

Chapter 3021: Murong Xiao Xiao

Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, had forgotten about the protective measure that the Celestial Lord had put in place to protect the anonymity of the participants. The scores of the participants would not be updated in real-time on the scoreboard. At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's points from killing Dongfan Jin Lun were not reflected in his points on the scoreboard. Otherwise, he would have taken the first place.

Some of the Emperors from grade-eight Celestial Kingdoms in the Thousand Nations knew Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun represented the Supporting Fall Nation and the East Ming Nation respectively. They looked at the Emperors of the Supporting Fall Nation and the East Ming Nation in envy.

"The Supporting Fall Nation and the East Ming Nation are truly lucky to have found such talented sectless cultivators..."

Meanwhile, the people from the Three Sects and Two Clans were also discussing among themselves.

"The two participants ranked second and third respectively, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun, seem to be younger than 100 years old," the representative leader from the Zhangsun Clan, Zhangsun Xiong Qi, looked at the second and third name on the scoreboard and said, "I heard they're sectless cultivators found by grade-eight Celestial Kingdoms from the Thousand Nations Territory."

"Although Ling Jue Yun has comprehended the law of death, the fact that he made it this far proves that he has, at least, comprehended two profundities from the law of death!" Gongyang Yu, the representative leader from the Gongyang Clan, said confidently.

Heng Chan, the Hall Master from Arhat Hall in the Cloud Platform Sect, said, "Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian aren't even 100 years old... Following your line of thought, Duan Ling Tian must have also comprehended two profundities from a law."

"Both of them are monstrously talented... Don't forget about Murong Xiao Xiao. She's the most talented person to appear in the Murong Clan, a grade-seven clan, in the last 10,000 years. Moreover, she's a female!" Zhang Guang Zheng, the Vice Sect Leader of the Simplicity Celestial, said. Then, he looked at Heng Chan and added, "Heng Chan, since Murong Xiao Xiao is a woman, it seems like the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect wouldn't be able to recruit her."

Heng Chan only scoffed in response. Indeed, the Cloud Platform Celestial Sect only accepted male disciples. Since Murong Xiao Xiao was a woman, she would not be able to join the sect regardless of how talented she was. For this reason, his eyes shone brightly when he looked at Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun's name on the scoreboard. Even if they were slightly weaker than Murong Xiao Xiao, there was no doubt the duo was much more talented than her. After all, the two men were less than 100 years old while she was already almost 200 years old.

Bihai Mingfeng, the Third Sect Leader of the Coupling Celestial Sect, was the only representative from the Three Sects and Two Clans who did not speak. However, his eyes were firmly trained on the top three names.

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In the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Duan Ling Tian and the others had been brought into a seemingly bottom abyss by a mysterious energy that disappeared as soon as they arrived at their final destination.

“This place...” Duan Ling Tian saw blocks of stones hovering at the different heights in the abyss. The higher it was, the fewer stone blocks there were. The size of the blocks of stones was not big; they would fit one person sitting cross-legged at most.

When Duan Ling Tian looked around, he discovered he could not see an end to the place at all. There was only endless darkness surrounding them.

At this moment, a few people cried out in surprise.

“Someone’s approaching from this end!”

“Someone’s approaching from this end as well!”

Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and instinctively turned to look at the two ends of the place they were brought to. He saw a group of people on each end. It was clear these two groups of people were also brought by the mysterious energy. There was no doubt these people were also those who managed to enter the Celestial Lord Temple.

“Sister Ou Ya.” A gentle and pleasant voice rang in the air at this moment.

Following that, a green figure flew toward Ou Ya, the genius from the Frost Sect, who was standing with the people from Duan Ling Tian’s group.

“Sister Murong.” A rare smile bloomed on Ou Ya’s face when she saw the green figure.

The green figure belonged to a woman who was much more graceful and prettier than Ou Ya. She seemed like a strong and capable woman.

“Murong Xiao Xiao!” Xue Jing Yu who was standing near Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes in surprise when he saw the green figure.

‘She’s Murong Xiao Xiao?’ Duan Ling Tian looked at the green-clad lady in front of him in surprise when he heard Xue Jing Yu’s words

Murong Xiao Xiao was a prodigy from the Murong Clan, a grade-seven clan. She was almost 200 years old and had comprehended two profundities from the law of water. She was in the midst of comprehending the third profundity and had already grasped its basics. Her comprehension of the third profundity from the law of water was comparable to Duan Ling Tian’s comprehension of the law of earth’s Gravitational Space Profundity. Due to their level of comprehension, it did not boost their strength much, but this tiny boost in strength was still important. For example, if it were not for the tiny boost, Duan Ling Tian would not be able to kill Sima Chun if he relied on his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon alone.

Seeing Ou Ya and Murong Xiao Xiao's interaction, it was not difficult to see they had a good relationship.

Women were inherently at a disadvantage in regard to cultivating. There were only a handful of talented female cultivators like Murong Xiao Xiao and Ou Ya in the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion's control. For this reason, the two women had a close relationship.

"Sister Ou Ya, your trip must have been fruitful, right?" Murong Xiao Xiao asked with a smile.

Ou Ya could not help but smile bitterly upon hearing Murong Xiao Xiao's words. She instinctively looked at Duan Ling Tian. Without Duan Ling Tian, there was no doubt her trip would have been fruitful. After witnessing Duan Ling Tian's strength and his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon during the second trial in the Celestial Lord Temple, she did not dare to act recklessly and compete with him for the boxes and chests in the Soul Extinguishing Water.

"What happened?" Upon seeing the bitter smile on Ou Ya's face and the wariness in Ou Ya's eyes when she looked at a purple-clad young man, Murong Xiao Xiao could tell that something was amiss.

"It's nothing." Ou Ya shook her head and shifted her eyes back to Murong Xiao Xiao before she asked, "Sister Murong, did you obtain many things?"

"It's not too bad." Murong Xiao Xiao nodded. It was clear she was being modest based on the smile on her face. She knew Ou Ya quite well so she knew something was bothering Ou Ya despite Ou Ya's words. She asked, "Sister Ou Ya, what's wrong? I can tell something's bothering you... Does it have something to do with that purple-clad young man?"

Ou Ya sighed before she recounted what had happened through Voice Transmission.

Murong Xiao Xiao was stunned speechless after hearing about what happened. She did not doubt Ou Ya's words. A peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended two profundities from the law of earth? His talent really put her to shame! Moreover, this person also owned an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon! With the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, he killed Dongfang Jin Lun with just a strike!

Naturally, Murong Xiao Xiao knew Dongfang Jin Lun. After all, there was a time when he had tried to court her. Although she was confident she could best Dongfang Jin Lun in a fight, it would probably take her hundreds of moves before she could do so. It was impossible for her to kill him with just one move.

When Murong Xiao Xiao regained her senses, she looked at Duan Ling Tian as she said to Ou Ya, "Sister Ou Ya, can you introduce us?"

Ou Ya smiled helplessly and said, "Sister Murong, I'm not familiar with him. We haven't even spoken to each other."

"You're really too shy... You could have greeted him politely after he killed Dongfang Jin Lun. After that, he probably wouldn't mind if you took one or two boxes for yourself," Murong Xiao Xiao said as she shook her head.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance surveyed his surroundings, trying to guess what the final trial was. When he regained his senses, he felt two pairs of eyes gazing at him. Soon after, he saw Murong Xiao Xiao and Ou Ya walking toward him.

Murong Xiao Xiao was the first to speak. She said, somewhat presumptuously, "Hello, I'm Murong Xiao Xiao from the grade-seven Murong Clan."

"Hello." As the saying went, 'It was difficult to slap a smiling face'. Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged as he responded to Murong Xiao Xiao curtly. Although it was their first meeting, he could tell she was very independent and assertive.

Murong Xiao Xiao ignored Duan Ling Tian's cold response and smiled even more brilliantly as she said, "Since I've already introduced myself, aren't you going to do the same?"

"Duan Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian curtly replied.

Murong Xiao Xiao tried to converse with Duan Ling Tian by broaching various topics. Alas, it only served to annoy him.

Meanwhile, a black-clad young man from the new group of people who had just arrived looked at Duan Ling Tian with a dark expression on his face. "Who's that brat?" He had been pursuing Murong Xiao Xiao for years now but had made no progress. She would usually ignore him so how could he not feel upset when he saw her taking the initiative to converse with another man? Moreover, she was being persistently friendly despite the cold reception. How could he tolerate this?

A green-clad young man standing next to the black-clad young man said, "It seems like he came with Ou Ya. Perhaps, he's a friend of Ou Ya... That's why Murong Xiao Xiao is so friendly."

Chapter 3022: The Law of Time

"Brother Yuan, the purple-clad young man isn't even 100 years old!" The green-clad young man had used his Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing the green-clad young man's words, the black-clad extended his Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian as well. Although he could see Duan Ling Tian was slightly annoyed when Murong Xiao Xiao spoke to him, and he knew he did not stand a chance with her, he was still displeased.

The black-clad young man knew that for a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who was not even 100 years old to make it this far, he had to be very lucky or powerful. Nevertheless, he did not think Murong Xiao Xiao's enthusiasm was born from Duan Ling Tian's strength. He thought it was more likely that she was friendly because of Ou Ya.

"How could he treat Murong Xiao Xiao like that?" The black-clad young man glared at Duan Ling Tian viciously. A trace of jealousy could be seen in the depths of his eyes as well.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had noticed the two men's Divine Consciousness probing him. A slight frown could be seen on his face as he thought to himself, 'Hm? Who are they? Do I know them?'

