

Chapter 2731 Earth-Grade Cultivation Method

Fleeting Time Inn was one of the most important assets of the Nian clan. Since the Nian clan supported the seventh prince, they definitely would not work with the thirteenth prince. This meant someone in the Fleeting Time Inn was the thirteenth prince's spy. That was why his spy managed to gather many pieces of information that were not available to ordinary people. Long Fei Yun did not seem surprised by Duan Ling Tian's words. He responded truthfully, "To be honest, Brother Duan, Wang Peng, the Fleeting Time Inn's innkeeper, is one of my men."

"Oh?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow and curiously asked, "Thirteenth Prince, you're being so candid with me... Aren't you afraid I'd tell other people about this? If word of this gets out, even if Wang Peng could avoid death, he'd still have to suffer considerably. Most importantly, you'd lose your spy in the Fleeting Time Inn."

"Are you going to tell on me?" Long Fei Yun asked in return as his smile remained on his face.

"I'm not that bored," Duan Ling Tian said with a shrug. He had come to Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom for a temporary place to stay. He would leave once he decided on his next destination. To him, the Wasteland and the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom were just like a stepping stone. He needed to travel and go to bigger places to seek better items to improve his cultivation base. He only had 1,000 years after all. If he was still not strong enough after 1,000 years, he would not be able to save Ke'er, his family, and his friends even if he went to the Divine Offering Land. Although he had arrived at the Spirit Overarching Heaven less than 10 years ago, and his cultivation base had greatly improved, he was well aware that it was not enough and it was just the beginning. The road ahead of him would become more difficult. After all, the higher one's cultivation base was, the more difficult it was for it to improve. Currently, he had not even become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Let alone the Spirit Overarching Heaven, his cultivation base was nothing even in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom and the Wasteland. Although his strength was far stronger than what his cultivation base indicated, he still could not compete with an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. In the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, there was no shortage of Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. Even the Nian clan, one of the top clans in the kingdom, had a few powerful Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, let alone the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. He would not survive an attack from any of these Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials even if he utilized his Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, and unleashed all his strength!

Long Fei Yun said with a smile, "Well, I revealed all these things to you because I knew you're not that bored to tell on me." His eyes glinted as he bluntly said, "Brother Duan, rumor has it that you're from a powerful sect outside of the Wasteland. Why would you be interested in a profound-grade cultivation method? Is there something unique about the Dark Nether Fuse Profundity Technique?"

Since earlier, Long Fei Yun had suspected that Duan Ling Tian did not come from any extraordinary sect. Duan Ling Tian was probably only calling his fourth brother's bluff so that his fourth brother would be wary of him.

“He’s truly younger than 100 years old.” The middle-aged man’s Voice Transmission rang in Long Fei Yun’s ears at this moment. The middle-aged man was a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, and his Divine Consciousness was much more powerful than Duan Ling Tian’s. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian did not even realize it when he had probed Duan Ling Tian with his Divine Consciousness. “Moreover, he must be using a technique to conceal his cultivation base. I tried probing his cultivation base but to no avail. I tried to investigate his soul, but my Divine Consciousness strangely vanished before I was able to do so.”

If one did not mobilize and use one’s Celestial Origin Energy, it would be difficult for another person to investigate one’s cultivation base through their Divine Consciousness. This was due to the Heavenly Veins. Therefore, to investigate someone’s cultivation base, one would start with the soul since the soul was closely related to one’s cultivation base. This was similar to how things were in the mundane realms.

Whoosh!

An energy rippled toward Duan Ling Tian, and he narrowed his eyes before slamming his hands on the table. His Celestial Origin Energy rippled out and collided with the incoming energy before overwhelming it. After that, he withdrew his Celestial Origin Energy and stared at Long Fei Yun as he said, “It seems like the thirteenth prince has the same hobby as the fourth prince...”

‘A Great Overarching Golden Celestial younger than 100 years old!’ Long Fei Yun was still stunned when Duan Ling Tian had spoken. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian was a Great Overarching Golden Celestial who was not even 100 years old. Through his test, he was 100% certain that Duan Ling Tian was as strong as a yellow-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial! Most importantly, Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old! ‘So that’s why fourth brother is so wary of him! It’s not only because of this man’s junior sister but this man himself. Since I haven’t met his junior sister, I can’t say for sure if she’s capable of killing the earth-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Zhou clan. However, there’s no doubt this man is younger than 100 years old and has strength comparable to a yellow-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial at least!’

The shock in Long Fei Yun’s eyes was apparent when he looked at Duan Ling Tian again. It took him a while to come to his senses. At this moment, he did not doubt Duan Ling Tian’s background. At the same time, even if Duan Ling Tian was not who he said he was, he felt that it did not matter. After all, Duan Ling Tian was a rare talent, someone who managed to become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial before reaching the age of 100. Suddenly, a thought popped up in his mind, causing his eyes to lit up like stars in the night sky. ‘Perhaps, I can try making a deal with him.’

Long Fei Yun stared at Duan Ling Tian intently and bluntly asked, “Brother Duan, I have an earth-grade cultivation method. Are you interested in it?”

An earth-grade cultivation method!

As soon as Long Fei Yun finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened imperceptibly. He quickly regained his senses and asked, “Thirteenth Prince, are you talking about the cultivation method that the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom inherited?” As far as he knew, the only earth-

rank cultivation method in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom belonged to the Imperial family of the kingdom. Then, he said indifferently, "Based on what I know, that inherited earth-rank cultivation method of the Imperial family can only be cultivated by the descendants of the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Apart from that, isn't there a law, punishable by death, that prohibits members of the Imperial family from revealing the cultivation method to outsiders? Are you testing me to see if I would take an interest in an earth-rank cultivation method? If I'm interested, then you can determine that I'm not from a powerful sect outside of the wasteland?" In his opinion, this must be a test from Long Fei Yun to determine his background. After all, how could someone from a powerful sect, someone who became a Great Overarching Golden Celestial before the age of 100, not have an earth-grade cultivation method?

"Brother Duan, you're overthinking." Long Fei Yun shook his head. "Currently, it doesn't matter to me if you're from a powerful sect outside of the Wasteland or not... In fact, I hope you're not since it means you'll probably take an interest in my earth-rank cultivation method. I have to make it clear that the earth-rank cultivation method I mentioned isn't the earth-rank cultivation method that has been passed down for generations in the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom..." He paused for a moment before he continued to say, "I'm not afraid of you laughing at me, but I have to say I haven't actually seen the Imperial family's earth-rank cultivation method, let alone cultivate it." As he spoke, he clenched his hands into fists so tightly that veins could be seen on his hands. It was clear he was feeling rather emotional at this moment.

A hint of sadness mixed with determination flashed in Long Fei Yun's eyes as he said, "After all, my father doesn't think I'm his biological son."

'He didn't cultivate the inherited earth-rank cultivation method in the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom?' Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he heard Long Fei Yun's words. He knew the current Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom did not favor the thirteenth prince and questioned the thirteenth prince's birth, however, he did not expect the emperor to prohibit the thirteenth prince from cultivating the Imperial family's earth-rank cultivation method. One could only imagine how the thirteenth prince felt.

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A bitter smile appeared on Long Fei Yun's face and he continued to say in a self-deprecating manner, "Although it sounds shocking, the truth is, my father firmly believes that my mother had an affair with another man. He feels their relationship is ambiguous even before he married her. For that reason, he thinks I'm that man's b*stard child!" Although it was subtle, Duan Ling Tian noticed the negative emotions swirling in Long Fei Yun's heart.

After a brief pause, Long Fei Yun continued to say, "Since he felt skeptical about their relationship, why did he bring my mother to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom and proceeded to marry her? Since he's suspicious of my birth, why didn't he just suffocate me in the cradle after my mother's death from dystocia? Why did he allow me to grow up?" His emotions grew more unstable as he spoke. His hands were tightly clenched into fists, his fingernails pierced the skin of his palms as blood dripped down. His body trembled from the violent fluctuations of his emotions.

Duan Ling Tian remained silent. He could imagine what the thirteenth prince had to go through and how he had to live all these years. "The Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom is at fault... Since he brought your mother back to the kingdom and allowed her to give birth, why would he direct the hate to his child? If that's the case, it would have been better if he had abandoned the mother and child to fend for themselves." In his opinion, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom failed to handle the issue properly.

"Can you imagine how scary it was for a prince who is disliked by the emperor and suspected to be the bastard son of another man? Although the eunuchs and palace maids are respectful toward me on the surface, I can see the disdain in their eyes. That's the environment I was raised in. Since young, I knew I have no one to rely on but myself. My father even forbade me from cultivating the cultivation method that's inherited in the Imperial family. That's the only earth-rank cultivation method in the possession of the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Without it, I could only cultivate a profound-grade cultivation method. However, I'm not discouraged even if my brothers are allowed to cultivate the earth-rank cultivation method, and I'm not. As long as I diligently cultivated, it would only be a matter of time before I caught up to them and surpassed them." Long Fei Yun vented his feelings to Duan Ling Tian without holding back. It was as though he had forgotten that he had only met Duan Ling Tian. As he spoke, his body trembled and tears could be seen brimming in his eyes. Naturally, he did not allow the tears to fall. They evaporated as soon as they appeared.

