

Chapter 4081: The Scholar Woods Divine Manor's Supreme God

Somewhere outside of the Pure Yang Sect's estate.

A figure descended from the sky and hovered in midair as he looked in the direction of the Pure Yang Sect. A young man stood close behind him.

The young man followed the direction of the figure's gaze and asked curiously, "Junior uncle, is that where the Pure Yang Sect is located? Their Heaven and Spirit Energy is really lacking compared to ours in the Scholar Woods Divine Manor. Even the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy 1,000 miles away from our Scholar Woods Divine Manor is much better than the one in the periphery of the Pure Yang Sect's estate."

The young man had carefree air about him, and he was dressed in a silver long robe with golden trimmings. His voice was dripping with disdain when he mentioned the Pure Yang Sect.

The other person was an old man with a medium build. He was dressed in a long green robe. He was still looking in the direction of the Pure Yang Sect as he shook his head after listening to the young man's words. He said, "You can't compare the Pure Yang Sect to our manor. The Pure Yang Sect is just an emperor-rank sect while our Scholar Woods Divine Manor is one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land. In the Profound Energy Land, there are at least 100 supreme-rank forces with Supreme Gods and even more of those without Supreme Gods. The Pure Yang Sect isn't even comparable to an anachronous supreme-rank force that only has advanced Emperors of Gods."

After a moment, the old man remembered something and said, "In fact, the Pure Yang Sect can be considered quite good since they have Ye Chen Feng. Alas, the Pure Yang Sect can't help Duan Ling Tian much compared to us. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would not leave the Pure Yang Sect for a heavyweight supreme-rank force like us. However, from what I heard, the Pure Yang Sect has been nurturing him wholeheartedly."

The young man nodded upon hearing the old man's words. Similarly, if he were in Duan Ling Tian's shoes, he would not join a force that would not benefit him. After a moment, he asked, "Junior uncle, should we announce our arrival now?"

Before the old man replied, the young man added, "Ye Chen Feng, the strongest person in the Pure Yang Sect, better come out and receive you."

The old man raised a brow slightly and said, "When you're in another person's territory, it's best to remain modest. From what I know, we're not the only ones trying to recruit Duan Ling Tian. The Scarlet Flame Palace and the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation have sent their representatives here as well. If your arrogance offended the Pure Yang Sect and news of it spread to Duan Ling Tian, it might affect the chances of him joining us. Do you think you won't have to suffer the consequences if the manor finds out that you're the reason Duan Ling Tian refuses to join us?"

The young man's expression changed upon hearing this. Then, he took a deep breath. In just a moment, the arrogant expression on his face was replaced by a gentle expression. Then, he said seriously, "I

understand, junior uncle. I won't belittle the Pure Yang Sect anymore just because they're an emperor-rank force."

The old man nodded. "With your innate talent and comprehension skills, you're considered a prodigy in our Scholar Woods Divine Manor. Hence, it's normal for you to be arrogant. However, you should not take that as a matter of course, and you have to learn to be modest. Although I've never met Duan Ling Tian before, I've heard that he's very modest through my investigation despite having very high innate talent and comprehension skills. This is something you should learn from him."

The young man nodded. However, jealousy could be seen in the depths of his eyes. He found it hard to believe that a disciple from a poor and remote emperor-rank force could amaze such amazing feats at such a young age. He, himself, was only slightly over 6,000 years old, and yet, he was no match for Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, even among the younger disciples in the Scholar Woods Divine Manor, he was considered above average.

At this moment, the old man's voice rang in the ears of the patrolling members of the Pure Yang Sect.

"Gentlemen, I'm Wang Chao Ren from the Scholar Woods Divine Mansion. I'm here to visit the Pure Yang Sect."

The patrolling members of the Pure Yang Sect were shocked as they looked at the two figures nearby. Before the other party spoke, they did not even sense the other party's presence despite their close proximity.

"The Scholar Woods Divine Manor? That's one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces in our Profound Energy Land, right? It's the strongest force in the Misty Fellowship Mansion?"

"What else could it be? There's only one Scholar Woods Divine Manor in the Profound Energy Land."

"That's right. Heavyweight supreme-rank forces definitely won't allow others to bear the same as theirs. Moreover, these two people are clearly extraordinary since they're able to come so close without us detecting their presence."

"Our sect leader previously said that there'd be visits from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces in our Profound Energy Land. There's no doubt that they're from the supreme-rank Scholar Woods Divine Manor."

At this time, an elder, the leader of the patrol team, sent a message before he said, "Everyone, follow me to greet the seniors from the Scholar Woods Divine Mansion. It's said that the heavyweight supreme-rank forces sent Supreme Gods as their representatives. As such, these visitors are likely Supreme Gods. At the very least, they're advanced Emperors of Gods."

After the patrol team greeted the two visitors, the leader said again, "Seniors, our Pure Yang Sect's Ascension Elder Liu Feng Gu is coming to receive you. Please wait a moment."

Not long after the elder finished speaking, a figure flew over from the distance. It was none other than Liu Feng Gu. A hint of wariness could be seen in his eyes as he cupped fists and bowed before he said, "Greetings, Senior Wang."

Wang Chao Ren, the old man, smiled. "Elder Liu, your reputation precedes you. I didn't expect you to personally receive me."

Wang Chao Ren was clearly satisfied that Liu Feng Gu personally received him. He was aware that Liu Feng Gu's strength was only second to Ye Chen Feng in the Pure Yang Sect.

"Senior, please follow me," Liu Feng Gu said respectfully as he gestured for the two visitors to follow him. Despite the calm expression on his face, he was feeling rather nervous inwardly after sensing Wang Chao Ren's domineering aura. He thought to himself, 'He's definitely a Supreme God. An advanced Emperor of Gods wouldn't be able to make me feel this way...'

Liu Feng Gu continued thinking to himself, 'He's the first representative and Supreme God from a heavyweight supreme-rank force to arrive...'

Before Wang Chao Ren arrived, a few representatives from ordinary supreme-rank forces had already visited the Pure Yang Sect. These representatives were all advanced Emperors of Gods.

'This is the first time a Supreme God has stepped foot into our Pure Yang Sect's estate in the past 100,000 years... To think the reason is a young disciple who's not even 3,000 years old,' Liu Feng Gu thought to himself emotionally with a sigh.

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At the same time, the other intermediate Emperors of Gods also received the news about Wang Chao Ren's arrival in the sect.

At this time, Zhen Yun Feng and Zhen Ping Fan were sitting in Zhen Yun Feng's courtyard on Yun Feng Island.

"The representative from the Scholar Woods Divine Manor is here," Zhen Yun Feng said.

"So fast? Things are getting so exciting that I can barely sit still," Zhen Ping Fan said with a smile.

Zhen Yun Feng shook his head. "It's not fast. Look at Tuo Ba Xiu from the Underworld Mansion. She's already been brought away by a powerhouse from the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion a few days ago. Although the person who came for her wasn't a Supreme God, she's still an advanced Emperor of Gods who possessed a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul. As such, her master has to be a Supreme God."

Zhen Ping Fan disagreed with Zhen Yun Feng. "Father, you can't compare the two." He added, "The Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion has no choice but to act quickly because they only accept female members. Someone like Tuo Ba Xiu is rare only to them. The other heavyweight supreme-rank forces won't even pay attention to Wang Xiong, let alone Tuo Ba Xiu."

Zhen Yun Feng said, "Although Tuo Ba Xiu is weaker now, she might be able to surpass Wang Xiong in the future. The Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion has fewer members so they'll have more resources to spare. In any case, she'll definitely be a force to reckon with in the future."

Zhen Ping Fan nodded in agreement. "You're right." Then, he smiled and asked, "Father, how many heavyweight supreme-rank forces do you think have sent their representatives here?"

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Zhen Yun Feng shook his head. "It's hard to say. As of this moment, I can only say with certainty that the Myriad Laws Academy and the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion won't be extending an invitation to Duan Ling Tian. As for the other forces, it's likely that the majority of them will send their representatives here. They might even send their young disciples along with their representatives."

Zhen Yun Feng continued to say, "The young disciples will definitely be very outstanding. Their talent won't be inferior to Duan Ling Tian as well. Even so, there's no force that doesn't want more prodigies. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian's potential and talent are likely higher than their young prodigies. If Duan Ling Tian were to receive the cultivation resources like their young prodigies from a young age, he'd be much stronger than their young prodigies now."

Zhen Ping Fan nodded. However, after a moment, he shook his head and said, "You're right, but you're also wrong, father. It's true that Duan Ling Tian's resources weren't comparable to those from supreme-rank forces since he's from the mundane realm. However, those less-than-favorable circumstances were what shaped him into the person he is today. His experience, his hardships, his fortuitous encounters, and so on give him an edge that those raised in supreme-rank forces don't have. Those young prodigies live very sheltered lives in the confines of their estates, and they were spoon-fed everything. If their elders weren't so protective and let them wander the world to experience hardships, they would definitely be stronger. Alas, the elders wouldn't risk doing such a thing since there's a possibility of death." After that, he said, "In short, there are pros and cons to everything."

Zhen Yun Feng nodded upon hearing Zhen Ping Fan's words.

However, it still had to be said that young prodigies like Duan Ling Tian from the mundane realms were extremely rare. Perhaps, even Supreme Gods who came from the lower realms were not as talented or strong as Duan Ling Tian at his age.

Zhen Yun Feng's eyes glinted as he said, "After listening to you, I suddenly feel that Duan Ling Tian has the potential to become a supreme powerhouse. Moreover, his chances aren't low."

Zhen Ping Fan was briefly stunned when he heard his father say Duan Ling Tian had a chance of becoming a supreme powerhouse in the future. To be honest, he had never thought that far. Moreover, in his mind, there was only one person who possessed the potential to become a supreme powerhouse, and it was Ye Chen Feng who was almost the same age as him.

10,000 years ago, Ye Chen Feng's strength could not compare to Zhen Ping Fan's strength at all. However, 10,000 years later, Ye Chen Feng had improved tremendously and surpassed him. Hence, based on Ye Chen Feng's exaggerated progress, he would not be surprised if Ye Chen Feng became a supreme powerhouse in the future.

As for Duan Ling Tian, Zhen Ping Fan did not think too much. After all, Duan Ling Tian was still a Lord of Gods. Although Duan Ling Tian was highly talented, Duan Ling Tian still had a long way to go even if he could become a supreme powerhouse.