However, when Duan Ling Tian saw the black-clad young man's lovestruck gaze that was trained on Murong Xiao Xiao, realization quickly dawned on him. He sighed inwardly. 'Beauty is really the root of all troubles!'

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of deafening explosions suddenly rang in the air above.

Duan Ling Tian was the first to look up.

The originally clear blue sky had turned grey and cloudy. A murky grey energy could be seen swirling in the air. The outer energy was churning clockwise while the inner energy churned anti-clockwise

At the same time, a voice rang in the air again. "In the final destination of the Celestial Lord Temple, you may observe the law of time through the Formation I left behind and try to comprehend it ... I named this place Time Valley. Once you take a seat on the block of stone, you'll be able to begin comprehending the law of time. The higher the block of stone you occupy, the easier it would be for you to comprehend the law of time. Naturally, this depends on your talent as well. If you're talented, you'd be able to comprehend it even if you're not seated at the top. However, it'd be undeniably easier if you're seated at the top. You'll be able to comprehend it until time runs out when the exit of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm opens. At that time, all of you will be sent out."

The three groups of people who were brought to Time Valley were shocked.

"The law of time?"

"If we sit on the stone block, we'll be given a chance to comprehend the law of time left behind by the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord?"

"Previously, I've heard there are people who had comprehended the law of time's Fundamental Profundity, the Time Elemental Profundity, after they exited the Southern Ancient Realm... Although they did not completely master the Time Elemental Profundity, it was still incredibly shocking. After all, the law of time is known as the most mysterious and profound law among the Four Supreme Laws!"

"That's right. They, naturally, didn't know when they had even encountered the law of time in the Southern Ancient Realm... As it turned out, they encountered it in the Celestial Lord Temple, and they had no memory of it because their memories were erased."

"The law of time?" Ling Jue Yun's eyes lit up instantly as he looked up at the highest stone block. It was rather eye-catching since it was all alone. That was the best place to comprehend the law of time!

A few people were also looking at the highest stone block with a covetous gaze. Many of those who had comprehended two profundities from a law intended to fight for that stone block.

Naturally, there were many who did not have such thoughts.

'The law of time!' Murong Xiao Xiao had stopped talking as soon as the law of time was mentioned. She looked at the highest stone block eagerly. However, as though she had recalled something, she turned to look at Duan Ling Tian who was standing next to her.

“Ladies first... Duan Ling Tian, you wouldn’t fight me for the highest stone block, right?” Without Duan Ling Tian, Murong Xiao Xiao, who was unaware of Ling Jue Yun’s strength, was confident she would be able to obtain the highest stone block. However, if Duan Ling Tian intended to fight her for that spot, she knew she would not stand a chance. Since she really wanted to comprehend the law of time, she decided to say those words to Duan Ling Tian even though they were rude and presumptuous.

Duan Ling Tian retorted, “You’re older than me, right? Shouldn’t you give in to your juniors?”

Murong Xiao Xiao glared at Duan Ling Tian when she heard his reply. Did he not know one should not talk about a woman’s age?

Meanwhile, the green-clad young man said to the black-clad young man, “Brother Yuan, I didn’t expect we’ll be given a chance to comprehend the law of time at our final destination in the Celestial Lord Temple!”

“I didn’t expect this as well...” The black-clad young man nodded as he looked at the highest stone block. Although he was relatively strong and had comprehended two profundities from the law of metal, he knew he was no match for Murong Xiao Xiao.

‘Damn it!’ The black-clad young man’s eyes found the two stone blocks that were roughly 100 meters below the highest one and cursed inwardly. ‘The highest seat will surely be taken by Murong Xiao Xiao... It seems like I can only claim one of the two second highest seats. I wonder who’ll be able to claim the other seat?’

Then, the black-clad young man turned to look at the green-clad young man and said indifferently, “Wang Xian, I’ll help you claim one of the two second-highest seats. What do you think?”

The green-clad young man did not give the highest stone block much attention. After all, he was well aware of his own strength. He was, naturally, interested in claiming the second-highest seat, but he was not sure he could claim it with his strength. After all, he had only comprehended the law of wind’s Fundamental Profundity, the Wind Elemental Profundity, and had not fully comprehended the second profundity. Upon hearing the black-clad young man’s words, his eyes brightened up immediately, and he thanked the black-clad young man profusely as though the seat was already his. “Thank you, Brother Yuan! Thank you!”

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully as he sent him a Voice Transmission. “Duan Ling Tian...”

Before Ling Jue Yun could finish speaking, Duan Ling Tian interjected, “Don’t tell me you want the highest seat as well... I want it! However, we can fight for it!”

The corner of Ling Jue Yun’s mouth twitched after he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He did not think Duan Ling Tian was stronger than him even if Duan Ling Tian possessed a prominent artifact, and he only possessed a mediocre artifact. After all, with their current strength, they would not be able to unleash the full potential of their artifacts. However, he had to take into consideration that Huang’er had become Duan Ling Tian’s artifact soul.

Huang'Er was originally the artifact soul of Ling Jue Yun's sister's prominent artifact. After that, she had forcibly left the artifact and lived in his sea of consciousness. With her help, he managed to escape from the Divine Offering Land to the Devata Realm. If it were not for her, he would have died. Even without all these factors, he had already considered Huang'er a sister as when his sister was still alive. Since she had become the soul artifact of Duan Ling Tian's prominent artifact, her life and death depended on Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, he did not want to offend Duan Ling Tian if it was possible.

Duan Ling Tian would have been rendered speechless if he could read Ling Jue Yun's mind. Was he, Duan Ling Tian, that kind man?

Duan Ling Tian's eyes shone with eagerness as he looked at Ling Jue Yun and said, "So? Should we fight for the highest seat? We can use our artifact or not, it's your choice... Of course, if we're not using divine artifacts, you can't use your Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon as well. We should fight with our King Grade Celestial Weapons that had been nurtured by Celestial Lords."

Ling Jue Yun only grunted in response before he flew toward the blocks of stones at lightning speed.

Chapter 3023: I Killed Them Within Seconds With Just One Strike

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he saw Ling Jue Yun flying to the second-highest stone blocks without saying anything. "He... gave up? This isn't like him at all..."

"Little Feng is worried you'll vent your anger out on me if he defeats you." Huang'er's voice sounded in Duan Ling Tian's sea of consciousness in a timely manner.

Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by Huang'er's words. He only looked at Ling Jue Yun's back silently. As it turned out, Ling Jue Yun fled without a fight because he was afraid he would vent his anger on Huang'er if he lost.

Meanwhile, the people in Time Valley were still in shock about being able to comprehend the law of time. However, now that someone had made the first move, all of them snapped back to their senses and moved one after another.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

A group of people, including Xue Jing Yu and the others who were standing near Duan Ling Tian, flew into the air and made their way toward the blocks of stones. Most of them only comprehended one profundity from a law and were well aware of the limitations of their strength so none of them dared to claim the six highest stone blocks.

The six coveted stone blocks were the highest seats. There was one stone block at the highest point. A hundred meters below the highest stone block were two stone blocks. Finally, 100 meters below the two second-highest stone blocks were three stone blocks.

Currently, only Ling Jue Yun had gone to the top and chose one of the two second-highest seats. The second-highest seats were also the ones that were targeted by the black-clad young man who had been glaring at Duan Ling Tian since earlier.

At this moment, people had begun fighting for the stone platforms. As of now, no one had died yet. Those who felt they were not as strong as their opponents wisely withdrew, and those who were stronger would wait for their opponents to withdraw. Everyone was reluctant to kill because killing more people would only expedite the opening of the exit of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. They were worried they would not have sufficient time to comprehend the law of time that had been left behind by the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord before being sent out.

As time passed, the stone blocks at the bottom were all claimed by the participants.

At this moment, only Duan Ling Tian, Murong Xiao Xiao, Ou Ya, a black-clad young man, a green-clad young man, a blue-clad middle-aged man, a red-clad middle-aged man, a silver-clad old man, and a gray-clad old man had not claimed their seats.

Most of these people moved independently. Only the green-clad young man followed the black-clad young man like a shadow.

“Let’s go,” Murong Xiao Xiao said to Ou Ya. Now that she knew she would be able to comprehend the law of time at the final destination of the Celestial Lord Temple, she no longer wanted to waste time currying favor with Duan Ling Tian. Initially, she had wanted to get closer to Duan Ling Tian in hopes that he would look out for her. Since Duan Ling Tian had made it clear he was not going to give up his claim on the highest seat, she no longer wasted any time on him.

After Murong Xiao Xiao and Ou Ya flew away, the black-clad young man walked to Duan Ling Tian with the green-clad young man in tow. He said, “Brat, stay away from Xiao Xiao... Otherwise, you might die...”

After the black-clad young man finished speaking, he and the green-clad young man flew toward the stone blocks as well. If it were not for the fact that he was worried about being sent out of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, he would have killed Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian only shook his head slightly at the black-clad young man’s threat and did not say anything.

Upon seeing this, the red-clad middle-aged man laughed before he said, “Young man, you’re really lucky. Li Yuan isn’t someone who shows restraint. It’s surprising that he let you go.”

Then, the silver-clad old man chimed in, “That’s right. If he’s not worried about shortening our time in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm by killing you, he would’ve killed you. You’re really lucky.”

