

## Chapter 2991: Distributing the Accumulative Points Jade

“Since the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect managed to become an Inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion, it means that his strength has surpassed the Great Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect!” the middle-aged man’s companion said.

“An Inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion? The Great Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect failed to become an Inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion?” Huang Jia Long was stunned when he heard these words. As the Young Master of the City Governor’s estate in the Supporting Fall Nation’s Passage City, he was privy to matters, including matters about the Three Sects and Two Clans, that ordinary people in the Supporting Fall Nation were unaware of. However, this was his first time hearing about the Inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion.

Therefore, Huang Jia Long asked curiously, “Brother, what’s an Inspector of the Profound Nether Mansion? Earlier, you said there are ten Inspectors in the Profound Nether Mansion?”

“The Profound Nether Mansion is governed by the Mansion Master and a few Deputy Mansion Masters,” the middle-aged man’s companion began to excitedly explain, “Apart from that, there are ten positions for the Inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion. Anyone can apply for these positions providing they’re capable enough. Apart from cultivators from the Three Sects and Two Clans, sectless cultivators can try for the position of an inspector as well.”

The middle-aged man’s companion continued to say, “Among the current ten inspectors, there are two from the Coupling Celestial Sect, and one each from the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect and the Simplicity Celestial Sect. There’s none from the Zhangsun Clan and the Gongyang Clan. The inspectors from the Coupling Celestial Sect, the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, and the Simplicity Celestial Sect are all veterans from the older generations. They usually stay in the mansion and don’t interfere with the affairs of their respective sects. Naturally, that’s only if their respective sects aren’t in grave danger. However, it has to be said the Profound Nether Mansion wouldn’t let the situation go so bad...”

The middle-aged man’s companions spoke confidently. It was clear he was rather knowledgeable about the Profound Nether Mansion.

“Brother, how do you know so much about the Profound Nether Mansion?” Huang Jia Long looked at the middle-aged man’s companion curiously.

The middle-aged man’s companion had no time to reply before the middle-aged man replied, “This fellow likes to ask around about things he finds interesting whenever he has the time. Over time, his knowledge has, naturally, accumulated.”

Meanwhile.

After the rotund middle-aged man from the Zhangsun Clan had spoken, the leaders from the Simplicity Celestial Sect, the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, and the Gongyan Clan instinctively turned to look at the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect.

“Sect Leader Bihai, why don’t you make the decision regarding this matter?”

“That’s right. Sect Leader Bihai, you can make the decision.”

“I, Gongyang Yu, will listen to Sect Leader Bihai.”

The three leaders unanimously agreed to Bihai Mingfeng taking charge. They did not expect the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect would personally lead the entourage from his sect here. They would not have needed to humble themselves to this extent if it were the Great Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect. After all, the person before them was not only the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect, but he was also one of the ten Inspectors from the Profound Nether Mansion. With that position, he could be considered as a representative of the Profound Nether Mansion.

According to the Profound Nether Mansion’s rules, the Inspectors of the Profound Nether Mansion from the Three Sects and Two Clans who were above 3,000 years old could not return to their sects or clans or interfere with the matters of their respective sects and clans.

The Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect, however, had not reached the age of 3,000. In fact, he was not even 1,000 years old. For him to possess such strength at such a young age, he could be considered as a monstrous genius in the entire Profound Nether Mansion.

At this moment, even the slowest person among the 20,000 people present on the scene could tell how formidable the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect was. Although many of them did not know the details and had never heard of Inspectors from the Profound Nether Mansion, they could tell he was not an ordinary person based on how deferential the other leaders from the Three Sects and Two Clans were.

The crowd was, naturally, curious about Bihai Mingfeng, the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect.

“Who’s he?”

“There is such a person in the Coupling Celestial Sect?”

“Even the Great Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect wouldn’t have gotten this kind of treatment, right?”

“What’s going on?”

At this moment, Bihai Mingfeng, who was seated on the sedan, leisurely crossed his legs before he glanced at the rotund middle-aged man indifferently and said, “Since you’ve all agreed that I should make the decision, I’ve decided to let Zhangsun Xiong Qi be in-charge this time.”

Upon hearing the rotund middle-aged man’s name, Duan Ling Tian’s eyebrows rose slightly. ‘Zhangsun Xiong Qi? I didn’t expect this fat middle-aged man to be the second elder of the Zhangsun Clan.’

Although there were many elders in the Zhangsun Clan, only two of them were famous. These two elders were the Grand Elder and the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan.

The second elder's name, Xiong Qi, meant exceptional strength. His strength, as his position suggested, was only below the Patriarch and the Grand Elder of the Zhangsun Clan.

"Ten of you will listen to Elder Zhangsun's orders..." Bihai Mingfeng continued to speak indifferently. This time, his words were directed to the ten individuals standing behind him.

"Yes, third sect leader," the ten individuals standing behind Bihai Mingfeng replied reverently. It was clear their reverence was not feigned. In fact, if one looked closely enough, one could see a hint of zealotry hidden in the depths of their eyes. It was only natural since Bihai Mingfeng was not only the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect, but he was also the most talented person to appear in the Coupling Celestial Sect in the past 100,000 years. Most of them were of the opinion that Bihai Mingfeng was capable of elevating their sect to the next level and become a grade-eight Celestial Sect!

Zhangsun Xiong Ji, the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan, acknowledged Bihai Mingfeng's words with a nod before he turned to toward the sea of people and indifferently said, 'Now, the leaders of the all the participants who would be entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, please come forward.'

Although Zhangsun Xiong Qi's voice was not loud, the 20,000 people present, including Duan Ling Tian, heard his voice clearly since he had infused his Celestial Origin Energy into his voice.

All the Emperors of the Thousand Nations Territory, including the Supporting Fall Nation's Emperor Hu Ling Yi and the Southern Qi Nation's Emperor Xue Ming Cai, were among these 1,000 individuals.

Then, Zhangsun Xiong Qi continued to say, "As everybody knows, every nation of the Thousand Nations Territory has nine slots.... Now, the Three Sects and Two Clans will issue the Accumulative Points Jade. Please inform your own people about the rules and uses of the Accumulative Points Jade..."

"I will not repeat myself," Zhangsun Xiong Qi said before he looked at the people behind him.

These people, including the ten individuals from the Coupling Celestial Sect, the Simplicity Celestial Sect, the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, and the Gongyang Clan stepped forward. Each of them was in charge of distributing Accumulative Points Jade to 200 emperors.

Soon after, each of the emperors of the Thousand Nations Territory held nine Accumulative Points Jade in their hands.

Then, Zhangsun Xiong Qi looked at the emperors from the Thousand Nations Territory and said tonelessly, "You can distribute the Accumulative Points Jades to your people now. Make sure you brief them about uses of the Accumulative Points Jade and the rules of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm."

"Understood, Elder Zhangsun," all the Emperors from the Thousand Nations Territory replied in unison.

Each of these emperors governed a grade-eight Celestial Kingdom. In their respective kingdoms, they stood up high, out of everybody's reach. However, at this moment, they did not even dare to breathe loudly in front of Zhangsun Xiong Qi.

Once the emperors withdrew, Zhangsun Xiong Qi called for the people from the Three Sects and Two Clans to receive corresponding Accumulative Points Jades. These corresponding Accumulative Points Jades served a different purpose to those that were given to the participants.

The Three Sects and Two Clans had a continuing tradition from the past. When the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm opened, all of them had a tacit agreement to gamble on which participants had the highest points in the Accumulative Points Jade. The losing sects and clans would have to pay up to the winning sect or clan. Although the stakes were not determined, it was definitely something that would make the sects and clans cry tears of blood when giving it away. Therefore, the Three Sects and Two Clans, naturally, hoped the people whose corresponding jades they held would collect the most points.

Soon after, Zhangsun Xiong Qi loudly announced, "One more thing... We will only reopen the entrance of the realm after 70% of the participants have fallen..."

As soon as Zhangsun Xiong Qi finished speaking, a deathly silence descended on the place.

### **Chapter 2992: It's About To Begin**

"70%?"

"The entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm would only be reopened after 70% of the participants have perished? This... this..."

"This means that out of every ten people who enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, only three would come out alive?"

"I thought the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm would reopen after 60% of the participants have fallen?"

"Did the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan make a mistake?"

After a moment of silence, a commotion broke out among the crowd above the center of Scaling Cloud Lake after Zhangsun Xiong Qi, the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan, had spoken. All of them fervently discussed the fact that the entrance would only reopen after 70% of the participants had fallen.

'70%? When did the rules change?' Contrary to most people, Duan Ling Tian did not think Zhangsun Xiong Qi made a mistake. This was supported by the fact that Zhangsun Xiong Qi was only keeping quiet while everyone was discussing the matter.

While Duan Ling Tian was deep in his thoughts, Zhangsun Xiong Qi said, "I didn't make a mistake; all of you heard correctly..." He continued to say, "Indeed, in the past, the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Realm would reopen once 60% of the participants had fallen. The difficulty this time is higher compared to the past. Therefore, the entrance would only reopen after 70% of the participants have fallen." A brilliant smile, which was contrary to his words, could be seen on his face when he spoke.

Upon hearing Zhangsun Xiong Qi's words, the expressions of many people turned grim.

“Of course, it’s still not too late to turn back... Those who wish to withdraw can pass their Accumulative Point Jades to their respective leaders,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi said.

Another commotion broke out again as soon as Zhangsun Xiong Qi finished speaking. It was caused by some participants who chose to withdraw.

Although the expressions of many of the participants from the Supporting Fall Nation had turned grim, none of them chose to withdraw.

“70%? This means only 30% of those who enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm would be able to make it out alive...” Duan Ling Tian said.

