#### SOVEREIGN 3501

#### Chapter 3501: A Horrifying Scene

Duan Ling Tian stood in the center of the battle ring and stared at his opponent from the Title Temple.

Duan Ling Tian's opponent had only displayed the strength of a top Four Star God of War so far so he was not as outstanding as Hong Yuan and Sima Rui who had shown the strength of a Five Star God of War.

Duan Ling Tian did not think his opponent was the Title Temple's hidden ace since he could tell his opponent had a hard time during his previous match against another participant with the strength of a Four Star God of War. Although he tried to hide it, it did not escape the notice of Duan Ling Tian who had been observing the participants from the Title Temple.

A low and guttural growl rang from Duan Ling Tian's opponent's throat suddenly. Although he was aware that he was no match for Duan Ling Tian, he went all out and cast his most powerful technique.

## Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian's opponent specialized in the law of water. The surroundings seemed as though they had turned into the ocean when he cast the profundities from the law of water. Killer waves surged toward Duan Ling Tian in just a blink of an eye. The waves, unlike ordinary waves, held a pulling power so strong that they seemed capable of pulling everything into the depths of the ocean.

Duan Ling Tian's opponent had gone all out because he had received a Voice Transmission instructing him to go all out to force Duan Ling Tian to show his hand. The Title Temple wanted to see if Duan Ling Tian was still hiding his strength. Alas, with his strength that on par with a top Four Star God of War, it was impossible for him to force Duan Ling Tian, who had shown the strength of a Five Star God of War, to show his hand even if he had gone all out.

#### Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Everyone watched as Duan Ling Tian hovered in the air calmly without any changes in his expressions, despite the killer waves sweeping toward him, as his robes fluttered in the air. Just when the waves were about five meters away from him, a shocking scene appeared before everyone's eyes.

Duan Ling Tian seemed to have transformed into a huge whale from the depths of the ocean before he opened his mouth and easily devoured the killer waves coming his way.

The expression of his opponent changed greatly when he saw Duan Ling Tian was not the slightest bit affected. He could not maintain such high-intensity attacks for long, after all.

Duan Ling Tian hovered in the air and used the Mastery Dao he had comprehended to manipulate the space around him as he devoured waves after waves of his opponent's attacks. None of the attacks affected him at all.

# "Surrender."

At this moment, a voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's opponent's ears. It was a Voice Transmission from the person who had told him to go all out earlier. The person who sent the Voice Transmission was none

other than Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, who was presiding over the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Since Duan Ling Tian was far stronger, it was pointless to continue the fight. His eyes flashed with greed as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"I surrender," Duan Ling Tian's opponent called out.

Following that, Xu Kong Hai said with a straight face, "Duan Ling Tian, number 12, wins the match."

When the match between the participants with the numbers 13 and 14 began, no one really paid attention since most of them were still discussing Duan Ling Tian.

"How do you think Duan Ling Tian will rank?"

"He's too young. He'll rank in the top 5 at most; it's still an amazing feat. However, I don't think it's possible for him to rank in the top 3."

"I agree."

Due to Duan Ling Tian's age, many people did not think he would rank in the top 3 of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, let alone rank number one, despite his strength.

Duan Ling Tian was naturally unbothered by the crowd's opinion. There were so many people who had looked down on him in his life, and he had learned the best response was to prove them wrong with his actions.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian returned to his seat, Zhang Tian You began to gush, "Duan Ling Tian, your Mastery Dao is really terrifying! It's amazing! Your opponent is like a defenseless baby in front of you. None of his attacks affected you at all! On the contrary, you easily neutralized all his attacks!"

As Zhang Tian You spoke, Wang Ting and He Jian Yi, who were sitting at the side, nodded to show their agreement.

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The match after Duan Ling Tian's match was between two participants with the strength of a Four Star God of War. It was a tight match; both opponents were almost evenly matched. In the end, the winner was so injured that he could no longer exert his full strength. Based on this, it could be seen that neither participant had hidden their strength. After all, if they truly possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War, they would injure themselves to this extent just to hide their strength.

Subsequently, when the participants with the numbers 15 and 16 stepped into the battle ring for the next match, everyone broke out in a commotion again when they saw participant number 15.

# "Yu Dong Fang!"

Yu Dong Fang, the third true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, had already revealed his strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War so it was not surprising that his appearance generated a commotion.

His opponent, on the other hand, seemed to only possess the strength of a top Four Star God of War.

'It's him...' Duan Ling Tian's attention, unlike everyone else, was not on Yu Dong Fang, but Yu Dong Fang's opponent.

The participant with the number 16 was a young man dressed in a long white robe. He had a medium build, and his appearance was so average that it would be difficult to identify him in a sea of people. Most of the time he seemed a little timid and introverted. However, at this moment when facing Yu Dong Fang, his aura seemed to change slightly. He seemed determined.

"You're no match for me," Yu Dong Fang said indifferently as he stared at his opponent, certain of his victory.

"Perhaps." Although the young man's voice was not loud, everyone heard his reply clearly.

"I'll defeat you now if you're not going to surrender," Yu Dong Fang said before he shot out like an arrow and arrived near the young man in just a blink of an eye. He lifted his hand, reading to send a blast of energy out.

At this moment, no one doubted Yu Dong Fang's victory. Moreover, his opponent was standing unmoving as though he was in a daze.

However, time seemed to freeze in the next moment. The scene that appeared was beyond everyone's imagination.

Yu Dong Fang's hand was still raised in the air, frozen. Even his expression seemed to have frozen on his face.

"Law of time!"

"It's the law of time!"

Upon seeing this, many people, including a few Heavenly Emperors and high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches, rose to their feet immediately.

The law of time was the most unique law among the Four Supreme Laws. It allowed one to manipulate time, and there were not many known countermeasures for it. In fact, there were many who thought the law of time was the strongest law due to its heaven-defying ability. How terrifying was it to be able to stop time?

Needless to say, such a law was not easy to comprehend. Moreover, the progress was slow as well. Therefore, many who were capable of comprehending the law of time would give up and comprehend another law due to the slow progress.

Like most laws and profundities, the law of time was only effective against a weaker opponent. For example, if one cast the Freezing Profundity that could stop time, it would only affect weaker opponents. Unless the caster had comprehended Fused Profundities, it would be useless against opponents who had comprehended Fused Profundities.

As such, how could everyone not be shocked that Yu Dong Fang was frozen? Yu Dong Fang's strength was well known to all. His strength was definitely among the top Five Star Gods War. For the young

man's Freezing Profundity to be effective on Yu Dong Fang, the young man had to be as strong as or stronger than Yu Dong Fang.

Everyone watched as the young man, who had just revealed strength comparable to a Five Star God of War, shot out two beams of gray light from his eyes that entered Yu Dong Fang began to move again.

Before Yu Dong Fang could retaliate, something terrifying happened to him. His jet-black hair turned white in just a blink of an eye, and his skin wrinkled swiftly. He had aged from a healthy young man to an old man at a speed visible to the naked eye.

Everyone gasped upon seeing this horrifying scene.

"From what I know, for him to be so skilled in manipulating time, he has to be as strong as a top Five Star God of War at least..."

Tang San Pao's words reverberated in Duan Ling Tian and the others' minds.

## Chapter 3502: The Reveal of All Participants With Strength Comparable to a Five Star God of War

Yu Dong Fang's changes happened in just a blink of an eye. They were terrifying! Imagine a young man in his prime aging into a dying old man at a speed visible to the naked eye.

"The law of time ... "

Duan Ling Tian continued to stare at the young man intently. Since he had been paying attention to the young man previously, he could clearly see how the young man had been acting timid previously. During the young man's previous matches, the onlookers and his opponents would always underestimate him. For this reason, he had been keeping an eye on the young man. However, he had thought Yu Dong Fang would defeat this young man. After all, Yu Dong Fang's strength was not inferior to a top Five Star God of War. Who knew the young man was also as strong as or stronger than a top Five Star God of War?

'This is the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes of Life. Very few people are able to comprehend this. For him to have mastered this, those without the strength of a top Five Star God of War are unlikely to be a match for him...'

Duan Ling Tian had previously learned about the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes Of Life from his master, Feng Qing Yang. With just a thought, one could instantly age one's opponent. If an ordinary person was targeted, they would definitely die. If it was targeted at a celestial with a long lifespan, their bodies would be affected, and they would never regain the full strength of their bodies. As for their appearance, it would be as difficult to recover as well.

#### Bang!

Everyone was still in shock over Yu Dong Fang's sudden aging by the two beams of gray light from the young man's eyes when the young man suddenly made a move and sent the elderly Yu Dong Fang flying back.

At this point, the elderly Yu Dong Fang could no longer mobilize his energy. He spat out blood as he was sent flying back until he landed on the ground and fainted.

"Third Senior Brother!"

At this time, someone flew out from the spectator seats to the battle ring. It was none other than Tong Tu, Yu Dong Fang's junior brother and the fourth true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. After he landed, he brought Yu Dong Fang, who was severely injured, away.

It was only then that everyone began to regain their senses. This was the most unexpected outcome. Not even in their wildest dreams did they imagine Yu Dong Fang would end up in such a manner. Yu Dong Fang did not even have a chance to attack. He was completely dominated by his opponent's law of time. Despite his defeat, no one thought Yu Dong Fang was weak; they only thought that Yu Dong Fang's opponent was terrifyingly strong.

