

Chapter 2951: Information About the Golden Nematode

It was just as Huang Jia Long had said. Around ten days later, Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, sent a messenger to Duan Ling Tian. ‘Master Duan, we’ve received news about the location of the Golden Nematode.’”

“Eh?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up immediately as he looked at the messenger from the Imperial Palace and asked urgently, “Where’s the Golden Nematode?”

“It’s with the Imperial family of the Solitary Nation. It’s a neighboring nation of our Supporting Fall Nation,” the messenger answered Duan Ling Tian’s question without beating around the bush, “They have two Golden Nematodes... When His Majesty learned about this, he instantly sent a Communication Celestial Talisman over and made a huge offer in exchange for the Golden Nematodes. However, His Majesty was tactfully refused.” He sighed after he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian’s expression changed slightly, and he could not help the disappointment that welled up in his heart. Although he had now discovered the location of the Golden Nematodes, he had no way of obtaining them. However, his eyes brightened again and a small ray of hope appeared in his heart when he heard the messenger’s next words.

“There’s a reason the Emperor of the Solitary Nation declined His Majesty’s offer. A few days ago, two emperors from nearby nations had sent Communication Celestial Talismans to the Emperor of the Solitary Nation, expressing their wishes to buy the two Golden Nematodes. The Emperor of the Solitary Nation wanted to sell a Golden Nematode each to the two emperors, but the two emperors declined and insisted on purchasing the two Golden Nematodes instead. Unwilling to offend either party, the Emperor of the Solitary Nation decided to hold an Imperial Auction in two months and put the two Golden Nematodes up for auction. Naturally, the two emperors would be sending their people to the auction at that time,” the messenger said in one breath. After a brief pause, he continued to say, “Therefore, His Majesty has decided to send City Governor Huang of Passage City to participate in the auction and bid for the two Golden Nematodes in two months.”

“The Solitary Nation? The Imperial Auction?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted in the light as he muttered under his breath, “I wonder if the two emperors also want the Golden Nematodes to refine the Profound Golden Pill?”

Although Duan Ling Tian’s voice was low, the messenger overheard his words. “You’re right, Master Duan. Rumor has it that the Seventh Prince of the Moran Nation, the Emperor of the Moran Nation’s favorite prince, has mastered all kinds of Duke Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities and is only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. If they could refine the Profound Golden Pill for the seventh prince, and he takes it before entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, he’ll definitely stand out and do well, making it more likely for the Three Sects and Two Clans to notice him.” Then, he continued to say, “As for the Emperor of the East Ming Nation, it’s said that he’s trying to obtain the Profound Golden Pill for a talented sectless cultivator. This sectless cultivator is only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. However, since he had mastered the power of the law, he managed to defeat all of the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in the East Ming Nation! With his talent, the Emperor of the East Ming Nation, naturally, wants to give this talented sectless

cultivator the Profound Golden Pill. Even if this genius forgets about the East Ming Nation after entering one of the Three Sects and Two Clans, the sect or clan that the sectless cultivator joined definitely would not be stingy in their rewards to the East Ming Nation since the emperor was the one who found such a genius. After all, there's no doubt that the sectless cultivator would be regarded as a genius by the Three Sects and Two Clans."

Speaking to this point, the messenger looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully before he said, "In fact, that genius sectless cultivator's situation is somewhat similar to you, Master Duan. Although both of you are Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, both of you managed to defeat peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials! Similar to how you're now widely acknowledged as the strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, he's also widely acknowledged as the strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial in the East Ming Nation."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened imperceptibly when he heard the messenger's words. "Heaven Stage Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial? The power of the law?" He knew this meant that the Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial had mastered Royal Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability and subsequently, allowed him to comprehend the power of the law. This was how the sectless cultivator could defeat peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials in the East Ming Nation even though he was only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin instinctively exchanged a look; they saw the shock in each other's eyes.

The real reason Duan Ling Tian had easily defeated Huang Jia Long was due to the remaining effect of the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Without the boost from the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, he knew he would not be Huang Jia Long's opponent even if he fought with all his might. Although he owned Royal Grade Celestial Weapons and had sufficient mastery over his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, the difference between the cultivation bases was too big of a chasm to cross.

Then, the messenger dropped an even bigger bombshell, further shocking Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin. "Moreover, that sectless genius is also younger than 100 years old!"

The sectless cultivator was not even 100 years old, but he was a Heaven Stage Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial who had comprehended the power of the law! What kind of monster was the sectless cultivator?

"Rumors are going around in the East Ming Nation that the sectless cultivator is the reincarnation of some peerless powerhouse. Naturally, there's no evidence of this." After the messenger finished speaking, he bade Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin farewell before turning to leave. However, he halted in his tracks and turned around when he was at the courtyard's entrance as though he had just recalled something. "Master Duan, His Majesty has also said that if you're interested, you can join City Governor Huang and participate in the auction. All you have to do is notify City Governor Huang beforehand." As soon as he finished speaking, he took his leave.

Duan Ling Tian whose mind was on the East Ming Nation's genius sectless cultivator did not seem to notice the messenger's departure. Such a genius, if he was not the reincarnation of some peerless

powerhouse, then, he must have been incredibly lucky! Otherwise, it was impossible to have such achievements at such a young age.

Duan Ling Tian asked, "Guang Lin, what do you think about the sectless cultivator?"

"My lord," Liu Guang Lin replied solemnly, "For that sectless genius to be able to comprehend the power of the law despite being less than 100 years old, he has to be the reincarnation of a peerless powerhouse or ridiculously lucky. Although after reincarnating, one would have to recultivate one's cultivation base, due to the memories from one's past life regarding various things such as Celestial Methods, Divine Abilities, and the power of law, it would be easy for them to get stronger."

Liu Guang Lin continued to say, "Although Devata Realms have people who reincarnated, they're still rather rare. Celestials have to take a big risk when reincarnating. After all, nine out of ten cases resulted in deaths. Therefore, not many are willing to take the chance and reincarnate. Therefore, I'm more inclined to say the sectless cultivators had progressed to this stage due to some ridiculously fortuitous encounters.."

Duan Ling Tian faintly nodded. He shared the same thought as Liu Guang Lin. He wondered out loud, "I wonder if I'll be able to comprehend the power of the law if I manage to obtain Royal Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities..."

"As long as you obtain a fire-attribute Royal Grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability, you'll be able to easily comprehend and master the fire-type law with the help of the Chaos Divine Flame?" A familiar voice that seemed to come from inside his body rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. It had been a long time since he had last heard this voice.

"Profound Divine Metal?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up.

A hint of eagerness could be heard as the Profound Heaven Metal that had been concealing Duan Ling Tian's soul said, "Kid, the Chao Divine Flame told me you obtained a first-form Profound Divine Metal, is that right? Hurry up! Take it out so I can have a look!"

Based on the Profound Divine Metal's words, it was clear the Chaos Divine Flame had spoken to it before it fell into a deep slumber.

Hearing Profound Divine Metal the excitement and urgency in the Profound Divine Metal's words, Duan Ling Tian took a stone out from his Spatial Ring. As soon as he brought the stone out, he could clearly sense and see a golden energy radiating from his soul's left before it shrouded his hand. To be more precise, it shrouded the stone in his hand, causing it to vibrate.

"Hey! Your consciousness hasn't even developed yet, and you're thinking of resisting? Little guy, just become a part of my body!" The Profound Divine Metal's voice rang again. He could clearly feel the stone in his hand melting and becoming part of the golden energy. With this, he knew the Profound Divine Metal had already been absorbed and merged with the second-form Profound Divine Metal.

"My lord, this..." Liu Guang Lin who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian, naturally, had witnessed everything. When he regained his senses, a hint of fear, shock, and disbelief could be seen in his eyes.

Standing beside Duan Ling Tian, Liu Guang Lin had vividly watched the entire scene play out just now. He remained stunned for a long time before finally staring at Duan Ling Tian's face with horror in his eyes and disbelief on his face.

Chapter 2952: Preparing to Set Off

"My lord, this is..." Liu Guang Lin saw a golden energy appear in Duan Ling Tian's hand before it shrouded Duan Ling Tian's hand completely. Following that, the stone in Duan Ling Tian slowly disappeared, becoming part of the golden energy. He could sense the golden energy had gotten stronger after absorbing the stone. Then, he saw the golden energy disappearing into Duan Ling Tian's body. He had no idea what had just happened. After all, it was his first time witnessing something like this. Nevertheless, he knew what had happened was extraordinary.

"I'm not too sure as well... I'll let you know later when there's a chance..." Duan Ling Tian replied to Liu Guang Lin before he shifted his attention back to the Profound Divine Metal in his body. He could clearly see that the golden energy had slightly restored the broken Profound Divine Metal; it did not look as broken as before.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Liu Guang Lin decided to stop dwelling on the matter. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian must have his reasons for saying such words. He stood patiently at the side, guarding Duan Ling Tian, as he watched Duan Ling Tian standing motionlessly, as though lost in thoughts.

"Kid, you did a good job! As long as you're able to find another first-form Profound Divine Metal for me to absorb, I'll be able to transform into a third-form Profound Divine Metal!" A hint of admiration could be heard in the Profound Divine Metal's voice that rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind.

