay in the sect until now. Perhaps, Ye Chen Feng might not receive special treatment if he joined a strong supreme-rank force, which was only second to prime supreme-rank forces, Ye Chen Feng would definitely be treated like an honored guest in ordinary supreme-rank forces.

In short, in Duan Ling Tian's opinion, for Ye Chen Feng to stay in the Pure Yang Sect for so long, at the very least, the Pure Yang Sect could not be bad.

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The Pure Yang Sect's journey back from the Profound Jade Mansion was unsurprisingly smooth. It would be strange if something had happened. Under normal circumstances, no one would stop an emperor-grade flying ship for no good reason.

However, after they left the Profound Jade Mansion's territory, the flying ship suddenly came to a stop.

Everyone instantly turned to look at Liu Feng Gu in unison since he was the one piloting the ship.

At this time, someone looked at the Mirror Image in the flying ship and exclaimed, "Someone's up ahead!"

Then, an elder said with a frown, "This person looks somewhat familiar..."

Liu Feng Gu said, "It's Lin Dong Lai, the elder from the Profound Jade Mansion's Howling Flames Sect."

Everyone was familiar with Lin Dong Lai's name. However, they were puzzled as to why Lin Dong Lai was here.

While everyone was wondering about Lin Dong Lai's purpose, his voice rang from outside the flying ship. Although he was standing a distance away, his voice resonated clearly in the flying ship.

"Elder Ye, Elder Liu, I bear no ill intention. I only want to say a few words to Duan Ling Tian on behalf of the supreme-rank clan, the Lin clan."

When everyone heard the words 'Duan Ling Tian', 'supreme-rank clan', and 'Lin clan', they instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. As it turned out, Lin Dong Lai was here to speak to Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, he was doing it on behalf of the supreme-rank clan, the Lin clan, not the Profound Jade Mansion's Howling Flames Sect.

Liu Feng Gu took the lead and disembarked from the flying ship. He said, "Elder Lin. Although I've heard about it, I really didn't expect you to be from the Lin clan. Why did a descendant of a supreme-rank clan join an emperor-rank sect like the Howling Flames Sect?"

Lin Dong Lai said in a friendly manner, "Elder Liu, it's a long story. It's not appropriate to get into it here. If you're interested, please visit the Howling Flames Sect, and I'll tell you about my past. Please rest assured. I only came to speak to Duan Ling Tian and have no other intentions. As for the reason, I'm sure you already know. Although I don't think I have a high chance of success, I still have to complete my task. I hope you understand, Elder Liu."

Liu Feng Gu had no reason to reject Lin Dong Lai so he said, "I don't have any objections to that. As long as Elder Ye agrees, there won't be a problem."

In Liu Feng Gu's opinion, Duan Ling Tian, a member of the Pure Yang Sect's Cloud Peak faction, had a relatively good relationship with Ye Chen Feng. It was most appropriate to let Ye Chen Feng decide on this matter. Moreover, he did not want to make the decision lest he offended both parties. Now that it had been confirmed that Lin Dong Lai was from the supreme-rank Lin clan, there were even fewer reasons for him to offend Lin Dong Lai.

As soon as Liu Feng Gu's voice fell, Lin Dong Lai shifted his gaze to the flying ship.

In the next moment, Ye Chen Feng said lazily, "Go and speak to Elder Lin."

Although Ye Chen Feng did not specify who he was speaking to, everyone knew the words were directed at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian nodded before he left the flying ship. In just a moment, he landed next to Liu Feng Gu and looked at Lin Dong Lai. He cupped his fists together briefly and greeted Lin Dong Lai, "Elder Lin."

Lin Dong Lai smiled widely and said, "Duan Ling Tian, first of all, I'd like to congratulate you on ranking first in the Sevens Mansions Feast. It really came as a surprise."

Duan Ling Tian smiled and said modestly, "Elder Lin, thank you. Lin Yuan didn't challenge me. If he did, I might not necessarily win first place."

Lin Dong Lai was rendered momentarily speechless by these words. After a moment, he chuckled and said, "Duan Ling Tian, there's no need to be modest. Although Lin Yuan is very strong, he's no match for you."

What a joke!

Lin Yuan was no match for Wang Xiong, and Wang Xiong was defeated by Duan Ling Tian. As such, even if Lin Yuan challenged Duan Ling Tian, Lin Yuan would only be defeated.

After that, Lin Dong Lai's expression turned slightly serious as he said directly, "I came to look for you this time because I've been entrusted with a task. I came on behalf of the Lin clan in the Divine Wood Mansion to invite you to join the Lin clan. If you agree, the benefits given to you will be twice what the direct descendants receive. Moreover, the clan will give you a welcome gift as well. The clan guarantees that you'll be satisfied with the gift. As for what it is, if you accept the invitation, I can tell you about it first. Otherwise, I'm afraid I can say anything about it."

Lin Dong Lai sounded rather mysterious when speaking about the welcome gift from the supreme-rank Lin clan.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had heard Zhen Ping Fan mention the supreme-rank Lin clan. Zhen Ping Fan had suspected earlier that Lin Yuan, who represented the Howling Flames Sect in the Seven Mansions Feast, came from the Lin clan in the Divine Wood Mansion. Lin Dong Lai's words today confirmed Zhen Ping Fan's suspicion.

In fact, Zhen Ping Fan was not the only one who suspected this. Many people who knew about the supreme-rank Lin clan in the Divine Wood Mansion had long suspected that Lin Yuan and Lin Dong Lai were from the supreme-rank Lin clan.

Duan Ling Tian smiled slightly and politely rejected Lin Dong Lai. "Elder Lin, thank you for your invitation, but I have no intention of leaving the Pure Yang Sect just yet."

In fact, it was just an excuse when Duan Ling Tian said he had no plans to leave the Pure Yang Sect for the time being, and he was sure Lin Dong Lai knew this as well.