However, after listening to his father's words, Zhen Ping Fan began to consider Duan Ling Tian's achievements, strength, and age again. Following that, he felt chills on his back. Duan Ling Tian's current strength far surpassed his and Ye Chen Feng's when they were his age. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian's speed of progress, innate talent, and comprehension skills were even more exaggerated than those of Ye Chen Feng. As such, if he thought Ye Chen Feng had the potential to become a supreme powerhouse, then there was no doubt that Duan Ling Tian had even higher potential to become a supreme powerhouse.

Zhen Ping Fang remained silent, lost in his thoughts.

'Moreover, although Junior Uncle Ye is a monstrous talent, no heavyweight supreme-rank forces have tried to recruit him yet. In contrast, those forces are already on their way here to recruit Duan Ling Tian. Those forces have very good judgment. This alone already demonstrates that Duan Ling Tian has higher potential compared to Junior Uncle Ye. All in all, it's really not wrong to say that Duan Ling Tian has a higher chance of becoming a supreme powerhouse than Junior Uncle Ye.'

Naturally, in order to grow into his potential, Zhen Ping Fan knew Duan Ling Tian had to stay alive long enough to do so. After all, having monstrous talent did not guarantee a long life. In fact, having such monstrous talent could be risky as well.

Moreover, who could predict the future? Many prodigies were monstrously talented when they were young but became mediocre as time passed.

Conversely, there were also those who were mediocre in the beginning, but they slowly grew into their potential in the future. An example of this was Ye Chen Feng.

In short, nothing was impossible in the world, and life was unpredictable.

Finally, Zhen Ping Fan looked at his father and said sheepishly, "I'm not as wise as you, father. Although I know Duan Ling Tian is a monstrous talent, I let his cultivation base in the realm of a Lord of Gods blind me. I didn't consider the bigger picture or even thought about him becoming a supreme powerhouse. I'm enlightened after listening to you. It makes even more sense now why so many heavyweight supreme-rank forces are trying to recruit him."

Then, Zhen Ping Fan continued to say, "If Duan Ling Tian were a woman, perhaps, the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion would've long made a move. After all, compared to the other forces, they're indeed lacking in talents compared to the other forces since they only have a small pool to choose from compared to other forces that don't discriminate between genders."

Zhen Ping Fan understood why the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion had been so quick to act. It was a force that only had female members. For it to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces, they naturally had to be decisive.

It truly had not been easy for the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion to stand on even ground with the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces. It was truly remarkable that they were able to do despite the

disadvantageous position they were in. After all, the heavyweight supreme-rank forces had a bigger pool of talents to choose from. Their numbers would also be higher, and consequently, they would also be stronger. After considering everything, it was really a miracle that they were able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

While Zhen Ping Fang was still sighing emotionally, lost in his thoughts, Zhen Yun Feng's eyebrows suddenly rose. Then, he said with a smile, "The representatives from another heavyweight supreme-rank force have arrived."

"Which is it?" Zhen Ping Fan asked curiously.

"The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation," Zhen Yun Feng replied.

"The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation?" Zhen Ping Fan frowned as he said, "I've heard that the reputation of this Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation isn't very good..."

Zhen Ping Fan looked at his father before he continued to say, "In this world where strength speaks, it's inevitable that the weak would be suppressed by the strong. However, under normal circumstances, there's no need for the strong to intentionally make things difficult for the weak. As for this Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation..." His expression turned troubled as he continued to say, "I heard about an incident that happened about a few thousand years ago. Someone refused to join their congregation. The congregation was rather petty and took offense. However, instead of killing the other party, the congregation killed everyone from the other party's sect. Later on, the other party became a sectless cultivator and retaliated against the congregation, killing many members of the congregation. That continued until about 1,000 years ago when the congregation successfully lured the other party out and killed him."

Then, Zhen Ping Fan said, "However, I don't know if it's true..."

Zhen Yun Feng nodded slightly. "It's true. How should I say this... The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation has always been... a contradictory bunch. Some of their members' conduct drew the ire and dislike of many people and forces... Nonetheless, as long as it doesn't affect them, most people adopt the attitude of a passerby." He paused briefly before he said again, "Moreover, those few extremists in the congregation aren't stupid. They've never provoked anyone they shouldn't provoke. In any case, these few rotten apples aren't worth mentioning. Not everyone from the congregation is bad."

Then, Zhen Yun Feng looked at Zhen Ping Fan and said sternly, "It's best you don't mention that incident to Duan Ling Tian. If he directly rejects the congregation and brings up that incident, who knows if he'll end up offending the people from the congregation?"

Upon hearing these words, a sheepish and awkward expression appeared on Zhen Ping Fan's face.

Zhen Yun Feng frowned. "You've already told him?"

"Yes..." Zhen Ping Fan replied sheepishly. He had included that incident in the jade token he had given Duan Ling Tian. However, he did make a note and told Duan Ling Tian that the veracity of the incident could not be confirmed. Nonetheless, there would not be smoke without fire.

“You’re really too impulsive,” Zhen Yun Feng said as he shook his head, “In any case, although I don’t have many interaction with that kid, since you’ve told him about it, I’m 100% certain there isn’t a chance of him joining the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.”

Then, Zhen Yun Feng reminded his son, “Since the people from the congregation are here, tell Duan Ling Tian not to bring up this incident when he refuses them. Use another excuse to refuse them gently so he doesn’t offend them.” His expression turned solemn as he said, “It definitely won’t be good for him if he mentions that matter...”

Zhen Ping Fan frowned. “Father, things can’t be as bad and serious as you’re making them out to be, right? Even if Duan Ling Tian refuses to join the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, he’ll still be joining another heavyweight supreme-rank force. He’s not without support. Don’t tell me the congregation is going to shed all pretenses of cordiality? They aren’t superior to the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces so they definitely won’t simply offend them. Moreover, when Duan Ling Tian grows stronger in the future, he’ll definitely seek revenge from them if they dare to mess with him. After all, Duan Ling Tian isn’t like that sectless cultivator whom they killed. Duan Ling Tian would have the support of another heavyweight supreme-rank force.”

Although the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation had a bad reputation, Zhen Ping Fan did not think they would dare to act too outrageously even if Duan Ling Tian rejected them. After all, unlike that sectless cultivator in the past, Duan Ling Tian had support.

“If they act swiftly and leave no traces behind, how are you going to prove they’re the culprit? Even if the other heavyweight supreme-rank force wants to take action, they have to have evidence. They’re all heavyweight supreme-rank forces so they can’t act rashly. War would be detrimental to both sides,” Zhen Yun Feng said as he shook his head, feeling that his son was still rather naive, “If Duan Ling Tian really ended up offending them, I don’t think our Pure Yang Sect has much to worry about. After all, it would make the identity of the culprit very obvious. Moreover, our sect is not completely without support. If anything, I’m afraid the ones that would be targeted are his family and friends. Although the spatial passages between the Realms of Gods and the lower realms are closed now, you should know it’s not impossible to go to the lower realms with other means. Don’t tell me you think the congregation has no way of going to the lower realms at all?”

Zhen Ping Fan’s expression turned grim immediately after he listened to Zhen Yun Feng’s words. Then, he quickly sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. It was imperative for him to make Duan Ling Tian understand the severity of the matter. If something happened because he failed to convey necessary information to Duan Ling Tian, he would feel guilty.

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“The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation? If I offend them, they might hurt my family and friends?”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted coldly after he heard Zhen Ping Fan’s Voice Transmission. He asked, “Is the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation without common sense? How could they stoop so low? After all, they’re a heavyweight supreme-rank force.”

Zhen Ping Fan replied, "This is just speculation on my father's part. Bear it in mind, but don't take it too seriously as well. Just keep your guard up at all times. I'm telling you this so you can make preparations. You have other doppelgangers in the lower realms, right? It should be fine as long as you're careful."

"I understand. Thank you for your reminder, Elder Zhen," Duan Ling Tian said.

After the conversation ended, Duan Ling Tian's expression was rather grave. He understood how important it was to be prepared. It was better to be safe than sorry. After a moment, he sneered and muttered, "The people from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation are here? They're wasting their time!"

Chapter 4083: Nine Heavyweight Supreme-Rank Forces

"My lord, Duan Ling Tian is still in closed-door cultivation. Should I wake him up to greet you?"

Regardless if they were from heavyweight supreme-rank forces or ordinary supreme-rank forces, the Pure Yang Sect's high-ranking officials told them that Duan Ling Tian was still in closed-door cultivation after receiving them.

The representatives from the supreme-rank forces did not insist on meeting Duan Ling Tian even if they thought he might not be in closed-door cultivation. It was likely that he was waiting for all of the representatives from the supreme-rank forces to show up and listen to their offers before making a decision. Moreover, it was inappropriate to insist on waking him up. After all, it might incur his displeasure.

Although Duan Ling Tian was no match for these representatives from the supreme-rank forces, they still had to take care not to incur his displeasure. Otherwise, they would have a tough time explaining to their superiors if Duan Ling Tian refused to join them because of their behavior.

As such, even the two Supreme Gods from the Scholar Woods Divine Manor and the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation waited patiently for Duan Ling Tian after they settled down in their temporary accommodations in the Pure Yang Sect's estate.

"The representatives from the Scholar Woods Divine Manor and the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation are here. Moreover, they're rudimentary Supreme Gods!"

"Since the representatives from the Scholar Woods Divine Manor and the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation are here, there's no point in us staying here, right? They're from the Profound Energy Land's heavyweight supreme-rank forces. They have advanced Supreme Gods in their forces when the strongest powerhouse in our forces are just intermediate Supreme Gods."

"Should we send a message to the sect and inquire about our next course of action? If the sect allows it, we can leave. Otherwise, it's just a waste of our time staying here."

"Alright, I'll send a message back to the sect."

Many representatives from various supreme-rank forces, who arrived earlier, left the Pure Yang Sect as well after sending messages back to their superiors. A few stayed back because they were forced to do

so. This was because even if the chances were slim, their superiors were still hoping that Duan Ling Tian would join them.

Over the next period of time, more visitors began to arrive at the Pure Yang Sect. This time, more than 90% of them were from heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

After the arrival of the representatives from the Scholar Woods Divine Manor and the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation arrived, many ordinary supreme-rank forces dismissed the idea of sending representatives to the Pure Yang Sect to recruit Duan Ling Tian. Apart from a few, most of them knew they had no chance of competing against the heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

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A month later.

