

SOVEREIGN 3431

Chapter 3431: Feng Qing Yang

Feng Qing Yang was the first successor of the Fog Rain Progeny in the Saint Province Realm's Seven Absolute Sect; Duan Ling Tian was the second successor.

When Duan Ling Tian was still in the Saint Province Realm, he had stumbled upon Feng Qing Yang's legacy by chance and had mastered the Sovereign Heart Sword. For this reason, his journey in the Saint Province Realm had been smooth sailing.

It could be said that the reason Duan Ling Tian was able to grow so powerful was due to his mastery of the Sovereign Heart Sword. Back when he was still in the Saint Province Realm, he had wondered more than once if he would be able to meet Feng Qing Yan whom he considered his master.

When he finally arrived at the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and was acknowledged by Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor, he knew he would be able to meet Feng Qing Yang. However, he did not expect that he would have to wait for more than 200 years before he would finally be able to meet Feng Qing Yang. For most celestials, 200 years were not a long time, but for him, 200 years was almost half of his life. He was only more than 500 years old now, after all.

During the journey to meet Feng Qing Yang, Elder Huo felt rather nostalgic and began to reminisce about the past.

"Young Master, our Lord Heavenly Emperor watched you when you were going through the heavenly tribulation in the mundane realm through a Mirror Image Formation. At that time, I'd just left you not too long ago... In just a blink of an eye, almost 500 years have passed since then..."

"He watched me undergo the heavenly tribulation through a Mirror Image Formation?" Duan Ling Tian was briefly stunned; this was his first time hearing about this. He did not expect Feng Qing Yang to have paid attention to him since such a long time ago.

"Back then, Kuang Ling, the sword soul of the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, and I accompanied Lord Heavenly Emperor to watch you pass the heavenly tribulation... It's a pity that Kuang Ling is no longer with us..." Elder Huo sighed.

Duan Ling Tian had previously learned from Elder Huo that Kuang Ling, the sword soul of the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, perished when Feng Qing Yang fought the servant of Yun Qing Yan, the Young Master of the Yun Clan in the Divine Offering Realm.

At that time, Yun Qing Yang's servant had a higher grade divine artifact. Not only was the grade of his weapon higher than the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, but even his sword soul was stronger than Kuang Ling.

In the past, Elder Huo had vanished so suddenly because Feng Qing Yang had ordered Kuang Ling to bring Elder Huo to the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Feng Qing Yang had done so because he was worried he would be overly reliant on Elder Huo and the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, causing him to slack off in his cultivation.

Based on this, one could see Feng Qing Yang truly cared about Duan Ling Tian and paid attention to his growth.

Meng Luo, Feng Qing Yang's most trusted subordinate, thought so as well. Otherwise, he would not have been so respectful toward Duan Ling Tian.

After staying in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven for more than 200 years, Duan Ling Tian had explored most of the places in the palace. Therefore, he was rather familiar with his way around. However, at this moment, as he followed Elder Huo to meet Feng Qing Yang, the paths suddenly seemed different to him. The short journey seemed much longer than it should be.

Apart from excitement and joy, Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel slightly awkward as well.

At this moment, Elder Huo came to a stop and said, "This is where our Lord Heavenly Emperor stays at the moment."

A small floating island above a lake was right in front of Duan Ling Tian. This place was one of the forbidden places in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Only a handful of people were allowed in. As Feng Qing Yang's true disciple-to-be who had been approved by Meng Luo, Duan Ling Tian had been to this place a few times in the past.

The lake beneath the floating island was located in a quiet mountain valley in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. The entire place was like a world of its own. The scenery was lush. Flowers bloomed amidst the birds' chirpings.

Although this was not Duan Ling Tian's first time here, he felt completely different from before. In the past, he would take time to enjoy the beautiful scenery. However, at this time, all his attention was focused on the small floating island above the lake.

He knew there was a spacious courtyard with a room at the back on the small floating island. However, he did not know it was where Feng Qing Yang stayed in the past.

Under Elder Huo's lead, Duan Ling Tian flew onto the floating island before descending into the courtyard.

Following that, Elder Huo bowed in the direction of the room at the back and said respectfully, "My Lord Heavenly Emperor, the Young Master is here..."

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath as he stared unblinkingly in the direction of the room.

Swoosh!

A wave of majestic mustard-color energy swept out from the room as soon as Elder Huo's voice fell.

Duan Ling Tian could tell that the energy was from the law of earth. Following that, he saw something shocking.

The mustard energy began to solidify in front of Duan Ling Tian's eyes. Initially, they converged in a humanoid form. Following the figure became cleared and clearer before it solidified into a tall and handsome young man dressed in a green robe. His expression was solemn and dignified. His eyes, which were framed by a pair of sword-shaped brows, were deep; it was as though he could see through

everything with his eyes. At this moment, he smiled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "I've seen you once through the Mirror Image Formation many years ago. Unfortunately, that was the last time, until today, that I saw you. You still look the same even though your bearing has changed."

With these words, Duan Ling Tian snapped back to his senses. He hurriedly bowed and said somewhat nervously, "I'm Duan Ling Tian. Greetings, Senior Feng Qing Yang."

The handsome young man cocked an eyebrow and asked teasingly, "Hmm? You're still referring to me as Senior Feng Qing Yang?"

Elder Huo reminded Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, clearly amused, "Young Master, you should address the Lord Heavenly Emperor as master."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian hastily said, "Greetings, master!"

Duan Ling Tian had thought there would be ceremonies and formalities to go through before he officially became Feng Qing Yang's true disciple. Therefore, he did not want to be presumptuous and address Feng Qing Yang as his master before anything else. However, it seemed like his master did not care much about formalities.

Feng Qing Yang chuckled when he heard Duan Ling Tian's new way of addressing him. "We finally met. Since I entered the Asura Hell, I hardly received any news about you. I sent my men to look for you in the mundane realm at that time. However, when they failed to find you, I figured you must have ascended to one of the Devata Realms. I didn't expect you only took a few hundred years to become a Celestial Emperor."

At this time, Elder Huo had tactfully left Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian alone so they could speak.

"I had a few fortuitous encounters." Duan Ling Tian smiled. Soon after, a guilty expression appeared on his face as he said, "Master, I want to apologize. It's all my fault that you were forced to go to the Asura Hell; you were even trapped in that place for such a long time."

"There's no need to apologize." Feng Qing Yang shook his head. "Everything happens for a reason. After all, if I weren't trapped in the Asura Hell, I wouldn't have achieved the things I did..."

For Feng Qing Yang, he had achieved many things after experiencing many near-death experiences. To a certain extent, he saw his time in the Asura Hell as an opportunity given by Duan Ling Tian. This was one of the reasons he was concerned about Duan Ling Tian's well-being and instructed his men to look for Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing those words, Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, "Master, I heard... Is it true that you've attained godhood?"

"That's right." Feng Qing Yang nodded. "This is a clone from the law of earth."

"I see." Duan Ling Tian understood now why Feng Qing Yang had solidified into being from the law of earth's energy.

The World Cleansing Divine Water had once told him that once one attained godhood, one would gain a law clone from every law where all the profundities had been comprehended to the mastery stage.

Law clones could exist away from one's physical body. They also contained divine energy and the full force of the law that had been comprehended.

"I wasn't aware that you've mastered the law of earth as well," Duan Ling Tian was surprised. Based on what he knew, Feng Qing Yang was famous for his comprehension of the law of destruction. The strongest law he comprehended was also the law of destruction. Moreover, the law of destruction was compatible with the Sword Dao. He knew that Feng Qing Yang's Sword Dao contributed to his comprehension of the law of destruction as well after years and years of perfecting his sword technique. Needless to say, Feng Qing Yang's comprehension of the law of destruction was one of the best in the Devata Realms.

"I've mastered both the law of destruction and the law of earth..." Feng Qing Yang said with a smile.

The duo continued chatting for a while before Feng Qing Yang finally asked about what happened back then. "That person chased after me back then and only said he wanted to kill me because of you... He said I have to pay with my life because you inherited my legacy. That person is an Imminent God. The law and profundities he comprehended were no weaker than mine at that time. In addition, his divine artifact was more powerful than mine. I wasn't a match for him at all. I remember him saying he's from the Realm of Gods called the Divine Offering Land. How did you offend someone like that?"

Feng Qing Yang was curious how Duan Ling Tian who was still in the mundane realm at that time managed to offend someone from the Realm of Gods.

"Master, it was because of my wife, Ke'er." Duan Ling Tian did not hide the truth from Feng Qing Yang. After he recounted everything, he said, "... that person who attacked you is merely a servant of the Yun Clan in the Divine Offering Realm..."

"I didn't expect so many twists and turns." Feng Qing Yang said. Realization seemed to dawn on him as he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully and asked, "Is that why you progressed so quickly in just a few hundred years? You're planning to save your wife once the passages from the Devata Realms to the Realms of Gods open?"

It was not difficult for Feng Qing Yang to figure out Duan Ling Tian's motivation for cultivating so hard. However, he slightly regretted asking that question since he felt it was no different from pouring salt on his disciple's wound. Therefore, he did not wait for Duan Ling Tian's reply and swiftly changed the topic. His eyes shone brightly as he said, "I've heard about what happened in the Saint Province Realm. Do you want to come with me to the Luo River Heaven?"

Chapter 3432: Situ Zhuqing, Show Yourself!

By putting himself into Duan Ling Tian's shoes, Feng Qing Yang could understand how Duan Ling Tian felt. Back then, he thought that if even someone like him faced such danger that time, he could only imagine how dangerous it had been for Duan Ling Tian. For that reason, he was not optimistic about Duan Ling Tian's survival at that time. One of the reasons he had sent his men to look for Duan Ling Tian in the mundane realm instead of personally going to the mundane realm himself was due to the fact that he thought Duan Ling Tian had died. He only wanted his men to confirm his thoughts.

Although his men failed to find Duan Ling Tian, they also did not hear any news about Duan Ling Tian's death. Therefore, he began to feel hopeful again. However, deep down inside, he thought it was just his wishful thinking. After all, the person Duan Ling Tian had offended was someone from a Realm God. Let alone a cultivator from the mundane realm, even celestials were no match for those from the Realms of Gods. If Duan Ling Tian was like an ant to celestials from Devata Realms, what about those from the Realms of Gods?