The Profound Divine Metal continued to say, "Once I transform into a third-form Profound Divine Metal, I'll be able to help you quickly comprehend the power of the law in metal-attribute Royal Grade Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities. Apart from that, I'll be able to continue protecting your soul. Most importantly, I'll be able to merge with the Celestial Weapon you wield for a short time and boost its power. Alright... I can feel myself falling into a slumber now... Keep up the good work, kid! Try your best to help me enter the third form, and I promise I won't let you down..."

The Profound Divine Metal stopped talking, leaving Duan Ling Tian with a belly full of questions. Based on the Profound Divine Metal's words, it seemed like it would be able to boost his Celestial Weapon's strength by merging with it for a short time after it became a third-form Profound Divine Metal.

'The Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame... What are they exactly? I only know they are two of the Five Divine Elements, and they're divided into different forms. The Chaos Divine Flame's first form is roughly equivalent to a primitive Celestial Fire. Naturally, it's superior to ordinary primitive Celestial Fire. Its second form is equivalent to a mediocre Celestial Fire. Similarly, it's superior to ordinary mediocre Celestial Fires. Its current form, the third form, is similar to an extraordinary prominent Celestial Fire... One would usually need two different Celestial Fires to refine pills and forge weapons. However, the Chaos Divine Flame is capable of doing both,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

'The third forms of the Chaos Divine Flame and the Profound Divine Metal are able to help me comprehend the law of fire and the law of metal as well... It seems like they'll grow stronger and

stronger the higher their forms are...' A hint of anticipation could be seen flashing in Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he thought about this. Naturally, he knew that he would have to find other Chaos Divine Flames and Profound Divine Metals to transform the ones he had into higher forms.

Then, Duan Ling Tian decided to visit Huang Jia Long, the Young Master of the City Governor's estate in Passage City, and Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City. After all, he was going to attend the Imperial auction in the Solitary Nation that was going to be held by the Imperial family of the Solitary Nation. He summoned Liu Guang Lin, and they left the Imperial Palace, making their way to Passage City's residence in the capital of Supporting Fall Nation.

The Supporting Fall Nation ruled over 36 cities, and Passage City was one of them. All 36 cities had their own residence in the capital. The 36 cities were, naturally, not equal. Some thrived and some less so; some city governors were stronger than others. Passage City, for example, was considered as one of the top three cities in the Supporting Fall Nation whether it was in regard to resources or population.

Huang Yuan Fei was the strongest powerhouse below Celestial Kings in the Supporting Fall Nation. This was one of the reasons Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, relied on him heavily. Moreover, with him governing Passage City, the city was thriving.

Since two of Huang Yuan Fei's sons had secured a place to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in half a year during the Southern Heaven Combat, they decided to stay in the capital for the time being. Moreover, there was no urgent matter to attend to in Passage City.

Huang Yuan Fei had decided to wait for his sons to come out from the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and join one of the Three Sects and Two Clans before he returned to Passage City.

Although Passage City's residence was inferior compared to the Imperial Palace, it was still big and grand. Duan Ling Tian who was standing at the entrance thought that it looked like a mini palace.

Duan Ling Tian was about to state the purpose of his visit when one of the guards made an inviting gesture and said, "Young Master Duan, our young master has told us to directly bring you in if you ever visit."

After Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin entered, the guard hurriedly led the way.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes were bright as he surveyed his surroundings. Although the Passage City's residence was much smaller than the Imperial Palace, it had everything the palace had.

As Duan Ling Tian walked down the long corridor that was paved with blue stones, he enjoyed the tranquility of the lush garden. A sweet smell wafted into his nose, making him feel as though he was standing in the midst of thousands of flowers. He could vaguely hear the melodious sound of flowing water in the distance as well.

After a while, the guard finally came to a stop outside a huge courtyard. Then, he notified the people inside of their presence before he left.

Soon after, Huang Jia Long appeared and invited Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin inside. "Brother Duan, I was just about to visit you... I didn't expect you to visit first!"

“You were planning to visit me?” Duan Ling Tian asked, slightly curious, as he followed Huang Jia Long into the courtyard.

Huang Jia Long invited Duan Ling Tian to sit at a stone table before he said with a faint smile, “You’re probably here for the same matter. The Golden Nematodes, right?”

“You’ve already heard about it? Did City Governor Huang tell you about it?” Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile.

“Yes.” Huang Jia Long nodded slightly. “Father told me His Majesty has tasked him with obtaining the Golden Nematodes at all cost during the auction in the Solitary Nation’s capital! After telling me this, he asked me to look for you to see if you’re interested in going to the Solitary Nation’s capital to participate in the auction as well... What do you think, Brother Duan? Do you want to go out and gain some experience? I’ll accompany you if you decide to go!”

Without waiting for Duan Ling Tian’s reply, Huang Jia Long hastily added, “Naturally, if you don’t want to go, I won’t go as well!”

“I’ll go,” Duan Ling Tian replied. How could he not go? If Huang Yuan Fei successfully obtained the two Golden Nematodes during the auction, it would take some time before he returned to the capital of Supporting Fall Nation. If he went along, he could immediately start refining the Profound Golden Pill as long as Huang Yuan Fei obtained the Golden Nematode. At that time, he would be able to break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

“Okay, then I’ll come with you,” Huang Jia Long replied excitedly after hearing Duan Ling Tian’s reply.

Then, Duan Ling Tian asked, “Jia Long, is City Governor Huang in?” Since he was already here, whether it was because of his friendship with Huang Jia Long, out of courtesy, or Huang Yuan Fei’s status, he decided to greet Huang Yuan Fei.

“Brother Duan, it’s really too bad. An hour ago, after father told me about participating in the auction in Solitary Nation, he left for Passage City.” Huang Jia Long shook his head. “By the time he returns, it’d be time for us to set off...”

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly. “I guess I can only meet City Governor Huang when we’re leaving for the Solitary Nation’s capital...”

Duan Ling Tian chatted with Huang Jia Long for a bit more before he returned to the Origin Gathering Hall in the Imperial Palace of the Supporting Fall Nation.

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Over the next one and a half months, Duan Ling Tian did not cultivate. Instead, he focused on refining his alchemy skills. He decided not to waste time cultivating since he would be able to directly break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial after consuming a Profound Golden Pill. It would be more efficient for him to cultivate once he had consumed the Profound Golden Pill and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

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One and a half months flew by in just a blink of an eye.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian, with Liu Guang Lin in tow, flew out of the capital's northern gate of capital toward a few individuals standing in the distance.

As Duan Ling Tian drew closer, one of the individuals, Huang Jia Long, stepped forward and called out, "Brother Duan!"

Chapter 2953: Green-Eyed Black Hawk

After Huang Jia Long greeted Duan Ling Tian outside of the northern gates of the Supporting Fall Nation's capital, he led Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin toward three people standing in the distance. "Brother Duan, let me bring you to my father!"

Duan Ling Tian had seen one of the three men before. The man was none other than Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City. He had never seen the other two men before. One of them was a gray-haired old man who was dressed in a long black robe. He was so thin that his face looked skeletal. He emitted a cold and eerie air about him. The other man was a middle-aged man with a square face who was tall and muscular. His hair was cropped short, and his eyebrows made him look as fierce as a tiger. He carried a dignified air about him. The middle-aged man who seemed as sturdy as a mountain was the complete opposite of the old man.

Huang Jia Long gestured to Duan Ling Tian to come forward before he said, "Father, this is Brother Duan. You've met him before."

Huang Yuan Fei had been watching Duan Ling Tian as soon as Duan Ling Tian had appeared.

"Master Duan, we meet again." Huang Yuan Fei greeted Duan Ling Tian with a smile on his face. He did not put on air even though he was the City Governor of Passage City and a senior to Duan Ling Tian. His behavior put Duan Ling Tian at ease.

"City Governor Huang, Jia Long and I are friends. You can just call me Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

Huang Yuan Fei laughed good-naturedly before he said, "Alright! Why don't I address you as Little Tian instead? It feels more intimate this way. Moreover, with your age, it's quite an appropriate form of address."

Then, Huang Yuan Fei proceeded to introduce the two men to Duan Ling Tian. "Little Tian, this is Old Mo, my godfather. He's also my father's sworn brother. This man, on the other hand, is my brother, Bai Gang. You can call him Uncle Bai."

When the two men shifted their gaze to Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian felt slightly discomfited as though something was amiss. It felt as though they could see through his thoughts. Nevertheless, he greeted with a smile on his face. "Greetings, Old Mo, Uncle Bai."

"Not bad... No wonder Jia Long admires you... A Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial younger than 100 years old who's stronger than him! How impressive!" Bai Gang said with a grin. He seemed like a cheerful and friendly person.

On the contrary, the old man only nodded slightly in response before he shifted his gaze away. From the beginning until the end, his gaze remained as calm as a pool of stagnant water.

“Ling Tian my lad, Old Mo is really boring. Just ignore him!” Bai Gang said with a laugh, clearly trying to diffuse the awkward situation.

At this moment, Huang Yuan Fei looked at the old man and said, “Old Mo, since everyone is here, let’s go.”

The old man nodded before he moved at the speed of lightning. Celestial Origin Energy that was as dark as ink surged out his body into the surroundings.

Boom!

