

Chapter 2621 Elder Hong, the Head of the Golden Serpent Guards

“Even if Lord City Governor treats Duan Ling Tian well so that Duan Ling Tian will teach him his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, there’s no need for him to let Duan Ling Tian cultivate in the Tranquil Alcove, right? Lord City Governor has never invited Chen Xuan Ba and me to cultivate in Tranquil Alcove before,” Miao Lai Long murmured with a dark expression on his face. As the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, he, naturally, knew how beneficial it was to cultivate in Tranquil Alcove.

Leave alone cultivation resources such as Celestial Stones, just the cultivation environment in Tranquil Alcove was much better than the ones in the Black Dragon Camp and Silverwyrms Army Camp. After all, his cultivation speed would increase by almost two times in Tranquil Alcove. For this reason, Miao Lai Long had yearned to cultivate there. For this reason, when he learned about Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, he had wanted to learn them without reporting it to Liu Feng Gu. After he had gotten stronger, he had planned to head to the County Governor’s estate to try and replace Liu Feng Gu as City Governor of Bloody Specter City. This way, he would have access to the Tranquil Alcove.

Miao Lai Long continued thinking to himself, ‘I wish Lord City Governor will teach me Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities after he obtains them to show appreciation for my effort in sharing the news with him.’ He was, naturally, unaware that Liu Feng Gu had no intention of asking Duan Ling Tian for the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities!

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In the City Governor’s estate in Bloody Specter City. There was a spacious mansion with a large front and backyard in the eastern side of the estate. This was where Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, lived. The Tranquil Alcove was conveniently located in the backyard of the mansion.

At this moment, Liu Feng Gu sat in front of a stone table in the front yard. He looked at the flowers and plants in his surroundings as he drank tea. No one could tell what was going through his mind at this moment.

Suddenly, a voice rang from all directions, “Lord City Governor, are you feeling regretful for not forcing Duan Ling Tian to reveal his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities?” A black-clad old man with an average build appeared out of thin air. His appearance was equally as ordinary. In fact, he looked no different from an ordinary old man due to his restrained aura and cloudy eyes. A golden snake embroidered on the chest area of his black robes was particularly conspicuous. A crown could also be vaguely seen embroidered on top of the snake’s head.

Liu Feng Gu did not seem startled by the old man’s sudden appearance. It seemed he had long gotten used to the old man’s sudden appearance. He replied calmly, “If I forced him, then, I would have truly regretted it. Didn’t I ask you to check his temperament and character? You should have an understanding of the kind of person he is, do you think he’s someone who can be forced?”

The old man fell silent as he thought about the fierce purple-clad young man.

“He’s a diamond in the rough. It’s much better to treat him well than to offend him. Moreover, my instinct is telling me that he’ll be able to avenge Qian’er on my behalf!”

“Young Master Qian.” The old man trembled slightly. A hint of fondness flashed in his eyes before it dulled. Among Liu Feng Gu’s subordinates, he had served Liu Feng Gu the longest. He had left the City Governor’s estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County to Bloody Specter City with Liu Feng Gu. He was there in the earlier days to witness the growth of Liu Feng Gu’s direct disciple.

Suddenly, Liu Feng Gu seemed to have thought of something. His eyes gleamed coldly as he said ruthlessly, “Elder Hong, Miao Lai Long definitely won’t be happy if he finds out that I have no intention of obtaining Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, let alone my plan of recommending Duan Ling Tian to go to the County Governor’s estate. He might not dare to show his anger to me, but he’ll certainly cause trouble for Duan Ling Tian. There’s even a possibility of him leaving Bloody Specter City to the County City of Nine Specters County to spread the word about Duan Ling Tian’s extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. Keep an eye on him. Kill him, his sister, and brother-in-law if he shows signs of leaving the Bloody Specter City to the County City of the Nine Specters County! Him harming Duan Ling Tian will only impede me from avenging Qian’er. If he chooses that road, I have no choice but to disregard the relationship we have over the years!”

“Understood.” The old man nodded. With just a flash, he seemed to vanish into thin air.

Based on Liu Feng Gu’s words, it was clear the old man was stronger than Miao Lai Long. He was the head of Liu Feng Gu’s Golden Serpent Guards, and he was the one who created the Golden Serpent Guards. As a Blue Sun Golden Celestial, his cultivation base was higher than Miao Lai Long who was a Green Sun Golden Celestial. Furthermore, with the slightly stronger Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities he had mastered, he was only weaker than Liu Feng Gu in all of Bloody Specter City. Therefore, it was an extremely easy task for him to kill Miao Lai Long.

After the old man left, Liu Feng Gu turned to look in the direction of his backyard and murmured, “I wonder if he would have a breakthrough and become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial after six months?” He was, naturally, referring to Duan Ling Tian. After a moment, he shook his head. “Impossible. After all, he has just become an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial.”

Although Duan Ling Tian had told Liu Feng Gu that he became an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial from a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial in just a month, he had attributed it to some fortuitous encounter Duan Ling Tian had in the Little World. For this reason, he did not think it was likely that Duan Ling Tian would become an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial in just six months.

‘Even if it’s impossible, I really hope for a miracle. After all, he has achieved so much in less than 100 years. This proves that his talent is heaven-defying.’ Liu Feng Gu’s eyes that were dull brightened again when he thought about this. He could not speak about other places, but he had never seen someone newly ascended who was younger than 100 years old in the Nine Specters County. For this reason, he wished Duan Ling Tian would be able to surprise him with a miracle.

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In the Tranquil Alcove.

Liu Feng Gu had given the Tranquil Alcove for Duan Ling Tian's use alone. Although he could cultivate there as well, he decided against it so as to not disturb the tranquility while Duan Ling Tian was cultivating.

Duan Ling Tian had taken a primitive Celestial Pill, the Spirit Containment Pill. While holding a high-grade Celestial Stone, he began to cultivate using the Crystal Clearance Tactic.

He was going to the County General's estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County where he would meet powerhouses, many of whom were Great Overarching Golden Celestials! Naturally, he wanted to raise his cultivation base as soon as he could to better protect himself.

Currently, he had thoroughly familiarized himself with the Crystal Clearance Tactic. The steady flow of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy entered his body before turning into crystal clear liquid that coursed through the Heavenly Veins in his body. Coupled with the medicinal power of the Spirit Containment Pill, the Celestial Origin Energy in his body changed every second. It was obvious it was improving at an observable speed.

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In just a blink of an eye, a month had passed.

At this time, news about the City Governor of Bloody Specter City's intention to select a Golden Celestial under the age of 100 from the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrms Army respectively to go to the County Governor's estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County had spread everywhere.

"Go to the County Governor's estate?"

"That's great news! If we're able to go to the County Governor's estate, we'll have better cultivation resources and environment!"

"I heard the County Governor's estate allocated two slots for each city in the county."

"Two slots? I thought they're only choosing one person?"

"You're really ill-informed, aren't you? Apparently, one of the slots has been unofficially given to Captain Duan of the Black Dragon Army by Lord City Governor!"

"Apparently, that's why Duan Ling Tian gave up his position as a captain in the Black Dragon Army. Initially, I thought Lord Governor wanted to keep Duan Ling Tian by his side. As it turns out, he was preparing to send Duan Ling Tian to the County Governor's estate of Nine Specters County."

Similar discussions were heard everywhere in Bloody Specter City, the Black Dragon Army and the Silverwyrms Army's camps.

"Didn't the Silverwyrms Army say that Duan Ling Tian has only ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven? Since Lord City Governor has unofficially given him the slot, doesn't this mean he's less than 100 years of age?"

“How can you believe the words of the Silverwyrms Army? When they said Duan Ling Tian was a mere Heavenly Celestial who had just ascended to our Spirit Overarching Heaven, I knew their words can’t be trusted. After all, how can a Heavenly Celestial cripple a Captain of the Silverwyrms Army so easily? What a joke!”

“That’s right! The people from the Silverwyrms Army must think we’re fools for spreading such lies!”

Bloody Specter City was getting livelier and livelier.

Chapter 2622 The Floating Image Pearl

“What?”

“Duan Ling Tian is actually younger than 100 years old?”

“If he had just ascended not too long ago, doesn’t it mean he’s not even 100 years old when he ascended? He actually managed to ascend in less than 100 years!”

“This is truly rare, isn’t it?”

“Of course it’s rare! Such a person might not even appear among 10,000 newly ascended cultivators... No, in fact, I think not even among 100,000 newly-ascended cultivators, there would not be such a person!”

“How did such a person ascend to a small place like Bloody Specter City? It doesn’t seem real, does it?”

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In the Silverwyrms Army’s camp.

A group of Silverwyrms Army’s officers and soldiers who had heard this news were in shock and disbelief. Apart from the centurions and decurions who had witnessed Duan Ling Tian’s strength, many of them doubted the veracity of this news. They felt skeptical about the fact that Duan Ling Tian was the newly-ascended cultivator who was in one of the Heavenly Celestials’ Celestial Ascension Pools that was managed by the Silverwyrms Army!

When Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, received the news, his expression changed greatly. “Duan Ling Tian is actually younger than 100 years old? Moreover, Lord City Governor decided to send him to the County Governor’s estate?”

He had heard about the City Governor having to send two people to the County Governor’s estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County, but he did not know anything about Duan Ling Tian being chosen.

‘I wonder if Lord City Governor is doing this just to coax Duan Ling Tian so Duan Ling Tian would willingly teach him the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities?’ Miao Lai Long was skeptical. Even if Liu Feng Gu wanted to coax Duan Ling Tian, there was no need to send him to the City Governor’s estate, was there? If Duan Ling Tian did not hand over his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities before he went to the County Governor’s estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County, it would be extraordinarily difficult to get them from him after he left!