Needless to say, a huge uproar erupted as everyone began to discuss among themselves.

"Didn't Huang Quan An use the law of fire during his previous matches?! Who would have guessed he had also comprehended the law of time?!"

"Couldn't you tell? His comprehension of the law of time is much higher than his law of fire!"

"Heavens! Where did a monster like Huang Quan An come from? When using the law of fire, he was already as strong as a top Four Star God of War. How much stronger is he when he uses the law of time?! He should be as strong as a top Five Star God of War at least!"

"Should be as strong as a top Five Star God of War? He's definitely as strong as, if not stronger, than a top Five Star God of War. Aren't you aware that one must possess the strength of a Five Star God of War, at least, to cast the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes Of Life? He's definitely invincible against those who don't possess the strength of a Six Star God of War!"

"Really?"

"Well, unless his opponent, who has to be as strong as him at least, possesses a divine artifact to counter the law of time... Otherwise, he's invincible..."

Huang Quan An had received a slight bit of attention previously, but now, everyone was focused on him, including Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master from the main Title Temple.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai and many Heavenly Emperors were sending Huang Quan An Voice Transmissions. All of them wanted him to join their forces, but not many offered to accept him as their disciple since they felt there was not much they could teach someone like him. However, he completely disregarded the Voice Transmissions from Xu Kong Hai, who was a god, and the Heavenly Emperors. Who was Huang Quan An that he did not even have any qualms about offending Xu Kong Hai?

At the same time, Ru Lai, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, who had been possessed by Great Master Miyan looked at Huang Quan An with a hint of greed in his eyes. He thought to himself, 'Unfortunately, I've already found the perfect body to possess. Otherwise, I'd definitely choose you. Although it's impressive that you've comprehended the law of time to this extent, it's not a guarantee that you'll be able to become a god. On the other hand, with Duan Ling Tian's body, let alone attaining godhood, becoming a supreme powerhouse is just a matter of time...'

At some point, Great Master Miyan had shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian. His eyes burned with unconcealed greed as he stared at Duan Ling Tian. If he could, he would have openly kidnaped Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, the young geniuses were still heatedly discussing among themselves.

"With Hong Yuan and Huang Qu An, there are now ten participants confirmed to possess the strength of a Five Star God of War!"

Since it was rare for so many participants with such strength to appear at the same time during a Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, everyone was in an uproar again.

"I wonder if there'll be an eleventh participant with the strength of a Five Star God of War..."

As the matches continued, another participant was also revealed to have the strength of a Five Star God of War. Similar to Ye Dong Li, the participant was a female. Her body was hidden under a loose gray robe, and half of her face was covered with a veil. Only her beautiful eyes and slender eyebrows could be seen. Based on this, it seemed like she was a beauty beneath the veil. However, there were some people who speculated that she might ugly even if she possessed a pair of beautiful eyes and eyebrows.

Regardless, most people's attention was on her strength, not her appearance. Previously, the strength she had demonstrated was only that of a top Four Star God of War. No one had thought she was hiding her strength. Hence, all of them were shocked when she revealed her strength.

"Another participant with the strength of a Five Star God of War. Moreover, she's a woman!"

"Similar to Ye Dong Li, I've never heard of Liu Suo Yan prior to this..."

"That's why it's widely known that the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses can draw out many hidden talents..."

"That's right. Just like Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Ling Jue Yun, and Ye Dong Li, Li Suo Yan is a hidden and unknown talent..."

"Eleven participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War... This time's Battle of the Geniuses is definitely going to be one for the history books..."

The young geniuses present were extremely excited to be a part of this event. It was something they would be able to boast about for the rest of their lives.

"Is there going to be a twelfth one?"

People began to speculate if there would be any more surprises; this included Duan Ling Tian.

However, after all the 15 matches were over, there were no other participants who shocked everyone again. It was almost certain at this point that there were no more participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War. With the intensity of the first bout of the final round of the Devata Realm's Battle of the Geniuses, most of them would have to reveal their strength.

Out of the 11 participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War, only Yu Dong Fang lost and was severely injured. It would likely take a long time before he recovered.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai stepped forward again and said, "For the second bout of the final round, the 15 participants who lost in the first bout of the final round will fight again. Among these 15 participants,

only Yu Dong Fang alone possesses the strength of a Five Star God of War. Therefore, after taking his strength into consideration, he'll be allowed to advance to the next bout without fighting this bout. Does anyone have any objection? If you have an objection, you can fight him once he recovers. However, the fight will be a life-or-death battle..."

Xu Kong Hai's eyes glinted as he continued to say, "I've spoken to the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, and he has said that Yu Dong Fang is willing to fight a life-or-death battle should there be any objections."

The 14 participants who lost the first bout of the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses were speechless when they heard these words. Would anyone object under such circumstances? Moreover, although Yu Dong Fang was defeated, it did not mean he was weak.

Xu Kong Hai nodded in satisfaction when no one objected. Then, he continued to say, "Since there's no objection, you can now proceed to the next bout. The seven winners from this bout will be temporarily ranked from the 17th to the 23rd place."

While the 14 participants were engaged in their respective fights, Tang San Pao asked Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, do you think Su Li will be able to win?"

"I think it'd be slightly difficult..." Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he watched Su Li flying in the air above the battle ring.

Although Su Li was powerful and managed to rank in the top 30, it would be difficult for him to climb the ranks.

# Chapter 3503: Ranked Matches in the Final Round

Although Su Li was stronger compared to those who had just broken through, his current strength was nowhere near that of a top Four Star God of War. It was already an amazing feat that he managed to make it into the top 30 of the Devata Realms's Battle of the Geniuses; it would be difficult for him to rank above 23rd place.

# Bang!

Regardless, Su Li was fearless and unyielding when faced with a hopeless situation and gave it his best.

As expected, Su Lu was defeated by his opponent who was as strong as a top Four Star God of War in the end.

Soon enough, the other matches concluded as well, and the winners were determined. With that, the ranks were reshuffled again.

# Swoosh!

At this time, the names of the top 30 participants began to appear in the air.

Needless to say, the 11 participants with strength comparable to Five Star Gods of War and the participants who had won their matches during the first bout of the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses earlier occupied the first to the 16th place on the list.

The 17th to 23rd place was occupied by the participants who won their matches during the second bout of the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

Finally, the 24th to the 30th place was occupied by those who had lost their matches during the second bout of the final round, like Su Li.

After all the names appeared, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, said loudly, "I'm sure all of you know these ranks aren't permanent, and they're not a reflection of your strength yet. According to the rules of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, those who ranked from the 21st to the 30th place can only challenge the participants in the20th place or lower, at most. You can only challenge those who are ranked 10th or lower if you manage to rank in the20th place. You can only challenge the top nine participants if you're ranked in 10th place."

While Xu Kong Hai spoke, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was focused on the list of 30 names. Out of the 30 names, the temporary ranking for the top 11 places were as followed:

Zhong Gui YuTang San PaoDuan Ling TianZhou Yong QiLing Jue YunSima RuiYe Dong LiHong YuanHuang Quan AnLiu Xu YanYu Dong FangFollowing that, was a group of participants with the strength of a Four Star God of War.

Su Li was ranked in 24th place, the first among those who lost their matches during the second bout of the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

At this time, many people were discussing among themselves as they looked at the list of names in the air.

"Hey, did you notice that ... "

"It seems like these temporary ranks are ranked in accordance to the time the participants revealed their strength..."

"You're right. Zhong Gui Yu was the first to reveal his strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War so he's temporarily ranked first. Following that is Tang San Pao and Duan Ling Tian..."

It was true for Su Li too. Among those who ranked at the bottom seven places, he was the first to reveal the strength of a Four Star God of War.

At this moment, Xu Kong Hai began to speak again. "The person who's ranked in the30th place can now step forward to issue a challenge. Please remember that you can only challenge participants in 20th place or lower for now."

The final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the geniuses was one of the longest, if not the longest, rounds. The third bout allowed the participants who ranked at the bottom to challenge those in front of them to improve their ranks. Naturally, participants could also choose not to issue a challenge and maintain their rank, but if they were challenged, they had no choice but to accept or surrender. If they lost or surrendered, they would naturally drop in rank.

#### Swoosh!

After Xu Kong Hai finished speaking, the participant ranked in 30th place, an expressionless white-clad young man, flew into the battle ring. He shifted his eyes to Su Li and said, "I want to challenge Su Li who's ranked 24th."

The white-clad young man's words caused a small commotion among the crowd.

"It seems like he's given up on making it into the top 20."

"Isn't it obvious? He would've challenged the person in 20th place if he's aiming to enter the top 20. He's only trying to get a better rank now... After all, the higher the ranking, the better the rewards."

"So he chose the 24th place, the top rank among those who lost the second bout of the final round?"

Meanwhile, Su Li was as calm as usual despite being the first to be challenged during this bout. He won his match in the end, but he barely managed to secure his victory and secure his rank. He was injured despite his win; his opponent's attack had landed on him, causing him to spit out two mouthfuls of blood.

When Su Li returned to his seat, Duan Ling Tian asked worriedly, "Are you okay?"

"It's not a big deal." Su Li smiled faintly. "I'll take a few medicinal pills and recover very soon."

After taking the medicinal pills, Su Li closed his eyes and waited for his injuries to heal.