"Since that's the case, I won't say more," Lin Dong Lai said with a sigh. However, based on his reaction, it was clear he had already expected this. Then, he looked up and said, "Elder Liu, Elder Ye, farewell."

After bidding farewell to Liu Feng Gu and Ye Chen Feng, Lin Dong Lai flew away in the direction of the Profound Jade Mansion, which the entourage from the Pure Yang Sect had come from, without another word.

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Lin Dong Lai was not disappointed or discouraged by Duan Ling Tian's rejection. He had already expected this before he came, after all.

Although the Lin clan in the Divine Wood Mansion was a supreme-rank clan, it was only an ordinary supreme-rank clan. Although it had Supreme Gods, their strength was relatively average. As such, the Lin clan was among the weakest supreme-rank forces with Supreme Gods.

The Lin clan was naturally stronger than those supreme-rank forces without Supreme Gods. Those kinds of supreme-rank forces were regarded as supreme-rank forces by most people, but to Lin Dong Lai and those from supreme-rank forces with Supreme Gods, they could be regarded as real supreme-rank forces. They were anachronous supreme-rank forces at most.

Lin Dong Lai was rather relaxed as he flew back after completing his task. He muttered under his breath, "Well, they asked me to recruit Duan Ling Tian, and I did. It has nothing to do with me if Duan Ling Tian rejects the invitation. I've done everything I can..."

After a moment, Lin Dong Lai's eyes lit up as he muttered, "If I rush back now, I might be able to watch a show. They should start fighting soon, right?"

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Duan Ling Tian was unaware of Lin Dong Lai's thoughts. He returned to the flying ship with Liu Feng Gu.

Everyone's gazes were different when they looked at Duan Ling Tian. After all, he had been invited to join a supreme-rank force. Moreover, it was not an anachronous supreme-rank force; it was a supreme-rank force with more than one Supreme God!

The Lin clan was at the top of the food chain in the Divine Wood Mansion. The Divine Wood Mansion was also superior to the Seven Mansions. In comparison to the Divine Wood Mansion, the Seven Mansions were like the boondocks.

"Incredible! A supreme-rank clan took the initiative to invite Duan Ling Tian to join them!"

"Most importantly, it's not an anachronous supreme-rank force! It's a supreme-rank force with Supreme Gods. Moreover, the benefits they offered him are very good!"

"Elder Lin said earlier that if Duan Ling Tian joins them, the benefits he'll receive will be twice as much as Lin Yuan's. Clearly, the Lin clan has high regard for Duan Ling Tian!"

Most young disciples from the Pure Yang Sect were unaware of how highly coveted Duan Ling Tian was now. However, the elders and a few young disciples knew very well about it. As such, they were not surprised at all by the Lin clan's invitation. In fact, they even felt that Duan Ling Tian could do better than joining the Lin clan. There was no one as talented as Duan Ling Tian in the Lin clan, after all.

Duan Ling Tian had achieved so many feats despite being under 3,000 years old. He was a rare talent even among the prime supreme-rank forces, let alone those strong supreme-rank forces.

"With Duan Ling Tian's current achievements, the Lin clan from the Divine Wood Mansion won't be the only supreme-rank force to extend an invitation. I can already see that our Pure Yang Sect will be receiving many guests in the future," an elder from the Pure Yang Sect said with a sigh.

"Duan Ling Tian is a rare talent, after all. The Pure Yang Sect won't be able to keep him forever. He can only grow in one of those powerful supreme-rank forces."

“If Duan Ling Tian continues to progress at this rate, he may be able to become an Emperor of Gods before reaching 10,000 years old!”

“He also has a chance of becoming a Supreme God in the future.”

The elders of the Pure Yang Sect were not stingy with their praise.

After listening to those words, the young disciples who were clueless finally realized how highly coveted Duan Ling Tian had become. Their gazes changed again when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Even Yang Qian Ye could not help but glance at Duan Ling Tian at this moment.

At the same time, Yuan Han Jin, who noticed the direction of Yang Qian Ye’s gaze, said through Voice Transmission, “Qian Ye, this isn’t anything impressive. As long as you work hard, coupled with your time in the Supreme Divine Mansion, you’ll receive even more invitations from the supreme-rank forces in the future. One day, you’ll definitely be able to trample on Duan Ling Tian.”

Yang Qian Ye only responded perfunctorily to Yuan Han Jin’s attempt to console him. His biggest goal right now was not to join a supreme-rank force but to kill Yuan Han Jin. As long as he could kill Yuan Han Jin, it did not matter to him if Yuan Ping Sheng, Yuan Han Jin’s father and the founder of the Ping Sheng faction, killed him. In fact, he felt it was worth it to lose his life as long as he was able to kill Yuan Han Jin.

At the same time, Lan Xi Lin, who was standing in a corner, glanced at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze. At the same time, he felt fortunate that he did not continue to provoke Duan Ling Tian. He thought to himself, ‘I really can’t provoke him again in the future...’

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Duan Ling Tian spent his time during the journey back cultivating with his eyes closed. No one disturbed him anymore. He only woke up when they finally arrived at the Pure Yang Sect.

After disembarking from the flying ship, Duan Ling Tian followed Zhen Ping Fan back to Cloud Peak Island and returned to his cultivation ground.

Before parting ways with Zhen Ping Fan, Duan Ling Tian said, “Elder Zhen, please help me ask Elder Ye about the Supreme Divine Mansion. I really want to know when I can enter that place. As for my safety, you don’t have to worry. I’m fully confident about surviving in that place.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes shone with confidence and determination. Since Yang Qian Ye survived in the Supreme Divine Mansion that tested one’s will, he was certain he would be able to survive as well. He did not think his will was weaker than that of Yang Qian Ye. It was his will that drove him throughout his journey.

“Alright, I’ll urge Junior Uncle Ye to speak to Senior Uncle Yuan as soon as possible, and I’ll notify you immediately when I receive news,” Zhen Ping Fan said. He was not worried about Duan Ling Tian not being able to survive in the Supreme Divine Mansion anymore. He was convinced when he saw Duan Ling Tian’s confidence and determination.