Feng Qing Yang was also greatly infuriated after hearing about what Duan Ling Tian had gone through. He did not expect there were those who would go so far and act so viciously...

"The Luo River Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian, who had grown emotional upon hearing Feng Qing Yang's question, perked up when he heard Feng Qing Yang's following words. Although it was not his first time talking out the past, he was no less upset about it now. Humans were not emotionless like trees after all. Moreover, the one who was trapped in the Divine Offering Land was his wife, Ke'er. Nevertheless, Feng Qing Yang's words managed to divert his attention.

"That's right." Feng Qing Yang nodded.

Although Feng Qing's expression was one of indifference, Duan Ling Tian could see the coldness flashing in Feng Qing Yang's eyes. The look in Feng Qing Yang's eyes was fierce and unyielding like a sword; it was rather mesmerizing. When he regained his senses, he said apologetically, "Master, what happened at the Saint Province Realm is my fault... I didn't know the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven would vent her anger on the Saint Province Realm when she couldn't find me, the person who killed her daughter."

Duan Ling Tian still felt guilty over what happened in the Saint Province Realm. After all, he was the one who destroyed the soul of Feng Jian Xue, the daughter of Situ Zhuqing, the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven, to save Mu Yi Yi, and thus, incurring her wrath.

"I heard about what happened; it's not your fault," Feng Qing Yang said as he shook his head, "If I were you, I would do the same. How can the body of a member of our Seven Absolute Sect be taken by another person?" His eyes shone with killing intent when he finished speaking. It was as though he could devour someone whole.

"Situ Zhuqing wanted to massacre all the inhabitants in a mundane realm for her own selfish desires; she did not even spare the beasts. She truly thinks there are no consequences..." Feng Qing Yang said frostily, "It's unfortunate she picked the wrong mundane realm. Is the mundane realm where I, Feng Qing Yang, came from a place where she could do as she pleases?"

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'Is this the speed of a god?' Duan Ling Tian was still in awe when he arrived at the Luo River Heaven. He was stunned by Feng Qing Yang's speed when Feng Qing Yang brought him to the transportation site in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Although he was aware there was a difference in strength between a god and a celestial that was like the difference between heaven and earth, witnessing it with his own eyes was completely different. Moreover, this was just his master's law of earth's clone. The law of earth could be said to be the slowest among all the laws, but he was certain that even the fastest titled Celestial Emperor was slower than his master.

After Feng Qing Yang removed his energy from Duan Ling Tian, he asked, "I know the Luo River Sect is the Heavenly Palace of the Luo River Heaven, but I've never been there. Do you know the way there?"

The first and only time Duan Ling Tian went to the Luo River Sect was to look for Mu Yi Yi. At that time, he had been excited to have found another one of his friends. Unfortunately, he had arrived too late. Even after he had rescued her, she was in a bad shape. The old Mu Yi Yi would never return.

"If it weren't for me, Junior Sister Mu Yi Yi wouldn't be in such a state," Duan Ling Tian sighed when his thoughts wandered to Mu Yi Yi.

"Please don't blame yourself. You're only the reason; the fault lies with Yun Qing Yan from the Divine Offering Land's fault..." Feng Qing Yang said to console Duan Ling Tian. He understood his disciple's feelings. Perhaps, both of them had looked forward to meeting each other for such a long time that as soon as they met, their rapport was so good even though it was their first meeting. It was as though they had been master and disciple for years.

Since Duan Ling Tian met Mu Yi Yi outside of the Luo River Sect's estate when he first came here, he knew the way to the sect.

With Duan Ling Tian giving directions and Feng Qing Yang's speed, they arrived at the Luo River Sect in just a blink of an eye.

Feng Qing Yang did not waste time. He roared, "Situ Zhuqing, show yourself!"

Feng Qing Yang's way of doing things brought a sense of familiarity to Duan Ling Tian. It was similar to the way he did things. Initially, he assumed his master would be courteous first. After all, his master was the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, and Situ Zhuqing was the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven. Instead, his master had acted bluntly and yelled at Situ Zhuqing to show herself.

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Needless to say, Feng Qing Yang's voice caused a huge commotion in the Luo River Sect.

"What?!"

"Who's that? How dare he addresses our Lord Heavenly Emperor by her name?"

"His voice seems to have come from above the estate. Are the disciples and elders on guard duty deaf and blind? Didn't they know there's an intruder?"

"Hey, since he dares to address our Lord Heavenly Emperor by name and even asked her to show herself, I think he's not simple."

Many elders in the Luo River Sect were furious by the lack of respect. However, there were a few who were calm and observant. These few people knew that the person who shouted for their sect leader, also the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven, to show herself must not be simple. For someone to be able to do something like that, they had to be insane or possess heaven-defying strength. If that person was insane, he would not have been able to enter the Luo River Sect's estate at all.

Many high-ranking officials in the sect began to feel wary after thinking about it. Nevertheless, they still mustered up their courage to face the intruder.

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Soon enough, roughly a dozen high-ranking officials appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang who were standing side by side. The duo looked at the people in front of them with an indifferent gaze.

At this moment, one of the Luo River Sect's titled Celestial Emperor stepped forward nervously and asked, "Sir, are you looking for our Lord Heavenly Emperor?"

Suddenly, one person from the group of high-ranking officials in the Luo River Sect widened his eyes in horror. He cried out in disbelief, "You... Y-you... You're Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang!"

"Do you know me?" Feng Qing Yang looked at the old man who recognized him in surprise. After all, this was his first time in the Luo River Heaven.

At the same time, the others from the Luo River Sect looked as though they had been struck by lightning after hearing the old man's words. The Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, Feng Qing Yang, was here to look for their Heavenly Emperor? Moreover, based on his tone earlier and his attitude now, it did not seem like he was here for friendly reasons. With this thought in mind, chills ran up their spines immediately.

All of them knew that Heavenly Emperors were not equal in strength. It was likely that Feng Qing Yang was stronger than Situ Zhuqing before he even entered the Asura Hell. Now that he had grown stronger, how could Situ Zhuqing be a match for him?

"Lord Heavenly Emperor," the old man who recognized Feng Qing Yang bowed and said respectfully, "My friend is a titled Celestial Emperor in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven... I had the fortune to meet you once when I was visiting my friend in the Heavenly Palace of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven."

"I see." Indeed, he had visited the Heavenly Palace of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven many times due to his friendship with Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. Their friendship stemmed from both their love for sparring. Needless to say, he had not been to the Heavenly Palace of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven after leaving the Asura Hell. However, that did not mean he had not met Gongsun Xuanyuan.

Since before, Feng Qing Yang and Gongsun Xuanyuan had an arrangement to take turns meeting at each other's Heavenly Palaces. Accordingly, it was supposed to be Feng Qing Yang's turn to go to the Heavenly Palace of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. However, when Gongsun Xuanyuan heard about Feng Qing Yang's return, out of concern, he took the initiative and invited himself to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven instead.

Needless to say, after seeing that Feng Qing Yan was fine, Gongsun Xuanyuan began to spar with Feng Qing Yang as usual. Alas, he was thoroughly beaten. He did not expect Feng Qing Yang being forced to enter the Asura Hell would be a blessing in disguise. Most importantly, Feng Qing Yang attained godhood due to his time in the Asura Hell. In the past, although Feng Qing Yang's law of earth was powerful, Feng Qing Yang had to use the law of destruction as well to be evenly matched with him.

However, Feng Qing Yang managed to thoroughly defeat him in their latest sparring session even though Feng Qing Yang was only using the law of earth's clone.

"The Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened slightly. He vaguely remembered Elder Huo saying that Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven was also from Yan Huang Planet, otherwise known as earth, in Yan Huang Realm.

Duan Ling Tian soon recalled Gongsun Xuanyuan had ascended to the Jade Emperor Heaven in the past. He grew powerful really quickly, and it was not long before he went to challenge a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm. After defeating that Heavenly Emperor, the name of the Devata Realm was changed to the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, and he became its Heavenly Emperor.

Chapter 3433: Is This How You Ask For An Explanation?

"Lord Heavenly Emperor, is there a particular reason you're looking for our Lord Heavenly Emperor?" the old man who recognized Feng Qing Yang first asked respectfully.

The old man, and everyone present on the scene, knew Situ Zhuqing, the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven, was not a match for Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Based on Feng Qing Yang's tone, it was obvious that he did not come looking for Situ Zhuqing for friendly reasons.

If Situ Zhuqing had truly offended Feng Qing Yang, the old man thought that he must sever his ties with the Luo River Sect as soon as possible to avoid being dragged into the matter.

"I'm here to settle some scores," Feng Qing Yang replied indifferently. Although he could search the entire Luo River Sect with his Divine Consciousness, he would not be able to find Situ Zhuqing. After all, he was not familiar with her; even if he sensed her aura, he would not be able to recognize that it belonged to her. He could sense quite a few Ten Directions Celestial Emperors in the Luo River Sect's estate. Put aside those who were not present, almost half of the people before him were Ten Directions Celestial Emperors. It would be difficult for him to find Situ Zhuqing's aura among so many Ten Directions Celestial Emperors since he was not familiar with her.

The old man's eyes widened in fear. Although he was mentally prepared, he was still shocked.

Similarly, the other members of the Luo River Sect were shocked and frightened as well. After all, the Heavenly Emperor standing in front of them had killed another Heavenly Emperor just to avenge his subordinate. Was he... was he here to kill their Heavenly Emperor?

"Lord Heavenly Emperor," an old lady stepped forward at this moment and asked with a bitter smile, "Are you here to kill our Lord Heavenly Emperor because of something that happened 200 years ago?"

The Luo River Sect members looked at the old lady in confusion and shock. So it was true that their Heavenly Emperor had offended Feng Qing Yang? Moreover, whatever she did was so serious that Feng Qing Yang personally came to kill her! All of them wondered if Situ Zhuqing had gone insane for provoking Feng Qing Yang.

"So you know," Feng Qing Yang said as he looked at the old lady intently.

“To be honest, I don’t know, Lord Heavenly Emperor,” the old woman continued to say with a bitter smile, “However, our Lord Heavenly Emperor and the Saint Girl left the sect about 200 years ago. Up until now, they have yet to return. They left without saying a word. Nobody knows where they went. The longest time our Lord Heavenly Emperor has been away from the sect was less than 30 years. Her long absence this time is very abnormal...”