Duan Ling Tian did not seem to mind as he lent an ear to Long Fei Yun. As he listened to Long Fei Yun's words, he even began to feel sympathy for Long Fei Yun. At the same time, he realized how difficult it was for the thirteenth prince to achieve his current standing that was equal with the fourth and seventh princes considering the environment the thirteenth prince was raised in. After all, the thirteenth prince needed to expend ten times or even 100 times more effort compared to the fourth and seventh princes.

"I worked so hard not because I intended to compete with my fourth and seventh brother for the throne. I had no interest in the throne. I only wanted my father to recognize my effort and acknowledged my achievements. However, even after I grew stronger, after I caught up to and even surpassed my fourth and seventh brother, I discovered that my father still dislikes me! It's due to his prejudice against me. Ever since then, I've changed my goal. I want to seize the throne. I want to suppress his beloved fourth and seventh son. I want to step on them on the path to claim the throne." Long Fei Yun's eyes flashed coldly when he reached the end of his sentence. It took him a while before he finally regained his composure. Then, he smiled apologetically and said, "I'm sorry I lost my composure and vented my feelings..."

"Life hasn't been easy on you... If I were you, I might have broken down or given up a long time ago," Duan Ling Tian said with a hint of admiration. He might not be able to deal with being raised in such a harrowing environment like the thirteenth prince if he did not have two lifetimes of experience. Who knew if he might even descend into depravity and lived as a good-for-nothing prince who only waited for his own demise?

"So, Brother Ling Tian, there's no need for you to worry about me trying to sound you out. It's unnecessary after all," Long Fei Yun continued to say, "Regardless of what background you have, there's no enmity between us, and I will not help my fourth brother to curry favor with the fourth miss of the

Zhou clan. Anyway, I'm telling you all these things so you know that the earth-rank cultivation method I possess isn't the one inherited in the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. In fact, the earth-rank cultivation method I possess is closely related to my mother," Long Fei Yun said with a sigh.

"What do you mean?" Although Duan Ling Tian was quite certain that Long Fei Yun was being honest, he was still wary and cautious. For this reason, he refrained from showing too much interest in the earth-rank cultivation method.

"Earlier, I mentioned that my father dislikes me because he suspects I'm not his biological son. It's due to my mother's ambiguous relationship with a man before she came to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom to marry my father," Long Fei Yun said.

"Mm..." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"That man whom my mother had a dubious relationship with appeared in my life a year ago... To be precise, someone who was indebted to him appeared and brought me the earth-rank cultivation method that he exchanged for with his life," Long Fei Yun explained.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by this revelation.

"It was also at that time that I found out the person whom my father suspects to have an affair with my mother was my mother's childhood friend. They didn't have an affair. It's all my father's jealousy and suspicion. It's all in his mind. I have no reason to believe that man lied to me. After all, a person's dying words are usually true," Long Fei Yun continued to say, "According to him, he truly loved my mother. However, after she made up her mind to marry my father, he had given up on her and traveled the world. Then, he received news about my mother's death after giving birth to me and how I was ostracized due to my mother and his relationship. He wanted to take me away, but he wasn't powerful enough to break into the Imperial Palace of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Later on, he died while obtaining the earth-rank cultivation method. Before he died, he entrusted Qiu Ling to bring me the earth-rank cultivation method and to follow me for 1,000 years. He knew my father forbade me from cultivating the Imperial family's earth-rank cultivation method."

Then, Long Fei Yun pointed to the middle-aged man standing behind him and said, "He's Qiu Ling... He's a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. He has promised to follow me due to gratitude toward my mother's childhood friend."

A heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened slightly as he turned to look at the middle-aged man standing behind Long Fei Yun. He was shocked when he discovered the middle-aged man's cultivation base and what the distinct aura that was hard to conceal meant.

'It seems like after reaching a certain stage, it's difficult to conceal that aura... Does this mean she's also a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as a beautiful figure appeared in his mind. It was none other than Murong Bing from the Compassionate

Celestial Traveler Sect whom he had sex with. Although he knew she was strong, he did not expect her to be a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

Long Fei Yun said, "The earth-rank cultivation method that I mentioned is the one that I'm currently cultivating. It's given to me by my mother's childhood friend and brought to me by Qiu Ling."

Duan Ling Tian who had regained his senses looked at Long Fei Yun and asked without beating around the bush, "What do you want me to do?"

There was no free lunch in this world. Since Long Fei Yun had asked him if he was interested in an earth-rank cultivation method, he was certain Long Fei Yun was going to offer it in exchange for something. Was there anyone who would give away an earth-rank cultivation method without asking for anything in return?

Long Fei Yun chuckled. "Duan Ling Tian, you seem interested in my earth-rank cultivation method. Am I right to assume that you're not from a powerful sect outside of the Wasteland?"

"Is that important?" Duan Ling Tian asked rhetorically. He had considered this. He knew as soon as he expressed even the slightest bit of interest in the earth-rank cultivation method, his lie to the fourth prince would be exposed. However, the temptation of an earth-rank cultivation method was too strong. In the end, he decided to bite the bait after he considered that it was unlikely for Long Fei Yun to be conspiring with the fourth prince. After all, an earth-rank cultivation method would be a big help to him now. With Huan'er around, he had no need to worry about cultivation environments. Apart from that, he could always find ways to obtain cultivation resources such as Celestial Pills. However, it was difficult for him to obtain a high-rank cultivation method.

"It's not important." Long Fei Yun shook his head as a brilliant smile slowly appeared on his face. "In fact, this is great news to me..."

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"I'd like to know more in detail." A curious expression could be seen on Duan Ling Tian's face after he heard Long Fei Yun's words.

"It seems like you're interested in the earth-rank cultivation method I possess. Let's make a deal," Long Fei Yun bluntly said.

"A deal?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. This reminded him of the deal he made with Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, when he first ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven. At that time, Liu Feng Gu promised to do his best to provide Duan Ling Tian with the best cultivation environment and resources. In return, Duan Ling Tian had to kill Zhou Tong, the First Revered Elder of Nine Specters County. The deal was a complete success.

"Yes," Long Fei Yu nodded and said in a dignified manner, "As long as Brother Duan is willing to promise me one thing, the earth-rank cultivation method is yours."

"What is it?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"I hope that... Brother Duan will participate in the martial competition that's organized by the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. With your strength, you'll definitely win the competition

and be selected to represent the kingdom in the Martial Competition of the Wasteland.” Long Fei Yun paused for a moment before he asked, “Brother Duan... I assume you’ve heard about the Martial Competition of the Wasteland, right?”

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian nodded and continued to say, “The Martial Competition of the Wasteland is organized by the Three Major Sects of the Wasteland. The best powerhouses younger than 100 years old from all the Celestial Kingdoms in the Wasteland will compete against each other. The most outstanding participant will be given a chance to join one of the three major Celestial Sects in the Wasteland.” He had learned about the Martial Competition of the Wasteland the first day he arrived in the capital of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. He was quite interested in the martial competition. After all, joining the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland would provide him with a platform to further improve his strength.

“You’re right,” Long Fei Yun said with a nod. Since Duan Ling Tian knew about it, there was no need for him to further explain.

“Thirteenth Prince, your request can’t be as simple as just wanting me to participate in the martial competition, right? I’m sure there must be more to it than that,” Duan Ling Tian said as he stared at Long Fei Yun intently.

Long Fei Yun nodded in reply to Duan Ling Tian’s question. “With your abilities, there’s no doubt you’ll be selected to represent the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom in the Martial Competition of the Wasteland. I’m sure your performance will be remarkable. At that time, all three major Celestial Sects will definitely want you to join them. When that time comes, I hope you’ll choose to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect!” His breathing seemed to quicken as he spoke.

“The Martial Dragon Celestial Sect?” Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow. “There must be a reason why you want me to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, right?”

“Yes.” Long Fei Yun nodded. “I want you to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect because it rules over 13 high-rank Celestial Kingdoms. This includes the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom...”

“What?!” Duan Ling Tian exclaimed, “The Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom is under the rule of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect? Moreover, they rule over another 12 high-rank Celestial Kingdoms?” He was slightly startled to learn that the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was a vassal state of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect.

“Brother Duan, it’s only natural you don’t know about this. Only the direct descendants of the Imperial families are privy to this matter. After all, it’d be humiliating to all the Imperial families of the Celestial Kingdoms if people find out about it. Therefore, the Imperial families kept this a secret,” Long Fei Yun explained, “It’s not just the high-rank Celestial Kingdoms, even the intermediate-rank and low-rank Celestial Kingdoms are all vassal states of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. Similar to the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect rule over 13 high-rank Celestial Kingdoms respectively. This is apart from the intermediate-rank and low-rank Celestial Kingdoms. Otherwise, why do you think the high-rank Celestial Kingdoms aren’t invading and conquering the intermediate-rank and low-rank Celestial Kingdoms? It’s because they’re all

subordinates of the three major Celestial Sects. Those who initiate a civil war would be severely punished by the ruling Celestial Sect!”