There was a total of nine Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, including Duan Ling Tian, from the Supporting Fall Nation. Based on Zhangsun Xiong Qi’s words, only three of the nine participants from the Supporting Fall Nation would be able to survive the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“I didn’t expect it would be so dangerous to enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm this time around. Only 30% of the participants would survive!” Huang Jia Long exclaimed in shock. Despite his words, his eyes shone with fearlessness.

“Does anyone want to withdraw?” Due to how dangerous it was to enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm this time around, Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, did not mind if some of the participants wanted to withdraw. However, to his surprise, nobody chose to withdraw.

“Risk and rewards come hand in hand... Since I’ve decided to participate in the Southern Heaven Combat in the Supporting Fall Nation, I’ve made up my mind to enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm in search of fortuitous encounters. I’m afraid my cultivation in the future would be affected if I run away from such small adversity now!”

A middle-aged Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial from the Supporting Fall Nation said, “It’s only a 10% increase compared to the previous times... Moreover, who’s to say I won’t survive?”

“You’re right! It makes no sense to withdraw after coming all the way here. How many opportunities do we have in life to make it big? I’m afraid that such an opportunity won’t come knocking twice.”

“Hmph! If I give it my best, perhaps, I’ll survive!”

“As long as I survive, I’ll be able to join one of the Three Sects and Two Clans... At that time, my future would be bright!”

All of the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Supporting Fall Nation were highly motivated and confident.

Naturally, Hu Lin Yi was extremely satisfied upon seeing this. After all, the higher the number of participants, the higher the number the people who would survive. This would undoubtedly benefit him.

“Your Majesty, why are the Accumulative Points Jades of the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Southern Qi Nation different from ours?” Duan Ling Tian asked after he looked at the people

from the Southern Qi Nation. He had noticed that the Accumulative Points Jade in the hands of an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Southern Qi Nation was different.

Duan Ling Tian's Accumulative Points Jade was emerald in color and shone with vitality while the Accumulative Points Jade in the hands of the Southern Qi Nation's Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial was a clear blue similar to the ocean.

The other Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Supporting Fall Nation instinctively turned to look in the direction of the people from the Southern Qi Nation as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

"It's really different! The Southern Qi Nation's Accumulative Points Jades are blue while ours are emerald."

"Why is it different?"

"Is there a reason why the colors of our Accumulative Point Jades are different?"

The Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials shifted their attention to Hu Lin Yi for an explanation. Their expressions were one of confusion.

Hu Lin Yi said, "Every time the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm opens, the participating Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials would be given an Accumulative Points Jade. There are five types of Accumulative Points Jade that are made from different jades. They are the Golden Jade, the Wooden Jade, the Water Jade, the Fire Jade, and the Earth Jade. The five types of jade each represent one of the Three Sects and Two Clans. For example, the Wooden Jades in your hands were given to me by the members of the Simplicity Celestial Sect. The Golden Jade represents the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, the Water Jade represents the Coupling Celestial Sect, the Fire Jade represents the Gongyang Clan, and the Earth Jade represents the Zhangsun Clan."

Hu Lin Yi paused for a moment before he continued to say, "Rumor has it that during every opening of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, the Three Sects and Two Clans would gamble among themselves... They would gamble on the numbers of points in the Accumulative Points Jades of the participants. The winner would be the force with the most points, and the losing forces would have to pay the winning force."

Hu Lin Yi continued to explain, "Despite the color of your Accumulative Points Jade, if you're able to survive, you don't necessarily have to join the corresponding force of your jade. You can choose to join any of the Three Sects and Two Clans. As all of you know, outstanding participants or those with a high ranking will be able to join the Three Sects and Two Clans."

"Gambling?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow upon hearing Hu Lin Yi's words. "The Three Sect and Two Clans could even gamble on such a thing. I guess in the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion, they're allowed to come up with their own rules regarding the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. How callous!" As he lifted his head to look at the members of the Three Sects and Two Clans, he realized the cruel reality of natural selection in Devata Realms. Just like the mundane realms, or perhaps, to a greater extent, strength was everything!

An Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from the Supporting Fall Nation asked, “Your Majesty, our Accumulative Points Wooden wouldn’t change colors if we kill and obtain the points from a different color jade, right?”

“That’s right,” Hu Lin Yi said, “The Three Sects and Two Clans had thought about this in the past. All the participants would have to claim blood ownership of their Accumulative Points Jades before entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.”

“Once the owner of an Accumulative Point Jade dies, his or her Accumulative Points Jade will shatter immediately. The points they have accumulated would automatically go to the nearest Accumulative Point Jades,” Hu Lin Yi reminded Duan Ling Tian and the other participants from the Supporting Fall Nation, “Therefore, when killing someone, you have to make sure there aren’t any other Accumulative Point Jade nearby... Otherwise, the points might go to someone else.”

If Hu Lin Yi did not tell them about this, Duan Ling Tian and the other participants from the Supporting Fall Nation would not have known about it.

“Apart from that, although you’ll be entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm together, you’ll be teleported to different places in the lower realm by a Transportation Formation after you enter. Therefore, in the beginning, you’ll be alone. It’s up to you if you want to work together later... Naturally, I don’t recommend you to cooperate with people you don’t trust. After all, there’s a chance you might get killed for trusting the wrong person...” Hu Lin Yi said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and the other intently.

Upon hearing this, many of the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials began to regard each other warily. Some of them made up their minds inwardly not to cooperate with anyone. After all, if they trusted the wrong person, it would cost them their lives.

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About half an hour later...

“It’s about time.” The voice of Zhangsun Xiong Qi, the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan, resounded in the air at this moment, drowning the other noises in the surroundings.

Everyone fell silent immediately.

“The Three Sects and Two Clans will now join forces to open the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm... The Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who have decided to enter the realm please claim ownership of your Accumulative Points Jade before entering the realm,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi said.

As soon as Zhangsun Xiong Qi finished speaking, almost all of the 20,000 people present on the scene turned to look at the members from the Three Sects and Two Clans.

At this moment, Zhangsun Xiong Qi nodded at the four leaders from the other Three Clans and One Sect. Then, a square plate with complex runes engraved on its rough surface appeared in Zhangsun Xiong Qi’s hands.

**Chapter 2993: The Southern Heaven Ancient Realm is Open**

'Is that a... Formation compass?' Duan Ling Tian speculated inwardly when he saw the square plates with intricate inscriptions in the hands of the leaders from the Three Sects and Two Clans.

Indeed, Duan Ling Tian's speculation was correct. The Formation compasses were the key to opening the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. They had been given by the Profound Nether Mansion to the Three Sects and Two Clans for safekeeping.

Bihai Mingfeng, the Third Sect Leader from the Coupling Celestial Sect, said indifferently, "Let's begin." Then, he tossed the Formation compass in his hands out.

The Formation compass rose up into the sky instantly as a mysterious force surged out.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Following that, Zhangsun Xiong Qi, the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan, and the other leaders from the Three Sects and Two Clans followed suit and tossed the Formation compasses in their hands.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, the five Formation compasses formed a circle in the air. It was as though there was a mysterious connection between them that held them together.

A soft noise rang in the air before a burst of white light shone from the five Formation compasses at the same time. Eventually, the five lights merged into a beam of light that shot up into the sky. The beam of light was like a pillar that extended from the ground to the heavens.

Boom!

A loud noise rang in the air, causing the void to ripple in response. Soon after, a spatial tear appeared, revealing a majestic gate. Two pillars stood at the sides of the majestic gate, and the complex patterns on the pillars made them look ancient. Above the majestic gate, there was a sign with the words 'Southern Heaven Ancient Realm'.

Upon seeing the four words, most of the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials averted their eyes after a moment or two. A powerful energy had surged out toward them as soon as they laid eyes on the four words. They could not bear the pressure and could only look at the words for one or two breaths, at most, before they had to look away.

On the other hand, the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who were considered more powerful could only last a few breaths longer.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian, no one could look at the four words for more than ten breaths. The only reason Duan Ling Tian could look at the words for so long was due to the Profound Divine Metal that guarded his soul. This was because the pressure from the four words targeted one's soul.

"Hm?" After a while, Duan Ling Tian discovered the other Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials were unable to look at the sign for a long time. He was certain there was something special about the sign. With this discovery, he tried to blend in and averted his eyes as well.



Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian's action did not escape the notice of the leaders from the Three Sects and Two Clans.

"This young man is something else!"

The leaders from the Three Sects and Two Clans were aware of the immense pressure from the sign. How could they not be surprised that Duan Ling Tian was able to look at it two times longer compared to the others? Moreover, they had seen him deliberately avert his eyes.

"Interesting." On the sedan, Bihai Mingfeng, the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect, looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of a smile on his face.

Apart from the Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials, including Duan Ling Tian, who averted their eyes, the powerhouses from the other major forces also averted their eyes after more than a dozen breaths.

One of the Overarching Heavenly Celestials asked in a trembling voice, "Were those words left behind by our Southern Heaven Territory's Southern Heaven Celestial Lord?"

"That's right. These words were left behind by our Southern Heaven Territory's Southern Heaven Celestial Lord. However, we're not sure when the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord left these words behind..."

Among those who were present, there were some who knew the words were left behind by the Southern Heaven Territory's Southern Heaven Celestial Lord.

"Just the words he left behind are so terrifying! How much more terrifying would it be if he were here?" Huang Jia Long said in a slightly shaky voice.

"The Southern Heaven Celestial Lord..." Unlike Huang Jia Long, Duan Ling Tian was not even the slightest bit impressed by the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord's power. After all, he had met beings who were even more powerful than a Heavenly Emperor who ruled over a Devata Realm. All Heavenly Emperors who ruled over a Devata Realm were titled Celestial Emperors. It was only natural that he was unimpressed with a titled Celestial Lord. Although there was only one stage difference between the two, their strength was incomparable. A titled Celestial Emperor could easily kill a titled Celestial Lord with a flick of his or her finger. Moreover, he could not feel the seemingly crushing pressure that the others faced due to the protection from the Profound Divine Metal.

