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Chapter 4141: Duan Ling Tian's New Identity

After the 100 students disappeared, the Formation compass continued to hover in midair, and the colorful lights did not disappear.

Yun Meng Shan, one of the Vice Academy Masters of the Myriad Laws Academy, sat cross-legged in the air above the Formation compass. Then, he glanced around expressionlessly before he said icily, "No one's allowed to approach this place over the next three years. Those who come close, regardless of who they are, will be killed without mercy."

Yun Meng Shan had spoken so seriously that no one doubted the truth of his words.

The students' expressions turned solemn immediately.

"I heard that the entrance and exit of the Trial of Gods are in the Formation compass, which was given by the supreme powerhouse. The Formation compass has to remain here for as long as the students are in there. Otherwise, they'll be lost in the Trial of Gods, unable to leave. The only way to leave at that time is if a supreme powerhouse intervenes. However, the likelihood of that happening is almost zero."

In the history of the Myriad Laws Academy, there was once when someone tried to destroy the Formation compass while it was being used and almost succeeded. Fortunately, the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy intervened and stopped the other party in time. Needless to say, the other party was killed.

The other party was a teacher from the Student faction of the Myriad Laws Academy. It was clear that the other party was forced to destroy the Formation compass, just like how the three teachers were forced to make an attempt at Duan Ling Tian's life.

After all, it would be difficult for outsiders to enter the Myriad Laws Academy. Before they could even reach the central square, which was located in the center of the academy like its name suggested, the members of the academy would have already dealt with the intruder.

Due to that incident, an intermediate Supreme God would be tasked with guarding the Formation compass when the Trial of Gods opened. Ever since then, no one stirred up any trouble.

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'Who am I? Where am I?'

After the colorful beam of light shrouded Duan Ling Tian, he had briefly lost consciousness. Although just a moment had passed, it felt as though a century had passed. He was dazed and confused.

Duan Ling Tian surveyed his unfamiliar surroundings in a daze blankly. At this time, he could not even remember who he was. Fortunately, as time passed, he finally regained clarity of mind.

'That's right. I'm Duan Ling Tian, and I came from the Myriad Laws Academy. I was transported to Trial of Gods through the Formation compass.'

When Duan Ling Tian finally remembered who he was, a piece of memory appeared in his mind. It was the memory of a handsome young man.

'I... Currently, my identity is the boy toy of the City Governor of Wu You City?'

Liu Wu You, the City Governor of Wu You City, was a cold and arrogant woman. She was one of the many overlords in the Divine Kingdom, and she was subjected to the rule of the Mansion Master.

In the past, a womanizer, who was the son of the Mansion Master, came to Wu You City and fell in love with Liu Wu You. To stop his advances and make him give up, Liu Wu You had simply found a man, whose identity and appearance Duan Ling Tian now assumed.

Liu Wu You and the body Duan Ling Tian now occupied did not fall in love. He continued to stay in the City Governor's estate with the identity of her boy toy. However, after their initial meeting, he did not meet her again. She seemed to have completely forgotten about him.

"So that City Governor Liu Wu You was just using him as a shield. It's likely that she kept him in her mansion as her boy toy because she was afraid that people would realize she was lying.

According to his memory, he's living in a remote courtyard in her mansion. She's also a... rudimentary Emperor of Gods?"

Duan Ling Tian learned quite a few things from the memory of the person he now possessed.

Wu You City was one of the many cities in the Divine Kingdom's Divine Spirit Mansion.

As for the person Duan Ling Tian had now become, the furthest he had traveled was to the city next to Wu You City. All his knowledge of the other cities was only based on the words of others.

He was very handsome, but his cultivation talent was only mediocre. It was due to his appearance that Liu Wu You, who saw him by chance, decided to bring him back to the City Governor's estate and used him as a shield to anger the son of the Mansion Master.

In fact, the son of the Mansion Master was only interested in Liu Wu You because he heard that she had never been with a man. Hence, as soon as he found out about her boy toy, he no longer pestered her.

"This person whom I've now become doesn't know much... One thing's for sure, he's a native of Wu You City. The city isn't always named as such. Its name would change according to the City Governor. Conflicts between cities are the norm. Outside of the cities, people from different cities and the same cities would kill each other due to rules in the Trial of Gods, which rewarded killing. The reward would help one to improve one's strength..."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly disappointed that the memory he received did not provide him with much information.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian sensed his Divine Energy and tried to cast his law. Then, a smile appeared on his face. He looked a little devilish when he smiled with his current appearance.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian sensed his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword before he called out, "Huang'er."

"Master," Huang'er responded swiftly.