Upon listening to Long Fei Yun’s explanation, Duan Ling Tian gained more knowledge about the Spirit Overarching Heaven. It answered many of the questions he had on his mind as well. Previously, he had found it strange how all the Celestial Kingdoms managed to peacefully coexist. It was only natural for the strong to conquer the weak after all. Now, he finally knew why there seemed to be no conflict among the Celestial Kingdoms!

Long Fei Yun continued to say, “That’s one of the reasons I want you to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. After you rise in ranks in the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, I hope you’ll help me to become the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom!” After he finished speaking, his eyes were flashing determinedly.

Duan Ling Tian asked, “You really think I’ll be capable of helping you become the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom after I join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect?”

“Well, it’s better than nothing, right? At least, I have a small ray of hope.” Long Fei Yun smiled self-deprecatingly. He was well aware that he stood no chance against his brothers, the fourth and seventh prince. It was impossible for him to become the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom since his father would never let him ascend the throne unless his father was out of the picture. However, his father was constantly guarded by strong powerhouses. Not only that, but his father was a powerful heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial as well.

“You would exchange an earth-rank cultivation method just for a glimmer of hope? Is it worth it?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“It’s absolutely worth it. I don’t think it’s a loss to impart the earth-rank cultivation method to you... In exchange for a glimmer of hope to be the next Emperor of Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, I think it’s a good deal for me. Although nothing is certain, all I ask of you is that you help me ascend the throne once you have enough influence in the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect to intervene in the matter of throne inheritance in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom!” Long Fei Yun clearly expressed that he was determined to make this deal even if it was not 100% certain that Duan Ling Tian would be able to help him ascend the throne. All he asked was for Duan Ling Tian to help him if Duan Ling Tian was able to do so.

“If I’m not mistaken...” Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes and said meaningfully with a faint smile, “Once I join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, based on my innate talent, it won’t be difficult for me to obtain an earth-rank cultivation method, right?”

“Yes.” Long Yun Fei nodded.

The calm expression of the middle-aged man who stood behind Long Yun Fei suddenly vanished. His expression darkened as soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. His gaze was as sharp as knives when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was as though he was warning Duan Ling Tian that he would kill Duan Ling Tian if Duan Ling Tian rejected Long Fei Yun’s request.

Duan Ling Tian ignored the middle-aged man and said, "If that's the case, why should I agree to your request?"

"Apart from the earth-rank cultivation method, I will give you a Celestial Pill formula as well." Long Fei Yun replied patiently despite Duan Ling Tian's repeated inquiries.

"What pill formula?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. He was not interested in ordinary pill formulas.

"The formula of the Overarching Heaven Pill!" Long Fei Yun calmly said.

Long Fei Yun's words struck Duan Ling Tian like a bolt of lightning. He was stunned. "The formula of the Overarching Heaven Pill?"

The Overarching Heaven Pill was rare not only in high-rank Celestial Kingdoms, but even in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. As far as he knew, the formula of the Overarching Heaven Pill was largely unknown. That was why none of the Celestial Alchemists in the wasteland could refine them. The pills possessed by the three major Celestial Sects were obtained from outside the Wasteland.

"Y-you have the formula of the Overarching Heaven Pills?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Long Fei Yun as his breathing quickened.

If a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial took an Overarching Heaven Pill, it would guarantee an almost success to becoming an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. If it was taken by an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, it would greatly improve his or her cultivation.

The Overarching Heaven Pill would help a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial similar to how a Violet Sun Golden Celestial would benefit from the Great Overarching Pill. Similarly, it would help an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial like how a Great Overarching Pill would help a Great Overarching Golden Celestial.

Naturally, the Overarching Heaven Pill was superior to the Great Overarching Pill even if their effects were similar. The Great Overarching Pill was a mediocre Celestial Pill, a top-notch mediocre Celestial Pill that only a handful of mediocre Celestial Alchemists with the right Celestial Fire were able to refine. Similarly, the Overarching Heaven Pill was also a top-notch prominent Celestial Pill that only a few prominent Celestial Alchemists were able to refine.

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The difficulty of refining the Great Overarching Pill and the Overarching Heaven Pill was similar. However, the Overarching Heaven Pill was far more valuable than the Great Overarching Heaven Pill due to several reasons. Only a prominent Celestial Alchemist was able to refine the Overarching Heaven Pill, a prominent Celestial Pill. There were far fewer prominent Celestial Alchemists compared to mediocre Celestial Alchemists. Apart from that, the formula for the Overarching Heaven Pill was not as known compared to the formula for the Great Overarching Pill. The Great Overarching Pills were not as rare, even forces from an intermediate-rank Celestial Kingdom would have a few of them.

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian was still in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, King Qin's Mansion could easily provide six Great Overarching Pills as rewards for the top three counties participating in the Martial Competition of the 16 Counties. However, even the Imperial family of a high-rank Celestial Kingdom would find difficulties in obtaining Overarching Heaven Pills. Even the Three Major Celestial

Sects of the Wasteland that were far powerful and ruled over high-rank Celestial Kingdoms only possessed limited numbers of Overarching Heaven Pills.

The Overarching Heaven Pills were rare and highly valuable not only because of the stringent requirements that prominent Celestial Alchemists would have to meet, but it was also because only a few prominent Celestial Alchemists possessed the formula for the pill. Naturally, most of these prominent Celestial Alchemists would guard the formula like a secret. How could Duan Ling Tian not be shocked that Long Fei Yun was willing to impart the pill's formula to him? It was too precious after all. Even the Three Major Sects of the Wasteland would love to get their hands on the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula.

"Y-you have the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Long Fei Yun nodded his head and said, "Yes."

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes and lightly asked, "Since you have the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula, why is there a need for you to make a deal with me? You can directly approach the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect with the formula and ask them to help you ascend the throne."

"I've thought about that," Long Fei Yun heaved a long sigh before he said, "However, do you think I'd still be alive if the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect knows I possess the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula? To them, killing me is much easier than helping me to ascend to the throne of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom." He knew this very well, therefore, he could only dismiss the idea of using the formula in exchange for help from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect to ascend the throne. Naturally, only those with high ranks in the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect would be able to help him ascend the throne. However, they were all extremely powerful. He was just like an ant in front of these people. How was it possible for him to make a deal with these people?

"Thirteenth Prince, are you sure you trust me? Aren't you afraid of me fleeing after obtaining the earth-rank cultivation method and the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Long Fei Yun.

Long Fei Yun met Duan Ling Tian's gaze without flinching as he shook his head. "You won't. Although this is the first time we meet, I can tell you're not the kind of person who would renege on a deal. I, Long Fei Yun, have lived for a few hundred years, my judgment is quite accurate. Even if I misjudged you, I'll accept it. It's a risk I have to take." Compared to approaching the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect with the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula, it was wiser for him to make a deal with Duan Ling Tian even if there was a small chance that Duan Ling Tian might renege on the deal. Moreover, although he had just met Duan Ling Tian, his instinct told him that Duan Ling Tian was not the kind of person who would go back on his words. Duan Ling Tian's eyes were clear, and he had a righteous and extraordinary air about him.

"How decisive and bold!" Duan Ling Tian could not help but praise. A hint of admiration could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Long Fei Yun. After all, not many people would have such courage. He understood now how Long Fei Yun was able to come so far even though he was not favored and had no support.

“I’m not bold, I’m just taking a gamble. Moreover, neither I nor Qiu Ling are able to use nor memorize the formula of the Overarching Heaven Pill formula that’s recorded in this Memory Celestial Talisman.” As Long Fei Yun spoke, a Memory Celestial Talisman suddenly appeared in his hand.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes were immediately drawn to the Memory Celestial Talisman that was in Long Yun Fei’s hand. His breathing quickened. “The Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula... is in this talisman?”

Although Duan Ling Tian was only a primitive Celestial Alchemist now, it did not lessen his desire to obtain the Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula that Long Yun Fei possessed. Most prominent Celestial Alchemists could only dream of obtaining the formula. It was only natural that Long Fei Yun and the heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial had no use for the formula and could not memorize it, they were not Celestial Alchemists after all.

“Yes.” Long Yun Fei nodded. At the same time, another Memory Celestial Talisman appeared next to the Memory Celestial Talisman that contained the Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula. “This Memory Celestial Talisman contains the earth-rank cultivation method, the Heavenly Firmament Technique.” Then, he asked, “So, Brother Duan, are you willing to make a deal with me?”

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. “Since the Thirteenth Prince is sincere and believes in me, how can I refuse?”

Although Duan Ling Tian could easily obtain an earth-rank cultivation method after joining the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, it was still too far off in the future. At the very least, he needed to wait for a year to participate in the Martial Competition of the Wasteland before he could join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. If the deal proposed by Long Fei Yun only included an earth-rank cultivation method, he might think twice. However, since there was an Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula involved, he did not think twice to agree to the deal.

Long Fei Yun laughed before he said, “You’re really straightforward, Brother Duan!” Initially, he was not certain if Duan Ling Tian would accept the deal. Now that Duan Ling Tian finally agreed to it, the grave expression on his face melted away and was replaced with a delighted expression. He handed the two Memory Celestial Talismans to Duan Ling Tian.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian received the two Memory Celestial Talismans that contained the Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula and the earth-rank cultivation method, the Heavenly Firmament Technique, he activated them and committed the information to his memory. With time, he would be able to master them.