Clang!

A loud noise rang from the gate, attracting everyone's action. No one bothered to look at the sign above the gates anymore. Even the few powerhouses from the major forces who could endure the pressure looked away as the gate sounded.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, the gate opened inwards, revealing endless darkness. It was so dark that one would not even be able to see one's hand in front of one's face.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As soon as the gate in the spatial tear opened, ten people from each of the Three Sects and Two Clans moved to stand in front of the gates.

With the sign above the gate, everyone could, naturally, tell the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient realm lay beyond the gate. Thus, they were not surprised by the actions of the people from the Three Sects and Two Clans.

“Now, all those who aren’t entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, move back 1,000 meters,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi said in a booming voice.

Instantly, everyone from the various forces who accompanied their Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials here, including the Supporting Fall Nation’s Emperor Hu Lin Yi, moved back 1,000 meters.

The Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had changed their minds about entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm stepped back as well.

With roughly 8,000 people stepping backward, there were now roughly 12,000 people left. The nine people from the Supporting Fall Nation, including Duan Ling Tian, were among these 12,000 people.

“Very good. It seems like there are more than 10,000 participants.” A satisfied expression appeared on Zhangsun Xiong Qi’s face when he saw there were roughly 12,000 participants. “Out of 12,000, only 3,600 would survive. Those who survive may choose to join any of the Three Sects and Two Clans. The 3,600 survivors will also be ranked according to the points they have in their Accumulative Points Jades.”

“The top 100 participants will receive additional rewards from the Three Sects and Two Clans. The top 30 participants will be given better rewards. Needless to say, those who rank in the top ten, especially those in the top three, will be handsomely rewarded,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi continued to say, “Naturally, your rewards are separate from the rewards of the forces you represent. There’s no need for you to give a share of your rewards to the forces you represent.”

This meant that Duan Ling Tian would not have to share his rewards with Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, whom he represented.

“After this, all of you will be divided into 50 groups and take turns to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm... Everyone must first establish ownership over their Accumulative Points Jades; this includes the Minor Jades of the Accumulative Point Jades,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi explained, “The Minor Jade will be left out here so we can track the changes in your points. If your Accumulative Points Jade’s Major Jade shatters, the corresponding Minor Jade would shatter as well. Based on the points in your Minor Jade, we’ll rank you. However, those with only one point wouldn’t be ranked.”

‘The Accumulative Points Jade can be separated into a Major Jade and a Minor Jade? The Minor Jade I’ll be leaving here will be able to show my points, and they’ll rank me based on my points?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes glinted. Hu Lin Yi did not tell them about this earlier. Perhaps, Hu Lin Yi knew Zhangsun Xiong Qi would explain this to them.

“As for the other matters, I’m sure your respective leaders have already explained them to you... Now, split up into 50 groups and take turns entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi said, “Remember, everything you obtain there belongs to you. The higher your rank, the better you’d be treated when you join the Three Sects and Two Clans! Good luck!”

Subsequently, the 12,000 Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, including Duan Ling Tian, separated into 50 groups before they made their way to the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

The 50 people from the Three Sects and Two Clans would lead a group each.

After dropping a drop of blood on the Accumulative Point Jade's Major Jade and Minor Jade and passing the Minor Jade to the people from the Three Sects and Two Clans, the participants were granted entry to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

After establishing ownership on their Accumulative Points Jade, the first group crossed the gate and entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. No movement could be seen once they walked into the darkness beyond the gate.

One group after another, they entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Soon enough, it was the turn of the group where those Supporting Fall Nation were in.

#### **Chapter 2994: A Flock of Golden Horns Ravens**

All of the participants from the Supporting Fall Nation were in the same group. The first in line was Hu Jin Yong, the Fourth Prince of the Supporting Fall Nation.

"I'll go first... Take care everyone." After establishing ownership over the Major Jade and Minor Jade of his Accumulative Point Jade, Hu Ji Yong nodded at Duan Ling Tian and the others before he passed through the gate to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Initially, Hu Jin Yong had intended to let Duan Ling Tian stand in the lead. However, Duan Ling Tian did not care about such things and casually stood behind Huang Jia Long.

The second to enter was Huang Jia Long's younger brother, Huang Jia Chao. Although Huang Jia Long had many brothers, he had the closest relationship with Huang Jia Chao since they were closest in age. A solemn expression appeared on his face as he said, "Fifth brother, take extra care once you're inside. Don't bite off more than you can chew."

"Don't worry, brother. I'll make it out alive," Huang Jia Chao said with a smile. After that, he nodded at Duan Ling Tian before he entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Huang Jia Long was the next to enter. Before he entered, he said to Duan Ling Tian, "Brother Duan, I'll enter first...Although you have extraordinary strength, the Profound Nether Mansion is huge. There might be other Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who are strong as well. Be careful!" He was afraid Duan Ling Tian might underestimate the other Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who were also entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

"Don't worry." Duan Ling Tian nodded as he watched Huang Jia Long go in. Naturally, he knew that there would always be someone stronger no matter how strong one was. In fact, he was more experienced than Huang Jia Long even though Huang Jia Long was born in a Devata Realm and he was just a

transcender. After all, he had met beings more powerful than Heavenly Emperors of Devata Realms. He was not as clueless as Huang Jia Long imagined him to be.

After Huang Jia Long, it was finally Duan Ling Tian's turn to enter the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. He took out his Accumulative Points Jade and established ownership over it in front of the person from the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect who was in charge of their group.

Following that, the person from the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect took out a small piece of jade for Duan Ling Tian to establish ownership over it. It was none other than the Accumulative Points Jade's Minor Jade that would reflect the points from his Major Jade.

The person from the Cloud Platform Celestial who was in charge of Duan Ling Tian's group was a young man. He said expressionlessly, "After establishing ownership over your Major Jade, you can use your Divine Consciousness to check your points... At this moment, you only have one point."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian instantly sent his Divine Consciousness into his Accumulative Points Jade. As the young man had said, he had one point now.

"If there's nothing else, you can go in now," the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect's disciple said after registering Duan Ling Tian's name.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded and stepped past the gate in front of him into the darkness. As soon as he stepped in, he felt a pulling force overwhelming him. He tried to resist but to no avail. There was only darkness everywhere, and he felt as though the world was spinning. This feeling lasted for more than a dozen breaths. When it finally stopped spinning, the darkness was replaced with a blinding light that caused him to wince.

"This is..." Duan Ling Tian squinted his eyes and surveyed his surroundings. He discovered he was in a forest. There were some trees he was not familiar with. Yellow leaves littered the ground that was rather soft.

"Hm?" Duan Ling Tian's attraction was soon attracted by a strange and dense dark yellow shrub. Its color allowed it to almost blend with the ground. As soon as he looked at the shrub, he saw a pair of eyes glowing with green light looking back at him in the shrub. In just a blink of an eye, a dark yellow figure leaped out and lunged at him.

"It's a Celestial Beast!" Duan Ling Tian saw the dark yellow figure was a Celestial Beast with a wolf-like appearance. Based on its eyes, he could tell it had not gained intelligence.

Without wasting any time, he used his Divine Consciousness to probe the Celestial Beast. "It's cultivation base is similar to a Profound Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! Its attacks are similar to those boosted by a heaven-grade Celestial Method or Divine Ability."

Whoosh!

When the Celestial Beast drew close to him, Duan Ling Tian charged out at the speed of lightning. A mustard glow exuding a fierce aura appeared in his hand at the same time. He swept out his right hand

that contained his Celestial Origin Energy and the Fundamental Profundity of the law of earth, the Earth Elemental Profundity.

The Celestial Beast howled when Duan Ling Tian caught it by the scruff of its neck with his Celestial Origin Energy that had transformed into a huge hand. With four limbs on the ground, the beast stood at 1.5-meter tall, and its neck was incredibly thick. If it were not for his Celestial Origin Energy that he transformed into a huge hand, he would not be able to hold it by the scruff of its neck. Although he could easily kill it, he deliberately left it alive.

“Hmmm, it’s not an illusion from a Formation. It’s a real living and breathing Celestial Beasts. There are living creatures in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?” Upon further investigation with his Divine Consciousness, he was shocked to discover the Celestial Beast was real.

‘So a Little World created by a Celestial Lord is able to house living creatures?’ Although he did not know much about Little Worlds left behind by Celestial Lords, he knew quite a bit about Little Worlds created by Celestial Dukes and Celestial Kings. Based on his understanding, humans, or other living creatures, would not be able to stay in Little Worlds created by Celestial Kings for long. After a period of time, they would be forcefully sent out of the Little World.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head when a thought appeared in his mind. ‘Wait... There’s a possibility this beast was recently sent in here...’

When Duan Ling Tian looked at the Celestial Beast again, he could see instinctive fear in the beast’s eyes. Before he let go of the beast, he said, “I’ll spare your life this time. If you dare to attack me again, you’ll die!”

After Duan Ling Tian loosened his grip on the Celestial Beast’s neck, it gave Duan Ling Tian a final frightened look before leaping away.

“Where’s this place?” Duan Ling Tian stomped down with his feet that contained Celestial Origin Energy and shot up into the sky, stirring up the yellow leaves on the ground.

“Hm? There are restrictions?” After rising 100 meters into the air, Duan Ling Tian discovered he could no longer rise any higher no matter how much Celestial Origin Energy he used or how many times he cast the Earth Elemental Profundity. It was as though there was an invisible barrier in the sky.

“At this height, I won’t be able to see anything useful.” Duan Ling Tian hovered in the air as he looked around his surroundings. All he could see was an endless forest.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

All of a sudden, a noise rang from the distance.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian did not pay it any attention. However, as the noise drew closer, he found that it resembled the sound of water raging after the dam had broken.