A faint smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian’s face as he said, “So both of you think that he’ll be able to kill me just because he wants to?”

As it turned out, the black-clad young man was Li Yuan. Duan Ling Tian had heard Xue Jing Yu and the others talking about Li Yuan previously. Based on their conversation, he learned that Li Yuan was a genius from a grade-eight sect. However, it must be said that those who made it to the Celestial Lord Temple were geniuses in their own right. He also learned that Li Yuan had comprehended two profundities from the law of metal.

The silver-clad old man smiled genially before he said, "Young man, don't feel offended. We only said those words because Li Yuan is really powerful. He has comprehended two profundities from the law of metal."

Duan Ling Tian did not agree nor disagree. He asked indifferently, "How does his strength compare to Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun?"

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the blue-clad middle-aged man and the gray-clad middle-aged man who were about to take flight halted their movements and turned to look at Duan Ling Tian.

"Sima Chun? Dongfang Jin Lun?" The red-clad middle-aged man was taken aback. He instinctively looked up at the sky and muttered to himself, "That's right... Where are Sima Chun and Dongfang Jun Lin? With their strength, there's no doubt they would be here..."

"Out of everyone who has comprehended two profundities in the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm, only both of them aren't here... How strange! Is it possible that both of them died?" the blue-clad middle-aged man wondered out loud.

"There's no reason for them not to be here unless they've died," the gray-clad old man said.

The two middle-aged men and two old men exchanged a look. As realization dawned on them, an expression of horror appeared on their faces immediately.

The silver-clad old man inhaled deeply before he asked tentatively, "Young man, you... Since you mentioned Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun, do you... do you know where they are?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at the silver-clad old man and slowly said, "They're dead..."

Although the four men had suspected this, they were still shocked by Duan Ling Tian's confirmation.

Sima Chun, the genius from the grade-seven Sima Clan, had comprehended two profundities from the law of wind, the Wind Elemental Profundity and the Gale Profundity. He was much stronger than the four men. Although four of them had also comprehended two profundities of a law, it was impossible for them to kill Sima Chun. After all, Sima Chun had comprehended the Gale Profundity that boosted his speed.

As for Dongfang Jin Lun, the genius from the grade-seven Dongfang Clan, he had comprehended two profundities from the law of thunder, the Thunder Elemental Profundity and the Lightning Profundity. He was stronger than Sima Chun so the four men knew they were definitely no match for him either.

The blue-clad middle-aged man gulped as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked in a trembling voice. "Y-you... Y-you... Did you k-kill them?"

The remaining three men turned to look at Duan Ling Tian in unison.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded faintly. Then, as he prepared to take flight, he nonchalantly said, "They provoked me one after another... Alas, their strength was just average. I killed them within seconds with just one strike."

The four men's eyes widened in shock and fear when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. How terrifying! They would not be so shocked if Duan Ling Tian had merely told them he had killed Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun. What shocked them was Duan Ling Tian killing those two geniuses with just a strike!

When the four men regained their senses, they began to discuss among themselves. They were clearly skeptical.

"He's... He's joking, right?"

"Look at him... He doesn't seem to be joking."

"He said he killed Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun in seconds... Even if he comprehended three profundities from a law, it's impossible for him to kill them within seconds, right?"

"That's right. Even if he possesses a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it'd still be difficult for him to achieve such a feat..."

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian drew close to the highest stone block in the air above Time Valley.

At this moment, Li Yuan, the black-clad young man, and Wang Xian, the green-clad young man, were already standing near the two second-highest stone blocks.

Li Yuan looked at Murong Xiao Xiao in confusion and surprise when he saw she had no intention of claiming the highest seat. "Xiao Xiao, you should go to the highest stone block... What are you doing here?" After a moment, he looked at Ou Ya before he asked, "Are you here to help Ou Ya claim one of these two seats?"

When Wang Xian, who was standing next to Li Yuan, heard these words, his expression changed drastically. Ou Ya might not be a match for Li Yuan. However, if Murong Xiao Xiao helped her, there was no way Li Yuan would be able to help him obtain one of the two second-highest seats!

Chapter 3024: Idiot

Murong Xiao Xiao did not answer Li Yuan and made a move instead.

Swoosh!

Murong Xiao Xiao's figure flashed out of sight. In just a blink of an eye, she reappeared on one of the two second-highest stone blocks.

Currently, the two second-highest stone blocks in Time Valley had been claimed by Ling Jue Yun and Murong Xiao Xiao.

"What..." Li Yuan was perplexed. He did not expect this. "Xiao Xiao, you... You're not going to claim the highest seat?" When he finished speaking, he raised his head to look at the highest stone block.

At this moment, the highest stone block that was 100 meters above him was empty. However, soon enough, Li Yuan saw a purple figure flying onto the highest stone block. When he finally had a good look at the purple figure's face, his eyes lit up in recognition as he exclaimed, "It's him!"

Wang Xian, who was standing next to Li Yuan, had also seen Duan Ling Tian. He said, clearly dissatisfied, "He's not even 100 years old! How dare he claim the highest spot?"

A stunned expression could be seen on Li Yuan's face as he asked, "Xiao Xiao, you... Did you deliberately relinquish the highest spot to him?"

In Li Yuan's opinion, among everyone present on the scene, Murong Xiao Xiao was the only one who was qualified to occupy the highest stone block. He was furious when he thought about her deliberately giving up the best seat to someone else.

Murong Xiao Xiao continued to ignore Li Yuan. She sat cross-legged and closed her eyes. Soon enough, a blue energy shrouded her entire body, making her look as though she had been submerged in water. She was already beautiful, to begin with. However, with the blue cast from the energy, she looked even more enchanting.

Normally, Li Yuan would have been entranced by this sight. However, he was incensed at this moment so he did not have the mood to appreciate Murong Xiao Xiao's beauty. His expression turned even more unsightly when he saw her ignoring him.

Boom!

Li Yuan stomped his feet in the air and shot up to the highest stone block at lightning speed.

Many of the participants' attention was drawn by Li Yuan's action, and they began to discuss among themselves.

"Something's about to happen!"

"Since Murong Xiao Xiao had taken the initiative to speak to that purple-clad young man, it's obvious he's not an ordinary person."

"Perhaps, he's stronger than Murong Xiao Xiao... It'd explain why Murong Xiao Xiao didn't fight him for the highest seat..."

"That's not necessarily true... He's a pretty boy no matter how you look at him. Maybe Murong Xiao Xiao let him have that place due to his looks?"

"That's not important. The important thing is he seems to be less than 100 years old!"

"Less than 100 years old?"

"Heavens! He made it so far even though he's less than 100 years old? That's insane!"

"When I was his age, I hadn't even broken through and become an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, let alone comprehending a profundity from a law. Where did this purple-clad young man come from? He's really terrifying!"

"No matter how strong he is, he's still less than 100 years old. It's impossible for him to defeat Li Yuan!"

“That’s not necessarily true... Murong Xiao Xiao took the initiative to speak to him earlier so she might help him. Moreover, it seems like she had relinquished the highest seat to him. It stands to reason she’d help him keep the seat.”

“Who knows? Maybe this person has an amazing background. He might come from the force that supports the Murong Clan. Maybe that’s why Murong Xiao Xiao willingly relinquished the seat to him.”

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Meanwhile, the four men who were still in shock over Duan Ling Tian’s statement of killing Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun were further shocked.

“He... He went straight to the highest point?”

“It seems like Murong Xiao Xiao has no intention of fighting him for the highest stone block...”

“Murong Xiao Xiao spoke to him earlier... Perhaps, she had done that because she knows he’s stronger than her?”

“If I’m not mistaken, Ou Ya arrived with him. Since Ou Ya and Murong Xiao Xiao are good friends, Ou Ya must have revealed what she knows about Duan Ling Tian to Murong Xiao Xiao.”

“There’s a chance Ou Ya had witnessed him killing Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun.”

“I still find it difficult to believe he killed Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun with just a strike.”

“Well, Li Yuan obviously intends to fight him for the highest stone block. We’ll be able to see soon enough if he truly has the strength to kill Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun with just a strike...”

“Li Yuan is stronger than Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun. He has comprehended two profundities from the law of fire, the Fire Elemental Profundity and the Burst Profundity...”

“The Burst Profundity is the most powerful profundity from the law of fire... With this profundity, his strength is stronger than Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun, let alone the few of us.”

Based on their conversation, it was clear the four men seemed very familiar with Li Yuan’s strength.

“Among all the people in Time Valley, only Murong Xiao Xiao is stronger than Li Yuan... Her comprehension of the law of water is much higher than Li Yuan’s comprehension of the law of fire, after all!”

“I’m really curious if this purple-clad young man is as strong as he said he is since he said he killed Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun in seconds.”

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When Li Yuan arrived at the highest point, he looked at Duan Ling Tian who was sitting on the stone block coldly and said, “Brat, get lost!”

Duan Ling Tian had already noticed when Li Yuan flew up here. His expression darkened when he heard Li Yuan’s words. He said indifferently in a bone-chilling tone, “I’ll give you a chance... Get out of my sight

immediately. Otherwise, you'll have to stay in the Celestial Lord Temple and the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm forever!"

Duan Ling Tian's voice was not low at all so everyone heard his words clearly.

Duan Ling Tian's words, naturally, caused a commotion.