“Brother Duan... Y-you used the Memory Celestial Talisman with the Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula? A-are you a prominent Celestial Alchemist?” Long Fei Yun asked in shock. He assumed Duan Ling Tian would save the Memory Celestial Talisman with the Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula for later use. After all, once Duan Ling Tian had used it, if he did not commit every word to memory, he would no longer be able to refine the Overarching Heaven Pill in the future.

“I’m only a mediocre Celestial Alchemist, not a prominent Celestial Alchemist yet,” Duan Ling Tian replied as he shook his head.

“It seems like you’re confident about becoming a prominent Celestial Alchemist in the future. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have used the Memory Celestial Talisman containing the Overarching Heaven Pill’s formula so quickly,” Long Fei Yun said. Initially, his hopes had soared even higher when he thought Duan Ling Tian was a prominent Celestial Alchemist. After all, if Duan Ling Tian was a prominent Celestial Alchemist, it would be easy for Duan Ling Tian to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. Duan Ling Tian did not even need to participate in the Martial Competition of the Wasteland. Moreover, with the status of a prominent Celestial Alchemist, Duan Ling Tian could easily become a Revered Elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. At that time, Duan Ling Tian could easily speak to the Sect Leader of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect to help him ascend the throne of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. He felt a thrill just from imagining the expression on his father’s place if his father was forced to abdicate. For this reason, he could not help feeling disappointed when he discovered Duan Ling Tian was not a prominent Celestial Alchemist.

After a while, Long Fei Yun seemed to recall something, and he said solemnly, “Brother Duan, you should check-out of the Fleeting Time Inn after this. You and your companion can stay in my residence in the Imperial palace.”

“Hm?” Duan Ling Tian felt skeptical about Long Yun Fei’s sudden invitation to stay in his residence. However, he did not think Long Fei Yun would harm him. There might be a small possibility of Long Fei Yun harming him before Long Fei Yun handed the two Memory Celestial Talismans over. However, after giving him the Memory Celestial Talismans, not to mention that he had also used the two Memory Celestial Talismans, it would be a waste for Long Fei Yun to try and harm him.

Seeing the skeptical expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face, Long Fei Yun solemnly said, “There’s no need to worry about the fourth miss of the Zhou clan. After all, even my fourth brother doesn’t dare to look for trouble with you now. However, there’s one person who could potentially be a threat to you. This person is Zhou Shu Qiu, the last disciple of the former Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Sect and the junior sister of the current sect leader.”

2735 The Seventh Prince, Long Qing Yun!

“I’ve heard of her,” Duan Ling Tian said, “She’s the third miss of the Zhou Clan, Zhou Shu Dong’s elder biological sister... However, I heard she left a few years ago to travel with her master, right?” A few days ago, Duan Ling Tian had heard about the Zhou Shu Qing, the third miss of the Zhou clan, while he was dining in one of the famous restaurants in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. She was the most talented genius that the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom had seen in 1,000 years and was accepted as a disciple of the former Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect. She had become a Great Overarching Golden Celestial when she was roughly around 100 years old. Currently, she was a powerful Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Her senior sister had taken over the position of the Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Sect after their master, the former sect leader, had retired. He had been concerned when he first learned about her existence, hence, he was relieved when he later found out that she had left to travel with her master a few years ago. He had thought he would have left the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom or the Wasteland by the time she returned.

“Indeed, she was away previously. However, she returned a month ago... Based on what I know, she returned due to the Martial Competition of the Wasteland that will be held in a year. The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland must be keeping a secret regarding the martial competition. Although

this is not the first time the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland have held a martial competition, previously, they'd never imposed an age restriction and specified that the participants have to be younger than 100 years old. I've always felt that there's something fishy with this Martial Competition of the Wasteland," Long Fei Yun said in one breath.

"There was no age restriction previously?" Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow.

"Exactly." Long Yun Fei shook his head. "Age didn't matter previously as long as you're talented and strong enough to participate in the martial competition. Most of the time, as long as you perform well in the competition, you'll be able to join one of the three Celestial sects. It's normal to see outer disciples of the Three Major Celestial Sects who are thousands or 10,000 years old. Naturally, these disciples would be expelled after the age of 10,000 if they aren't able to pass the assessment to become formal disciples of the sects."

Duan Ling Tian nodded before he returned to the topic at hand. "Since Zhou Shu Qiu has returned, my companion and I will follow you back to your residence, thirteenth prince. Sorry for the inconvenience."

Zhou Shu Qiu, the last disciple of the former Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect and the junior sister of the current sect leader, had a higher position compared to the fourth prince, Long Xiang Yun. It would be easy for her to check Duan Ling Tian's background with the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect's wide information network. At that time, he and Huan'er would be in danger. Although entering the Imperial palace to stay with Long Fei Yun had its risks as well, Duan Ling Tian knew he could count on Long Fei Yun to protect him. After all, he might have offended Zhou Shu Dong, the fourth miss of the Zhou clan, but no harm came to her. For this reason, Long Fei Yun would still be able to protect him. He told Long Fei Yun that Huan'er was just a friend. There was no need for him to pretend in front of Long Fei Yun and say she was his junior sister since Long Fei Yun already knew he was not from a powerful sect outside the Wasteland.

"No problem... Both of you are welcome to stay with me," Long Fei Yun said, pleased, "Well, there's no point wasting time here. Brother Duan, let's go get your friend." He rose to his feet after he finished speaking.

"Sure." Duan Ling Tian nodded and stood up as well. Both men left the First Heaven Room in the Nian clan's auction house with Qiu Ling, the middle-aged man, in tow.

As soon as they stepped out, a burst of hearty laughter rang in the air. "Thirteenth brother, the auction hasn't ended, why are you leaving in such a hurry?"

An arrogant young man dressed in a green robe with gold trimmings appeared with the person in charge of the Nian clan's auction house and an old man dressed in black robes. The young man wore a wide grin on his face as he greeted Long Fei Yun. Based on the way the green-clad young man had addressed Long Fei Yun, it was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to guess that the young man was Long Qing Yun, the Seventh Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom!

"Seventh brother." Long Fei Yun greeted the green-clad young man in return. Then, he sent Duan Ling Tian a Voice Transmission. "Brother Duan, if I'm not mistaken, my seventh brother came because of me. To be more precise, he came because of Qiu Ling. The person in charge of the Nian clan's auction house

must have noticed that Qiu Ling is a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial and informed my seventh brother about it. After all, it's not in my seventh brother's interest if there's a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial by my side." A hint of ridicule could be heard in his voice.

At this moment, Long Qing Yun, the seventh prince, turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and greeted Duan Ling Tian enthusiastically. "Brother Duan, I heard about you from my fourth brother. I was going to visit you in the Fleeting Time Inn. I truly didn't expect to run into you here..." Similar to Long Xiang Yun, the fourth prince, he was also under the impression that Duan Ling Tian was from a powerful sect outside the Wasteland. Such a person should not be provoked. Naturally, it was just casual talk about him wanting to visit Duan Ling Tian at the Fleeting Time Inn. If it were true, he would have long visited Duan Ling Tian. He did not want to be subjected to the cold treatment that his fourth brother had received from Duan Ling Tian.

"Seventh prince." Duan Ling Tian greeted Long Qing Yun nonchalantly. His nonchalance made Long Qing Yun think that he was an arrogant disciple of a powerful sect outside the Wasteland.

Then, Long Qing Yun shifted his attention back to Long Fei Yun. He said with a nod, "Thirteenth brother, that person behind you... It's my first time seeing him." Then, he turned to look at Qiu Ling before he said meaningfully in a tone laced with ridicule, "I don't think father bestowed you heaven-rank Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial, right?"

The fourth and seventh prince were each given a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to guard them. Although the thirteenth prince was not inferior to them, in fact, he might have surpassed them, his treatment was clearly inferior. Like the rest of the unfavored princes, he was only given an earth-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial as his guard.

Long Fei Yun replied, "His name is Qiu Ling. He's a powerhouse I met outside."

As soon as Long Fei Yun finished speaking, Long Qing Yun's gaze turned cold as he said in a tone brimming with hostility, "You're an outsider with unknown origins. What's your motive of lingering by my thirteenth brother's side?!"

At this moment, the black-clad old man standing behind Long Qing Yun with his eyes closed suddenly opened his eyes. "Thirteenth prince, this person with an unknown origin might pose a threat to you. You can't let him stay by your side. Let me ease your worry by killing him!" As soon as he finished speaking, he moved at the speed of lightning toward Qiu Ling.

Before Duan Ling Tian could regain his senses, the old man was already exchanging blows with Qiu Ling.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of thunderous explosions rang in the air. However, it seemed like both men were considerate enough to erect a light shield that cut them off from their surroundings.

The battle was already in full swing when Duan Ling Tian and the others regained their senses. Their movements were too fast to be seen with the naked eyes. All they could see was two forces raging inside the light shield.

Crack!

After fifteen minutes, a dull but loud noise rang in the air.

Fine lines began to show on the light shield. They grew and covered the shield like a spiderweb. Eventually, the light shield shattered.

Whoosh!

A gust of strong wind blew in the air as Qiu Ling returned to Long Fei Yun's side. Apart from his tattered robes, he seemed unharmed.