A thunderous explosion rang in the air before the black energy dispersed, revealing a giant flying beast. The beast was a black hawk the size of a hill. Its black feather glistened in the sun; it looked really tough as though it was made of metal. Its claws at the end of its feet look deadly as it hovered in the air in front of them; they seemed as deadly as any Celestial Weapons.

‘Celestial Beast? He’s a Celestial Beast with a human form?’ Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. No wonder he felt strange earlier.

Meanwhile, Liu Guang Lin cried out after he regained his senses, “An elementary King Grade Celestial Beast, the Green-Eyed Black Hawk!”

Old Mo who had reverted to his original form turned to look at Liu Guang Lin with his green eyes. “You recognize my original form... Not bad, you’re quite knowledgeable.”

‘An elementary King Grade Celestial Beast?’ This was Duan Ling Tian’s first time hearing about the Green-Eyed Black Hawk. However, he had learned about elementary King Grade Celestial Beasts from a few Memory Celestial Talismans.

An elementary King Grade Celestial Beasts would become a One Basic Celestial King after maturity. Some of them might even become Two Forms or Three Talents Celestial Kings if their innate talents were extraordinary. They might be able to further improve their cultivation bases if they had fortuitous encounters. Otherwise, their cultivation bases would stagnate at the level of a Three Talents Celestial King.

After experiencing the power granted by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, Duan Ling Tian had grown rather adept in discerning Celestial Kings through their auras. ‘Old Mo must be a One Basic Celestial King.’

‘What a surprise... City Governor Huang is not the strongest person in Passage City; it’s this old man!’ Duan Ling Tian was rather taken aback by this revelation.

“Little Tian, we’ll ride on Old Mo’s back. He’ll take us to the Solitary Nation’s capital,” Huang Yuan Fei said after he flew onto the black hawk’s back.

Everyone took their turns and flew onto the black hawk's back as well.

At this moment, Huang Jia Long who was beside Duan Ling Tian said, "Brother Duan, with Old Mo's speed, we'll arrive in the capital of the Solitary Nation within ten days."

"Ten days? The distance between the capital of the Supporting Fall Nation and the capital of the Solitary Nation is rather wide." Duan Ling Tian was startled when he heard Huang Jia Long's words.

Although ten days was not long, flying Celestial Beasts were known for their speed. An elementary King Grade Celestial Beast, a One Basic Celestial King, was flying them there, but it would still take ten days?

"Well, it is quite a distance away. We're traveling to another nation after all," Huang Jia Long replied with a smile.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian, Huang Jia Long, Liu Guang Lin, Huang Yuan Fei, and Bai Gang were on Old Mo's back, he spread his gigantic wings and shot out like an arrow. A translucent black light shrouded the group of people and acted as a barrier, protecting them from the wind that grew increasingly violent as Old Mo increased his speed.

"What an incredible speed!" Duan Ling Tian could not see his surroundings at all as the flying Celestial Beast moved at top speed.

"Jia Long, is Uncle Bai also a Celestial Beast?" Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Huang Jia Long.

"Hm? How did you know?" Huang Jia Long was taken back when he heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to guess this even though it was no longer a secret that Old Mo was a Celestial Beast.

"So it's true?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned and baffled at the same time. How did he manage to sense the abnormalities in the auras of the two Celestial Beasts when they were in human forms? In the Devata Realms, only a person with a higher cultivation base than the Celestial Beasts would be able to sense a Celestial Beast in human form.

"Yes, Brother Duan. How did you know?" Huang Jia Long asked curiously. He looked at Duan Ling Tian, eagerly anticipating Duan Ling Tian's answer. Alas, Duan Ling Tian's answer only rendered him speechless.

"It's just instinct..." Duan Ling Tian was not wrong. When he had first sensed Bai Gang and Old Mo's auras, he did not know much. He only knew there was something different about them.

All of sudden, the Profound Divine Metal's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Lad, it's not your instinct. My aura has affected your soul and made you more sensitive."

Duan Ling Tian asked, shocked, "You... Aren't you in deep slumber? Why are you awake?"

"It's all thanks to this little black hawk. Its aura had woken me up. I was afraid it might eat you. However, it seems like it's a friend, not a foe. I was worried for nothing," the Profound Divine Metal said.

Chapter 2954: The Flying Tiger Clan

“Little black hawk?” Duan Ling Tian’s lips twitched when he heard the Profound Divine Metal’s words. The Green-Eyed Black Hawk was an elementary King Grade Celestial Beast. It was the size of a hill, and yet, the Profound Divine Metal called it little.

“Senior, don’t worry... Even if he suddenly decides to eat me, you’re just going to have a new host, at most. I’m sure he’ll be glad to have you. Moreover, he’s much stronger than me,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Hmph! You’re right. This little black hawk is, indeed, much stronger than you... However, if I’m not mistaken, his cultivation base is destined to stagnate at the One Basic Celestial King level because his Celestial Beast’s blood vein is only mediocre. Perhaps, he might be able to improve slightly with my guidance. However, it would still be difficult because of his blood vein. It’s almost impossible for him to become a Celestial Lord unless he has a rare fortuitous encounter. On the contrary, you’re one of a kind... Your innate talent is extremely rare among humans. With the right opportunity, you’ll improve in leaps and bound. The difference in innate talents between you and this little black hawk is like earth and heaven. Even if he kills you, I’ll only allow him to be my temporary host until I find a worthy host!” the Profound Divine Metal said disdainfully. It was clear the Profound Divine Metal did not think much of the Green-Eyed Black Hawk’s innate talent.

The Profound Divine Metal’s words caused Duan Ling Tian’s lips to twitch again. An elementary King Grade Celestial Beast was deemed worthless by the Profound Divine Metal... How ridiculous was that?

“On the contrary, this little tiger here has more potential compared to the little black hawk. There’s a trace of the Divine White Tiger’s bloodline in his otherwise mediocre blood vein. It’s no problem for him to become a Two Forms Celestial King or even a Three Talents Celestial King, given enough time! If he’s lucky, he might even be able to further improve his cultivation base. Otherwise, he’d probably stay a Three Talents Celestial King forever,” the Profound Divine Metal said.

“Little tiger?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard the Profound Divine Metal’s words. Soon after, he realized the little tiger the Profound Divine Metal had mentioned was referring to the middle-aged man, Bai Gang.

At this moment, Huang Jia Long said, “Brother Duan, I must say, you’re really amazing... Not only do you have such a high innate talent, but even your instinct is amazing. You’re right. Uncle Bai is also a Celestial Beast. He’s a peak elementary King Grade Celestial Beast. His innate talent is higher than Old Mo. According to Old Mo, barring unforeseen circumstances, Uncle Bai would be able to become a Three Talents Celestial King!”

Huang Jia Long’s words were in line with the Profound Divine Metal’s words. Chills ran up Duan Ling Tian’s spine when he realized how powerful the Profound Divine Metal was.

“Senior, the Chaos Divine Flame and you are part of the Five Divine Elements... What are the other three elements?” Duan Ling Tian asked. Alas, he repeated his questions several times, but there was no reply from the Profound Divine Metal.

'Did it fall asleep again? The Profound Divine Metal and Chaos Divine Flame doesn't seem like they're part of the Five Divine Elements, they seem like sleepy pigs instead...' Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at Huang Jia Long and said through Voice Transmission, "Peak elementary King Grade Celestial Beast... Jia Long, what type of Celestial Beast is he?"

"Uncle Bai is a Copper Flying Tiger. According to Uncle Bai, the Copper Flying Tiger is the weakest in the Flying Tiger Clan. The Silver Flying Tiger is a peak intermediate King Grade Celestial Beast. They're able to become Six Combinations Celestial King. The Golden Flying Tiger is a peak advanced King Grade Celestial Beast. The highest cultivation base they can achieve is the level of a Nine Palaces Celestial King. Without rare fortuitous encounters, it'd be difficult for Golden Flying Tigers to become Ten Directions Celestial Kings! Only the Dark Golden Flying Tiger is able to become a Celestial Lord. However, they're only limited to the One Basic Celestial Lord level, at most," Huang Jia Long explained.

"The Dark Golden Flying Tiger?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow.

"Yes, a Dark Golden Flying Tiger!" Huang Jia Long nodded. "According to Uncle Bai, the Dark Golden Flying Tiger has the highest innate talent in the Flying Tiger Clan. They're from the royal bloodline... Most Dark Golden Flying Tigers are bound to break through and become a One Basic Celestial Lord. If they want to grow stronger or become a Titled Celestial Lord, they'd need luck on their sides," Huang Jia Long said.

"So, the Dark Golden Flying Tiger is a peak superior King Grade Celestial Beast, right? Based on my knowledge, generally, most superior King Grade Celestial Beasts stop improving once they become Ten Directions Celestial Kings, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes." Huang Jia Long nodded.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the Green-Eyed Black Hawk beneath his feet before he shifted his eyes to Bai Gang who was standing next to Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City.

A thought suddenly surfaced in Duan Ling Tian's mind so he turned to Huang Jia Long again and asked, "Jia Long, if I'm not mistaken, the Flying Tiger Clan and Old Mo's clan are in the Southern Heaven Territory, right?"

