#### **SOVEREIGN 2801**

# Chapter 2801: The Sect Leader of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, Chai Kong Yu!

Duan Ling Tian did not like owing others favors if it was possible. Favors were the most difficult debts to repay in the world. If he accepted the Duke Grade Celestial Weapons from Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing, he would feel like he owed them a favor. Even if Situ Ming and the two others did not have thought about him repaying the favor, he still would not accept the Duke Grade Celestial Weapons. On the contrary, he had no qualms about accepting the Duke Grade Celestial Weapons given by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. After all, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was giving him the Duke Grade Celestial Weapons so he had a better survival chance and could help the sect to look for treasures in the Little World. It was a clear transaction, not a debt of favor.

'There's still one month left before we enter the Little World. I'll stop refining pills and focus on cultivating starting from now. I only hope that I'll be able to further improve my cultivation base during this time.' Although Duan Ling Tian was focused on alchemy and refining pills recently, he did not forget about his cultivation. Currently, he was only half a step away from becoming an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Over the next month, he hoped to break through the bottleneck and become an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial before entering the Little World.

'I have an endless supply of Great Overarching Pills to aid my cultivation. Moreover, the prominent Celestial Islands in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect have a great cultivation environment. There's no doubt the other Great Overarching Golden Celestials would find my cultivation speed shocking!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he made his way back to his residence after bidding farewell to Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing.

'Moreover, I have 99 Heavenly Veins that boost my cultivation speed as well! If I can successfully break through and become an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial in one month, with my Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, my strength should be comparable to a yellow-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, right? If that's the case, then I'll be able to protect myself in the Little World without Huan'er's help!' Duan Ling Tian grew excited when he thought about this. He could not wait to break through and become an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial.

After returning to his residence, Duan Ling Tian went into closed-door cultivation, focused on breaking through and becoming an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial.

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Time passed by quietly as Duan Ling Tian cultivated.

During this time, the people from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect who came to Tai Yi City for the Wasteland Grand Contest left Tai Yi City along with their newly-recruited participants and returned to their respective sect.

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A month passed by in just a blink of an eye, and the date agreed upon by the Three Major Celestial Sect of the Wasteland to send their people into the Little World finally arrived.

The Little World left behind by a Celestial King was located in the center of the Wasteland and the three major Celestial Sects. The estates of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland surrounded it in a triangle formation.

At this time, a large group of people left the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's estate. The group was led by Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Tie Tai He, the former Left Guardian of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, was part of the group as well. Half a month ago, he was promoted and became a Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. This meant there were now two Supreme Elders in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, among the group of people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. As usual, he was dressed in a purple robe.

A flawlessly beautiful woman walked next to Duan Ling Tian as they left the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. She stuck close to him, causing them to look like a couple. The woman was none other than Huan'er who had just come out of closed-door cultivation a few days ago.

The group of people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect that consisted of elders and disciples were in awe when they saw Huan'er. Although they had heard about her beauty and had seen her portraits, they were still shocked when they finally saw her in person.

"What a beautiful woman!"

"She's the woman in the portrait! However, compared to the painting, she's even more beautiful in real life. Her bearing and charm are extraordinary."

"No wonder Elder Huang Chao lost his life because of her. She's so devastatingly beautiful that she's definitely able to cause the downfall of a nation. Any man would fall for her."

Many of the young powerhouses were in a daze for a long time when they saw Huan'er. It took them a long time before they regained their senses.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was having a discussion with Huan'er through Voice Transmission about her assist-type Divine Ability was unaware of the others' attention on Huan'er. He was focused on helping her with her difficulties to master the assist-type Divine Ability so that she could quickly improve. "Huan'er, your assist-type Divine Ability..."

Among Duan Ling Tian's current Divine Abilities, only his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was of the heaven-grade. As someone who had completely mastered the heaven-grade Divine Ability, he could be considered as being experienced in this area even if the Elementary Devouring Tactic was far inferior compared to Huan'er's assist-type Divine Ability. He was still able to help Huan'er master her assist-type Divine Ability since there was no fixed way for someone to master Divine Abilities.

Huan'er who did not have a deep understanding of her assist-type Divine Ability listened quietly as Duan Ling Tian spoke. She would voice out her confusion from time to time. As for the looks she received, she

completely ignored them. Her attention was completely focused on Duan Ling Tian and mastering the assist-type Divine Ability.

As the group was carried by Bai Ping and Tie Tai He, the Sect Leader and Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, it took them only one day and one night before they arrived at the location of the Little World. When they arrived, there were already a group of people waiting there.

Before Duan Ling Tian drew close to the group ahead of them, he had already heard the discussion among the elders of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

"That person... He's Chai Kong Yu, the Sect Leader of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, right?"

"Yes. That's Chai Kong Yu. I saw him a year ago!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes followed the gazes of the elders of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and saw a tall and burly middle-aged man with a face full of stubbles standing in the lead of the group from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. Although he had a slightly sloppy appearance, his robe was spotlessly clean. He had a majestic air about him even though he was just standing idly. This was the kind of bearing one would only obtain after being in a high position for a very long time. It was not something one would be able to obtain overnight.

'So he's Chai Kong Yu, the Sect Leader of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he looked at the middle-aged man. At the same time, his attention was distracted by a gaze among the people standing behind Chai Kong Yu. He shifted his eyes and looked at the person who was staring at him.

'Feng Wu Ji Guang!' Duan Ling Tian recognized the person with just a glance. The person was the Violet Sun Golden Celestial younger than 100 years of age whom he had met in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. At that time, he had fought Feng Wu Ji Guang and soundly defeated Feng Wu Ji Guang, causing the Long Qin Yun, the seventh prince, to fail in his quest to be rewarded. In the end, he had helped Long Fei Yun, the thirteenth prince, to win. Although they had not met in a while, Feng Wu Ji Guang was still expressionless as usual. It was as if nothing and no one could make him waver.

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow. 'What a surprise that I get to meet an acquaintance among the group from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect.' He was only briefly surprised by this. After all, Feng Wu Ji Guang was from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom that was under the rule of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. It was not a surprise for Feng Wu Ji Guang to come with the people from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect.

'I heard that the Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100 weren't equally divided among the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. Most of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials joined the sect that their Celestial Kingdoms belong to. It seems like it's true,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Sect Leader Chai!" Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, naturally, greeted Chai Kong Yu, the Sect Leader of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, when they drew closer to the group that arrived before them.

"Sect Leader Bai!" Chai Kong Yu led the people from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect over to the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect when he heard Bai Ping greeting him.

The two groups finally met. They stood close together, but there was a distinct space between them. There were so many people in the sky, that it seemed like they were blocking the sunlight.

"Sect Leader Chai, the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect arrived quite early." Bai Ping looked at Chai Kong Yu and smiled.

"We've just arrived actually..." Chai Kong Yu said. As his voice trailed off, he looked at Tie Tai He who was standing next to Bai Ping. He said with a slight smile on his face, "Elder Tie, I heard that after becoming a Seven Star Celestial Duke, you also became the second Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... Congratulations!"

"Thank you, Sect Leader Chai." Tie Tai He quickly thanked Chai Kong Yu.

As Chai Kong Yu Chai turned to look at Duan Ling Tian, his eyes inadvertently fell on Huan'er who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian. His eyes brightened for a moment when he saw her. Then, he moved his gaze to Duan Ling Tian and said, "If I'm not mistaken, this young man should be Master Duan, right?"

## **Chapter 2802: Lab Rats**

Although it was the first time Chai Kong Yu had met Duan Ling Tian, he immediately recognized him due to how distinct he looked. Moreover, he had long heard about the peerless beauty next to Duan Ling Tian's side. Truly, after seeing Huan'er, he agreed that she was an unparalleled beauty. Even Teng Qing, an elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, was killed by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect due to this woman. Since the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had a justified reason for killing Teng Qing, the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect had no way to pursue the matter.

Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, promptly introduced Chai Kong Yu to Duan Ling Tian. "Master Duan, this is Sect Leader Chai of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect."

"Sect Leader Chai." Duan Ling Tian nodded to Chai Kong Yu in greeting.

"I heard that not only are you a prominent Celestial Alchemist, but you're also a Great Overarching Golden Celestial younger than 100 years old. Will you be entering the Little World with the rest of the young powerhouses as well?" Chai Kong Yu asked as he casually glanced at the group of people standing behind Bai Ping. The young powerhouses from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect who would be entering the Little World were Violet Sun Golden Celestials and two Great Overarching Golden Celestials. All of them were under the age of 100.

Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile, "Since I'm here, I'll, naturally, join the fun."

At this moment...

"The people from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect have arrived!"

Many observant people from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and Tai Yi Celestial Sect stared into the distance. Soon enough, another group of people appeared. Most of the people in this group were women. Even the people in the lead were women.

Duan Ling Tian knew one of the women. She was Liu Yan Jun, the Supreme Elder of the Thousand Spider Sect. He had met her once in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's estate along with Zhou Shu Qiu before the start of the Wasteland Grand Contest.

The other woman standing next to Liu Yan Jun looked very young. Although she was not as beautiful as Zhou Shu Qiu, she could also be considered a rare beauty. She wore a green dress. The loose green dress fluttered in the wind, making her look like a dancing fairy.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian saw Zhou Shu Qiu. She was standing next to the green-clad woman, talking and laughing as though they were sisters. He speculated inwardly, 'She... Could she be the current Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, Jian Qiu Luo?'

After the arrival of the people from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, the green-clad woman greeted the Bai Ping and Chai Kong Yu like equals. Based on this, Duan Ling Tian knew he had guessed correctly. The green-clad lady was none other than Jian Qiu Luo, a Seven Stars Celestial Duke and the Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect!

Zhou Shu Qiu whispered into Jian Qiu Luo's ear before she greeted Duan Ling Tian with a faint smile. "Master Duan."

After Bai Ping's introduction, Duan Ling Tian smiled and greeted Jian Qiu Luo as well.

For a moment, Jian Qiu Luo's gaze shifted to Huan'er who was beside Duan Ling Tian. She said with a slight smile on her face, "I have long heard that there's a peerless beauty by Master Duan's side. I didn't believe it until I saw you today. It's true that she's a peerless beauty."

Upon hearing Jian Qiu Luo's praise, Huan'er replied, "You're also very beautiful."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised by Huan'er's manners.

"Thank you for the compliment... However, I'm not as beautiful compared to you." Everyone loved to be praised. When Jian Qiu Luo heard Huan'er's words, her beautiful eyes turned crescent-shaped as a smile blossomed on her face.

Finally, the people from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland had arrived.

"Sect Leader Bai, Sect Leader Jian... Since everyone is here, should we send our people into the Little World now?" Chai Kong Yu asked as he looked at Bai Ping and Jian Qiu Luo.

"Yes," Bai Ping and Jian Qiu Luo replied and nodded in unison.

For a moment, the people from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland who were preparing to enter the Little World, except for Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er, stood together under the lead of the three Sect Leaders of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland.

The Violet Sun Golden Celestials and Great Overarching Golden Celestials were separated into different groups. There were six Great Overarching Golden Celestials who were all men, and there were 52 Violet Sun Golden Celestials of which three were women.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this. Although men and women were equal in his eyes, women's innate talent in regard to cultivation was slightly worse compared to men. Naturally, that was just a general and sweeping statement. In certain areas, some women's talents were not only equal to men but were even superior to men!

Chai Kong Yu began to speak, "First, hand over your Spatial Rings to the elders of your sects... The elders of your sects will give you a new and empty Spatial Ring."

As Chai Kong Yu spoke, an elder from each of the three major Celestial Sects went to collect the Spatial Rings from the 58 young powerhouses and handed them another ring. The reason for this was so it would be easier for the sects to divide their harvest in the Little World left by a Celestial King.

The 58 young powerhouses were already prepared for this so there was no resistance. Even if they wanted to resist, it would be futile. In this dog-eat-dog world, they had no choice but to accept it for now faced with the strength of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. Although they were highly talented, they had yet to mature in strength.

Chai Kong Yu glanced at the 58 young powerhouses under the age of 100 and said loudly, "Inside the Little World, apart from various treasures, there would be Chance Inheritances. These are different from the treasures that can change ownership. Whoever obtains the Chance Inheritances would be able to keep the treasure they find. As for the other treasures, the sects will reward you according to your harvest."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he thought to himself, "I wonder if Sect Leader Bai will ask for my Spatial Ring and give me a new Spatial Ring." However, he was not worried even if Bai Ping really took away his Spatial Ring. This was because he had Huan'er with him. Huan'er had a Spatial Ring, and she would be using the Invisibility Talisman so that the people of the three Major Celestial Sects would not know about her entry to the Little World. In the end, he decided to give up his Spatial Ring and took the empty Spatial Ring from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. He would keep the treasure he wanted in Huan'er's Spatial Ring. As for the empty Spatial Ring, it would remain empty if he so wished.

Meanwhile, Chai Kong Yu continued to say, "Additionally, after a discussion with Sect Leader Bai and Sect Leader Jian, we decided to select nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials to first enter the Little World to serve as scouts. If the nine selected Violet Golden Sun Celestials die in there, there would be no need for the rest of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials to enter. At that time, the six Great Overarching Golden Celestials will enter the Little World instead."

As soon as Chai Kong Yu finished speaking, the expressions of the 52 Violet Sun Golden Celestials changed drastically. They were aware of the first part of Chai Kong Yu's words so they were not surprised. However, they were completely unaware of the second part. They had thought they would be entering in groups since there was strength in numbers. Even if they were killed, they would just have to accept that it was their fate. However, now, they learned that nine people among them were going to

be chosen to test the water. Did this not mean the nine chosen people were just lab rats? For a moment, every one of them lowered their heads, unwilling to meet Chai Kong Yu's gaze lest they were chosen to be the lab rats to enter the Little World. No one was foolish enough to volunteer themselves to enter first.

Chai Kong Yu was not bothered when he saw the Violet Sun Golden Celestials lowering their heads, he continued to say, "We've already selected the nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials to enter the Little World as scouts. Each of the sects would send three Violet Sun Golden Celestials. The chosen three from the sects will be the three strongest participants during the recent Wasteland Grand Contest. It's up to nine of you now to pave the way for the others..."

Chai Kong Yu continued to say, "If you come out alive, you'll be handsomely rewarded. However, if you die in there, we'll compensate your families. If you're without families, we'll compensate your distant relatives or even friends."

The 43 out of 52 Violet Sun Golden Celestials were relieved when they heard Chai Kong Yu's words.

On the contrary, the expressions of the nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials changed drastically.

Soon enough, someone stepped forward and said to Chai Kong Yu, "Sect Leader, I want to quit." This person was none other than someone Duan Ling Tian was acquainted with.

'Feng Wu Ji Guang?' Duan Ling Tian had fought with Feng Wu Ji Guang in the Imperial palace of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. He did not expect Feng Wu Ji Guang to be among the 9 strongest Violet Sun Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old.

When Feng Wu Ji Guang stepped forward and said he wanted to quit, the other eight were eager to follow suit.

However, before any of them could speak up, Chai Kong Yu scoffed with a displeased expression on his face.

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Chai Kong Yu scoffed coldly before he said, "You can quit if you want..."

Upon hearing Chai Kong Yu's words, the eyes of Feng Wu Ji Guang and the other eight Violet Sun Golden Celestials lit up, thinking that Chai Kong Yu would allow them to quit.

"Any of you who can survive a single strike from me can quit..." Chai Kong Yu finished his sentence.

Feng Wu Ji Guang and the other eight Violet Sun Golden Celestials felt their moods plunged from heaven to hell. Their eyes dimmed, and their expressions changed drastically when they heard the latter half of Chai Kong Yu's words. With this, they knew Chai Kong Yu had no intention of letting them quit. What a joke! They could not even survive a strike from a One Basic Celestial Duke, let alone Chai Kong Yu who was a Seven Star Celestial Duke.

Meanwhile, the young powerhouse who was ranked tenth among the Violet Sun Golden Celestials during the Wasteland Grand Contest a month ago sighed in relief and rejoiced inwardly. 'Fortunately...

Fortunately, I ranked tenth. Otherwise, I would've been chosen to enter the Little World as well. If they survive after going in, the rest of us should have a good chance of surviving after going in as well. If something happens to them, we don't have to go in and put our lives on the line."

Similarly, the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestials felt fortunate as well.

Apart from the high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, Duan Ling Tian, Huan'er, and the six Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old were the only ones unaffected by this.

The six Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old were extremely confident about their strength. All of them thought the Little World was created for people like them, and they would be fine after entering it. It was only natural since, in terms of strength, they were in the top among people younger than 100 years old in the Wasteland.

Chai Kong Yu looked at Feng Wu Ji Guang and the others as he continued to say, "Now, please leave your Soul Pearls and relax your bodies. I will send you to the entrance of the Little World... There will be spatial fluctuations during that time. No matter what, don't resist it. Let the power draw you into the Little World."