'No. I have to confirm this matter with Lord City Governor immediately!' Miao Lai Long thought to himself as he left the Silverwyrms Army's camp for the City Governor's estate to meet Liu Feng Gu.

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In the great hall of the City Governor's estate.

When Miao Lai Long questioned Liu Feng Gu's actions, Liu Feng Gu looked at Miao Lai Long who was seated below and said, "Lai Long, I'll speak frankly. I have no plans of obtaining Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. You've been working for me for many years, and I hope that you'll stop having such wishful thoughts. Duan Ling Tian is fierce and stubborn. Even if you kill him, it's unlikely that he'll hand over all his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. Out of 100,000 newly-ascended cultivators, it's extremely rare to see someone like him. His future is boundless! It's better for us to befriend such a person than to offend him. What do you think?" He looked at Miao Lai Long meaningfully with a hint of threat as he spoke.

Miao Lai Long was suitably upset when he heard this. Naturally, he did not dare to express his anger. "Yes, Lord City Governor, you're right. If there's nothing else, I'll take my leave."

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After Miao Lai Long left the City Governor's estate, he met his sister, Miao Lai Feng, in Lai Feng Restaurant. Together, they returned to the Silverwyrms Army's camp.

When they returned to the Silverwyrms Army's camp, he summoned Yang Kong Ping, his brother-in-law, into his tent.

Currently, Yang Kong Ping could only rely on his one leg to stand. His face was slightly pale, and he had lost his high spirits from the past. A hint of resentment could be seen in the depths of his eyes.

Miao Lai Feng curiously asked, "Brother, why did you summon me here?"

"There's been a change in our plan. Lord City Governor has no intention of obtaining Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. It seems like I've made a wrong move," Miao Lai Long said in a low voice.

"What?" Miao Lai Feng and Yang Kong Ping, the pair of husband and wife, cried out in unison. Their expressions changed dramatically. They had been hoping to use the City Governor's hand to take revenge on Duan Ling Tian. After all, Miao Lai Long had told them the City Governor was a very careful person. After the City Governor obtained Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, there was no way he would let Duan Ling Tian live. However, Miao Lai Long just said the City Governor had no intention of obtaining the extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities from Duan Ling Tian?

"Rumor has it that Lord City Governor has selected Duan Ling Tian as one of the two people to be sent to the County Governor's estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County. I thought that's just a way that Lord City Governor is using to coax Duan Ling Tian into teaching him the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. However, brother, you said Lord City Governor has no intention of obtaining the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities? Don't tell me Lord City Governor truly intends on sending Duan

Ling Tian to the County Governor's estate?" Yang Kong Ping asked in a low voice with an expression of incredulity on his face. He would only address Miao Lai Long as Lord Commander when there were outsiders around. However, in private, he would address Miao Lai Long as brother just like his wife.

"Indeed. He plans to send Duan Ling Tian to the County Governor's estate. Based on his words, it seems like everything he has done is to befriend Duan Ling Tian." Miao Lai Long nodded.

"Befriend Duan Ling Tian? Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian is really less than 100 years of age like the rumor says?" Yang Kong Ping's expression darkened.

Miao Lai Long nodded again, "Although I'm rather unwilling to believe it, it's true. Moreover, it seems that Lord City Governor thoroughly understands Duan Ling Tian's character. He knows Duan Ling Tian is someone who won't hand over the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities even if it means his death. For this reason, he chose to befriend Duan Ling Tian when Duan Ling Tian still hasn't achieved his full potential!"

"Brother, are we just going to let him off? Can we only watch as Duan Ling Tian rises up step by step from Bloody Specter City to the County City of the Nine Specters County? Once he leaves, it'll be even more difficult for us to deal with him," Miao Lai Feng said with a sour expression on her face.

Miao Lai Long replied in a low voice, "Of course we're not going to let him off just like. However, I'm afraid we can't stop Duan Ling Tian from going to the County City of the Nine Specters County. What we can do now is stay in the Silverwurm Army's camp and the Bloody Specter City and behave ourselves. I've been working for Lord City Governor for a long time so I know him very well. Since he has decided to befriend Duan Ling Tian, he definitely won't allow us to go against him. For the next period of time, all of you should calm down and behave. After Duan Ling Tian has left Bloody Specter City and Lord Governor stops keeping an eye on us, we'll think of a way to spread the news about Duan Ling Tian mastering extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities to the Nine Specters County. When news of this spreads there, Duan Ling Tian won't be able to live in peace. Since he's so fierce and stubborn, and he would rather die than reveal his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, there will be many pairs of hands we can borrow to kill Duan Ling Tian!" His eyes flashed with killing intent when he spoke.

"You are so smart, brother!" The husband and wife's eyes brightened like stars in the night sky when they heard Miao Lai Long's words.

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Four months passed in just a blink of an eye.

Everyone from Bloody Specter City, the Black Dragon Army, and the Silverwurm Army had their attention focused on the City Governor's estate. Today was the day the City Governor had organized a battle for Golden Celestials under the age of 100 from the Black Dragon Army, the Silverwurm Army, and the Golden Serpent Guards. The winner would be selected to go to the County City of Nine Specters County.

"It's a pity only the centurions or those with higher ranks from the Black Dragon Army and Silverwurm Army are allowed to enter the City Governor's estate to watch the battle. It's truly a pity we can't

witness the battle among Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old from the Black Dragon Army, the Silverwyrms Army, and the Golden Serpent Guards.” Many people in Bloody Specter City sighed in disappointment.

“Don’t worry. It’s said that Lord City Governor will let his people record the battle using the Floating Image Pearl. The recorded floating image will be played for a month at the Central Square.”

“Floating Image Pearl? Is it the primitive Celestial Weapon that has similar effects as the Floating Image Celestial Talisman? However, unlike the Floating Image Celestial Talisman, it can be played multiple times?”

“Yes.”

When they learned the City Governor would let someone record the battle in the City Governor’s estate with the primitive Celestial Weapon, the Floating Image Pearl, many of them began to regain their spirits.

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At the same time, many had gathered in the City Governor’s estate. Most of these people were centurions from the Black Dragon Army and the Silverwyrms Army who had come to watch the battle.

Tong Zheng, a Centurion of the Black Dragon Army, who used to be Duan Ling Tian’s subordinate had come as well. He looked at the row of people standing in the large battle arena and said to a centurion standing next to him, “We have three people from the Black Dragon Army participating in the battle today. Captain Zhao Dong Xing, Captain Qin Yu, and Centurion Xue Lang will be participating today. However, the Silverwyrms Army only has two participants.”

The Silverwyrms Army had only sent two people to join the battle because there were only two Golden Celestials who were younger than 100 years old in the entire camp.

“There are five from the Golden Serpent Guards.”

There were far more natives of the Devata Realm who were Golden Celestials and less than 100 years old compared to those who had ascended. However, their number was not too large since Bloody Specter City was just a tiny place.

It did not take long before Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Blood Specter City, arrived. After the crowd greeted him respectfully, he loudly announced, “Let’s begin.”

The nine people in the battle arena did not waste time and began to fight. This was not a fight to the death. The last person standing in the arena would be selected to go to the County Governor’s estate in the County City of the Nine Specters County a month later. They would be accompanied by a special envoy from the County Governor’s estate.

After half an hour, the result was out.

“H-he’s the winner?”

“H-how’s this possible?”

The result was shocking to everyone who was present on the scene.

Chapter 2623 Celestial Fire

A tall and handsome man could be seen standing at the top of the vast battle arena. His black armor made him look valiant and majestic like a war god. Based on his attire, it was plain to see he was from the Black Dragon Army.

“Unexpected! Truly unexpected!” Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, shook his head and sighed as he looked at the young man on top of the battle arena. It was obvious he did not expect this young man to be the last man standing.

“I thought if anyone from our camp wins, it would be Captain Zhao Dong Xing. Who knew it would be Captain Qin Yu!” The members of the Black Dragon Army felt incredulous when they looked at the armored young man. After all, the young man had only become a captain half a year ago after he defeated a captain. Moreover, they had watched the battle and knew this young man did not win by chance. They thought Zhao Dong Xing who had been a captain for a longer time would win.

“Commander Chen, it seems like the Black Dragon Army has been concealing its strength. First, it was Duan Ling Tian. Now, it’s Qin Yu,” Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, said coldly as he stared at Chen Xuan Ba.

“Thank you for your compliment, Commander Miao.” Chen Xuan Ba only smiled when he replied to Miao Lai Long. He seemed much more magnanimous compared to Miao Lai Long who was sneering.

Meanwhile, Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, looked at Qin Yu and said, “Qin Yu, prepare yourself and hand over your work to others in this one month. Come here after a month so you can follow the special envoy sent by the County Governor to the County City of Nine Specters County.” He was similarly surprised. He did not expect Qin Yu to win the battle. Based on the battle, he knew Qin Yu was stronger than the others. There was no doubt he deserved to be selected to go to the County City of the Nine Specters County.

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In a hidden corner.

Duan Ling Tian was watching Qin Yu who was standing at the top of the battle arena. A slightly surprised expression could be seen on his face as he murmured, “I didn’t expect he would be going to the County City with me next month.”

Since everyone’s attention was focused on Qin Yu, no one noticed Duan Ling Tian. In fact, he had been here since the battle had begun. After he saw the result, he quietly turned to leave. He did not return to continue cultivating. Instead, he left the City Governor’s estate.