Swoosh!

At the same time, a black figure could be seen flying backward before it landed heavily on the ground with a loud thud. After he rose to his feet, it could be seen that he was in a bad condition. He was clearly embarrassed by his loss as well when he returned to Long Qing Yun's side.

Long Qing Yun's expression was unsightly. He did not expect the heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial by Long Fei Yun's side was stronger than the one his father had assigned to him!

Long Fei Yun said with a grin to the black-clad old man, "Wu Lao, Qiu Ling has been with me for a year. With his strength, if he intended to kill me, he would've already made a move... There's no need for you to worry about my safety."

The black-clad old man only scoffed in return. There was nothing he could do since he was defeated. Although the thirteenth prince was not favored by the emperor, it did not mean he could challenge his authority. Moreover, the thirteenth prince now had a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial by his side who was even stronger than him!

2736 Huan'er, A Profound-Rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

"Brother Duan, let's go," Long Fei Yun said with a grin as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Fei nodded and left the Nian clan's auction house.

Meanwhile, Long Qing Yun looked at the person in charge of the Nian clan's auction house with a darkened expression and asked, "What's all this? What happened? Why does it seem like my thirteenth brother has befriended the purple-clad young man?" He did not expect the purple-clad young man would associate himself with members of the Imperial families like him and his thirteenth brother since the purple-clad young man had an extraordinary background. However, it seemed like his thirteenth brother had managed to befriend the purple-clad young man. This gave him a sense of crisis even though a sect outside of the Wasteland, technically, would not be able to interfere in the matters of the inheritance of the throne of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom since they were ruled by the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. However, nobody knew if the sect the purple-clad young man belonged to was stronger than the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. He feared the purple-clad young man had a high-rank in a sect that was stronger than the Martial Dragon Celestial Kingdom. If that was the case, it would not be a problem for the purple-clad young man's sect to pressure the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect to interfere with the inheritance of the throne in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

“Your Highness, I... I’m unaware of this as well...” the person in charge of the Nian clan’s auction house said earnestly, “However, I think the thirteenth prince attended the auction today because of the purple-clad young man.”

Long Qing Yun scoffed before he coldly said, “Do I need you to tell me that? That man even told thirteenth brother his surname. It seems like they get along quite well...” He thought to himself, ‘Based on what I know, the man refused to disclose his name to fourth brother previously. Maybe I should talk to fourth brother about this.’

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and the other two men finally arrived in the Fleeting Time Inn.

As they approached the lobby of the Fleeting Time Inn, Long Fei Yun said, “Brother Duan, we’ll wait for you and your friend here.” He was tactful and had no intention of following Duan Ling Tian back to the room since he knew Duan Ling Tian’s friend was a woman. It would be inappropriate for him to make a sudden appearance.

This worked in Duan Ling Tian’s favor as well. After all, if Long Fei Yun came with him, Qiu Ling would definitely follow. Since Qiu Ling was a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, he might notice the unusual flow of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in Huan’er’s room since she was cultivating. A Divine Crystal would only appear once in more than 1,000 years in Devata Realms. He did not want anyone to find out about Huan’er and the Divine Crystal.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian entered the courtyard, he sent a Voice Transmission. “Huan’er.”

Huan’er quickly woke up from her cultivation since she was not in closed-door cultivation. After she put the Divine Crystal away and absorbed the seemingly-liquified Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the room, Duan Ling Tian cautiously entered the room. He had to be cautious when it came to the Divine Crystal after all.

“Brother Ling Tian, are we leaving? Did that lady send men to look for trouble with us?” Huan’er asked as her eyes gleamed coldly. Her thin white robes fluttered in the air, slightly revealing her slender and graceful figure.

Duan Ling Tian had to take deep breaths to suppress the burning desire that had involuntarily awakened. Then, he shook his head and said, “No, we’re just moving to a new place. The new place is bigger and more comfortable.”

“Is it more interesting?” Huan’er asked excitedly as the coldness in her eyes gradually disappeared.

“Yes, it’s more interesting.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “However, before we leave, you’ll have to put on your hat and veil...”

“Alright, alright, I know,” Huan’er said. Although she was reluctant, she still obediently listened to him.

Although Huan’er’s beautiful face was hidden, her slender figure was enough to cause men to commit crimes.

Long Fei Yun fell into a daze when he saw Huan'er's graceful figure. As the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, he had seen many beautiful women in his life, but none could compare to Huan'er's beautiful figure. However, he quickly regained his senses and averted his eyes. Although Duan Ling Tian did not say anything about their relationship, he could tell Duan Ling Tian and the woman's relationship was not simple based on their interactions. Therefore, he did not dare to act recklessly. Moreover, he knew the lady was no weakling. She had effortlessly killed an elder of the Zhou clan who was an earth-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. He sent a Voice Transmission to Qiu Ling, prompting Qiu Ling to investigate Huan'er. "Qiu Ling, previously Brother Duan told fourth brother that the woman is younger than 100 years old..."

Before Long Fei Yun finished speaking, a scoff rang in the air. It was from Huan'er. At the same time, waves and waves of freezing energy rippled out of her as it swept toward Qiu Ling who was standing next to Long Fei Yun.

Qiu Ling immediately mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy to nullify her attack. At the same time, he sent a Voice Transmission to Long Fei Yun. "She discovered my Divine Consciousness... There's no doubt she's younger than 100 years old. Moreover, she has to be a profound-rank Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial at least!" He had to focus on nullifying Huan'er's attack even if he was a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial because he had sustained injuries from his battle earlier with the seventh prince's subordinate. The battle had greatly depleted his strength that he was currently no better than an ordinary earth-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

'A profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who's younger than 100 years old?' Long Fei Yun was thoroughly shocked. How was it possible for someone like that to come to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom? Let alone a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, in the past 10,000 years in the Wasteland, there were only a handful of profound-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old, and one earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial younger than 100 years old. In the entire history of the Wasteland, only two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old had appeared. As for peak Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old, they had never appeared in the Wasteland. How could he not be shocked to meet a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was younger than 100 years old?

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Huan'er, what's wrong?"

"Brother Ling Tian, this person is being rude. He used his Divine Consciousness to investigate me," Huan'er replied angrily. Her expression was sour when she complained to Duan Ling Tian.

"Qiu Ling... A-are you joking?" Long Fei Yun was still in shock over Qiu Ling's discovery that he was unaware of Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's conversation and Duan Ling Tian's darkened expression.

"I'm not." Qiu Ling confirmed.

Long Yun Fei shuddered before he regained his senses. He quickly asked Qiu Ling to apologize when he discovered the displeased and angered expression on Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's faces.

Only after the apology did Duan Ling Tian's expression soften and Huan'er's anger dissipated.

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During the journey to the Imperial palace, Long Fei Yun sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian, "Brother Duan... I-is it really okay for you to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect?" Back in the Nian clan's auction house, he was certain Duan Ling Tian did not have an extraordinary background after Duan Ling Tian accepted the deal. How could someone with an extraordinary background be interested in an earth-rank cultivation method? Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had admitted as much. However, now that he discovered the white-clad lady was a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was younger than 100 years old, he began to doubt himself. How could a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was younger than 100 years old have an ordinary background? It was impossible!

"Why do you ask so?" Duan Ling Tian asked in return.

"Brother Duan, frankly speaking, Qiu Ling informed me that your friend is a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial even though she's younger than 100 years old. With someone like that by your side, it's hard for me to believe you don't have an extraordinary background," Long Fei Yun said with a bitter smile on his face.

"Huan'er... Well, her background is complicated. It's inconvenient for me to talk about it. However, it's true that I don't have an extraordinary background. There's no problem with me joining the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. As for Huan'er, I can't promise you anything. It'll have to depend on her willingness," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"No, no, no, you misunderstood me. I have no intention of asking Lady Huan'er to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect," Long Fei Yun said as he shook his head, "Instead, if it's possible, I hope Lady Huan'er will conceal her age. A profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who's younger than 100 years old... If word of this spread, it'll cause a commotion in the Wasteland. It'll do more harm than good to her if that happens!" He became increasingly concerned as he continued to say, "I'm just afraid there will be people who want to exploit her. They would assume she has an extraordinary background and has mastered high-grade celestial methods and Divine Abilities. Humans are inherently greedy after all. Who knows what they would do to get their hands on her?"

2737 In Exchange For The Divine Crystal!

Duan Ling Tian stared at Long Fei Yun intently as he asked, "Thirteenth Prince, did those greedy thoughts ever cross your mind?"

"To be honest, they did," Long Fei Yun answered honestly, "However, I've already given you the Overarching Heaven Pill's formula, and even if Qiu Ling suppresses Lady Huan'er, it doesn't mean I'll be able to obtain her celestial methods and Divine Abilities. Instead of taking a risk, I chose stability."

Upon hearing Long Fei Yun's words, the frost in Duan Ling Tian's eyes seemed to thaw. "The thirteenth prince is wise."

"I won't be here today if I'm not," Long Fei Yun said with a sigh. After a moment, as though he had recalled something, he said, "Brother Duan, I have a friend who possesses a Celestial Weapon that's capable of hiding auras and the one's true age. After you settle down in my residence, I'll ask him to lend us the Celestial Weapon."