Helpless, Feng Wu Ji Guang and others handed over their Soul Pearls after Chai Kong Yu finished speaking.

## Whoosh!

Chai Kong Yu suddenly raised his hand, and a strong gust of wind blew and picked up the nine people, bringing them toward the void 1,000 meters away. When he withdrew his power, the nine people hovered in the void.

"This isn't good!"

"Is this... the power that will draw us into the Little World?!"

When Feng Wu Ji Guang and the others stopped moving, they felt the void trembling before a turbulent and unstoppable force swept toward them like a torrential flood. At this moment, they could feel how insignificant they were.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and the others watched from a distance. A circle of ripples appeared in the void as soon as the nine people stopped moving. The ripples continued to spread before it finally made contact with the nine people. Like an invisible behemoth, it seemed to swallow Feng Wu Ji Guang and the others. In just a blink of an eye, the turbulent and distorted void calmed down as though nothing had happened. The nine people had also vanished into thin air.

After a while, the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old finally regained their senses. Their hearts were racing in their chests as they whispered among themselves. They were worried and excited at the same time. They were frightened by the dangers lurking in the Little World but also excited at the prospect of obtaining treasures in there.

"Did they go in?"

"Have they entered?"

"I wonder if they'll survive. If they don't, then, we don't have to enter the Little World. If they do, it means it should be fine for us to enter and look for treasures and fortuitous encounters in there."

Soon enough, everyone shifted their attention away from the void in the distance to the nine Soul Pearls hovering in the air. Their positions were irregular, but they corresponded with the positions of each of the nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials.

Since Duan Ling Tian only knew Feng Wu Ji Guang among the nine who were sent into the Little World, his attention was, naturally, focused on Feng Wu Ji Guang's Soul Pearl. 'That's Feng Wu Ji Guang's Soul Pearl.'

At this moment, Chai Kong Yu's voice rang in the air again. "We'll wait for a month... If they're still alive after a month, everyone can go in at that time! If one of them dies at that time, we will wait another month... After that, if less than half die, the rest will all go in... If more than half of them die, the rest are free to decide if they want to go in. If everyone dies, then, there's no need for the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestials to go in."

The expressions of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100 turned solemn when they heard Chai Kong Yu's words. Their eyes were trained on the nine Soul Pearls hovering in the air, closely monitoring the lives of the nine people who were sent into the Little World.

On the other hand, the six Great Overarching Golden Celestials who were below the age of 100 had already sat down with their legs crossed and eyes closed. They did not seem worried that someone would disturb them and cause qi deviation. After all, the sect leaders and elders of the three major Celestial Sects were present. Who would dare to come forward and disturb them?

While everyone's attention was focused on the nine Soul Pearls, Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Huan'er. "Huan'er, regardless of nine people's survival, I'll be entering the Little World after a month. When that time comes, use the Invisibility Talisman and enter the Little World with me..."

"Alright, Brother Ling Tian," Huan'er responded through Voice Transmission.

"There's no need for you to leave before that. Everyone's attention will be on the entrance of the Little World. Even if they discover you're missing later, it doesn't matter. They'd probably think you've returned to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's estate or gone to some other place while I'm in the Little World," Duan Ling Tian continued to say through Voice Transmission. After giving his instructions to Huan'er, he sat down cross-legged and closed his eyes before he began to cultivate.

Although the cultivation environment here was average, and he could not use Huan'er Divine Crystal, Duan Ling Tian did not slack off and devoted himself to cultivating.

'It's only been a few days since I've broken through and become an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial so my foundation is still unstable... I will take advantage of the next month to stabilize my cultivation base.' This was Duan Ling Tian's goal for his cultivation this time. He had successfully broken through before this and become an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial due to the superior cultivation environment and other factors.

Similarly, Huan'er sat down and began to cultivate as well.

The high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland sat cross-legged and closed their eyes as well. Some of them were reenergizing their spirits and some of them were cultivating.

On the other hand, the group of distraught Violet Sun Golden Celestials only calmed down after a few days had passed. Only then did they begin to rest and cultivate.

As time passed, more and more people did the same.

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Time passed, and in just a blink of an eye, a month had passed.

Duan Ling Tian finally opened his eyes for the first time since a month ago. He noticed the nine people's Soul Pearls were intact. This meant that none of them died in the Little World. 'They all survived?'

The high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestials of the Wasteland also opened their eyes one after another. They were all smiles when they saw the nine intact Soul Pearls.

"They're all alive?"

The high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were, naturally, happy with this discovery. After all, this meant their chances of obtaining the treasures in the Little World had risen.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian said to Huan'er softly, "Huan'er, prepare to use your Invisibility Talisman and follow me there." As soon as he finished speaking, he swiftly moved in the air to the space 1,000 meters away, where Feng Wu Ji Guang and the others had disappeared into a month back.

"Master Duan!"

"It's the Chief Celestial Alchemist who's younger than 100 years old from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!"

Duan Ling Tian's actions immediately attracted the attention of the high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland.

# Chapter 2804: The Royal Grade Celestial Weapon Reappears!

While everyone's attention was on Duan Ling Tian who was entering the Little World, Huan'er used the Invisibility Talisman given by the young man with the surname Pei and silently disappeared into thin air. It was as though she was never there in the first place. The talisman hid her aura from everyone present, allowing her to follow Duan Ling Tian with no one the wiser.

As expected, no one noticed her disappearance.

When Duan Ling Tian stood at the entrance of the Little World, he moved his right hand slightly as he said to the invisible Huan'er, "Hold onto my hand." After a brief moment, he felt something soft holding onto his hand.

"Sect Leaders, I'll be heading in first." After bidding farewell to the Sect Leaders of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er moved and entered the Little World. As soon as they drew close to the entrance, the originally calm void began to distort again.

A vast and unparalleled spatial force overwhelmed Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er before they both disappeared into thin air.

"Master Duan has entered the Little World!"

Bai Ping, Tie Tai He, and the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect watched as Duan Ling Tian disappeared into the Little World. They were confident he would be fine in there. After all, even the nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials survived after entering the Little World for a month, let alone someone like Duan Ling Tian who was a Great Overarching Golden Celestial!

The people from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect began to discuss among themselves.

"The nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials are safe after entering the Little World for a month. This proves that anyone stronger than them would be safe as well. As long as one's able to survive in there, one would be able to obtain treasures and Chance Inheritances."

At this moment, Chai Kong Yu's voice rang in the air. "As I've said a month ago, the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestials will enter the Little World since all nine people who have been sent in are alive!"

Upon hearing this, the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestials whispered furtively among themselves. Currently, all of them lamented the fact that they could not go in earlier. They seemed to have forgotten how unwilling all of them were when Chai Kong Yu spoke about selecting nine people to enter the Little World previously.

"I didn't expect all of them to survive..."

"Now I wish I could've gone in first. Since the nine of them went in earlier, they have the advantage of obtaining more treasures!"

"If only I ranked in the top nine among the Violet Sun Golden Celestials in the Wasteland Grand Contest a month ago... Then, I could've gone in earlier."

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Suddenly, the Violet Sun Golden Celestials heard the sound of wind whistling in the air. They saw the six Great Overarching Golden Celestials who were below the age of 100 making a move to enter the Little World. In just an instant, the six people were drawn into the Little World by the invisible force and disappeared into thin air. This sight spurred the Violet Sun Golden Celestials on.

"Let's go!"

"We should go in too!"

After a while, only the high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland remained. They did not leave even after all the young powerhouses had gone into the Little World. Some of them stood around and some of them cultivated and restored their spirits.

"They all went in."

At this moment, the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect discovered something.

"Huh? Where is Huan'er, the girl next to Master Duan?"

"Huan'er?"

The high-ranking officials of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect began to look around. They even extended their Divine Consciousness, but they found no traces of the person they were looking for.

Upon discovering Huan'er's disappearance, Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, was slightly anxious. He was not worried about her safety, he was more worried that Duan Ling Tian would be angry if something happened to Huan'er. Who knew if Duan Ling Tian would leave the sect in a fit of anger? It would be a great loss to the sect if that happened. "Sect Leader Chai, Sect Leader Jian... Did anyone from your sect notice when Miss Huan'er left?"

The two sect leaders asked around, but no one knew where Huan'er had gone.

Then, Bai Ping turned to two elders from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect who had followed him here and said, "Elder Xiao, Elder Qi, return to the sect to check if Miss Huan'er is in the sect. Report to me as soon as possible."