‘I didn’t expect to become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial in just a few months! Apart from the prominent Celestial Stone, the Spirit Containment Pill, and the Tranquil Alcove, it’s all thanks to my 99 Heavenly Veins. I guess this is why Elder Huo said my 99 Heavenly Veins will be of great use once I ascend to the Devata Realm,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He felt a frisson of excitement now that

he had witnessed the power of the 99 Heavenly Veins. After all, it did not benefit him much when he was in the mundane realm.

A few days ago, Duan Ling Tian chose to end his closed-door cultivation after he became a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. This was because he knew he would not be able to become a Golden Celestial in just a month even if he continued cultivating. Apart from that, he also wished to understand more about this Devata Realm before he had to go to the County City of Nine Specters County. After all, his knowledge was limited to what the young waiter had told him.

Duan Ling Tian entered a few shops that looked like book shops and bought a dozen Memory Celestial Talismans with primitive Celestial Stones. These Memory Celestial Talismans contained information. By extending his Divine Consciousness into it, he could read and memorize the recorded information. However, these Memory Celestial Talismans could only be used once. Unlike the mundane realms, Celestial Talismans in the Devata Realms were engraved on jade tokens.

After Duan Ling Tian bought the Memory Celestial Talismans he needed, he returned to the City Governor's estate. He did not go to the Tranquil Alcove. Instead, he returned to the guesthouse that Liu Feng Gu had prepared for him. The guesthouse was like a small-scale mansion with three rooms and a large courtyard.

"Lord Duan Ling Tian!"

"Lord Duan Ling Tian!"

The two guards at the entrance greeted Duan Ling Tian respectfully when they saw him.

"Both of you know me?" Duan Ling Tian asked in surprise as he looked at the two guards. These guards were different from the guards who were stationed here when he first entered the City Governor's estate a few months ago.

"Lord Duan Ling Tian, since you came, Lord City Governor had passed your portrait to everyone in the estate. Lord City Governor also ordered us to be respectful toward you. Anyone who is impolite will be asked to leave," one of the guards replied respectfully.

"The City Governor is, indeed, sincere." Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he smiled. He stepped into the garden and was respectfully greeted by a few female servants.

He made his way to a large room that was located between two small rooms. Then, he took out a Memory Celestial Talisman and infused his Divine Consciousness into it.

Crack!

As soon as the Memory Celestial Talisman cracked, Duan Ling Tian sensed new information in his mind.

The content of the Memory Celestial Talisman contained information about Celestial Pills in Devata Realms. They were divided into four grades; primitive Celestial Pills, mediocre Celestial Pills, prominent Celestial Pills, and supreme Celestial Pills. Primitive Celestial Pills could be refined by primitive Celestial Alchemists. Some primitive Celestial Alchemists with better skills might be able to produce one or two mediocre Celestial Pills if they were lucky! Naturally, it was an extremely rare occurrence. Likewise, it

was very difficult for mediocre Celestial Alchemists and prominent Celestial Alchemists to refine prominent Celestial Pill and supreme Celestial Pills respectively. This was especially true for Supreme Celestial Pills since there were no prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Spirit Overarching Heaven who could refine a supreme Celestial Pill regardless of how skilled or lucky the Celestial Alchemists were.

‘Celestial Alchemists...’ Duan Ling Tian took out another Memory Celestial Talisman and infused his Divine Consciousness into it. After it cracked, new information appeared in his mind again.

Celestial Weapons are divided into primitive Celestial Weapons, mediocre Celestial Weapons, prominent Celestial Weapons, and supreme Celestial Weapons. They were forged by Celestial Craftsmen. Similar to Celestial Alchemists, they were divided into primitive Celestial Weapons Craftsmen, mediocre Celestial Weapon Craftsmen, prominent Celestial Craftsmen, and Supremes Celestial Weapon Craftsmen.

‘Apart from having the skills to refine pills and forge weapons, one also needs Celestial Fire to become a Celestial Alchemist or a Celestial Weapon Craftsman. Celestial Fire is very precious in Devata Realms. The higher the grade, the rarer it is. Moreover, there are many types, but they can mainly be divided into the gentle type and the tyrannical type. The gentle type is suitable for pills refining while the tyrannical type for weapons forging,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as learned about Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapon Craftsmen and how they were different from their counterparts in the mundane realms. In the mundane realms, one could produce one’s own Pill Fire and Weapon Flame, but in Devata Realms, one needed to obtain a Celestial Fire before one could study pills refining and weapons crafting.

Chapter 2624 A Celestial Fire Can Even Kill A Celestial King!.

‘It’s indeed miraculous that a Celestial Fire is needed to refine pills and craft weapons in the Devata Realms. Otherwise, one can’t be a Celestial Alchemist or a Celestial Weapon Craftsman even if one is knowledgeable about pills refining or weapons forging. A Celestial Fire is as precious as celestial herbs and celestial fruits. They’re born from magma of the earth, windy and chilly valleys, and even in the deep rivers and seas.’ Duan Ling Tian sighed as he read the information in his mind. ‘Once a Celestial Fire recognizes its owner, it can’t be snatched away unless the owner is willing. If a Celestial Alchemist or Celestial Weapons Craftsman dies, his Celestial Fire will dissipate. One can also detonate one’s Celestial Fire to severely injure or kill one’s enemy. Once it’s detonated, even a Celestial King will be killed if he’s within 1,000 meters of the detonation point!’

Duan Ling Tian also learned that Celestial Fires were divided into primitive Celestial Fire, mediocre Celestial Fire, prominent Celestial Fire, and supreme Celestial Fire. Apart from that, each grade had various types, and some types had yet to be discovered.

‘Even if a supreme Celestial Alchemist or a supreme Celestial Weapons Craftsman’s cultivation base is not high, a Celestial King wouldn’t simply provoke them. After all, if they chose to commit suicide by detonating their Celestial Fires, the Celestial King might die! Even if they’re just a primitive Celestial Alchemist or primitive Celestial Weapons Craftsman, the explosion from their Celestial Fires can also severely injure or kill a Great Overarching Golden Celestial!’ Duan Ling Tian was surprised by the force of Celestial Fires. Now that he discovered the benefits and terrifying force of a Celestial Fire, he wondered excitedly, ‘I wonder if I’d be lucky enough to obtain a Celestial Fire in the near future.’

Then, he took out another Memory Celestial Talisman and muttered, "This Memory Celestial Talisman seems to contain information about pills refining and weapons forging."

The Memory Celestial Talisman contained theories and methods of how to refine pills and forge weapons. Although it was just basic information, Duan Ling Tian was still taken aback. 'These theories are similar to the refining and crafting theories I came across in the Mortal Continent when I was still in the mundane realm.'

As he read further, he quickly discovered the levels of refining pills and forging weapons in Devata Realms were almost similar to that in the mundane realms. Based on his memories from the Rebirth Martial Emperor, he could refine pills and forge weapons up to the prominent grade. He was suitably excited since he felt as though he was given a shortcut. 'This means if I can obtain a suitable Celestial Fire and materials for weapons forging and pills refining, I can forge weapons and refine pills of all grades except the supreme grade! With the Rebirth Martial Emperor's refining and forging methods as my foundation, it won't be difficult for me to master the methods before I can refine pills and forge weapons of the supreme grade as well!'

However, his mood was slightly dampened, as though a cold bucket of water had been poured on him, when he remembered he had no Celestial Fires and precious materials were hard to find. He sighed and stopped focusing on the information about refining pills and forging weapons.

Then, he continued reading a Memory Celestial Talisman that had information about Celestial Methods. From this, he learned about the various categories of Celestial Methods.

'Apart from offensive Celestial Methods, defensive Celestial Methods, and movement Celestial Methods, there are also assist-type Celestial Methods. However, unlike assist-type Divine Abilities that help one to raise the force of one's Celestial Origin Energy, an assist-type Celestial Method is used to impede or imprison one's opponent. For instance, an assist-type Celestial Method can transform one's Celestial Origin Energy into a long rope or a cage to bind one's opponent. It can also work with one's soul to create an independent space to imprison one's opponent.'

The next Memory Celestial Talisman's content was about Celestial Talismans.

Celestial Talismans were similar to Dao Talismans, but its effects were more potent because they were engraved on jade tokens.

'There are many types of Celestial Talismans such as offensive Celestial Talismans, defensive Celestial Talismans, movement Celestial Talismans, and assist-type Celestial Talismans. Memory Celestial Talismans and Floating Image Celestial Talismans are assist-type Celestial Talismans,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The Floating Image Celestial Talisman was roughly similar to the Mirror Image Talisman in the mundane realms. It could record images and was similar to video recording in the science and technology civilization. The difference between Floating Image Celestial Talismans and Mirror Image Talismans was the former could also record and play audio.

'In fact, there's also the Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talisman that is similar to the Minor Major Mirror Image Talismans in the mundane realms. However, it's much more expensive. I originally thought Yang Kong Ping knew me because he had seen me killing his centurion through a Celestial Talisman similar to a Minor Major Mirror Image Talisman. However, that doesn't seem to be the case since the talismans are quite costly. Let alone a centurion, even captains of the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrms Army did not have these talismans. Otherwise, Commander Chen would have given them to me when I became a captain. This is also why Commander Chen had no idea how Captain Huang Ji Bing died,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Suddenly, a loud and powerful voice rang from outside Duan Ling Tian's room. "Brother Ling Tian, I heard you came out of closed-door cultivation and you went out?"

Duan Ling Tian knew the voice belonged to Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City. It seemed like Liu Feng Gu had decided to stop addressing him as Captain Duan and changed it to Brother Ling Tian instead, making them seem closer.