As far as Duan Ling Tian knew, the majority of intelligent Celestial Beasts were gathered in Devata Realms such as the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven, the Phoenix Nest Heaven, the Crouching Dragon Heaven, and the White Tiger Heaven. The Celestial Beasts made up 80% of the population in these Devata Realms; the remaining percentage was mostly human and other life forms. The Ten Thousand Beast Heaven was the only Devata Realm in the 81 Devata Realms that had a 99% population of Celestial Beasts. This is because anyone who was not Celestial Beasts would be killed by Celestial Beasts in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven. One would need to be powerful enough to handle all the Celestial Beasts in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven if one wished to stay there! On the contrary, the Celestial Beasts in the other beast-centric Devata Realms were less extreme. They were not opposed to co-existing with humans and other life forms. However, the Celestial Beasts were extremely united. If humans or other life forms tried to hunt Celestial Beasts, the Celestial Beasts would undoubtedly unite to retaliate! The

body parts of Celestial Beasts, especially powerful ones, were precious materials. They could be used in pill refining, forging weapons, and laying Formations. For these reasons, weak Celestial Beasts were usually hunted. For example, the Green-Eyed Black Hawk's feathers were regarded as the least valuable parts. However, the feathers could be used to forge Duke Grade Celestial Weapons. If the pair of wings were to be given to a supreme King Grade Celestial Weapons Craftsman, it could be made into several King Grade Celestial Weapons! The Green-Eyed Black Hawk was a treasure coveted by many strong Celestial Kings. If they were not protected, they would certainly be hunted. However, seeing that Old Mo and Bai Gang openly appeared in the Supporting Fall Nation's capital after staying in Passage City for so long, it was clear they had the protection of a formidable force. Otherwise, they would not have exposed themselves. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian speculated that Old Mo and Bai Gang's clans were in the Southern Heaven Territory. This must be the reason why they were not targeted.

"Of course." Huang Jia Long was not surprised by Duan Ling Tian's speculation because it was common sense. Intelligent Celestial Beasts would only dare expose themselves in Devata Realms dominated by human beings if they had sufficient support. "In the Southern Heaven Territory, the Flying Tiger Clan is considered a huge clan among the Celestial Beast clans... According to Uncle Bai, there are no less than ten Dark Golden Flying Tigers in the main branch of the Flying Tiger Clan. They have branch clans everywhere. Within the Profound Nether Mansion, there's one branch clan. It's also the clan that Uncle Bai belongs to. Uncle Bai's clan doesn't have any Dark Golden Flying Tigers, but they have no less than five Golden Flying Tigers. In fact, three of the Golden Flying Tigers in Uncle Bai's clan are Ten Directions Celestial Kings! This is why Uncle Bai doesn't bother to hide. Furthermore, King Grade Celestial Beasts are capable of leaving soul marks on their killers before they die... Even powerful Celestial Lords have extreme difficulties in removing the soul marks left by King Grade Celestial Beasts. So, if Uncle Bai is killed by an outsider, the members of his clan will definitely be able to trace his killer and avenge him. Since Celestial Beasts are rare in human-dominated Devata Realms, they're very united. This is especially true when humans provoked them!"

Chapter 2955: The Southern Heaven Celestial Lord's Mount

"Old Mo belongs to the Black Hawk Clan... Similar to the Flying Tiger Clan, members of the Black Hawk Clan are divided based on their innate talents as well. Old Mo is a Green-Eyed Black Hawk. The levels below him are Red-Eyed, Orange-Eyed, and Yellow-Eyed Black Hawks. They're intermediate, advanced, and superior Duke Grade Celestial Beasts respectively. Then, there are the Azure-Eyed, Blue-Eyed, and Purple-Eyed Black Hawks. They're intermediate, advanced, and superior King Grade Celestial Beasts respectively. They're on a higher level than Old Mo. The Purple-Eyed Black Hawk is equivalent to the Dark Golden Flying Tiger in the Flying Tiger Clan; they have royal blood. Nevertheless, a Purple-Eyed Black Hawk is only a superior King Grade Celestial Beast. Its innate talent is lower than that of the Dark Golden Flying Tiger, a peak superior King Grade Celestial Beast. Moreover, there are much fewer Celestial Lords among the Purple-Eyed Black Hawks. The Clan Leader of the Black Hawk Clan in the Southern Heaven Territory is only a Ten Directions Celestial King. It's extremely difficult for a superior King Grade Celestial Beast to break through and become a Celestial Lord... In fact, in the Southern Heaven Territory, there's only one Purple-Eyed Black Hawk that became a Celestial Lord. Although this Purple-Eyed Black Hawk isn't in the Black Hawk Clan, it's mostly due to his influence that the clan is able to prosper in the Southern Heaven Territory!" Huang Jia Long said.

'The Black Hawk Clan is still able to thrive in the Southern Heaven Territory even though the Purple-Eyed Black Hawk isn't in the Black Hawk clan? Is it really just because he's Celestial Lord?' Duan Ling Tian was rather skeptical.

As though he could read Duan Ling Tian's mind, Huang Jia Long said, "You're right... The Purple-Eyed Black Hawk is only a One Basic Celestial Lord. It's impossible for him to protect the Black Hawk Clan in the Southern Heaven Territory with that level of strength alone."

"Then what's the reason?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"It's because that Purple-Eyed Black Hawk is the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord's mount!" Huang Jia Long slowly said.

Each of Huang Jia Long's words sounded like an explosion in Duan Ling Tian's ears. He was shocked. That Purple-Eyed Black Hawk was the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord's mount?

One had to know that the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord was the only Titled Celestial Lord in the Southern Heaven Territory! He reigned supreme in the Southern Heaven Territory! Blood would shed into rivers, and millions would die with just an order from the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord. Other Celestial Lords were no match for him at all!

"No wonder..." Realization finally dawned on Duan Ling Tian. "As the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord's mount, it's no wonder no one dares to provoke the Black Hawk Clan. In fact, it's less dangerous to offend the Flying Tiger Clan than the Black Hawk Clan!" Duan Ling Tian muttered.

"That's right..." Huang Jia Long nodded.

With this information, Duan Ling Tian finally learned why the Flying Tiger Clan and Black Hawk Clan were forces to be reckoned with. After his chat with Huang Jia Long, he sat cross-legged after bringing out his prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron to practice alchemy.

"B-brother Duan... Y-you're skilled in alchemy?" Huang Jia Long asked with an incredulous expression on his face when he saw Duan Ling Tian was about to refine pills. His words attracted the attention of Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, and Bai Gang.

Liu Guang Lin was, naturally, unsurprised since he had known Duan Ling Tian was an excellent prominent Celestial Alchemist. However, he had been similarly shocked the first time he saw Duan Ling Tian easily refining the prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven Pill.

Under Huang Jia Long, Huang Yuan Fei, Bai Gang's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian threw the medicinal herbs in his hand into the cauldron and began to refine the pills. It took him half an hour to heat the cauldron. Old Mo had just turned around to look when Duan Ling Tian was done with refining the pills.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A dozen pills flew out of the cauldron into Duan Ling Tian's hand.

Huang Jia Long, Huang Yuan Fei, and Bai Gang's eyes widened in shock.

Old Mo exclaimed in surprise, "Overarching Heaven Pills?!" It was his first time seeing someone successfully refining so many pills at one go and in such a short time. In fact, none of the supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemists he had met could compare to Duan Ling Tian's skills in alchemy.

"So many Overarching Heaven Pills?"

"This young man... He's truly remarkable!"

When Huang Yuan Fei and Bai Gang regained their senses, they exchanged a look. They could see the shock and disbelief in each other's eyes.

"Brother Duan... Y-you're planning to refine the Profound Golden Pill, aren't you?" Huang Jia Long asked with a gulp.

Based on Duan Ling Tian's speed and success rate when he refined the Overarching Heaven Pills earlier, it seemed like he was, at least, a supreme King Grade Celestial Alchemist.

"Yes, I am." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Huang Jia Long's heart skipped a beat.

Huang Yuan Fei's eyes widened as well. Initially, when the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation had told him about Duan Ling Tian wanting the Golden Nematode for the Profound Golden Pill, he had assumed Duan Ling Tian had found a supreme King Grade Celestial Alchemist to help him refine the pill. It was not easy to refine the Profound Golden Pill, after all. One had to be a supreme King Grade Celestial Alchemist, at least, to successfully refine the Profound Golden Pill.

"Lad... Are you really going to refine the Profound Golden Pill? Refining the Profound Golden Pill is no joke!" Bai Gang looked at Duan Ling Tian and said in a deep voice, "Don't forget, the Golden Nematodes that will be auctioned off in the Solitary Nation are going to cost a lot of Celestial Crystals! It'd be a huge loss for everyone if you fail to refine the Profound Golden Pill."

"I know." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"You..."

Before Bai Gang finished speaking, Huang Yuan Fei interjected with bright eyes, "Little Tian, how confident are you in successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill?"

"I'm more than 90% certain," Duan Ling Tian answered confidently.

"More than 90%?"

Bai Gang and Huang Jia Long were shocked by Duan Ling Tian's words. This was especially true for Bai Gang. He was still in disbelief. A slight frown could be seen on his face as he said, "Young lad, this is a serious matter. It's not the time to boast."

"Uncle Bai, I won't simply say things if I'm not confident," Duan Ling Tian said as he met Bai Gang's eyes.