People like Xue Jing Yu and Ou Ya who had seen Duan Ling Tian kill Dongfang Jin Lun with a single strike were not surprised. Naturally, they did not doubt his ability to kill Li Yuan.

Li Yuan might be stronger than Dongfang Jin Lun, but he was only slightly stronger. Even if Li Yuan fought Dongfang Jin Lun, it was not guaranteed that he would be able to defeat Dongfang Jin Lun. Even if one was stronger, if one's strength was not significantly stronger than one's opponent, one's victory was not guaranteed.

Meanwhile, when Wang Xian heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he thought Duan Ling Tian had a death wish. However, when he saw Ou Ya did not seem surprised after hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, he began to feel uncertain. He recalled how Murong Xiao Xiao had taken the initiative to speak to Duan Ling Tian, and a thought that made him sweat appeared in his mind. 'Is it... Is it possible that he's stronger than Ou Ya and Murong Xiao Xiao? Did Murong Xiao Xiao try to curry favor with him earlier so she could have a small share of whatever treasures he obtains? After all, once Murong Xiao Xiao learned we would be comprehending the law of time here and there are no treasures to fight over here, she gave up on talking to him...'

Wang Xian inhaled sharply. The more he thought about it, the more certain he was that his speculation was correct. The first thought that appeared in his mind after this revelation was to warn Li Yuan.

Alas, before Wang Xian could send a Voice Transmission to Li Xuan, Li Xuan had already mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy, causing his body to burst into flames. Flames danced on his body as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh!

As Li Yuan flew toward Duan Ling Tian, the air was lit up by the flames. A faint burnt smell permeated the air.

"Idiot!" At this moment, a faint voice rang from one of the two second-highest seats. It was none other than Ling Jue Yun who had spat out this insult. His expression was indifferent as he watched Li Yuan flying toward Duan Ling Tian. In his opinion, Li Yuan was truly an idiot for attacking Duan Ling Tian. Li Yuan's action was akin to courting death. After all, Duan Ling Tian who possessed an artifact could easily kill anyone in the Celestial Lord Temple.

Murong Xiao Xiao turned to look at Ling Jue Yun when she heard him speaking. She instinctively extended her Divine Consciousness to probe him. 'He's less than 100 years old just like Duan Ling Tian? That's right... I remember he arrived in Time Valley with Duan Ling Tian and Sister Ou Ya earlier...'

At this moment, a short-lived sword cry rang in Time Valley. It sounded like death itself!

Chapter 3025: Ou Ya's Fears

Under everyone's watchful eyes. Li Yuan, whose body was on fire, charged toward Duan Ling Tian. Alas, before he could even draw close to Duan Ling Tian, he was cleaved into two. The only thing they saw and heard before Li Yuan's death was the sound of a sword cry and a burst of seven-color light.

After Li Yuan was cleaved in two, the fire continued to burn. In just a blink of an eye, the two parts of his corpse were burnt into ashes.

After the fire died down, only a Spatial Ring, a spear, a golden armor, and an Accumulation Points Jade hovered in the air.

"You can have his points," Duan Ling Tian said to Ling Jue Yun. Before Li Yuan's Accumulative Points Jade could go to him, he sent it over to Ling Jue Yin with a flick of his fingers.

Li Yuan's Accumulative Point Jade accurately flew more than 100 meters away toward Ling Jue Yun in just a blink of an eye.

Compared to Murong Xiao Xiao, Ling Jue Yun was seated closer to Duan Ling Tian.

Boom!

After Li Yuan's Accumulative Points Jade exploded, Duan Ling Tian brought out his own Accumulative Points Jade. He nodded in satisfaction when he saw his points did not increase. Prior to this, he had obtained a lot of points after killing two people who had comprehended two profundities from a law. If he had obtained Li Yuan's points as well, it would certainly raise people's suspicion. Even if no one would have memories of the Celestial Lord Temple, with his points, it was easy to rouse people's suspicion. With so many points, someone was bound to connect Sima Chun, Dongfang Jin Lun, and Li Yuan's deaths to him.

Although Duan Ling Tian would be somewhat protected after joining the Three Sects and Two Clans, he knew the Three Sects and Two Clans would not be able to protect him all the time. He was more than capable of protecting himself since he still possessed the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, but he did not want to use it unless it was absolutely necessary.

For all these reasons, Duan Ling Tian decided to give Ling Jue Yun the points so their points would be balanced.

When Ling Jue Yun saw the many points he just obtained, he said through gritted teeth, "You're trying to make me your scapegoat..."

"Don't worry. They won't just suspect us. There are many people with a lot of points as well. It'd be difficult for them to narrow down the suspect," Duan Ling Tian said through Voice Transmission.

Whoosh!

Then, Duan Ling Tian raised a hand, and an invisible force brought Li Yuan's Spatial Ring, spear, and golden armor to him.

"I thought the law of time would be my biggest gain in Time Valley... Who knew someone would give me their Spatial Ring and King Grade Celestial Weapon," Duan Ling Tian put the things away and shook his

head as he said, "Although I don't lack King Grade Celestial Weapons, it'd be rude of me not to accept it."

Due to the silence in Time Valley, Duan Ling Tian's words rang clearly in everyone's ears. They were rendered speechless by his words. He did not lack King Grade Celestial Weapons? If he did not lack those weapons, he could give them away! Naturally, they did not dare to verbalize their thoughts after witnessing his strength. Who would dare to provoke this monster?

Duan Ling Tian looked down at everyone and said, "Everyone, I apologize... Since I just killed someone, it means our time here has been shortened. After this, I hope everyone will quietly comprehend the law of time that was left behind by the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord..." He continued to say, "Well, I'll start comprehending the law of time now... Please don't disturb me unless it's urgent. It's not that easy for me to enter the meditative state."

Everyone felt chills running up their spines when they heard the threat in Duan Ling Tian's words. They had no doubt if anyone dared to provoke him, they would surely end up like Li Yuan.

Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes. Before he entered the meditative state, he extended his Divine Consciousness to monitor surroundings. "I hope no one will bother me again... After all, it takes time to comprehend the law of time..."

'This... is the law of time?' As soon as Duan Ling Tian began to comprehend the law of time, he could feel a mysterious energy swirling around him. The air on his right seemed to flow slowly before it suddenly picked up speed. Then, at some point, it completely stagnated as though time had stopped.

The Four Supreme Laws could not be found in Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. It depended on one's luck to encounter and comprehend the Four Supreme Laws. The law of time was known as the most mysterious and profound among the Four Supreme Laws.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'The Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that I once owned, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, should contain the law of time as well... After all, the time flow in the pagoda was different.' When he recalled the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he, naturally, thought about Elder Huo. He could not help but sigh. He wondered where Elder Huo and the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda were now...

While Duan Ling Tian was immersed in comprehending the law of time, fierce battles ensued underneath his seat.

Many participants were vying for the stone blocks. However, regardless of how intense the fights were, none of them dared to approach the stone block that Duan Ling Tian occupied.

Meanwhile, Murong Xiao Xiao who had witnessed Duan Ling Tian killing Li Yuan with just a strike was in shock for a long time. Although she did not doubt Ou Ya's words, it was still a shocking sight to behold. 'His strength is terrifying! I wonder if that seven-color light came from his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon? If he had attacked me, I'd end up just like Li Yuan...' She broke out in cold sweat when she thought about this.

Similarly, the four men who doubted Duan Ling Tian's words earlier were shocked. They did not believe he was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had comprehended two profundities from a

law due to his age. Moreover, they had found it difficult to believe he had killed Sima Chun and Dongfang Jun Lin.

'Their strength is just average. I killed them within seconds with just a strike!' Duan Ling Tian's words echoed over and over again in their minds.

"He's a monster! How's he so strong?"

"If I'm not mistaken, he had only attacked with the law of earth's Earth Elemental Profundity earlier... The reason his attack was so strong should be due to the seven-color light that burst forth from his sword earlier. In fact, I saw the sword entering his body after he attacked!"

One of them remembered seeing a sword returning to Duan Ling Tian's body after he killed Li Yuan. He did not think the sword was a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.

"Entering his body? T-this is a trait unique to Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, right?"

"He... he has an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?!"

"An Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!"

"This purple-clad young man possesses an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons!"

It did not take long before everyone in Time Valley knew Duan Ling Tian possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.

Ou Ya, Xue Jing Yu, and others who had witnessed Duan Ling Tian killing Dongfang Jin Lun were not surprised at all.

A few people occupying the lower stone blocks discussed among themselves.

"Li Yuan was foolish to provoke Duan Ling Tian!"

"I could've reminded him earlier to not look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian... However, his reputation was really bad, and I don't like him so I let him be"

"Me too!"

Meanwhile, near the two second-highest stone blocks.

When Murong Xiao Xiao saw Ou Ya was about to leave, she said through Voice Transmission, "Sister Ou Ya... This person is less than 100 years old. Aren't you going to challenge him for his seat? With your strength, it shouldn't be difficult for you to claim his seat."

Upon hearing Murong Xiao Xiao's words, a bitter smile appeared on Ou Ya's face before she explained through Voice Transmission. "Sister Murong, I appreciate your kind thought... However, I'm not his match. Even if both of us join forces, we still won't be a match for him. Instead of wasting time challenging him for the seat, I'd rather use my time to comprehend the law of time."

Murong Xiao Xiao asked, “D-Does he own an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon like Duan Ling Tian?” She did not think there would be a second person who possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon here. After all, Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons were incredibly rare!