Visitors finally stopped coming to the Pure Yang Sect's estate.

At this time, there were at least a dozen representatives from nine heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Pure Yang Sect's estate.

There was a small commotion in the Pure Yang Sect when they realized there were nine heavyweight supreme-rank forces that came.

"There are the Scholar Woods Divine Manor, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, the Nine Seas Valley, the Scarlet Flame Palace, the Spirit Convergence Paradise, and so on..."

"There are 16 heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land that are second to prime supreme-rank forces..."

"Let's exclude the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion and the Myriad Laws Academy out of the 16 heavyweight supreme-rank forces since those two definitely would not come. Nine out of 14 heavyweight supreme-rank forces came to recruit Duan Ling Tian. How amazing!"

"That might not be all. Perhaps, the representatives from the remaining five heavyweight supreme-rank forces are still on their way here..."

Many disciples also sighed emotionally when they found out about this. Although all of them knew that Duan Ling Tian was a monstrous talent, they still did not expect that he would attract the attention of so many heavyweight supreme-rank forces. These heavyweight supreme-rank forces were only second to prime supreme-rank forces and had many advanced Supreme Gods. They stood rather high on the food chain.

"Duan Ling Tian is really a monster."

"I wonder which supreme-rank force Duan Ling Tian will choose in the end..."

"Well, there's no way he's going to choose to join those ordinary supreme-rank forces. He'll definitely choose one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces. I'd do the same if I were in his shoes..."

"Isn't that obvious? Moreover, I heard that most, if not all, of the representatives from the ordinary supreme-rank forces have left. Otherwise, there'd be even more people in our sect's estate."

“I’d be willing to join an ordinary supreme-rank force with a rudimentary Supreme God.”

“Just because you’re willing to join them, it doesn’t mean that they’ll be willing to let you join them.”

“How mean!”

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At this moment, the high-ranking officials of the Pure Yang Sect gathered for an urgent meeting.

Previously, they had told all the representatives of the supreme-rank forces that Duan Ling Tian was in closed-door cultivation to ensure everyone would have a fair chance to recruit Duan Ling Tian. It was also to ensure their own safety. After all, what if those who arrived late and lost the chance to recruit Duan Ling Tian decided to vent their anger on them?

“It’s time to tell Duan Ling Tian to come out of ‘closed-door cultivation’, right?”

“It’s time for him to make an appearance...”

Many of them agreed that it was time for Duan Ling Tian to show up.

“I don’t think there’ll be any more visitors. Even if there is, we can’t delay anymore. A few young prodigies, who came with the representatives, are already growing impatient. What if their elders tell them to cause a ruckus?”

“Indeed. It’s inappropriate for the representatives to kick up a fuss. After all, it might affect their chances of recruiting Duan Ling Tian. As such, they might tell their young prodigies to kick up a fuss instead.”

“Alright. Why don’t we let them meet Duan Ling Tian in ten days? At that time, they can recruit Duan Ling Tian and tell him about the benefits of joining them before he decides which force to join.”

“Whether it’s ten days or half a month, there’s no difference.”

At the end of the meeting, they decided Duan Ling Tian would meet with the representatives from the supreme-rank forces in half a month. They decided to stall for time a little longer just in case there were other representatives who were still on the way over.

When they informed the representatives from the heavyweight supreme-rank force about the half-a-month wait, most of them were rather patient.

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At the same time, Duan Ling Tian also received a message from Ye Chen Feng.

“Half a month later? Alright.”

Duan Ling Tian did not have any opinion about meeting the representatives from the supreme-rank forces half a month later. His attention was now on his Sword Dao since he had gained some new insights recently.

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The Myriad Laws Academy.

The Myriad Laws Academy was the only academy among the heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land. It was located at the peak of a lofty mountain range. It was like a paradise that was separate from the secular world. The atmosphere was lively, and the place was teeming with students who were sparring and exchanging knowledge.

“Have you heard? An outstanding prodigy appeared in the remote Seven Mansions during the Seven Mansions Feast.”

“Are you talking about Duan Ling Tian from the Pure Yang Sect, an emperor-rank force in the Eastern Ridge Mansion?”

“That’s right!”

“Is it true that he’s an intermediate Lord of Gods and has comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity and Sword Dao despite being less than 3,000 years old?”

“Yes. It’s been confirmed. Moreover, he’s not a native of the Profound Energy Land. He’s from the mundane realm. He ascended from the mundane realm to a Devata Realm before he came to the Profound Energy Land.”

“It’s hard to imagine someone from the mundane realm achieving so much. I wonder if he inherited the legacy of a supreme powerhouse?”

“Who knows? Everyone has their fortuitous encounters. So what if he had inherited the legacy of a supreme powerhouse? It’s not like we can snatch the legacy from him anyway.”

“I think only a few people in our academy are a match for him...”

“What a pity. Our academy definitely won’t send anyone to recruit him. Otherwise, we’ll be able to see for ourselves how remarkable he is.”

“Don’t worry. We’ll definitely have a chance to meet him in the future since he’ll definitely be joining one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces.”

“I just heard the news from the Pure Yang Sect. Currently, nine heavyweight supreme-rank forces have sent their representatives to recruit Duan Ling Tian.”

“Nine?! Did all nine forces send Supreme Gods to recruit him? He’s really a big shot now.”

The students of the Myriad Laws Academy could not help but sigh when discussing Duan Ling Tian. Some of them were very envious of him as well.

At the same time, the students did not notice a tall and burly figure flying high up into the sky. In just a moment, he had arrived high above the clouds. He muttered to himself, “Duan Ling Tian? He’s not even 1,000 years old, but he has already achieved so much. What a rare gem!”

Chapter 4084: The Representatives’ Invitation

In the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

Duan Ling Tian was very cautious after Zhen Ping Fan warned him. He naturally told Feng Qing Yang about it as well.

“In my opinion, Elder Huo and Senior Meng Luo should leave this place. They’ve yet to attain godhood and can’t form doppelgangers. It’s dangerous for them to stay here. It’s not a secret that I have a good relationship with them,” Duan Ling Tian said.

Feng Qing Yang nodded. “It’s best to be cautious in matters like this. I’ll bring them somewhere safe. Once everything has been dealt with, I’ll bring them back again. Don’t forget to warn the others as well. Apart from the Solitary Destructive Heavens, you have other people you’re close to in the other Devata Realms as well. The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation might target them too.”

“I know. I’ll be visiting the other Devata Realms to warn them,” Duan Ling Tian said. He naturally had already thought about this. He had many good friends scattered across different Devata Realms. Although they did not see each other for a long time, their bond remained the same. Since his doppelganger had visited the Heavenly Palaces of the Boundless Heaven, the Spirit Overarching Heaven, and other Devata Realms, his relationship with those people was not a secret at all.

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Over the next half a month, Duan Ling Tian focused on comprehending his Sword Dao while his doppelganger from the law of time visited his friends in various Devata Realms to warn them about the possible danger. Everyone was highly cooperative. They left their respective forces and homes and hid away without wasting time. No one knew their whereabouts except for Duan Ling Tian.

Seeing this, Duan Ling Tian felt greatly relieved. With this, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation would not be able to harm his friends if they came to the lower realms.

By the time he was done warning his friends, half a month had also passed.

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At this time, as soon as Duan Ling Tian walked out of his room, he saw Zhen Yun Feng and Zhen Ping Fan.

The duo was here to escort him to meet the representatives from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

Before leaving Cloud Peak Island, Zhen Ping Fan warned Duan Ling Tian solemnly, “Duan Ling Tian, I know you have a bad impression of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. However, you mustn’t let it show on your face when you meet their representative later. There’s no need to offend them. It’ll only be disadvantageous to you. Even if you dislike them, you shouldn’t offend them.”

After spending a lot of time with Duan Ling Tian, Zhen Ping Fan already gained an understanding of the kind of person Duan Ling Tian was. Hence, he was worried that Duan Ling Tian would give the representatives from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation a cold reception.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was aware of the way of the world. Although he disliked the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, he needed to feign friendliness no matter what.

After leaving Cloud Peak Island, Zhen Yun Feng, Zhen Ping Fan, and Duan Ling Tian went to the main island to meet the representatives from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

At this time, the representatives were gathered on a vast field on the main island. There were at least a dozen people from the nine heavyweight supreme-rank forces.

There were also few representatives present from ordinary supreme-rank forces.

Among the representatives, there were old men, middle-aged men, and young men.

When the trio arrived, Zhen Yun Feng bowed and greeted the representatives from the supreme-rank forces.

"Zhen Yun Feng, from the Pure Yang Sect's Cloud Peak faction, greets the seniors."

After that, Zhen Ping Fan greeted the representatives from the supreme-rank forces as well.

Only then did Zhen Yun Feng look at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian, come and greet the seniors. These are all representatives from various supreme-rank forces."

As soon as Duan Ling Tian arrived, the representatives from the supreme-rank forces were already sizing him up. Although it was their first meeting, they all recognized him since they had watched him through Floating Image Pearls.

"Greetings, seniors," Duan Ling Tian said with a slight bow.

Duan Ling Tian noticed Ye Chen Feng and Liu Feng Gu were among the people present on the scene. There was also a dignified middle-aged man standing near Ye Chen Feng. He was surrounded by a small group of people. He knew the middle-aged man was the Sect Leader of the Pure Yang Sect whom he had never met before.

The middle-aged man sensed Duan Ling Tian's gaze on him so he looked over. He smiled faintly at Duan Ling Tian.

At this time, an old man strode toward Duan Ling Tian. His gaze was piercing as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian. I'm Xu Fang from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. I'm a rudimentary Supreme God. As you already know, I'm here to invite you to join our congregation. I promise you that your treatment will be no different from our congregation's Holy Sons."

The strongest young prodigies in the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation were known as Holy Sons. Needless to say, due to their extraordinary talent, they enjoyed the best cultivation resources and treatment in the congregation.

Xu Fang, the old man from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, smiled faintly at Duan Ling Tian and continued to say, "On top of that, the Vice Leader of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation is also willing to accept you as his direct disciple."

Xu Fang assumed that Duan Ling Tian would be ecstatic when he heard this. After all, the Vice Leader of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation was an intermediate Supreme God.