Zhen Ping Fan was naturally referring to Yuan Ping Sheng, the founder of the Ping Sheng faction, when he mentioned ‘Senior Uncle Yuan’.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Although he felt restless and could not wait to enter the Supreme Divine Mansion, there was nothing he could do but wait now. Not long after Zhen Ping Fan, his restlessness also faded away as he thought about his experience during the Seven Mansions Feast. It felt like a lifetime away now.

“I only possessed the strength I had when I first arrived in the Profound Jade Mansion, it would’ve been impossible for me to rank in the top three, let alone rank first. Fortunately, I had timely help from the Five Divine Elements and managed to completely stabilize my cultivation base in the early stage of the Seven Mansions Feast. However, even after that, at most, I have a chance to rank second or third. It’s all thanks to Elder Ye, who showed me his Sword Dao Principle, that I was able to rank first. After studying his Sword Dao Principle for two days, I was inspired and was able to raise the synergy between me and my doppelganger. Not only that, but my law of space improved as well, and I was able to comprehend the Double Teleportation Profundity.”

It was not an exaggeration to say that Ye Chen Feng was critical to Duan Ling Tian’s victory in the Seven Mansions Feast. Needless to say, the Five Divine Elements also played a huge role in his victory. If he did not completely stabilize his cultivation base in the realm of an intermediate Lord of Gods, even with Ye Chen Feng’s help, he would not have been able to rank first in the Seven Mansions Feast.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian’s drifted to another topic.

“Supreme-rank forces... If those powerful supreme-rank forces come to recruit me, what should I do?”

Duan Ling Tian did not know much about the powerful supreme-rank forces in Profound Energy Land. His knowledge about them only grew after Zhen Ping Fan mentioned them.

There were more than a dozen powerful supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land, and they had been in the Profound Energy Land for many years. In fact, some of them were not any weaker than prime supreme-rank forces. The only advantage the prime supreme-rank forces had were the support of supreme powerhouses. All these powerful supreme-rank forces needed to become prime supreme-rank forces was the support of a supreme powerhouse.

“Hmmm, I wonder what the Pure Yang Sect will reward me with? They said they’ll give me something useful. I hope that’s really the case. After all, I’m different from most intermediate Lords of Gods. What’s useful to them might not be useful to me...”

For example, if the Pure Yang Sect gave Duan Ling Tian divine pills that he had already taken before, they would be useless even if they were Limit Divine Pills. After all, divine pills would lose their efficacy if one had consumed them before.

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A few days later.

Duan Ling Tian finally received a Voice Transmission from Zhen Ping Fan. He had been expecting good news so it was unexpected when he heard that he had no chance of entering the Supreme Divine Mansion.

“I went with Junior Uncle Ye to have a look at the Supreme Divine Mansion. We’ve confirmed that only rudimentary Lords of Gods can enter that place now. It’s impossible for intermediate Lords of Gods to enter that place.”

“Initially, Yuan Han Jin was rather uncooperative. However, in the end, he could not withstand the pressure from Junior Uncle Ye so he relented and told us where the Supreme Divine Mansion is located.”

Duan Ling Tian only heard Zhen Ping Fan’s first Voice Transmission.

He could not enter the Supreme Divine Mansion due to the restriction on cultivation.

In fact, Duan Ling Tian had thought about the possibility of this happening, but he thought the possibility was small. After all, he learned from Zhen Ping Fan that without the continuous supply of energy from a supreme powerhouse, the Supreme Divine Mansion would continue to deteriorate until it crumbled.

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Meanwhile, seeing that Duan Ling Tian did not reply for quite a while, Zhen Ping Fan said in an attempt to console Duan Ling Tian, “Duan Ling Tian, it’s just a Supreme Divine Mansion. Don’t think about it so much. With your talent and comprehension skills, even without entering the Supreme Divine Mansion, you’ll be able to improve quickly. Moreover, the sect is going to provide you with many resources after this. Most importantly, there’ll be no lack of powerful supreme-rank forces coming to recruit you. After you join a powerful supreme-rank force, with your ability, you don’t have to worry about not having resources.”

Zhen Ping Fan felt like it was enough so he continued to say, “Moreover, your achievements at this age are more than enough to make 99% of the people in the Profound Energy Land feel envious. It’s really not a big deal that you can’t enter the Supreme Divine Mansion.”

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As Zhen Ping Fan spoke, Duan Ling Tian gradually came back to his senses. He did not expect Zhen Ping Fan to console him to this extent as though he could not live if he could not enter the Supreme Divine Mansion. Although he really wanted to enter the Supreme Divine Mansion, he was not at the point where he would kill himself just because he could not enter the Supreme Divine Mansion. Not being able to enter the Supreme Divine Mansion only upset him briefly. It was nothing in the grand scheme of things. Moreover, the Supreme Divine Mansion was not his. He would consider himself lucky if he was able to enter, otherwise, he would get over it.

Duan Ling Tian did not expect Zhen Ping Fan would come to look for him as well after not receiving a reply from him. He felt speechless but warm at the same time. He said with a smile, “Elder Zhen, I’m fine. Like you said, it’s just a Supreme Divine Mansion. It doesn’t affect me that much.”

Zhen Ping Fan studied Duan Ling Tian’s expression carefully, and after confirming that Duan Ling Tian was truly fine, he sighed in relief inwardly. He knew how much Duan Ling Tian had been looking forward to entering the Supreme Divine Mansion. As such, he had been worried the disappointment would affect Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation.

Although Duan Ling Tian was not Zhen Ping Fan's disciple, he had personally recruited Duan Ling Tian to the Pure Yang Sect. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian was very friendly as well. As such, he sincerely cared about Duan Ling Tian's well-being. He did not treat Duan Ling Tian as a junior but treated Duan Ling Tian as a friend instead. In fact, after Duan Ling Tian helped him obtain a prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul, he began to treat Duan Ling Tian as his best friend. As such, his treatment of Duan Ling Tian became even more sincere.