“That...” Duan Ling Tian looked in the direction of the commotion and saw tiny black flecks heading his way at high speed. The black flecks grew larger and larger as they drew closer. When they eventually

drew close enough, he discovered the black flecks were ravens the size of eagles. These black ravens had golden horns on their heads. And the horns glowed with a strange light.

“These... These are Golden Horn Ravens?” Duan Ling Tian’s expression changed drastically when he saw the thousands of ravens flying toward him.

Although Golden Horns Ravens were Celestial Beasts without intelligence, they were incredibly strong. Without cultivating, their cultivation bases were similar to a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

“These Golden Horns Ravens are as strong as peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials!” Based on their speed, Duan Ling Tian could easily guess their strength. He felt his head ache immediately. He would not be worried if there were only a dozen of them. Even if there were just 100 of them, they would still pose a threat to him. With hundreds of them forming a Formation, with his current strength, he would surely die! The scariest part about them was not their strength; it was the bond and tacit understanding they had.

One Golden Horns Ravens were not threatening, but as soon as they joined forces, they would become extremely terrifying.

Rumor had it that several thousand Golden Horns Ravens in a formation could easily kill a powerful Celestial Duke!

“Wait! These ravens are already flying in a formation! I think they’re hunting!” As the thousands of Golden Horns Ravens drew closer, Duan Ling Tian discovered the ravens were already flying in a formation.

Duan Ling Tian did not waste any time and shot back into the forest as a mustard glow shrouded him. This was his only choice for now. Once he entered the forest, the Golden Horns Ravens would not be able to maintain their formation if they decided to dive down at him. This way, his chances of survival were higher.

Anxiety rose in his heart as he muttered to himself, “Why am I so unlucky? I’ve only just entered, and I’ve already encountered a flock of Golden Horns Ravens!”

### **Chapter 2995: Scoreboard**

There were thousands of Golden Horns Ravens. Thus, Duan Ling Tian could only escape far away after he rushed into the forest to break the ravens’ formation.

The Golden Horns Ravens were slower than Duan Ling Tian when they were not in a formation. However, if they were in formation, their speed would be comparable to a Celestial Duke.

Although the thousands of Golden Horns Ravens would have to break their formation when they entered the forest, it would not take long for them to regroup and fly in formation again. At that time, it would be easy for them to catch up to Duan Ling Tian and kill him!

“They weren’t so fast earlier. They only became faster when they drew close to me. It seems like they only completed their formation at that time.” After rushing into the forest, Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial

Origin Energy intensified and shot into the ground. Soon after, he shone with a golden and purple light. At the same time, a whirlpool in front of him, absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings before it disappeared.

Duan Ling Tian had cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, the Eastern Purple Qi, and the Immobilization King Method. At the same time, his Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body rapidly after it coursed through his 99 Heavenly Veins.

Swoosh!

A lightning bolt that was a mixture of mustard, gold, and purple suddenly shot out of Duan Ling Tian as he moved swiftly through the forest. After a while, he suddenly came to halt. He discovered the forest was strangely quiet; it was unsettling. "What's going on?"

Duan Ling Tian boldly turned around and retraced his steps. Strange enough, he did not see any Golden Horn Ravens. Even when he walked to the place where he first dove down to escape, he did not see any Golden Horn Ravens.

"What's going on?" Curious, Duan Ling Tian flew up into the air again, but he did not completely leave the protection of the forest. At the same time, he extended his Divine Consciousness; he could clearly sense a few auras above the forest.

"Is it possible that the Golden Horn Ravens can't enter the forest?" As Duan Ling Tian hovered near the treetops he saw thousands of Golden Horn Ravens in the air. They were all staring at him at this moment. Most importantly, they were still in formation.

'Let's see if I'm right...' With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply before he flew out of the forest at lightning speed. Naturally, he did not stray too far from the forest.

At this moment, a series of cacophonous cries resounded in the sky. The piercing cries hurt Duan Ling Tian's eardrums. It was so painful that it felt as though they were going to rupture.

After taking a closer look, Duan Ling Tian realized that the golden horns on the heads of the ravens began to shine brightly before they flapped their wings and swooped down toward him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sight of thousands of Golden Horn Ravens swooping down at him was so terrifying that he felt chills running up his spine. He did not waste any time and quickly returned to the forest.

When the Golden Horn Ravens drew close to the forest, they stopped immediately as though they were being held back by an invisible barrier. Then, they returned to their original positions and stared at Duan Ling Tian.

"I knew it." With this, Duan Ling Tian confirmed his speculation. Indeed, for some reason, the Golden Horn Ravens could not enter the forest. He was not too surprised by this discovery. After all, if these thousands of the Golden Horn Ravens were allowed to roam unfettered in the Southern Ancient Realm, all of the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who entered the realm would die.

“The presence of these Golden Horns Ravens prevent Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in the forest from traveling to the sky above the forest. If one leaves the protection of the forest, one would definitely be attacked by the Golden Horns Ravens.” Duan Ling Tian speculated that this was a restriction in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm to prevent them from flying over the forest.

It would be difficult for Duan Ling Tian to get the lay of the land since he could not fly up into the air. He could only explore the forest bit by bit and stick to the ground for now.

“I guess I’ll just randomly pick a direction and see where it leads me to...” Duan Ling Tian no longer wasted any time and charged in a random direction. Due to his speed, many of the non-intelligent Celestial Beasts in the forest that were alarmed by his movements could not catch up to him.

“My current speed is equivalent to a Celestial Duke... The strongest Celestial Beast I’ve encountered so far is only comparable to an ordinary peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. It might be a threat to ordinary Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials but not to me.”

If Duan Ling Tian had not comprehended the law of earth’s Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity, his journey would not have been so smooth. Due to his comprehension of the Earth Elemental Profundity, he moved unimpeded in the forest.

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Time passed by quietly. In just a blink of an eye, ten days had passed.

In the air above the center of Scaling Cloud Lake.

The entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, otherwise, known as the Void Gate, had been closed after the 12,000 Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials had passed through it. After the Void Gate closed, a veil of light suddenly appeared in the air in front of the gate. The veil shone with an intense white light. It looked almost as though a huge sheet of paper was hanging in front of the gate.

In the beginning, many people were intrigued by this paper-like veil of light. However, after ten days, fewer and fewer people paid attention to it.

At this moment, someone cried out, “Someone’s name has appeared!”

These words drew the attention of the people back to the veil of light immediately. They saw a name appear on the veil of light, looking no different from a name written on a piece of paper. They saw the words, Wu Xiao Yu, two points.

“Wu Xiao Yu!”

“Who’s Wu Xiao Yu?”

“Since his name is the first to appear on the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm’s scoreboard, it means he’s the first person to kill a participant.”

“I wonder who he killed...”



“The respective leaders of the participants should have the participants’ Soul Pearls in hand. With this, we’ll be able to find out who died, right?”

“You’re mistaken... According to the Southern Heavenly Territory’s history, the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm comprehended and mastered the law of time. When he was creating the upper, middle, and lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, he laid a Formation using the law of time. For this reason, if someone dies in the realm, his Soul Pearl wouldn’t shatter at his time of death. It might take a while before the Soul Pearl shatters. Moreover, the period of delay isn’t fixed. Due to the time lag, if more than one person is killed, we won’t be able to tell who has killed who based on the time a name appears on the scoreboard and the time a Soul Pearl shatters...”

“This means if someone with a weak background kills an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial from a grade-seven force, the force wouldn’t be able to seek revenge, right?”

“That’s right. The Southern Heaven Celestial Lord was also concerned about this so he laid that Formation in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.”

At the same time, the air above the center of Scaling Cloud lake that was originally silent turned lively once the first name appeared on the scoreboard.

An old man laughed in delight when he saw the name on the scoreboard. “Xiao Yu, good job!”

“Congratulations, Brother Wu! Your grandchild is in the lead for now!” A middle-aged man and an old man standing nearby smiled and congratulated the laughing old man. However, a hint of jealousy brewed in the depths of their eyes.

The old man, Brother Wu, was from a grade-eight clan. Wu Xiao Yu, whose name was the first to appear on the scoreboard, was his grandson.

The two people who congratulated him were from another two grade-eight clans who had also sent their respective Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials into the realm.

“Well, there’s a possibility it’s just someone who has the same name as my grandson,” the old man, Brother Wu, modestly replied. Inwardly, he did not think there would be such a coincidence. He was rather certain it was his grandson. After all, there were only 12,000 people who entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, and his grandson’s name was not a popular name.

About two hours after the first name appeared, another commotion broke out...

“Another name has appeared!”

Ling Jue Yun, two points.

‘Ling Jue Yun? Isn’t he the genius sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation?’ When Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, saw the second name on the scoreboard, his eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he looked at a middle-aged man with a medium stature.

This middle-aged man had an imposing and majestic air about him. There was no doubt he was someone with high status. He was beaming when Ling Jue Yun's name appeared on the scoreboard.

"It seems Ling Jue Yun is the genius sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation." Based on the middle-aged man's reaction, Hu Lin Yi confirmed his speculation.

The middle-aged man with a medium build was none other than the Emperor of the East Ming Nation. He had personally led the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from his nation here.

Many of the representatives from grade-eight sects and clans who accompanied their respective forces' Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials here held a high position in their respective forces.

On the other hand, the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from grade-eight Celestial Kingdoms were mostly accompanied by the respective emperors of their nations.

"Heavens! His points increased again!"

Before Hu Lin Yi regained his sense, another cry resounded in the air. He instinctively turned to look at the scoreboard and saw Ling Jue Yun who ranked second on the scoreboard had jumped to first place with three points. 'Ling Jue Yun managed to kill two people in such a short time?'