According to the rules of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, the next challenger was not allowed to challenge Su Li. He would be given time to rest and heal for the duration of one match. This applied to everyone who was challenged.

Although those at the bottom could only challenge the participant in 20th place at most, if the participant in 20th place was unable to be challenged, an exception would be made, and they could challenge the person in 19th place. This applied for those in 10th and 9th place as well.

While Su Li was nursing his injuries, the 29th participant, who was not confident about challenging the person who ranked 20th, challenged the participant in 25th place since he could not challenge Su Li. His

opponent was almost evenly matched with him, but in the end, he won. With that, he rose from 29th place to 25th place while his opponent fell from 25th place to 26th place. Those behind 26th place fell one rank accordingly.

The next participant decided to challenge Su Li, who had just recovered, but Su Li managed to defend his rank.

After that, those in 28th, 27th, and 26th place stepped forward one after another to challenge their opponents. The person who rose from the 29th to 25th place was not allowed to issue a challenge since he had just done so.

At this time, there were a few people who challenged the participant in 20th place, but none of them succeeded. After a while, the participant in 22nd place finally managed to defeat the 20th participant, pushing the 20th participant down to the 21st place.

With this, the participant who had just been pushed down to the 22nd place can issue a challenge. If he wanted to raise his rank, he could only change the participants in 20th or 21st place. However, since these two participants had just fought, he was prohibited from challenging them. With this, he could only give up challenging someone and wait for someone else to challenge him or he could challenge the person in 19th place. In the end, he was ambitious enough to challenge the person in 19th place. However, one's ambitions would only come true if they were backed by strength. He was not strong enough and was defeated by the participant in 19th place.

At this time, Xu Kong Hai called out for the participant in 18th place to step forward.

"I want to challenge the person in 12th place." Number 18 was very ambitious as well. He had challenged the first person ranked below the 11 participants with strength comparable to Five Star Gods of War.

The participant in 12th place was called Meng Fan Gui. He was the first person to reveal the strength of a top Four Star God of War during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. He was from a heavengrade sect, the Profound Dream Sect, in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven that specialized in illusory techniques. In fact, his true strength was not that of a top Four Star God of War; he only possessed such strength thanks to his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that had a soul.

"Meng Gui Fan, you are just lucky you come from a powerful sect that provided you with an Emperor Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit. Your weapon is the only reason you've made it this far." Meng Fan Gui's opponent was a black-clad young man with a devilishly handsome appearance. He sneered as he said, "Do you are to fight me, Yuan Hao Jun, without using that Emperor Grade Celestial Emperor."

"Stop talking," Meng Fan Gui said indifferently, "You're humiliating yourself with such lousy provocation. So what if I come from a powerful sect? Luck is one's ability as well. You can stay in whatever godforsaken place you came from and continue being jealous and envious of me.

# Chapter 3504: The 11th Place

Upon hearing Meng Fan Gui's words, even Duan Ling Tian could not help but chuckle and shake his head.

None of the participants of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses were mediocre. Although Meng Fan Gui looked like a good-for-nothing rich kid, he had to be remarkable to be able to participate in the Battle of the Geniuses. His background might have helped, but there was no doubt it was mostly due to his talent. After all, in all the 81 Devata Realms, there were many whose backgrounds were superior to Meng Fan Gui, and yet, they were not qualified to participate in the Battle of the Geniuses.

On average, about ten participants would be selected from each Devata Realm. Among the ten participants, there were naturally those from distinguished backgrounds.

"You're seeking death!" Yuan Hao Jun, Meng Fan Gui's opponent who possessed the strength of a top Four Star God of War, cried out. He had planned to provoke Meng Fan Gui so Meng Fan Gui would forsake using his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon during their match, but he did not expect his plan to fail. Not only did he fail, but he ended up being provoked by Meng Fan Gui instead.

Yuan Hao Jun leaped forward like an angry lion, blinded by his anger.

Upon seeing this, the spectators began to discuss among themselves.

"Unless he's as strong as a Five Star God of War, he'll definitely lose!"

Most people were certain Yuan Hao Jun would lose. After all, the fact that he had lost his composure had already put him in a disadvantageous position. Although he struck first, it did not mean he could control the rhythm of the battle since he was clouded by anger.

When Yuan Hao Jun realized he had made a rash mistake, he tried to calm down. However, the more he tried to calm down, the more anxious he became. The more anxious he was, the more mistakes he would make. It was a vicious cycle.

As expected, Meng Fan Gui defeated Yuan Hao Jun with his Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that possessed a spirit within ten moves, successfully defending his rank.

"The 17th participant, please step forward!"

The participant in 17th place could not challenge Meng Fan Gui who had just finished his match so he could only choose another opponent. However, he was not that foolish to challenge the participants in 10th and 11th place who were as strong as Five Star Gods of War. In the end, he challenged the participant who was ranked 13th and successfully defeated his opponent.

After he rose in ranks, the new participant in 17th place challenged Meng Fan Gui. However, he failed in his challenge as Meng Fan Gui successfully defended his rank again.

Subsequently, the 16th participant challenged the 13th participant, who had risen from 17th place earlier. Alas, the 16th participant failed in his challenge.

Meng Fan Gui was challenged again. This time, it was by the 15th participant. Similar to before, Meng Fan Gui successfully defended his rank again.

Meng Fan Gui's string of victories was not surprising. After all, he was rather powerful, and he possessed an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit. Apart from that time when he was defeated by Zhong Gui Yu, his journey during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was rather smooth. Not counting participants as strong as Five Star Gods of War, perhaps, only a participant with the strength of a top Four Star God of War who possessed an equally powerful weapon would be able to defeat him.

Subsequently, the 14th participant chose to challenge the 13th participant and lost.

"Participant number 12, please step forward," Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, said as he looked at Meng Fan Gui.

Since the 13th participant had previously won his challenge and rose from 17th place to 13th place, he was prohibited from issuing a challenge. Hence, it was finally Meng Fan Gui's turn to issue a challenge.

Meng Fan Gui shook his head and said, "I give up on my right to challenge an opponent..."

What a joke! How could Meng Fan Gui be unaware that all the participants ahead of him possessed strength comparable to a Five Star God of War? He would only embarrass himself if he challenged any of those participants. Even if he had a powerful Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, it was not enough to defeat those who were ranked 1st to 11th. By giving up, not only would he avoid being embarrassed, but he would avoid getting unnecessarily injured.

No one was surprised by Meng Fan Gui's decision. All of them understood his decision, after all. The difference between those with the strength of a Five Star God of War and a Four Star God of War was so vast that even Meng Fan Gui's Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon could not close that gap.

For the young geniuses in the spectator seats, the earlier matches between the participants with strength comparable to a Four Star God of War were only appetizers. The upcoming matches between those who possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War were the main course.

"Finally! The matches between the top 11 participants are going to start!"

"They're the highlight of the Battle of the Geniuses!"

"The battles between those with the strength of Five Star Gods of War are finally commencing!"

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At this time, Su Li said, "Duan Ling Tian, Yu Dong Fang is ranked 11th. This means it's his turn to issue a challenge. I have a feeling he's going to challenge you..."

Su Li had a keen eye and had long noticed that Yu Dong Fang was looking at Duan Ling Tian with eyes brimming with killing intent. It was as though Duan Ling Tian was his nemesis.

"He has recovered? That's quick." Duan Ling Tian instinctively looked at Yu Dong Fang. Just as Su Li had said, Yu Dong Fang was glaring at him.

During Yu Dong Fang's match with Huang Quan An, he did not even have a chance to attack before he was defeated. Not only that, but he was even turned into a dying old man by Huang Quan An's law of time.

Currently, Yu Dong Fang had regained his youthful appearance. If an ordinary person was hit, not only would their appearances change, but their body functionality would deteriorate accordingly as well. If they aged too much, they might even die of old age. Since Yu Dong Fang was a celestial with a long

lifespan, he was able to recover after consuming medicinal pills that replenished his vitality. Even if he did not take medicinal pills, he would eventually recover even if it would take a long time.

Tang San Pao chimed in, "The Instant Vicissitudes Of Life will still affect his strength for a time. It'll take a while before he regains his full strength."

At the same time, people began to notice the tension between Duan Ling Tian and Yu Dong Fang when they turned to look at Yu Dong Fang because it was his turn to issue a challenge.

With Yu Dong Fang's strength, many people thought he should be ranked in the top 10 if he was not defeated by Huang Quan An previously. No one thought less of him despite his defeat. After all, Huang Quan An's law of time was truly too terrifying.

"Hey, Yu Dong Fang has been glaring at Duan Ling Tian for a while now. Is there enmity between them?"

"Based on the way he's looking at Duan Ling Tian, I think he'll definitely challenge Duan Ling Tian..."

Even the Heavenly Emperors from the various Devata Realms and the high-ranking officials from the Title Temple branches were looking at Duan Ling Tian and Yu Dong Fang with great interest.

This was not surprising. After all, Duan Ling Tian was the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven while Yu Dong Fang was the third true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven. Moreover, both of them possessed the strength of a Five Star God of War. All these factors would make for an exciting match.

At this time, Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, looked at Feng Qing Yang and said with a smile, "Brother Feng, it seems like Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan's third true disciple is going to challenge Junior Nephew Duan. Did Junior Nephew Duan offend him?"