However, Duan Ling Tian was rather calm as he smiled and said politely, "Elder Xu, I'll consider it carefully."

Despite his amicable expression and tone, Duan Ling Tian felt rather disgusted inwardly.

The competition between the various supreme-rank forces intensified as they tried to recruit Duan Ling Tian. The ordinary supreme-rank force even offered him the ultimate treatment if he agreed to join them.

The high-ranking officials from the Pure Yang Sect were rather shocked as they listened to the representatives promising various benefits to Duan Ling Tian. They could not help but wonder about the wealth of these supreme-rank forces when they heard the offers. At the same time, they wondered about Duan Ling Tian's significance for these supreme-rank forces to offer so much just to recruit him.

At this time, Wang Chao Ren from the Scholar Woods Divine Manor said with a smile, "Duan Ling Tian, you should know that among the representatives from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces present on the scene, I arrived the earliest. I believe this speaks volumes about the sincerity of our Scholar Woods Divine Manor. You won't regret your decision if you decide to join us. If your performance continues to be outstanding after joining our manor, let alone an intermediate Supreme Gods, even our advanced Supreme Gods would be willing to accept you as their direct disciples."

As soon as Wang Chao Ren's voice fell, someone said mockingly, "Wang Chao Ren, aren't you ashamed to say such words? That young man behind you kept saying nasty things about Duan Ling Tian. He even accused Duan Ling Tian of pretending to be in closed-door cultivation to avoid meeting you."

The person who had spoken out was from the Fifteenth Constellation Sect, a heavyweight supreme-rank force.

Wang Chao Ren's expression darkened instantly as soon as the other party spoke. His eyes burned with flames of fury as he looked at the other party.

These Supreme Gods and the advanced Emperors of Gods present on the scene had lost their lofty bearing as they tried to persuade Duan Ling Tian to join their respective forces. They were all incredibly friendly and kind as though he was their descendants.

Finally, after some time, the Supreme God from the Scarlet Flame Palace smiled at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian, we've said what needed to be said. It's your time to decide now. I can't speak for the others, but our Scarlet Flame Palace won't take offense even if you decline our invitation. Should you decline us, I'd like to add that in the future, if you were unhappy with the treatment of the force you joined, the Scarlet Flame Palace would still welcome you with open arms."

Duan Ling Tian could not help but chuckle inwardly upon hearing these words.

At this moment...

Duan Ling Tian received a Voice Transmission from Xu Fang.

“Duan Ling Tian, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation has many disciples from the lower realms like you. Recently, some of them returned to their respective Devata Realms through the Destruction Divine Shuttles and heard a lot of your stories. After all, there aren’t many in the Devata Realms who are unaware of the outstanding Young Master of the Heavenly Palace in the Solitary Destructive Heaven.”

Chapter 4085: Yang Yu Chen

Duan Ling Tian was momentarily stunned. After a moment, he looked at Xu Fang and replied through Voice Transmission, “It seems like Elder Xu knows me very well.”

Despite his calm gaze and voice, darkness surged in Duan Ling Tian’s heart. He had already heard about the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation’s deeds and reputation so he had a rather bad impression of them. After listening to Xu Fang’s thinly-veiled threats, he knew their reputation was well deserved.

Xu Fang smiled faintly and said, “I only know a thing or two. Duan Ling Tian, you should carefully consider joining our Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. Naturally, I can’t force you to join our congregation. Everyone has different goals, after all.” After a beat, he shook his head before he continued to say, “However, it’s really a pity if a prodigy like you, who achieved so much before even reaching the age of 1,000, doesn’t join us. It’s definitely a great loss.”

Duan Ling Tian sneered inwardly when Xu Fang heavily emphasized the words ‘before reaching the age of 1,000’. Clearly, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation had conducted a thorough investigation of him. Nonetheless, he was not afraid and did not pay attention to Xu Fang at all. Instead, he was more concerned now about which force to join. All of them were very enthusiastic and their offers were also very generous. The offers from the ordinary supreme-rank forces were even more generous. One of the advantages the ordinary supreme-rank forces touted was that the environment was less competitive.

“Duan Ling Tian, your innate talent and comprehension skills are truly high, but the heavyweight supreme-rank forces aren’t without talents like you. In fact, they even have disciples who are more talented than you. If you join my sect, you’ll be the top young disciple. We’ll definitely provide you with our very best resources.”

“Duan Ling Tian, in fact, it’s better for you to join our force than a heavyweight supreme-rank force.”

“Duan Ling Tian...”

Many of the representatives from ordinary supreme-rank forces began to speak up again, hoping to convince Duan Ling Tian to join them.

They were slightly anxious when they saw Duan Ling Tian’s lukewarm reaction.

At this time, an old man from the Spirit Convergence Paradise, one of the heavyweight supreme-rank forces, said amiably, “Duan Ling Tian, I have a great-great-granddaughter who’s rather pretty. I think both of you look like a match made in heaven. Why don’t you join the Spirit Convergence Paradise? I’ll introduce you to her when the time comes.” Then, he continued to say through Voice Transmission, “My great-great-great-granddaughter is still a virgin.”

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by the Voice Transmission. When he recovered, he only smiled wryly.

The other representatives continued to persuade Duan Ling Tian to join them with eloquent words and every other way they could think of.

Duan Ling Tian was truly in a dilemma over which force to join. He naturally did not consider the ordinary supreme-rank forces. Out of the nine heavyweight supreme-rank forces that sent their representatives here, he had already struck the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation off the list. As for the eight remaining heavyweight supreme-rank forces, he was mostly neutral about them.

After considering the information that Zhen Ping Fan compiled for him, he found that he was more inclined toward the Scarlet Flame Palace, the Spirit Convergence Paradise, and the Nine Seas Valley. The first two forces had outstanding young prodigies who were comparable to him, and he took the first two forces into consideration due to their respective secret realms that would benefit his cultivation.

Each heavyweight supreme-rank force had its own secret realm. The secret realms were created by their respective Formations masters to gather Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from their respective divine crystal veins. Needless to say, such a place was beneficial to one's cultivation.

The Scarlet Flame Palace and the Spirit Convergence Paradise's secret realms were particularly beneficial to those who comprehended the law of space and the law of time. Hence, they caught Duan Ling Tian's attention.

As for the Nine Seas Valley, since they did not have any young disciples who were comparable to Duan Ling Tian or stronger than him, he could be assured that the treatment he received from them would be the best. That aside, the Nine Seas Valley was also generous and stated that Duan Ling Tian would be accepted as the direct disciple of the Valley Master of the Nine Seas Valley. Although the valley master was only an intermediate Supreme God, he was only second to the advanced Supreme Gods in the valley.

'Which one should I choose?' Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly.

After careful consideration, Duan Ling Tian felt that among the three heavyweight supreme-rank forces he had singled out, he was more drawn to the Scarlet Flame Palace and the Spirit Convergence Paradise. However, since these two forces' offers were similar, he was now having trouble choosing between the two.

Meanwhile, the other representatives noticed Duan Ling Tian's gaze shifting back and forth between the representatives from the Scarlet Flame Palace and the Spirit Convergence Paradise. As such, they knew Duan Ling Tian had narrowed down his choices to those two forces.

The representatives from the ordinary supreme-rank forces sighed and left the Pure Yang Sect with wry smiles on their faces.

At this time, Xu Fang said somewhat anxiously through Voice Transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation is on par with the Scarlet Flame Palace and the Spirit Convergence Paradise! Did they secretly promise you something else? Tell me so I can match their offer if it's within our congregation's ability."

Apart from Xu Fang, the others also sent Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian.

All of them assumed that the Scarlet Flame Palace and the Spirit Convergence Paradise had offered Duan Ling Tian better terms.

When Duan Ling Tian discovered the other representatives' misunderstanding, he was about to explain it to them when he suddenly frowned. He could sense something. He wondered, 'Who is it?'

At the same time, a series of thunderous noises rang in the air.

The representatives from the various supreme-rank forces naturally had already sensed the abnormality before Duan Ling Tian did. They looked at the sky and saw a figure hovering in the air.

Duan Ling Tian followed the direction of their gazes and saw a tall and burly figure slowly descending from the sky.

The tall and burly figure belonged to a white-clad young man. However, his eyes, which were filled with the vicissitudes of life, contradicted his youthful appearance.

At this time, the representative from the Scarlet Flames Sect said with a hint of disbelief, "It's Yang Yu Chen!"

Meanwhile, the young disciples from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces began to discuss among themselves through Voice Transmission.

"Yang Yu Chen?"

"Why is Yang Yu Chen here?"

"Over the past 100,000 years, Yang Yu Chen is the Myriad Laws Academy's most outstanding member."

"When Yang Yu Chen was only 20,000 years old, he already became an intermediate Supreme God. Many people think he'll be able to become an advanced Supreme God within another 10,000 years."

The young disciples from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces knew about Yang Yu Chen. After all, Yang Yu Chen was the youngest vice academy master in the history of the Myriad Laws Academy. They had all heard stories about him since they were young even though they had never met him. This was also why they did not recognize him earlier even though they knew about him.

"Why is he here?"

"He must be here to recruit Duan Ling Tian. However, since when did the Myriad Laws Academy begin to recruit students?"

"Is that really possible? There's no precedent of the Myriad Laws Academy recruiting students."

"Yang Yu Chen himself keeps breaking tradition and records in the academy. It'd be just another instance of him doing so if he came to recruit Duan Ling Tian. I'm not really surprised."

"That's right."

Duan Ling Tian never heard of Yang Yu Chen before until he studied the information that Zhen Ping Fan compiled for him. As such, when he heard the others say the white-clad young man was Yang Yu Chen, he was not completely clueless about the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy.

Chapter 4086: I'm Very Poor

Yang Yu Chen, the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, was once a talented student who broke a few records in the past. Before reaching the age of 3,000, he became an Emperor of Gods. He became an advanced Emperor of Gods before reaching 10,000 years old. When he was slightly over 10,000 years old, he became a rudimentary Supreme God, and when he was slightly over 2,000 years old, he became an intermediate Supreme God. Moreover, he had comprehended the Mastery Dao to the supreme stage within 10,000 years.

'He comprehended the Mastery Dao?' Duan Ling Tian looked at Yang Yu Chen again when he heard the hushed conversations in his surroundings. This was his first encounter with a powerhouse who comprehended the Mastery Dao.