“There’s such a Celestial Weapon?” Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

“Yes.” Long Fei Yun nodded. “It’s just extremely rare. Although it’s called a Celestial Weapon, it doesn’t help with defense or offense. Its only use is to hide auras. Hence, most people consider it worthless. My friend only collected it because he likes collecting strange things.”

“Although I don’t like to make people part with their cherished possessions, I would really like to get this Celestial Weapon for Huan’er... If it’s possible, can you please speak to your friend about selling it to me? He can name a price.” Duan Ling Tian wanted to buy that Celestial Weapon for Huan’er. It was just as Long Fei Yun had said, if people found out about Huan’er, it would definitely attract trouble.

“Brother Duan, to be honest with you, my friend doesn’t lack Celestial Stones. In fact, I can’t promise you that I’ll be able to obtain that Celestial Weapon, but I’ll definitely try my best,” Long Fei Yun said with a bitter smile on his face. When he saw the excitement in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes, he thought it was better to remind Duan Ling Tian that nothing was certain.

“I’ll trouble you then,” Duan Ling Tian replied as he tamped down his excitement.

“It’s no trouble...” Long Fei Yun hastily shook his head.

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After Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er had settled down in Long Fei Yun’s residence in the Imperial palace, Long Fei Yun and Qiu Ling left them alone.

Although the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was not favored by the emperor, his residence was huge. It was several times larger than where Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er had stayed in the Fleeting Time Residence.

“Brother Ling Tian, if that person possesses something that’s beneficial to me... I can just snatch it away from him.” Although Duan Ling Tian had tried to guide Huan’er down the path of righteousness, certain views and habits would take longer for her to change.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “Huan’er, I told you earlier that it’s wrong to snatch things away from people. Moreover, you have to have the capability of doing so. Since even the thirteenth prince is uncertain if he could make his friend relinquish the Celestial Weapon, it shows that his friend has an extraordinary background. Even if his friend is weaker than you, it’s highly likely that he has someone stronger guarding him.”

Huan’er fell silent and pouted with a sullen expression on her face. She looked slightly pitiful.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian’s heart softened. “Huan’er, don’t think too much... I’ll try my best to get that Celestial Weapon for you.”

“Mm.” Huan’er nodded in reply. Her eyes gleamed as she asked excitedly, “Brother Ling Tian, when can we go out and play? Since we arrived, Huan’er hasn’t gone out to play... Huan’er wants to buy a lot of things to play with and eat tasty food.”

“In a few days... Meanwhile, you can cultivate here with peace of mind,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Alright.” Huan’er nodded, albeit reluctantly. She took the Divine Crystal out and began to cultivate.

The room came with a Formation that would prevent Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from leaking out. The room, which was close to his room at the back of the courtyard, was also far from the main entrance of the courtyard. There were many rooms separating her room from the entrance. For these reasons, Duan Ling Tian was not worried that Qiu Ling would discover the abnormal and seemingly-liquified Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from Huan’er’s Divine Crystal.

After Duan Ling Tian left the room, he went to the front yard and waited for news from Long Fei Yun.

After nearly an hour had passed, Long Fei Yun finally returned. He looked embarrassed and wore a bitter smile on his face.

Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of disappointment rising in his heart upon seeing this. He could not help but ask, “He’s not willing?”

“It’s not that he’s unwilling, but he wants to meet you, Brother Duan. He said he can give you the Celestial Weapon, but there’s a requirement that he wants to personally discuss with you. Brother Duan, I’m sorry,” Long Fei Yun said apologetically.

“Where is he?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he rose to his feet.

“Are you going to meet him?” Long Fei Yun was stunned. “Brother Duan, that friend of mine is not going to make a trade that’s unfavorable to him... The condition he sets is going to be difficult.”

“Even so, I still want to meet your friend. That Celestial Weapon is very important to me,” Duan Ling Tian said determinedly as his eyes flashed.

“In that case, please follow me, Brother Duan.”

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Duan Ling Tian and Long Fei Yun left the Imperial palace. Then, Long Fei Yun led him to an estate at the eastern side of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. The estate occupied a vast piece of land and appeared to be empty. Not a single soul could be seen.

Creak!

As soon Long Fei Yun, Qiu Ling, and Duan Ling Tian arrived, the main door swung open.

Duan Ling Tian was certain there was no one standing near the door. It seemed like the main door was opened by a powerful force from a distance. It was obvious Long Fei Yun’s friends knew they had arrived. Since he could not even detect the other person’s Divine Consciousness, he knew the other person must have a profound cultivation base.

“Let’s go.” Long Yun Fei called out to Duan Ling Tian and took the lead to enter the estate.

Duan Ling Tian followed Long Fei Yun’s lead as he turned to look at Qiu Ling, the heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Qiu Ling looked solemn as he entered the estate. A hint of fear could be seen in his eyes as well. ‘It seems like the thirteenth prince’s friend isn’t an ordinary person.’

Duan Ling Tian had expected there to be powerhouses guarding Long Fei Yun's friend. However, when they arrived at the backyard of the estate, he discovered that Long Fei Yun's friend was the only person in the estate.

"Brother Pei," Long Yun Fei greeted his friend before he introduced Duan Ling Tian, "This is Brother Duan whom I mentioned earlier."

Duan Ling Tian silently studied Long Fei Yun's friend. The man was dressed in a white robe. His appearance was average, but his eyes revealed he had seen and gone through the vicissitudes of life, indicating he was no longer young. Moreover, when the white-clad man looked at him, he felt completely exposed. This was the first time he had felt this way since he had arrived in the Devata Realm, the Spirit Overarching Heaven of the Devata Realm. Even when he had faced the Celestial Duke from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect at King Qin's Mansion in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, he did not feel this way.

"I heard from Fei Yun that you want the Concealment Pendant?" the white-clad man asked.

Although it was his first time hearing about it, Duan Ling Tian knew the Concealment Pendant was the Celestial Weapon that Long Fei Yun had told him about. He nodded. "Yes."

"I can give you the Concealment Pendant, but there's one thing you have to promise me..." the white-clad man said.

"What is it?" Duan Ling Tian asked anxiously.

"Fei Yun, I'd like to speak to him in private," the white-clad man said as he raised his hand.

Without waiting for Long Fei Yun to reply, an invisible force surged out of the white-clad man's hand and formed a soundproof shield around him and Duan Ling Tian.

The white-clad man said without beating around the bush, each of his words sounded like a clap of thunder in Duan Ling Tian's ears, "You can have the Concealment Pendant in exchange for that woman's Divine Crystal that's hidden in her necklace!"

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"The Divine Crystal?!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked, hearing the white-clad man's words. A hint of killing intent flashed in the depths of his eyes as he looked at the white-clad man. 'How does he know about Huan'er's Divine Crystal?' The killing intent had instinctively arisen. Duan Ling Tian could not let anyone find out about Huan'er possessing the Divine Crystal.

Although the killing intent only flashed briefly in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, the white-clad man did not fail to notice it. He said mockingly, "What? You want to kill me? It's not that I look down on you, but no one in the Wasteland is able to kill me, let alone you." He spoke with such confidence that it would inspire admiration in others. As though to highlight his words, a burst of powerful energy surged from his body as soon as he finished speaking. The energy rippled out and hit Duan Ling Tian squarely in the chest.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian felt as though a gigantic hammer had landed on his chest. The pressure on his chest felt as though it was squeezing his internal organs as well. His lifeblood roiled in his body, causing him to spit

out a mouthful of blood. He was still feeling light-headed when a gentle energy appeared from behind him, stabilizing him. However, in just a moment, his lifeblood began to roil again. He spat out another mouthful of blood, staining the ground red. All this happened in just a blink of an eye, but he felt as though he had gone through the gates of hell. Fear was brimming in his eyes when he looked at the white-clad man. “W-Who are you?!”

Through his careful observation, Duan Ling Tian noticed that Long Fei Yun who was on the other side of the Formation seemed to be unaware that he was injured and had spat out blood. Although Long Fei Yun was looking at him, it seemed like he could not see what was happening to him at all. Otherwise, Long Fei Yun would not have been able to remain calm. Based on this, he realized the Formation the white-clad man conjured up was not as simple as a soundproof Formation. He panicked when he recalled how the white-clad man was able to injure and toy with him with just his energy alone.

The white-clad man said indifferently in response to Duan Ling Tian’s question, “It doesn’t matter who I am. The important thing is if you still want the Concealment Pendant I possess.”

Duan Ling Tian did not respond to the white-clad man’s question. Instead, he solemnly asked, “With your strength, we can’t stop you even if you snatch the Divine Crystal from us. There’s no need for you to give us the Concealment Pendant in exchange, right?”

Although Duan Ling Tian did not know how strong the white-clad young man was, he was certain the white-clad young man was stronger than Huan’er. Most importantly, the white-clad man was even stronger than the Celestial Duke from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Someone so strong could easily take the Divine Crystal away from them, there was no need for him to give them the Concealment Pendant.

“I’m not really interested in that girl’s Divine Crystal.” The white-clad man shrugged.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by the white-clad man’s reply. “Then, you...”

The white-clad man interrupted Duan Ling Tian. “I only brought up that girl’s crystal because I want you to know my strength.”

Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief when he heard the white-clad man’s words. All the doubts in his heart disappeared as well. Fortunately, the white-clad man was not really interested in the Divine Crystal. With his strength, the white-clad man could have easily taken it from Huan’er if he so pleased. However, he was confused. The white-clad man was truly mysterious. ‘Who’s he? He’s not even interested in something that only appears once in thousands of years...’

“Senior, then, you...” Duan Ling Tian began to say. He wanted to ask what the white-clad man wanted in exchange for the Concealment Pendant.

However, the white-clad man interrupted Duan Ling Tian again. “You can call me Brother Pei just like Fei Yun.”

“Yes, Brother Pei,” Duan Ling Tian hurriedly responded. Then, he bluntly asked, “Brother Pei, the thirteenth prince said that you’re willing to part with the Concealment Pendant as long as I agree to your conditions. What is it?”

“I want you to go somewhere and retrieve something for me,” the white-clad man replied.

“Huh?” Duan Ling Tian was puzzled. “Brother Pei, with your strength, wouldn’t it be easier if you personally retrieve it?”

The white-clad man replied, “That place is slightly unique. Those who’re older than 100 years old can’t enter that place.”

“Those older than 100 years old can’t enter?” Duan Ling Tian was startled.

“Yes.” The white-clad man nodded. “That place is related to the Martial Competition of the Wasteland that’s organized by the Three Major Celestial Sect of the Wasteland. It’s also the reason why the three Celestial Sects are looking for a strong powerhouse younger than 100 years old. Similarly, they plan to send the extraordinary participants of the competition into that place to retrieve the treasures in there. I have something I want in there as well.”

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened. No wonder Long Fei Yun said there was something fishy about the upcoming Martial Competition of the Wasteland. After all, there was no age restriction during the previous competitions. So this was the three Celestial Sect’s ulterior motive.

“Brother Pei, if that’s the case, you can wait until the people sent by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland to exit and snatch the item you want from them, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

This white-clad man was not even interested in the Divine Crystal. Moreover, he had said that nobody in the Wasteland was capable of killing him. This meant the white-clad man was far stronger than the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. Although he did not know the extent of the white-clad man’s strength, he was certain it would be easy for the white-clad man to snatch things from the three Celestial Sects.

“Naturally, it’s simple for me to snatch things from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland,” the white-clad man replied. A mocking smile appeared on his face as he continued to say, “However, who’s to say the people they send him would come out alive from that place?”

“Is that place so dangerous?!” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave upon hearing this.

“It’s not just dangerous,” the white-clad man looked at Duan Ling Tian knowingly as he said, “Your strength is comparable to a Great Overarching Golden Celestial... Even with your strength, you’ll likely end up dead in there!”

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian’s expression changed drastically. He knew there was no need for the white-clad man to lie to him. He was perplexed. If the white-clad man thought he would die when he entered the place, why would the white-clad man even bother to strike a deal with him? “Brother Pei, then why did you...”

“If you go in alone, naturally, you’ll die,” the white-clad man replied tonelessly, “However, it would be different if that girl enters you with you. With her strength, she’s capable of dealing with the danger in that place and keeping you safe. Moreover, even if that place is safe for everyone to enter, no one will be able to retrieve the entrance without my guidance.”

“Huan’er?” Duan Ling Tian frowned. “Brother Pei, the reason why I want the Concealment Pendant is to hide the fact that Huan’er is a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who’s younger than 100 years old. After all, many people in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom already know she’s strong. Once they confirmed she’s a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial under the age of 100, she’ll be in trouble.”

The white-clad man replied, “If she follows you in there, I can guarantee that no one will find out... I will give her two Invisibility Talismans at that time.”

“Invisibility Talisman?” Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows. “As far as I know, the Invisibility Talisman is a Celestial Talisman inscribed by Celestial Dukes... Anyone stronger than Celestial Dukes would be able to see through the talisman. Although Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials can’t see through its power, at a close distance, they could still sense the user.”

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“What you’re talking about are Invisibility Talismans inscribed by Celestial Dukes...” The white-clad young man glanced at Duan Ling Tian. “No one in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland would be able to see through the Invisibility Talismans I give her nor would anyone feel her presence.” He sounded arrogant and confident when he spoke. Duan Ling Tian was shocked upon hearing the white-clad young man’s words. The Invisibility Talisman could only be inscribed by Celestial Dukes, at least. Those Celestial Talismans would not be able to hide the user from other Celestial Dukes. Even an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial would be able to sense the user of an Invisibility Talisman inscribed by a Celestial Duke.

Naturally, Invisibility Talismans inscribed by a Celestial Duke was the lowest grade of Invisibility Talismans. If the talisman was inscribed by a Celestial King, the effect would undoubtedly be on a higher level. Only someone stronger than a Celestial King could see through the Invisibility Talisman inscribed by a Celestial King. However, a Celestial Duke would still be able to sense the user’s presence even if he or she could not see the user.

‘There are many Celestial Dukes in The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, but there are no Celestial Kings...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘Brother Pei said no one in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland would be able to detect Huan’er if she uses his Invisibility Talismans?! If Celestial Dukes wouldn’t be able to detect her at all, this means his Invisibility Talismans are inscribed by someone who’s, at least, a Celestial Lord!’

Celestial Lord!

Duan Ling Tian could not help but shudder when he thought about this. A Celestial Lord was stronger than a Celestial King. All Celestial Lords were like overlords in Devata Realms. After calming down, he asked tentatively, “Brother Pei, the Invisibility Talismans you mentioned, are... are they inscribed by a Celestial Lord?”

“Yes.” The white-clad young man nodded. “So, there’s no need for you to worry about her not being able to enter that place with my Invisibility Talismans... Not only will she be able to stealthily follow you into that place, but she can also follow you out of the place without being detected by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland.”

Duan Ling Tian could not help but gasp even though he had already suspected it. His eyes were filled with shock when he looked at the white-clad young man again. He could not help but ask, "Brother Pei, a-are you a Celestial Lord?" In his opinion, the person in front of him most likely inscribed the Invisibility Talismans since he had such a rare thing in his possession.

"No." However, to Duan Ling Tian's disappointment, the white-clad young man denied Duan Ling Tian's words. "The two Invisibility Talismans I plan to give you aren't inscribed by me."

Even then, Duan Ling Tian was certain the white-clad young man was either a Celestial King or a Celestial Duke who was much stronger than the Celestial Dukes in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland! After all, the white-clad young man had said no one in the Wasteland would be able to kill him.

"I see." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Since we have Invisibility Talismans inscribed by a Celestial Lord, Huan'er won't be discovered by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland if she follows me into that place..."

"Let alone Celestial Kings, the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland don't even have Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes." The white-clad young man smiled indifferently. Although the contempt in his smile was not obvious, it did not escape Duan Ling Tian's notice.

"So the most powerful Celestial Duke in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland is only an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke?" Duan Ling Tian inferred after listening to the white-clad young man's words.

In Devata Realms, Heavenly Celestials and Golden Celestials are divided into seven ranks each. The ranks for Heavenly Celestials were Crimson Moon Heavenly Celestial, Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial, Yellow Moon Heavenly Celestial, Green Moon Heavenly Celestial, Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial, Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial, and Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. As for Golden Celestials, they were Scarlet Sun Golden Celestial, Orange Sun Golden Celestial, Yellow Sun Golden Celestial, Green Sun Golden Celestial, Blue Sun Golden Celestial, Indigo Sun Golden Celestial, and Violet Sun Golden Celestial.

For Great Overarching Golden Celestials and Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, they were divided into five levels each. They were each divided into yellow-rank, profound-rank, earth-rank, heavenly-rank, and peak level.

Stronger than Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials were Celestial Dukes. Celestial Kings were stronger than Celestial Dukes, and Celestial Lords were stronger than Celestial Kings. Above Celestial Lords were Celestial Emperors.

Celestial Dukes, Celestial Kings, Celestial Lords, and Celestial Emperors were divided into ten levels; One Basic, Two Bearings, Three Talents, Four Elephants, Five Elements, Six Combos, Seven Stars, Eight Trigrams, Nine Palaces, and Ten Squares.

Among them, One Basic Celestial Dukes were the weakest, and Ten Squares Celestial Emperors were the strongest.

It should be noted that all Heavenly Emperors of Devata Realms were Ten Squares Celestial Emperors. Only the Ten Squares Celestial Emperors were worthy of becoming Heavenly Emperors. Naturally, there

were also Celestial Emperors who were not Heavenly Emperors of Devata Realms. They were either too weak to become one or too strong but were unwilling to become one. In any case, they kept a low profile and cultivated in seclusion to improve their strength.

“Yes.” The white-clad young man nodded. “The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland have an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke each.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed as he thought to himself, ‘So, Brother Pei is at least a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke. He might even be a Ten Squares Celestial Duke or a Celestial King!’

“Brother Pei,” Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and asked, “Where’s the place where the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland will send the extraordinary participants of the Martial Competition of the Wasteland to? Where’s that place? Why is it so dangerous? And what do you want?”