“She left 200 years ago?” Feng Qing Yang narrowed his eyes immediately. The corners of his lips curled up into a sneer as he said mockingly, “She’s really smart to flee so quickly. However, does she think I won’t be able to do anything just because I can’t find her here?”

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard Situ Zhuqing had fled the Luo River Sect and the Luo River Heaven 200 years ago. He was aware that it was the same time as when he and Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial, went to the Saint Province Realm. This meant that Situ Zhuqing fled as soon as she found out she had offended Feng Qing Yang by sending her people to kill all of the inhabitants in the Saint Province Realm. He thought to himself in awe, ‘Heavens! Just master’s name and reputation alone is so fearsome! She fled as soon as she found out she had offended master? Isn’t she a Heavenly Emperor? Isn’t her behavior too embarrassing?’

Duan Ling Tian was truly shocked and in awe that Feng Qing Yang’s name and reputation alone could strike so much fear into people’s hearts. Moreover, not many people knew for sure his master had attained godhood. It was just an unconfirmed rumor after all. Despite that, they were still so afraid of his master. After thinking about it for a moment, he thought it was reasonable that Situ Zhuqing would flee. After all, even before his master entered the Asura Hell, Situ Zhuqing was already not a match for his master.

‘Hm?’ At this moment, Duan Ling Tian discovered a middle-aged man, who was standing among the members of the Luo River Sect, staring intently at him. He thought the middle-aged man recognized him. After all, when he first came to meet Mu Yi Yi at the entrance of the Luo River Sect’s estate, he did not disguise himself at all. Therefore, he was certain the disciples who saw him that day must have provided information to the Saint Girl so they could draw his portraits and give them to those who were sent to hunt him down.

Duan Ling Tian asked the middle-aged man, “Do you recognize me? Were you part of the group the Saint Girl sent to hunt me down?”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s voice fell, the Luo River Sect members turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. Previously, all of their attention was on Feng Qing Yang so all of them had overlooked Duan Ling Tian even if they found him vaguely familiar.

“Y-you are Duan Ling Tian? You’re the one who kidnapped the Saint Girl’s disciple, Mu Yi Yi?!” an old man exclaimed in shock and disbelief. He did not expect the person their sect’s Saint Girl wanted to hunt down was someone by Feng Qing Yang’s side. Moreover, based on how Duan Ling Tian was standing next to Feng Qing Yang, it was clear Duan Ling Tian was not just a subordinate.

“So you know me,” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, “However, I didn’t kidnap your Saint Girl’s disciple; I rescued her. Your Saint Girl allowed her twin sister, Feng Jian Xue, to possess my junior sister’s body. When I found out about it, I brought Yi Yi away and destroyed Feng Jian Xue’s soul that was occupying Yi

Yi's body. That's why your Heavenly Emperor and your Saint Girl hate me so much and sent people to kill the inhabitants of a mundane realm. It was all for revenge..."

"Twin sister?"

Apart from a few who were in the know, the other members of the Luo River Sect were shocked by this revelation. None of them knew the Saint Girl had a twin sister or that their Heavenly Emperor had another daughter.

"Unfortunately, your Heavenly Emperor didn't know that mundane realm was where my master, Feng Qing Yang, came from as well. She only knew he came from that mundane realm after the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor put a stop to the massacre there. Coincidentally, that happened 200 years ago as well..." Duan Ling Tian grew angrier and angrier as he spoke. "Unfortunately, although the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor intervened, many of the inhabitants had already been killed. We arrived too late. As a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm, she actually stooped so low because of her selfish desires and ordered for the helpless inhabitants of a mundane realm to be slaughtered. She deserves death!"

Duan Ling Tian's frosty voice sent chills running their spines. The dozen of titled Celestial Emperors from the Luo River Sect were stunned. As it turned out, this was how their Heavenly Emperor had offended Feng Qing Yang. What was even more shocking was that Duan Ling Tian was Feng Qing Yang's disciple. With all these revelations, their expressions changed drastically. Their eyes darted around nervously. They were worried Feng Qing would kill all of them with just a wave of his hand out of anger.

At this moment, the old man who had recognized Feng Qing Yang earlier said respectfully, "Lord Heavenly Emperor, I truly didn't know about this nor do I have anything to do with it. Please show mercy and don't vent your anger on me..."

As soon as the old man's voice fell, the other members of the Luo River Sect began to speak up one after another to plead for their lives. All of them were drenched in cold sweat; they were afraid Feng Qing Yang would vent his anger on them. After all, the main culprit had escaped so there was no way for him to seek revenge for now.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian looked at Feng Qing Yang and said through Voice Transmission, "Master, why don't we use me as bait? We can lure Situ Zhuqing out this way. She hates me to the bones so she'll definitely come for me once she discovers my whereabouts..."

"There's no need for that." Feng Qing Yang rejected Duan Ling Tian's suggestion. "She won't fall for it. Perhaps, news of you being my disciple has already spread in the Luo River Sect. It's just a matter of time before she finds out as well. Although there are 81 Devata Realms for her to hide in, she won't be able to hide forever... Moreover, I'm not interested in wasting my time hunting her down. Let's wait for her to show up. I'll definitely kill her as soon as she shows up..."

Duan Ling Tian could sense his master's contempt for Situ Zhuqing. He nodded. "You're right, master. Indeed, it's a waste of time for us to look for someone like her; she's not worth our efforts. Like you said, we should wait for her to show up. Moreover, if possible, I'd like to kill her with my own hands..."

Killing intent shone in Duan Ling Tian's eyes. He could not wait to kill Situ Zhuqing for destroying his hometown and killing the descendants of his friends, including Xue Nai's family.

"Alright. We'll put this matter aside for now. There's one more matter to deal with. We still have to go to the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven," Feng Qing Yang's eyes glinted coldly as he said, "I've heard about what happened there from Elder Huo. Although Yang Yun Xiao could be considered a friend, he has to give me an explanation..."

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Due to Feng Qing Yang's words, even after they arrived at the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven, Duan Ling Tian assumed Feng Qing Yang was going to listen to the explanation from Yang Yun Xiao, the Heavenly Emperor of the Floating Heaven. However, he was shocked when he saw spatial tears appearing in the void due to a terrifying energy as soon as Yang Yun Xiao showed up. Before Yang Yun Xiao could even speak, a giant sword that seemed invincible and indestructible shot toward Yang Yun Xiao.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned speechless. Is this what his master meant when he said Yang Yun Xiao had to give him an explanation? How was this considered asking for an explanation?

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Bang!

Yang Yun Xiao tried to block Feng Qing Yang's sword attack in a haste. However, it was not enough to stop the sword that was boosted by the mustard energy from the law of earth. The sword struck him, sending him flying into the sky. He spat out a mouthful of blood, severely injured. His ruddy complexion was gone; his face was as pale as a sheet of paper.

"Heavenly Emperor Yang Yun Xiao, you've not improved at all even after so many years have passed," Feng Qing Yang said as he narrowed his eyes. A faint smile could be seen on his face as though he was speaking to an old acquaintance instead of someone he had just injured.

Despite the indignant expression on Yang Yun Xiao, he could not hide the fear in his eyes. "H-heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang, you've... you've attained godhood?!"

Despite the rumors swirling around in all of the 81 Devata Realms, there was no confirmation that Feng Qing Yang had truly attained godhood. However, Yang Yun Xiao, who had just suffered a blow from Feng Qing Yang's attack that was boosted by the law of earth, had sensed a terrifying and deadly energy from the earlier attack. The energy was something that surpassed the Celestial Origin Energy; it was the Divine Energy.

After a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor attained godhood, his Celestial Origin Energy would change into a superior energy called the Divine Energy, also known as the force of gods.

Feng Qing Yang nodded in response.

Yang Yun Xiao smiled bitterly. He was not angry that Feng Qing Yang had injured him. After all, he knew it would be easy for Feng Qing Yang to kill him if that was Feng Qing Yang's intention. "In the past, we were evenly matched when the law of destruction was the only law you're skilled with. Now that you've

attained godhood, just the law of earth is enough for you to defeat me. Indeed, the difference between a god and a celestial is like heaven and earth..."

How could Yang Yun Xiao possess the courage to be angry when faced with a god who could crush him like an ant? Although he was a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm, Feng Qing Yang could kill him with just a thought.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian, who was standing next to Feng Qing Yang, finally regained his senses. His master was really a badass*!

Feng Qing Yang did not even bother greeting Yang Yun Xiao and instantly attacked Yang Yun Xiao. The latter did not even dare to show his dissatisfaction and could only grin and bear it. With this and the fact that Situ Zhuqing, the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven, fled as soon as she realized she had offended Feng Qing Yang, one could further see how fearsome Feng Qing Yang was.

'I can be like this as well if I become a god...' Duan Ling Tian yearned to become a god at this moment. His heart sank as he continued to think to himself, 'Even if I attain godhood after 1,000 years, it'll still be difficult for me to rescue Ke'er in the Divine Offering Realm. It'll be different if I can attain godhood earlier and have time to improve my strength as a god...'

At this time, Feng Qing Yang looked at Yang Yun Xiao and said, "Heavenly Emperor Yang Yun Xiao, you should know that I'm not here to reminisce about the good old times with you. Don't you think you should give me a satisfactory explanation regarding that matter with my disciple?"

How could Yang Yun Xiao not know the purpose of Feng Qing Yang's visit when he saw Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian together? However, it was out of his expectations that Feng Qing Yang would attack as soon as he appeared. With that attack, Feng Qing Yang had made his stance very clear.

Yang Yun Xiao sighed in relief inwardly. Fortunately, he told his second disciple, Kong Fen, the Almighty Wind Celestial Emperor, to leave back then. Otherwise, he would not have a choice but to hand Kong Fen to Feng Qing Yang today.

"What matter are you referring to?" Yang Yun Xiao feigned ignorance. It would be foolish if he openly acknowledged that he had intentionally let his second disciple go.

"Only 200 years have passed, but it seems like Heavenly Emperor Yang Yun Xiao's memory has deteriorated..." Feng Qing Yang sneered at Yang Yun Xiao.

Yang Yun Xiao feigned confusion for a moment before he cried out in surprise, "Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang, are you referring to that matter from 200 years ago when my second disciple, Kong Fen, and his son tried to kill Junior Nephew Duan?!" Without waiting for Feng Qing Yang's reply, he continued to say, "It's all the fault of my second disciple's useless son. I've already killed him in front of Junior Nephew Duan... As for my second disciple, I've punished him rather severely since he was tricked by his son into being an accomplice."