'If he comprehended the Mastery Dao, I'm afraid he might have already noticed the abnormality if he watched my recordings from Floating Image Pearls during the Seven Mansions Feast.'

During the Seven Mansions Feast, Duan Ling Tian had secretly used the Mastery Dao when he cast his law of space. The Mastery Dao was quite inconspicuous compared to the Sword Dao so it was rather difficult even for Emperors of Gods to sense it. Even ordinary Supreme Gods would have trouble detecting it through Floating Image Pearls unless they comprehended the Mastery Dao themselves.

At this time, the young disciples from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces bowed and greeted Yang Yu Chen after receiving cues from their respective elders.

"Greetings, Vice Academy Master Yang!"

Following that, the high-ranking officials from the Pure Yang Sect greeted Yang Yu Chen as well.

"It seems like I arrived just in time," Yang Yu Chen said with an amicable smile as he landed. He was tall and handsome.

Xu Fang, the representative from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, looked at Yang Yu Chen warily as he asked, "Vice Academy Master Yang, did you come to recruit Duan Ling Tian as well?"

The other representatives looked at Yang Yu Chen, waiting for his answer. After all, it was unprecedented for the Myriads Academy Law to recruit students. Students would have to enroll in the academy on their own if they wished to join the academy.

The Myriads Law Academy gave a high degree of freedom to its students. The students were free to come and go as they wanted. The academy's responsibility was only to impart knowledge and assign tasks to its students. They also prevented knots from forming in their students' hearts, which was known as the Devil's Heart. Many who formed Devil's Hearts would have their cultivation affected. As such, even if they were strong enough to survive their Heavenly Tribulations, they could die due to their Devil's Hearts. For this reason, many students who had benefited from their time at the academy

remained grateful and were always trying to repay the academy's kindness. After all, ingratitude could also cause one to form a Devil's Heart. However, those who were ungrateful but did not see the error of their ways naturally did not form the Devil's Heart.

This was because it could be said that the Devil's Heart was formed when one knowingly went against one's conscience.

At this time, Yang Yu Chen glanced at Xu Fang and said with a faint smile, "Elder Xu, isn't it obvious? Why would I come if not to invite Duan Ling Tian to join the Myriad Laws Academy?"

Xu Fang and the other representatives could not help but feel shocked although they had already suspected this.

The representative from the Scarlet Flame Palace said, "Vice Academy Master Yang, the Myriad Laws Academy has never personally recruited students, right? The academy also gives freedom to the student to come and go."

The representative from the Scarlet Flame Palace was slightly hesitant when speaking. After all, Yang Yu Chen, the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Palace, was an intermediate Supreme God.

When Duan Ling Tian discovered Yang Yu Chen was an intermediate Supreme God, he realized that Yang Yu Chen was the first intermediate Supreme God he had met after Xia Jie, Ke'er's third uncle. He had met Xia Jie when he was still in the mundane realm. He only found out that Ke'er and Xia Jie were from the Xia clan, a prime supreme-force rank, in the Divine Offering Land after he came to the Profound Energy Land. As the Third Master of the Xia clan, he thought Xie Jia was likely an intermediate Supreme God.

"The Myriad Laws Academy's philosophy did not change," Yang Yu Chen replied with a smile, "I came on my own accord and not on the academy's behalf."

The representatives from the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces were puzzled and shocked. They did not feel relieved at all. It made no difference if Yang Yu Chen was here on the academy's behalf or not. The main point was Yang Yu Chen was here to recruit Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, everyone knew that the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy treated Yang Yu Chen as his successor.

Yang Yu Chen's smile widened as he turned to Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian. I'm Yang Yu Chen, the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy. I'm here today not on behalf of the academy, but for myself. Personally, I think you're very suitable to join the academy. The academy gives a high degree of freedom to its students. Your identity and reputation don't matter in the academy. As long as you're capable and outstanding, you'll be able to obtain everything you want. In fact, some of the young disciples from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces here are students of our academy. Despite coming from a heavyweight supreme-rank force, they're treated the same as the other students. They don't receive any special privileges and treatments just because of their backgrounds. It's inconvenient for me to reveal some things, but you should ask yourself why these heavyweight supreme-rank forces send their young disciples to our academy. Moreover, the young disciples they sent to our academy are just as talented as you or even more talented than you."

Apart from Ye Chen Feng, Duan Ling Tian and the others from the Pure Yang Sect were surprised.

Ye Chen Feng did not say anything to Duan Ling Tian about the Myriad Laws Academy because he did not expect someone from the academy to show up. Moreover, if Duan Ling Tian wanted to join the Myriad Laws Academy, he could still do so after joining a heavyweight supreme-rank force. Under normal circumstances, supreme-rank forces, not just heavyweight supreme-rank forces, did not have any objections about their young disciples enrolling in the Myriad Laws Academy.

Not only was Ye Chen Feng surprised that someone from the Myriad Laws Academy came, but he was even more surprised that the person who came was Yang Yu Chen, the most outstanding person in the Myriad Laws Academy in the past 100,000 years.

Apart from that, Ye Chen Feng had also heard rumors that Yang Yu Chen came from a mundane realm like him and Duan Ling Tian.

At the same time, Xu Fang, the representative from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, said to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, you can join the Myriad Laws Academy as well after joining our Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. We won't stop you from joining the academy if that's your wish. My offer to you from earlier still stands as well."

Xu Fang did not hesitate to say that Duan Ling Tian would still receive the same benefits he promised earlier even if Duan Ling Tian joined the Myriad Laws Academy after joining the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.

The other representatives sent similar Voice Transmissions to Duan Ling Tian as well.

Duan Ling Tian hesitated. He looked at Yang Yu Chen, the intermediate Supreme God, who did not offer him any benefits. All Yang Yu Chen said was that the treatment and privileges he received would be based on his capabilities. Although he felt that Yang Yu Chen was a reliable person, how could he agree to Yang Yu Chen? It was undoubtedly better for him to join another heavyweight supreme-rank force first, and if he wanted to, he could then enroll in the Myriad Laws Academy.

Yang Yu Chen seemed to be able to read Duan Ling Tian's thoughts as he shook his head and said, "To be honest, I can't offer you the things they offered you. I came on my own accord, and I'm very poor."

Chapter 4087: Tricked

"I'm very poor."

Yang Yu Chen's words not only stunned Duan Ling Tian, but the others were dumbfounded as well.

After a moment, the representatives from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces recalled that Yang Yu Chen came on his own accord, not on behalf of the Myriad Laws Academy. It was not surprising that he could not offer much to Duan Ling Tian compared to them, who had the support and resources of their respective forces. The resource that Yang Yu Chen, who came on his own, possessed naturally could not compare to the resources of an entire force.

When Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses, he looked at Yang Yu Chen and said bluntly, "Vice Academy Master Yang, since you came here, you must have a certain degree of confidence you'll be able to convince me to join the academy, right?"

Yang Yu Chen could not offer Duan Ling Tian anything compared to the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces, but he still came. This meant that he had some kind of leverage that made him feel confident about being able to persuade Duan Ling Tian to join the Myriad Laws Academy. Otherwise, his visit here would be meaningless.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's question, the expressions of Xu Fang and the other representatives, who felt slightly relieved earlier, changed subtly.

Indeed. Yang Yu Chen would not have come if he was not confident or truly had nothing to offer. Moreover, he was an intermediate Supreme God. Not only was he stronger than them, but his status was higher than theirs as well.

"As expected of the most outstanding person among the younger generation in the Seven Mansions," Yang Yu Chen said appreciatively. Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully and said, "You'll find out soon enough."

Yang Yu Chen then continued to speak to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian was not very moved. However, halfway through the Voice Transmission, his expression turned solemn, and by the end of it, his eyes were shining brightly.

At the same time, many people were carefully studying Duan Ling Tian's change in expression. It did not take long for them to realize that Duan Ling Tian and Yang Yu Chen were communicating through Voice Transmission. They could not help but wonder what was it that Yang Yu Chen was offering Duan Ling Tian. What was it that necessitated such secrecy? And what could Yang Yu Chen alone offer that was better than what their respective forces could offer?

Apart from the representatives from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces, Ye Chen Feng and the others from the Pure Yang Sect were curious and confused as well.

Moreover, it was obvious that Duan Ling Tian was very interested in whatever Yang Yu Chen promised him.

The representatives from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces might not know, but the people from the Pure Yang Sect, who had provided Duan Ling Tian with all kinds of resources, knew very well that Duan Ling Tian would not be easily impressed by things most people considered precious. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian did not even show much interest when he listened to the offers from the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces earlier. As such, they were even more curious about what Yang Yu Chen promised him that managed to pique his interest. Whatever it was, it was clearly more valuable to Duan Ling Tian compared to what the heavyweight supreme-rank forces had promised him earlier.

Finally, a Supreme God from a heavyweight supreme-rank force asked Yang Yu Chen with a wry smile, "Vice Academy Master Yang, what did you promise Duan Ling Tian? Based on his expressions, he's more interested in your offer than ours."

Everyone would be a fool if they still did not realize Yang Yu Chen had come prepared.

Yang Yu Chen looked over before he asked in return, "If I wanted you to know, would I have spoken through Voice Transmission?"

With this question, Yang Yu Chen barred the other person from asking questions again.

Indeed, if Yang Yu Chen wanted the others to know, he would not have communicated using Voice Transmission.

Yang Yu Chen turned back to look at Duan Ling Tian and asked with a smile, "What do you say?"

Duan Ling Tian finally calmed down. His eyes were no longer shining with excitement as he replied with a smile, "I'm willing to join the Myriad Laws Academy."

As soon as Duan Ling Tian's voice fell, he received Voice Transmissions from Zhen Ping Fan, Zhen Yun Feng, and Ye Chen Feng. Even Liu Feng Gu, who was usually very restrained, could not hold back his curiosity and sent a Voice Transmission to him.

"Duan Ling Tian, what's going on?"

"What did he promise you?"

Duan Ling Tian did not hide anything from the four people. He replied honestly, "A Supreme Powerhouse Relic. Please keep this matter a secret."

The four people from the Pure Yang Sect were dumbfounded when they heard the words 'Supreme Powerhouse Relic'. However, they still maintained their expressions to avoid suspicion.