"I don't know." Feng Qing Yang shook his head expressionlessly. He was clearly not worried.

"It seems like you're very confident about Junior Nephew Duan's ability, Brother Feng," Ding Fu said. The smile on his face widened when he turned back to look at the battle ring.

Under everyone's anticipatory gaze, Xu Kong Hai said, "Yu Dong Fang, the 11th participant, will now issue a challenge. This will also mark the first match between those with the strength of a Five Star God of War."

This was a rare occasion where Xu Kong Hai spoke so much.

As soon as his voice fell, the crowd broke into an uproar. The moment they had been waiting for, the highlight of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, was finally here!

The crowd's eyes were trained on Yu Dong Fang as he flew into the battle ring. All of them wondered who he would challenge. Based on what they had seen, they thought he would likely challenge Duan Ling Tian.

As expected, as soon as Yu Dong Fang landed in the battle ring, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian.

Upon seeing this, Yu Hao Tian, the Heavenly Emperor of the Jade Emperor Heaven, who was seated across from Gongsun Xuanyuan, the Heavenly Emperor of the Pavilion Shaft Heaven, said, "Xuanyuan, it seems like your disciple is determined to fight Duan Ling Tian."

Gongsun Xuanyuan said, "It's fine for him to suffer some setbacks when he's young. It'll be beneficial to him..."

"Hmm?" Yu Hao Tian was slightly taken aback by Gongsun Xuanyuan's reply. "Xuanyuan, does this mean you think Duan Ling Tian will win?"

Although Yu Hao Tian and Duan Ling Tian came from the same place, he did feel much of a connection with Duan Ling Tian. After all, there were many in the Jade Emperor Heaven who came from Planet Yan Huang in Yan Huang Realm. Moreover, since Yu Dong Fang was his good friend's disciple, he was naturally more inclined toward Yu Dong Fang compared to Duan Ling Tian. This was natural human instinct; even Heavenly Emperors were not exempted from these emotions.

"There's more than meets the eyes with Duan Ling Tian," Gongsun Xuanyuan said. There was a hint of surprise in his eyes as though he had thought of something that he found difficult to accept.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Yu Dong Fang loudly announced, "I want to challenge the 3rd participant, Duan Ling Tian!"

Just as everyone expected, Yu Dong Fang challenged Duan Ling Tian.

## Chapter 3505: Rudimentary Comprehension of the Sword Dao

Duan Ling Tian was the third participant in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses to reveal the strength of a Five Star God of War. Hence, he was temporarily ranked 3rd in the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. The two participants above him, Zhong Gui Yu and Tang San Pao, had revealed their strength earlier than he did.

#### Swoosh!

After Yu Dong Fang, who was ranked 11th, challenged Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Liang flew out indifferently. In just a blink of an eye, he arrived at the battle ring and stood across from Yu Dong Fang.

"Duan Ling Tian," Yu Dong Fang stared at Duan Ling Tian with bright eyes as he said, "The moment has finally come. I will defeat you in front of everyone today, not for any other reason than your despicable behavior."

"Alright. You can attack first." Duan Ling Tian nodded indifferently in response to Yu Dong Fang's words.

No one expected Duan Ling Tian would ask Yu Dong Fang to attack immediately. It was clear he was not interested in wasting words or understanding Yu Dong Fang's reasons. He was clearly only there to fight.

The young geniuses were delighted by this. They began to egg Yu Dong Fang on. Some of them were certain of Yu Dong Fang's victory, and some of them thought Duan Ling Tian stood a chance of winning.

"It's true. What's the point in wasting time talking when you can just fight?"

"Yu Dong Fang! Hurry up and attack! Keep your words and defeat Duan Ling Tian!"

"Yu Dong Fang made such a lofty promise. Will he fail?"

"I don't think so. He's a couple of centuries older than Duan Ling Tian after all. Moreover, he's also Heavenly Emperor Xuanyuan's most promising disciple. He's a peerless genius in the Pavilion Shaft Heaven."

"However, Duan Ling Tian isn't weak as well. He's just a little over 600 years old, but he's much stronger than most of the participants of the Battle of the Geniuses."

At this point, no one dared to look down on Duan Ling Tian any longer like they did when the Devata Realms's Battle of the Geniuses had just begun. He had proven himself time after time. So what if he was young? With his strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War, he made it into the top 30. He was much stronger than some people who were older than him.

Meanwhile, Yu Dong Fang grew even more agitated upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's calmness. He felt as though Duan Ling Tian was looking down on him. His eyes flashed coldly as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, I hope you still can maintain your composure when you lose."

Bang!

Accompanied by a deafening explosion, a golden orb of energy rose behind Yu Dong Fang. Like the sun shining at his back, he looked like the god of sun. He was shining so brightly that it was difficult to look directly at him. Following that, a sword-shaped mark appeared on his glabella.

## Swoosh!

Under everyone's watchful eyes, a dazzling sword ray shot out of Yu Dong Fang's glabella. It was so bright that it eclipsed the surrounding light. It shot toward Duan Ling Tian with great momentum.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian stood unmoving, calmly facing Yu Dong Fang's probing attack. As the sword ray drew close, his Mastery Dao caused the void around him to distort and ripple. Soon enough, a vortex appeared and easily devoured the sword ray.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian glanced at Yu Dong Fang and said indifferently, "I suggest you attack with all your might next. Otherwise, I worry you won't have a chance to attack again."

Duan Ling Tian's words were akin to rubbing salt in Yu Dong Fang's wound.

Despite his calm expression, Yu Dong Fang was inwardly furious. His eyes turned frostier and frostier as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "As expected of the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. You're really confident. I'll grant your wish then. Let's decide the outcome with one move!"

As soon as Yu Dong Fang's voice fell, hundreds and thousands of sword rays shot out from the golden orb, which looked like the blazing sun, hanging at his back.

# Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Sword rays after sword rays shot toward Duan Ling Tian. It was as though the golden orb could launch infinite sword rays.

Duan Ling Tian remained indifferent as usual when faced with Yu Dong Fang's attacks. His Space Mastery Dao continued to devour the sword rays shooting toward him.

"It seems like this attack isn't enough to quash your Mastery Dao," Yu Dong Fang said pointedly. He was not nervous at all. He continued to say, "Then, let me cast the Sword Dao my master had taught me to destroy your space Mastery Dao!"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Following that, the sword rays released by the golden orb hanging at Yu Dong Fang's back switched directions. They no longer flew toward Duan Ling Tian, but they flew around him instead. In just a blink of an eye, the battle ring had turned into a sea of golden sword rays.

At the same time, Yu Dong Fang cast various Fused Profundities from the law of metal as well, boosting the sword rays.

"Sword Dao?" Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. "If I'm not mistaken you only have a rudimentary understanding of the Sword Dao..."

Duan Ling Tian had formed his own Space Sword Dao through his master's Destructive Sword Dao. Hence, he could easily see through the Sword Dao that Yu Dong Fang cast. With just a glance, he knew Yu Dong Fang had only begun to comprehend the Sword Dao. Although it boosted Yu Dong Fang's strength greatly to the point where Duan Ling Tian felt slightly pressured, it was still within Duan Ling Tian's control.

"So what if I have just a basic comprehension or if I'm just about to form it? It's more than enough to defeat you!" Yu Dong Fang sneered.

The countless sword rays began to fly around as though they were weaving a web to trap Duan Ling Tian.

Sword cries rang in the air as everyone watched the sword ray weave a web around Duan Ling Tian. Based on the sword rays' speed, it would not take long before Duan Ling Tian was completely trapped.

Yu Dong Fang's voice rang in the air again. "Duan Ling Tian, this is my strongest move. It can even severely injure a top Five Star God of War if the timing is right. It's too late for you to escape now."

The crowd broke into another uproar. Yu Dong Fang's attacks were too terrifying. It was not something ordinary Five Star Gods of War was capable of. Even the expressions of some of the participants with the strength of Five Star Gods of War turned solemn when they saw Yu Dong Fang's attacks.

At this time, those who thought Duan Ling Tian stood a chance of winning began to waver. They looked at Yu Dong Fang intently, trying to find signs of him exaggerating his strength but to no avail.

"Duan Ling Tian is trapped... If Yu Dong Fang isn't exaggerating his strength, he should win soon."

"It can even injure a top Five Star God of War... Duan Ling Tian's Space Mastery Dao doesn't seem capable of withstanding such an attack. After all, he had only formed it recently and had a basic understanding of it..."

"It seems like Duan Ling Tian is about to lose!"

Duan Ling Tian is losing soon, isn't he?"

## Boom!

Everyone watched as the round web of energy around Duan Ling Tian suddenly exploded. The force of the explosion seemed capable of destroying heaven and earth.

Fortunately, Xu Kong Hai was quick to act. He quickly contained the energy to prevent it from spilling out and injuring the young geniuses nearby.

The explosion of the golden energy was so bright that it hurt the others to look at it directly. It took a while for the light to dim before the others could look at the battle ring again. They discovered that Duan Ling Tian was nowhere to be seen.

"Did Duan Ling Tian explode as well?"

"Was he blown into pieces?"

While almost everyone was convinced that Duan Ling Tian had been blown to pieces by Yu Dong Fang's attack, Yu Dong Fang was frowning at this moment. Although he was confident his attack would defeat Duan Ling Tian, he knew it was not so powerful that it could blow Duan Ling Tian into pieces, including his Spatial Ring.