Duan Ling Tian fell silent when he heard Huang'er's voice. After a moment, he took a deep breath before he muttered to himself with a complicated expression on his face, "The supreme powerhouses are truly amazing. They managed to create such realistic illusions. It really doesn't feel like I'm in an illusory world at all..."

Duan Ling Tian used his Divine Energy and shaped it into a needle before pricking himself. The sharp pain told him that despite being in a world of illusions, he was truly here. It was truly difficult to distinguish between illusions and reality, and it dawned on him just how vast the powers of supreme powerhouses were. Just a few super powerhouses were able to create such a lifelike place. Moreover, according to Yang Yu Chen, the inside of the Trial of Gods would change every time it opened.

"Third Senior Brother didn't elaborate much about the time he entered the Trial of Gods. He only told me that when he entered the Trial of Gods, there were no such things as cities, Mansions, or kingdoms. The world he was transported to was a world of sects that competed with each other... On the contrary, I'm now in the Divine Kingdom with Mansions and cities..."

'I should find out more about this place... All I know is that the strongest person in Wu You City is Liu Wu You,the City Governor, and she's the only rudimentary Emperor of Gods in the city,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Currently, he was in a remote courtyard in the back of the City Governor's residence. After a moment, he decided to leave and explore the place. However, as soon as he stepped out, he was stopped by another person.

The other party was an old woman with an average appearance. Her gaze was murderous as she said, "You Wen Feng, by the order of the City Governor, you're prohibited from leaving this courtyard with her permission. Are you trying to defy the City Governor's orders?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at the old woman calmly. Based on You Wen Feng's memory, he knew that the old woman, who was a rudimentary Lord of Gods, had been sent by Liu Wu You to keep an eye on him. After all, Liu Wu You wanted to keep him here to ensure that her lies would not be exposed, which would inevitably attract the attention of the son of the Mansion Master again.

"Get out of my way."

The You Wen Feng now was not the You Wen Feng of the past, after all. Duan Ling Tian was now You Wen Feng, and Duan Ling Tian did not lose his cultivation, prominent divine artifact, and

spatial ring after becoming You Wen Feng. This was also one of the reasons why Duan Ling Tian was amazed by the supreme powerhouses' means.

"Huh?"

The old woman's expression changed drastically. She could hardly believe that 'You Wen Feng' told her to get out of his way; for a moment, she even thought that she had heard it wrong. After all, You Wen Feng, who only had the cultivation base of a god, used to bow respectfully whenever he saw her. She did not understand how someone like that dared to speak to her in such a manner. Was he seeking death? Or did he think the City Governor would not kill him?

After a moment, the old woman said darkly, "You Wen Feng, it's true that I daren't kill you without the City Governor's permission, but, it's not a problem for me to injure you to the point where you'll be bedridden for a few years."

As the old woman spoke, her Divine Energy began to surge, looking as though she was going to make a move.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian did not waste words with the old woman. He flashed, charging at the old woman. At the same time, his Divine Energy surged, stirring up a spatial storm.

Boom!

A thunderous sound rang in the air as the old woman was sent flying, spitting out blood. Fear shone in her eyes as she looked at the young man before her.

Previously, she had mobilized her Divine Energy, ready to unleash it at a moment's notice. However, before she had a chance to do so, she was knocked away. Even an advanced King of Gods would not be able to send her flying, let alone a god. Moreover, when the collision happened, it felt as though she had collided with a terrifying beast. She felt powerless and helpless.

'He... He's an Emperor of Gods? H-his strength seemed to be that of an advanced Emperor of Gods! Isn't he just a god?! How did he suddenly become an Emperor of Gods?!'

The old woman's mind went blank immediately.

Chapter 4142: Liu Wu You

Duan Ling Tian was now You Wen Feng, the boy toy of the City Governor of Wu You City. Needless to say, 'You Wen Feng's demeanor had completely changed now that he had taken over. He looked at the old woman, who stared at him in shock and disbelief, as he said icily, "Take me to your City Governor."

"Y-yes..."

The old woman no longer dared to take him lightly. After all, although he was an advanced Lord of Gods, he was more terrifying than the advanced Lord of Gods in Wu You City. Not only that, but she felt that he was even more terrifying than the City Governor, who was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. At the same time, she could not help but wonder if she had hit her head too hard for having such unbelievable thoughts.

Seeing Duan Ling Tian's pointed and impatient gaze, the old woman quickly consumed a few divine pills to heal her injuries before leading Duan Ling Tian to the City Governor of Wu You City. During the journey, she gradually calmed down and her fear subsided as well. She recalled what happened earlier and found that not only did You Wen Feng become terrifyingly strong, it was like he had become a completely different person. The You Wen Feng of the past was rather feminine. However, at this time, although You Wen Feng's features were still delicate, his masculinity was unconcealable. It was as though he had been possessed.