"Yes, sect leader." The two elders of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect quickly left after receiving their orders.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that the people outside had discovered Huan'er's absence or how Bai Ping was so anxious that he even sent two elders back to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to see if Huan'er was there.

'So this is the Little World?' This was not the first time Duan Ling Tian had entered a Little World left by a Celestial King. When he had just arrived in the Spirit Overarching Heaven, he and Murong Bing from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had entered a Little World left by a Celestial King. That was the beginning of their tragic love story. Regardless if it was his first time or not, it did not dampen his excitement. This place was a Little World left by a Celestial King after all.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at his side and called out, "Huan'er." If it were not for the soft and slender hand in his right hand, he would not know that someone was standing next to him.

## Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistled in the air as a vague but charming figure appeared next to Duan Ling Tian. After a moment, Huan'er finally appeared. Her entire body was leaning against Duan Ling Tian, and she still held onto his hand. She blinked her beautiful autumn eyes and looked around curiously. An

expression of excitement could be seen on her face as she asked, "Brother Ling Tian, is this the Little World that's left behind by a Celestial King?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded and looked around. He discovered both of them were above a vast lake at this moment. Clouds were gathered below their feet so it took him a while to realize they were standing above a lake.

"The Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring!" Duan Ling Tian raised his hand, revealing a ring. The ring was very unique. There were nine irregularly-shaped water chestnuts on the ring, making it look quite strange. The ring seemed to be forged by a special red material. This ring, a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, was given to him by the young man with the surname Pei.

A Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was a level higher than a King Grade Celestial Weapon. One had to know, even in the entire Wasteland, there was only one King Grade Celestial Weapon, which was in the possession of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. One of the main reasons the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland had tried their best to gather so many young powerhouses under the age of 100 to enter the Little World was to get their hands on King Grade Celestial Weapons. Based on this, one could see how precious and rare King Grade Celestial Weapons were, let alone Royal Grade Celestial Weapons!

If the high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were aware that Duan Ling Tian had the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, they would definitely kill him at all cost just obtain the ring. Even Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, who was always courteous to Duan Ling Tian would not be able to resist the temptation of a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, he would not hesitate to attack Duan Ling Tian for such a treasure. After all, how could Duan Ling Tian compare to a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?

"There's no response..." Duan Ling Tian put away the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, again. He had taken it out to see if it had any reaction. The mysterious young man with the surname Pei had told him that the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring would respond if the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring was nearby. The Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring was the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that the mysterious young man with the surname Pei had tasked Duan Ling Tian to find in the Little World.

# **Chapter 2805: The Shattered Soul Pearls**

"Brother Ling Tian, where should we go now?" Huan'er asked as she blinked her beautiful eyes. She looked even more curious compared to before.

"We can go wherever you want. Although Brother Pei said that danger lurks everywhere in here, and it's hard to stay alive here, that only applies to those who are weaker than Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. There's no need for us to worry," Duan Ling Tian said with a glint in his eyes.

However, it did not take long before a sigh escaped from Duan Ling Tian's lips. Initially, he had been relieved when the three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland decided to send nine people into the Little World first to serve as scouts. With this, at least, the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestials could be saved. However, he did not expect the nine people who were first sent in would survive after a month. With this, he knew the young Violet Sun Golden Celestials would not be able to escape their

impending deaths! Naturally, he wanted to tell the Sect Leaders of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland about how deadly the Little World was, not even a Great Overarching Golden Celestial would be able to survive there. However, he knew no one would believe him. On the contrary, they would think he was exaggerating so he could claim more treasures for himself. He could reveal to everyone the reason he would be safe in the Little World was due to Huan'er's protection since she was an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial under the age of 100. Even there, there was still a chance that they might not believe him. Moreover, that would put Huan'er in danger. For all these reasons, he simply said nothing and watched as the event unfolds. There was nothing else he could.

The only thing Duan Ling Tian could do now was to survive with Huan'er and help the mysterious young man with the surname Pei find the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, and see if he would be lucky enough to encounter treasures and Chance Inheritances along the way.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian looked at Huan'er and asked, "Huan'er, which way do you think we should go?"

"Brother Ling Tian, I don't know." Huan'er shook her head.

"It's fine. Pick whichever direction you like," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"Then... let's go this way." Huan'er pointed straight ahead.

"Alright, we'll go this way then." Duan Ling Tian nodded and began to move in the direction that Huan'er had chosen.

They moved in the air, causing a disturbance in the clouds.

After about 15 minutes...

"Hm?" Huan'er suddenly came to a halt as though she had sensed something.

"What's wrong, Huan'er?" Duan Ling Tian stopped moving as well and looked at Huan'er in confusion. However, before she responded, he lifted his head and stared ahead. He could sense something was amiss.

In just an instant...

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A thunderous noise rang in the distance.

Duan Ling Tian saw a flock of birds take flight under the cover of the clouds. The strange thing was each bird was the size of a hill. With hundreds of them, it seemed as though they had covered the entire sky.

"What celestial beast is this?" The birds resembled eagles and had blood-red eyes.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Their wings sliced through the air like blades as saber rays shot toward Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. Their sharp and gleaming claws seemed capable of tearing through anything!

Duan Ling Tian quickly investigated with his Divine Consciousness. 'These birds... Even the weakest among them has the cultivation base of a Yellow Sun Golden Celestial. The strongest ones are comparable to Blue Sun Golden Celestials. One would have to be a Violet Sun Golden Celestial, at least, to deal with them head-on.'

#### Swoosh!

Before Duan Ling Tian could even take action, a chilling aura surged out of Huan'er's body at lightning speed. It felt as though the entire world had frozen over at this moment. When he regained his senses, the deadly birds were all frozen dead by her aura.

Due to the momentum, the birds' corpses continued to move in the air. They only began to drop into the lake with plopping noises when they were less than 100 meters away from Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. All the birds were killed in just a blink of an eye by Huan'er even though she did not move a muscle at all from the beginning until the end.

"Huan'er, next time when we encounter something, don't make a move unless I'm unable to deal with it. I haven't been able to test out my strength after my recent breakthrough," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"I... I just don't Brother Ling Tian to be tired," Huan'er said timidly with a pout. When she saw Duan Ling Tian's expression, she thought he was displeased.

"Huan'er, you've misunderstood me. I'm not blaming you." When Duan Ling Tian saw tears brimming in her eyes, he, naturally, knew she thought he was blaming her. He hurriedly explained again, "I just want to test my strength. I'm not blaming you for protecting us."

"Really?" Huan'er asked as she stared at Duan Ling Tian with shining eyes.

"Of course." Duan Ling Tian nodded hurriedly.

## Bang!

At this moment, another thunderous noise reverberated in the air. It seemed to have come from the lake below them.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of thunderous noises followed soon after.

"Hm?" Duan Ling Tian could easily sense a powerful aura from below. It was no weaker than the birds that Huan'er had killed.

## Roar!

The mist and clouds below Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's feet swirled before they finally dispersed, revealing many figures with the size of a mountain.

'These celestial beasts... Every one of them has the strength of an Indigo Sun Golden Celestial!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he studied the thirteen rising beasts, 'Even ordinary Violet Sun Golden

Celestials wouldn't choose to face them head-on... As for those who are weaker, they'll undoubtedly die if they encounter these beasts. Who knew we would meet such powerful celestial beasts as soon as we enter the Little World?'

At this moment, the gigantic beasts below them with red eyes finally made a move.

Whoosh!

The wind stirred as Duan Ling Tian vanished from his spot.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

A series of sword cries rang in the air. Blood splattered everywhere. In just an instant, the thirteen celestial beasts that resembled killer whales were riddled with wounds.

Whoosh!

In half a breath's time, Duan Ling Tian reappeared at where he stood earlier.

The thirteen gigantic beasts roared and howled before they took their last breaths and fell back into the lake. The sound of these beasts falling into the lake was much louder compared to the birds.

After killing the beasts, Duan Ling Tian called out, "Huan'er, let's continue on our way."

It would have been easy for Duan Ling Tian to kill these celestial beasts before he became a Great Overarching Golden Celestial, let alone now that he had become an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Therefore, he did not think much of killing the celestial beasts.

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Meanwhile, the high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were still outside the entrance of the Little World.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

At this moment, all of their eyes were widened, and there was a drastic change in their expressions. It was due to the three crisp cracking sounds that had just sounded.

They watched as three of the nine Soul Pearls, which belonged to the nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials who were first sent in, shattered.

"That... The Soul Pearls belong to the three Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100 who had joined the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect after the Wasteland Grand Contest!" An elder from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect cried out.

Chapter 2806: All Dead?