Ye Chen Feng, who returned to his senses first, said through Voice Transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, don't be blinded by the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. Not all Supreme Powerhouse Relic are fortuitous encounters. Even if you can enter it, it doesn't mean you'll gain anything from it. You have to ask for the details. Don't be deceived."

"Elder Ye, don't worry. I understand," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's reply, Ye Chen Feng grew even more curious, wondering what kind of Supreme Powerhouse Relic Yang Yu Chen promised Duan Ling Tian. Nonetheless, he did not ask any questions since topics like this were very sensitive. If he continued asking, he would only make Duan Ling Tian feel awkward or put Duan Ling Tian in a difficult position.

Similar to Ye Chen Feng, Liu Feng Gu and Zhen Yun Feng also kindly reminded Duan Ling Tian to be careful. It was as though the trio had come to a tacit agreement.

Needless to say, Zhen Ping Fan also reminded Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, the expressions of the representatives from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces soured as soon as Duan Ling Tian expressed his willingness to join the Myriad Laws Academy. They did not expect to be thwarted like this.

Xu Fang was the first among the Supreme Gods present on the scene to recover. He sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian, and his tone was clearly colder.

“Duan Ling Tian, what did Vice Academy Master Yang promise you?”

In contrast, the other representatives, who also sent Voice Transmissions asking the same question, were very polite.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not tell them the truth, he was also very polite and apologetic when responding to the other representatives. As for Xu Fang from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, he did not bother responding at all.

Xu Fang’s expression soured even more. ‘How dare an intermediate Lord of Gods ignore me? Damn it! Do you think you can act arrogantly to a rudimentary Supreme God just because Yang Yu Chen is on your side?’

Despite the thoughts in his mind, after a moment, Xu Fang looked at Yang Yu Chen and said, “Congratulations, Vice Academy Master Yang.”

Then, without another word, Xu Fang turned to leave. Before he left, he looked at Duan Ling Tian with an incomparably cold gaze.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted coldly as well as he looked at Xu Fang’s back. ‘Does he intend to kill me?’

Meanwhile, the other representatives from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces felt that it was a pity that they failed to recruit Duan Ling Tian. Since Duan Ling Tian had made his choice, they no longer said anything. They only congratulated Yang Yu Chen before they left one after another.

In just a blink of an eye, only Yang Yu Chen, Duan Ling Tian, and the others from the Pure Yang Sect were left.

Duan Ling Tiann said, “Vice Academy Master Yang...”

Yang Yu Chen interjected, “Duan Ling Tian, there’s no need to address me as Vice Academy Master. From now on, you can address me as ‘senior brother’.”

Yang Yu Chen smiled.

“Senior brother?”

Duan Ling Tian and the people from the Pure Yang Sect were dumbfounded and perplexed.

After all, Yang Yu Chen was not only the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, but he was also an intermediate Supreme God. Why would he recognize Duan Ling Tian, an intermediate Lord of Gods who was not even 3,000 years old, as his junior brother? Was he accepting a disciple on his master’s behalf?

At this time, Yang Yu Chen’s smile faded. It was replaced by a serious expression as he said bluntly through Voice Transmission, “Duan Ling Tian, I came this time not only to invite you to join our academy, but also to invite you to join our Inner Palace faction in the Myriad Laws Academy. The objective of the Inner Palace faction since its founding is to protect the Myriad Laws Academy. Apart from a few high-ranking officials in the academy, very few people know about the Inner Palace faction. Including you, there are only five people in the Inner Palace faction.”

“Vice Academy Master Yang, you did not mention this earlier,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a slight frown on his face. He could not help but feel deceived. It was obvious that Yang Yu Chen had intentionally held back until now.

Earlier, Yang Yu Chen had told Duan Ling Tian that he would be given a chance to enter a Supreme Powerhouse Relic that was guaranteed to benefit him as long as he joined the Myriad Laws Academy. However, after the representatives from the other heavyweight forces left, Yang Yu Chen suddenly added that he also came to invite him to join the Myriad Laws Academy’s Inner Palace faction.

Based on Yang Yu Chen’s words, the Inner Palace faction was the guardian of the Myriad Laws Academy.

This was contrary to the high degree of freedom that Yang Yu Chen spoke of. After all, joining the Inner Palace faction would clearly limit his freedom.

At this time, Yang Yu Chen smiled and replied to Duan Ling Tian, “The Supreme Powerhouse Relic I told you about earlier can only be entered by people from the Inner Palace faction.”

Chapter 4088: Choice

‘Only members of the Inner Palace faction can enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic?’

Duan Ling Tian was momentarily stunned upon hearing Yang Yu Chen’s words. When he recovered his senses, he shook his head and said, “Then, I won’t join the Myriad Laws Academy. I’ll consider joining the Scarlet Flame Palace or the Spirit Convergence Paradise. Vice Academy Master Yang, please leave.”

Duan Ling Tian thought it was ridiculous. Yang Yu Chen was clearly treating him as a fool. In the beginning, Yang Yu Chen failed to mention the Inner Palace faction and only brought it up after he agreed to join the Myriad Laws Academy. It was obvious that Yang Yu Chen was trying to trick him. How could an intermediate Supreme God be so shameless? After meeting Yang Yu Chen, he felt like his impression of Supreme Gods had changed. Yang Yu Chen had promised him benefits that he could not refuse in the beginning, and later on, Yang Yu Chen said that he would have to pay a price, which included his freedom, to have access to the benefits.

At the same time, after listening to Duan Ling Tian’s words, Ye Chen Feng and the others from the Pure Yang Sect broke out in cold sweat. He was speaking too arrogantly to an intermediate Supreme God after all. Was he not afraid of being slapped to death or crushed with just one finger?

As for Yang Yu Chen, his expression did not change after he listened to Duan Ling Tian’s words. He only smiled and asked calmly, “What? Are you worried the Myriad Laws Academy will restrict your freedom? Or that the academy will tie you to it?”

Duan Ling Tian did not reply and only nodded in response.

Although the Myriad Laws Academy stood high up in the Profound Energy Land and was almost comparable to the prime supreme-rank forces, Duan Ling Tian had no wish of staying in the Myriad Laws Academy and protecting it. He still had many things to do. Moreover, after he completed his tasks and was reunited with his family, it was unlikely that he would continue to stay in the Myriad Laws Academy.

Yang Yu Chen shook his head gently and said, "That's not the case at all. I didn't mention this earlier because it doesn't make a difference when I mention it. It seems like you think that you'll be bound by the Inner Palace faction after joining it, right?"

Yang Yu Chen looked at Duan Ling Tian after he finished speaking. Seeing the slight frown on Duan Ling Tian's face, he smiled and continued to say, "You don't have to worry about that. I would've made it clear to you earlier if I knew you would misunderstand me. The Inner Palace faction protects the academy, but it won't restrict your freedom. For example, among the four current members of the faction, including me, two of them aren't in the Myriad Laws Academy. In fact, they're not even the Profound Energy Land. When you're in the academy, you'll naturally take an active role in protecting it. If the academy suffers from a disaster and you choose not to help even if you're in the academy, you won't be punished for it. You'll only be expelled from the faction. It won't affect your time in the academy at all. You can continue to be a student in the academy. Also, if you want to leave the academy, be it temporary or for good, the faction won't force you to stay in the academy. Moreover, if you don't return to the academy for more than 10,000 years, you'll automatically be removed from the faction. That aside, as a member of the faction, you'll be able to enjoy various privileges. In fact, regarding what I promised you earlier, under normal circumstances, only those who contributed to a certain extent would be given an opportunity. I made an exception for you this time because I think you'll be a valuable addition to the faction."

Duan Ling Tian was rather surprised by Yang Yu Chen's words. He knew that after joining the Myriad Laws Academy as an ordinary student, he would not be tied down. As long as he maintained a top rank, there was nothing to worry about. Even if he did not maintain a top rank, he would only need to pay a tuition fee. However, he was surprised to learn that although there were more privileges in becoming a member of the Inner Palace faction, it was also free from obligations.

Duan Ling Tian was not in a hurry to reply to Yang Yu Chen. Instead, he asked for Ye Chen Feng's opinion through Voice Transmission.

Ye Chen Feng replied, "I've never heard of the Inner Palace faction in the Myriad Laws Academy. However, I don't think he's lying. In any case, you should still carefully consider the matter of joining the faction. Even if there's no obligation after joining the faction, there might be other consequences. For example, if the academy is in trouble and you turn a blind eye to it, it might give birth to a Devil's Heart. At that time, you'll have trouble surviving your Heavenly Tribulation. I'm sure the faction selects its members carefully. As such, the members are likely not the kind to do nothing if the academy encounters a problem."

Duan Ling Tian discovered that Ye Chen Feng, as an outsider, saw the entire picture much more clearly than he did. He had forgotten about the Devil's Heart completely.

Ye Chen Feng continued to say, "I don't know what kind of Supreme Powerhouse Relic he promised you, but for you to be so interested, it must be very useful to you. However, even if there's no obligation tying you to the academy and the faction, once you enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic, you'll personally feel obligated to help the faction and the academy. Unless you don't care at all, it's impossible to avoid feeling obligated. Perhaps, you have never encountered the Devil's Heart so you might not understand the severity of the matter. However, the Devil's Heart is usually fatal."

After a very brief pause, Ye Chen Feng said again, "I've already told you everything I know. You'll have to decide for yourself. Even if you decide against joining the Myriad Laws Academy, you can still join any one of the nine heavyweight supreme-rank forces even if you've already refused them earlier. You don't have to worry about Vice Academy Master Yang. From what I know, his reputation and character are quite good."

Duan Ling Tian fell deep into his thoughts after listening to Ye Chen Feng's words. He was truly very interested in the Supreme Powerhouse Relic that Yang Yu Chen mentioned because it was very useful to him. However, no matter what, once he joined the Inner Palace faction, he would have obligations even if they were imposed by himself. It was different from only joining the Myriad Laws Academy. Despite Yang Yu Chen's words, he definitely had to pay a price if he wanted to enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. Moreover, he was sure this was also within Yang Yu Chen's calculations.

'Supreme Gods are indeed farsighted...' Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. After a moment, he looked at Yang Yu Chen and said, "Vice Academy Master Yang, I'm willing to join the Myriad Laws Academy."