"Very well... I look forward to it!" Failing to dissuade Duan Ling Tian, Bai Gang could only wait and see.

“Little Tian, since you’re confident that you’ll successfully refine the Profound Golden Pill... If we obtain the two Golden Nematodes during the auction, refine two Profound Golden Pills. You can keep one for your own use and sell the other one to the Moran Nation or the East Ming Nation. At that time, you can sell it to the highest bidder!” Huang Yuan Fei said excitedly. It was as though he could already see Duan Ling Tian successfully refining the Profound Golden Pill.

The Profound Golden Pill was special among the prominent Celestial Pills because regardless of the level of a Celestial Alchemist, one could only refine one pill each time.

“Governor Huang...” Duan Ling Tian said before he corrected himself when he saw Huang Yuan Fei’s displeased expression. “Uncle Huang... Although that’s a good idea, I only have one Profound Spirit Flower. It was given to me by the emperor. If I want to refine a second Profound Golden Pill, I’d need another Profound Spirit Flower.” A wry smile could be seen on his face when he spoke.

The Golden Nematode and the Profound Spirit Flower were key ingredients to refining the Profound Golden Pill. Compared to the other ingredients that were easily found and cheap, these two ingredients were extremely rare.

Huang Yuan Fei laughed as he lifted his hand and said, “I’ve thought about it as well! Isn’t it such a coincidence that I happen to have a Profound Spirit Flower with me?”

Chapter 2956: Stone Gambling?

Ten days later.

A city about the size of the capital of the Supporting Fall Nation appeared before Duan Ling Tian after Old Mo slowed down. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for him to see his surroundings clearly.

“We’ve arrived at the capital of the Solitary Nation... The Imperial auction is slated to happen in five days. Meanwhile, the Imperial Family of the Solitary Nation will provide us with accommodation in the Imperial Palace,” Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City, said as soon as they entered the capital of the Solitary Nation.

The capital of the Solitary Nation was similar to the capital of the Supporting Fall Nation. It was a big and bustling city. Before entering the capital, Old Mo had reverted to his human form; a scrawny old man in black robes. Huang Yuan Fei led the group through the busy streets of the capital to the entrance of the Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation.

“I’m Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation. We’re here to participate in the Imperial auction that will be held in five days,” Huang Yuan Fei said to the Imperial guards guarding the palace.

Soon after, a person came out to welcome them.

A middle-aged man dressed in silver armor greeted Huang Yuan Fei. He was as tall and muscular as Bai Gang. “City Governor Huang, it’s really you! It’s been ten years since we last met.”

“Commander He, it’s an honor for you to come and welcome us!” Huang Yuan Fei said as he cupped his hands together.

“Old Mo is here as well?” Commander He smiled and quickly bowed, slightly distracted by Old Mo who was standing behind Huang Yuan Fei. It was obvious he knew Old Mo was a One Basic Celestial King!

Before Old Mo replied, Bai Gang said with a broad smile on his face, “He Feng, we were tied during our battle ten years ago. We must fight again this time!”

“Bai Gang, it was a tie only because we were both fooling around. In a serious battle, I’m definitely no match for you if you revert to your true form!” He Feng said with a wry smile when he heard Bai Gang’s words.

“So you’re aware of that? However, ten years have passed. I’m sure you have improved a lot. It’s rare for us to meet. Now that I’m here, you must make time for a round of battle with me!” Bai Gang said as he cracked his knuckles. It was obvious his fighting spirit had been stimulated!

“If you insist, we’ll have a battle outside the city after the Imperial Auction. You can fight in your true form without holding back.” He Feng’s eyes brightened. It was clear he was also keen to fight with Bai Gang.

“Great! You must have improved tremendously. Otherwise, you wouldn’t ask me to fight in my true form,” Bai Gang said after he laughed heartily. His fighting spirit grew even stronger with these words.

“Both of you can continue this conversation after the auction...” Huang Yuan Fei quickly interrupted the duo’s conversation before he said, “Commander He, this is my fourth son, Huang Jia Long. I believe you’ve met him a few years ago.” Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and said, “This is Jia Long’s good friend, Duan Ling Tian. The Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation has sent me here to obtain the Golden Nematodes to help him break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!”

After greeting Huang Jia Long, He Feng shifted his attention to Duan Ling Tian. His eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he studied Duan Ling Tian from head to toe. “You... You’re Duan Ling Tian?!”

As neighboring nations, it was only natural for the Solitary Nation to receive news of the genius who appeared during the Southern Heaven Combat in the Supporting Fall Nation. This genius under the age of 100 had defeated Huang Jia Long, the Young Master of the City Governor’s estate in Passage City, with just a move. He was well aware of Huang Jia Long’s high innate talent and strength, therefore, he was shocked when he heard someone who was not even 100 years old defeated Huang Jia Long with just a move.

“Wait a second...” Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, He Feng looked at Huang Yuan Fei and asked, “City Governor Huang, did you say that you’re here to obtain the Golden Nematode to help him break through and become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? Are you saying that he... he’s only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?!” An expression of disbelief appeared on his face as he turned back to look at Duan Ling Tian again. It was as though he had seen a monster. Was this young man another monstrous genius who had also comprehended the power of the law like that genius from the East Ming Nation? Otherwise, how could a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was not even 100 years old defeat Huang Jia Long, a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, with one blow?

“He Feng, you’re shocked, right?” Bai Gang laughed heartily when he saw the expression on He Feng’s face. “Among the top nine candidates selected from the Southern Heaven Combat in the Solitary Nation, I believe none of them are as crazy as this young lad, right?”

He Feng scoffed and coldly said, “Bai Gang, I was shocked by this talented young man, not you... Why are you so proud?” Then, he looked at Huang Yuan Fei and said, “No wonder City Governor Huang personally led the group here... The Supporting Fall Nation has found a genius comparable to the genius in the East Ming Nation!”

“Governor Huang, Old Mo, Young Master Duan, Jia Long, please come with me.” He Feng deliberately left Bai Gang out.

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The Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation was fully decorated with gold and gemstones. It was a stark contrast to the simple and minimalistic concept of the Imperial Palace of the Supporting Fall Nation.

After they entered the palace, Huang Jia Long took the initiative to send a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian to explain the situation. “Brother Duan, He Feng is the Commander of the Imperial Army of the Solitary Nation. He’s also a powerful Ten Directions Celestial Duke... Ten years ago, he was sent by the Emperor of the Solitary Nation to Passage City for a mission. That’s how he became acquainted with my father and had a round of battle with Uncle Bai. He Feng and Uncle Bai like to taunt each other. This is the way they usually interact. They actually have a close relationship. In fact, their relationship is better than Uncle Bai’s relationship with my father.”

Duan Ling Tian could tell He Feng most probably a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. However, he did not expect He Feng to be the Commander of the Imperial Army of the Solitary Nation! In the Supporting Fall Nation, there were only two men the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation regarded as his most trustworthy men. One of them was Huang Yuan Fei, and the other one was the elusive Commander of his Imperial Army. Based on this, he came to the conclusion that He Feng must also be highly trusted by the Emperor of the Solitary Nation.

During their journey, He Feng would occasionally look at Duan Ling Tian in a strange manner. However, Duan Ling Tian paid no mind to it.

Soon enough, they arrived in a huge area that housed six courtyards. Three courtyards sat on each side of a path, falling each other.

“City Governor Huang, it’s been a long journey coming from the Supporting Fall Nation. Have a good rest... I’ll come back in five days to bring all of you to the auction center.” He Feng bade farewell and left after he showed the group their temporary residence.

“Father! I’d like to show Brother Duan around West Lane Town... Do you mind if I bring Grandpa Mo or Uncle Bai with us?” Huang Jia Long asked with a smile. He was aware that they needed someone to protect them to avoid unwanted trouble. After all, they were no longer in the Supporting Fall Nation.

“West Lane Town?” Huang Yuan Fei looked at Huang Jia Long knowingly. “From what I know, West Lane Town is famous for stone gambling... You’re going to take Little Tian to stone gamble, aren’t you?”

Huang Jia Long smiled sheepishly and did not deny his father's words.

'Stone gambling?' Duan Ling Tian was surprised. Stone gambling was also a thing in the Devata Realms? He had heard of stone gambling during his time on earth. People would look at stones with their naked eyes to determine which one held valuable jade.

'I wonder what's the difference between stone gambling in the Devata Realm and on earth...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Yuan Fei, I'll go with them." Bai Gang volunteered to go with Duan Ling Tian and Huang Yuan Fei.

Chapter 2957: Origin Stones

West Lane Town in the capital of the Solitary Nation was famous for stone gambling among its neighboring nations. Although stone gambling could be found in other nations as well, it was not taken seriously like it was in West Lane Town.

"Brother Duan, most of the Origin Stones in the Supporting Fall Nation come from West Lane Town. West Lane Town owns the largest stone gambling den in the southern region of the Profound Nether Mansion..." Huang Jia Long explained as they left the Imperial Palace of the Solitary Nation for West Lane Town.

"Origin Stones?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. A hint of curiosity could be heard in his voice. He speculated Origin Stones were like raw jade stones on earth.