#### **Chapter 2996: Some Were Happy While Some Were Worried**

Since Ling Jue Yun managed to obtain two points in such a short time, he must have killed two Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials consecutively.

"Killing two people in a row... It seems like this Ling Jue Yun is extraordinarily strong."

"Yes. Those who have entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm this time are all the cream of the crop among Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials... And yet, this Ling Jue Yuen managed to kill two consecutively. Regardless if he achieved this through his strength alone or through trickeries, there's no doubt he's strong."

"I wonder which force Ling Jue Yun represents..."

"I know a little about Ling Jue Yun. He's a sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation... He single-handedly defeated the other eight Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials who had joined forces during the Southern Heaven Combat in the East Ming Nation. At that time, he was only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial."

"How can a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial be so strong? Did he... did he comprehend the profundities of a law?"

"Yes! Moreover, it's said that the law he comprehended isn't an ordinary law; it's the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws!"

"The law of death?!"

After Ling Jue Yun jumped to the top of the scoreboard, a heated discussion that revolved around him broke out. Another commotion erupted when his background and the law he comprehended were revealed.

With this revelation, many people approached the Emperor of the East Ming Nation to congratulate him.

“A sectless Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial defeated the eight strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in a grade-eight Celestial Kingdom?”

“The law of death?”

The five leaders of the Three Sects and Two Clans were also amazed when they heard about Ling Jue Yun’s achievements.

Zhangsun Xiong Qi, the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan, said with a sigh, “What a surprise that the second name to appear on the scoreboard is such an outstanding young man...”

Soon after, a voice could be heard saying, “Rumor has it that Ling Jue Yun is not even 100 years old!”

“Not even 100 years old?!” Upon hearing this, even Bihai Mingfeng, the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect, was amazed. “Such a genius entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?”

Although there was no doubt Ling Jue Yun was extraordinary for comprehending the law of death and defeating the collective force of the eight strongest Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in a grade-eight Celestial Kingdom when he was a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, there was no lack of people like that in the Profound Nether Mansion. However, it was almost unheard of for someone to achieve all these things below the age of 100.

Bihai Mingfeng glanced at Zhangsun Xiong Qi and the other leaders of the Three Sects and Two Clans before he lightly said, “I want to recruit this person... As for the others, I won’t fight with all of you to recruit them.”

Upon hearing Bihai Mingfeng’s words, the four leaders from the Three Sects and Two Clans shook their heads without any hesitation.

“Sect Leader Bihai, forgive me for not agreeing to your request... Even if I agree to it, my sect leader definitely won’t agree to it. Moreover, according to the rule set by the Profound Nether Mansion, laying claims isn’t allowed, right?” an old man bluntly said. He was Zhang Guang Zheng, the Grand Elder of the Simplicity Celestial Sect.

“Sect Leader Bihai, I can’t agree to this as well,” an old monk chimed in soon after. He was Heng Chang, the Palace Master of the Arhat Hall in the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect.

In the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, the Palace Masters of the Cloud Platform Celestial, excluding the guardians of the sect, were only second to the Sect Leader of the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect. And among the Palace Masters of the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect, Heng Chan, the Palace Master of the

Arhat Hall, was the strongest. For this reason, Heng Chan was the highest-ranking person in the sect after the sect leader and the two guardians.

“Sect Leader Bihai, you’re putting me in a very difficult position,” Gongyang Yu, the elder of the Gongyang Clan, said with a bitter smile. Compared to Heng Chan and Zhang Guang Zheng, he seemed a little lacking in confidence.

“Sect Leader Bihai, I think we should let him choose the sect or clan he wants to join when he comes out of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm,” Zhangsun Xiong Qi, the Second Elder of the Zhangsun Clan, replied tactfully. His words indirectly but clearly conveyed his refusal to comply with Bihai Mingfeng’s request.

Hearing the four people’s responses, Bihai Mingfeng narrowed his eyes with a cold expression on his face. However, he remained silent. He could easily kill the four people before him if he so wished. Unfortunately, the four people before him had the support of grade-seven forces that were also closely related to the Profound Nether Mansion, just like the Coupling Celestial Sect that he belonged to. It would be easy for him to kill them, but the consequences would not be easy to deal with. Moreover, the Mansion Master of the Profound Nether Mansion would not allow him to make an enemy out of the other four major forces.

At this moment...

“Another name has appeared!”

“Wait...the fourth name has also appeared!”

“There’s the fifth name as well!”

Shortly after Ling Jue Yun rose to the top of the scoreboard with three points, several people’s names appeared on the scoreboard one after another. However, according to some people who were in the know, these people whose name just appeared on the scoreboard could hardly be considered as outstanding peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials. Their strength was far inferior to Ling Jue Yun’s strength.

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In just a blink of an eye, another ten days had passed.

At this time, thousands of names had appeared on the scoreboard. Moreover, the person at the top of the scoreboard was no longer Ling Jue Yun. He had dropped to second place.

The person at the top of the scoreboard now was Yao Wei, a member of a grade-seven force. His main objective of entering the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm was not to join the Three Sects and Two Clans but to use the Three Sects and Two Clans as a springboard to enter the Profound Nether Mansion.

“This Yao Wei has earned eight points... Who’s he? He’s even more terrifying than Ling Jue Yun!”

“You’ve not heard of Yao Wei? He’s a talented member of the Yao Clan, a grade-seven clan. He’s the most outstanding person to appear in the Yao Clan in the past 10,000 years. He’s not even 200 years old, but he’s already a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended the profundities of a law...”

“So... he’s as strong as Ling Jue Yun?”

“He is still weaker than Ling Jue Yun... After all, Ling Jue Yun had comprehended the law of death while he had only comprehended the law of water. In addition, Ling Jue Yun hasn’t even reached the age of 100.”

“Every time the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm opens, there would be people from grade-seven forces who come to join the fun. All of them have the intention to enter the Profound Nether Mansion through the Three Sects and Two Clans, but how many of them actually succeeded in the end?”

That’s right! Many people from grade-seven forces entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm to join the Three Sects and Two Clans that are also grade-seven forces just so they could enter the Profound Nether Mansion. Failing that, they could only dejectedly return to their original forces.”

“I wonder why the Three Sects and Two Clans are willing to accept these people... These people are clearly ingrates!”

“In fact, the Three Sects and Two Clans don’t want to recruit these people from grade-seven forces. However, the Profound Nether Palace forbade them from doing so. That’s why the Three Sects and Two Clans have no choice but to accept these people.”

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Another twenty days had passed.

Among the thousands of names on the scoreboard, most of them only had two points. Only Yao Wei who was in the first place had eight points, and Ling Jue Yun who was in the second place had seven points.

At this moment, a sorrowful cry rang in the air, attracting many people’s attention. “Qi’er!”

An elderly man held a shattered Soul Pearl in his hand as tears fell from his eyes that were widened in disbelief.

“That’s... He’s Yang Ji, the revered elder of the Sunlight Celestial Kingdom’s Imperial family. He’s a One Basic Celestial King. It seems like his grandson who entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm has died?”

“I guess so... Yang Ji’s grandson is Yang Qi...”

“Among the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, Yang Qi can be regarded as quite strong. Even then, he died so quickly. It seems like he was unlucky and ran into someone stronger than him.”

“It’s obvious his opponent was much stronger than him. If his opponent was only slightly stronger, even if he couldn’t defeat his opponent, he would still be able to escape.”

“Since the identity of the first person who died has been revealed, I assume it won’t be long before the identities of the others who had died are revealed...”

Everyone watched as the old man, Yang Ji, stared at the names on the scoreboard as though he was trying to figure out who killed his grandson. Alas, due to the time lag from the Formation, even if only one-tenth of the people on the scoreboard were capable of killing his grandson, the suspects still numbered in the hundreds. Unless the murderer confessed or if there was a witness, it would be impossible for him to find out who killed his grandson.

Soon after, cries after cries of sorrow rang in the air. Their expressions were dark as they looked at the shattered Soul Pearls in their hands. These people were mostly close relatives of the deceased.

“Yuan’er!”

“Little Kai!”

“Mo Chou!”

At this moment, there were some people who were happy and some who were worried.

Some of them looked at the scoreboard intently, as though willing a certain name to appear.

Meanwhile, Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, was also looking at the scoreboard. He was perplexed when he did not find Duan Ling Tian’s name. ‘Huang’er is on the list, and Jia Long is also on the list... However, Duan Ling Tian’s name hasn’t appeared. He’s strong so this doesn’t make sense...’

‘There are only two possibilities... One, Duan Ling Tian hasn’t made a move. Two, he has already been killed.’ With this thought in mind, Hu Lin Yi extended his Divine Consciousness into his Spatial Ring. He sighed in relief quietly when he saw Duan Ling Tian’s intact Soul Pearl.

However, shortly after that, Hu Lin Yi’s expression changed slightly when his eyes moved to the other Soul Pearls. He saw one of the Soul Pearls had shattered! The Soul Pearl belonged to a relatively strong peak Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial from the Supporting Fall Nation! Although this person was the weakest among the nine Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials from the Supporting Fall Nation, he could not help but feel uneasy.

### **Chapter 2997: Duan Ling Tian’s Name Appears on the Scoreboard**

Once an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial died, he or she would no longer be of any use to the force he or she represented. After all, how could the forces be rewarded for participants who had died in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm?

For this reason, Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, was still worried even though only one of the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials representing the Supporting Fall Nation had died.

The change in Hu Lin Yi’s expression did not escape the notice of the old man accompanying him. “Your Majesty, what’s the matter?”

Hu Lin Yi did not hide the matter and honestly replied, “Tan Chen is dead.”

The shattered Soul Pearl belonged to Tan Chen.