"Punished him rather severely?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned by these shameless words. He said with a sneer, "Heavenly Emperor Yang Yun Xiao, you only confined your second disciple for a few hundred years. How's it that you punished him rather severely? Do you treat my master and me as fools?"

“Junior Nephew Duan,” Yang Yun Xiao said apologetically, “You didn’t object to this punishment back then so I didn’t know you’re dissatisfied. You should’ve spoken up back then if you have objections. If you’d told me you wanted him dead, I would’ve killed him back then!”

“Is that so?” Duan Ling Tian scoffed.

“Do you not believe me, Junior Nephew Duan?” Yang Yun Xiao shook his head and said, “I’ll summon my second disciple, Kong Fen, here at once. If Junior Nephew Duan wants him dead, I’ll kill him personally. If you prefer to kill him with your own hands, I’ll hold onto him for you.”

Feng Qing Yang watched in slight confusion as Duan Ling Tian scoffed. “If I’m not mistaken, your second disciple should’ve already left the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven a long time ago. Are you putting on a show for my master? You’re really cunning, Heavenly Emperor Yang Yun Xiao.”

Even the Heavenly Emperor of the Luo River Heaven, Situ Zhu Qing, was terrified of Feng Qing Yang and fled the Luo River Heaven. How would Yang Yun Xiao’s disciple, an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor, dare to stay in the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven?

In the past, Elder Huo and Duan Ling Tian clearly knew that Yang Yun Xiao wanted to protect his second disciple. How could Duan Ling Tian not know that Yang Yun Xiao probably asked his second disciple to leave the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven as well?

A hint of panic flashed in the depths of Yang Yun Xiao’s eyes when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He laughed nervously before he said, “Junior Nephew Duan, how could you think so badly of me?”

At this moment, Feng Qing Yang interjected in an icy voice, “Yang Yun Xiao, I’ll wait for you and your second disciple in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. You have one month to show up. Otherwise, you can wait for your death here or you can bring your people and run away...”

Yang Yun Xiao’s expression changed drastically.

Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian no longer bothered with Yang Yun Xiao and left him standing there with a complex expression on his face.

‘There’s no doubt that Feng Qing Yang has become a god. I didn’t expect him to care about his disciple to this extent. It seems like I have to bring Kong Fen to him. Fortunately, I didn’t tell Kong Fen that Feng Qing Yang will kill him. Otherwise, it’d be impossible for me to find Kong Fen...’

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Duan Ling Tian assumed it would be difficult for him to catch Kong Fen since Kong Fen had fled the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Island. He did not expect Feng Qing Yang would directly threaten to kill Yang Yun Xiao and demand Yang Yun Xiao to bring Kong Fen to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destruction within the month. Naturally, there was a chance that Yang Yun Xiao would flee along with his disciple as well.

“Master, do you think he’ll choose to flee?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, since Yang Yun Xiao was willing to offend him for his second disciple's sake 200 years ago, it was clear Kong Fen held weight in Yang Yun Xiao's heart. Therefore, it was not entirely impossible for Yang Yun Xiao to flee.

"Impossible." Feng Qing Yang shook his head. "Although I'm not overly familiar with Yang Yun Xiao, based on our few interactions in the past, I can tell he's more concerned about his status than his disciples. He'll never abandon his position as the Heavenly Emperor of the Floating Heaven."

Before bringing Duan Ling Tian away from the Floating Heaven, Feng Qing Yang said. "Let's return to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and wait for him there."

A hint of anticipation shone in Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he heard Feng Qing Yang's words. He could not wait for the day Yang Yun Xiao would bring Kong Fen to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

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Meanwhile, at the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven.

Yang Yun Xiao did not waste time and sent a message to Kong Fen, the Almighty Wind Celestial Emperor, who had left the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven.

"Kong Fen, I just returned from the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven... The Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, Feng Qing Yang, is satisfied that I killed your son and has decided to let the matter go. You can return now."

Yang Yun Xiao knew he could tell his disciple the truth. Otherwise, his disciple would never return to the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven.

After Kong Fen left the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven, he would wander near the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven every so often in hopes of catching Duan Ling Tian alone. Alas, he was not presented with such a chance even after 200 years.

Due to the futility of his actions, Kong Feng spent the last 100 years in the Floating Heaven.

"I can return now?" Kong Fen's eyes lit up the moment he received the message from his master.

Chapter 3435: Feng Qing Yang's Heaven-defying Sword Dao

The Almighty Wind Celestial Emperor, Kong Fen, did not feel suspicious about the message from his master, Yang Yun Xiao, the Heavenly Emperor of the Floating Heaven. He trusted Yang Yun Xiao because Yang Yun Xiao had protected him despite the risk of offending Feng Qing Yang in the past. Therefore, he quickly made his way back to the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven after receiving the message.

After Kong Fen left the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven, he could only wander the Floating Heaven alone. He could not join any of the heaven-grade forces in the Floating Heaven since he was well-known among higher-ranking officials in heaven-grade forces as the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Floating Heaven. It would have been better if he could temporarily join one of the heaven-grade forces so he could cultivate in a better environment. However, since he was afraid Feng Qing Yang would find him if he did that, he could only keep to himself. Over the past 200 years, he had grown incredibly frustrated by his poor cultivation environment. Therefore, as soon as his master

said he could return to the Heavenly Palace since Feng Qing Yang had decided to let the matter go, he rushed to the nearest transportation site immediately.

It did not take long for Kong Fen to arrive at the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven. As soon as he returned, he looked for Yang Yun Xiao. He said apologetically, "Master, I'm sorry for making you worry..."

Yang Yun Xiao looked at Kong Fen and let out a sigh. "Kong Fen, you wouldn't have to suffer if you didn't simply indulge your son back then..."

Kong Fen was taken aback by Yang Yun Xiao's ominous words. They were clearly not in line with the message Yang Yun Xiao had sent earlier. The foreboding feeling in his heart grew stronger and stronger; he did not hesitate and turned into a gust of wind to flee.

Following that, Kong Fen felt a powerful energy pressing against him from all directions before he could successfully escape, easily restraining him. He asked, bewildered, "Master, why?"

Kong Fen would have lived in vain for so many years if at this point he still could not figure out that Yang Yun Xiao had lied to him to lure him back to the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven.

"Kong Fen, I have no choice." Yang Yun Xiao sighed. "Feng Qing Yang is too strong. When he brought Duan Ling Tian to the Heavenly Palace today, he severely injured me before he even said anything. When he discovered you'd left the Heavenly Palace, he demanded I bring you to him. Otherwise, I can only wait here for my death or flee with the members of the Heavenly Palace of the Floating Heaven. He has already attained godhood and can kill me with just a wave of his hand. I hope you don't blame me. If you need to blame someone, you should blame your son..."

"Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang has attained godhood?" Shock flashed in Kong Fen's eyes as fear crept into his heart. He did not expect the rumor about Feng Qing Yang to be true; he also did not expect Feng Qing Yang would threaten his master just because of Duan Ling Tian. After all, Feng Qing Yang and his master were on good terms.

"Why is he like that? Your... Is your friendship with him that insignificant?" Kong Fen was unresigned even if he knew there was no way for him to escape once his master had caught him. He felt unwilling; he wanted to live!

"Friendship?" Yang Yun Xiao shook his head and said, "We're mere acquaintances. At first, I assumed he wouldn't do anything extreme since we're acquainted. Alas, I overestimated our relationship and underestimated his care for his true disciple. He highly values and cares about Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he wouldn't have acted that way."

Upon hearing these words, Kong Fen fell completely into despair.

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After returning to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, Duan Ling Tian stayed by Feng Qing Yang's side to learn from Feng Qing Yang.

"Since you have the Sovereign Heart Sword as your foundation and have roughly similar experiences as me, it shouldn't be difficult for you to comprehend the law of destruction. However, since the law of

space you comprehended is one of the Four Supreme Laws just like the law of destruction, you can continue focusing on the law of space. If you have spare time, you can comprehend the law of destruction...”

“Yes, master,” Duan Ling Tian responded. He knew Feng Qing Yang’s advice was for his own good. He knew not to bite off more than he could chew.

“Regarding the matter of your wife being trapped in the Realms of Gods... When the passages between the Realms of Gods and the Devata Realms reopen, I’ll try my best to help you with all my might,” Feng Qing Yang continued to say.

Duan Ling Tian’s heart skipped a beat upon hearing Feng Qing Yang’s words; a sense of warmth surged in his body. “Thank you, master.”

Feng Qing Yang was aware that Duan Ling Tian’s wife and the Young Master of the Yun Clan, Yun Qing Yan, were from extraordinary clans in the Divine Offering Land, a Realm of Gods, and yet, Feng Qing Yang was still willing to help him. How could he not feel touched?

Following that, Feng Qing Yang swiftly changed the topic. “In regards to the laws alone, without considering other factors, it’s best to focus on completely mastering one law before you move on to another one. However, it’s rather different if you consider the Sword Dao. For example, the law of destruction allows me to use my Sword Dao to its full potential. I have to admit it’s still extremely deadly even when used with the law of earth. However, it still can’t compare to my fused profundities from the law of destruction. I dare say that in all the Devata Realms, those who have the same level of comprehension as me in comprehending the other three Supreme Laws are at least 30% weaker than I am in regard to offensive strength. This is all because of my Sword Dao. I will teach you everything I know, but what you can understand depends on your capability. If you can fully grasp my Sword Dao, it’ll increase the force of your law of space up to 30%...” He was very confident when he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but inhale sharply upon hearing Feng Qing Yang’s words. His eyes widened. “It’ll increase by 30%”

Duan Ling Tian was no longer the naive young man who just ascended to the Devata Realm. He was a Celestial Emperor now, and his knowledge had expanded as well. The profundities of a law played a rather huge part in contributing to one’s overall strength. Usually, it would be considered a feat if one could raise one’s strength by 10% through other techniques. How could he not be moved when he heard his master say that his strength would improve by 30% as long as he fully grasped the Sword Dao? With such an increase, he would be able to crush opponents who were evenly matched with him.