"Yes." Huang Jia Long nodded. "Origin Stones are like fossils. They're covered in layers of dirt and dust and become Origin Stones with the passing of time. They're capable of blocking out all Divine Consciousness. Not even the strongest Ten Directions Celestial Emperor in the Devata Realms or the mysterious Titled Celestial Emperor in the Title Temple is able to bypass the Origin Stones' effect. However, the surface of Origin Stones is so weak that even the weakest Great Overarching Golden Celestial would be able to crack it to obtain what's inside. Since one can't investigate what's inside Origin Stones with one's Divine Consciousness, stone gambling has become a profitable market in Devata Realms," Huang Jia Long continued to explain.

The concept of Origin Stones was rather similar to stones that contained precious raw jade on earth. On earth, stones with a slight color of jade would increase in value in the market due to the possibility of it containing raw jade. Naturally, there was always a possibility that one might end up with just a piece of worthless stone as well. The difference was Origin Stones in Devata Realms might contain unknown treasure while the raw jade stones on earth might contain raw jade.

"There are many different sizes of Origin Stones... Those that are damaged, exposing their contents, aren't qualified to be used for stone gambling since we would be able to probe it with our Divine Consciousness. This defeats the purpose of stone gambling, after all," Huang Jia Long continued to say.

“Jia Long, so what’s inside Origin Stones?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. The contents of Origin Stones must be highly valuable to pique Huang Jia Long’s interest in stone gambling. He could not help but wonder what was in them.

“Brother Duan... Do you know where Origin Stones come from?” Huang Jia Long asked.

“Based on what you said earlier, they must be artifacts from a long time ago. After all, fossilization takes a long time,” Duan Ling Tian deduced out loud.

“That’s right. I’m sure you know Little Worlds left behind by Celestial Kings, Celestial Lords, and Celestial Emperors in the Devata Realms contain their legacies...” Huang Jia Long said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly in response.

“It’s generally known that the stability of a Little World relies heavily on the cultivation base of its creator... Little Worlds created by Celestial Kings are less stable compared to the ones created by Celestial Lords. Similarly, those created by Celestial Lords are less stable than those created by Celestial Emperors. However, no matter how stable they are, they would destabilize with the passing of time. To keep it stable at all times, it needed to be maintained. For example, the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in the Southern Heaven Territory was created by a Titled Celestial Lord. After that, many Southern Heaven Celestial Lords made an effort to keep it stable in the past. What makes it special is that, on top of the treasures that are already in there, those Celestial Lords had also filled the realm with more treasures like Celestial Weapons, medicinal herbs, and Celestial Talismans. At the same time, they would also put obstacles and tests in the realm...” Huang Jia Long said, “The Southern Heaven Celestial Lords are in charge of the upper realms in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm while ordinary Celestial Lords were in charge of the middle realms. Finally, grade-six Celestial Mansions in the Southern Heaven Territory are in charge of the lower realms. The lower realm we’ll be entering in four months is maintained by the Profound Nether Mansion.”

Huang Jia Long continued to say, “I’m not sure if you know there are 108 lower realms in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. They’re guarded by 108 grade-six Celestial Mansions in the Southern Heaven Territory respectively; the Profound Nether Mansion is one of them.”

Huang Jia Long smiled sheepishly as he paused for a moment. “I know this is a lot to take in at once... I’ll get to the origins of the Origin Stones soon...”

“It’s fine... I’m learning a lot of things. Prior to this, I didn’t know there are 108 lower realms in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and 108 grade-six Celestial Mansions in the Southern Heaven Territory...” Despite his calm expression, Duan Ling Tian was inwardly shocked. Based on Huang Jia Long’s words, there were clearly thousands of nations similar to the Supporting Fall Nation and Solitary Nation under the Profound Nether Mansion alone.

‘There are at least a thousand nations under the Profound Nether Mansion... This means there must be, at least, 100,000 nations under all the 108 grade-six Celestial Mansions...’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he thought to himself. He felt slightly insignificant when he realized how vast a Devata Realm was. ‘The Southern Heaven Territory that’s ruled by a Titled Celestial Lord alone has, at least, 100,000 nations... There must be many more places similar to the Southern Heaven Territory in

the Spirit Overarching Heaven! After all, there are powerhouses stronger than Titled Celestial Lords such as Celestial Emperors and Titled Celestial Emperors! Above the Titled Celestial Emperors is the Heavenly Emperor that rules over the entire Spirit Overarching Heaven! Most importantly, there are 81 Devata Realms!

At this moment, Huang Jia Long said, "As I mentioned earlier, the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, similar to all Little Worlds, requires Southern Heaven Celestial Lords to maintain its stability. Otherwise, it will lose its stability and eventually collapse as time passes by. Unfortunately, not many powerhouses are willing to put in the effort to stabilize Little Worlds. Once a Little World collapses, everything in it, including the treasures, will be drawn into a spatial turbulence before they scatter everywhere. With time, these things that are scattered will turn into Origin Stones. As I've said, some of them contain treasure and some of them are just worthless stones."

Chapter 2958: The Young Master of Hidden Sword City

Even in Devata Realms, stone gambling was just like gambling on earth. Out of ten gamblers, nine would lose...

"Majority of the Origin Stones in the stone gambling market are worthless. Origin Stones with treasures are quite rare. For this reason, despite how popular stone gambling is, only a handful of people is actually lucky enough to obtain Origin Stones with treasures in them. Well, I'm sure there are also people who obtained precious Origin Stones but kept it a secret. After all, one might attract trouble if it's known that one possesses a treasure," Huang Jia Long said.

Soon after, they arrived at West Lane Town. There were many shops that sold rough stones with strange shapes.

"Are all these shops selling Origin Stones?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at the shops.

"Yes." Huang Jia Long nodded slightly before he led Duan Ling Tian to the largest shop in their vicinity.

Meanwhile, Bai Gang who had followed the duo out to protect them kept his distance. He knew Huang Jia Long disliked having someone constantly shadowing him, after all. He would watch over them from afar and make a move if he sensed something amiss. However, if the situation demanded that he could only save one of the two young men, he would undoubtedly save Huang Jia Long. After all, Huang Jia Long was the son of his sworn brother, Huang Yuan Fei, the City Governor of Passage City. Moreover, Huang Yuan Fei had saved his life a few times in the past. Even if his life was at stake, he would never hesitate to protect Huang Jia Long!

"Greetings, dear guests. Are you here to buy Origin Stones?" A smiling well-dressed middle-aged welcomed Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long as soon as they stepped foot in the shop.

Huang Jia Long looked at the middle-aged man and asked, "You have quite a huge collection of stones here, would you kindly recommend a few to us?"

"It's my pleasure, dear guests." The middle-aged man led the duo to the table in front that displayed a lot of Origin Stones. A few people wearing the same uniform as the middle-aged man, who were clearly shop assistants, were also recommending Origin Stones to a few customers in the shop.

“Dear guests, this is Table 36. The Origin Stones on this table are the cheapest ones available in the shop because they’re small,” the middle-aged man said.

There were at least a thousand Origin Stones on Table 36. The largest stone was almost the size of the fist of a newborn baby whereas the smallest one was slightly bigger than a Spatial Ring.

“They are cheap since it’s obvious that they don’t contain large treasures... They usually contain small items like Spatial Rings. However, if you’re lucky, they might contain Spatial Rings formerly owned by Celestial Kings, Celestial Lords, or even Celestial Emperors!” the middle-aged man said.

“Why don’t you say that even if they contain Spatial Rings, it’s likely that they’re low-grade Spatial Rings with useless trash in them?” Huang Jia Long looked at the middle-aged man knowingly and said in a casual tone, “In fact, out of 100 Spatial Rings found in Origin Stones, it’d be difficult to find one that actually holds treasures.”

“Dear guest, you’re truly knowledgeable...” The middle-aged man was embarrassed when he heard Huang Jia Long’s words, but he was quick to recover from his embarrassment. Most customers were rather gullible so it was easy for him to fool them into buying Origin Stones.

Huang Jia Long no longer bothered with the middle-aged man. He turned to Duan Ling Tian and asked with a smile, “Brother Duan, do you want to get a few Origin Stones just for fun?”

“Not now...” Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

There were a total of 36 tables in the shop. Based on the middle-aged man’s words, Table 36 held the lowest grade Origin Stones in the shop.

After verifying it for himself, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘Amazing! These Origin Stones really do block out Divine Consciousness.’ He was still amazed even though he had known the Origin Stones could block Divine Consciousness. ‘Even the dirt and dust in Devata Realms are precious... These Origin Stones are amazing.’

Duan Ling Tian looked at Huang Jia Long and said, “I’m not interested in the Origin Stones here... Let’s move on to the others.”

Huang Jia Long nodded slightly in response before he said to the middle-aged man, “Show us the other Origin Stones.”

After a few bouts of recommendations, Duan Ling Tian slowly gained more understanding about Origin Stones and the stone gambling market... Generally, the bigger the Origin Stone, the higher its value. Origin Stones that looked like Celestial Weapons fetched a higher price since one could roughly guess its content based on its shape. Naturally, the grade of the weapon remained a mystery until one cracked the stone open.

At this moment, an apathetic voice rang from a corner of the shop, catching Duan Ling Tian’s attention. “I’ll take all of these sword-shaped Origin Stones.”