Just as an ominous feeling rose in Yu Dong Fang's heart, he felt his heart sink completely when he heard the crowd's sudden exclamation and saw their eyes that were trained in the air above him.

"Duan Ling Tian's not dead! He's there!"

# Chapter 3506: Duan Ling Tian Is as Strong as a Five Star God of War?

Everyone watched as Duan Ling Tian hovered above Yu Dong Fang with a gray sword beneath his feet. The sword looked strange; as it flashed, the void around it seemed to distort and ripple. It was as though it contained spatial energy. Following that, a sword ray shot out, leaving a tear in the void.

"How did you escape?" Yu Dong Fang looked at Duan Ling Tian with a horrified expression. He was certain he had trapped Duan Ling Tian earlier. It was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to teleport out of the cage he had weaved since he had intentionally disrupted the void within the cage. How did Duan Ling Tian escape? Did Duan Ling Tian really manage to teleport or did Duan Ling Tian utilize another skill?

There were some people who could guess how Duan Ling Tian had escaped and avoided the attack; needless to say, they were all impressed.

As for those who could not figure out what was going on, they did not think much of it. In their opinion, it was not shocking since Duan Ling Tian comprehended the law of space.

Duan Ling Tian continued hovering in the air as he responded indifferently, "That was a nice move, disturbing the void to prevent me from teleporting. If I didn't master the Space Sword Dao, it would've been impossible for me to escape, and I would have to bear the brunt of the attack."

"Space Sword Dao?" Yu Dong Fang's expression turned unsightly. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian had also formed and comprehended the Space Sword Dao.

"The Space Sword Dao has both the Sword Dao and the law of space," Duan Ling Tian said, "You stopped me from teleporting by disturbing the void, but you didn't expect I'd be able to calm disturbance in the void with my Space Sword Dao before teleporting out of the cage. Since you said that we'll decide the match with one move, it should be my turn now that you're done with yours..."

Yu Dong Fang's expression changed drastically upon hearing these words. In just a second, the golden orb hanging at his back swiftly expanded and shrouded him as hundreds and thousands of sword rays circled him. It looked like a solid defense, and it was clear he was going all out to withstand Duan Ling Tian's attack.

The crowd fell silent immediately as they looked at the calm purple figure in the battle ring. In contrast, Yu Dong Fang was glowing so brightly that he looked like an immortal who had descended on the mortal realm to chase away the darkness.

## Bang!

When Duan Ling Tian made his move, everyone was surprised since it was so simple; they had expected some ostentatious technique. Instead, all Duan Ling Tian did was bring his hand down.

## Bang!

Despite the simple move, a thunderous explosion rang in the air and the void shook and rippled when Duan Ling Tian's hand fell. Following that, sword rays that seemed like they appeared out of thin air began to shoot out one after another.

The sword rays that contained the law of space seemed to have merged with the void as they flew out. If one did not look closely, one would not be able to see the sword rays.

At this time, someone suddenly cried out, "Duan Ling Tian's attack landed!"

The sword rays landed on Yu Dong Fang. In just an instant, the golden light around him surged and intensified. The sword rays continued to circle him as though they were fortifying his defenses.

Contrary to everyone's expectations, there were no dramatic clashes. There were only soft and strange noises.

Yu Dong Fang's defenses showed no sign of dimming. However, Duan Ling Tian's attack easily breached his defenses like a hot knife through butter. It was as though his defenses were not there at all! Upon seeing this, he was stunned.

The crowd only saw Yu Dong Fang again when the golden light finally vanished along with the sword rays. Shock and disbelief filled their eyes in just an instant. They were quickly replaced with terror when they shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian; it was as though they were looking at a terrifying beast.

Yu Dong Fang's body was riddled with wounds, and he was drenched in blood! The wounds were all cuts left behind by Duan Ling Tian's sword rays. If the cuts were any deeper, he would have died. After he regained his senses, he hurriedly healed his injuries by circulating his Celestial Origin Energy. Soon enough, he managed to heal all the cuts. Following that, when he looked at Duan Ling Tian again, he was

no longer arrogant like before. Instead, a complex expression could be seen on his face as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He was aware that Duan Ling Tian had shown mercy. Otherwise, he would have died. Before he returned to his seat, he spat out two words. "Thank you."

Yu Dong Fang was defeated just like that.

At this time, most people only looked at the defeated Yu Dong Fang briefly before they shifted their attention back to Duan Ling Tian. All of them were in shock and disbelief. No one expected the young man who was only slightly over 600 years to be so strong.

"This... As expected of the only true disciple of the legendary Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven!"

"Only someone like him is worthy of becoming the only true disciple of the legendary Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang!"

"His strength is really terrifying! Yu Dong Fang's attack isn't something that ordinary Five Star Gods of War can withstand, and yet, Duan Ling Tian easily dodged it. Duan Ling Tian must be as strong as a top Five Star God of War. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to defeat Yu Dong Fang so easily!"

"Based on the strength he has shown so far, he should only be second to Huang Quan An."

Everyone did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's strength was comparable to a top Five Star God of War and could easily overpower those ordinary Five Stars God of War. After all, Yu Dong Fang was stronger than ordinary Five Star Gods of War.

"Yu Dong Fang lost two matches consecutively after he revealed his strength..."

"First, he lost to Huang Quan An, and now, he lost to Duan Ling Tian. How's he so unlucky?"

"I wouldn't be surprised if he's traumatized by this experience..." someone said to lighten the atmosphere

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When Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, regained his senses, he could not help but look at Feng Qing Yang in awe as he asked, "Brother Feng, Junior Nephew Duan's strength is truly remarkable... Did he go all out or is he still holding back?"

Feng Qing Yang only smiled meaningfully in response.

Ding Fu was further shocked. Based on Feng Qing Yang's expression, he knew Duan Ling Tian must still be holding back his strength.

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At the same time, on one of the floating islands.

"I must have his body!"

Great Master Miyan, who had possessed Ru Lai, stared at Duan Ling Tian greedily.

Duan Ling Tian had impressed him during all his matches. With this, his desire to possess Duan Ling Tian grew even stronger than before. He really wished he could make a move now.

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'The Title Temple must have Duan Ling Tian!'

Similarly, despite his outwardly calm appearance, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple was thoroughly impressed by Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's performance had exceeded his expectations. His usage of the Space Sword Dao and the law of space was impeccable for him to escape Yu Dong Fang's attack unharmed. Even some top Five Star Gods of War were not capable of such a feat.

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When Duan Ling Tian returned to his seat, Tang San Pao looked at him with bright eyes and said with a smile, "Duan Ling Tian, you surprise us every time you fight... Do you still have any tricks up your sleeve?"

"Don't worry, I'll challenge you when it's my turn to do so. You'll know at that time," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

Duan Ling Tian had assumed Tang San Pao would refuse. Contrary to his expectations, Tang San Pao, who usually liked to joke around, solemnly said, "I'll be waiting then..."

Xu Kong Hai caught everyone's attention again as he said, "Liu Xu Yan, the tenth participant, please step forward."

Liu Xu Yan was the last to reveal her strength that was comparable to a Five Star God of War. She was also one of only two women to have advanced to the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

# Chapter 3507: The Battle Between Two Female Participants With the Strength of a Five Star God of War

A woman dressed in a long gray robe flew into the battle ring. A hat and a veil that concealed her face made her stand out even more under the shining sun. It would look more inconspicuous at night.

Someone looked at Liu Xu Yan and said, "I didn't expect there to be two female participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War during the Battle of the Geniuses. In the previous Battles of the Geniuses, even one female participant with the strength of a Five Star God of War was considered rare."

The crowd agreed with these words. Although there were many female powerhouses in the Devata Realms and female gods in the Realms of Gods, in general, there were more males. In comparison, the female powerhouses, whether they were celestials; gods; or supreme powerhouses, were rare.

"Hey, who do you think Liu Xu Yan will challenge?"

Everyone was curious about who Liu Xu Yan would challenge. Since Duan Ling Tian had just finished his match with Yu Dong Fang, he was out of the running. Liu Xu Yan's match was time to rest even though he clearly did not need any rest.

At this time, Liu Xu Yan's eyes swept past the participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War before she said, "I want to challenge the 7th participant, Ye Dong Li."

Ye Dong Li was the other female participant who advanced to the final round of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses.

The crowd was not too surprised by Liu Xu Yan's choice since they had suspected this would happen since Ye Dong Li was temporarily ranked higher than Liu Xu Yan.

Tang San Pao, who was sitting behind Duan Ling Tian, shook his head and said, "As the saying goes, 'Two tigers can't share a mountain'."

When Ye Dong Li flew into the battle ring, she bluntly said, "Liu Xu Yan, you've made a mistake by challenging me."

"You seem really confident," Liu Xu Yan said tonelessly. Clearly, she was not bothered by Ye Dong Li's confidence. If anything, it seemed like her fighting spirit soared even higher than before. She clearly could not wait to fight Ye Dong Li.

Ye Dong Li flashed forward as green energy appeared beneath her feet. In just a moment, green vines began to sprout on the ground. Based on this, it was clear she comprehended the law of wood.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The green vines shot into the air toward Liu Xu Yan like green pythons that were about to sink their fangs into her flesh. Nevertheless, she remained calm faced with Ye Dong Li's attack from her law of wood's Fused Profundity. The corners of robes fluttered in the air as wind blades began to appear around her and spun swiftly.