“He doesn’t have an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons,” Ou Ya said.

“Then why are you afraid of him?” Murong Xiao Xiao asked.

“He doesn’t have an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons, but I heard some people said he has a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon... Moreover, he has comprehended two profundities from the law of death,” Ou Ya said with a trace of helplessness.

Duan Ling Tian was less than 100 old and had comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. Apart from that, he had a seven-color sword that was an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon.

On the other hand, Ling Jue Yun was also less than 100 years old and had comprehended two profundities from the law of death. On top of that, he possessed a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon as well.

Ou Ya had no intention of challenging these two people at all.

Chapter 3026: Another Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!

“What?!” Ou Ya’s words frightened Murong Xiao Xiao. “A p-purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon?!”

Just like purely defensive King Grade Celestial Weapons were rare among King Grade Celestial Weapons, purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapons were very rare and valuable among Royal Grade Celestial Weapons as well. They were only second to soul defense Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. In fact, a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was almost as valuable as an ordinary Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!

“That’s right.” Ou Ya nodded. She no longer wasted time and descended to three stone blocks 100 meters below the second-highest stone blocks. With her strength, it would not be difficult to claim one of three stone blocks.

Naturally, just because Ou Ya was wise enough to give up on fighting Ling Jue Yun for his seat, it did not mean others would give up.

Soon enough, a red-clad middle-aged man, one of the four men who were terrified of Duan Ling Tian, flew toward Ling Jue Yun. Although Murong Xiao Xiao’s seat was on the same level as Ling Jue Yun’s seat, he did not dare to challenge Murong Xiao Xiao for her seat since Murong Xiao Xiao’s strength was widely known. On the other hand, Ling Jue Yun was just a nameless young man.

Moreover, since Duan Ling Tian had communicated with Ling Jue Yun through Voice Transmission earlier when he had given Li Yuan’s point to Ling Jue Yun, most people did not know they were acquainted. Although they had seen Ling Jue Yun obtaining the points, they assumed Duan Ling Tian had randomly chosen Ling Jue Yun.

Li Yuan was a never-seen-before genius from a grade-eight sect. For that reason, the sect regarded him as their lifeline.

Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun had even more formidable backgrounds. Both of them came from grade-seven clans that had many powerhouses.

If any of these people knew who murdered the geniuses from their clans and sects, there was no doubt they would seek revenge.

For these reasons, they were not surprised Duan Ling Tian had given the points away. They had assumed the points were given to Ling Jue Yun because he was seated closest to Duan Ling Tian.

Only Ou Ya, Xue Jing Yu, and a few others knew that Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were acquainted and had witnessed Ling Jue Yun's strength during the second trial in the Celestial Lord Temple. However, they were all busy fighting for a good seat or comprehending the law of time. They did not have the time nor the energy to warn the others who were unaware.

'Yun Zhan!' Murong Xiao Xiao recognized the red-clad middle-aged man who planned to challenge Ling Jue Yun. He was a disciple from a grade-eight sect, and he was not as young as the other participants. His appearance was that of a middle-aged man, but he was, in fact, more than 1,000 years old. He had suppressed his cultivation base and comprehended the profundities from a law so he could enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Not only did Yun Zhan comprehend two profundities from the law of earth, but due to his age, he had many combat experiences as well. All these factors contributed to his strength.

Murong Xiao Xiao did not think she would be able to defeat Yun Zhan during the time when she had just begun to comprehend the second profundity from the law of water.

Ling Jue Yun looked at Yun Zhan, who was standing nearby, indifferently before he said in a frosty voice, "I'll give you a chance... Get out of my sight immediately. Otherwise, you'll have to stay in the Celestial Lord Temple and the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm forever!"

After repeating Duan Ling Tian's earlier words to Li Yuan, Ling Jue Yun thought to himself, 'I feel cool saying this...'

Yun Zhan did not expect Ling Jue Yun to repeat Duan Ling Tian's words to him.

Since Ling Jue Yun did not make an effort to lower his voice, everyone heard his domineering words. They stopped fighting immediately and looked at the two second-highest seats. They saw a grey-clad young man sitting cross-legged on one of two stone blocks with a sheathed long sword on his lap. His words, naturally, caused an uproar. Many of them were rendered speechless by his words.

"Huh? He's less than 100 years old!"

"Hey, aren't his words a copy of Duan Ling Tian's words to Li Yuan?"

"This... This is my first time seeing such a lazy person! Is it that difficult for him to think of his own line? Is there a need to copy someone else's line?"

“Does this guy think he’s Duan Ling Tian? Is he under the delusion that he possesses an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon like Duan Ling Tian?”

“Are Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons so easy to obtain now?!”

All of them were also curious if Ling Jue Yun would be able to withstand the attack from Yun Zhan. Many of them knew who Yun Zhan was. On the contrary, most of them had never heard of or seen Ling Jue Yun before.

“The red-clad middle-aged man is Yun Zhan. He’s an outer elder of the grade-eight Thousand Autumn Sect. He intentionally suppressed his cultivation base to that of a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial so he could enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. He has comprehended two profundities from the law of earth. Coupled with his thousand years of experience, he’s actually quite strong.”

“I’ve never seen the gray-clad young man before...”

“Is there anyone who knows anything about him?”

At this moment, someone looked at Xue Jing Yu and asked, “Mister, you arrived with Duan Ling Tian and that gray-clad young man, right? How strong is he? Is he a match for Yun Zhan?”

“I don’t know.” Xue Jing Yu shook his head, feigning cluelessness. He knew Ling Jue Yun was extraordinarily strong and possessed a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. He had no intention of revealing this since he despised Yun Zhan and the other shameless old men who deliberately suppressed their cultivation bases just to enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm and compete with their juniors for treasures and fortuitous encounters.

Many people who had arrived in Time Valley with Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were also asked the same question. All of them pretended not to know anything, sharing the same thought as Xue Jing Yu.

“It seems like this gray-clad young man who’s less than 100 years old has only comprehended one profundity from a law.”

“Impossible... If he’s truly so weak, do you think he’d have the guts to claim the second-highest seat? I think he has comprehended two profundities from a law.”

“He’s not even 100 years old and you think he has comprehended two profundities from a law? Do you really think there are so many geniuses like Duan Ling Tian?”

“Perhaps, he wants to take advantage of Duan Ling Tian’s reputation to fool people into thinking he’s as strong as Duan Ling Tian?”

“That’s possible!”

There were a lot of discussions going on, and in the end, most of them agreed Yun Zhan would win Ling Jue Yun’s seat. They did not think Yun Zhan was going to show Ling Jue Yun any mercy due to the arrogant words Ling Jue Yun had copied from Duan Ling Tian.

Indeed, Yun Zhan was infuriated and humiliated by Ling Jue Yun's response. His eyes were narrowed, and his face was flushed red from anger. In just a blink of an eye, his Celestial Origin Energy surged out. Since it had been boosted with the law of earth's Earth Elemental Profundity, the energy around him was mustard color. At the same time, sand and pebbles around him rose into the air.

Although Yun Zhan and Duan Ling Tian comprehend the same law, unlike Duan Ling Tian, he really comprehended the two profundities from the law of earth. In truth, Duan Ling Tian had only fully comprehended one profundity and was in the midst of comprehending the second profundity.

The mustard energy around Yun Zhan surged violently as more pebbles and stones flew toward him. In the end, the stones and pebbles almost completely covered him.

The air rippled like water into the surroundings.

"The law of earth's Shaking Profundity?" Ling Jue Yun raised an eyebrow when he saw this. He unhurriedly lifted his hand.

Upon seeing this, many people thought he was going to unsheathe his sword. However, they were proven wrong when they saw him raising his hand over his head.

'What's he doing?' Murong Xiao Xiao, who was closest to Ling Jue Yun, frowned slightly, perplexed. In the next moment, she saw a black vortex appear on Ling Jue Yun's palm. Then, the tip of a sword slowly came out from his palm. Her eyes widened in shock, and her heart raced in her chest. 'An Emperor... Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?!'

It was widely known that Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons could be kept in one's body, after all.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, a three-foot-long sword with bolts of gray lightning flashing around it appeared in Ling Jue Yun's hand.

"An Emperor... Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!?"

"Another Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon?!"

"This... How's this possible? When did Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons become so common? Duan Ling Tian has one, and Ling Jue Yun also has one!"

Everyone, including Xue Jing Yu and the others, was dumbfounded when they saw Ling Jue Yun taking out an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. To them, Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons were legendary and incredibly rare. How could they not be dumbstruck seeing two Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons consecutively?

At this moment, a trembling voice laden with horror rang from the void where the stones and pebbles gathered. "I...I...I give up...I give up! I give up!"

Chapter 3027: Yun Zhan's Death

Yun Zhan who had spoken domineeringly and had threatened to kill Ling Jue Yun earlier was filled with horror and fear as soon as Ling Jue Yun drew out his three-foot-long sword. The sword was clearly an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that had been boosted by a profundity of a law!

"I surrender! I surrender!" Yun Zhan cried out, afraid that Ling Jue Yun would strike at him with the sword that had gray lightning bolts flashing around it.

"You're surrendering now?" Ling Jue Yun looked at Yun Zhan that was shrouded by a sandstorm and nonchalantly said, "Isn't it a little too early for you to surrender?"

Under everyone's watchful eyes, another Ling Jue Yun suddenly appeared. However, this Ling Jue Yun had red eyes and emitted a strange aura.