During the Seven Mansions Feast, Zhen Ping Fan was also very concerned about Duan Ling Tian. Although not all of his actions were useful, his actions were all done in Duan Ling Tian's best interest.

Duan Ling Tian was very aware of this as well. Although he did not say anything, he felt very grateful.

Finally, Zhen Ping Fan nodded and said before he took his leave, "Alright. I'm glad you remained optimistic."

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn and determined after Zhen Ping Fan left. He no longer dwelled on the Supreme Divine Mansion. Since he could not enter the Supreme Divine Mansion, he would find other ways to get stronger.

After experiencing an emotional rollercoaster, Duan Ling Tian calmed down. Then, he ignored the outside world and focused on cultivating.

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Duan Ling Tian only stepped out of his room when the Pure Yang Sect entrusted Zhen Yun Feng to send resources to him.

Zhen Yun Feng was accompanied by Zhen Ping Fan and Ye Chen Feng when he came to look for Duan Ling Tian.

"Elder Zhen, Elder Ye, Elder Ping Fan," Duan Ling Tian greeted the trio. He did not expect Zhen Yun Feng to have company when delivering the resources from the Pure Yang Sect. He hurriedly welcomed the trio in.

"There's no need to be so polite with us," Zhen Yun Feng said with a smile, "Junior Brother Ye and I came to show some people how highly we think of you! Otherwise, who knows if they'll start complaining about you being undeserving of these resources."

In other words, Zhen Yun Feng and Ye Chen Feng came to shut the mouths of the naysayers.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned upon hearing Zhen Yun Feng's words. What kind of resources did the Pure Yang Sect give him that even after he ranked first in the Seven Mansions Feast, some people might think he was undeserving of them?

He had won four slots for the Pure Yang Sect to enter the Holy Secret Realm when the Pure Yang Sect had only expected him to rank in the top ten. Let alone first place, the sect did not even think about him ranking second or third. What was so valuable that even after ranking first in the Seven Mansions Feast, there would be people who complained?

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the content of the spatial ring that Zhen Yun Feng handed him. Although he had prepared himself somewhat, he was still taken aback.

All kinds of medicinal herbs could be seen in the spatial ring. Although there were not many of them, each of them was rare and precious. Among them, there were ingredients to refine divine pills that will help with the cultivation of Emperors of Gods. These medicinal herbs were precious and highly coveted.

There was also a prominent divine artifact. With just a glance, he could tell that it was of high quality. It even showed faint signs of birthing an artifact soul. It was not as precious as a prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul, let alone a prominent artifact with a complete artifact soul, but it was still superior to ordinary prominent divine artifacts.

The prominent divine artifact was a defensive prominent divine artifact. Its form was that of silver armor. The silver armor shone faintly with a silver light, but there was a faint golden light mixed in it as well. The golden light was the faint aura that was a sign of the prominent divine artifact having a high chance of birthing an artifact soul in the future. As long as one took care to nurture the prominent divine artifact, the artifact soul was bound to form sooner or later.

After Duan Ling Tian claimed ownership of the spatial ring and was looking at its contents, Zhen Ping Fan said, "The most precious thing in the ring is the silver armor, a prominent divine artifact. Its former owner was the great disciple of a founding ancestor of our Pure Yang Sect who later became the second sect leader of our sect. In the past, the armor had already shown signs of giving birth to an artifact soul. At that time, its former owner also began to nurture it. However, before it could come to fruition, the owner was involved in a fight. Although he killed his opponent, he was severely injured as well. As such, he failed to survive his Heavenly Tribulation when it came 100 years later. After that, the armor changed owners a few times, but none of them took the time to nurture it. This was because the owners were mostly intermediate Emperors of Gods. Intermediate Emperors of Gods usually placed more importance on offensive prominent divine artifacts. It's already difficult to nurture one prominent divine artifact. Imagine having to nurture two. In any case, the Pure Yang Sect has always treated the armor as a treasure due to its high potential of birthing an artifact soul. It's much more precious than ordinary prominent divine artifacts, after all. If my father had spoken up alone, the sect definitely wouldn't have given this prominent artifact to you. However, since Junior Uncle Ye spoke up as well, the others could only reluctantly agree to give the prominent divine artifact to you as a reward for ranking first in the Seven Mansions Feast..."

Duan Ling Tian realized how much more precious the defensive prominent divine artifact was after listening to Zhen Ping Fan.

In fact, the most difficult thing was not to nurture an incomplete artifact soul to completion. Instead, the process of birthing the artifact soul was the most difficult step.

Moreover, not every prominent divine artifact could give birth to an artifact soul. Prominent divine artifacts had to be forged from rare materials for them to have the potential to give birth to artifact souls. This made the silver armor rather rare, and it was even rarer because not many people would spend time nurturing defensive prominent divine artifacts. As such, defensive prominent divine artifacts with artifact souls, both incomplete and complete, were incredibly rare.

"Is it really okay for the sect to give this to me?" Duan Ling Tian asked hesitantly. After all, he did not intend to stay in the Pure Yang Sect forever, and the armor was of great significance to the Pure Yang

Sect. Its rarity and potential aside, it was once owned by the disciple of a founding ancestor of the Pure Yang Sect who was also the second Sect Leader of the Pure Yang Sect.

When Zhen Ping Fan saw the hesitant expression on Duan Ling Tian's face, he could guess the thought in Duan Ling Tian's mind immediately. He said with a smile, "Are you hesitating because this artifact is of great importance to the sect, and you're going to leave the Pure Yang Sect in the future? If so, you can rest assured. This artifact is precious, but it has only been collecting dust in the treasury. It'll be even better if you can nurture it until it gives birth to an artifact soul. It can also be considered a kind of consolation to its original owner. No matter what happens in the future, it's a fact that you were once a disciple of our Pure Yang Sect. If it can help you soar to greater heights, it'll also bring glory to the Pure Yang Sect in the Profound Energy Land.