“Thank you, master,” Duan Ling Tian expressed his gratitude immediately. He felt he could see a ray of hope now. After all, his main focus was to grow stronger. Previously, he could only raise his strength by further comprehending the law of space by using the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity. He was delighted he found another way to increase his strength.

“You may return now... Rest for a few days. I’ll teach you my Sword Dao the next time you come over,” Feng Qing Yang said.

“Yes, master,” Duan Ling Tian responded and bade farewell to Feng Qing Yang before he left.

After Duan Ling Tian left. He spoke about Feng Qing Yang’s Sword Dao to the World Cleansing Divine Water in his Little World.

The World Cleansing Divine Water stayed silent for a moment when it heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Then, it said, “If what he said is true, then, he’s truly a peerless genius. A person like him is as rare as a phoenix feather even in the Realms of Gods. A person with such an innate talent is generally considered to be imminent supreme powerhouses in the Realms of Gods.”

Duan Ling Tian was shocked. “Didn’t you say there are only two ways for one to become a supreme powerhouse? First is to completely master one of the Four Supreme Laws and fuse all its profundities. Second is to obtain one of the Five Divine Elements and evolve it to its ultimate form?”

“It’s true one can become a supreme powerhouse with those two ways,” the World Cleansing Divine Water said, “However, there’s another way as well. That’s to create and comprehend your own Dao. It sounds vague to say one should comprehend one’s Dao, but it’s actually not the case at all. Among the laws between heaven and earth, apart from the law of the five elements, the derivative laws, and the Four Supreme Laws, there are also the law of light, the law of darkness, and the law of destruction. You know that, right?” the World Cleansing Divine Water asked.

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian responded. He naturally knew these laws.

“Between heaven and earth, all of those who became supreme powerhouses through comprehending their own Dao had either comprehended the law of destruction, law of light, or law of darkness. The other way to become a supreme powerhouse is to comprehend one’s Dao. Since your master has comprehended the law of destruction and his own Dao, he has a high chance of becoming a supreme powerhouse... However, he’ll have to rely on himself to live up to his full potential,” the World Cleansing Divine Water said, “Since he’s willing to teach you the Sword Dao, this proves you’re very important to him... However, it’s extremely difficult to fully grasp a Dao created by another person. It’d be shocking if you can even grasp 70% of it. However, if you’re gifted, there’s a possibility of you forming your own Dao by learning his Sword Dao.”

Chapter 3436: The Sword Mark Canyon

Duan Ling Tian felt as though he had been shown the door to a new world after listening to the World Cleansing Divine Water. He was also shocked when he discovered Feng Qing Yang had of becoming a supreme powerhouse even though Feng Qing Yang did not possess any of the Divine Elements or comprehend one of the Four Supreme Laws. Instead, it was because he had comprehended his own Dao.

“Actually, even without the Five Divine Elements, those who comprehend the laws of the five elements can also become a supreme powerhouse through the comprehension of their own Dao. It’s not unprecedented for someone to become a supreme powerhouse through this method, but it’s really rare. Those who managed to become supreme powerhouses through the comprehension of their Daos are all peerless geniuses; how can those who rely on the Five Divine Elements or the Four Supreme Laws compare to those who completely rely on themselves?” A hint of reverence could be heard in the World Cleansing Divine Water as it praised Feng Qing Yang’s outstanding talent and abilities. “The fact that

your master is capable of comprehending his own Sword Dao to such an extent, he can be considered a first-rate peerless genius even in the Realms of Gods!”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was thoroughly shocked. In the past, while he was still in the mundane realm, he had possessed extraordinary power after inheriting Feng Qing Yang’s legacy, the Sovereign Heart Sword. Following that, he knew that Feng Qing Yang was no ordinary person and even learned that Feng Qing Yang was a legend in the Saint Province Realm. Even after he ascended to a Devata Realm, he discovered Feng Qing Yang was truly extraordinary. Nevertheless, he did not imagine Feng Qing Yang was so monstrously talented that he even comprehended his own Sword Dao. Even those with similar cultivation bases and comprehension levels of the laws with his master were no match for his master. To think the World Cleansing Divine Heavens even said someone like Feng Qing Yang was as rare as a phoenix feather even in the Realms of Gods. Feng Qing Yang, who was known as the Invincible Sword Celestial by the Sword Celestials in the Solitary Destructive Heaven, truly lived up to his moniker.

“Creating and comprehending my own Dao...” Duan Ling Tian was lost in the world of Dao after listening to World Cleansing Divine Water. He was fascinated by it.

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After Duan Ling Tian returned to his courtyard, he assumed he would have to wait a few days before he would see Feng Qing Yang again since Feng Qing Yang had told him to rest for a few days. To his surprise, he received a message from Feng Qing Yang a day later. When he finally saw Feng Qing Yang, he finally discovered why Feng Qing Yang had summoned him over.

Yang Yun Xiao, the Heavenly Emperor of the Floating Heaven, had come to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Next to him was a person who was tightly bound. “Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang, I’ve done as you’ve asked me to...”

A hint of helplessness could be seen in Yang Yun Xiao’s eyes at this moment. If this were in the past when he was still on par with Feng Qing Yang, perhaps, he might have a chance at protecting his second disciple. However, now that Feng Qing Yang had attained godhood, it would be as easy as killing a chicken for Feng Qing Yang to kill him. Therefore, he could only hand his second disciple over to Feng Qing Yang after being threatened.

“The Almighty Wind Celestial Emperor.” Duan Ling Tian, who was standing next to Feng Qing Yang, looked at Kong Fen expressionlessly. He looked at Kong Fen as though he was looking at a stranger instead of an enemy. This was because he had no doubt Kong Fen would die soon.

“This is him?” Feng Qing Yang looked at Duan Ling Tian for confirmation.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“You can kill him yourself,” Feng Qing Yang said.

“Yes, master,” Duan Ling Tian responded. He said to Yang Yun Xiao as he strode forward, “Heavenly Emperor Yang Yun Xiao, please restrain him carefully while I kill him. If he manages to retaliate and injure me, my master will be displeased...” He smiled widely after he finished speaking.

Yang Yun Xiao fumed in anger inwardly upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's arrogant words. Despite his anger, he could only nod with a smile on his face in fear of angering Feng Qing Yang. "Rest assured, Junior Nephew Duan, he won't be able to harm you as long as I'm here!"

"Duan Ling Tian!" Kong Fen suddenly called out. The gloomy expression on his face had eased somewhat, and his eyes were rather bright as he continued to say, "I, Kong Fen, am willing to be your slave forever if you spare my life!"

"The Almighty Wind Celestial Emperor is willing to be my slave?" Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly at Kong Fen's cowardly attempt to preserve his life. His eyes glinted coldly as he killed Kong Fen without any hesitation.

Since Kong Fen was restrained by Yang Yun Xiao, there was nothing he could do to defend himself against Duan Ling Tian.

After Kong Fen died, Yang Yun Xiao looked at Feng Qing Yang and asked, "Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang, are you satisfied now?"

Feng Qing Yang nodded slightly.

Since Yang Yun Xiao did not want to stay a moment longer in this place, he left immediately after bidding farewell to Feng Qing Yang.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian further realized the importance of being strong.

Yang Yun Xiao, the Heavenly Emperor of the Floating Heaven, who ruled over one of the Devata Realms could only lower himself in front of Feng Qing Yang. He was even forced to hand his disciple over to be slaughtered. If Yang Yun Xiao was stronger or even on par with Feng Qing Yang, Duan Ling Tian would not have a chance to kill Kong Fen.

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Following that, Duan Ling Tian rested in his courtyard and further comprehended his fused profundities from the law of space through the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity.

After a few days, he was awakened by a message from Feng Qing Yang asking him to join him for cultivation.

After arriving at Feng Qing Yang's residence, Duan Ling Tian was brought to a barren canyon located in a forbidden area in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

Duan Ling Tian had passed by this area before. Not only was there no human activity, but the canyon was so still that there seemed to be no sign of life at all. Even birds could not be seen flying in the sky.

When they arrived at the canyon, a surge of terrifying energy appeared in the sky above the canyon when Feng Qing Yang raised his hand.

Chills ran up Duan Ling Tian's spine when he felt the energy in the sky. He felt as though he was about to enter a sea of fire.

“Let’s enter.”

As Duan Ling Tian followed Feng Qing Yang deeper into the canyon, he saw something he would never forget for the rest of his life. There were sword marks on every surface in the canyon! There were all kinds of sword marks: deep, shallow, horizontal, vertical, criss-cross, and so on. Each and every marking spoke of terrifying strength.

“This canyon is where I practice my sword skill... Since you’re going to learn my Sword Dao you should spend some time here to see if you can gain any insight,” Feng Qing Yang said, “Apart from me, you’re the first person to come to this place. There’s a Formation that can only be deactivated by me. If the Formation is somehow broken, the canyon would automatically self-destruct.”

Upon hearing Feng Qing Yang’s words, Duan Ling Tian realized the importance of the canyon. It reminded him of the place in the mundane realm where he had inherited his master’s legacy where the word ‘Sword’ was carved into a mountain.

“My Sword Dao can be used with any laws. Different laws will be able to display different facets of my Sword Dao, but the strength varies with the laws as well. For example, my Sword Dao when used with the law of destruction is far superior to when used with the law of earth. Since the law of space you comprehended is one of the Four Supreme Laws and also an offensive law, its offensive power should be similar to the law of destruction when used with my Sword Dao. You can gain insight into my Sword Dao here. Perhaps, you might even be able to come up with your own sword technique here. Each law is different, and my Sword Dao has many styles. It’s up to you now how much you can comprehend. You can stay here as long as you want. Once you’re done, let me know, and I’ll come get you...” As soon as Feng Qing Yang finished speaking, he vanished from the canyon immediately.

Before Feng Qing Yang vanished from sight completely, Duan Ling Tian saw Feng Qing Yang waving his hand once. He knew Feng Qing Yang must have reactivated the Formation again.

“Master’s Sword Dao...” Duan Ling Tian was fascinated by the sword markings around him. Each mark carried a different meaning and a different aura. Some of the auras were terrifying, some were suffocating, and some were violent.

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After Feng Qing Yang returned to his residence, he sat in front of a stone table as he gazed in the direction of the canyon and murmured to himself, “How much he can comprehend depends on him now. If he’s able to comprehend it and fuse the profundities from the law of space well enough, I might be able to bring him to that place in the Asura Hell. He might be able to have a fortuitous encounter there since I managed to attain godhood in that place.”