The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland had each sent three Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100 to enter the Little World. The three shattered Soul Pearls belonged to the three who were sent by the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect!

Upon seeing this, the elders from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect began to discuss among themselves. All of them furtively looked at the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect as though their people had really killed the people from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect.

"What happened?"

"Is it a coincidence? However, isn't it strange that those who died were all from our Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect?"

"Indeed. It's strange."

"Is it possible that nine of them encountered the same treasure or Chance Inheritance and fought over it? Maybe two groups joined forces to kill off the third group?"

"You're saying the six Violet Sun Golden Celestials from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect worked together to kill the three Violet Sun Golden Celestials from our Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect?"

"Yes."

Tie Tai He, the former Left Guardian and current Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, sneered when he heard the discussion in his surroundings. "Don't talk nonsense when you have no evidence to support your words... After all, it's possible that the three from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect were just really unlucky to have died at the same time."

The elders from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect fell silent, unable to refute Tie Tai He's words. After all, they really had no evidence to support their words.

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

Over the past fifteen days, the elders from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect were anticipating the deaths of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100 from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. It was a blow to them that the six young powerhouses from the other two sects were still alive. After all, the longer they stayed in there, coupled with the fact that they were the first to be sent in, gave them an advantage. The young powerhouses might have found several treasures by now. It was even possible that they had found a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

"Damn it! The six Violet Sun Golden Celestials from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect whom we sent in first are still alive!"

"They've been in there for more than one and a half months now, I'm sure they've found a lot of treasures... I wonder if any of them has found a King Grade Celestial Weapon?"

"A King Grade Celestial Weapon? Impossible! King Grade Celestial Weapons are so precious, I don't think it'd be lying around all over the place even in a Little World left behind by a Celestial King."

"I agree."

All of a sudden, the expression of an elder from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect changed drastically. On his palm, a newly-shattered Soul Pearl could be seen. "Wang Bin is dead!"

Another elder from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect asked with wide eyes, "Wang Bin? Isn't he the young man whom you accepted as a disciple two months ago?"

"Yes." The first Tai Yi Celestial Sect's elder who had spoken nodded. His expression turned grimmer and grimmer as he said, "After accepting him as my disciple, I asked for his Soul Pearl. I didn't expect him to die two weeks after entering the Little World. Although he might not be as strong as the nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials whom we first sent in, his strength could still be considered as among the top."

The other Tai Yi Celestial Sect's elder mumbled in shock, "It seems like strength isn't everything in the Little World... Luck matters a lot as well. After all, there are many who are weaker than Wang Bing who are still alive."

At this time, someone from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect replied, "That's not necessarily true... After all, we don't have all the Soul Pearls of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials who went in later... We don't even know if they're dead."

Although the Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100 had joined the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, only a few were accepted as disciples of high-ranking officials of the sects. Most of them who were not accepted as disciples could only rely on the superior cultivation environment and resources to get stronger to stand out and become disciples of high-ranking officials from the sects in the future. For this reason, not many of the high-ranking officials from the three major Celestial Sects had the Soul Pearls of these young powerhouses.

"Regardless, someone from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is dead." Some of the elders from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect could not help but gloat when they heard someone from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had died.

However, before they could take pleasure in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's misfortune for long, the expression of another elder from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect changed drastically as he cried out in horror, "Li Zhi!" A shattered Soul Pearl could be seen on his palm as well. It was obvious Li Zhi was his disciple.

"Li Zhi?"

"Li Zhi... Isn't Li Zhi ranked eleventh among the Violet Sun Golden Celestials in the Wasteland Grand Contest? He's quite strong, and yet, he died as well?"

"Li Zhi is much stronger than Wang Bin. I... I didn't expect this!"

"The Little World is more dangerous than it seems... Even a Violet Sun Golden Celestial's survival isn't guaranteed in there."

With another death of a Violet Sun Golden Celestial, the expressions of the high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland turned grim. At this time, they finally realized how dangerous and deadly the Little World was.

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Another fifteen days passed. To those in the Devata Realms, this time passed in just a blink of an eye. Over the course of the past fifteen days, the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland had lost more and more Violet Sun Golden Celestials. However, the six out of nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials who were the firsts to be sent in were still alive. Everyone would glance at the six remaining Soul Pearls that were still hovering in the air every once in a while.

Suddenly...

Crack!

A crisp sound rang in the air, causing all the people present to tremble for a moment before they looked at the Soul Pearls in unison. A Soul Pearl had shattered.

"It's someone from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect!"

Before anything else could be said...

Crack!

Crack!

Crack!

Crack!

Four crisp cracking noises rang in the air again.

The Soul Pearls of another Violet Sun Golden Celestial from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and three Violet Sun Golden Celestials from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had shattered.

Currently, out of the nine people who were first sent into the Little World, only one person, who was from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, was still alive!

"W-what's happening?!"

Everyone from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, except for Chai Kong Yu, the sect leader, looked horrified.

At this point, apart from the Violet Sun Golden Celestials whose Soul Pearls they did not have, all but one of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials they had sent into the Little World was dead.

"The only remaining Soul Pearl belongs to Feng Wu Ji Guang, the Violet Sun Golden Celestial from Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom..." Tie Tai He, the former Left Guardian and current Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, said.

The people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect lost their composure. All the Violet Sun Golden Celestials they had sent into the Little World were dead. On the other hand, the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect still had one Violet Sun Golden Celestial.

"All dead!"

"W-what's happening?!"

After the deaths of so many Violet Sun Golden Celestials, the people from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland finally realized how dangerous the Little World was. If they had known this earlier, they would not have allowed the remaining Violet Sun Golden Celestial below the age of 100 to enter the Little World.

"Currently, the only known Violet Sun Golden Celestial who's alive is Feng Wu Ji Guang from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom!"

"I suppose the other Violet Sun Golden Celestials whose Soul Pearl we don't have are most likely dead as well..."

"I agree. Even if they're still alive, I don't think they would stay that way for long."

"I didn't expect the Little World to be so dangerous that even Violet Sun Golden Celestials can't stay alive in there!"

"If only we waited longer for the first nine Violet Sun Golden Celestials to explore the Little World before sending the others in... Now, we've lost all the talented Violet Sun Golden Celestials below the age of 100!"

"No, one month should be more than enough time for them to explore the Little World... No one knew it would be so deadly after all."

"Fortunately, the Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland are still alive!"

As the high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland discussed among themselves, their eyes found their respective sect leaders. Two Soul Pearls could be seen hovering next to the sect leaders. The Soul Pearls belonged to the Great Overarching Golden Celestials below the age of 100 whom they had sent into the Little World.

# Chapter 2807: Feng Wu Ji Guang's Savior

Since the Soul Pearls of the Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were still intact, it meant they were still alive even if they were injured.

At this moment, the high-ranking officials from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect were all looking at the Soul Pearls near Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

"The Tai Yi Celestial Sect's Great Overarching Golden Celestials and their Chief Celestial Alchemist, Duan Ling Tian, are still alive..."

There were two Soul Pearls on Bai Ping's left, and one on his left. The two Soul Pearls on his right belonged to the two Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old who had joined the Tai Yi Celestial Sect after the Wasteland Grand Contest, and the Soul Pearl on his left belonged to Duan Ling Tian.

"As Great Overarching Golden Celestials, they're, naturally, stronger than Violet Sun Golden Celestials...

Just because the Violet Sun Golden Celestials couldn't survive in there doesn't mean that the Great

Overarching Golden Celestials wouldn't..."

"That's right... The strength of a Violet Sun Golden Celestial is not comparable to the strength of a Great Overarching Golden Celestial... Places where Great Overarching Golden Celestials may go freely might be places that can kill Violet Sun Golden Celestials!"

"Yes. Although almost all of the Violet Sun Golden Celestials we'd sent in are dead, it's likely that the Little World poses no threat to the Great Overarching Golden Celestials."

"I wonder how many treasures they've found in there?"

After bitterly accepting the fact that almost all the Violet Sun Golden Celestials who had entered the Little World were dead, the high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland began to look forward to the Great Overarching Golden Celestials' harvest in the Little World. At this moment, they had placed all their hopes on the Great Overarching Golden Celestials.

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Inside the Little World...

The tranquility of a mountain range was marred by an explosion. Flames raged everywhere as though the mountains were volcanoes. The originally green mountain was scorched. All that was left were flames and the smell of smoke permeating the air.

"Thank you." Above the mountain range that was burning red, an expressionless black-clad young man thanked a beautiful woman. A hint of lingering fear could be seen in his eyes at this moment.