A young man with an indifferent expression who was dressed in fine robes took out a huge number of prominent Celestial Crystals. He had bought all the sword-shaped Origin Stones in the shop with the exception of three stones that were almost the height of an adult.

“He’s buying, at least, 30 Origin Stones. They should cost about 30,000 prominent Celestial Crystals, right? It seems like he’s not an ordinary person,” Huang Jia Long said as he looked at an old man who followed behind the young man.

“Dear guest, he’s Han Yun He, the Young Master of Hidden Sword City. He’s also the only son of the City Governor of Hidden Sword City,” the middle-aged man replied in a hushed tone when he heard Huang Jia Long’s words.

“The Young Master of Hidden Sword City?” Huang Jia Long raised his brow and muttered, “No wonder he’s buying all the sword-shaped Origin Stones. The direct descendants of the City Governor of Hidden Sword City are Sword Celestials.”

Crack!

As soon as Huang Jia Long finished speaking, Han Yun He had cracked open one of the sword-shaped Origin Stones. A black sword appeared as the Origin Stone crumbled into bits and pieces.

“A prominent Celestial Sword... What a waste,” the middle-aged said with a sigh.

“A sword-shaped Origin Stone costs about 1,000 prominent Celestial Crystals... With that price, one would still suffer a loss if one obtains a Duke Grade Celestial Sword. After all, a Duke Grade Celestial Sword is only worth 10 to 30 prominent Celestial Crystals, depending on its quality,” Huang Jia Long said.

Han Yun He continued to crack open the sword-shaped Origin Stones. It did not take long before he had already opened roughly 20 sword-shaped Origin Stones. So far, he had obtained two Duke Grade Celestial Swords, and the others were only mediocre Celestial Swords.

A small group of onlookers watched Han Yun He in amazement. They were envious of the bold manner in which he gambled and the casual way he had spent so many Celestial Crystals due to his wealth.

“What a loss...”

“20,000 prominent Celestial Crystals went to waste in just a blink of an eye.”

“Well... one must take risks when it comes to stone gambling!”

“20,000 prominent Celestial Crystals are all gone in a second... Ordinary people wouldn’t be able to gamble so boldly!”

“Young Master Han doesn’t seem to care at all. He really has the bearing of a son of a city governor. As the saying goes, ‘A tiger wouldn’t give birth to a dog’. His father should be proud of him!”

Crack!

Han Yun He cracked another Origin Stone, revealing a sword with a green glow.

“A King Grade Celestial Sword!” Duan Ling Tian quickly identified the sword. He did not expect Han Yun He to obtain a King Grade Celestial Sword! The table had turned in just an instant. As it stood, Han Yun He no longer suffered a loss. After all, a King Grade Celestial Sword was worth, at least, 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!

Chapter 2959: Duan Ling Tian Opens Origin Stones

Naturally, the higher the grade of a Celestial Weapon, the higher its value. However, the difference in value between two grades of Celestial Weapon below the King Grade would not exceed ten thousand Celestial Crystals. For example, a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon normally costs 1000 mediocre Celestial Crystals or ten prominent Celestial Crystals whereas a prominent Celestial Weapon normally costs ten mediocre Celestial Crystals; a difference of 100 times in value. On the other hand, King Grade Celestial Weapons were 10,000 times more valuable than Duke Grade Celestial Weapons! Nobody in their right mind would be willing to trade a King Grade Celestial Weapon for 10,000 Duke Grade Celestial Weapons.

“It’s a King Grade Celestial Sword!”

“Heavens! Young Master Han obtained a King Grade Celestial Sword!”

“A King Grade Celestial Weapon is worth at least 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals... Young Master Han has hit the jackpot this time!”

“Earlier, we were lamenting his loss of tens of thousands of prominent Celestial Crystals... In just a blink of an eye, he has won, at least, 100,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!”

Han Yun He, the Young Master of Hidden Sword City, naturally, drew everyone’s attention when he obtained the King Grade Celestial Sword. Even passersby outside the shop were drawn by the commotion. At this moment, a small crowd had formed outside of the shop. These people were all looking at Han Yun He enviously.

“Congratulations, Young Master Han, for obtaining a King Grade Celestial Sword!” The shop assistant congratulated Han Yun He.

“It’s not worth the congratulations... This King Grade Celestial Sword has cost me, at least, 150,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. Based on its quality, this sword is worth 130,000 or 140,000 prominent Celestial Crystals at most. I still lost 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals. I’ll return the remaining Origin Stones to you. At least, I’ll be able to break even,” Han Yun He said, placing the remaining unopened sword-shaped Origin Stones back on the table.

In Devata Realms, if the Origin Stones were not opened, people were free to return them as long as they had not stepped out of the shop. This applied to all gambling stones shops.

After putting the King Grade Celestial Sword away, Han Yun He and his follower left the shop immediately.

The onlookers gathered at the shop entrance naturally parted to make way for Han Yun He and his man.

Soon enough, Han Yun He and his man disappeared from everyone’s sight, and the onlookers began to fervently discuss among themselves.

“Unbelievable! The Young Master of Hidden Sword City obtained a King Grade Celestial Weapon from this shop!”

“The direct descendants of the City Governor of Hidden Sword City are Sword Celestials... The city governor has a few King Grade Celestial Weapons, but only two of them are King Grade Celestial Swords. One is in his hand, and the other one is with the Commander of the Hidden Sword City’s army. Therefore, Young Master He has always lacked a King Grade Celestial Sword.”

“King Grade Celestial Swords can be found in the black market occasionally, but they sell out almost immediately... In Devata Realms, swords are a very popular choice of weapon so it’s difficult for Young Master Han to obtain a King Grade Celestial Sword even though he can afford it.”

“It costs him 130,000 to 140,000 prominent Celestial Crystals just to obtain a King Grade Celestial Sword of similar value. It seems like he has only broken even, but if you ask me, I think he made a big profit.”

“He deserves it. No ordinary people would dare to gamble so boldly like he did. Based on what I heard, the City Governor of Hidden Sword City had given him at least 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to obtain a King Grade Celestial Sword.”

Duan Ling Tian was equally impressed by Han Yun He’s boldness and luck. After all, not everyone would be able to obtain a King Grade Celestial Weapon through stone gambling even if they had 200,000 prominent Celestial Crystals to spend.

“The Young Master of Hidden Sword City is bold and decisive. He’ll definitely be as successful as his father in the future,” Huang Jia Long said with a sigh.

Hidden Sword City was one of the top cities under the Solitary Nation. Its city governor was also one of the strongest Celestial Dukes in the nation.

Not long after Han Yun He departed, the onlookers began to disperse. Soon enough, the shop regained its tranquility.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long continued browsing the Origin Stones in the shop.

During that time, Huang Jia Long had bought a few Origin Stones on a whim. Alas, the contents were worthless.

“Why don’t you get the Origin Stones that the Young Master of Hidden Sword City returned? Who knows you might obtain something valuable?” Duan Ling Tian suggested, shaking his head as he looked at the worthless items Huang Jia Long obtained. Then, he jokingly said, “If you really obtain something valuable, the young master would definitely feel regretful if he finds out.”

The middle-aged slightly laughed and shook his head when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s joke.

“Brother Duan, you have a point. I’ll take the remaining Origin Stones the Young Master of Hidden Sword City returned! There are 13 Origin Stones, right? I’ll take all of them!”

“Jia Long... I was just kidding... Why’re you taking it seriously?” Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded.

The 13 sword-shaped Origin Stones were worth 13,000 prominent Celestial Crystals!

“Brother Duan, stone gambling is just a game. As long as I’m having fun, it’s fine,” Huang Jia Long said with a smile. He was clearly determined to go through with Duan Ling Tian’s spontaneous suggestion. He turned to the middle-aged man and tossed a Spatial Ring to the middle-aged man. “There are 13,000 prominent Celestial Crystals in there. Go ahead and count them. If there’s no problem, bring the Origin Stones to me.”

“This...” The middle-aged man was momentarily stunned. An expression of delight appeared on his face when he regained his senses. He did not expect an unknown customer would purchase 13,000 prominent Celestial Crystals worth of Origin Stones without a second thought. “Dear guest, I’ll bring the Origin Stones to you at once!”

As the middle-aged man went to fetch the Origin Stones, the other shop assistants looked at him enviously

“Jia Long... That’s 13,000 worth of prominent Celestial Crystals...” Duan Ling Tian shook his head disapprovingly. He felt Huang Jia Long was too capricious.

“It’s just for fun, don’t worry... It’d be great if I really obtain something valuable, but even if I don’t, it’s still fun,” Huang Jia Long said with a smile.

At this moment, Huang Jia Long had already opened five Origin Stones. The best he had gotten so far was a Duke Grade Celestial Sword.

The customers in the shop began to discuss among themselves again as they watched Huang Jia Long opening one Origin Stone after another.

“This young man must be rich. He has spent at least 10,000 prominent Celestial Crystals on Origin Stones just for fun. He must have an extraordinary background.”

“I’ve never seen him before. He might come from another nation... The Imperial auction is about to start in a few days, after all. Many people from other nations have already arrived in our capital.”

“Perhaps. In the Solitary Nation, there aren’t many people who are as wealthy as him.”