"I-is that a doppelganger?!"

Xue Jing Yun said in surprise, "I know Ling Jue Yun has comprehended two profundities from the law of death, and this technique is the Undead Doppelganger! However, I didn't expect him to possess an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon as well!"

Xue Jing Yu had been shocked when Duan Ling Tian drew out his Emperor Grade Celestial Sword earlier. He was shocked again when he discovered Ling Jue Yun possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Sword as well. His curiosity was piqued. He could not help but wonder if they had obtained it from the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. However, he quickly dismissed the thought. It was impossible.

The other participants were shocked when they heard Xue Jing Yu's words. They could not help but shake their heads and sighed, feeling pity for Yun Zhan who had provoked a monstrous genius like Ling Jue Yun.

"The law of death? The Undead Doppelganger?"

"This gray-clad young man, Ling Jue Yun, has comprehended the law of death? Moreover, he has also comprehended two profundities from the law of death?"

"The law of death is powerful as it is. Since he has comprehended two profundities, his strength should be on par with Yun Zhan even if he didn't use his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!"

"Ling Jue Yun is definitely going to emerge victorious now that he has brought out his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon!"

"You're stating the obvious. Can't you see Yun Zhan cowering in fear and waving the white flag? He's close to kneeling before Ling Jue Yun!"

"Yun Zhan probably didn't expect he'd be so unfortunate to meet such a strong opponent."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of wind howling rang in the air followed by a series of explosions.

Ling Jue Yun's doppelganger charged toward Yun Zhan with the Emperor Grade Celestial Sword in hand. As it drew closer to Yun Zhan, gray sword qis shot out of the sword and formed a wall that surrounded Yun Zhan.

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the air as Yun Zhan charged against the wall of sword qis in an attempt to breach it. His expression changed drastically when he saw the wall of sword qis merely shook for a moment before returning to normal.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of explosions continued to ring in the air.

Before Ling Jue Yun's doppelganger reached him, Yun Zhan frantically cast all the techniques in his arsenal and used his King Grade Celestial Weapon to break free. Alas, despite his attempts, the wall of sword qis remained standing. Despair was written all over his face at this moment.

When Ling Jue Yun's doppelganger passed through the wall of sword qis and was about to bring the sword down, Yun Zhan pleaded desperately in a last ditch attempt to save himself, "Please spare me! My possessions are all yours as long as you let me live! Please!"

Yun Zhan's voice echoed clearly in Time Valley.

Everyone could hear the anguish and despair in his voice. His helplessness was palpable.

At this moment, a miserable cry rang in the air. "No!"

Soon after, silence descended in the valley again.

With this feat, the other participants viewed Ling Jue Yun in a completely new light. In fact, they felt Ling Jue Yun was more formidable than Duan Ling Tian since Ling Jue Yun had comprehended the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws. This made them incredibly fearful of him.

"Based on Ling Jue Yun's strength, with his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, there's no doubt he's a match for Duan Ling Tian. Why did he relinquish the highest stone block to Duan Ling Tian?"

"Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian were in the same group... They must have a good relationship. Who knows they might even know each other for a long time now?"

"They're both peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial under 100 years old, and both of them possess an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. They must have come from the same place."

"What kind of force is able to give their peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon each? Why would they even be interested in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm? Not even the upper realm has anything that interests them, right?"

"Who knows? In any case, I don't think it's a coincidence that both of them are in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm at the same time."

Similar to the others, Xue Jing Yu and the others who were with Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun during the second trial in the Celestial Lord Temple had the same question as well. Did Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun come from the same place and knew each other beforehand?

A slight frown appeared on Xue Jing Yu's face as he thought to himself, 'I remember Ling Jue Yun approaching Duan Ling Tian during the end of the first trial in the Celestial Lord Temple. They even spoke privately in another hall... If they knew each other from before, they could've just communicated through Voice Transmission in the first place...' He had a feeling Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun only met not too long ago.

In the end, Xue Jing Yu shook his head and sat cross-legged on the stone block before he began to comprehend the law of time. 'Whatever, it's none of my business whether they knew each other from before or not. I better start comprehending the law of time...'

Meanwhile, Murong Xiao Xiao looked at Ling Jue Yun fearfully and said, "With your strength, you could've competed with Duan Ling Tian for the highest seat..."

Murong Xiao Xiao had already known Ling Jue Yun was not a simple person after listening to Ou Ya's words. She had thought his defenses must be remarkable since he had a purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Who knew his offensive power was even more remarkable? It was only natural since he had an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon to boost his attacks.

"What does it have to do with you? It's none of your business." Ling Jue Yun scowled at her disdainfully before he closed his eyes and began to comprehend the law of time.

Murong Xiao Xiao's words had touched a nerve in Ling Jue Yun. He was not afraid of Duan Ling Tian and could hold his own against Duan Ling Tian. However, since Huang'er had to depend on Duan Ling Tian now that she became his soul artifact, he had no choice but to yield to Duan Ling Tian in fear of Duan Ling Tian venting his anger on Huang'er.

"Y-you!" Murong Xiao Xiao's expression soured immediately. Similar to Duan Ling Tian, Ling Jue Yun was rude to her. They were nothing like the men who fawned over her. She even began to wonder if she had lost her charm. Little did she know, Ling Jue Yun came from an extraordinary background and had met many women who were much more beautiful than her. Moreover, she was not even as beautiful as Huang'er who had become the artifact soul of Duan Ling Tian's artifact.

Murong inhaled deeply to calm her anger. She decided not to waste any more time and began to comprehend the law of time.

Meanwhile, some participants resumed fighting over stone blocks and some of them began to comprehend the law of time.

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After a day and night had passed, Time Valley finally regained its tranquility.

Everyone was now seated on their own stone block.

Duan Ling Tian who was seated on the highest stone block looked calm. However, inwardly, he was in turmoil.

Due to being seated at the highest point, his progress was, naturally, ahead of the others since he could feel the flow of time more clearly than the others. Moreover, he was the first to begin comprehending the law of time.

‘The law of time is mysterious and tricky. It can be fast, it can be slow, and it can even stop. This must be the effect from the law of time’s Fundamental Profundity, the Time Elemental Profundity!’

‘Time is fleeting... No one is able to escape from the clutches of time. Perhaps, an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon like the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda could slow down time for a while, but it has no way of reversing or stopping time at all. A hundred years or thousand years can pass with a thought. A thought, a cycle...’

Duan Ling Tian was so immersed in comprehending the law of time that he was completely oblivious to his surroundings.

Chapter 3028: They Came Out From The Lower Realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm

Duan Ling Tian was not even aware of the commotion that was caused by Ling Jue Yun earlier. He was fully immersed in comprehending the law of time after he had extended his Divine Consciousness to protect himself.

At this moment, including Duan Ling Tian, there were more than 40 people who were comprehending the law of time. They could be considered as the strongest participants among those who had entered the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

The others who were not in the Celestial Lord Temple were either dead or wandering around and killing each other while they waited for the exit of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm to open. Before the exit opened, they could continue to kill to obtain points.

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Meanwhile, a figure was hovering above molten lava at the foot of an erupting volcano.

He muttered to himself, “I wonder how Brother Duan and Jia Chao are doing...”

The handsome young man held a seven-foot-long spear in his hands, and he looked rather exhausted. His robes were tattered; it was clear that he had just won a battle.

If Duan Ling Tian were here, he would quickly recognize the handsome young man as Huang Jia Long. He was a good friend of Duan Ling Tian whom Duan Ling Tian met in the central area after leaving the borderlands.

Huang Jia Long smiled as he looked at his Accumulative Points Jade that contained 11 points. “I finally accumulated more than ten points...”

Although Huang Jia Long had accumulated more than ten points, he was not brought to the Celestial Lord Temple. This was because it was too late by the time he accumulated the necessary points.

Apart from Huang Jia Long, there were many participants who accumulated the necessary points too late and were not brought to the Celestial Lord Temple as well.

At this moment, the participants outside the Celestial Lord Temple continued killing, unaware that a group of people had a fortuitous encounter in a place called the Celestial Lord Temple. However, not everyone who was in the Celestial Lord Temple chose to undergo the trials. Instead, they chose to stay in a safe room since they did not think they were strong enough to survive the trials. Moreover, some of them only managed to enter the Celestial Lord Temple because they had help from others. Huang Jia Chao who had Duan Ling Tian's help to obtain 10 points was an example of this. Such an act was considered cheating.

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Meanwhile, Huang Jia Chao was cultivating in a safe room in the Celestial Lord Temple. He sighed in relief as he thought to himself, 'I wonder how Brother Duan is doing... He must have left his room and ventured into the Celestial Lord Temple. It'd be fairly easy for him to survive with his strength.'

Unbeknownst to him, Duan Ling Tian did not only survive, but he was faring the best out of everyone who had chosen to venture into the Celestial Lord Temple.

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In the center of the Scaling Cloud Lake where the portal to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm was located.

"Yong'er!" A plaintive cry rang in the air, drawing a few people's attention.

At this moment, the majority of people present on the scene had already grown numb to the mournful cries that would ring in the air from time to time. After all, many of the participants from various forces were dying every day in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, would periodically scan through the names on the scoreboard to look for the name of his son, Hu Jin Yong. At this moment, Hu Jin Yong's name had disappeared from the scoreboard. This meant that his son must have perished in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. He was still mourning the loss of his brightest son when an exclamation rang in the air.