The woman wore a thin white robe. Her face looked as though it was personally sculpted by God himself. Every man would be enchanted by her when they first looked at her. She looked seductive, but at the same time, there was a hint of innocence on her face that made her look like a naive young girl. This combination made her look even more attractive. She remained indifferent to the black-clad young man's gratitude. In just a flash, she returned to the side of a purple-clad young man. "Don't thank me... If you must thank someone, thank Brother Ling Tian. He's the one who asked me to save you."

Upon hearing the white-clad woman's words, the black-clad young man shifted his gaze to the purple-clad young man. A hint of gratitude and determination could be seen in his eyes despite the blank expression on his face as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, I owe you a debt of gratitude... If I, Feng Wu Ji Guang, survive this, I'll definitely repay you!" As soon as he finished speaking, he prepared to leave without waiting for the purple-clad young man's response.

The purple-clad young man was none other than Duan Ling Tian. Seeing Feng Wu Ji Guang was about to leave, he quickly said, "If you want to make it out of the Little World alive, it's best if you follow us. This Little World..."

"I appreciate your reminder." Despite his words, Feng Wu Ji Guang merely paused briefly when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He did not even give Duan Ling Tian a chance to finish his words before he flew away. In just a blink of an eye, he disappeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes. It was not because his speed was too fast for Duan Ling Tian, but he had disappeared because he had activated the transporting Formation in the Little World that would send him to a random place in the Little World. With this, it would be difficult for Duan Ling Tiant to find him.

"He's gone?" Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grave when he saw Feng Wu Ji Guang had left before he could even finish speaking. At this moment, he knew it was impossible for Feng Wu Ji Guang to make it out of the Little World alive.

"Brother Ling Tian, our effort is wasted on him," Huan'er said with a frown.

"We did what we could, the rest is on him... Since we ran into him, we can't just watch as he dies. As for what he wants to do, it's not something we can dictate," Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "Even if we want to save him now, we won't be able to find him so easily."

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had arrived the moment the mountain range exploded. They saw Feng Wu Ji Guang and the other five Violet Sun Golden Celestials in danger. However, they had arrived a little too late. They could not save the other five Violet Sun Golden Celestials. They only managed to save Feng Wu Ji Guang who was standing the closest to them. The other five were swallowed by the fire.

The fire had the force of a yellow-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Therefore, it was impossible for Feng Wu Ji Guang and the five Violet Sun Golden Celestials to defend against it.

Duan Ling Tian had thought Feng Wu Ji Guang would follow him and Huan'er after they had saved him. In that case, Feng Wu Ji Guang would have a chance to leave this place alive. Although he did not know Feng Wu Ji Guang well, there was no animosity between them. Since they ran into each other, he was willing to help Feng Wu Ji Guang to leave this place alive. Who knew Feng Wu Ji Guang would leave before he could divulge important information about the Little World?

"En." Huan'er nodded after hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. However, it was not certain if she understood his words.

Shortly after, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er activated the transporting Formation and left as well.

When they reappeared, they found themselves in a seemingly boundless desert that was being plagued by a flurry of sandstorms at this moment. The weakest of the sandstorm had the force of an Indigo Sun Golden Celestial while the strongest ones had a force equivalent to a yellow-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Naturally, these sandstorms posed no danger to Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er.

Duan Ling Tian lifted his arm and retrieved the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring. He sighed in disappointment and put it away when he saw that it remained

unresponsive. "Still no reaction... As it turns out, it's not easy to find the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring."

"Brother Ling Tian, a big guy is hiding underneath the desert." Huan'er's voice rang in the air just as Duan Ling Tian put the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring away.

"A big guy?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

A gust of cold wind blew out as Huan'er attacked. It was as though there were thousands of ice dragons charging out before they pierced the ground.

The desert fell silent.

After three breaths...

The ground began to quake and rumble.

Duan Ling Tian saw the sand stirring beneath him as though there was a powerful earthquake.

At the same time, an angry howl reverberated in the air from under the desert.

"Here it comes!" Huan'er said. Her eyes were focused on the quaking ground. "Brother Ling Tian, be careful. The big guy has the strength of an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial like you..."

"Earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened when he heard Huan'er's words. Up until now, the strongest opponent they faced was only comparable to a yellow-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial. It was easy for him to deal with such an opponent without even breaking a sweat.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Suddenly, a series of loud noises thundered in the air. It was as though a giant was walking.

Duan Ling Tian saw a gigantic stone man that seemed to be made from black and shiny stones. Its eyes were red. A hint of intelligence could be seen in its eyes as though it was sentient despite its appearance.

Roar!

The stone man roared as it looked up at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er who were hovering in the sky.

Chapter 2808: The Turquoise Long Whip, a King Grade Celestial Weapon!

Bang!

After howling angrily, the stone man flew up into the sky, stirring up the sand and pebbles in its wake. It looked extremely menacing. It raised its right hand before swinging it forward.

Whoosh!

The stone man's Celestial Origin Energy surged out like an angry dragon toward Duan Ling Tian, causing turbulence in the air.

'A seemingly casual punch from this stone man is equivalent to the attack of an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Moreover, it contains the profundities of a Celestial Method and Divine Abilities! This Little World left behind by a Celestial King is, indeed, remarkable.' Upon seeing the stone man's strength, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to take it lightly. His Celestial Origin Energy surged out as he cast his Divine Abilities and the highest stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword. He defended himself against the stone man's punch by forming a sword with his Celestial Origin Energy.

## Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy formed a sword Formation, and it fell like a rain of swords. It landed on the stone man's right hand as though it was trying to restrain it.

'Based on its strength, I should be able to defeat it without using my Celestial Weapon!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself indifferently as he watched his sword Formation land on the stone man's right hand.

However, at this moment, a shocking scene appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes. A blindingly bright turquoise light began to shine from the stone man's right hand and merged with its Celestial Origin Energy before it released an even stronger attack. The attack was even stronger than Duan Ling Tian's attack!

### Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

After the turquoise energy merged with the stone man's Celestial Origin Energy, its strength skyrocketed to a terrifying level. As its attack swept out, it easily nullified Duan Ling Tian's sword Formation and continued to head toward Duan Ling Tian unimpeded.

'D\*mn it!' When Duan Ling Tian saw his sword Formation was crushed, he belatedly realized that he had been careless. His expression changed drastically. However, it was too late to use the Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, now. He did not have time to repel the stone man's attack.

'I was careless.' Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly, dismissing the thought of using the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Regardless, he did not seem worried or anxious since he knew he was not in any danger.

"Brother Ling Tian!" Huan'er cried out as an icy energy began to ripple out from her body. She looked like an ice queen at this moment.

Numerous saber rays formed from ice weaved into a web and shielded Duan Ling Tian.

### Boom!

The stone man's right arm violently smashed on the saber web, but it merely made the saber web tremble slightly.

In the next moment, the saber web shone with a blue light that increased in intensity as time passed. Finally, it surpassed the brightness of the turquoise light and overwhelmed the turquoise light.

## Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

A series of noises that sounded like an earthquake rang in the air.

The blue light disappeared, revealing the stone man that had been cut into thousands of pieces. As the black stones crumbled, one could see flesh and blood beneath them. It seemed like the stone man was not completely made out of stone. Underneath the black stones, it was clear that it was made out of flesh and blood.

Tens of thousands of pieces of meat and intestines flew in the air before they landed on the ground.

A gust of wind blew past, stirring up the sand. It did not take long before they settled, and peace was restored.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's attention was focused on the spot where the stone man was previously standing.

A turquoise long whip hovered in the air. Its light seemed to dim with every passing minute. In just a few moments, the light seemed to disappear into the long whip before the long whip began to fall from the air.

### Whoosh!

Huan'er used her energy to pull the long whip over to Duan Ling Tian. "Brother Ling Tian... This should be a Celestial Weapon, right?"

Duan Ling Tian took the long whip in his hand, studying it. It was about three-meter-long and was cool to the touch. He was not sure what it was made of. Regardless, it did not stop him from sensing its aura. Indeed. It was a Celestial Weapon. Moreover, it was a King Grade Celestial Weapon!

## A King Grade Celestial Weapon!

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had touched a King Grade Celestial Weapon before. It was the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. It was one of the sect's three guarding Celestial Weapons.

The aura of the long whip was about the same as the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, and it was slightly weaker than the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring. Based on this, Duan Ling Tian was certain the long whip was a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

'Earlier, the strength of the stone man skyrocketed because it used this King Grade Celestial Weapon...