Duan Ling Tian stopped reading from the Memory Celestial Talisman. He opened the door and stepped out into the courtyard. He sat down before the stone table, across Liu Feng Gu, and greeted Liu Feng Gu, "City Governor."

"Did you improve during your closed-door cultivation?" Liu Feng Gu asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze.

Duan Ling Tian could see the anticipation in Liu Feng Gu's eyes. He smiled and said, "Thank you for letting me use the Tranquil Alcove for the past months. I had a breakthrough, and I'm now a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial!"

Liu Feng Gu was stunned speechless. He looked at Duan Ling Tian in a daze. When he heard Duan Ling Tian had already come out of closed-door cultivation earlier, he did not think it was possible for Duan Ling Tian to become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. He only wished Duan Ling Tian was close to becoming a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. After all, he did not think Duan Ling Tian could become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial within six months in the first place. Now that Duan Ling Tian stopped cultivating after five months, he was even more convinced there was no way Duan Ling Tian would have a breakthrough. He really did not expect Duan Ling Tian would become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial! When he regained his senses, he thought to himself, 'It seems like I really found a treasure this time. I was right in selecting him!' His eyes were brimming with excitement at this moment. With how fast Duan Ling Tian was improving, he knew revenge was in his grasp now!

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian recalled the Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talisman he had just learned about. He asked, "City Governor. Do you have Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talismans for the Commanders of the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrms Army?"

Chapter 2625 Great Overarching Golden Celestial

"Yes." Liu Feng Gu nodded even though he did not know why Duan Ling Tian had suddenly asked about this matter. He had given the Commanders of the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrms Army a Minor Floating Image Celestial Talisman each so that he would know what happened to them through the Major Floating Image Celestial Talisman if they were killed.

“When I became a Captain of the Black Dragon Army, Commander Chen didn’t give me a Minor Floating Image Celestial Talisman. I wonder if he didn’t give it to me because he forgot about it or is it because the talismans are not given to captains?” Duan Ling Tian asked again.

“Brother Ling Tian, do you think the Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talismans are as cheap as Chinese Cabbage? I know there are talismans similar to the Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talismans in the mundane realms. I’m also aware Dao Talismans can’t be used in Devata Realms, and you can’t bring anything from the mundane realms over when you ascend, but unlike the common Floating Image Celestial Talismans that are cheap, the Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talismans are very difficult to engrave and are made from rare materials. Even I was only given a few by Lord County Governor. As the City Governor of Bloody Specters City, I only gave the Minor Floating Image Celestial Talisman to my three subordinates; Commander Chen Xuan Ba of the Black Dragon Army, Commander Miao Lai Long of the Silverwyrms Army, and Elder Hong, the Head of the Golden Serpent Guards,” Liu Feng Gu explained with a bitter smile on his face.

“Elder Hong, the Head of the Golden Serpent Guards?” Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows.

“Yes. Elder Hong isn’t one of the 18 Golden Serpent Guards. He leads them. In fact, he’s the one who founded the Golden Serpent Guards. You can say the guards are like his disciples. He came with me from the County City of the Nine Specters County. He’s also the strongest among all my subordinates. He’s much stronger than Chen Xuan Ba and Miao Lai Long!” Liu Feng Gu continued explaining patiently. This showed that he highly valued Duan Ling Tian.

“I see.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“In any case, as precious as Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talismans are, they’re nothing before a Great Overarching Golden Celestial. A Great Overarching Golden Celestial can block the Minor Floating Image Celestial Talisman from sending the recording to the Major Floating Image Celestial Talisman if he were to kill someone. After all, they’re incredibly strong,” Liu Feng Gu added as his expression gradually darkened.

“Great Overarching Golden Celestial!” Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes brightened. This was not his first time hearing about Great Overarching Golden Celestials. He had heard about them even when he was in the mundane realm. He knew Great Overarching Golden Celestials were able to freely come and go in the mundane realms, but they refrained from doing so since they would be affected by secular karma. This could cause their cultivation to slow down or stagnant forever.

“Although you’re a Heavenly Celestial, you’re able to easily defeat Golden Celestials due to your extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities and also because the gap between a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial and Scarlet Sun Golden Celestial isn’t very big. However, the gap between a Violet Sun Golden Celestial and a Great Overarching Golden Celestial is extraordinarily big. For example, you, a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial, are able to defeat a Scarlet Sun Golden Celestial who has mastered yellow-grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities with your profound-grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities! However, a Great Overarching Golden Celestial who only mastered yellow-grade Cultivation Methods and Divine Abilities is able to effortlessly defeat a Violet Sun Golden Celestial who has mastered profound-grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities! Apart from that, there are many

Violet Sun Golden Celestials who are unable to become Great Overarching Golden Celestials. However, once one becomes a Great Overarching Golden Celestial, one can be considered as a strong powerhouse in the Devata Realms. Although Great Overarching Golden Celestials are still weaker than those extremely strong beings, there's no doubt they're much stronger than Heavenly Celestials and Golden Celestials," Liu Feng Gu explained the difference between Great Overarching Golden Celestials and Golden Celestials.

"Governor, does Nine Specters County have any Great Overarching Golden Celestial?" Duan Ling Tian asked grimly.

"Yes. There are two of them. One is the County Governor of Nine Specters County. As for the other one..." Liu Feng Gu trailed off as resentment flashed in his eyes.

Duan Ling Tian knew who the other Great Overarching Golden Celestial was. He said knowingly, "The other one is the first Revered Elder who killed your direct disciple and forced you to leave the County City of the Nine Specters County, right?"

Liu Feng Gu took a deep breath to suppress the resentment that welled up in his heart before he nodded and said, "Yes, it's him."

"So he's a Great Overarching Golden Celestial... City Governor, you really gave me a big problem to deal with," Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head. Liu Feng Gu had said he could renege on their deal if he found the target undeserving of death after going to the County City of Nine Specters County. However, after he spent time with Liu Feng Gu, he knew it was unlikely that Liu Feng Gu had lied to him about that man. For this reason, he was certain he would fulfill his end of the deal.

"With the Celestial Methods, Divine Abilities, and the technique that can snatch Celestial Weapons away, you'll be able to kill him before you become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial! With your innate talent, it won't take long for you to become a Violet Sun Golden Celestial. At that time, you'll definitely be able to defeat him and bring him to me!" Liu Feng Gu said confidently. Although there was a huge gap between Violet Sun Golden Celestials and Great Overarching Golden Celestials, he believed the purple-clad young man before him would be able to defeat a Great Overarching Golden Celestial with the various extraordinary methods he had mastered!

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. "City Governor, it seems like you have a lot of confidence in me."

"It's not blind confidence. I have confidence in your potential!" Liu Feng Gu looked at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze before he finally changed the topic. "Brother Ling Tian, what did you do when you left the estate today?"

"I purchased some Memory Celestial Talismans that contain basic knowledge of the Devata Realm. Since I've just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven not too long ago, I have a lot to learn," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Well, that's true. When I just ascended, I knew nothing. I only gained knowledge once I finished my service in a Celestial Stone mine in another city of the Nine Specters County." Liu Feng Gu nodded.

"City Governor, you ascended from a mundane realm as well?" Duan Ling Tian was rather surprised.

“Yes. It has been more than 1,000 years since I ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven. At that time, I wasn’t as strong as you so I had to serve in a Celestial Stone mining site as soon as I ascended,” Liu Feng Gu said with a hint of nostalgia in his eyes.

“City Governor, you haven’t become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial even after more than 1,000 years?” Duan Ling Tian did not expect Liu Feng Gu had ascended such a long time ago.

“Do you think everyone is like you? Although my innate talent was considered the best among those who ascended with me, I only became an Indigo Sun Golden Celestial after about 1,000 years. It took me 10 years to become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial while it only took you a couple of months. Although the cultivation environment and resources I had were not as good as yours, there’s no doubt your innate talent is extraordinary! Ever since I ascended, I haven’t heard of anyone, not even those highly talented geniuses, who only took a few months to become a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial from an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial,” Liu Feng Gu said.

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. He had 99 Heavenly Veins after all. This allowed him to stand above others. After a while, he changed the subject. “Governor, are the Celestial Fires needed by Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen difficult to find?”

Chapter 2626 Information About A Celestial Fire

“Celestial Fire?” Liu Feng Gu’s eyes widened, and he started slightly when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s question.

Duan Ling Tian was puzzled by Liu Feng Gu’s reaction to the words ‘Celestial Fire’.

When Liu Feng Gu regained his senses, he nodded. “As the foundation of Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen, Celestial Fires are something that’s difficult to search for. One can only chance upon it... Why? Are you interested in Celestial Fires, Brother Ling Tian?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “I was a weapon craftsman and an alchemist back in the mundane realm... When I learned about pill refinement and weapon forging in the Devata Realms, I discovered there are similarities to pill refinement and weapon forging in the mundane realms. I’ll be able to apply my knowledge from the mundane realm here as well.”

Liu Feng Gu nodded. “I see. In Devata Realms, there are many Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapon Craftsmen who are extraordinary due to their experiences and techniques from the mundane realms.” After a while, he added, “However, regardless of how skilled or experienced one is, one would not be able to refine pills or forge weapons in the Devata Realms without a Celestial Fire.”

Liu Feng Gu curiously asked, “Brother Ling Tian, put aside your lack of a Celestial Fire, what grade of Celestial Pills and Celestial Weapons do you think you’ll be able to refine and forge?”