Yang Yu Chen's smile widened upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. "I've already said that you should address me as 'senior brother'. When do you plan to leave the Pure Yang Sect for the Myriad Laws Academy? If you plan to leave soon, I'll wait for you in the Pure Yang Sect's estate, and we can set off for the academy together. Otherwise, I'll take my leave first and return to pick you up later."

Yang Yu Chen's smile was bright, and his gaze had also become much gentler now.

Duan Ling Tian replied, "I'll only need a few days."

"Very well. Then, I'll wait for you in the Pure Yang Sect," Yang Yu Chen said with a nod. Then, he looked at Liu Feng Gu, the founder of the Tyrannic Saber faction, and asked, "Elder Liu, aren't you going to make me wait here? Or am I not welcome?"

Yang Yu Chen had spoken to Liu Feng Gu because among everyone present, he had met Liu Feng Gu once and vaguely remembered Liu Feng Gu.

Liu Feng Gu trembled inwardly upon hearing Yang Yu Chen's words. Then, he said with a bitter smile, "Vice Academy Master Yang, you must be joking. It's an honor that you're staying in our sect for a few days. How can we not welcome you? If you don't mind, I'll arrange for you to stay on the Tyrannic Saber Island where the Tyrannic Saber faction is located."

"Good," Yang Yu Chen said with a nod.

Many high-ranking officials looked at Liu Feng Gu enviously as he led Yang Yu Chen away. It was only when the duo disappeared from sight that they shifted their attention back to Duan Ling Tian.

At this time, Zhen Ping Fan said through Voice Transmission, "Let's drink to our hearts' content in the coming two days. This is my way of bidding farewell to you."

Although Zhen Ping Fan did not say much earlier, he had been communicating with his father, Zhen Yun Feng, and Ye Chen Feng through Voice Transmission. He was aware that Ye Chen Feng had helped Duan

Ling Tian analyze the pros and cons of joining the Myriad Laws Academy's Inner Palace faction so he did not ask much.

"Alright," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile. In fact, the main reason he planned to stay for a few days before leaving was so he could properly bid farewell to Zhen Ping Fan, Ye Chen Feng, and Zhen Yun Feng, whom he felt he owed a lot. As for the others, he was not very familiar with them since he did not have much contact with them.

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Duan Ling Tian spent the next day with Zhen Ping Fan. Zhen Yun Feng was present for half a day.

Zhen Yun Feng imparted his knowledge about the heavyweight supreme-rank forces to Duan Ling Tian and told Duan Ling Tian about his personal experience when he was wandering the world. He was worried that Duan Ling Tian would suffer a loss so he did not hesitate to tell Duan Ling Tian everything he knew and experienced.

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The day after that, Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Zhen Ping Fan and went to Hidden Sword Island to spend time with Ye Chen Feng.

The duo chatted about many topics apart from the Sword Dao.

"In fact, there's no need to bid farewell to us. You can just form a doppelganger from a law and leave it here," Ye Chen Feng said with a smile.

Ye Chen Feng was aware that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended a variety of laws. In the past, the Pure Yang Sect had investigated Duan Ling Tian and discovered that he had entered various chambers of law while he was in the Flying Dragon Sect and the Linghu clan.

"There are still differences between my doppelgangers and me. I feel it's more sincere for me to bid farewell to all of you in person," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile. At the same time, he sighed inwardly. He had just joined the Pure Yang Sect not too long ago, but he was leaving so soon.

Chapter 4089: The Independent Inner Palace Faction

Three days later, Duan Ling Tian left the Pure Yang Sect with Yang Yu Chen.

Zhen Ping Fan, Ye Chen Feng, and Liu Feng Gu walked with the duo to the entrance to send them off. Zhen Ping Fan and Ye Chen Feng came to see Duan Ling Tian off while Liu Feng Gu came to see Yang Yu Chen off.

After Duan Ling Tian and Yang Yu Chen entered the flying ship and the flying ship disappeared from sight, Zhen Ping Fan finally said with a wry smile, "Junior Uncle Ye, originally, I thought you'd be able to enter the same force as Duan Ling Tian after you become an advanced Emperor of Gods. After both of you establish yourself, both of you will be able to look after me once I join both of you. However, it seems like there's no hope for such a thing..."

Zhen Ping Fan sighed after he finished speaking.

Ye Chen Feng smiled and asked calmly, "Why do you say so? Do you think I won't be able to join the Myriad Laws Academy?"

Zhen Ping Fan was stunned by these words. Then, he shook his head and said, "Junior Uncle Ye, I was just joking. In fact, I don't think you should join the Myriad Laws Academy. Duan Ling Tian joined the academy because what the academy offered him was much more valuable compared to what the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces offered him. Hence, I didn't dissuade him from joining the academy. However, Junior Uncle Ye, you have no reason to join the academy at all."

In Zhen Ping Fan's opinion, it was amazing and a one-time thing that the Myriad Laws Academy personally recruited Duan Ling Tian. However, when Ye Chen Feng became an advanced Emperor of Gods, it was unlikely that the Myriad Laws Academy would personally recruit him unlike other heavyweight supreme-rank forces. Perhaps, it would be different if Ye Chen Feng became a Supreme God.

Ye Chen smiled again and said, "So you think the academy won't recruit me? Why don't we make a bet?"

Zhen Ping Fan shook his head and said, "Junior Uncle Ye, unless you become a Supreme God while you're in the Pure Yang Sect, I don't think the academy will recruit you. That aside, are you really going to stay in the Pure Yang Sect until you become a Supreme God? Even if that's what you want, my father and the others definitely won't allow you to stay since it'll only hinder your progress. After you become an advanced Emperor of Gods, I don't know about the other heavyweight supreme-rank forces, but among the nine that came previously, many will definitely try to recruit you."

Zhen Ping Fan continued to say, "Don't tell me you're going to refuse them and continue to stay in the Pure Yang Sect? Let's just say that you stay in the Pure Yang Sect until you become a Supreme God, and the Myriad Laws Academy comes to recruit you, is it worth it to wait until then?"

Indeed, would it be worth the wait?

Once Ye Chen Feng became an advanced Emperor of Gods, he would be able to join a heavyweight supreme-rank force. With his potential, he would soar even higher if he was given more resources and a better platform. If he waited until he became a rudimentary Supreme God in the Pure Yang Sect for the Myriad Laws Academy to recruit him, he would have wasted a lot of time in between. With that time, if he were in a heavyweight supreme-rank force, he would likely already become an intermediate Supreme God or at least close to becoming one.

After listening to Zhen Ping Fan's sincere thoughts, Ye Chen Feng smiled again and asked, "So in the end, you still feel that the Myriad Laws Academy won't recruit me when I become an advanced Emperor of Gods?"

Zhen Ping Fan did not speak and only nodded in response.

"Like I said before, why don't we make a bet?" Ye Chen Feng asked with a smile before he said, "I bet that after I become an advanced Emperor of Gods, the Myriad Laws Academy will definitely send someone here to recruit me."

“Impossible,” Zhen Ping Fan said as he shook his head, “Not only was there no precedent until Duan Ling Tian, but there were many people as talented as you in the past, but the academy still did not recruit them. Perhaps, only if you become a Supreme God that they might try to recruit you. Even then, they won’t recruit ordinary Supreme Gods or those who are too old...”

Previously, Zhen Ping Fan had expended a lot of effort to compile information about the heavyweight supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land for Duan Ling Tian. As such, he knew quite a lot of them, including the Myriad Laws Academy.

Ye Chen Feng felt a little helpless as he said, “Just answer me. Do you dare to make a bet with me?”

“Is it necessary? You’ll only lose the bet,” Zhen Ping Fan said with a slight frown. He wondered if Ye Chen Feng wanted to give him something in an indirect manner so Ye Chen Feng came up with this bet. Whatever it was had to be valuable so he was apprehensive about accepting it so easily.

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of Zhen Ping Fan and Ye Chen Feng’s exchange after he left. At this moment, he stood in the flying ship with Yang Yu Chen, the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, as Yang Yu Chen gave an introduction of the Myriad Laws Academy.

Duan Ling Tian had read the information about the Myriad Laws Academy that Zhen Ping Fan gathered for him. However, the information was relatively superficial. Needless to say, he learned a lot more about the Myriad Laws Academy after listening to Yang Yu Chen.

After speaking about the Myriad Laws Academy, Yang Yu Chen began to introduce the Inner Palace faction. He said, “Like I told you before, there are only five members in the Inner Palace faction including you. Including you and me, there are only three members of the faction present at the Myriad Laws Academy. We have one senior brother and one senior sister in the faction who aren’t in the Profound Energy Land, and it’s unknown if they’ll return or not.”

As Yang Yu Chen continued to speak, Duan Ling Tian also learned about the origin of the Inner Palace faction. It was founded by the youngest disciple of the founder of the Myriad Laws Academy.

In the Myriad Laws Academy, the core faction was the Legacy faction. As tradition dictated, Academy Masters were all members of the Legacy faction. As such, if Yang Yu Chen became the Academy Master in the future, he would have to leave the Inner Palace faction and join the Legacy faction.

The Inner Palace faction was a secret faction and was independent of the academy to a certain extent. The Myriad Laws Academy did not have too much, if any, control over the Inner Palace faction. As such, the Inner Palace faction did not receive extra resources from the Myriad Laws Academy.

As for the Supreme Powerhouse Relic that Yang Yu Chen promised Duan Ling Tian, it was discovered by the founder of the Inner Palace faction. The relic was suspected to be the place where a supreme powerhouse had died. He had learned earlier from Yang Yu Chen that the supreme powerhouse had mastered the law of time to a high degree and that the supreme powerhouse had also mastered the Mastery Dao, one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth.

Yang Yu Chen also told Duan Ling Tian that he had only successfully comprehended the Mastery Dao after entering the ruins, which was the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. He had also comprehended the law of time there, but his law of time was not his strongest law.

In the history of the Inner Palace faction and the Myriad Laws Academy, there were times when the existence of the faction's Supreme Powerhouse Relic was exposed. As such, those who found out about it naturally coveted it. However, those who acted on their greed all met their demise without exception in the end.

"After joining the Myriad Laws Academy, you're not obligated to take action if the academy encounters danger. However, once you become stronger, if someone threatens the faction, I still hope you'll be able to help to the best of your ability. Naturally, the faction won't force you to do what's beyond your capability," Yang Yu Chen said solemnly.

Duan Ling Tian thought about it for a moment before he nodded. "Alright. That's not a problem."