The way he swung his fist was similar to how one would wield a long whip.' Duan Ling Tian realized exactly why he had fallen into a disadvantageous position earlier. The stone man's cultivation base was similar to his cultivation base, and its Celestial Method and Divine Abilities were not inferior to his as well. Moreover, it possessed a King Grade Celestial Weapon. It was only natural that the stone was stronger than Duan Ling Tian who did not use his Celestial Weapon. Naturally, his other Celestial Weapons would be useless against the stone man. Only the Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite

Sword, that was equivalent to a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon would enable him to defeat the stone man.

"Although we did gain some treasures previously, the most precious are only Duke Grade Celestial Weapons... Who knew destroying the stone man would bring us a King Grade Celestial Weapon," Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he stared at the long whip in his hand, "Just to obtain a King Grade Celestial Weapon in this Little World, we had to defeat such a formidable opponent... I'm afraid the other six Great Overarching Golden Celestials won't be able to obtain any King Grade Celestial Weapons."

The six Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old were only yellow-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials. Although they were given Duke Grade Celestial Weapons by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, their strength was still a far cry from an earth-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials with a King Grade Celestial Weapon. The latter would only need one strike to kill them off!

'It's a pity this King Grade Celestial Weapon isn't a sword... It's not useful to me. In comparison, the Duke Grade Celestial Weapon that I'm currently using, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, is more useful to me.' Duan Ling Tian shook his head and handed the long whip over to Huan'er as he said, "Huan'er, take it... My Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities are sword-based unlike yours that don't have any limitations in regard to weapons."

"This long whip is a King Grade Celestial Weapon?" Huan'er was no longer as ignorant as she was in the past. She knew how powerful a King Grade Celestial Weapon was. She happily took the long whip in her hands and studied it over and over again.

Based on the Divine Crystal Huan'er's mother had left for her, it would be no surprise if Huan'er possessed an extraordinary weapon. However, strangely, her mother did not leave her with any high-grade Celestial Weapon.

After a moment, Huan'er's eyes darted back and forth between the long whip and Duan Ling Tian. A skeptical expression could be seen on her face as she asked, "Brother Ling Tian... Is this King Grade Celestial Weapon really useless to you? You... you didn't intentionally say that so that you can give it to me, right?"

"Huan'er, even if I can use this King Grade Celestial Weapon, it's better for you to have it... Think of how much it would boost your strength..." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "With it, it won't be difficult for you to help me obtain other King Grade Celestial Weapons in this Little World..."

"Okay! Huan'er will surely help Brother Ling Tian obtain a King Grade Celestial Sword!" Huan'er said enthusiastically as her eyes brightened.

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In just a blink of an eye, six months had passed since the day Feng Wu Ji Guang and the eight Violet Sun Golden Celestials first entered the Little World.

Pa!

A crisp noise sounded near the entrance of the Little World, capturing the attention of all the high-ranking officials in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland.

"Another Soul Pearl shattered?"

"Is that Feng Wu Ji Guang's Soul Pearl?"

Most of them, including those from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, thought the Soul Pearl that shattered belonged to Feng Wu Ji Guang. They were shocked when they realized that Feng Wu Ji Guang's Soul Pearl was intact.

"Feng Wu Ji Guang's Soul Pearl is intact?"

"H-how's that possible? If his Soul Pearl is fine, then, whose..."

Shock and disbelief brimmed in their eyes as they shifted their gaze toward the six Soul Pearls near the Sect Leaders of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. The Soul Pearls belonged to the six Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than 100 years old whom they had sent into the Little World. At this moment, they clearly saw that one of the six Soul Pearls had shattered!

## **Chapter 2809: Insurmountable Obstacles**

"It's Xu Fang!"

"Xu Fang... is dead?"

"He... He's one of the strongest among the six Great Overarching Golden Celestials we sent in. How... how can he be dead?"

The faces of the high-ranking officials of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect changed when they saw the Soul Pearl that belonged to Xu Fang, one of the two Great Overarching Golden Celestials they had sent into the Little World, had shattered. Xu Fang was the stronger one among the two they had sent into the Little World.

At this moment, there were only two Soul Pearls left hovering next to Chai Kong Yu, the Sect Leader of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. He was quite upset by this. After all, the other remaining Soul Pearl belonged to a mere Violet Sun Golden Celestial. In his opinion, even if Feng Wu Ji Guang was still alive, it was only a matter of time before he died. It was likely that Feng Wu Ji Guang was on his last leg. After all, it was so dangerous in the Little World that even one of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect's Great Overarching Golden Celestials had died. Let alone obtaining treasures, it would be a miracle if Feng Wu Ji Guang, a Violet Sun Golden Celestial, could make it out of the Little World alive.

Although none of the Great Overarching Golden Celestial younger than the age of 100 from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect had died, they were anxious when they discovered Xu Fang, the Great Overarching Golden Celestial from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, had died.

"Even a Great Overarching Golden Celestial died in there?"

"Xu Fang is the stronger one among the two Great Overarching Golden Celestials whom the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect had sent in there."

"Even Xu Fang has died... Doesn't this mean the other Great Overarching Golden Celestials are in danger as well?"

Many high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were of the opinion that the Little World was a trap.

"This Little World that's left behind by a Celestial King is dangerous to Great Overarching Golden Celestials... Why would the Celestial King create this Little World then? Is this just a trap?"

"I have similar suspicions as well. A Little World that only allows those younger than 100 to enter but is life-threatening to even Great Overarching Golden Celestials... If it's not a trap then the Celestial King must have a twisted sense of humor..."

"If we'd known about this, we would've just left this Little World alone... Why bother searching high and low in the Wasteland just to find strong powerhouses below the age of 100?"

"That might not be true," an elder from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect said, "Although a Great Overarching Golden Celestial has died, it's possible that he had encountered an insurmountable obstacle. If the other Great Overarching Golden Celestials don't meet an insurmountable obstacle, there's a high possibility they would survive..."

"Insurmountable obstacles? Some Celestial Kings like to leave insurmountable obstacles in the Little World they created... Apart from strength, luck plays a big part as well."

"If... If that's the case, then, there's a chance the others will survive even though Xu Fang has died..."

Upon hearing the words of the elder from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, many high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland felt less anxious, and their eyes shone with hope.

At this moment, Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, sent a Voice Transmission to Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect. "Do you know where Miss Huan'er went? I hope Chief Celestial Alchemist Duan will be able to find or contact her when he comes out... Otherwise, how are we going to explain ourselves?"

"Sect leader, maybe Miss Huan'er has gone to Tai Yi City?" Tie Tai He guessed.

"Tai Yi City? That's possible... I'll order those people I sent to the sect's estate to look for her to look in Tai Yi City as well." Bai Ping did not waste any time and ordered an elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect to look for Huan'er.

The elder from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect left after receiving his instructions.

Due to the death of a Great Overarching Golden Celestial in the Little World, the high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were too anxious to rest, let alone cultivate. Their eyes were focused on the remaining Great Overarching Golden Celestials' Soul Pearls, wondering if Xu Fang's

death was just an accident or if the Little World truly posed a threat to Great Overarching Golden Celestials.

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A month passed in just a blink of an eye, the remaining five Soul Pearls were still intact.

Two months passed, and three months passed... the Soul Pearls were still intact...

At this time, most of the high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were no longer as anxious. Now that three months had passed, they seemed more certain that Xu Fang's death was just an accident.

"It has been three months since Xu Fang's death, but the remaining Great Overarching Golden Celestials are still alive... It's likely that Xu Fang was just unlucky and had met an insurmountable obstacle."

"I agree."

"If this is true, then, all of us can relax a little."

After a while, the eyes of the high-ranking officials of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland turned to Feng Wu Ji Guang's Soul Pearl. They, naturally, began to discuss this among themselves.

"It's truly a surprise that Feng Wu Ji Guang from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect is still alive... He must be very lucky..."

"As a Violet Sun Golden Celestial, it's a miracle that he has survived so long in there."

"It's possible that there are other Violet Sun Golden Celestials who are just as lucky and are still alive...

After all, we don't have the Soul Pearls of all the Violet Sun Golden Celestials who entered the Little

World."

"I agree."

Since most of their anxiety had been alleviated, they began to rest and cultivate.

Half a month passed by...

Crack! Crack!

Two crisp cracking noises rang in the air, shocking the high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. All of them immediately turned to look at the Soul Pearls.

"How's this possible?!" Jian Qiu Luo, the Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, was filled with shock and disbelief. The Soul Pearls that had shattered were the ones hovering next to her. The two Soul Pearls of the two Great Overarching Golden Celestials younger than the age of 100 from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect had shattered at the same time!