After listening to Zhen Ping Fan, Duan Ling Tian quickly dispelled his worries. He was a decisive person, and he truly needed the armor. It would help him save his life at critical moments.

Then, Zhen Yun Feng and Ye Chen Feng chatted briefly with Duan Ling Tian before they finally took their leave.

Meanwhile, Zhen Ping Fan stayed behind. When it was just him and Duan Ling Tian, he said seriously, "When you're strong enough to nurture prominent divine artifacts, you shouldn't rush to nurture this defensive prominent divine artifact immediately. It's better for you to nurture an offensive prominent divine artifact first. After all, an offensive prominent divine artifact is going to be much more useful to you than a defensive prominent divine artifact."

Since the defensive prominent divine artifact had a high potential to birth an artifact soul, Zhen Ping Fan was worried Duan Ling Tian would rush to nurture the defensive prominent divine artifact instead of nurturing an offensive divine artifact after he was capable of doing so. In his opinion, this would delay Duan Ling Tian's growth.

"Elder Zhen, I understand this," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

Zhen Ping Fan's words were not wrong at all. However, Duan Ling Tian had no plans of heeding Zhen Ping Fan's advice since he already possessed an offensive prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul.

After breaking through and becoming an Emperor of Gods, Huang'er, the artifact soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, would no longer need to hide. She could freely manifest in the world. After all, at that time, Duan Ling Tian would be strong enough to protect it from greedy people coveting his weapon. However, as of now, it was better to keep a low profile.

At this time, Zhen Ping Fan raised his hand and handed a jade token to Duan Ling Tian as he said, "There's also this. It holds the list of the more than a dozen powerful supreme-rank forces, which are only second to prime supreme-rank forces, in the Profound Energy Land. Study them. Although not all of them will recruit you, it's good to have an understanding of them. It'll also help you with deciding which force to join. I only recently compiled this list. I have also added information on things you need to pay attention to."

Zhen Ping Fan did not tell Duan Ling Tian he was not privy to many of the pieces of information in the jade token. He only learned about them after he decided to compile a list and information for Duan Ling Tian and spoke to people and studied the ancient records in the Pure Yang Sect.

Chapter 4078: The Heavyweight Supreme-Rank Forces

Duan Ling Tian spent the next few days going through the content of the jade token that Zhen Ping Fan had given him. He could tell that Zhen Ping Fan had spent a lot of effort compiling the information about the dozen or more powerful supreme-rank forces, also known as heavyweight supreme-rank forces, in the Profound Energy Land. Zhen Ping Fan even included information about a supreme-rank force that he could not possibly join. This supreme-rank force was called the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion.

The Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion was a major supreme-rank force that only accepted female members. Although its strength was not among the best, it had a long history in the Profound Energy Land. It was able to exist for such a long time because it had no lack of Supreme Gods. Apart from that, members were not prohibited from getting married. However, once a member was married, she would instantly become an outer disciple. Outstanding members naturally would choose partners with outstanding strength or backgrounds. As such, the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion had many allies. However, it managed to withstand the test of time not just because of its allies, but because of its resources and strength as well.

Compared to the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces, the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion did not have as many members. However, their strongest powerhouse was not any weaker than those of the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

Previously, when Zhen Ping Fan mentioned the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion, he had said, "Duan Ling Tian, you should consider marrying a wife from the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. If you meet any difficulties, they won't hesitate to help you as long as you're not in the wrong."

At that time, Duan Ling Tian had felt rather speechless.

After reading about the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian continued to read about the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces. He had long noticed that the heavyweight supreme-rank forces had one thing in common: all of them had advanced Supreme Gods. Although their number was not high, all of them stood at the peak in Realms of Gods.

All advanced Supreme Gods had very high innate talent. Otherwise, how could they survive so many Heavenly Tribulations until they became Supreme Gods? Their comprehension of the law was incredibly profound as well. It was also certain that they had hidden abilities as well. For example, they likely had already comprehended the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, possessed the Five Divine Elements, and so on.

'There are only two clans among the dozen heavyweight supreme-rank forces. Elder Zhen said that it's unlikely that they'll recruit me...'

Zhen Ping Fan had told Duan Ling Tian that it was very unlikely for the heavyweight supreme-rank clans to recruit him even if he was exceptionally talented, worried that their direct descendants would be suppressed by an outsider.

‘The majority of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces are sects. Oh, there’s one academy...’

Out of the dozen heavyweight supreme-rank forces, one supreme-rank force in particular caught Duan Ling Tian’s attention. It was the Myriad Laws Academy.

The Myriad Laws Academy was, needless to say, the top academy in the Profound Energy Land. It had many students, and among them, many of them were descendants of prime supreme-rank forces and heavyweight supreme-rank forces. However, it was common that these descendants enrolled in the academy to enjoy life, not learn.

In the Myriad Laws Academy, there were only three roles: teacher, students, and staff members.

The teachers were responsible for teaching and guiding the students. Apart from that, it was also their duty to protect the academy. Those with higher cultivation bases would represent the academy to compete for resources with other prime and heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

As for the staff members, they were responsible for maintaining the academy and looking after the students. It was their duty to ensure that the academy ran smoothly, which involved taking care of the academy’s hygiene and landscape. As for the students, they were responsible for the students’ daily lives such as food and accommodations.

‘Interesting...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a faint smile. The Myriad Laws Academy was similar to the academy he had joined in the past.

As one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces, the Myriad Laws Academy naturally had advanced Supreme Gods as well. It was rumored that the founder of the academy was a direct disciple of a supreme powerhouse, who used to be a sectless cultivator. To honor his master, he founded the Myriad Laws Academy and accepted students indiscriminately. No one knew what happened to the founder’s master. Some speculated that he had perished in an accident, and some said he perished when he was in closed-door cultivation.