Many who had ascended had a lot of experience in pill refining and weapon forging from the mundane realms. Once they obtained a Celestial Fire, they were able to refine and forge primitive and mediocre-grade pills and weapons. Naturally, only a handful was able to refine and forge prominent-grade pills and weapons.

“It shouldn’t be a problem for me to refine and forge prominent Celestial Pills and Celestial Weapons. However, I’ll have to work on my refinement and forging skills before I can refine and forge supreme-

grade pills and weapons,” Duan Ling Tian said frankly. He did not feel a need to lie. After all, without a Celestial Fire, it did not matter how skilled he was.

As the saying went, ‘The speaker has no particular intention, but the listener took it to heart’. Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Liu Feng Gu was stunned. He knew Duan Ling Tian was not lying to him. Put the Celestial Fire aside, it should be noted that only a handful of people were able to refine and forge prominent-grade pills and weapons so soon after they had ascended. Not only was Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation talent monstrously high, but even his pill refining and weapon forging skills were high! How could he not feel shocked?

Duan Ling Tian sighed. “Such a pity! Without a Celestial Fire, these are just empty words...”

“Brother Ling Tian.” Liu Feng Gu’s gaze changed and his expression suddenly turned solemn at this moment. It was as though he had just made a big decision.

“Hm?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Liu Feng Gu in confusion. He had also noticed Liu Feng Gu’s abnormality.

Liu Feng Gu looked at Duan Ling Tian and said solemnly, “Avenge me... Avenge me, and I’ll point you in the direction of a Celestial Fire. You can retrieve it at that time. Moreover, there’s a high chance the Celestial Fire is higher than the primitive grade. It’s probably a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire!”

“Y-you know the location of a Celestial Fire? And it might be a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire?” Duan Ling Tian was suitably shocked by Liu Feng Gu’s words. He did not expect Liu Feng Gu to know the location of a Celestial Fire. Moreover, it was a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire. When he regained his senses, his eyes were as bright as the stars in the night sky.

“Yes.” Liu Feng Gu nodded. “Yes, I discovered it by chance before I left the Nine Specters County... I’ve been there alone once, but I’m incapable of obtaining the Celestial Fire. I think one must be a Great Overarching Golden Celestial at least to retrieve the Celestial Fire! Nevertheless, I have hidden it by laying down a few hidden Formations. Unless a Great Overarching Golden Celestial or those who are stronger deliberately search the area with their Divine Consciousness, it will stay hidden.” He continued to say, “Back then, when I realized I couldn’t retrieve the Celestial Fire, I thought about informing Lord County Governor about it. However, I decided against it in the end!” His eyes burned with flames of fury when he reached the end of his sentence.

Liu Feng Gu continued to say, “I had thought it all out. Since my direct disciple was killed by Revered Elder Zhou Tong, I would look for Lord County Governor to seek justice for my disciple. If he’s willing to do so, I’d tell him about the Celestial Fire. Alas, the County Governor only reprimanded Zhou Tong. I understand it was for the greater good. I might even make the same decision if I were in his shoes. After all, Zhou Tong is the strongest person after the County Governor in the Nine Specters County. Soon after, I was forced to leave because of Zhou Tong. Although I don’t blame Lord County Governor, I decided not to tell him about the Celestial Fire. I decided to keep it for myself and plan to retrieve it after I become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial.”

Liu Feng Gu paused for a moment before he spoke again with a bitter smile on his face, “For that reason, I have scouted for many Memory Celestial Talismans regarding pills refinement and weapons forging

when I arrived in Bloody Specter City. I even felt a tinge of regret for not learning more about pills refinement and weapons forging when I was in the mundane realm. Later on, I discovered I had no way to practice without a Celestial Fire so my knowledge is all theoretical.”

“Since you planned to keep the Celestial Fire for yourself, why are you telling me about it now?” Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion.

“Well, first, I’m not certain when and if I’ll become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial stage. If I fail, the secret will die with me or someone else would find it. Second, it’s due to your talent in pills refinement and weapons forging. With your monstrous cultivation talent, I’m sure your future is boundless. Giving you the Celestial Fire is a token of goodwill from me to you. Who knows, maybe I’ll receive much more benefits in return than keeping the Celestial Fire for myself,” Liu Feng Gu replied honestly. A knowing look could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Governor, after listening to your words, I wish I can grow a pair of wings now and fly to the County City of the Nine Specters County to capture Zhou Tong for you,” Duan Ling Tian said. The Celestial Fire was, indeed, too tempting.

“With your current cultivation base, you’re still no match for Zhou Tong even if you’re already stronger than most Golden Celestials. Even if you’re in the County Governor’s estate now, you won’t be able to seek revenge for me just yet.” Liu Feng Gu shook his head.

“I know... It’s just that the Celestial Fire is too tempting. Moreover, you even said it might be a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire!” Duan Ling Tian said.

Even someone with a primitive Celestial Fire could pose a threat to Great Overarching Golden Celestial. If someone owned a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire, they would be able to threaten Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials who were even stronger than Great Overarching Golden Celestials! If they chose to detonate the mediocre Celestial Fire, if an ordinary Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial was in 1,000 meters of its range, the Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial would surely die! Even if those strong Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials managed to defend themselves, they would still be severely injured.

In Duan Ling Tian’s opinion, a Celestial Fire was not only essential to pills refining and weapons forging, but it was also a powerful life-saving tool that he could use against Great Overarching Golden Celestials and Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials!

“It’s likely to be a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire, but I’m not 100% certain. It’s just a feeling. It’s very different from the primitive-grade Celestial Fires that I heard of,” Liu Feng Gu said.

“It is very different from primitive-grade Celestial Fires? Then, how does it differ from prominent or supreme-grade Celestial Fires?” Duan Ling Tian asked eagerly.

“Brother Ling Tian,” Liu Feng Gu said with a bitter smile, “I’ve only heard of the characteristics of primitive-grade Celestial Fires... Let alone prominent or supreme-grade Celestial Fires, I’m not even certain about the characteristics of a mediocre-grade Celestial Fire.”

"If that's the case, does it mean that Celestial Fire could possibly be a prominent or supreme-grade Celestial Fire?" Duan Ling Tian asked as his breathing quickened.

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"Really? I don't think so..." Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Liu Feng Gu was shocked. Although it was difficult for him to approach the Celestial Fire and retrieve it back then, it had never crossed his mind that it could be a prominent or supreme Celestial Fire. Based on what he knew, only Great Overarching could approach and retrieve rare primitive Celestial Fire. However, Golden Celestials could retrieve ordinary primitive Celestial Fire with help from certain tools. Although he did not have much knowledge about mediocre Celestial Fire, naturally, he knew it would be tougher to retrieve or obtain a mediocre Celestial Fire as compared to a primitive Celestial Fire. Great Overarching Golden Celestials or those who are stronger would find it easy to retrieve a primitive Celestial Fire. It did not occur to him that the Celestial Fire he chanced upon could be of a higher grade. Therefore, he had told Duan Ling Tian it was a mediocre Celestial Fire. Naturally, this was just his speculation, he was not 100% certain as well.

Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile, "Governor, do you regret telling me about the Celestial Fire after listening to my words?"

"No." Liu Feng Gu shook his head. "Put aside the fact that the Celestial Fire is unlikely to be a prominent or supreme Celestial Fire, even if it is, it's not something I'll be able to obtain. After all, it's uncertain if I can become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial. I'm aware of my own strength. Moreover, if the Celestial Fire is truly a prominent or supreme Celestial Fire, I'm afraid even Great Overarching Golden Celestials might not be able to retrieve it, let alone me." After he finished speaking, he laughed self-deprecatingly.

"Whether it's a primitive, mediocre, prominent, or supreme Celestial Fire, as long as it's a Celestial Fire, I'm interested in it..." A hint of anticipation could be seen in Duan Ling Tian's eyes at this moment. He did not conceal his desire to obtain the Celestial Fire.

"With your current strength, Brother Ling Tian, it's impossible for you to retrieve the Celestial Fire even if you go there... When you're able to defeat Zhou Tong, perhaps, you'll be strong enough to retrieve the Celestial Fire," Liu Feng Gu said with a smile.

"It seems you're really determined to have your revenge." Duan Ling Tian stared at Liu Feng Gu intently as he asked, "Governor, if I find Zhou Tong doesn't deserve death when I arrive in the County City and renege on our deal, will you still be willing to disclose the location of the Celestial Fire to me?"

"Don't worry." Liu Feng Gu smiled confidently. "I'm certain you won't renege on our deal." In his opinion, if Zhou Tong did not deserve to die, then, no one in the world deserved to die.

After a while, Liu Feng Gu took his leave, and Duan Ling Tian returned to his room to continue reading Memory Celestial Talismans that he bought in Bloody Specter City.

"Inscribing a Celestial Talisman isn't as tedious as refining pills or forging weapons. After all, it doesn't require the rare Celestial Fire. Golden Celestials and those who are stronger can easily master inscribing a Celestial Talisman as long as they're willing to spend time studying it. For Memory Celestial Talismans or an ordinary Floating Image Celestial Talismans, even ordinary Golden Celestials are able to inscribe it as long as they know the inscriptions. As for the Minor Major Floating Image Celestial Talisman, an

ordinary Golden Celestials will also be able to inscribe it. The problem is the talismans require rare materials. It's also for this reason that the Minor Major Floating Image Talismans are rare and costly."

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian gained a certain degree of understanding of Celestial Talismans in the Devata Realm.