Ye Dong Li scoffed coldly as she manipulated the vines toward Liu Xu Yan, trying to gain the upper hand.

Liu Xu Yan was not a pushover. With just a thought, wind blades spun out to meet the incoming vines.

However, the wind blades barely left a scratch on the vines because Ye Dong Li had boosted the vines with her Celestial Origin Energy and various profundities.

"Merge!" Liu Xu Yan cried out.

The wind blades converged into a huge giant wind blade before it swept toward the vines again.

Swoosh!

The wind blade severed several vines at the front before it spun down toward the base of the vines.

At this moment, a streak of dark green light surged out and entered the vines. The vines began to glow as sharp thorns erupted on the vines.

Boom!

A thunderous explosion rang in the air when the huge wind blade collided with the vines, sparking embers of fire.

"Not bad," Liu Xu Yan remarked before she rushed out like a gust of wind.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this time, to those weaker than a Five Star God Of War, Liu Xu Yan seemed to have vanished into thin air. They could only hear the sounds of wind howling as she moved. In fact, even those with the strength of a Five Star God of War could only see the afterimages she left in her wake.

"She's so fast!" they exclaimed.

Most people thought Ye Dong Li would not be able to retaliate when the vines shooting toward Liu Xu Yan suddenly returned and surrounded Ye Dong Li in just a blink of an eye. They weaved an indestructible cage around Ye Dong Li in just a blink of an eye. The thorns of the cage of vines glinted coldly in the sunlight.

## Clank! Clank! Clank! Clank! Clank!

A series of ear-piercing noises rang in the air when Liu Xu Yan's attack landed on the cage of vines. However, she failed to break the cage.

Ye Dong Li, who was standing in the protection of the cage, said, "You're really strong. It'll be difficult to defeat you without a Celestial Weapon..."

"You're not the only one with a Celestial Weapon," Liu Xu Yan retorted. A red three-foot-long saber appeared as she raised her hand. The sharp saber looked as though it was covered with bloody veins.

"Our Celestial Weapons are really different..." Ye Dong Li said. A long whip appeared and twined around her body like a venomous serpent. Soon enough, the silhouette of a serpent appeared, staring coldly at Liu Xu Yan.

"A weapon spirit?" Liu Xu Yan's expression changed drastically. She did not expect Ye Dong Li's Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon to possess a weapon spirit.

The crowd was shocked by Ye Dong Li's weapon spirit as well. Although there were a few participants whose weapons contained weapon spirits, all of them were from prominent forces. How could they not be surprised that Ye Dong Li, whose background was unknown, possessed a weapon with a weapon spirit? This proved that whoever her master was, he had to be remarkable as well. It was not easy to obtain weapons with weapon spirits after all. An Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit was comparable to an ordinary divine artifact without an artifact spirit.

Needless to say, primitive divine artifacts with artifact spirits were more powerful than Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons with weapon spirits. Weapon spirits were refined by humans, but artifact spirits were born. However, artifact spirits could be transferred to a different divine artifact. This was the case for Huang'er, who used the artifact spirit of Ling Jue Yun's sister's weapon. She was now the artifact spirit of Duan Ling Tian's Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Unlike everyone else, Tang San Pao was not surprised, "Her master is a god. It's only natural she possesses an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit."

Since Duan Ling Tian and the others had learned from Tang San Pao that Ye Dong Li's master was a god, they, too, were not surprised by Ye Dong Li's weapon. Celestials considered Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons with weapon spirits as treasure, but that was not the case for gods. Even if a god was not a weapon craftsman, it would be easy for them to forge an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit. Gods could refine weapon spirits with their divine flames and divine energy or capture a spirit to be made into weapon spirits.

"Unless Liu Xu Yan still has some tricks up her sleeve, the outcome of the match is clear..." Su Li said.

True enough, after Ye Dong Li brought her weapon out, she quickly gained the upper hand and defeated Liu Xu Yan.

In fact, Ye Dong Li and Liu Xu Yan were evenly matched. Ye Dong Li only won due to her Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon that contained a weapon spirit.

A hint of unwillingness flashed in Liu Xu Yan's eyes as she said, "I wouldn't be defeated if I had a weapon spirit..."

Ye Dong Li smiled faintly. "It was a good match."

With that, another battle between participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War ended.

Following that, Xu Kong Hai said, "Huang Quan An, the 9th participant, please step forward."

#### Chapter 3508: The Process of Elimination

Huang Quan An was a participant with an unknown background. No one would have known about his true strength if it were not for his battle with Yu Dong Fang previously. He had comprehended the law of time and the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes of Life. With this, he was invincible against those who were weaker than Six Star Gods of War.

"It's Huang Quan An's turn!"

Prior to the battle between Huang Quan An and Yu Dong Fang, the crowd had no idea at all who would rank first in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. However, after that battle, many people thought Huang Quan An had a high chance of ranking first.

"If there's no participant with the strength of a Six Star God of War, with Huang Quan An's Instant Vicissitudes of Life, no one will be a match for him."

"A participant as strong as a Six Star God of War? Well, I don't think there's anyone like that. Hence, I'm certain Huang Quan An will rank first."

"A Six Star God of War is considered an elite even among the subordinates of the Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms. In fact, not many of their subordinates have such strength. Do you really think someone below the age of 1,000 will have such strength?"

No one thought there was a participant as strong as a Six Star God of War in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Since the inception of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses, there were perhaps, fewer than 10 participants who possessed the strength of a Six Star God of War.

The Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was held once every 1,000 years. No one knew the details except for the Title Temple, but they roughly knew the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses had been going on for at least 1,000,000 years.

This meant that over the past 1,000,000 years, they were only less than 10 participants with the strength of a Six Star Gods of War in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. This also meant, on average, a participant as strong as a Six Star God of War would only appear once every 100,000 years.

With such a small probability, it was no wonder no one thought there were participants as strong as Six Star Gods of War.

Swoosh!

Huang Quan An, who had an ordinary appearance, flew into the battle ring.

"Huang Quan An, who'd you like to challenge?" Xu Kong Hai, who was usually expressionless, looked at Huang Quan An with a hint of excitement. No one knew what was on his mind at this moment.

'Huang Quan An... I wonder if he's the Title Temple's secret ace?' Duan Ling Tian's heart thumped. Following that, he told his master, Feng Qing Yang, about his speculation.

"It's unlikely," Feng Qing Yang replied instantly, "There are unconcealable signs after all. For example, the look in Xu Kong Hai's eyes is completely different from before when he looked at Huang Quan An. You can see he's trying to be friendly with Xu Kong Hai. If Huang Quan An was the hidden ace, Xu Kong Hai won't risk being openly friendly to Huang Quan An. In my opinion, the Title Temple's ace is another person..."

"Someone else?" Duan Ling Tian thought Feng Qing Yang's words made sense. He instinctively looked at the group of participants with the strength of a Five Star God of War.

Not counting himself and Ling Jue Yun, there were nine participants with strength comparable to a Five Star God of War. Out of these nine participants, Huang Quan An, Liu Xu Yan, and Yu Dong Fang were definitely not the Title Temple's secret ace. With this, there were six participants left: Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Zhou Yong Qi, Ye Dong Li, Hong Yuan, and Sima Rui.

These six names flashed in his mind as he thought to himself, "Zhou Yong Qi, the last true disciple of Zhou Bing Wu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven, isn't the Title Temple's secret ace as well...'

With this, there are five people left: Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Ye Dong Li, Hong Yuan, and Sima Rui.

Since Hong Yuan and Sima Rui are from the Title Temple branches, it would not be a surprise if one of them were the secret ace. However, there was also a chance the secret ace was Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, or Ye Dong Li.

At the end of his thoughts, Duan Ling Tian asked Feng Qing Yang again, "Master, since you know Tang San Pao's master, do you think Tang San Pao is the Title Temple's secret ace?"

"Although I'm acquainted with his master, I only know he's a celestial who lives in seclusion... I'm not sure if his master has any relations with the Title Temple. The Title Temple has existed for such a long time. Therefore, there are many who retired and lived in seclusion. For this reason, we can't completely rule out the fact that his master is also a member of the Title Temple."

Duan Ling Tian could not figure out the identity of the Title Temple's secret ace. Through the process of elimination, he only narrowed it down to Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Ye Dong Li, Hong Yuan, and Sima Rui.

Duan Ling Tian felt that it was unlikely that Ye Dong Li was the Title Temple's secret ace based on her match with Liu Xu Yan. During the match, it seemed like she had fought with all her might and even had to resort to bringing out her Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon; it was clear she was not hiding her strength.

With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian removed Ye Dong Li from his list of suspects that now only consisted of Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Hong Yuan, and Sima Rui.

Although Tang San Pao could be considered a friend since they had gotten along quite well, Duan Ling Tian was still wary of Tang San Pao who had taken the initiative to approach him. Moreover, Tang San Pao's attitude did not match his strength at all.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze to Huang Quan An. 'If Huang Quan An challenged Zhong Gui Yu and manages to defeat Zhong Gui Yu then I'll be able to remove Zhong Gui Yu from the list of suspects as well...'

Coincidentally, at this time, Huang Quan An loudly announced, "I want to challenge Zhong Gui Yu who ranks first."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up while the crowd went wild.