‘As expected of a direct disciple of a supreme powerhouse. It’s really remarkable that he founded such a prestigious and strong academy,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a sigh, ‘Alas, Elder Zhen said it’s unlikely that the academy will try to recruit me since there’s no precedent of the academy recruiting a student.’

Unlike the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion that would take the initiative to recruit members, Zhen Ping Fan had told Duan Ling Tian in advance that the Myriad Laws Academy would not take the initiative to recruit him. If he wanted to join the Myriad Laws Academy, he would have to go to them instead. If he went to the academy, the Myriads Law Academy would not reject a talent like him.

However, Zhen Ping Fan made it clear that it was not a good choice. He had said, “The Myriad Laws Academy seems like a good choice. However, since it’s an academy, it’s much fairer compared to sects and clans. As such, the resources you receive won’t be the best. If the academy is able to offer your

resources similar to what you'll receive if you join a sect, I'll definitely persuade you to join the academy. Alas, that's not the case. Having good resources and treatment will save you a few thousand years of cultivation after all."

Duan Ling Tian felt moved by Zhen Ping Fan's advice and actions. He could keenly feel Zhen Ping Fan's sincerity. However, he also felt pressured seeing Zhen Ping Fan trying so hard to help him. After all, he disliked owing others favors. It was different from when his master helped him because he would do anything for his master. Similarly, he did not feel burdened when he received Ye Chen Feng's help because he knew Ye Chen Feng helped him to return his master's favor.

Although Duan Ling Tian knew Zhen Ping Fan was also trying to return the favor after he helped Zhen Ping Fan obtain the prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul, he felt that he could not claim complete credit. Without Ye Chen Feng's help, they would not have been able to obtain the prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and sighed. He dismissed his thoughts after he decided to repay Zhen Ping Fan's kindness in the future when the chance arose. He shifted his attention back to the jade token, taking note of a few forces that would likely try to recruit him. These few forces' younger generation was weaker compared to that of the other forces. Zhen Ping Fan had advised him to join one of those forces since they would definitely spend a lot of effort to nurture him if he joined them.

'Elder Zhen is really farsighted... There are the Scarlet Flame Palace, the Nine Seas Valley, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation...'

Chapter 4079: Junior Sister Xiu

At the Nine Seas Valley, one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

The Nine Seas Valley was tucked away deep in the mountains. It was perpetually springtime in the Nine Seas Valley. It was surrounded by lush greeneries all year round. Mist swirled around this place that was like a paradise.

At this time, a tall and burly young man descended from the sky. He had a jade-like complexion, and despite his youthful appearance, his pair of eyes spoke of the vicissitudes of life, making him look older than his face did. He looked at the middle-aged man standing in the courtyard and asked, "What are you doing here?"

The middle-aged man bowed and greeted the young man. Then, he said respectfully, "Second Elder, you finally came out of closed-door cultivation. There's an urgent matter that I need you to decide on since the Valley Master and the First Elder aren't around."

"What is it?" the young man asked expressionlessly, looking very dignified.

"Second Elder, before I explain it to you, please have a look at the recording from the Floating Image Pearl," the middle-aged man said as he handed a Floating Image Pearl to the young man.

The young man cocked an eyebrow before he began to watch the recording.

The Floating Image Pearl hovered in the air as the recording showed a battlefield surrounded by many small floating islands. The small floating islands were occupied by spectators as two opponents faced each other on the battlefield. One of them was a purple-clad young man and the other was an unkempt middle-aged man. Soon after, the two opponents began to make their moves.

Meanwhile, the young man's face remained expressionless as he watched the recording. It only changed slightly when the purple-clad young man used his Sword Dao. He raised an eyebrow and said, "His attainment in the Sword Dao is quite good. An intermediate Lord of Gods like him is really rare..."

However, after a moment, the young man's expression changed again when he saw the purple-clad young man use the Double Teleportation Profundity. He turned to look at the middle-aged man and said, "An intermediate Lord of Gods who comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity? How old is he?"

In the history of the Nine Seas Valley, among the founders who comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity, the one who comprehended it the fastest did so when he was still an advanced Lord of Gods. Apart from that, those who comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity had all gone on to achieve great things later in life. One of them even led the Nine Seas Valley to greater heights and laid the foundation for their current success.

Although it was not unprecedented for an intermediate Lord of Gods to comprehend the Double Teleportation Profundity, it was rare. Moreover, they usually did not have very high innate talent but had remarkable comprehension skills. Alas, most of them died before they could grow into potential or become an Emperor of Gods.

The middle-aged man's eyes shone brightly as he quickly replied, "He's not even 3,000 years old."

"What?!" The young man was shocked. "Are you sure this young man who comprehended the Sword Dao and the Double Teleportation Profundity is not even 3,000 years old?"

The middle-aged man nodded and said seriously, "Yes, I'm sure. Otherwise, I wouldn't have waited here for you to come out of closed-door cultivation, Second Elder."

The young man asked with a small hint of excitement, "Who is he?"

Since the middle-aged man was waiting for him here, clearly, there was a chance to recruit the purple-clad young man, who was on par with the strongest among the Nine Seas Valley's younger generation.

The middle-aged man replied calmly, "His name is Duan Ling Tian. He's from the Pure Yang Sect in the Eastern Ridge Mansion, which is one of the Seven Mansions. The Seven Mansions are located in the eastern region of the Profound Energy Land. People from the Seven Mansions rarely leave since the region is rather remote. The region is underdeveloped and lacking in resources so our people rarely go there as well." After a brief pause, he continued to say, "The recording earlier is from the Seven Mansions Feast that's jointly organized by the Seven Mansions. I think you must have heard of it before."