The white-clad young man looked at Duan Ling Tian with his weary eyes and said, “That place...” His eyes seemed to be brimming with despair as he spoke. “That place is a small world left by a Celestial King. Only those who’re younger than 100 years old are able to enter the small world. If someone over 100 years old who’s a Celestial King or weaker attempts to enter that place, they’ll undoubtedly die. If those who are stronger than a Celestial King enter that place, the small world would be destroyed along with everything inside.”

The white-clad young man continued to say, “In that small world, only Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials or stronger who are younger than 100 years old would be able to survive. If your companion is a yellow-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, she would barely be able to protect herself, let alone protect you as well. However, since she’s a profound-rank Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial, she’s strong enough to protect both herself and you.”

Duan Ling Tian inhaled sharply. A small world left by a Celestial King where only those younger than 100 years were able to enter! One had to be an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, at least, to survive in there. In other words, the minimum requirement for one to enter that place safely was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was younger than 100 years old. He asked curiously, “Why did the Celestial King leave a small world in the Wasteland? Isn’t it a trap?” In his opinion, there were no Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who were younger than 100 years old after all. In other words, anyone in the Wasteland who entered the small world would undoubtedly die! For now, it seemed like the only exception was Huan’er.

Duan Ling Tian asked in a deep voice, “Do the people of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland know that anyone weaker than an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial would undoubtedly die if they enter the small world?”

“They are, naturally, unaware of this. Otherwise, they wouldn’t send so many to their deaths,” the white-clad young man replied.

Duan Ling Tian asked, “A-aren’t you planning to warn them?”

“Warn them?” The white-clad young man laughed. “Why should I warn them? If it weren’t for their greed, why would they send people into the small world one after another? Everyone they sent in there

had died, but they still don't intend to give up. How sad!" A smile with a hint of irony could be seen on his face when he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes only flashed in response.

"Moreover, do you think the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland would believe me if I warn them that the small world is not a place they can enter?" the white-clad young man asked.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head before he replied, "But... Brother Pei, you can use your strength to force the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland from entering the small world. They definitely won't dare to enter the small world if you intervene, right?"

"The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland are not related to me in any way. Why should I do that?" The white-clad young man said coldly, "Moreover, once I look away, they will surely attempt to send people in there. It's human nature. Am I supposed to keep an eye on them for the rest of my life?"

2740 Royal Grade Celestial Weapon

Duan Ling Tian fell silent when he heard the white-clad young man's words. He knew the white-clad young man was right. Due to greed, the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland would definitely do as he had predicted. "How do you think the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland know that only those younger than 100 years old are able to enter that small world? They've experimented many times before they finally discovered that those over 100 years old are killed as soon as they try to enter that place and only those who're younger can safely enter!" the white-clad young man said.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened. Countless people in the Wasteland had died for this matter. Their deaths only served as an experiment for the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland to learn about the small world.

"Don't even think about warning the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. Not only will they ignore you, but they'll think you're exaggerating to prevent them from entering the small world," the white-clad young man continued to say, "After all, they know a small world left behind by Celestial King would have many treasures..."

Duan Ling Tian sighed. Greed was truly the original sin.

"As for what I'm looking for..." The white-clad young man raised his hand as he spoke and revealed a ring in his hand. This ring was different from normal rings. There were nine water chestnuts around it. They all had different shapes and looked very strange. The ring was crimson, and it was obvious that it was not dyed. The original color of the material was crimson.

"This is my Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring... This Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring has a corresponding ring. It's also a Celestial Weapon, and its name is the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring. I want the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring in that small world," the white-clad young man handed the ring to Duan Ling Tian and said, "Bring this Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring along with you. As long as you're close to the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, it will respond and guide you to the other ring."

Duan Ling Tian reached out to take the ring. At the same time, he instinctively extended his Divine Consciousness into it. His eyes widened immediately. He had discovered the Celestial Weapon the

white-clad young man had handed to him was at the same level as the Jasper Celestial Sword, the Universe Ruler, and the Astonishing God Halberd. He would never forget the auras of these weapons. He thought to himself, 'This Celestial Weapon is even stronger than the Sect Guarding Celestial Weapon, the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, that Murong Bing retrieved for the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.' Then, he turned to the white-clad young man and asked, "Brother Pei... May I ask what's the grade of this Celestial Weapon?"

"Royal Grade," the white-clad young man replied.

"Royal Grade?" Duan Ling Tian was startled. Then, he frowned and asked, "As far as I know, Celestial Weapons are divided into primitive Celestial Weapons, mediocre Celestial Weapons, prominent Celestial Weapons, and supreme Celestial Weapons, right?"

"You're right," the white-clad young man said with a nod, "However, do you know supreme Celestial Weapons are divided into different grades?"

"There are different grades of supreme Celestial Weapons?" Duan Ling Tian was shaken. He looked at the white-clad young man solemnly and said, "If it's alright, I'd like to hear more about this."

"The Supreme Celestial Weapons are divided into the Duke Grade, the King Grade, the Royal Grade, and the Emperor Grade... My Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring is a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. The corresponding Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, is also a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon," the white-clad young man slowly said.

Duan Ling Tian felt as though his horizon had broadened. It was only now that he knew supreme Celestial Weapons were divided into grades as well.

'This means the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring is the same grade as the Jasper Celestial Sword, the Universe Ruler, and the Astonishing God Halberd. They're all Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. If I'm not mistaken, the Sect Guarding Celestial Weapon of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, is slightly inferior,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. Then, he looked at the white-clad young man and asked, "Brother Pei, have you heard of the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?"

"The Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect? I've heard of the sect, but I don't know the name of their Sect Guarding Celestial Weapon. However, I heard there are three Sect Guarding Celestial Weapons in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, and they're all King Grade Celestial Weapons," the white-clad young man replied.

With this, Duan Ling Tian confirmed his guess about the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk being a King Grade Celestial Weapon. It was slightly inferior to the Royal Grade Celestial Weapons like the Jasper Celestial Sword.

'Previously, Elder Huo had said that the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is a grade higher than the Celestial Weapons in it. It seems like the pagoda is an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!' A hint of sadness could be seen in his eyes when he thought about Elder Huo, the pagoda spirit of the Seven

Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He sighed inwardly. 'If Elder Huo were still alive, I wouldn't be so confused after I ascended to this Devata Realm.'

When Duan Ling Tian regained his composure, he looked at the white-clad young man and said, "Brother Pei. I agree to your request. I'll enter the small world left by a Celestial King and search for the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, on your behalf. Well, that's if the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring is indeed in that small world."

"I'm sure of it," the white-clad young man said confidently. He was slightly surprised that Duan Ling Tian had remained so calm when he disclosed that the ring he had given him and the ring he wanted Duan Ling Tian to search for were Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. For the first time since they met, he was interested in Duan Ling Tian's background. 'Where did he come from? His companion has the aura of the Phantom Fox Clan. However, it's not pure. She's a profound Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial even though she's younger than 100 years old. She should be considered as a genius in the clan...'

If Duan Ling Tian could read the white-clad young man's mind, he would have laughed. What a joke! When he was in the mundane realm, he had once owned an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon and several Royal Grade Celestial Weapons after all! How could one or two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons impress him? Most importantly, he currently possessed a Devata Artifact that was far superior to a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. However, since the Devata Artifact had lost its soul, it was no longer as powerful. Currently, it was only equivalent to a supreme Celestial Weapon.

"Since you agreed to the deal, I'll give you the Concealment Pendant in advance." The white-clad young man raised his hand and revealed a green jade pendant in his hand. The pendant emitted a green light, and a black silk thread could be seen floating around it. It spun around the jade pendant non-stop.

Duan Ling Tian took the Concealment Pendant and put it away with the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring. He thought to himself, 'I wonder what grade of a supreme Celestial Weapon my Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, is comparable to...' The soulless Devata Artifact was given to him by Ke'er's third uncle from her past life, Xia Jie. He knew the Devata Artifact was comparable to supreme Celestial Weapons after losing its soul. Now that he discovered supreme Celestial Weapons were also divided into grades, he was curious about the grade of the Seven Orifice Exquisite Sword.

'I feel like it should be higher than a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon.' Duan Ling Tian began to guess inwardly. 'The Seven Orifice Exquisite Sword is a Devata Artifact, even if it loses its soul, it's impossible that it's only comparable to a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon... When I have time, I should study it carefully to see if I can uncover more of its hidden power. After all, it's a Devata Artifact that's superior to Royal Grade supreme Celestial Weapons.'

Duan Ling Tian began to feel excited when he thought about this. After putting away the Concealment Pendant and the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, he seemed to recall something and said, "Brother Pei, if I find the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, you must come and collect it as soon as you can... Otherwise, the people from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect will find it when they search my Spatial Ring. After all, their goal is to obtain the treasures I find in the small world."

“I know.” The white-clad young man nodded. “You don’t have to worry about this. Just focus on entering the small world with that girl, finding the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, and bring it out. I’ll deal with the other matter.” After that, he waved his hand without any warning and canceled the Formation he had set up.

Thus, Duan Ling Tian was transported from a completely quiet space to the courtyard where gusts of wind could be heard blowing and the fragrance of flowers and plants wafted in the air.

“I’ll wait for your good news.”

From the perspective of the thirteenth prince, Long Fei Yun, and Qiu Ling, Duan Ling Tian and the white-clad young man seemed to be standing motionlessly in the Formation when they suddenly moved.