“Just him?” the old man asked.

“Yes.” Hu Lin Yi nodded.

“Your Majesty, this is actually good news... You see, there are already 1,000 names on the scoreboard... This means more than 1,000 people have been killed. The top two names on the scoreboard have more than three to four points. According to my calculations, the number of people who have been killed so far is roughly around 2,000. 12,000 people entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, and about 2,000 people have died so far. Since only one person from the Supporting Fall Nation has died, it can be considered as a good result...” the old man said to Hu Lin Yi as he looked at the scoreboard in front of the entrance to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“You’re forgetting something.” Upon hearing the old man’s words, Hu Lin Yi shook his head. “Based on your calculations, roughly 2,000 people have died, and yet, less than 2,000 Soul Pearls have shattered. Due to the time lag, we can’t be sure that only one of our participants has died...”

The old man fell silent upon hearing Hu Lin Yi’s words.

Due to the Formation that contained the law of time that the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord set up after he created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, people would not be able to instantly find out when someone had died even if they had the deceased’s Soul Pearls. Therefore, Hu Lin Yi was right to say there was no guarantee only one participant from the Supporting Fall Nation had died even if only one Soul Pearl had shattered.

The old man next to Hu Lin Yi shifted his eyes to the bottom of the scoreboard as he looked at the newly-added names.

For people with the same number of points, the order of the ranking was determined by who had appeared on the scoreboard first.

Soon after, the old man saw a familiar name and exclaimed in a low voice, “Huang Jia Chao!”

Huang Jia Chao was the fifth son of Huang Yuan Fei, the County Governor of Passage City in the Supporting Fall Nation.

Upon hearing the old man’s words, Hu Lin Yi looked up immediately at the bottom of the scoreboard. “Jia Chao’s name has appeared on the scoreboard?”

In just a short moment, a few more names appeared on the scoreboard.

“Meng Qiu Yu?” Hu Lin Yi saw another familiar name on the scoreboard. Then, he instinctively turned to look at an old woman standing not far behind him.

The old woman was known as Grandma Meng, and she was Meng Qiu Yu’s grandmother. She was a One Basic Celestial King powerhouse. When Meng Qiu Yu came to live in the palace after participating and winning a place in the Supporting Fall Nation’s Southern Heaven Combat, she had stayed by Meng Qiu Yu’s side.

At that time, Hu Lin Yi had extended an invitation to Grandma Meng to join the Supporting Fall Nation, but she had declined his invitation. Although he felt it was a pity, he was not upset. After all, it was no surprise that a One Basic Celestial King refused to stay in a grade-eight Celestial Kingdom. Such powerhouses would not do so unless they had special reasons.

The old man next to Hu Lin Yi was also a One Basic Celestial King. However, the old man was already working for Hu Lin Yi long before he had a breakthrough and became a Celestial King.

“Huh? She doesn’t seem surprised that Meng Qiu Yu’s name has appeared on the scoreboard. Is she just pretending to be calm?”

Although Grandma Meng heard Hu Lin Yi’s words, her expression remained unchanged as she looked at Meng Qiu Yu’s name on the scoreboard.

In Hu Lin Yi’s opinion, Grandma Meng was only pretending to be calm.

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As time passed, more and more names appeared on the scoreboard.

After another ten days, there were now roughly 2,000 names on the scoreboard. During this time, some names on the scoreboard had disappeared as well. After some time, a few names at the top would gain a lot of points. This, naturally, meant that those who were ranked at the top had killed some of the people on the scoreboard and also obtained their victims’ points. Alas, due to the time lag caused by the Formation, no one could tell who had killed who.

“A month has passed... Why hasn’t Duan Ling Tian’s name appeared yet?” Perplexed, Hu Lin Yi looked at Duan Ling Tian’s intact Soul Pearl that was lying quietly in his Spatial Ring before he looked at the scoreboard.

Since the names on the scoreboard had risen to 2,000, the numbers no longer increased sharply. On the contrary, it seemed to be on a downward trend. This was only normal since many of the 12,000 who entered the Southern Heaven Realm had died.

Hu Lin Yi regained his sense when he heard an elderly voice saying, “Duan Ling Tian’s name has appeared!” He instinctively looked at the source of the voice and saw it was Grandma Meng who had spoken.

“Duan Ling Tian’s name has appeared?” Hu Lin Yi frowned. He had been looking at the scoreboard earlier. If Duan Ling Tian’s name had truly appeared, he would not have missed it.

Hu Lin Yi still felt skeptical when the old man next to him explained, “Your Majesty, Duan Ling Tian’s name did appear... However, it didn’t appear at the bottom. It directly appeared in the middle of the scoreboard.”

Upon hearing Grandma Meng’s words, the old man had also initially looked at the bottom of the scoreboard. After failing to find Duan Ling Tian’s name, his eyes immediately moved upward. It did not take long before he found Duan Ling Tian’s name in the middle. At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was ranked 930th, and he had three points.

Since most new names that appeared on the scoreboard would appear at the bottom, Hu Lin Yi subconsciously thought Duan Ling Tian’s name would appear at the bottom of the scoreboard as well.



“Three points? Did he kill two people consecutively or did the person he killed have two points?” Hu Lin Yi wondered out loud.

“I didn’t expect Duan Ling Tian to enter the top 1,000 as soon as his name appeared on the scoreboard. Now, Jia Chao is lagging behind.” Of the five participants from the Supporting Fall Nation whose names had appeared on the scoreboard, four of them had three points. Jia Chao was the only one who had two points.

The four participants from the Supporting Fall Nation who had three points were Huang Jia Long who was ranked 322nd, Hu Ji Yong who was ranked 353rd, Meng Qiu Yu, who was ranked 398th, and Duan Ling Tian who was ranked 930th. Among these people, Duan Ling Tian was the last to appear on the scoreboard, therefore, he was ranked below them.

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In the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

In the forest, two figures stood across each other. The strong smell of gunpowder permeated the air, and the atmosphere was tense.

They were two young men. One was dressed in purple and the other was dressed in green. Moreover, both of them were handsome with extraordinary bearings. However, upon closer inspection, one would be able to see that the purple-clad young man was more pleasing to the eyes and had a friendlier countenance compared to the green-clad young man. The green-clad young man’s expression was cold, making him look fierce and vicious.

A corpse that belonged to a blue-clad young man lay on the ground not far in front of the purple-clad young man. No bloody wounds could be seen on the corpse’s body. However, if one looked closely, one would be able to see corpse’s chest was concave.

‘What a surprise! He actually had two points!’ Duan Ling Tian sent his Divine Consciousness into his Accumulative Points Jade that was hanging from his waist. He was taken aback when he saw his points had increased from one to three. He was, naturally, delighted by this.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes drifted to the green-clad young man standing in front of him and thought, ‘Perhaps, this person has even more points!’

The green-clad young man and the dead blue-clad young man were the first people he met after exploring the forest for a month. Based on their interactions and words, he guessed that the two people were from the same force and were closely related.

Before the blue-clad young man died, he had said to the green-clad young man as he fiercely charged toward Duan Ling Tian, “Brother, I will capture this kid and send him to you so that you can kill him!”

The blue-clad young man was only as strong as Huang Jia Long was during the Supporting Fall Nation’s Southern Heaven Combat. Currently, Huang Jia Long’s strength had improved tremendously after he began to comprehend the wind-type King Grade Divine Ability that contained the law of wind. Although he had not fully mastered the law of wind’s Fundamental Profundity, it still increased his strength a lot.

Based on the blue-clad young man's words, Duan Ling Tian deduced that the green-clad young man had to be superior to the blue-clad young man in both strength and status. After all, if the green-clad young man only had higher status, it would be useless in the Southern Heaven Realm, and the blue-clad young man would have killed the green-clad young man. Due to the anonymity afforded to the participants, a high status would not stop one from being killed. Judging by how respectful the blue-clad young man was to the green-clad young man, it was clear the green-clad young man was stronger.

Before encountering Duan Ling Tian, the blue-clad young man had easily and successfully killed one person. Not even in his wildest dreams would he be able to imagine that he would be killed by Duan Ling Tian, a kid who was not even 100 years old.

A shocked expression could still be seen on the blue-clad young man's corpse. His eyes were wide open as though he could not rest in peace.

After looking at Duan Ling Tian for a while, the green-clad young man broke the silence first. "The law of earth... Interesting."

### **Chapter 2998: The Gale Profundity**

From beginning to end, the green-clad young man seemed indifferent to the death of his companion. His expression did not even change at the moment of his companion's death. It was as though the blue-clad young man was not his companion but a passerby.

"The law of earth's Earth Elemental Profundity... Interesting." Based on the green-clad young man's words, it was clear he knew Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity. Nevertheless, there was no fear or panic to be seen on his face, and he was brimming with confidence.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian's expression turned slightly solemn. There were only two reasons why the green-clad young man could remain composed at this moment. One, the green-clad young man was trying to put up a front to call Duan Ling Tian's bluff. Two, the green-clad young man had also comprehended the profundity of a law.

Duan Ling Tian's gut instinct told him it was more likely to be the latter reason.

At this moment, the green-clad young man's gaze suddenly turned fierce as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. At the same time, Celestial Origin Energy began to surge out of his body. His Celestial Origin Energy soon turned into a gust of cyan wind that wrapped itself around his body and lifted him in the air. It was clear he did not rely on his power to levitate; it was all the gust of cyan wind's doing.

"The Wind Elemental Profundity!" Based on this, Duan Ling Tian knew the green-clad young man had comprehended the law of wind's Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity. Moreover, he could tell the green-clad young man's comprehension of the Wind Elemental Profundity was far ahead of Huang Jia Long. Huang Jia Long had only comprehended and mastered a small part of the Wind Elemental Profundity whereas the green-clad young man had already mastered the Wind Elemental Profundity. Moreover, judging by the speed the Wind Elemental Profundity had merged with his Celestial Origin Energy, it was clear the green-clad young man had long mastered the Wind Elemental Profundity.