"Huang Quan An challenged Zhong Gui Yu!"

"I'm not surprised! With Huang Quan An's strength, those weaker than Six Star Gods of War aren't a match for him at all. He might as well challenge the first person on the ranking."

Most people were confident Huang Quan An would defeat Zhong Gui Yu. Only a few people thought otherwise. After all, what if Zhong Gui Yu was as strong as a Six Star God of War?

Duan Ling Tian belonged to the latter group. He did not dismiss the possibility that Zhong Gui Yu might be as strong as a Six Star God of War. If Zhong Gui Yu won the match, the likelihood of him being the Title Temple's secret ace would increase as well.

Swoosh!

Zhong Gui Yu arrived at the battle ring at lightning speed. He looked at Huang Quan An and solemnly said, "I should surrender, but I'd like to test my strength against your law of time's Instant Vicissitudes of Life."

As soon as these words fell, energy surged out from Zhong Gui Yu's body, and he shone dazzlingly bright like the sun.

"As you wished." Huang Quan An did not waste time and made a move.

Zhong Gui Yu who shone dazzlingly was frozen in just an instant. When he regained mobility, the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes of Life shot into his body before he could even react. As a result, similar to Yu Dong Fang, he began to age rapidly from a young man to an old man.

"Do you want to continue?" Huang Quan An asked with a smile on his face as he looked at the elderly Zhong Gui Yu.

The crowd gasped. Chills ran up their spines when they saw the smile on Huang Quan An's face. This young man who could freeze time and rapidly age his opponents was too terrifying.

"I lost. I couldn't block your law of time." A bitter smile appeared on Zhong Gui Yu's wrinkly face.

No one was surprised when Zhong Gui Yu surrendered.

'It's not him.' With this, Duan Ling Tian struck Zhong Gui Yu off his list of suspects. With this, only Tang San Pao, Hong Yuan, and Sima Rui were left.

At this moment, Xu Kong Hai's voice rang in the air. "Hong Yuan, the eighth participant, please step forward."

## Chapter 3509: The Title Temple's Hidden Ace is Revealed

Hong Yuan was a young genius groomed by the Title Temple.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes were fixed on Hong Yuan as soon as Hong Yuan entered the battle ring. 'If Hong Yuan is the Title Temple's ace, he'll likely challenge Huang Quan An who's currently ranked first. Since we're already in the final round of the competition, there's no need for him to hide his strength any longer. In fact, there's also a chance he hasn't been intentionally hiding his strength. Perhaps, none of his opponents was strong enough to make him use his full strength...'

Feng Qing Yang had speculated that the Title Temple's ace was as strong as a Six Star God of War. Duan Ling Tian agreed with his master's speculation. After all, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the main Title Temple, did not seem worried when Huang Quan An revealed his strength earlier.

'Will Hong Yuan challenge Huang Quan An?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself curiously.

If Hong Yuan challenged Huang Quan An and won, Duan Ling Tian would be able to confirm that Hong Yuan was the Title Temple's ace.

Similarly, the crowd was also busy speculating about who Hong Yuan would challenge.

At this moment, Hong Yuan, who had entered the battle ring, said loudly, "I want to challenge Zhou Yong Qi who's ranked fifth!"

In the end, Hong Yuan did not challenge Huang Quan An who was ranked first, Zhong Gui Yu who was ranked second, Tang San Pao who was ranked third, or Duan Ling Tian who was ranked fourth. Instead,

he challenged Zhou Yong Qi who had dropped from fourth place to fifth place after Huang Quan An defeated Zhong Gui Yu.

'It seems like he's not the Title Temple's ace...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

If Hong Yuan were the Title Temple's ace, it would be meaningless and a waste of time for him to challenge Zhou Yong Qi. After all, all he needed to do was defeat Huang Quan An and take over first place. The other participants would be too afraid to challenge him after that.

'Since it's not Hong Yuan, there are only two suspects left. The obvious one would be Sima Rui who's also from the Title Temple, and then, there's Tang San Pao...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he shifted his gaze to Tang San Pao.

When Tang San Pao saw Duan Ling Tian staring at him, he asked in confusion, "What's wrong?"

"It's nothing." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Between Tang San Pao and Sima Rui, he was more inclined to believe that Tang San Pao was the Title Temple's ace. Unlike Sima Rui, he found that it was difficult to see through Tang San Pao's thoughts. Moreover, Tang San Pao's attitude was too contradictory. Tang San Pao seemed carefree and friendly, but he seemed to change into a different person whenever he fought.

Meanwhile, Hong Yuan and Zhou Yong Qi had already begun to fight.

Zhou Yong Qi, the true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Equally Prosperous Heaven, was naturally not a weakling as well. For now, it seemed like he was evenly matched with Hong Yuan. However, after exchanging a few dozen moves, he defeated Hong Yuan. Based on this battle, it was clear that he had been holding back his strength as well during his previous matches.

Following that, Xu Kong Hai said, "The 8th participant, please step forward."

Ye Dong Lim, who dropped from 7th place to 8th place after Huang Quan An's defeat, entered the battle ring before she looked around. Her gaze swept past Duan Ling Tian before it finally landed on Ling Jue Yun. Then, she said, "I want to challenge Ling Jue Yun who's ranked 6th."

Ling Jue Yun, who dropped from 5th place to 6th place after Huang Quan An defeated Zhong Gui Yu, did not have any change in his expression when Ye Dong Li challenged him.

As Ling Jue Yun rose to his feet expressionlessly, Tang San Pao asked, "Ling Jue Yun, are you confident? She has an Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon with a weapon spirit, after all."

Ling Jue Yun did not respond to Tang San Pao's question and flew into the battle ring immediately. In fact, he did not even say anything to Ye Dong Li and attacked as soon as he entered the battle ring.

Upon seeing this, Ye Dong Li said angrily, "Ling Jue Yun, you're the least gentlemanly person I've ever met!"

Ling Jue Yun ignored Ye Dong Li and continued to attack her. In just a blink of an eye, he overwhelmed Ye Dong Li.

Ye Dong Li did not hesitate to bring out her Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, which contained a weapon spirit, after she fell into a disadvantageous position. Alas, she was still overpowered by Ling Jue Yun.

With this, Ling Jue Yun finally revealed he had been holding back his strength as well previously.

"Heavens! Even Ling Jue Yun is so powerful?"

"Who knew he had also been holding back his strength?"

"Similar to Ling Jue Yun, I came here with the Title Temple in the Wind Prop Heaven. Previously, I thought he was only as strong as a Three Star God of War. I didn't expect him to be so much more powerful! To think he's actually as strong as a top Five Star God of War!"

"Currently, Ling Jue Yun and Duan Ling Tian are only second to Huang Quan An..."

"If there are no more surprises, they'll likely rank second and third after Huang Quan An..."

Needless to say, Ling Jue Yun stirred up a commotion when he revealed his strength that was comparable to a top Five Star God of War. The commotion was no less than the commotion Duan Ling Tian caused when he defeated Yu Dong Fang.

At this time, in the battle ring, the indignant expression on Ye Dong Li's face had already vanished. Just as Ling Jue Yun was about to leave, she asked loudly, "Ling Jue Yun, do you have a partner?"

An uproar erupted immediately when the crowd heard Ye Dong Li's bold question.

Ling Jue Yun only paused briefly before he returned to his seat without turning to look at Ye Dong Li.

Ye Dong Li was not put off by Ling Jue Yun's reaction and continued to say, "Ling Jue Yun, I'm a suitable candidate... Do you want to consider me?"

When Ling Jue Yun returned to his seat, Su Li laughed out loud.

"Do you want to fight again?"

Upon hearing these words, Su Li's smile froze on his face. He would only be looking to torture himself if he challenged Ling Jue Yun or Duan Ling Tian now.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian said, "It seems like you've improved a lot..."

"However, it's still difficult to surpass you..." Ling Jue Yun replied.

Duan Ling Tian only smiled in response before he shifted his attention back to the battle ring.

After Ye Dong Li and Ling Jue Yun's match, it was now Sima Rui's turn to issue a challenge. Sima Rui could challenge anyone who ranked above him except for Ling Jue Yun who had just finished his match. He could only challenge five people now: Huang Quan An, Zhong Gui Yu, Tang San Pao, Duan Ling Tian, and Zhou Yong Qi.

'We'll find out who's the Title Temple's ace soon...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Similar to Hong Yuan, Sima Rui was also groomed by the Title Temple.

Duan Ling Tian's way of determining the identity of the Title Temple's ace was based on who the ace would challenge. At this point, he was certain that whoever challenged Huang Quan An would be the Title Temple's ace.

"I want to challenge Zhong Gui Yu who's ranked second ... "

Duan Ling Tian struck Sima Rui's name from the list of suspects as soon as Sima Rui challenged Zhong Gui Yu. The only one left on the list of suspects now was Tang San Pao who was seated behind him at this moment and who had followed him around since the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses began.

Duan Ling Tian turned around suddenly and asked, "Tang San Pao, how confident are you in defeating Ling Jue Yun?"

"Huh?" Tang San Pao seemed taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's abrupt question. Then, he asked with a smile, "Why are you asking this suddenly?"

"You've hidden yourself very well..." Duan Ling Tian said as he stared at Tang San Pao.