Chapter 3437: The Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses

After Feng Qing Yang entered the Asura Hell, not only did he manage to survive, but he even managed to attain godhood there after stumbling across a place. That place was the only safe place in the Asura Hell.

Outside of that safe place, the Asura Hell was deadly even to ordinary gods, let alone celestials who had yet to attain godhood. Normally, no celestial would have been able to survive the Asura Hell.

However, it had to be said that Feng Qing Yang surviving the Asura Hell had more to do with his Sword Dao than him just being lucky for stumbling upon the only safe place in the Asura Hell. His Sword Dao had saved him after all. Otherwise, he would have died before he even found that safe place.

Since Feng Qing Yang had gotten familiar with the Asura Hell, it was possible for him to bring another person with him there. In the past, he had also brought Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor, to that place. Alas, perhaps, it was due to Meng Luo's limited talent or comprehension skill, it did not take long before the Asura Hell took a toll on Meng Luo. Therefore, Feng Qing Yang could only send Meng Luo out.

"Meng Luo's innate talent and comprehension skills aren't bad, but he can't compare to Duan Ling Tian." Feng Qing Yang clearly had a lot of confidence in his disciple.

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Duan Ling Tian who was busy in the Sword Mark Canyon was naturally unaware of Feng Qing Yang's thoughts.

Apart from cultivating and comprehending the law of space, staring at the sword marks around him was all he did. Since one would become easily exhausted if one spent too much time on one thing, and as a result would affect the results, he switched between the three tasks to ensure his progress would not be hindered.

"I've neglected the Sovereign Heart Sword for too long... After I picked up the Sovereign Heart Sword again recently, I've gained a different insight on these sword marks," Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he looked at the sword marks around him.

Previously, he had studied the sword marks for a long time but did not gain any insight. Eventually, he recalled the Sovereign Heart Sword that he relied on during his time in the mundane realm.

The Sovereign Heart Sword was the legacy Feng Qing Yang left in the mundane realm. Since he was trying to comprehend Feng Qing Yang's Sword Dao, he felt that Feng Qing Yang's Sovereign Sword Heart that he had learned in the mundane realm would help him gain insight here.

The Sovereign Heart Sword had helped him tremendously when he first ascended to the Devata Realm. However, as his cultivation base improved, the Sovereign Heart Sword was soon replaced by Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. When he started to comprehend the profundities of the law, the Sovereign Heart Sword became useless to him. All in all, it had been 400 years since he had last used the Sovereign Heart Sword! Therefore, although he had mastered the Sovereign Heart Sword in the past, due to the 400-year neglect, it took him a while to familiarize himself with the technique again.

After he familiarized himself with the Sovereign Heart Sword, he discovered he could somewhat understand the marks around him, helping him to slowly grasp the mysteries they contain.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian practiced the sword skills he learned from the sword markings in his surroundings. Whenever he practiced with his sword, he looked like a Sword Celestial. His sword rays that were boosted with the law of space were as dazzling as the sun.

Since Duan Ling Tian specialized in the law of space, he learned to fuse profundities such as the Teleportation Profundity, the Transportation Profundity, and the Cross-Dimensional Slash Profundity with the sword styles he learned through the sword markings.

As time passed, Duan Ling Tian continued to progress. Sometimes, he would reach a bottleneck, but he would persevere until he achieved a breakthrough.

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“His comprehension skills are indeed good.”

During this time, Feng Qing Yang would frequently check in on Duan Ling Tian. In order to avoid disturbing Duan Ling Tian, he would only observe from outside of the Formation.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that his master had been watching frequently.

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In just a blink of an eye, another 100 years had passed.

Since Duan Ling Tian had fully immersed himself in cultivating, he had lost all track of time. His only contact with the outside world was when Feng Qing Yang came to deliver Celestial Fruits and Celestial Pills.

At this moment, Feng Qing Yang suddenly appeared. He said, “Stop cultivating for now... Come with me. There’s a special event in the Title Temple. I’ll bring you with me to join the fun...”

Duan Ling Tian looked at Feng Qing Yang, bewildered. “Master, what event are you talking about?”

“The Title Temple will hold an event called the Devata Realms’ Battle of The Geniuses. It only happens once every 1,000 years. Many geniuses below the age of 1,000 will gather at that time. The Title Temple will reward the winner of the Battle of the Geniuses with an Exploding Element Celestial Fruit... Your cultivation speed is shockingly fast, and you’re now a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor. With the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit, you’ll be able to break through and become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor in a matter of days!” Feng Qing Yang said with a smile on his face, “An ordinary Celestial Emperor can break through three stages with the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. In fact, not only is the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit extremely valuable in the Devata Realms, but it’s considered valuable even in the Realms of Gods. I didn’t expect the Title Temple would use it as a reward for the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses.”

Feng Qing Yang continued to say as his eyes lit up, “If I’m not mistaken, there’ll be many outstanding geniuses during this time’s Battle of the Geniuses. Otherwise, the Title Temple won’t be so generous with their reward. In my opinion, they must be planning to use the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses to gather outstanding talents. I bet they won’t expect that the most outstanding talent under the age of 1,000 years old is with the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven!” He sounded very confident when he spoke about Duan Ling Tian.

Although Feng Qing Yang was not completely clear about Duan Ling Tian's current strength, since Duan Ling Tian was already capable of heavily injuring and killing titled Celestial Emperors 300 years ago, how could Duan Ling Tian be weak now?

Although Feng Qing Yang had been keeping an eye on Duan Ling Tian's progress over the past years, he was not sure how many types of fused profundities from the law of space Duan Ling Tian had comprehended. However, based on how flawless Duan Ling Tian's control over each of the profundities was, he knew Duan Ling Tian must have made tremendous progress with the law of space.

"The Exploding Element Celestial Fruit?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened when he heard Feng Qing Yang's words. He had heard about the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses from Hong Fei, his Sixth Junior Brother, while he was still in the Heavenly Pool Palace. It was a prestigious event in the Devata Realms that was held once every 1,000 years. He had first heard about it a few hundred years ago. In just a blink of an eye, it was almost time for the Battle of the Geniuses to start.

It was said that only outstanding geniuses under 1,000 years old would all participate in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. For example, there were many prodigious disciples in the Heavenly Pool Palace under the age of 1,000. However, in the long history of the Heavenly Pool Palace, not one of their prodigious disciple managed to rank in the top 1,000 in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Although the Heavenly Pool Palace was considered a mediocre heaven-grade force in the Devata Realms, they had the support of the Heavenly Palace of the Boundless Heaven. One could only imagine how outstanding the participants were that not one of the prodigious disciples from the Heaven Pool Palace managed to enter the top 1,000.

Only the top 100 participants would be rewarded by the Title Temple.

"The Devata Realm Battle Of The Geniuses will commence in a year?" Duan Ling Tian asked Feng Qing Yang, "Master, in which Devata Realm will the Battle of the Geniuses be held this time?"

Based on what Duan Ling Tian knew, the 81 Devata Realms would take turns to host the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses in their respective Heavenly Palaces. This was a tradition of old. The Title Temple and the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses had existed for so long that it predated many of the 81 Heavenly Emperors.

"The Primeval Heaven," Feng Qing Yang replied.

"The Primeval Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as the memories from 300 years ago flooded into his mind. At that time, he had brought Elder Huo with him to various Devata Realms in search of his family and friends. When they were in the Primeval Heaven, Elder Huo had said, "Young Master, do you remember when you obtained the Elementary Devouring Tactic, I told you that it's the foundation of the Advanced Devouring Tactic? I even told you that one of the Devata Realms' Heavenly Emperor specializes in the Advanced Devouring Tactic; that Heavenly Emperor is a Divine Beast. Some suspected he has already attained godhood, but nothing has been confirmed. He's the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven!"

Chapter 3438: The Five Divine Elements Exposed!

Duan Ling Tian naturally remembered the Elementary Devouring Tactic. When he was in the mundane realm, he had relied on the Elementary Devouring Tactic a lot to increase the might of the Sovereign Heart Sword.

During the time when he was searching the Devata Realms for his family and friends, Elder Huo's words had stirred up his memories. Now that Feng Qing Yang mentioned the Primeval Heaven, his memories were stirred up again. He sighed at how small the world seemed.

'The Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heave was one of the top three strongest Heavenly Emperors until master came out of the Asura Hell. Moreover, there are also rumors that master has already attained godhood, causing the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven to drop to fourth place...'

Duan Ling Tian had learned about this from Elder Huo.

Feng Qing Yang was the third strongest Heavenly Emperors. One of the two Heavenly Emperors above him was confirmed to have become a god while the one was, similar to Feng Qing Yang, suspected to have also attained godhood.

Although the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven was also suspected to have attained godhood, he was ranked third previously because he was weaker than the Heavenly Emperor who was ranked second. As for why he was pushed down to fourth place even if he and Feng Qing Yang were both similarly suspected to have attained godhood, one had to understand that Feng Qing Yang had emerged from the Asura Hell, one of the seven deadliest places in the Devata Realms, unscathed. In the history of all Devata Realms, not one titled Celestial Emperors, from One Star God of War to Eight Star God of War, had walked out alive from the Asura Hell.

Since there were no known accounts of Nine Star Gods of War entering the Asura Hell, some people debated there was a possibility they could survive the Asura Hell, but most people thought it was unlikely since the Asura Hell was dangerous even to ordinary gods.

At this time, Feng Qing Yang said to Duan Ling Tian, "There's still a year left. During this time, come live with me. If you don't understand anything, you can speak to me. I didn't disturb you over the last 100 years because I hope you'll be able to create and comprehend your own Dao based on my Sword Dao and the sword marks I left behind. I used my Sword Dao along with the law of destruction, therefore, it's impossible for you to replicate my Sword Dao completely unless you comprehend the law of destruction as well. However, that will take a long time. Although you can certainly use my Sword Dao along with the law of space you comprehended, my hope is that you'll be able to create and comprehend your own Dao with the law of space based on my Sword Dao. I have a strong feeling that if you succeed, the might of your Sword Dao might even be stronger than mine... The law of space is one of the Four Supreme Laws, after all. Moreover, along with the Law of Time, it's known to be notoriously hard to comprehend."