Since Duan Ling Tian had decided to join the Myriad Laws Academy and the Inner Palace faction, he felt this was his obligation anyway. If it were within his capabilities, he would definitely repay the favor.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Senior Brother Yang, among the five members of the faction, what's your rank?"

"I'm ranked third," Yang Yu Chen replied, "Those two who aren't in the academy and the Profound Energy Land are our Eldest Senior Brother and Eldest Senior Brother. As such, you can also address me as 'third senior brother'. In the academy now, the other member left is my junior sister, and your senior sister. You can address her as 'fourth senior sister'."

Yang Yu Chen continued to say, "Our Inner Palace faction is hidden in the Myriad Laws Academy. Not many people know about it so our presence in the academy isn't strong. Only a few high-ranking officials and disciples know about us. Many only know me as the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, but they don't know that I'm also a member of the Inner Palace faction. I came to recruit you this time mainly to invite you to join the Inner Palace faction. In fact, joining the academy is just a formality." Then, when he saw the expression on Duan Ling Tian's face, he added, "Don't look at me like that. Although I'm the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, the Inner Palace faction is very important. In a way, it's even more important to me than the academy because it protects the academy."

Yang Yu Chen's words would be rather inappropriate if he had said them to other people. However, since Duan Ling Tian was now his junior brother, a member of the Inner Palace faction, he did not restrain himself when speaking.

"In the Myriad Laws Academy, there are ordinary students, teachers, and staff members, those from the Legacy faction, and those of us from the Inner Palace Faction. As a hidden faction, we naturally don't have any presence in the academy. As such, in case of competitions in the academy, you'll only be representing yourself as an ordinary student, not the faction."

After listening to Yang Yu Chen, Duan Ling Tian realized that the Inner Palace faction was mostly independent of the Myriad Laws Academy. The Inner Palace faction did not receive resources from the

academy, and the privileges he enjoyed as a member of the faction also had nothing to do with the academy. He would have to fight to obtain resources from the academy.

Yang Yu Chen said, "Even I had to fight for resources from the academy myself. It's the same for all your other senior brothers and senior sisters in the faction."

Chapter 4090: Fourth Senior Sister

After listening to Yang Yu Chen, Duan Ling Tian changed the way he addressed Yang Yu Chen again. He asked, "Third Senior Brother, did the faction have so few members since the beginning?"

Yang Yu Chen nodded. "Yes. From the beginning until now, the faction has always had very few members. In the history of the faction, there were only at most eight members in the faction at a time."

"How does the Inner Palace faction usually recruit people?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. It seemed like his recruitment was all Yang Yu Chen's whim.

Yang Yu Chen replied simply, "We only recruit prodigies, and they have to come from the lower realms. Our faction doesn't accept natives of the Realms of Gods no matter how talented they are. It's more of a tradition of the faction than discrimination. The founder and first-generation members of the faction are all from the lower realms."

Then, Yang Yu Chen paused to smile at Duan Ling Tian before he said again, "The recruitment of members is the responsibility of the leader of the faction. After Eldest Senior Sister left, Second Senior Brother left the burden of being a leader to me. However, I've always been picky about our members. As such, I've never recruited anyone until I saw your recordings during the Seven Mansions Feast. I knew then that you were the person I'd been searching for. You're someone with the qualifications to join our Inner Palace faction."

Duan Ling Tian was quite surprised when he learned that members of the Inner Palace faction had to come from the lower realms. No wonder the number of members in the faction had always been so low. With such strict requirements, it would be strange if the faction had a lot of members.

With this information, Duan Ling Tian could also tell that his Eldest Senior Sister, Second Senior Brother, Yang Yu Chen; his Third Senior Brother, and Fourth Senior Sister were extraordinary even though he had never met them before except for Yang Yu Chen.

"In any case, when you join the Myriad Laws Academy, you'll be essentially joining as a student. You'll adhere to the academy rules and such. After all, like I said before, our Inner Palace faction is non-existent to most people in the academy. Apart from that, as long as you're not in the wrong, I'll definitely stand up for you," Yang Yu Chen said as his eyes flashed.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian said with a nod before he asked, "Third Senior Brother, when will I be able to enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic?"

The only reason Duan Ling Tian had chosen to join the Myriad Laws Academy and the Inner Palace faction was only due to the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. Otherwise, he would not have joined the

Myriad Laws Academy at all. After all, due to its secret existence, there was no benefit to joining the Inner Palace faction at all except for the Supreme Powerhouse Relic.

Yang Yu Chen smiled and said, "Don't worry. We'll discuss this when we arrive at the academy."

At this time, a thought popped up in Duan Ling Tian's mind so he asked, "Third Senior Brother, why did you and the other seniors decide to join the Inner Palace faction? Did you join voluntarily?"

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, no one, especially prodigies, would voluntarily join the Inner Palace faction, which provided no benefits.

The corners of Yang Yu Chen's lips twitched upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's question. "Voluntarily? No, in fact, like you, we were attracted by the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. Alas, apart from the Supreme Powerhouse Relic, the faction has nothing that would attract people to join."

Duan Ling Tian asked, "Does this mean my other seniors also mastered the Mastery Dao?"

Yang Yu Chen shook his head. "Eldest Senior Sister has mastered it, but Second Senior Brother only comprehended it at the rudimentary form. As for your Fourth Senior Sister, she's about to comprehend the rudimentary form."

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian asked, slightly surprised, "Then, doesn't this mean that you're the strongest, or one of the strongest, in the faction, Third Senior Brother?"

"Otherwise, how could I be chosen as the leader of the faction?" Yang Yu Chen asked in return with a smile on his face. He did not pretend to be modest. His eyes glinted as he said, "Since you, a newcomer, have already comprehended the Mastery Dao, perhaps, you'll be able to motivate that girl to comprehend the rudimentary form of the Mastery Dao soon."

Although Yang Yu Chen did not say who 'that girl' was, it was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to guess that Yang Yu Chen was referring to his Fourth Senior Sister.

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After a few days, Duan Ling Tian and Yang Yu Chen finally arrived at the Myriad Laws Academy.

The Myriad Laws Academy was much bigger than Duan Ling Tian expected.

Yang Yu Chen led Duan Ling Tian as they flew in the sky. No one stopped them at all. Along the way, they ran into several elders who were patrolling the academy. These elders were also teachers. They greeted Yang Yu Chen respectfully, and it was obvious that they were in awe of Yang Yu Chen. Clearly, Yang Yu Chen had a lot of prestige in the Myriad Laws Academy.

"Our Inner Palace faction has a cultivation ground located in an independent realm, and the entrance is at the northern side of this island," Yang Yu Chen said as he brought Duan Ling Tian to a remote place in the Myriad Laws Academy. With a wave of his hand, a golden token appeared in the air, emitting a brilliance that lit up the four directions.

Soon enough, an island appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian.

The floating island looked desolate, and the roars of beasts could be heard intermittently. Duan Ling Tian could also sense the power of the beasts from their roars.

“This island is also one of the islands where the student trials are held in the academy. There are many Divine Demon Kings on the island.”

Divine Demon Kings referred to beasts with the power of a King of Gods. Above them were the Divine Demon Emperors and Divine Supreme Demons, which had strength comparable to Emperors of Gods and Supreme Gods respectively.

“Our Inner Palace faction has a special demon-repelling token. As long as you’re in possession of the token, the beasts won’t dare to get close to you. If they get close to you, the token will activate a Killing Formation that will kill the beasts near you.

After Yang Yu Chen finished speaking, he waved his hand.

A dark and heavy token appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian after that, and he instinctively reached out for it.

“Let’s go,” Yang Yu Chen said as he led Duan Ling Tian to the floating island in front of them with his Divine Energy.

When they were on the island, no beasts blocked their path. It was as though there were no beasts on the island at all.

Duan Ling Tian saw a few beasts in the distance staring at them with fear lingering in the depths of their blood-red eyes.

‘Are they so afraid of the token?’

When Duan Ling Tian was still lost in his thoughts, he had already arrived at the north of the island above a dangerously high peak.

Yang Yu Chen made a few hand gestures with both hands before he pushed them out in a casual manner. His Divine Energy surged, causing the void to ripple before the entrance to a realm appeared in front of them. Four words hung above the entrance: The Inner Palace Faction.

“Come in,” Yang Yu Chen said before he stepped into the realm.

Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate to follow Yang Yu Chen. He knew Yang Yu Chen would not harm him. With Yang Yu Chen’s strength, if Yang Yu Chen wanted to harm him, Yang Yu Chen did not have to go to so much trouble to do so. Yang Yu Chen could kill him with a flick of his finger after all.

“This...”

After Duan Ling Tian’s eyes adjusted to the bright environment, he found himself in a quiet garden. In the distance, he saw smoke spiraling up from chimneys. Birds flew in the sky while small animals scampered around on the field. It was quiet and peaceful. A small stream ran through the field.

Duan Ling Tian thought that this place was like a paradise. Standing in this place, he felt at peace as though his soul had been cleansed.

At this moment, Yang Yu Chen called out, pulling Duan Ling Tian back to his senses, "Fourth Junior Sister, please come out and welcome our guest."

Soon after, a melodious voice said with a hint of complaint, "Third Senior Brother, if you bully me again, I'll tell Eldest Senior Sister about it when she returns. If you push me, I'll leave the Profound Energy Land to look for her and ask her to deal with you."

In the next moment, the owner of the sweet voice appeared. A slender girl soon appeared with a gust of wind.

With this, Duan Ling Tian could tell that his Fourth Senior Sister comprehended the law of wind.

Yang Yu Chen laughed awkwardly upon hearing those words. Then, he hurriedly said, "Fourth Junior Sister, I was just joking with you. Look, I found a junior brother for you. From now on, you're no longer the youngest in our Inner Palace faction. Finally, someone will have to address you as senior sister from now on."

The beautiful girl dressed in a yellow robe turned to look at Duan Ling Tian with her pure and bright eyes. Her eyes lit up as she exclaimed, "Junior brother?! I have a junior brother?"

A bright smile bloomed on the young woman's face. She looked very sweet and lovely.

'This is my Fourth Senior Sister?' Duan Ling Tian was filled with complicated emotions. He assumed that his Fourth Senior Sister was about his age at least. Unexpectedly, she was only a girl who looked about 15 or 16 years old. She looked to be about the same age as Duan Qiao Yu, who called him brother.