“I’m Sima Chun from the Sima Clan,” the green-clad young said in a low voice at this moment.

‘Sima Clan? The grade-seven clan in the Profound Nether Mansion that’s only second to the Three Sects and Two Clans?’ Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he heard the green-clad young man’s introduction.

During the journey to the Scaling Cloud Lake, Duan Ling Tian had learned about the Sima Clan from Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation. He really did not expect the green-clad young man in front of him to be from the Sima Clan.

Duan Ling Tian recalled Huang Jia Long telling him that apart from grade-eight sects, clans, and kingdoms, there would be people from grade-seven forces entering the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. According to Huang Jia Long, due to them being in grade-seven forces, most of them had comprehended King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities very early in their lives. Among these people, the most outstanding one had already comprehended two profundities of a law. ‘No wonder he’s so confident... He’s from a grade-seven clan.’

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he introduced himself. “I’m Duan Ling Tian from the Supporting Fall Nation.”

“You’re not even 100 years old, but you’re already a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who has comprehended the law of earth’s Fundamental Profundity, the Earth Elemental Profundity... Your talent and comprehension skills are extraordinary.” Sima Chun looked at Duan Ling Tian and praised him without any hints of unwillingness. “This is the first time in my life meeting someone like you.”

“You’re not too bad yourself,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

“Alas, you’re destined to fall here today. I’d be forever proud being able to kill such a highly talented person like you,” Sima Chun said as his eyes flashed with killing intent.

In order to score points, it was impossible for one to spare the lives of one’s opponents, after all, unless one was very well-acquainted with one’s opponents.

Sima Chun’s confidence was evident judging by how certain he sounded when he said he was going to kill Duan Ling Tian even when he knew Duan Ling Tian was strong.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian speculated inwardly, ‘It seems like Sima Chun might be one of those people whom Jia Long mentioned. He might have comprehended two profundities of a law!’

There was no doubt that an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial who had comprehended two profundities of a law was the strongest among all the Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had entered the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. It would be easy for someone like that to dominate the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!

In the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, any Dao talisman that contained the Celestial Origin Energy of an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial or someone stronger could not be used. If one tried to use it, it would only be destroyed by a Formation in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm the moment its power was released. Since most offensive Dao Talismans contained

Celestial Origin Energy of those stronger than an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, they, naturally, could not be used in the realm as well. Therefore, everything depended on one's strength.

Upon hearing Sima Chun's words, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes. His voice was frosty as he said, "A lot of people have said this... Alas, in the end, all of them died without exception."

"That's because they're useless... I, however, will be the exception!" Sima Chun raised his hand as he spoke. Soon after, a sword glowing with a mysterious light appeared in his hand. It was a King Grade Celestial Sword.

"Then, go ahead and try!" A long rod, a King Grade Celestial Weapon as well, appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand. Among the few King Grade Celestial Weapons he owned, the long rod was a purely offensive Celestial Weapon. That was why he usually used it in his attacks.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian cast his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities.

Sima Chun's expression soured when he saw Duan Ling Tian remaining fearless. The cyan wind around his body seemed to stir for a moment before he seemed to have turned into a gust of wind himself as he swept toward Duan Ling Tian. At the same time, a blue light that seemed to boost his speed could be seen under his feet. He looked like a cheetah as he moved at such a deadly speed.

"Oh?" Just when Duan Ling Tian thought Sima Chun's speed could not increase any further, he saw Sima Chun's body flickering, seemingly disappearing into thin air. He could no longer see Sima Chun.

'Is this... the law of wind's second profundity that he comprehended?' Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically when he thought about this. He could think of anything else that could grant Sima Chun such a terrifying speed. He speculated inwardly, 'His speed has increased so much in just an instant... The law of wind's second profundity that he had comprehended must be a movement profundity...'

"Boy, if you don't want to die, try your best to merge the Earth Elemental Profundity with your Celestial Origin Energy and channel it into your vest!" the Chaos Divine Earth said anxiously at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian hurriedly did as he was told. After merging the Earth Elemental Profundity with his Celestial Origin Energy, he channeled it into the vest he was wearing, which was a purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon. Red scales appeared on his body before a mustard energy shot into the vest. The red scales looked incredibly life-like.

Seeing the mustard energy, Duan Ling Tian knew the Chaos Divine Earth had boosted his defensive King Grade Celestial Weapon with its own power as well. As soon as its energy shot into the vest...

Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing!

The ear-piercing sounds of swords cries rang in the air suddenly.

At the same time, a shower of swords wrapped in cyan energy rained down on Duan Ling Tian's vest before Duan Ling Tian even had a chance to react.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

The light around Duan Ling Tian's vest rippled and dimmed as though its defense would break. However, it remained strong.

"He's fast! His swords are attacking at full speed as well!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked. If the Chaos Divine Earth did not boost his defensive Celestial Weapon and strengthen his defense, he would not have been able to stop Sima Chun's attack.

"He's too fast... What's the law of wind's second profundity that Sima Chun comprehended?" Duan Ling Tian asked the Chaos Divine Earth as his heart thumped wildly.

"The law of wind's second profundity that he comprehended is a movement profundity. It's called the Gale Profundity. It's also one of the most practical profundities in the law of wind. It can improve one's speed and the speed of one's attacks," Chaos Divine Earth said, "Boy, if I weren't here... You would've died!"

Then, the Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice turned solemn as it continued to say, "This young man's strength can be considered to be at the top among those who entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm this time around."

The Chaos Divine Earth's childish voice turned slightly arrogant as it said, "However, since you have me, it doesn't matter how fast he is, it's impossible for him to breach your defenses. In the end, he'll have no choice but to give up on his attacks."

As though proving the Chaos Divine Earth right, Sima Chun stopped attacking, and his figure appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes. He said solemnly, "Unexpectedly, you've also comprehended the second profundity of a law... The law of earth's second profundity is a defensive profundity, right? Otherwise, you wouldn't have been able to stop my attacks. It seems like I've underestimated you..."

### **Chapter 2999: The Power of A Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!**

In the end, Sima Chun decided to stop attacking since it was futile. Regardless of how hard he tried, he failed to breach Duan Ling Tian's defense.

"I've underestimated you," Sima Chun said before he turned his back on Duan Ling Tian and began to walk away.

"Did I say you're free to go?" Duan Ling Tian scoffed. His eyes narrowed as his Celestial Origin Energy that had been boosted by the law of earth's Earth Elemental Profundity spiked. His domineering aura spread to his surroundings immediately.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Sima Chun stopped in his tracks. He turned back and looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly. He said arrogantly, "I admit your defenses are so impressive that I couldn't breach them and kill you. Nonetheless, I'm much faster than you. How do you think you're going to kill me? It'd be easy for me to dodge your attacks. I can't kill you, but you can't kill me either..."

Sima Chun was very confident about his speed due to the law of wind that he had comprehended. After all, not only did he comprehend the law of wind's Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity, but he had also comprehended the Gale Profundity, which was a movement profundity.

After Sima Chun finished speaking, he no longer spared Duan Ling Tian a glance. He turned back, preparing to take off.

Duan Ling Tian coldly said, "What if I use a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused Sima Chun to pause in his tracks again. He instinctively turned back and saw the long rod in Duan Ling Tian's hand, a King Grade Celestial Weapon, had been replaced by a crimson ring.

The crimson ring was unlike normal rings; there were nine water chestnuts of varying shapes and sizes around it. The ring's aura was subtle, not as brilliant as the aura of a King Grade Celestial Weapon. However, as soon as Duan Ling Tian sent his Celestial Origin Energy into the crimson ring, its aura spiked and became even more formidable than that of a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

"A Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!" Even Sima Chun who was standing in the distance could clearly feel the ring's domineering aura. Initially, he did not take Duan Ling Tian seriously when Duan Ling Tian spoke about the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Naturally, his disbelief was washed away and was replaced by shock after he sensed the ring's aura. It was truly a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!

'Impossible! How did he obtain a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?! He's only an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial!' Sima Chun thought to himself incredulously. He found it difficult to accept that Duan Ling Tian possessed a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. This was only natural since even Sima Clan, a grade-seven clan, did not have a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Even if they possessed one, they would not dare to reveal its existence since they would not be able to protect it.

In the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion, only the Three Clans and Two Sect were powerful enough to protect a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Even then, they needed permission from the Profound Nether Mansion if they wanted to keep a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Based on this, one could see how rare Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were.

'Run!' This thought flashed in Sima Chun's mind repeatedly. Although Duan Ling Tian was not as fast as him, the table had turned now that Duan Ling Tian was using a Royal Grade Weapon. He could only escape out of the range of Duan Ling Tian's attack now. He would have a chance of surviving as long as he could outrun Duan Ling Tian. Alas, did he think Duan Ling Tian was unaware of his thoughts? Would Duan Ling Tian reveal the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon without a plan?

Sima Chun seemed to have turned into a gust of cyan wind as he fled at top speed.

"Do you think you can run away from me?" Duan Ling Tian smiled contemptuously.

"Gravitational Space Profundity!" As soon as Duan Ling Tian's voice fell, an invisible pulling force slowed Sima Chun down before he could escape.

Bzzt!

Duan Ling Tian tossed the Royal Grade Celestial Ring that contained his Celestial Origin Energy into the air.

Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt!

The nine water chestnuts around the ring shone brightly, and nine beams of light that seemed as sharp as a blade swept out immediately.