"These are all assist-type Celestial Talismans. To inscribe offensive Celestial Talismans, defensive Celestial Talismans, and movement Celestial Talismans, one would have to be a Great Overarching Golden Celestial or stronger to inscribe the talismans even if one knew the respective inscriptions for it. The higher the grade of the talismans, the more powerful it is. These powerful talismans would be useful in desperate situations. The powerful and high-grade offensive talismans could even kill. In fact, the young celestials who come from extraordinary backgrounds are usually given many powerful talismans to use in critical situations to save their lives."

After learning about Celestial Talismans, Duan Ling Tian moved on to another Memory Celestial Talisman.

"In Devata Realms, there's no distinction between a martial cultivator and a dao cultivator... This is due to the abundance of powerful Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities in Devata Realms so one doesn't need to solely rely on Heaven and Earth Energy in a battle unlike the mundane realms."

"As for Heavenly Veins, only those who possess at least 88 Heavenly Veins are considered as a prodigy. Their cultivation speed is far beyond ordinary celestials! In the mundane realm, it is rare to find someone with 81 Heavenly Realms. However, many natives of the Devata Realms possess 81 or more Heavenly Realms." Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he learned about this. "Wow, it seems like possessing 81 Heavenly Veins or more is common in Devata Realms."

One's Heavenly Veins would determine one's cultivation speed and the speed of mobilization of Celestial Origin Energy. Those with more Heavenly Veins had the advantage in these two aspects. However, the advantage was not too special. After all, there were many fortuitous encounters in the Devata Realms that could also increase the speed of mobilization and cultivation. In fact, some Heavenly Emperors from other Devata Realms had less than 81 Heavenly Veins. A high number of Heavenly Veins would only give one a head start. Fortuitous encounters were still important.

After learning about this, Duan Ling Tian who possessed 99 Heavenly Veins began to put away the feeling of superiority he had since he had arrived in the Spirit Overarching Heaven.

"No wonder Senior Feng Qing Yang managed to build an empire for himself in just 10,000 years and become one of the Heavenly Emperors ruling over the Solitary Destructive Heaven, one of the 81 heavens in the Devata Realm, even though he only had 81 Heavenly Veins!"

Back when Duan Ling Tian was still in the mundane realms, he had heard that Feng Qing Yang possessed 81 Saint Veins, otherwise known as Heavenly Veins in the Devata Realms.

"If it wasn't for me, Senior Feng Qing Yang would still be a Heavenly Emperor in the Solitary Destructive Heaven, alive and well... However, now he's trapped in one of the seven most dangerous places in the Devata Realms, his life and death are unknown. Even Heavenly Emperors would find it hard to survive in

that place!” Upon thinking about this, Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes and instinctively clenched his hands as he trembled in anger.

Duan Ling Tian suddenly opened his eyes that were brimming with anger as he said through gritted teeth, “If something happens to Senior Feng Qing Yan, I’ll kill you and tear you into a million pieces before burning you into ashes, Yun Qing Yan!”

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One month later...

Three figures flew across the sky of Bloody Specter City at lightning speed. The group of three was leaving Bloody Specter City. A grey-clad old man flew at the lead. He had a medium build and an ordinary appearance, but his temperament was elegant and he had otherworldly air about him.

The young men followed closely behind the old man. One was dressed in purple while the other was dressed in black. Both of them were tall and well built. They were also handsome and had an unapproachable air about them.

This group of three was none other than Duan Ling Tian, Qin Yu, and the special envoy sent by the County Governor of the Nine Specters County.

The special envoy from the County Governor was the grey-clad old man. He had arrived early in the morning and declined Liu Feng Gu’s offer to stay the night in Bloody Specter City. He had left the city in a hurry with Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu in tow as they flew toward the County City of Nine Specters County.

All of a sudden, the grey-clad old man who was flying in the lead turned to speak to Qin Yu who was flying next to Duan Ling Tian, “Qin Yu, I read the Memory Celestial Talisman given to me by City Governor Liu about you... About half a year ago, you were merely a centurion in the Black Dragon Army of Bloody Specter City, is that right?”

“Yes.” Qin Yu nodded.

“I’ve long heard Bloody Specter City has about ten Golden Celestials who are less than 100 years old... I didn’t expect a young man who was only a Centurion of the Black Dragon Army half a month ago would be chosen to go to the County Governor’s estate in the County City of Nine.” He went on to praise Qin Yu, “That’s rare... You’re quite capable.”

“Thank you for your compliment.” Qin Yu forced a faint smile on his emotionless face.

The old man nodded at Qin Yu before he shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow slightly as he thought to himself, ‘Since the City Governor has given the special envoy a Memory Celestial Talisman about Qin Yu... I’m certain he has also given him a Memory Celestial Talisman about me. I wonder what’s said about me...’

Although Duan Ling Tian did not know what Liu Feng Gu had said about him in the Memory Celestial Talisman, he was certain Liu Feng Gu would not say anything that would be harmful to him. After

spending time with Liu Feng Gu, he knew Liu Feng Gu was not that kind of despicable man. Moreover, Liu Feng Gu would not put him in harm's way since Liu Feng Gu needed him to seek revenge for him and his direct disciple.

Chapter 2628 Robbers

“Duan Ling Tian, in the Memory Celestial Talisman given to me, City Governor Liu said you only joined the Black Dragon Army half a year ago. Moreover, you killed a Golden Celestial with just a strike as soon as you joined the army. Subsequently, you severed an arm and a leg of Captain Yang Kong Ping from the Silverwurm Army in a restaurant in Bloody Specter City. I heard Yang Kong Ping is an Orange Sun Golden Celestial that's ranked in the top three in the Silverwurm Army. For these reasons, City Governor Liu has given the other spot to you. It's obvious he thinks highly of you.”

Duan Ling Tian replied humbly, “The City Governor is just being kind.”

“There's no need to be humble,” The old man smiled faintly. “You're not even 100 years old, but you're able to defeat a captain who's an Orange Sun Golden Celestial and ranks in the top three in the Silverwurm Army. This means you must be one of the strongest Golden Celestials in Bloody Specter City who are less than 100 years old. City Governor Liu isn't an impetuous man. You must deserve this spot that he had given to you.” The grey-clad old man looked at Duan Ling Tian approvingly after he finished speaking. There was no doubt Duan Ling Tian was the strongest Golden Celestial among those Golden Celestials who had not reached 100 years of age, based on his achievements. Even Qin Yu who was flying next to Duan Ling Tian who had just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven was not a match for Duan Ling Tian. The old man was unaware that Duan Ling Tian had only recently ascended since he was not in Bloody Specter City. Nevertheless, he would not have believed it even if he was aware of it.

Is that a joke? A Heavenly Celestial who had just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven not too long ago managed to defeat Yang Kong Ping who was ranked top three among the Silverwurm Army's captains?

Although Duan Ling Tian's soul was protected by the defective metal piece, others might not be able to guess his cultivation base and age through his soul. However, Golden Celestials could guess his age based on his aura. For this reason, with just a glance, the old man was certain Duan Ling Tian was less than 100 years old.

“As both of you know, I'm the special envoy from the County Governor's estate. My name is Zheng Qiu, and I'm an elder in the inner estate of the County Governor's estate.” The old man looked at Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu as he introduced himself.

Although Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged, Qin Yu's surprise was clearly etched in his face, “An inner estate elder?!” He stared at the old man and said, “Elder Zheng Qiu, based on my knowledge, there are only thirteen inner estate elders in the County Governor's estate. Every one of the inner estate elders is a Violet Sun Golden Celestial!” He stared at Zheng Qiu in admiration as he spoke. He was not aware that the special envoy sent by the County Governor was an inner estate elder and a Violet Sun Golden Celestial!

A Violet Sun Golden Celestial was the peak of Golden Celestials and was closest to becoming a Great Overarching Golden Celestial.

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian remained calm and unaffected. After all, he had learned about Zheng Qiu through Liu Feng Gu through Voice Transmission before they departed from Bloody Specter City. He had long known this old man was a Violet Sun Golden Celestial and an inner estate elder of the County Governor's estate!

"The nine cities are a long way from the Nine Hidden County's County City. There would inevitably be robbers during the journey. Some of these robbers are Violet Sun Golden Celestials. For this reason, the County Governor had sent the inner estate elders to the nine cities to escort the young men who had been chosen back to the County City. This is for your safety," Zheng Qiu explained.

Qin Yu nodded in response.

"Elder Zheng Qiu," Duan Ling Tian looked at Zheng Qiu and curiously asked, "Do you know why the County Governor is recruiting Golden Celestials who are less than 100 years old from the nine cities like Qin Yu and I?"

"I don't know the exact reason, but I heard it has something to do with King Qing's Mansion." Zheng Qiu said.

This was not new to Duan Ling Tian. After all, he had already learned about this from Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City.

On the contrary, an indecipherable emotion flashed in Qin Yu's eyes when Zheng Qiu mentioned King Qing's Mansion.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian and Zheng Qiu did not notice it.

Suddenly, Zheng Qiu said in a low voice, "I just spoke about the robbers... I didn't expect they would appear so soon." His eyes were trained at a spot in the sky as though he had discovered something.

Duan Ling Tian and Zheng Qiu followed suit and looked up at the sky as well. They discovered one of the clouds seemed different from the others.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, numerous figures flew out from the cover of the cloud and surrounded them in just an instant.

"As expected of a Violet Sun Golden Celestial, you discovered us so soon..."

Currently, three of them were surrounded by more than twenty people. Two people stepped forward unhurriedly and blocked Duan Ling Tian and the others' way. One was dressed in black and the other was dressed in white

The black-clad old man is as skinny as a bamboo stick while the white-clad old man was as fat and round as a ball. Both of their eyes were trained on Zheng Qiu.