The others were confused when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Tang San Pao asked, puzzled, "Huh? What do you mean?"

Duan Ling Tian did not directly reply to Tang San Pao's question. Instead, he said, "The Exploding Element Celestial Fruit..."

Su Li and the others were even more confused by Duan Ling Tian's reply. They did not understand why Duan Ling Tian would mention the reward for the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses in response to Tang San Pao's question.

"You realized?" Tang San Pao's eyes glinted. In just a blink of an eye, his aura changed completely. Gone was his carefree and playful behavior; he now had an aloof and unapproachable air about him.

The first thing Duan Ling Tian said is the reward of the strongest person in the Devata Realm's battle of geniuses. That confuses Su Li and the others even more. Why did Duan Ling Tian suddenly mention that?

"It seems like I'm right," Duan Ling Tian smiled indifferently, "Why did you approach us? Are you trying to understand your enemies better?"

"Is there a need for me to do such a thing?" Tang San Pao asked.

"You're confident," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"Yes. However, I still can't tell if you and Ling Jue Yun are still holding back..." Tang San Pao said.

"You'll know soon enough ... "

"I can't wait..."

At the same time, the atmosphere grew tense as the others listened to Duan Ling Tian and Tang San Pao's confusing conversation.

Su Li could not help but ask through Voice Transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, what's going on?"

Duan Ling Tian replied truthfully, "Tang San Pao is the Title Temple's ace."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian finally confirmed his speculations: Tang San Pao was the Title Temple's ace. There was no doubt about it now.

"What?!" Su Lu was taken aback. Previously, Duan Ling Tian had told him about the Title Temple's hidden ace, but he did not know who it was. Now that he learned about the identity of the Title Temple's hidden ace, he was shocked.

# Chapter 3510: Ling Jue Yun Challenges Huang Quan An

How could Su Li not be shocked that the seemingly goofy Tang San Pao was the Title Temple's hidden ace and was as strong as a Six Star God of War? He instinctively turned to look at Tang San Pao and discovered Tang San Pao and Duan Ling Tian seemed to be engaged in a staring match. Moreover, the Tang San Pao now was like a completely different person from before.

Bang!

A loud explosion pulled Su Li back to his senses. The sound was from the ongoing battle between Sima Rui and Zhong Gui Yu, who were both ranked 7th and 2nd respectively.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian finally looked away from Tang San Pao. His expression was just like before. He did not feel much after discovering Tang San Pao was the Title Temple's ace. At most, he felt slightly proud he was able to figure out the identity of the Title Temple's ace. He thought Tang San Pao must have approached them to investigate their strength even if it was not the entire reason.

"Sima Rui isn't doing well... He's losing!"

Duan Ling Tian overheard someone saying those words and focused his attention on the match.

Just as that person had said, Sima Rui was losing his fight against Zhong Gui Yu. After exchanging another ten more moves, Sima Rui finally surrendered.

With that, Hong Yuan and Sima Rui, the two young geniuses groomed by the Title Temple, lost their respective matches.

Subsequently, Xu Kong Hai, the Vice Temple Master of the Title Temple, said again, "Ling Jue Yun, the 6th participant, please step forward."

With these words, everyone shifted their attention from Zhong Gui Yu to Ling Jue Yun, who was flying into the battle ring, immediately.

Before Ling Jue Yun left, he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully.

As though he was responding to Ling Jue Yun's Voice Transmission, Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly and said, "Yes."

Swoosh!

After Ling Jue Yun entered the battle ring, Xu Kong Hai, whose expression was no longer as cold and solemn as it was during Hong Yuan and Sima Rui's matches, said to Ling Jue Yun, "Pick your opponent."

Ling Jue Yun's voice rang in the venue. "Huang Quan An."

These three words caused everyone to fall silent immediately.

When some of the spectators regained their senses, some of them even rose to their feet subconsciously and exclaimed, "Ling Jue Yun is challenging Huang Quan An!"

"Is he confident about defeating Huang Quan An or is he just trying to probe Huang Quan An's strength?"

"Is there a need to probe Huang Quan An's strength? Huang Quan An has already shown he has mastered the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes Of Life. Just that alone confirms he's invincible among those weaker than a Six Star God of War. If Ling Jue Yun isn't as strong as a Six Star God of War, it'd be impossible for him to defeat Huang Quan An!"

"Then, does this mean Ling Jue Yun is as strong as a Six Star God of War?!"

"Not necessarily. Perhaps, he just wants to try his luck?"

Apart from the young geniuses, some of the Heavenly Emperors and the high-ranking officials of the Title Temple branches were shocked by Ling Jue Yun's choice of opponent as well. So far, Ling Jue Yun had only displayed the strength of a top Five Star God of War, and based on his matches, it did not seem like he was still holding back his strength. They wondered if he was truly as strong as a Six Star God of War or if he was just trying his luck.

"What do you think?"

"I am not sure... Let's just watch and see how it'll turn out."

Many Heavenly Emperors shook their heads, uncertain. They did not dare to come up with a conclusion in case they were proven wrong later.

Amogoo, the Temple Master of the Title Temple in the Wind Prop Heaven who was an Eight Star God of War, shook his head when he looked at Ling Jue Yun. 'Everyone says Duan Ling Tian and Su Li have heaven-defying talents for possessing such a strength when they're not even 700 years old... If only they know that Ling Jue Yun is also less than 700 years old...'

Amogoo's eyes shone with anticipation as he continued thinking to himself, 'I've not lived in vain being able to find such a talent to participate in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. Among all the participants I've brought to the Battles of the Geniuses in the past, the strongest among them was only comparable to a top Five Star God of War. It's my first time encountering someone as powerful as Ling Jue Yun... I wonder if he really possesses the strength of a Six Star God of War... If he does, I'll be able to wear this as a badge of honor for the rest of my life...'

# Swoosh!

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Huang Quan flew into the battle ring and stood across from Ling Jue Yun. He looked at Ling Jue Yun solemnly; it was clear he did not dare to underestimate Ling Jue Yun.

Meanwhile, the spectators looked at the two opponents in the battle ring unblinkingly, afraid they would miss even the slightest detail of the match.

"This is probably the most exciting match to happen since the start of the Battle of the Geniuses..."

At the same time, Ding Fu, the Heavenly Emperor of the Primeval Heaven, looked at Feng Qing Yang, who was seated across from him, and asked with a smile, "Brother Feng, Ling Jue Yun is Junior Nephew Duan's good friend. You should know something about his strength. Do you think he'll win this match?"

Feng Qing Yang shook his head slightly and said, "Although he's Little Tian's friend, I've yet to meet him personally so I can't say for sure. However, since he dares to challenge Huang Quan An, it means he's confident. Naturally, there's also a possibility he's just trying his luck. After all, it won't affect him much even if he loses the match..."

If Ling Jue Yun lost, at most, he would not be able to challenge Huang Quan An again. He would still be able to challenge the others. Naturally, there was a risk that he would be severely injured to the point where it would affect his later matches. This was one of the reasons why many people dared not challenge Huang Quan An; if they lost, they would be affected later on. For this reason, many people admired Ling Jue Yun's courage in challenging Huang Quan An.

Back in the battle ring.

"You should attack now," Ling Jue Yun said indifferently, "Otherwise, I'm afraid you won't have a chance to attack later."

Everyone broke into an uproar again when they heard Ling Jue Yun's words. Many of them were skeptical. After all, they had all seen how powerful Huang Quan An's law of time and the Vicissitudes of Life were. Although Ling Jue Yun had proven powerful as well, in comparison, his attacks were not as terrifying as Huang Quan An's.

"Alright." Huang Quan An nodded solemnly. Unlike the others, he did not underestimate Ling Jue Yun. Hence, he mustered up all his energy and launched his attack. The energy shrouded Ling Jue Yun in just an instant.

Everyone watched as Ling Jue Yun seemed to be frozen in time.

#### Swoosh! Swoosh!

As soon as Huang Quan An immobilized Ling Jue Yun, he shot out two rays of light from his eyes.

Chills ran up everyone's spines as they watched this familiar scene.

This attack was the law of time's Instant Vicissitudes Of Life. It was the move that rendered Yu Dong Fang and Zhong Gui Yu defenseless.

"Can Ling Jue Yun withstand this attack?"

Many people stared at the unmoving Ling Jue Yun.

"The attack's about to land!"

"It'll be over if the attack lands!"

"Is Ling Jue Yun going to lose so easily?"

Everyone watched with bated breath as Huang Quan An's attack entered Ling Jue Yun's body.

Ling Jue Yun's body trembled slightly as soon as the attack entered his body.

"It's over!"

"Ling Jue Yun is doomed!"

Everyone was certain Ling Jue Yun had lost. Only a handful of people like Duan Ling Tian remained vigilant.

Similarly, Huang Quan An did not let down his guard. In fact, he looked even tenser.

However, soon enough, everyone discovered something was amiss.

"Eh? What happened?"

"Hey, Ling Jue Yun isn't aging!"

"What happened?!"

"Previously, Zhong Gui Yu and Yu Dong Fang turned into dying old men soon after the attacks entered their bodies. However, Ling Jue Yun isn't aging at all. The attack entered his body, right?"

"Look! There's something strange with Ling Jue Yun's eyes!"

Soon enough, those with keen eyes noticed Ling Jue Yun's eyes had turned completely red.