Feng Qing Yang continued to say, "In the following year, there's no need for you to comprehend my Sword Dao. Let's focus on creating and comprehending your own Dao based on my Sword Dao. Naturally, if you feel my advice doesn't suit you, you should choose to walk the path you're comfortable with. After all, I can't guarantee 100% that my advice is suitable for you..."

Based on Feng Qing Yang's words, it was obvious he had given much thought to his matter. He was not rigid and understood that Duan Ling Tian had his own path to walk. He knew that his path could not be replicated and could only serve as a guide.

"Yes, Master." Duan Ling Tian easily agreed to Feng Qing Yang's suggestion. In fact, even if Feng Qing Yang did not speak, he knew he had to walk on his own path. He had spoken to the Five Divine Elements previously and discovered he could not perfectly comprehend his master's Sword Dao because of the law of destruction.

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After Duan Ling Tian moved in with Feng Qing Yang, he spent most of his time cultivating. When he was not cultivating, he would seek Feng Qing Yang out for advice. Some of the questions were not recent, and he had those questions for a long time.

After Feng Qing Yang patiently answered Duan Ling Tian's question, Duan Ling Tian discovered it was just as Feng Qing Yang had said before; Feng Qing Yang's advice was only half suitable for him. Therefore, he had to forge a new path for himself.

As the days passed, Duan Ling Tian's Dao that was created with the law of space gradually took shape.

Feng Qing Yang was filled with praise when he saw Duan Ling Tian's speed of improvement. He said to Duan Ling Tian, "I'm afraid all the peerless talents under 1,000 years old will only serve as your foil during the Devata Realms' Battle of the geniuses." Inwardly, he thought to himself, 'This includes that peerless genius from the Title Temple...'

Following that, Feng Qing Yang muttered to himself as his eyes flashed, "The Title Temple intends to recruit peerless geniuses with the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. Alas, I'm afraid they'll suffer a loss this time and lose the fruit to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven."

"Master, when are we setting off?" Duan Ling Tian asked. He was ready to leave. Since his family and friends were in his Little World, there was not much preparation he needed to make.

"Tomorrow," Feng Qing Yang said, "There's something I need to discuss with Meng Luo today."

"Understood."

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In the afternoon the next day.

After Duan Ling Tian stepped into the Transportation Formation in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heavenly with Feng Qing Yang, he asked, "Master, this is your first time in the Primeval Heaven?"

Duan Ling Tian discovered this was the first time Feng Qing Yang had come to the Primeval Heaven. Nevertheless, they did not have a problem finding their way to the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven.

“Master, when is the exact date of the Devata Realms’ Battle of Geniuses?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“I’m not sure about the specifics as well. We’ll find out once we reach the Heavenly Palace. It’ll take some time for everyone to arrive after all...” Feng Qing Yang said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

As they continued their journey to the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, Feng Qing Yang suddenly said words that scared the soul out of Duan Ling Tian’s body.

“It’s good that you possess the Five Divine Elements, but you shouldn’t be overly reliant on them...”

Duan Ling Tian quickly regained his composure and calmly asked, “Master, you.....what do you mean?”

Naturally, Feng Qing Yang could see through Duan Ling Tian’s calmness. He said with a smile, “There’s no need to be nervous. When I first met you, I’ve already sensed the auras of the Five Divine Elements on you. Moreover, their forms shouldn’t be low either. Most importantly, most people only have one Divine Element, but you actually have all Five Divine Elements... Apart from that, I can also sense a strong vitality energy. If I’m not mistaken, your Little World must contain a supreme treasure that holds frightening Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy... This treasure should be able to help one comprehend the law of life as well...”

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly when he heard Feng Qing Yang’s words. “Master, how did you find out?”

Feng Qing Yang smiled faintly, “After one’s cultivation base has reached a certain stage, one would be able to sense many things that are usually hidden. In my opinion, only a powerful god will be able to sense the auras on you. You’re a Celestial Emperor now, after all... The reason I’m able to sense the auras is due to a treasure I managed to refine during my time in the Asura Hell. This treasure has no other use but to increase my power of perception by more than ten times...”

Despite Feng Qing Yang’s modest words, Duan Ling Tian knew how terrifying it was for one’s perception to be so high. One’s perception was connected to one’s Divine Consciousness, but it was separate from one’s Divine Consciousness.

If it had been 100 years ago, Duan Ling Tian might not have understood the power of perception. However, he knew now that with such keen senses, it meant that every slight change in one’s surroundings would be in one’s grasp. If one were in a battle, one would be able to easily grasp the opponent’s weakness.

“I didn’t expect master to have such a fortuitous encounter,” Duan Ling Tian said. He smiled wryly; he did not expect his master to see through him completely. “I would not have mentioned this originally.”

Feng Qing Yang shook his head. “In fact, I didn’t plan to mention this. However, we’re going to the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, and the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses is organized by the Title Temple. I’m afraid there’ll be gods among us... Therefore, I wanted to advise you to cut off your Little World from the outside world while we’re in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven... Like I said, ordinary gods are unlikely to sense the auras from your Little World, but who can guarantee they don’t have a treasure or technique like me that allows them to see through everything?”

Duan Ling Tian broke out in cold sweat when he heard Feng Qing Yang's warning. He had thought he had hidden everything very well, but it seemed like he had been at risk of exposure all this time! With this warning, he spoke to his family and friends and the Five Divine Elements, explaining the matter to them, before he cut off the connection between his Little World and the outside world.

Once Duan Ling Tian cut off the connection, the people in his Little World would no longer be able to observe the outside world nor would they be able to leave unless they managed to forcefully break their way out. Apart from that, they would not be able to communicate with Duan Ling Tian at all. Finally, during this time, Duan Ling Tian would not be able to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his Little World.

Chapter 3439: Special Privileges for the Heavenly Palaces

"Master." After cutting off his Little World from the outside world, Duan Ling Tian looked at Feng Qing Yang. It was as though he wanted to say something but was hesitating.

"Let me guess. You want to know why I didn't kill you and snatch the Five Divine Elements from you, right?" Feng Qing Yang asked, seemingly able to guess Duan Ling Tian's thoughts.

Although it was clear to Duan Ling Tian now that his master was not going to kill him out of greed, he was indeed curious about why his master was disinterested in the Five Divine Elements. With his master's strength and potential, after killing him, the Five Divine Elements would likely have no problem acknowledging his master as their new host. Despite his curiosity, he still could not help but feel awkward when he heard his master's blunt words.

Feng Qing Yang replied, "Although the Five Divine Elements are undoubtedly precious, so precious that even gods covet them, in my eyes, they're nothing more than external power. Not to mention that I have no interest in external power that might interfere with my Sword Dao, even if I'm interested in them, I'll never snatch them from you. After all, you're my disciple, the person who inherited my legacy. That makes you no less than my son. How can I, Feng Qing Yang, behave so unscrupulously?"

Feng Qing Yang's frank and sincere words touched Duan Ling Tian; he felt guilty as well. After all, he had hidden the Five Divine Elements from Feng Qing Yang because he assumed Feng Qing Yang would covet the Five Divine Elements. He realized how petty he was for making assumptions about Feng Qing Yang. He said apologetically, "I'm sorry, master."

"There's no need to apologize." Feng Qing Yang shook his head. "Being cautious isn't a bad thing. If I were you, I would've done the same. If it were not for the risk of exposure in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven, I wouldn't have said a word. I only wanted you to be vigilant... After all, if you don't cut off your Little World from the outside world, you run the risk of exposure."

You need not apologize."

After listening to Feng Qing Yang's words, Duan Ling Tian naturally became even more cautious. He decided that unless he was sure he was in an absolutely safe environment, he would not reestablish the connection of his Little World to the outside world. He shuddered when he thought about what could have happened if Feng Qing Yang did not warn him.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang arrived at the entrance of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven.

The Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven was like most Heavenly Palaces. It was located on a huge floating island that looked like a humongous ancient beast from afar. The surroundings of the floating island would flash with light every once in a while; the terrifying aura of the light, which kept people from rashly approaching, was from the multiple Formations that shrouded the floating island.

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, "Master, the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses is open to extraordinary geniuses under the age of 1,000, right? Does this mean that even geniuses without a sect can participate as well?"

"Of course, not." Feng Qing Yang shook his head. "If everyone is allowed to come and participate, it would be chaotic. Moreover, most of the extraordinary geniuses have outstanding backgrounds. After all, without a good environment and resources, how can there be extraordinary geniuses? Therefore, more than 90% of the participants belong to Heavenly Palaces, heaven-grade forces, or the Title Temple. The number of sectless geniuses is very small. The sectless geniuses who are able to participate undoubtedly have very shocking fortuitous encounters. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to participate..."

Duan Ling Tian nodded before he asked again, "Then, do these sectless geniuses just show up at the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven? Does the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven select these sectless geniuses on the spot?"

"Of course, not." Feng Qing Yang shook his head. "First, in order to participate, these sectless geniuses have to be Celestial Emperors and have strength almost comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor. Apart from that, they must also comprehend a double-fusion profundity. Those who fulfill these conditions can then apply to participate in the Title Temple. If they're selected, the Title Temple will bring them to the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven..."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Feng Qing Yang continued to say, "As for those who come from Heavenly Palaces, they're given special privileges. They don't need the approval of the Title Temple and directly participate. For example, I've already instructed Meng Luo to bring our Heavenly Palace disciples here..."

"Senior Meng Luo is bringing the other disciples here?" Realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. In fact, he had been wondering about this matter since earlier. There must be other young geniuses in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, but he was curious why no one else had come with him and Feng Qing Yang to the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven. As it turned out, Meng Luo was escorting the others here.

"As for those from heaven-grade forces, they usually have connections with their respective Heavenly Palaces so they can bring their disciples here to participate. On the other hand, those without a connection from heaven-grade forces must also obtain the Title Temple's approval," Feng Qing Yang explained.

After listening to Feng Qing Yang's explanation, Duan Ling Tian realized only the Title Temple and the 81 Heavenly Palaces of Devata Realms did not need approval to participate in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

'There may be gods from the Title Temple in the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven...' Soon after, Duan Ling Tian's thoughts wandered to Feng Qing Yang's earlier reminder about the risk of exposing the Five Divine Elements in his Little World.

At this moment, a loud and clear voice rang in the air.

"Lord Heavenly Emperor."

When Duan Ling Tian looked up, he saw a muscular middle-aged man approaching them from the far left. It was none other than Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor. Apart from that, he saw three people, two young men and a woman, trailing behind Meng Luo.