Qin Yu's expression changed as soon as he heard their words. It was clear that they were not afraid of a Violet Sun Golden Celestial!

Even Duan Ling Tian was startled by the robber's words. He thought to himself wryly, "We're truly lucky to encounter a Violet Sun Golden Celestial." He was certain the two old men standing before him who seemed unafraid of Zheng Qiu were not Great Overarching Golden Celestials because he knew Great Overarching Golden Celestials would not rob travelers in a small place like the Nine Specters County. However, since they were not afraid of Zheng Qiu, it was likely they, or someone in their group, was a Violet Sun Golden Celestials as well.

"You dare show yourself even though you know my cultivation base?" Zheng Qiu said in a deep voice as he stared at the two old men, "If I'm not mistaken, you should be the infamous robbers of the Nine Specters County, the Black and White Hero?"

"You're right... You're quite astute." A seemingly innocuous smile appeared on the white-clad old man's face as he narrowed his eyes.

Upon hearing the white-clad old man's confirmation of his identity, a faint smile bloomed on Zheng Qiu's face. Despite the smile, killing intent began to surge out of his body. "I've long heard the Black and White Hero are Violet Sun Golden Celestials who are extremely cunning and possess numerous hiding spots... Our County Governor has sent out many men to get rid of both of you but all of them failed to find your whereabouts. Perfect! How lucky of me to meet both of you here."

"The County Governor's estate?!"

As soon as Zheng Qiu finished speaking, the expressions of the white-robed old man and the black-clad old man changed immediately.

Similarly, the expressions of the over twenty men who were surrounding Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu changed as well. Some of them even began to tremble in fear.

The County Governor's estate! That's the biggest and strongest force in the Nine Specters County!

In recent years, many men had been sent from the County Governor's estate to destroy this band of robbers. For this reason, they lived a nomadic life, afraid to stay in one place for too long. In fact, they had just arrived in the vicinity of Bloody Specter City not too long ago. They truly did not expect to meet someone from the County Governor's estate here.

When they saw Zheng Qiu, a Violet Sun Golden Celestial, they thought he would be a good target. Who knew he would turn out to be a time bomb instead?

"Y-you're from the County Governor's estate?" The black-robed old man looked at Zheng Qiu and said after taking a deep breath, "If you show us your identity token that proves you're from the County Governor's estate, not only will we let you go unharmed, but we'll also compensate you with 1,000 mediocre Celestial Stone."

If these men were truly from the City Governor's estate, the robbers knew they could not offend them. Even if the other party was weaker, they still would not dare to kill them. After all, it would thoroughly anger the City Governor, and he might even send a Great Overarching Celestial to hunt them down!

Previously, the City Governor did not send any Great Overarching Golden Celestials after them because their whereabouts were hidden. However, if a Great Overarching Golden Celestial put his mind to it, it would not take long for the band of robbers to be discovered unless they leave the Nine Hidden County and its vicinity.

“That won’t be necessary,” Zheng Qiu said indifferently, “Since you’ve shown yourself, you should stay!” His eyes shone brighter and brighter as he spoke.

“How arrogant!” As the saying went, ‘Even a clay doll has a fire within it’. The black-clad old man’s expression darkened when he heard Zheng Qiu’s words. He said in a low voice, “There are only three of you, and you’re the only Violet Sun Golden Celestial in your group... If we fight, you’ll definitely be at a disadvantage. Since you insist on fighting, don’t blame us for disregarding the County Governor’s estate when we kill all of you. At most, we’ll just have to flee the Nine Specters City after killing three of you!”

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“Two Violet Sun Golden Celestials?”

Upon hearing Zheng Qiu said the two old men were Violet Sun Golden Celestials, Qin Yu’s expression changed immediately. Even Duan Ling Tian’s expression had turned grim.

However, when Duan Ling Tian discovered Zheng Qiu did not seem to be afraid of the two Violet Sun Golden Celestials, he realized Zheng Qiu was confident about defeating the two Violet Sun Golden Celestials. For this reason, he regained his calm. It was not only due to Zheng Qiu’s confidence, but he was also confident about his own ability.

Unless the Violet Sun Golden Celestials had mastered profound Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, Duan Ling Tian was certain he did not even need to use his Devata Artefact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, to defeat them! Even if the two Violet Golden Celestials had mastered profound Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, he was certain he could still defeat them as long as he used his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Naturally, if it was not necessary, he preferred not to use the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was the ace up his sleeve. He would not use it unless it was absolutely necessary!

“Is that so?” Zheng Qiu smiled in response to the black-clad old man’s threats. His eyes glinted coldly as he said, “Go ahead and try!” Based on his words, it was clear he was not cowed by the threats.

Upon hearing Zheng Qiu’s words and seeing how unaffected Zheng Qiu was, the white-clad old man’s expression changed drastically. He looked at Zheng Qiu warily as he asked, “What position do you hold in the County Governor’s estate?!”

There were only two possibilities that Zheng Qiu could remain fearless upon discovering their strength and identities; first, Zheng Qiu was only putting on a front, and second, Zheng Qiu was truly unafraid and was confident he would be able to defeat or kill them. However, based on the situation, it seemed like the latter was more likely to be the reason!

“Remember that Zheng Qiu of the County Governor’s estate in the Nine Specters County was the one who killed you when you’re in hell!” As soon as Zheng Qiu finished speaking, he made a move

immediately. A violent and powerful force surged out of his body like a flurry of tornados. It carried him toward the Black and White Hero.

“Zheng Qiu?!”

“The second strongest person in Nine Specters County apart from the Great Overarching Golden Celestials in Nine Specters County?!”

The expressions of the Black and White Heroes changed dramatically at this moment. They could not hide the shock and fear on their faces.

Zheng Qiu! The inner estate elder of the County Governor’s estate in the County City of Nine Specters County! Apart from Great Overarching Celestials, he was the second strongest person in the entire Nine Specters County.

“The second strongest man in the Nine Specter County, excluding the Great Overarching Golden Celestials?”

Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu looked at each other in surprise after hearing white-clad man’s words. They did not expect the special envoy that was sent to escort and guard them was the second strongest person among the Golden Celestials in the entire Nine Specters County!

Upon hearing this, the worried expression on Qin Yu’s face vanished immediately. It seemed like there was no need to worry with a person of such a caliber here.

“Lord Zheng Qiu, please show mercy... We’re willing to give up all our treasures to you!” The white-clad and black-clad old men cried out hurriedly as they retreated. They hoped they would be able to exchange their treasures for their lives.

Zheng Qiu scoffed. He said disdainfully, “Lord County Governor has already said that whoever is able to kill the Black and White Heroes will be able to keep their treasures. Even if I kill you, your treasures will still be mine!” It was clear that he was determined to kill Zheng Qiu, leaving them with no way out.

The black-clad old man’s eyes turned cold when he heard Zheng Qiu’s words. He said in a cold voice, “Brother, since he’s adamant about killing us, we’ll just fight with him to our deaths! I’d like to see if he lives up to his name!”

“Alright!” At this time, the white-clad old man knew this was their only option. His eyes gleamed coldly as well, and he narrowed his eyes, making his eyes look even smaller on his chubby face.

Whoosh!

The Celestial Origin Energy that the black-clad old man mobilized earlier surged out of his body immediately! At the same time, he did not forget to order his roughly twenty subordinates to kill Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu. “Everyone, move! Kill the two men who are with him. If we are to be killed by Zheng Qiu, we’ll drag the two young men to hell with us!”

Zheng Qiu did not expect the black-clad old man would give such an order. His expression changed instantly. Although he was confident about killing the Black and White Heroes, it would still take some

time. If the Black and White Heroes' subordinates decided to disregard their lives and attack the two young men in his charge, he was not sure he could protect them. Based on his knowledge, even the weakest among the subordinates was a Crimson Sun Golden Celestial. The strongest was a Yellow Sun Golden Celestial!

Bang!

Zheng Qiu who was fast approaching the Black and White Heroes came to halt suddenly as an explosion rang in the air. His energy raged in the air, causing the sound of the explosion. He turned to look at the Black and White Heroes' subordinates coldly. He planned to kill all of them first before dealing with the Black and White Heroes.

When the Black and White Heroes's subordinates felt Zheng Qiu's cold gaze on them, their expressions changed drastically.

When the black-clad old man saw Zheng Qiu's hesitation, he laughed heartily. "Zheng Qiu, it seems like you care about the two young men..." At the same time, he and the white-clad man moved to block Zheng Qiu's path. He ordered his subordinates again, "Kill them! Don't worry about Zheng Qiu!"

The black-clad man's words caused Zheng Qiu to feel slightly anxious. His eyes turned colder. "My targets are the Black and White Heroes... If you remain at your spot and don't cause any trouble, I'll spare your lives!" He decided to compromise to ensure Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu's safety.

The men who surrounded Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu's eyes lit up upon hearing Zheng Qiu's words.

The black-clad man who sensed his subordinates hesitation said in a hurry, "Don't believe his bullsh*t! Quickly kill the two men and flee... My brother and I will fight Zheng Qiu with all our might. That will give all of you enough time to flee."

Upon hearing this, Zheng Qiu's expression changed again.

"Kill!"

"Kill them!"

As soon as the black-clad old man finished speaking, his men no longer hesitated. Attacks after attacks headed toward Duan Ling Tian and Qin Yu. They, naturally, trusted the black-clad old man more than Zheng Qiu.

"All of you are seeking death!" Upon seeing this, Zheng Qiu knew it was useless to say any more words. His eyes were icy-cold as Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body again and propelled him toward the Black and White Heroes like a hurricane.