The expressions of the people from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, including Liu Yan Jun, the supreme elder, darkened immediately.

"Both of them... died?!"

"How's this possible?!"

"What happened? How did they die?" Zhou Shu Qiu who was standing next to Jian Qiu Luo was shocked and puzzled.

Meanwhile, the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect looked at each other worriedly.

"Another two people died... What's more, this time it's two Great Overarching Golden Celestials!"

"The Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect must have been exploring the Little World together."

"Both of them died at the same time... Is the Little World so dangerous?"

At this moment, they were certain the Little World was extremely dangerous. It seemed like Xu Fang's death was not as simple as they had thought. With this thought in mind, all of them began to feel worried again. After a while, their attention shifted to Feng Wu Ji Guang's intact Soul Pearl, they all felt that it was a miracle that he was still alive.

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In the Little World.

There was a blizzard, and snow covered the ground as far as the eyes could see. The peaks of the mountains in the distance were covered in snow as well. This was a world of ice and snow.

At this moment, two people could be seen hovering in the air above the snow-covered ground.

A purple-clad young man held a fiery-red ring in his hand. His eyes were bright as he cried out, "There's a response!" The young man was none other than Duan Ling Tian, and the ring in his hand was the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring.

"Brother Ling Tian... You've sensed the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring through the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring?" As usual, Huan'er was with Duan Ling Tian as though she was his shadow.

Duan Ling Tian replied, "I can feel the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring is trying to lead me in a specific direction... It's probably leading me to the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut that Brother Pei asked me to look for." He could clearly feel the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring trying to fly out of his hand toward the west.

"Let's go then!" Huan'er said with bright eyes.

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded as he led Huan'er to the west.

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Meanwhile, in another place in the Little World.

The sky had not changed since Feng Wu Ji Guang had arrived here.

The sky was painted red all the time as though it was perpetually stuck at the time when the sun was setting. The ground that was littered with black and yellow rocks was red as well.

Hum! Hum! Hum! Hum!

The humming of a blade rang through the air.

A black-clad young man could be seen wielding a blood-red saber...

# **Chapter 2810: Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring Appears!**

"It's here!" Duan Ling Tian moved in the sky with Huan'er in tow before he finally came to a halt above a glacier. He looked down at the frozen surface of a lake under his feet. Using his Divine Consciousness, he discovered the ice on the surface of the lake was more than ten meters thick.

"Brother Ling Tian, the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring is in the lake?" Huan'er's eyes followed the direction of Duan Ling Tian's gaze and found the frozen lake.

"I think so." Duan Ling Tian nodded. The Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring in his hand was constantly tugging him down as though it desperately wanted to plunge into the frozen lake.

At this moment, Huan'er's expression turned solemn as she looked at the frozen lake under her feet. "Brother Ling Tian... I sense a strong aura in the lake... It's comparable to a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial."

A peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial!

Upon hearing Huan'er's words, Duan Ling Tian shook inwardly. If they were still in the Wasteland, it would be easy for him to deal with peak Great Overarching Golden Celestials. However, it was different in the Little World. Not to mention the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon, even if it was a King Grade Celestial Weapon, he was still not an opponent of a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial in the Little World.

After Duan Ling Tian's encounter with the stone man in the desert, he had encountered several monsters and beasts with strength comparable to Great Overarching Golden Celestials. All of them were superior to the stone man. Even when he unleashed all his strength and wielded the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, he only came to a draw with them! In the end, Huan'er had to step in and kill them. Later on, he had encountered a beast comparable to a heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial with a King Grade Celestial Weapon. Similarly, he was not an opponent for that beast, and Huan'er had to step in to kill the beast. For this reason, when Huan'er told him she sensed an existence comparable to a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial in the lake, he did not even dare to think about making a move. After all, he knew the thing in the lake could easily crush him!

Huan'er stared at the lake intently. "It's coming!"

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he looked at the lake intently as well.

Boom!

A thunderous noise rang from below, breaking the silence.

Duan Ling Tian watched as cracks began to appear on the ice on the surface of the lake. The cracks spread more than ten meters away.

#### Boom!

Another deafening noise rang in the air. The cracks expanded further, looking like snakes.

#### Boom!

The third time the noise sounded, the cracks had extended to almost a kilometer away.

#### Roar!

At this moment, a thunderous roar rang in the air.

At the same time, the ice on the lake shattered. The shards from the ice flew in the air in all directions.

It was clear that something was attempting to leave the lake.

### Boom!

An even louder noise rang in the air. At this moment, a huge hole appeared on the ice.

### "Huh?"

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were shocked by a small figure that appeared for them.

Duan Ling Tian had expected the thing that was comparable to a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial to be gigantic in size. After all, the stone man from the desert and all the others he had met were all gigantic. On the other hand, the figure that had just appeared before them was nowhere near as big. Moreover, the figure did not belong to any beast. It was a human. To be more precise, it was a woman dressed in a sky-blue robe. She had a delicate and beautiful appearance. He would have been enchanted by her beauty if he did not have a flawless beauty like Huan'er by his side. Saying that, there was no denying that the woman was still a rare beauty. At the very least, since he had ascended to the Devata Realm, the Spirit Overarching Heaven, Huan'er aside, the only person whose beauty was comparable to this woman was Murong Bing. Even Zhou Shu Qiu was no match for her in regard to beauty.

While Duan Ling Tian studied the woman standing before him, Huan'er's voice rang in his ears. "Brother Ling Tian, is that... is that the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring in her left hand?"

The Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring!

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian snapped out of his daze. His eyes immediately fell on the woman's left hand. He saw a Celestial Weapon that greatly resembled the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring in his hand. The only difference between the weapons was their colors. While the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring was fiery-red, the Celestial Weapon in the woman's hand that resembled the

Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring was azure blue. It emitted a cold aura while the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring emitted a hot aura.

"The Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring!" Duan Ling Tian had no doubt the woman held the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, in her hand. This was one of the main reasons he had entered the Little World, and it was also the item that Brother Pei, the mysterious young man, had tasked him to look for.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian discovered that when the woman appeared, not only did the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring in his hand shone with a bright red light, but the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring in the woman's hand shone with a blue light as well. It was clear the two rings had sensed each other's existence and were reacting to each other.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes were still on the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring when the woman looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. Her slightly fierce gaze finally fell on Duan Ling Tian before she asked, "Why do you have the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring? What's your relationship with Pei Yuan Ji?"

"Pei Yuan Ji?" Duan Ling Tian who had just regained his senses were stunned by these words.

"Brother Ling Tian, is Pei Yuan Ji and Brother Pei the same person?" Huan'er sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply after he recovered from the shock. He looked at the woman holding the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring and said, "I don't know who's Pei Yuan Ji... However, the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, in my hand is given to me by a young man with the surname Pei. I only know his surname." He was honest with his answer.

"He... He gave you the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring?" The woman seemed taken aback. Her body trembled slightly, and a hint of sadness could be seen in her eyes.

It dawned on Duan Ling Tian that the woman had misunderstood his words. He quickly said, "Don't misunderstand... Brother Pei only temporarily gave me the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring. After leaving the Little World, I'll have to return it to him. He has given me the ring so that it'll help me find the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring in the Little World. If... If I'm not mistaken, the ring in your hand is the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring, right?" As he spoke, his eyes were trained on the ring that greatly resembled the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring.

"Yes, it's the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring," the woman said with a nod. After a brief moment, she looked at Huan'er who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian. "How clever of him to ask a girl with the blood of our Phantom Fox Clan to help him retrieve the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring."

A look of surprise appeared on Huan'er's face as she asked excitedly, "You... You're from the Phantom Fox Clan as well?"

"Of course." The woman's robe began to flutter in the air even though there was no wind. In just a beat, the silhouette of a huge fox appeared and shrouded her body. It looked real and illusory at the same time.

"She's a Phantom Fox just like my mother!" Huan'er looked at the Phantom Fox that shrouded the woman dazedly.

"It seems like our meeting is destined... I'll give you a treasure before I leave." As she spoke, the Phantom Fox figure became more clear.

Although the Phantom Fox looked no different from an ordinary fox, Duan Ling Tian felt chaotic in mind and heart when he looked into the fox's eyes. His heart thumped wildly in his chest as he quickly averted his gaze.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Phantom Fox emitted a gentle white light that swept toward Huan'er. However, as soon as the light made contact with her, it was immediately repelled.

At the same time, the woman said in shock and horror, "You... You're a Thousand Phantom Ice Fox?!"