This ring was the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring, a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that Duan Ling Tian was holding onto for the mysterious Brother Pei. Under normal circumstances, he would not have used the ring. However, since he was in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm now, he was certain no one would know about the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon if he used them. After all, as the saying went, 'Dead men tell no tales'. Moreover, the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm had a Formation that prevented one from using Communication Celestial Talismans. The Formation was set up to prevent participants from teaming up too early and killing solitary participants early in the game.

Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt!

Sima Chun could hear the buzzing noise coming from the ring as the ring gain up on him. It sounded like death was calling out to him at this moment. His stomach turned and his heart thumped wildly in his chest as he tried to escape with all his might.

'H-he... He's comprehended the law of earth's Gravitational Space Profundity to such a level?' Based on the pulling force, Sima Chun could tell Duan Ling Tian was far from comprehending the Gravitational Space Profundity to the rudimentary stage. Nevertheless, he was thoroughly shocked. Duan Ling Tian had mastered three profundities from the law of earth! What kind of monster did he run into? Not only did the young man who was not even 100 years old comprehended the law of earth's Fundamental Profundity, but he had also comprehended the law of earth's movement profundity to the rudimentary stage and the law of earth's third profundity! If he did not witness this and experience this for himself, he would not have believed such a monster existed in the Profound Nether Mansion!

Without the pulling force, Sima Chun might have been able to escape. Alas...

"No!"

At this moment, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring was only a few feet away from Sima Chun. The light it emitted shone even more brightly than before.

All of a sudden, Sima Chun stopped dead in his tracks. An armor appeared on him. The gust of cyan wind surrounding his body shot into the armor. At this moment, his face was as pale as a sheet of paper. Despite having braced himself for the attack, he did not think he would be able to withstand an attack from a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

In a final struggle to stay alive, Sima Chun glared at Duan Ling Tian and threatened, "If you kill me, the Sima Clan will never let you get away!"

"Well, that depends if the Sima Clan finds out about it." Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance smiled disdainfully.

Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt! Bzzt!

The Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring landed on Sima Chun's protective armor. The beams of light that were as sharp as blades pierced his armor. His protective armor managed to withstand the first and second beam of light, but the third beam of light slashed it open.

'The Royal Grade Celestial Weapon is too powerful!' Sima Chun could clearly feel how formidable the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was. His defenses could not hold up against it at all. His body flashed as he tried to escape again. Unfortunately, he could not mobilize the full potential of his speed due to the gravitational pull from the Gravitational Space Profundity.

Bzzt! Bzzt Bzzt!

Sima Chun's sudden movement had weakened his defense. In just a moment, the Mystical Yang Nine Water Chestnut Ring completely breached his defense.

"No!" Sima Chun cried at the top of his lungs. His voice was brimming with anger, resentment, and unwillingness. He had lost to an opponent who was as strong as him just because of a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. How could he not be resentful and unwilling? In just a blink of an eye, he fell to the ground with a loud thud. Even in death, his eyes and mouth were wide open.

As soon as Sima Chun breathed his last breath, his Accumulative Points Jade shattered. The points he had accumulated were automatically transferred to Duan Ling Tian's Accumulative Points Jade.

Then, Duan Ling Tian claimed Sima Chun's Spatial Ring that was hovering in the air before putting it away.

Just like that, Sima Chun, the number one genius in the Sima Clan with high innate talent and comprehension skill, was killed by Duan Ling Tian in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Duan Ling Tian's victory was all thanks to the purely offensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!

### **Chapter 3000: 10 Accumulative Points and The Celestial Lord Temple!**

In the Devata Realms, there were various grades of Celestial Weapons. The difference in power between each grade was like heaven and earth. A King Grade Celestial Weapon was no match for a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon at all. The difference in power between the two was much greater compared to the difference between a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon and a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

"There's no doubt Sima Chun's speed was incredibly fast. Without your help, I wouldn't have been able to comprehend the Gravitational Space Profundity to this level. If I only had the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it would still be difficult to kill him," Duan Ling Tian said to the Chaos Divine Earth.

Since Duan Ling Tian had decided to use the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, he had to kill Sima Chun. He could not allow news about him possessing a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon to leak out. Not only would it attract trouble, but it was likely that he would be forced to give it up. In fact, it was the Chaos Divine Earth that had convinced him to use the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

The Chaos Divine Earth scoffed arrogantly. "Boy, if you've comprehended the Gravitational Space Profundity to the rudimentary stage, you could've killed him without using the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon! The law of earth's Gravitational Space Profundity suppresses speed. If you've comprehended



the Gravitational Space Profundity to the rudimentary stage, you could've trapped Sima Chun with the King Grade Celestial Method, the Black Rock Prison Method, and kill him. There would be no need for the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon at all!"

"The rudimentary stage..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up after he heard the Chaos Divine Earth's words.

The King Grade Celestial Method, Black Rock Prison Method, contained two profundities from the law of earth. Duan Ling Tian had mastered the Earth Elemental Profundity but not the Gravitational Space Profundity. He could only be considered to have mastered the Gravitational Space Profundity after he comprehended it to the rudimentary stage. The rudimentary stage was the highest stage for a profundity in a King Grade Celestial Method. The Chaos Divine Earth was right. If he had comprehended the Gravitational Space Profundity to the rudimentary stage, he would have been able to trap Sima Chun with the Black Rock Prison Method even if both their strength was about the same, regardless of Sima Chun's speed.

The Chaos Divine Earth asked curiously, "How many accumulative points did you obtain from that brat? He should've accumulated lots of points since he's quite strong."

Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness into his Accumulative Points Jade before he replied, "I have 11 points now. This means I obtained 8 points from Sima Chun."

"Eight points..." The Chaos Divine Earth fell silent for a brief moment. When it spoke again, a hint of unease could be heard in its voice. "Now that the brat is dead, his name will be removed from the scoreboard. I'm afraid people will find out that you killed him since there will be a spike in your points. Once the lad is dead, his name will be erased from the ranking list. I'm afraid people will find out that you've killed him because there's a spike in your points. Although you'll be protected by whichever one of the Three Sects and Two Clans you decide to join, they won't be able to protect you forever. There's no doubt the members of the Sima Clan would seek revenge from you if they find out about this."

"Don't worry. The Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm had this concern as well. Based on what I know, there's a Formation here that was created with the law of time. One's death here would not be instantly reflected on one's Soul Pearl. This is to keep the anonymity of the killer," Duan Ling Tian said reassuringly.

Duan Ling Tian was about to withdraw his Divine Consciousness from his Accumulative Points Jade when he sensed a strange energy that suddenly appeared. The strange energy seemed to be guiding his Divine Consciousness to a specific location.

'This energy... Is it trying to lead me in that direction?' Duan Ling Tian inwardly.

As though responding to his thought, his Accumulative Points Jade lit up suddenly. Then, a loud and lively voice rang in his mind. "In the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, those who have obtained 10 points will be directed to the Celestial Lord Temple that I left behind." The voice disappeared as soon as it appeared.

'T-this voice... Is it possible that it belonged to the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord who created the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm? The Celestial Lord Temple? Those who obtained 10 points will be

directed to the Celestial Lord Temple? Why haven't I heard of this before?' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly, confused by this sudden development.

Could it be a new rule in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm? No, it did not make sense. Duan Ling Tian was perplexed. He had not heard anything about a Celestial Lord Temple or being led to a Celestial Lord Temple after obtaining 10 points. In the end, he decided to ask the Chaos Divine Earth about it.

The Chaos Divine Earth calmly replied, "Maybe there's a Formation in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm that can erase the memories of those who entered the Celestial Lord Temple. There are some powerful Celestial Lords who are capable of casting such a Formation. One's memories of the Celestial Lord Temple would be erased, but one would still possess the items they obtained there. One just wouldn't be able to recall where one has obtained the items."

"Erasing memories?" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed in shock. His eyes narrowed when he suddenly recalled Huang Jia Long's words from before. Huang Jia Long had told him that previously there were some Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had no memories of how they obtained some of the items in their Spatial Rings after coming out of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. It was as though those items had miraculously appeared in their Spatial Rings. There were even people who forgot how they accumulated some of their points toward the end.

Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself, "Seems like anything related to the Celestial Lord Temple and what happens after I obtain 10 points here will remain a secret..."

"You won't be able to remember anything, but I will. After you leave this place, I'll recount everything to you," the Chaos Divine Earth said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly in response before he looked to his right. It was the direction where the strange energy had tried to lead him to.

'Since one will be led to the Celestial Lord Temple once one has obtained 10 points, I wonder if anyone has already arrived at the Celestial Lord Temple? Perhaps, at this moment, there are also people making their way there...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

After witnessing Sima Chun's strength, Duan Ling Tian was even more convinced he should not underestimate the other Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials who had entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Sima Chun was one of the few Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestials from a grade-seven force. There was no doubt that those who came from a grade-seven force would not be weaker than Sima Chun. In fact, they might even be stronger than Sima Chun.

Duan Ling Tian continued making his way to the Celestial Lord Temple in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. There was no doubt the Celestial Lord Temple was special. After all, only those who had obtained 10 points were allowed to enter the temple. Therefore, he was rather excited about going to the Celestial Lord Temple.

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At the center of the Scaling Cloud Lake.

At this moment, a name that was ranked sixth on the scoreboard suddenly disappeared. Subsequently, the names behind it began to move up.

Needless to say, the shift in ranking caused an uproar.

“Sima Chun’s name has disappeared! I didn’t see wrongly, right?”

“Yes! Sima Chun’s name has disappeared! He had already accumulated eight points before his name disappeared!”

“Good heavens! So, he’s dead?”

“Sima Chun had to be strong to be able to obtain eight points. However, he died just like that?”

“Not only was he strong, but his innate talent and comprehension skill were incredibly high as well. He’s the first genius to appear in the Sima Clan in the past 1,000 years!”

“Didn’t he comprehend the law of wind’s Gale Profundity? How is it possible for him to die after comprehending such a profundity?”