"Zheng Qiu, since this is your choice, their deaths will be your fault!" The black-clad man said viciously. At the same time, he moved toward Zheng Qiu as well.

On the other hand, the white-clad old man joined forces with the black-clad old man and attacked Zheng Qiu since they knew they had no other way out of this.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was surprised by the strength of the men surrounding him and Qin Yu. 'All of them are Golden Celestials?' However, unlike Qin Yu, he was calm.

"Seeking death!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes were cold as his Celestial Origin Energy coursed through his 99 Heavenly Veins and surged out of his body like tens of thousands of sword rays. They buzzed in the air, and the piercing sound of sword cries could be heard.

From afar, the sword rays were as dazzling as the sun. It was extremely eye-catching.

"Elementary Devouring Tactic! Sword Formation! Thirteen Green Lotus Swords!" After Duan Ling Tian cast all his skills, he retrieved a primitive Celestial Sword he had obtained in the Spirit Overarching Heaven. In his opinion, these men should be honored that he had even used this primitive Celestial Sword to deal with them. They were not worthy of the Devata Artefact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

With the full force of Duan Ling Tian's sword Formation, 13 of the Golden Celestials who were charging at him were instantly killed without a chance to retaliate.

Blood splattered in the air, looking like a blood rain when it fell

Bang!

At the same time, Qin Yu who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian was severely injured by the eleven Golden Celestials. Their attacks rained on Qin Yu continuously.

'Am I going to die today?!' A hint of despair and reluctance could be seen in Qin Yu's eyes at this moment. There were many things he had yet to achieve...

When Qin Yu felt that all hope was lost, a piercing sword cry rang from afar. Following that, he saw a sky full of sword rays zoomed past him.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions sounded in the wake of the sword rays. The attacks that were raining down on Qin Yu stopped immediately.

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To Qin Yu, the sword rays were like a ray of hope that saved him from the pit of despair!

"Duan Ling Tian?!" Qin Yu watched in horror and awe as the sword rays that repelled the Golden Celestials continued to shoot toward the Golden Celestials. It drowned them in just an instant.

"No!"

"No!"

Unlike their comrades who were killed earlier, these Golden Celestials saw what was coming. However, faced with the indestructible sword Formation, they could only shriek and cry in despair. The only thing that remained after that was a rain of flesh and blood.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian spread his arms and sent an invisible force to collect the Spatial Rings hovering in the blood rain. Since he killed those men, the rings were his to claim.

“How’s that possible?!”

“Damnit! How can this purple-clad young man be so powerful?!”

The Black and White Heroes who were retreating under Zheng Qiu’s attacks had also noticed their subordinates had been killed. A hint of shock and disbelief could be seen in their eyes as they took a quick glance at Duan Ling Tian. After that, they quickly focused their attention on the battle at hand. They could not afford to be distracted at this moment.

Meanwhile, Qin Yu looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock before he sincerely thanked Duan Ling Tian, “Thank you, Duan Ling Tian. I, Qin Yu, owe you my life.”

“It’s nothing. Please think nothing of it.” Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly in response to Qin Yu’s grateful words. “Even if it were someone else, I would still save them.”

“I know.” Qin Yu nodded, but his eyes shone resolutely. “It doesn’t change anything, I, Qin Yu, still owes you my life.”

Faced with a stubborn Qin Yu, Duan Ling Tian merely shrugged. He no longer said anything. Even so, he was impressed by Qin Yu’s determination and character. At the very least, he was not someone who was ungrateful.

“Elder Zheng Qiu should be almost done as well.” Soon after, Duan Ling Tian looked ahead. He could vaguely see the Black and White Heroes retreating under Zheng Qiu’s violent and continuous attacks. It was obvious they would not be able to endure any longer.

About 15 minutes later...

Bang! Bang!

Two loud explosions sounded as the Black and White Heroes were sent flying after Zheng Qiu discovered a flaw in their defense. With just a strike, he severely injured them. The Black and White Heroes threw up a mouthful of blood, unable to regain their footing.

Upon seeing Zheng Qiu who was fast approaching them again, the black-clad old man knew they were definitely going to die. He sent a decisive-sounding Voice Transmission to the white-clad old man.

“Brother, we should kill the purple-clad young man with a soul attack!”

“Okay!” The white-clad old man who was prepared to die agreed and looked at Duan Ling Tian who was standing nearby.

“Hm?” Duan Ling Tian felt an ominous feeling rising in his heart when he saw the Black and White Heroes looking at him intently with a vicious smile on their faces.

“No!” Zheng Qiu who was charging at the Black and White Heroes discovered their intention when he saw them disregarding his attack and focusing on Duan Ling Tian instead. His expression changed immediately.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Black and White Heroes’ eyes brimmed with determination as a streak of light shot out from their glabellas. The two streaks of lights shot toward Duan Ling Tian instantly. These were their soul attacks!

Whoosh!

It did not matter if Duan Ling Tian tried to make a run for it, the two streaks of grey light were locked on him. They continued shooting after Duan Ling Tian, seemingly unable to stop until they landed on Duan Ling Tian. Apart from that, their speeds were much faster than Duan Ling Tian. Gradually, they began to close the gap between them and Duan Ling Tian.

As the streaks of dark grey light were about to enter Duan Ling Tian, another streak of grey light shot out at light speed.

Swoosh!

Zheng Qiu had cast a soul attack as well to block the Black and White Heroes’ soul attacks. Unfortunately, his soul attack only managed to block one of the Black and White Heroes’ soul attacks. The other soul attack successfully entered Duan Ling Tian’s body.

“Duan Ling Tian!” Zheng Qiu’s expression changed drastically.

A cruel smile appeared on the Black and White Heroes’ faces.

When Qin Yu saw the cruel smile on their faces, his expression turned solemn. “Duan Ling Tian...”

At this moment, everyone thought Duan Ling Tian would certainly die after being attacked by a soul attack from a Violet Sun Golden Celestial.

Contrary to everyone’s expectations, not only did Duan Ling Tian remain standing, but he even looked at the Black and White Heroes as he slowly said, “It seems like soul attacks from Violet Sun Golden Celestials are quite fast. Alas, soul attacks at your level are insufficient to cause me any harm due to my defensive Celestial Weapon’s protection!”

With the defective metal piece in him, Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unafraid of the Black and White Heroes’ soul attacks. He only tried to evade them to see if he could avoid them with his speed. He discovered that he would only be able to evade them if he used his Devata Artifact, the Seven Oracles Exquisite Sword, and cast a sword Formation to carry him away.

“A soul defense Celestial Weapon?” The Black and White Heroes’ faces darkened when they heard this, causing them to throw up another mouthful of blood. Their faces turned even paler. They did not expect the purple-clad young man in Zheng Qiu’s charge possessed a soul defense Celestial Weapon. Since it was capable of defending against their attacks, it had to be a mediocre Celestial Weapon at least.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A flurry of tornadoes that were like wind blades flew toward the Black and White Heroes, killing them in just an instant. The only things that remained were two Spatial Rings. Since Zheng Qiu was the one who killed them, he retrieved the Spatial Rings for himself.

Meanwhile, Qin Yu heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that Duan Ling Tian was alive and well.

“Elder Zheng Qiu.” At the same time, Duan Ling Tian took out the twenty-odd Spatial Rings he had collected earlier and passed them to Zheng Qiu with an invisible energy.

“These are your rewards. Keep it,” Zheng Qiu said with a faint smile on his face as he raised his hand and pushed them back to Duan Ling Tian. At this moment, the way Zheng Qiu regarded Duan Ling Tian had changed. Earlier, he had known Duan Ling Tian was strong, but he did not think it was to this extent. In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian managed to kill the twenty-odd subordinates of the Black and White Heroes. The strongest among those men was a Yellow Sun Golden Celestial Hero, even the weakest one was a Crimson Sun Golden Celestial. To be able to kill twenty-odd Golden Celestials with just a strike was not possible for an ordinary Golden Celestial. To do this, one had to have the strength of a Blue Sun Golden Celestial.

‘A Blue Sun Golden Celestial who’s less than 100 years old... I think he must be the strongest among the eighteen people selected from the nine cities in Nine County Specters! In fact, I’m afraid even the 12 Golden Celestials less than a 100 years old from the County City who were personally chosen by Lord County Governor aren’t as strong as him!’ Zheng Qiu thought to himself.

“Thank you, Elder Zheng Qiu.” Duan Ling Tian thanked Zheng Qiu when he saw Zheng Qiu returning the Spatial Rings to him.

“Duan Ling Tian, I didn’t expect you to be so strong. Earlier, I thought both of you would be killed by the Black and White Heroes’ subordinates. If that happened, I would have a tough time explaining myself to Lord County Governor when I return to the City Governor’s estate. I owe you a favor,” Zheng Qiu said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Elder Zheng Qiu, there’s no need to be so courteous.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “I was only trying to save my life...”

Zheng Qiu waved his hand dismissively. “Well, I said I owe you. That’s all to be said about this.” He shook his head and said, “People fall all over themselves to obtain a favor from me, and yet, you’re declining it so easily.”

Duan Ling Tian only smiled. He no longer said anything. After all, what was there left for him to say? Moreover, Zheng Qiu owing him a favor would only benefit him.

“With your talents and strength, you’ll definitely receive preferential treatment in the County Governor’s estate. When we arrive, I’ll speak to Lord County Governor and request that he give you the best cultivation location and resources,” Zheng Qiu said to Duan Ling Tian.

“Thank you, Elder Zheng Qiu,” Duan Ling Tian said sincerely. His eyes shone brightly when he heard Zheng Qiu’s words.