"There's a change at the top of the scoreboard!"

Everyone, including Hu Lin Yi, instinctively turned to look at the scoreboard.

"Ling Jue Yun?" Hu Lin Yi's heart skipped a beat as he saw Ling Jue Yun's name had risen to the top, replacing Murong Xiao Xiao. His eyes moved below Ling Jue Yun's name and saw Duan Ling Tian had dropped from second to third place. His expression turned unsightly upon seeing this. Not only did he lose his son, but Duan Ling Tian had even dropped to third place. He was about to look away when Duan Ling Tian's name suddenly rose to second place again, kicking Murong Xiao Xiao down to third place.

Upon seeing this, the expressions of the two elders from the Murong Clan soured. "How's this possible?!"

Everyone broke out in an uproar when the two dark horses occupied the top two places on the scoreboard.

“The top three rankings didn’t change for quite a long time. Who knew a drastic change would happen at this hour? Murong Xiao Xiao dropped from first place to third place just like that!”

“Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian are sectless cultivators from the Thousand Nation Territory. Since when did they have such talented sectless cultivators there?”

“These two sectless cultivators are truly extraordinary. They’ve achieved more than any sectless cultivators had achieved in the past.”

“That’s right, two sectless cultivators occupying the top two places are unprecedented in the history of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm!”

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Half a month passed in just a blink of an eye.

The void above the center of Scaling Cloud Lake rippled before a gateway appeared.

Upon seeing this, many people who were waiting began to perk up.

“They’ll be coming out any moment now!”

“The gateway to the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm has appeared!”

“Seems like there are only 30% of participants left now... How tragic!”

Soon after, many people began to discuss the deaths of Sima Chun, Dongfang Jin Lun, Li Yuan, and Yun Zhan. Their deaths were the most shocking ones among all the participants who perished in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun were the respective geniuses of their grade-seven clans. Li Yuan was also the first genius to appear in his grade-eight sect. Finally, Yun Zhan was an elder from a grade-eight sect who had deliberately suppressed his cultivation base so he could enter the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Since four of them had comprehended two profundities from a law, there was no doubt that they were rather powerful. In fact, it should not be difficult for them to rank in the top ten with their strength. Alas, not only did they not rank in the top ten, but they were dead.

“A total of four people who had comprehended two profundities from a law had died in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm this time. This is unprecedented!”

“Sima Chun, Dongfang Jin Lun, Li Yuan, Yun Zhan... They were some of the most famous peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in the regions under the Profound Nether Mansion’s control. No one expected them to die in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.”

“Who could’ve killed them? Ling Jue Yun? Duan Ling Tian? Murong Xiao Xiao? Or was it the collective force of a few people?”

“Who knows? Duan Ling Tian is only a few points away from Ling Jue Yun whereas Murong Xiao Xiao is short of roughly a dozen points. The point gaps are too small...”

“The point gaps after the fourth rank are very small as well. It’s really difficult to tell who killed Sima Chun and the others.”

“Perhaps, they were killed by a group of people. Or they could have died trying to obtain treasures or fortuitous encounters, and their points were given to those who were fortunate enough to be in the vicinity.”

“That’s possible as well...”

At this moment...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

One by one, figures began to appear in the gateway.

Those with stronger cultivation bases could feel the powerful force sending people to the gateway.

The group of people who just appeared looked around in confusion, clearly disoriented. In fact, it seemed as though they had lost their memories and did not know how they left the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. This group of people was precisely the people who had entered the Celestial Lord Temple.

“Where am I?”

“How did I end up here? Wasn’t I in the middle of a snow mountain?”

“What’s going on? Why was I sent out? I feel like I’ve forgotten something...”

“What’s going on?”

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was looking around saw a figure he was familiar with in the midst of these people. “Jia Chao?”

Chapter 3029: The Lost Memories

Duan Ling Tian was confused as well. He had suddenly appeared at the gateway at the center of Scaling Cloud Lake. He remembered running into Sima Chun from the grade-seven Sima Clan. After killing Sima Chun, he had accumulated more than ten points in his Accumulative Point Jade, but he could not recall what happened from that moment onward. All he knew was he had suddenly been sent out of the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

‘I remember after killing Sima Chun, I had 11 points in my Accumulative Point Jade...’ Duan Ling Tian instinctively checked his Accumulative Point Jade. ‘This... this...’ He was shocked to discover he had accumulated 286 points in his Accumulative Points Jade! Since he had started out with one point, this meant he had accumulated 285 points from other people at some point.

'Out of the 285 points I accumulated, I can only account for ten points. Where did the remaining 275 points come from? Is there something wrong with my Accumulative Points Jade?' No matter how hard Duan Ling Tian tried to search his memory, he still could not figure out where the points came from.

At this moment, the people around Duan Ling Tian were slowly regaining their senses. Similarly, they were surprised when they saw their points.

"Since when did I accumulate so many points? I remember only having 12 points."

"Me too. I remember I had 11 points, but now, I have 23 points."

"My points are the same. However, I feel like I've forgotten something..."

"Me too!"

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'I feel like I've forgotten something as well...'

At this moment, a gray figure began to look around his surroundings. His expression seemed a little panicked. He was none other than Ling Jue Yun, the genius sectless cultivator from the East Ming Nation!

"So that's Ling Jue Yun?"

"He's Ling Jue Yun, the genius sectless cultivator who ranks first in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm? He's really less than 100 years old!"

"He's not even 100 years old, and he managed to rank first! Did he rely on his strength or is it just luck?"

"Whatever it is, it doesn't change the fact that he's the winner!"

At this moment, Ling Jue Yun had become the focus of everyone's attention.

The group of people who had exited the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm looked at the scoreboard and was shocked to see Ling Jue Yun's name at the top.

Meanwhile, Ling Jue Yun could not care less about the attention. His face was pale as he muttered to himself anxiously in a voice only audible to him, "Sister Huang'er... Where's she? Did something happen to her while we were in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm? I'm pretty sure I lost some of my memories. I can't recall some things... How did I obtain 288 points? I remember the last time I checked, I only had 14 points. I don't remember anything that happened next!"

Duan Ling Tian and the other participants were still flustered and confused when the voice of Zhangsun Xiong Qi, the elder from the Zhangsun Clan, rang in the air.

"There's no need to panic! What you're going through right now has happened to others in the past as well. This is due to a fortuitous encounter in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm. Those who ran into this specific fortuitous encounter would have memories related to it erased. Your predecessors were also surprised when they found their points had increased and found they were in possession of new Spatial Rings, but they had no memories of obtaining the points or Spatial Rings.

Moreover, some of them had even comprehended the law of time although they had no recollection of it!”

When they heard Zhangsun Xiong Qi’s last sentence, the eyes of the participants who went into the Celestial Lord Temple lit up.

The law of time?

The law of time was the most mysterious and profound law among the Four Supreme Laws. It would be a huge gain if they really did comprehend the law of time!

‘The law of time?!’ Pieces of information regarding the law of time suddenly appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. Broken scenes of time slowing down, speeding up, and stopping appeared in his mind. ‘That’s the law of time?!’

At this moment, a childish voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind, “Boy, some Formation in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm has erased some of your memories. Let me recount them for you.” It was none other than the Chaos Divine Earth.

At this moment, the mellifluous voice of a woman rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind, “Please do me a favor and inform Little Feng that I’m alright. He has also lost some of his memories. I’m sure he must be anxious to discover my sudden absence from his sea of consciousness.”

“Who are you?!” Duan Ling Tian was shocked to hear a strange woman’s voice in his mind. His expression changed drastically. Why was there another presence in his sea of consciousness? The sea of consciousness was where his soul resided, and it was constantly protected by the Profound Divine Metal. Nothing could get past the Profound Divine Metal!

“Boy, there’s no need to worry. After I’m done talking, you’ll know who she is... As for you, girl, don’t worry. He’ll speak to that lad, Ling Jue Yun, on your behalf after I fill him in about what happened,” the Chaos Divine Earth said reassuringly.

Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief when he heard the Chaos Divine Earth’s words.

Meanwhile, the woman had fallen silent after the Chaos Divine Earth reassured her.

“Boy, after you accumulated 11 points by killing Sima Chun, the Southern Heaven Celestial Lord spoke to you... Then, a guiding force brought you to a place called the Celestial Temple Lord. During the journey to the Celestial Lord Temple, you met that lad, Huang Jia Chao, and saved him...” The Chaos Divine Earth began to recount what happened in detail after Duan Ling Tian lost his memory.

“So after killing Sima Chun, I also killed Dongfang Jin Lun and Li Yuan. Just like Sima Chun, two of them had also comprehended two profundities from a law. Meanwhile, Ling Jue Yun comes from the Divine Offering Land. Huang’er used to be the artifact soul of a prominent Devata artifact and has chosen me to be her master by becoming the artifact soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. In exchange for that, I promised to avenge her former master as long as the person who killed her former master deserved it...” Although Duan Ling Tian learned about what happened, he felt a sense of detachment to the memories since he had forgotten about them. Even then, he did not doubt the veracity of the Chaos

Divine Earth since he trusted it. Moreover, after he checked his Spatial Ring, the things in there corresponded with the Chaos Divine Earth's words.

'I even managed to claim the best place to comprehend the law of time in a place called Time Valley? Jia Chao is here with us because I helped him accumulate 10 points to enter the Celestial Lord Temple. He must have survived because he didn't leave the safe room in the Celestial Lord Temple.' With these thoughts in mind, Duan Ling Tian instinctively turned to look at Huang Jia Chao.