The young man nodded. "Indeed. I've heard of the Seven Mansions Feast. It's just a way for the forces in the Seven Mansions to determine who can enter what they call the Secret Holy Realm. To them, it's a holy realm, but to us, it's just a small realm that contains a spirit reservoir. The people in the Seven

Mansions are mostly weak. Their innate talent and comprehension skills aren't particularly high so it's difficult for them to become advanced Emperors of Gods. As such, the strongest people there are mostly only intermediate Emperors of Gods. That small third-rate realm can help some of their stronger intermediate Emperors of Gods become advanced Emperors of Gods."

After a moment, the young man added, "I didn't expect such a rare talent to appear during the Seven Mansions Feast."

Although Duan Ling Tian's opponent, Wang Xiong, was strong, the young man did not pay attention to Wang Xiong at all. This was because the middle-aged man did not say anything about Wang Xiong. He believed that the middle-aged man had already vetted these people. Moreover, since only those below the age of 10,000 could participate in the Seven Mansions Feast, he had a feeling that Wang Xiong was close to 10,000 years old.

"Second Elder, the Elders Council has sent someone to recruit him to join our Nine Seas Valley. We plan to offer him benefits so that he'll be willing to join us. However, since the Valley Master and the First Elder weren't around, and you were in closed-door cultivation, we couldn't decide on what to offer him," the middle-aged man said.

The middle-aged man was not confident they would be able to successfully recruit Duan Ling Tian. After all, the Nine Seas Valley was not the only heavyweight supreme-rank force wanting to recruit Duan Ling Tian. If the conditions they offered were not good enough, it was only natural that Duan Ling Tian joined one of their competitors.

"Summon the Elder Council for a meeting at once," the young man said before he flashed and disappeared into thin air.

Initially, the young man planned to take a short break after coming out of closed-door cultivation. However, after discovering the existence of Duan Ling Tian, he was rather excited. Although the Nine Seas Valley had many outstanding talents among the younger generation, they could not compare to their predecessors. He was now eager to recruit Duan Ling Tian because he firmly believed Duan Ling Tian could be the Nine Seas Valley's future pillar of strength. Although it was not unprecedented, even in the Nine Seas Valley, intermediate Lords of Gods under the age of 3,000, who comprehended the Sword Dao and the Double Teleportation Profundity, were very rare.

'He has a doppelganger from the law... This means he's not a native of a Realm of Gods...'

The young man was even more astonished by this revelation. Even as the Second Elder of the Nine Seas Valley, he had never heard of anyone from the lower realms capable of achieving so many amazing feats like Duan Ling Tian.

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At the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation's estate.

In a spacious hall.

A skinny old man dressed in a long black robe asked in a low voice, "Did you investigate thoroughly? Is he really from the mundane realm?"

"Vice Leader, I've investigated it thoroughly," a subordinate replied, "There's no doubt that he's from a mundane realm. Moreover, based on the information from our intelligence network, he's not even 1,000 years old. Everyone thinks he's almost 3,000 years old. He must have used divine pills to conceal his bone age to maintain a low profile."

"He achieved so many things when he's not even 1,000 years old... Such a monstrous talent is unprecedented even in our Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation."

In the beginning, the Vice Leader of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation was not particularly shocked when he first heard about Duan Ling Tian. They had a few young prodigies under the age of 3,000 years old who were comparable to Duan Ling Tian, after all. The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation's younger generation was very promising compared to the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land. Now that there was a chance to recruit another outstanding talent, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation naturally would not let such a chance go. Needless to say, after the investigation, they were even more determined to recruit Duan Ling Tian.

"Inform the person recruiting Duan Ling Tian to increase our offer significantly. We have to recruit him no matter what..." the vice leader said.

"Vice Leader, what if he still refuses to join us?" the subordinate asked.

"If he refuses, use threats. Let him know that we're aware of his secrets in the mundane realm and the Devata Realm. He has to be very intelligent to be able to come this far. I'm sure he'll know what kind of choice to make at that time..."

"Vice leader, this seems inappropriate. After all, he'll definitely join one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces. If we threaten him or if we make a move on his family friends in the lower realms, when he joins another heavyweight supreme-rank force, that supreme-rank force definitely won't let the matter go so easily."

"What can anyone do if we don't leave any traces that will lead back to us? Even if they know, can they act without evidence? You're too naive."

"Vice Leader, you're truly wise."

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At the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion.

A pretty young woman followed behind a beautiful woman as they passed through the thick fog that shrouded a floating island.

The floating island was surrounded by many small floating islands like the stars that surrounded the moon in the night sky.

At this time, the beautiful woman smiled and said to the young woman, "Junior Sister Xiu, I'll bring you to meet our master."

Chapter 4080: A Supreme God's Direct Disciple

Tuo Ba Xiu was now a disciple of the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. Only the top forces from the Underworld Mansion, the Profound Jade Mansion, and the Feudal Lord Mansion's Primal Flame Sect were aware of it for now.

Previously, the Feudal Lord Mansion's Primal Flame Sect had been determined to kill Tuo Ba Xiu and even called for reinforcement to the Profound Jade Mansion.

The top forces from the Underworld Mansion were determined to protect Tuo Ba Xiu so unsurprisingly, an intense battle broke out.

Among the people from the Primal Flame Sect in the Profound Jade Mansion, there was only one intermediate Emperor of Gods. To kill Tuo Ba Xiu, the Primal Flame Sect hired external help and sent a few of their powerhouses to the Profound Jade Mansion.

The three intermediate from the top forces in the Underworld Mansion had already anticipated this so they had also called for reinforcement from their respective forces.

Needless to say, the reinforcements from both sides were all intermediate Emperors of Gods.

While the intense battle was still ongoing, the powerhouses from the Profound Jade Mansion, who were watching the show, were shocked when they discovered the sudden appearance of a mysterious female powerhouse. They were even more shocked as they watched the mysterious woman easily deal with the group of intermediate Emperors of Gods using the ribbon in her hand. The intermediate Emperors of Gods defended themselves but were still injured and vomited blood in the end.

"She's an advanced Emperor of Gods!"

"She has a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul!"

Everyone was shocked as they looked at the seemingly invincible woman in the sky. Based on her strength, it was clear she was not an ordinary advanced Emperor of Gods.