At this moment, Huang Jia Long passed the remaining Origin Stones to Duan Ling Tian and said, “My luck doesn’t seem to be good at the moment... There are still three Origin Stones left. Brother Duan, why don’t you help me to open them?”

“Jia Long, I don’t think I’m any luckier than you are. I hope you won’t blame me if there’s nothing of value...” Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

“Brother Duan, it will still be impressive even if you obtain a primitive Celestial Sword,” Huang Jia Long said jokingly.

“Who knows... I might just obtain a primitive Celestial Sw...” Duan Ling Tian trailed off. He had opened an Origin Stone, revealing a mediocre Celestial Sword. “Look... It’s a mediocre Celestial Sword.”

Huang Jia Long laughed when he saw this.

Crack!

Duan Ling Tian continued to open the second Origin Stone. A ray of light shot out as soon as he cracked the Origin Stone open. A domineering energy filled the shop immediately.

The people in the shop were stunned when they saw the content of the Origin Stone.

“A Royal Grade Celestial Sword?!”

Chapter 2960: Forced To Sell?

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Sword Qis ricocheted in the shop for a while. They had shot out from the half-open Origin Stone that was glowing with a mysterious light in Duan Ling Tian’s hand.

As time passed, the glow gradually faded along with the sword Qis that shot out of the sword-shaped Origin Stone.

It was clear the earlier phenomena indicated how extraordinary the content was. The content was undoubtedly more precious than the King Grade Celestial Weapon that Han Yun He obtained earlier.

Everyone in the shop, excluding Duan Ling Tian who had regained his senses first, was thoroughly shocked. Their eyes were wide open, and their mouths were agape. It took quite a while before they regained their senses.

Duan Ling Tian recovered so quickly because the aura of the half-open Origin Stone was similar to the three Royal Grade Celestial Weapons he had in hand. Currently, he had one consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon and two ordinary Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. The two ordinary Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were not his; he was only temporarily holding on to it. The two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring and the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring; they belonged to the mysterious young man with the surname Pei. Meanwhile, he had obtained the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon during the Six Southeastern Region’s Alchemist Conference in the borderlands.

The consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon had three uses, and he had already used it once so he was only left with two uses. After using it up, the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon would be rendered useless.

“S-such an aura... C-could it be a Royal Grade Celestial Sword?” Huang Jia Long finally regained his senses. A hint of shock and disbelief could still be seen on his face when he looked at the half-open Origin Stone in Duan Ling Tian’s hands.

At this moment, the hilt of the sword and part of the blade could be seen from the half-open Origin Stone. It was an emerald sword that looked as though it was made from Ink Jade. Many tiny inscriptions could be seen from what was exposed of the sword. Among the inscriptions, there were cursive writings

well. They looked ancient. Apart from that, a blood-red line ran down the middle of the blade of the sword. It pulsed and looked as though blood was constantly flowing through it.

Pa! Pa! Pa!

Duan Ling Tian gripped the hilt of the sword and exerted some force and shattered the remaining Origin Stone that encased the sword. In just a moment, an emerald sword with a blood-red line that ran down the blade was fully revealed. At this time, the mysterious glow had vanished without a trace, making the sword look like an ordinary sword. Nevertheless, the mysterious light and Sword Qi that appeared when the Origin Stone was half-open left a lasting impression in everyone's minds.

If anyone were probing with their Divine Consciousness at this moment, they would be able to sense how extraordinary it was compared to a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

The onlookers broke out in an uproar as soon as they regained their senses. Traces of disbelief could still be seen on their faces.

"A Royal Grade Celestial Sword! It's a Royal Grade Celestial Sword!"

"Heavens! I didn't think I'd be so lucky to be able to see a Royal Grade Celestial Sword with my very own eyes!"

"The last time there was a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in our Solitary Nation seems to be about 1,300 years ago, right?"

"It's truly a Royal Grade Celestial Sword!"

At this instant, Huang Jia Long's eyes flashed with killing intent as he looked around his surroundings. He only had one thought in his mind at this moment: Kill everyone in the shop to prevent news of him obtaining a Royal Grade Celestial Sword from spreading!

Alas, Huang Jia Long was too slow. An old man with a white beard, the person in charge of the shop, had already sent a Communication Celestial Talisman out as soon as he regained his senses. The Communication Celestial Talisman he had used bore his soul mark; it was unstoppable.

At the same time, the white-bearded old man walked out from the deepest part of the shop toward Huang Jia Long. He had seen what had happened earlier so he knew the Royal Grade Celestial Sword belonged to Huang Jia Long. He said, "Dear guest... Our shop is willing to buy this sword for ten million prominent Celestial Crystals."

"Ten million prominent Celestial Crystals?"

Upon hearing that, everyone in the shop stared at the old man as though he was an idiot. Did he lose his mind? They were talking about a Royal Grade Celestial Sword! He wanted to buy it for ten million prominent Celestial Crystals? What a joke!

"10 million prominent Celestial Crystals?" Huang Jia Long who was stunned by the old man's offer laughed when he regained his senses. "Old man, do you think I'm a brash and naive young man? Even the lowest bid for a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in the Profound Nether Mansion starts at

1,000,000,000 prominent Celestial Crystals if I'm not mistaken." He scoffed before he continued to say, "Even then, most people would not sell their Royal Grade Celestial Weapons for 1,000,000,000 prominent Celestial Crystals if they own one!"

Although there were many people who were willing to pay exorbitant prices for a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, no one in the Southern Heaven Territory who owned Royal Grade Celestial Weapons was willing to sell them. People had offered up to 10,000 times the price of a normal King Grade Celestial Weapon for a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon! The price of a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was also exactly 10,000 times of a King Grade Celestial Weapon!

"That's right! Does he really think they're inexperienced?"

"As far as I know, this shop is owned by the Ninth Prince of our Solitary Nation... The ninth prince is the most business-minded among all princes!"

"It seems like the shopkeeper is trying to force the young men to sell the Royal Grade Celestial Sword they obtained from the Origin Stone."

"Well, if this is what the ninth prince wants, I'm afraid these young men will have a hard time holding on to the Royal Grade Celestial Sword. After all, the ninth prince has the support of the emperor!"

"As the saying goes, 'A rare treasure would land its owner in jail'."

The customers in the shop shook their heads as they looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Long. Based on their conversation, it was clear they thought the duo would be forced to sell the Royal Grade Celestial Sword at such a low price!

At this moment...

Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud!

The sound of heavy footsteps rang in the air, and soon enough, a tall and muscular middle-aged man dressed in a white robe stepped into the shop.

"Dear guest, we're closing our shop now. Please visit the other shops in West Lane Town." The white-bearded old man could not help but frown when he saw another person coming into the shop. Then, he turned to the shop assistants standing at the side idly and shouted, "You lot! Escort this customer out, and close the shop. We're close for business today!"

The old man was aware that the fewer people knew about the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, the better it would be. He had already received a reply from the Ninth Prince of the Solitary Nation. He had been ordered to take control of the situation and to close the shop for the day. He had also been ordered to stop those already in the shop from leaving and to prohibit new customers from entering the shop. As for what happened next, the ninth prince, who was hurrying from the palace to the shop, would decide when he arrived.

Since the white-bearded old man was in charge of the shop, the shop assistants, naturally, dared not defy him. They quickly walked toward the white-clad middle-aged man who had just entered to escort him out.

Before the shop assistants could approach the white-clad middle-aged man, they heard him scoffing loudly. Then, they were instantly blocked by what seemed to be an invisible wall, bouncing off and falling to the ground as soon as they walked into it!

Upon seeing this, the people in the shop inhaled sharply.

The white-bearded old man glared at the white-clad middle-aged man fiercely as he said, "Sir, do you know who owns this shop?" Although he was the strongest among the employees in the shop, he had failed to capture the white-clad middle-aged man's movements earlier. Therefore, he did not dare to act recklessly and could only try to scare the white-clad middle-aged man off by using the name of the shop's owner.

The white-clad middle-aged man ignored the white-bearded old man and walked toward Duan Ling Tian. He said with a smile, "Little Tian, show me the sword."

The white-clad middle-aged man who had just appeared was none other than Bai Gang who was secretly protecting Huang Jia Long and Duan Ling Tian.

"Uncle Bai." Duan Ling Tian handed the sword over without any signs of unwillingness. Most people would feel a hint of reluctance having to give up a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon even if it did not belong to them in the first place. However, that was not the case for Duan Ling Tian. Put aside the fact that he had three Royal Grade Celestial Weapons in his Spatial Ring, even when he was in mundane realms, he had already owned a sword of this caliber. It was the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda's Jasper Celestial Sword.

After ascending to the Spirit Overarching Heaven, not only did Duan Ling Tian learn that the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, but he also learned that the Jasper Celestial Sword was a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

'Although this sword is also a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it seems inferior to the Jasper Celestial Sword... In fact, even the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring and Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring seem to be more powerful than it,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he watched Bai Gang study the sword.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was still unaware of how extraordinary the Jasper Celestial Sword was. How could a sword from a top-tier Celestial Weapon like the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda be an ordinary Royal Grade Celestial Sword? It was, naturally, the best Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!

Just as Duan Ling Tian had speculated, the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring and the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring were also, indeed, superior to this sword. In fact, they could be considered superior among all Royal Grade Celestial Weapons.