Coincidentally, Huang Jia Chao was making his way toward him. He asked in confusion, "Brother Duan, I remember you saved me. However, all I can remember is us having a conversation before you saved me. After that, I have no memories of anything else. Do you know what happened after that?"

Although Duan Ling Tian knew what happened, he did not intend to tell Huang Jia Chao. It was best nobody knew about it.

'Ling Jue Yun...' Duan Ling Tian shifted his eyes to Ling Jue Yun who had an unsightly expression on his face.

Ling Jue Yun looked deeply unhappy and distressed even though he was ranked first on the scoreboard.

'He must've discovered Huang'er's absence. I didn't expect him to come from the Divine Offering Land and even possess Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons and Devata artifacts!' Naturally, Duan Ling Tian only knew these things because of the Chaos Divine Earth's reminder.

Chapter 3030: A Cold Snort

After discovering what happened, Duan Ling Tian finally understood why the woman's voice in his mind wanted him to inform Ling Jue Yun that she was alright.

"Ling Jue Yun!" Duan Ling Tian sent a message through Voice Transmission.

Ling Jue Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian, perplexed, as Duan Ling Tian informed him about what happened when they were in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Temple. From when they passed the first trial in the Celestial Lord Temple until Huang'er left Ling Jue Yun's sea of consciousness and entered Duan Ling Tian's sea of consciousness and what happened afterward, he recounted everything in detail.

To prove the veracity of his words, Duan Ling Tian also brought up the purely defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that Ling Jue Yun used in the Celestial Lord Temple and the Devata artifact he had used in Time Valley. Indeed, the sword Ling Jue Yun had used in Time Valley was a Devata artifact. Although it was only a primitive Devata artifact, its powers were on par with an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon. Ling Jue Yun's expression eased. He no longer doubted Duan Ling Tian's words.

With this, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun were the only ones who knew about the Celestial Lord Temple, everyone, including Murong Xiao Xiao, did not and could not remember anything at all.

Meanwhile, Murong Xiao Xiao checked her Accumulative Points Jade before she looked at the top three names on the scoreboard. 'I've accumulated 232 points, but I still didn't rank first?'

'First place, Ling Jue Yun with 298 points? Second place, Duan Ling Tian with 286 points?' Murong Xiao Xiao frowned. She had never heard of these two names before. It was obvious they were not known in the Profound Nether Mansion. She was shocked and confused that these two unknown young men managed to claim the top two spots in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

At this moment, the two elders from the Murong Clan approached Murong Xiao Xiao and greeted her, "Second miss."

Not only was Murong Xiao Xiao a genius disciple of the Murong Clan, but she was also the clan leader's only daughter. She was a woman who could hold her own among men.

One of the elders from the Murong Clan asked, "Second Miss, y-you really can't remember what happened?"

"I only remember how I accumulated 12 points. What happened afterward, I have no recollection of it at all. Nonetheless, I didn't expect I'd fail to rank first even after accumulating 232 points," Murong Xiao Xiao said with a sigh as she shook her head. She looked at the two names at the top of the scoreboard again and asked, "Elders, does anyone know those two who rank at the top?"

"Second Miss, Ling Jue Yun represents the East Ming Nation, and Duan Ling Tian represents the Supporting Fall Nation. Both of them are sectless cultivators," one of the elders replied.

"Second Miss, they're no ordinary sectless cultivators. Not only did they rank at the top, but both of them haven't even reached the age of 100!" the other elder said.

"What?! They haven't even reached the age of 100?!" Murong Xiao Xiao was slightly surprised at the first elder's remark, but she was thoroughly shocked when she heard the second elder's words. Not only were they unknown sectless cultivators, but they were also younger than 100 years old?

'Ling Jue Yun...' Murong Xiao Xiao followed the crowd's gaze and saw Ling Jue Yun. Then, she probed him with her Divine Consciousness. Indeed, he was not even 100 years old!

'And Duan Ling Tian...' Then, Murong Xiao Xiao shifted her gaze to Duan Ling Tian. Similarly, she discovered he was also younger than 100 years old!

Duan Ling Tian could tell someone had probed him with their Divine Consciousness. When he looked up, he saw Murong Xiao Xiao staring at him.

At this moment, the Chaos Divine Earth's voice rang in his mind. "This woman is Murong Xiao Xiao."

Murong Xiao Xiao. The Chaos Divine Earth had spoken briefly about her earlier. She had tried to curry favor with him when they were in Time Valley and had given up after he ignored her.

'Based on the look on her face, she doesn't remember me...' When their eyes met, Duan Ling Tian could tell she was looking at him as though she was looking at a stranger.

"The participants who have come out, please return to the force you represent." The voice of Zhangsun Xiong Qi, an elder from the Zhangsun Clan, rang in the air again.

One after another, the participants returned to their respective forces. Duan Ling Tian and Huang Jia Chao returned to the Supporting Fall Nation whereas Ling Jue Yun returned to the East Ming Nation.

“Congratulations, Duan Ling Tian.” Hu Lin Yi, the Emperor of the Supporting Fall Nation, greeted Duan Ling Tian with a beaming smile on his face. It seemed as though he had temporarily forgotten about the death of his son, Hu Ji Yong.

“Congratulations to you as well, Jia Chao. You made it to the top hundred,” Hu Lin Yi said with a smile as he looked at Huang Jia Chao.

‘Hm? I can’t seem to find the fourth prince’s name...’ Huang Jia Chao thought to himself as he looked through the names on the scoreboard. Since Hu Ji Yong’s name was not on the scoreboard, it could only mean one thing: Hu Ji Yong had died in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm! He gasped inwardly as he looked at Hu Lin Yi furtively.

“Yong’er is dead,” Hu Lin Yi muttered softly after sensing Huang Jia Chao’s gaze.

“I’m sorry for your loss, Your Majesty,” Huang Jia Chao said.

Meanwhile, a crowd had gathered around Hu Lin Yi to congratulate him after Duan Ling Tian returned to his side.

“Congratulations, Emperor Hu!”

“Emperor Hu, you’re really fortunate to be able to recruit such a monstrous talent! There’s no doubt that you’ll be handsomely rewarded.”

“Second place... Emperor Hu, with such a remarkable outcome, your rewards will surely fill everyone with envy.”

Traces of jealousy could be seen in the eyes of the people who had come forth to congratulate Hu Lin Yi. Some of them were even cursing him inwardly for his luck. After all, the Three Sects and Two Clans would generously reward the factions of the top-ranking participants. The higher the ranks of the participants, the more generous the rewards would be. Since Duan Ling Tian ranked second, Hu Lin Yi’s rewards would only be second to the Emperor of the East Ming Nation. The Emperor of the East Ming Nation would, naturally, have the best rewards since Ling Jue Yun was ranked first in the lower realm of the Southern Heaven Ancient Realm.

“Jue Yun, you truly didn’t let me down!” The Emperor of the East Ming Nation grinned ear to ear as he welcomed Ling Jue Yun with open arms. He was clearly overjoyed. He was still shocked that Ling Jue Yun had ranked first. Although he knew Ling Jue Yun was powerful, he did not expect Ling Jue Yun to make it to the top ten, let alone first place.

Meanwhile, people were also gathered around Murong Xiao Xiao who was ranked third to congratulate her. They did not forget to flatter her as well.

“Congratulations, Miss Murong, for ranking third!”

“With the help from the Three Sects and Two Clans and your innate talent, it’d be fairly easy for you to enter the Profound Nether Mansion and accomplish amazing feats!”

“Congratulations, Miss Murong!”

Murong Xiao Xiao nodded perfunctorily when faced with congratulatory words and flattery. Her gaze remained fixed on Duan Ling Tian and Ling Jue Yun, the duo who surpassed her and claimed the top two rankings.

At this moment, a gray-clad old man standing among the throng of people shifted his gaze between Ling Jue Yun Duan Ling Tian, Murong Xiao Xiao, and the other participants. ‘Which of them killed Chun’er?’ He was none other than the Grand Elder of the Sima Clan, Sima Ping Dong. He was searching through the participants for the person who killed his beloved grandson, Sima Chun.

Similarly, the people of the Dongfang Clan were looking at the participants in search of the person who killed Dongfang Jin Lun.

The grade-eight sects Li Yuan and Yu Zhan belonged to were also searching for their murderers.

“Who killed Li Yuan?”

“Who killed Elder Yun Zhan?”

At this moment, Sima Dong Ping’s voice rang thunderously in the center of Scaling Cloud Lake as he declared, “No matter who you are, if you’re able to provide us with clues about the person who killed my grandson, Sima Chun, I, Sima Ping Dong, and the Sima Clan will be indebted to you!”

Everyone was taken aback by Sima Dong Ping’s sudden outburst. It did not take long before they were shocked again.

The people from the grade-seven Dongfang Clan followed in Sima Dong Ping’s footsteps and declared, “Whoever’s able to provide us with clues about the person who killed Dongfang Jin Lun, the Dongfang Clan will be indebted to you as well!”

The two clans publicly declared their determination to find the killers because Sima Chun and Dongfang Jin Lun were no ordinary disciples of the clans; they were their brightest disciples!

“Hmph!” A cold snort rang in the air at this moment, drowning out all the voices immediately.

Chills ran up everyone’s spines.