One of the young men was dressed in a light cyan robe and carried a sheathed longsword on his back. Although his appearance was ordinary, his gaze was sharp. At this moment, he looked at Feng Qing Yang with a fervent gaze as he said, "Greetings, Lord Heavenly Emperor."

The other two people, a young man with a scholarly appearance who was dressed in a navy robe and a sweet and beautiful young woman who was dressed in a long light green robe, greeted Feng Qing Yang respectfully as well.

Feng Qing Yang nodded in response before he looked at the entrance of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven and said, "Since you're all here, let's go in together..."

"Understood."

Meng Luo and the other three moved to walk behind Feng Qing Yang while Duan Ling Tian walked next to Feng Qing Yang.

As Duan Ling Tian walked, he could feel intent gazes boring into his back. In fact, he could acutely feel that one of the gazes was filled with ill will. He turned around slightly and discovered the person who was looking at him with ill intent was the young man carrying a longsword on his back. The young man's gaze was brimming with resentment when he looked at him.

Meng Luo, who could sense the tension between Duan Ling Tian and the cyan-clad young man, sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian introducing the three people. "Young Master, the young woman is the granddaughter of an old friend of mine. The young man dressed in a navy robe is a descendant of a titled Celestial Emperor from our Heavenly Palace. Both of them are less than 1,000 years old, and they're almost as strong as a titled Celestial Emperor..." He paused briefly before he continued to say, "As for the cyan-clad young man, he's from our Solitary Destructive Heaven's Mystic Sword Sect, a heaven-grade sect. Since I'm somewhat acquainted with the Sect Leader of the Mystic Sword Sect, he has requested me to bring this young man along so they don't have to go to the Title Temple to seek approval."

Meng Luo continued to say through Voice Transmission, "Among these three people, the cyan-clad young man is the strongest. Although he has yet to obtain a title, his strength is comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor. Therefore, he can be considered as a 800-year-old titled Celestial Emperor. Perhaps, he's so conceited because of his talent. I've told all of them that you were traveling with our Lord Heavenly Emperor because you're our Lord Heavenly Emperor's true disciple. I'm sure his hostility stems from jealousy. After all, after our Lord Heavenly Emperor returned from the Asura Hell, the Mystic Sword Sect had brought him over and requested our Lord Heavenly Emperor to accept him as a disciple. I'm sure you can guess, but our Lord Heavenly Emperor rejected that request...."

After listening to Meng Luo's words, how could Duan Ling Tian not understand that the cyan-clad young man was hostile and jealous because he was the true disciple of Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

Chapter 3440: The Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven

Duan Ling Tian was rather taken aback when he heard the cyan-clad young man was a Celestial Emperor whose strength was comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor despite only being slightly over 800 years old. Among the people he knew, only his Eldest Senior Sister from the Heavenly Pool Palace could be considered a rare genius. Even then, she only possessed such strength when she was past the age of 1,000. Although she progressed tremendously after passing the age of 1,000, to the point where she was as strong as the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, her achievements before the age of 1,000 could not compare to the cyan-clad young man from the Mystic Sword Sect at all.

"Young Master, despite his jealousy and resentment, I believe he's not evil. You should just ignore him," Meng Luo said. He was acquainted with a few elders of the Mystic Sword Sect, hence, he hoped the cyan-clad young man would not provoke Duan Ling Tian. After all, he knew how much Feng Qing Yang cared about Duan Ling Tian.

"Rest assured, Senior Meng Luo. I'm not such a petty person," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission and nodded slightly as he shifted his gaze away from the young man.

At this moment, the green-clad young woman chuckled before she asked in a soft voice, "Zhang Tian You, weren't you making a fuss earlier about challenging the Lord Heavenly Emperor's true disciple to a duel earlier? Why are you so quiet now that you've met him?"

Zhang Tian You was the name of the Mystic Sword Sect's genius disciple who had strength comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor despite only being slightly over 800 years old.

Upon hearing the young woman's words, Zhang Tian You glanced at Feng Qing Yang's back fearfully. His gaze turned stern as he shifted his gaze back to the young man. He knew the young woman was only teasing him, but how could he dare to act presumptuously in front of Feng Qing Yang?

At this time, Feng Qing had already led the group to the mountain entrance of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven.

Although Feng Qing Yang and the others were stopped by the guards by the entrance, the guards did not dare to be negligent since he could sense Feng Qing Yang and Duan Ling Tian's extraordinary bearing.

A guard asked respectfully, "My lord, may I know who you are?"

Feng Qing Ying glanced at the guard and replied, "Inform the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven that Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, has brought his people here to participate in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses."

"The Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven?"

The people from the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval standing near the entrance looked up in shock when they overheard Feng Qing Yang's words. They were surprised that the Heavenly Emperor of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven was just a young man. After all, the young man was the person who surpassed their Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven in the Devata Realms' Heavenly Emperors ranking.

Previously, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven was ranked third in the ranking. However, after Feng Qing Yang returned from the Asura Hell, many people were convinced he had already attained godhood. Following that, he also replaced the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven and took over the third place on the Heavenly Emperors ranking.

The Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven did not seem to have any objection about the change in the ranking despite being famous for being a hothead. In the past, he had challenged a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm because he was not convinced of the Heavenly Emperor's ranking. After he defeated that Heavenly Emperor, the Title Temple changed the ranking accordingly.

Since the Devata Realms' Heavenly Emperors ranking was not based on hard data like the results of a battle, the ranking was just a loose opinion-based ranking, which was not very accurate. After all, there were certainly some Heavenly Emperors who hid their real strength and were not bothered about the Heavenly Emperors ranking. On the other hand, there were also Heavenly Emperors who placed a lot of importance on their ranking. Those who were dissatisfied with their ranking would challenge those above them just to obtain the rank they felt they deserved.

Since the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven had challenged another Heavenly Emperor to a duel due to his dissatisfaction with his rank, the fact that he did not challenge Feng Qing Yang could be seen as him acknowledging Feng Qing Yang as being stronger than him. There were a few people who suspected he had challenged Feng Qing Yang but was defeated.

Meanwhile, after the guard learned that the person in front of him was not just an ordinary Heavenly Emperor but the renowned Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, he was even more respectful. "Lord Heavenly Emperor, I'll inform our Heavenly Palace's elders immediately to pass on the message to our Lord Heavenly Emperor."

Feng Qing Yang nodded slightly and waited with the others from the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

After a dozen breaths, a loud and husky voice rang from the distance.

"Little Brother Feng, I remember you have my Soul Pearl. Why didn't you just contact me personally so I can personally receive you?"

Soon enough, a tall and muscular old man dressed in a loose grey robe appeared. His hair, eyebrows, and beard were the color of snow. He greeted Feng Qing Yang enthusiastically as though they were old friends.

'He should be the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven... Does master have a close relationship with him?' Up until recently, Feng Qing Yang had never mentioned the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven before. After a few moments, he even recalled Feng Qing Yang saying that it would be his first time meeting the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven.

At this time, the people of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven greeted in unison, "Greetings, Lord Heavenly Emperor!"

With this, Duan Ling Tian and the others' speculations were confirmed.

"Elder Brother Ding," Feng Qing Yang greeted the old man with a smile on his face, "I would've sent you a message through your Soul Pearl as soon as I arrive since I don't know the way to your Heavenly Palace. However, the Spatial Ring that contained your Soul Pearl was destroyed while I was in the Asura Hell."

As soon as Feng Qing Yang's voice fell, Duan Ling Tian and the others widened their eyes in shock.

Even the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven widened his eyes imperceptibly.

How could they not be shocked when they learned that Feng Qing Yang's Spatial Ring had been destroyed? Spatial Rings were forged from materials so tough that even extraordinarily powerful titled Celestial Emperors might not be able to destroy them. One could only imagine what kind of terrifying things lived in the Asura Hell that were capable of destroying Feng Qing Yang's Spatial Ring.

In the end, the old man said with a wry smile, "Little Brother Feng, I heard you returned to the Asura Hell again after coming out. The Asura Hell is one of the seven deadliest places, but you go in and out, treating it like your backyard..." After he finished speaking, he shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian and asked, "This must be Duan Ling Tian, your true disciple, right?"

100 years had passed since Duan Ling Tian had met Feng Qing Yang. Since Feng Qing Yang had formally acknowledged Duan Ling Tian as his true disciple, it was only natural for the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven to announce their Heavenly Emperor had accepted a true disciple. This news created an uproar in all the Devata Realms when it spread out. This was also how Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, Ding Fu, learned about Duan Ling Tian.

"Little Tian, this is Senior Uncle Ding," Feng Qing Yang introduced Duan Ling Tian to Ding Fu. "Your Senior Uncle Ding is one of the strongest Heavenly Emperors in the Devata Realms... His Advanced Devouring Tactic is remarkable. Not only can he devour his opponents' Celestial Origin Energy, but he can even devour the force from their laws."

"Greetings, Senior Uncle Ding," Duan Ling Tian said as he stepped forward to greet Ding Fu. Inwardly, he was shocked when he learned that Ding Fu was capable of devouring Celestial Origin Energy and the force from a law with the Advanced Devouring Tactic. After all, when he mastered the Elementary Devouring Tactic, he could only devour the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings to

temporarily boost his strength. He did not expect the upgraded Elementary Devouring Tactic, the Advanced Devouring Tactic, to be so much more powerful.

“Junior Nephew Duan, don’t listen to your master. He’s so much stronger than I am. When I learned he had taken over my ranking, I was dissatisfied so I challenged him to a duel. In the end, I only managed to embarrass myself,” Ding Fu said modestly as he shook his head.

Although there were such rumors swirling around before, this was the first time Ding Fu had confirmed the rumors. Previously, apart from Feng Qing Yang and him, only his two disciples were privy to this matter.

The guards of the Heavenly Palace of the Primeval Heaven looked at each other in shock when they heard Ding Fu’s words. As it turned out, their Heavenly Emperor challenged Feng Qing Yang and lost.

“I won because I had an unfair advantage,” Feng Qing Yang replied modestly as he shook his head. In his opinion, even if Ding Fu was close to becoming a god, Ding Fu still fought using the Celestial Origin Energy. He felt he had an unfair advantage since Divine Energy was undoubtedly superior to Celestial Origin Energy.