Finally, an intermediate from the Primal Flame Sect asked fearfully in a trembling voice, "W-who are you? Why are you intervening in the matter between the Primal Flame Sect and the Tuo Ba clan?"

"I'm from the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. Are you questioning me?" the woman responded indifferently. At the same time, a streak of light shot out from her ribbon.

The streak of light pierced the intermediate Emperor of Gods, who had just spoken, killing him immediately.

Silence permeated the entire place immediately.

The woman looked at Tuo Ba Xiu, who was staring at her in shock, and asked with a faint smile, "Tuo Ba Xiu, do you want to join our Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion?"

Tuo Ba Xiu had never heard of the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. However, judging by the woman's strength, she was certain the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion was far stronger than any of the top three forces

in the Underworld Mansion. Nonetheless, she did not agree immediately. Instead, she looked at the old man, who led the entourage from the Yuwen clan.

The old man sighed inwardly when he saw Tuo Ba Xiu looking at him. Then, he said through Voice Transmission, "Don't hesitate. Accept her invitation now. The Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion is your best choice if you want to avenge your clan as soon as possible. The Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion is one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land, and they have many Supreme Gods, including advanced Supreme Gods."

Following that, Tuo Ba Xiu did not hesitate as she looked at the woman and said, "Senior, I want to join the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion."

The woman smiled upon hearing Tuo Ba Xiu's reply. She said, "Very well. From now on, you'll address me as 'senior sister'. Follow me to meet our master. You can bid farewell to your friends after meeting our master."

The group of Emperors of Gods only watched in shock and disbelief as the woman brought Tuo Ba Xiu away. No one dared to stop them at all.

Finally, the old man from the Yuwen clan laughed heartily. "What a glorious day for our Yuwen clan and the Underworld Mansion!"

Following that, the people from the Underworld Mansion laughed as well.

On the contrary, the faces of those from the Primal Flame Sect were ashen.

Tuo Ba Xiu was a disciple of the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. Moreover, her senior sister was exceptionally strong and an extraordinary advanced Emperor of Gods. As such, her master was definitely not an ordinary Supreme God.

"The Primal Flame Sect is doomed!"

The people from the Primal Flame Sect fell into despair.

At the same time, the Primal Flame Sect's allies glared at them, cursing inwardly. Some of them wondered if they should leave the Profound Energy Land for good to escape the impending disaster. It was possible that the Supreme God from the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion would kill them. From what they knew, the old women in the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion were very protective of their members.

As for the powerhouses from the Profound Jade Mansion, they looked at each other in shock and disbelief when they saw that the female prodigy, whom the top forces from the Underworld Mansion cultivated, had been invited to join the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. Moreover, her master was definitely a Supreme God. When they regained their senses, they smiled and quickly congratulated the people from the Underworld Mansion.

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When Duan Ling Tian received the news later, he was surprised as well.

“Tuo Ba Xiu was invited to join the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion?”

Duan Ling Tian did not expect Tuo Ba Xiu to join the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion so quickly. He had just finished reading the information about the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion, which was prepared by Zhen Ping Fan, two days ago.

“The Primal Flame Sect is doomed, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked Zhen Ping Fan after Zhen Ping Fan told him about Tuo Ba Xiu joining the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion.

Zhen Ping Fan said with a complicated expression, “I heard that the Primal Flame Sect is preparing to disband. However, when they tried to leave their sect’s estate, they discovered that they couldn’t leave. A barrier had surrounded the entire estate, and the intermediate Emperors of Gods couldn’t break it even after they joined forces. According to Junior Uncle Ye, the barrier must have been erected by a Formation master from the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion. Only a supreme-rank Formation master could erect such a barrier that could stop the Primal Flame Sect’s members from leaving.”

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by Zhen Ping Fan’s words.

“It seems like the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion isn’t going to make a move for now. They’re going to let Tuo Ba Xiu personally seek revenge after she’s grown strong enough to do so. In any case, there’s no doubt that Tuo Ba Xiu’s master is either the Formation master or has a close relationship with a Formation master,” Zhen Ping Fan said.

Duan Ling Tian found it hard to believe that Tuo Ba Xiu not only joined the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion, but their Supreme God even helped her to capture and imprison her enemies.

Zhen Ping Fan sighed. “What a pity. If you didn’t have a p*nis, the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion would definitely recruit you.” Then, he said teasingly, “Why don’t you consider castration?”

Then, before Duan Ling Tian could reply, Zhen Ping Fan added, “No, that’s not right either. Even if you castrate yourself, it doesn’t make you a woman.”

Duan Ling Tian and Zhen Ping Fan both laughed at the joke.

Then, after a moment, as though he just remembered something, Zhen Ping Fan said, “You should not go into closed-door cultivation for the time being. If I’m not wrong, the people from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces should be arriving soon to recruit you. Regardless of your choice, you should be present when they arrive. It’s best not to offend these people.”

Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned serious when he heard Zhen Ping Fan’s words. Since Zhen Ping Fan told him that the heavyweight supreme-rank forces would take an interest in him, he naturally had no intention to join ordinary supreme-rank forces. The resources between the two could not be compared at all. He wondered which heavyweight supreme-rank force would come to recruit him.

‘I’ll decide when the time comes. Apart from taking their offer into consideration, I’ll also take their attitude into consideration. Naturally, I’ll only consider those with sincere and respectful attitudes. I won’t consider those who are insincere and disrespectful even if their offer is good...’

In any case, Duan Ling Tian knew better than to offend the heavyweight supreme-rank forces. After all, not only would he be in trouble, but the Pure Yang Sect would also be implicated.

The Pure Yang Sect might be on top of the food chain in the Eastern Ridge Mansion, but they were like an ant in front of those heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

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While Duan Ling Tian and Zhen Ping Fan continued to chat, various people were making their way to the Pure Yang Sect from different directions.