'Is You Wen Feng really possessed? Impossible. Even if he's possessed, his strength shouldn't have changed so drastically. He was still a weak and pale pretty boy two days ago! Forget it. I should leave this matter to the City Governor. However... Will the City Governor be able to deal with him?'

The old woman racked her brain, trying to figure out what happened but came up blank. Then, once again, she wondered if she had lost her mind. How could she question whether or not the City Governor, who was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, would be able to deal with an advanced Lord of Gods?

Duan Ling Tian, who was unaware of the thoughts racing through the old woman's mind, was only focused on meeting Liu Wu You, the City Governor of Wu You City, so he could find out more information about the world he was in. He was incompletely unfamiliar with this world, and You Wen Feng, who did not know much, did not provide him with much information at all.

'I wonder how the City Governor will react once she finds out that her boy toy, whom she treated like a puppet, is now stronger than her?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as the corners of his lips curled up into a faint smile.

You Wen Feng did not know the extent of Liu Wu You's strength, but he had seen her fight before. As such, Duan Ling Tian, who possessed You Wen Feng's memories, could roughly gauge Liu Wu You's strength. She was not the weakest but she was also not the strongest rudimentary Emperor of Gods; at best, she was mediocre.

After a moment, the old woman finally led Duan Ling Tian to the entrance of the inner mansion of the City Governor's estate, where Liu Wu You lived. It was very different from the remote courtyard located at the back of the estate where You Wen Feng lived.

The old woman came to a stop and said reverently, "Lord City Governor, You Wen Feng requests an audience with you. He... He seems to possess the strength of an advanced Lord of Gods now..."

The old woman, who was unaware that Duan Ling Tian, a prodigy of the Myriad Laws Academy who came from a different world, was now You Wen Feng, revealed Duan Ling Tian's strength to warn Liu Wu You.

The cold and slightly surprised voice of a woman rang from the inner courtyard. "Advanced Lord of Gods?!"

Following that, a figure flew out like a gust of wind, arriving at the entrance in just a blink of an eye.

A slender woman hovered in the air. She was dressed in a man's loose long robe. She was beautiful; her features were delicate, and her eyes were seductive.

Even Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh inwardly at her beauty. No wonder the son of the Mansion Master fell in love with her. Although Liu Wu You could not be considered a peerless beauty, she was still a one-of-a-kind beauty.

Duan Ling Tian sighed again as he recalled You Wen Feng's memories. 'This You Wen Feng is really timid. He didn't even dare to meet Liu Wu You's gaze in the past. It was as though she was a goddess who couldn't be defiled.'

However, after thinking about it a little longer, Duan Ling Tian could empathize with You Wen Feng. After all, You Wen Feng was just a god; he was at the bottom of the food chain in Wu You City while Liu Wu You, the City Governor of Wu You City, stood at the top in Wu You City.

Liu Wu You naturally noticed the change in her boy toy. In the past, he did not even dare to look at her, but now, he was boldly staring at her. However, unlike most men, his gaze was not lewd so she was not disgusted with his gaze. Nonetheless, she still frowned at his change in attitude. She said disapprovingly, "You Wen Feng, you've grown bolder. You even dare to look at me now."

Liu Wu You was rather skeptical about the old woman's earlier warning. After all, she was very familiar with the boy toy whom she found. How could he possess the strength of an advanced Lord of Gods?

Duan Ling Tian ignored Liu Wu You and said to the old woman indifferently, "You may leave."

The old woman did not respond as she left silently. She could see the threat in Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

With this, only Duan Ling Tian and Liu Wu You were left at the entrance of the inner courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian shifted his eyes back to Liu Wu You and said tonelessly, "Liu Wu You, why don't you tell me about the situation outside of Wu You City?"

Liu Wu You furrowed her brows, confused by Duan Ling Tian's abrupt question. However, anger at his arrogant and bossy manner of speaking quickly replaced her confusion. She asked frostily, "You Wen Feng, do you have a death wish?"

You Wen Feng was nothing but a good-looking tool to Liu Wu You. She was usually indifferent to him, but his impudence today had crossed the line, arousing her fury.

"It seems like City Governor Wu You won't cooperate unless I make a move," Duan Ling Tian said before he released his Divine Energy.

Liu Wu You was shocked when he sensed the aura of an advanced Lord of Gods.

'Did You Wen Feng hide his strength previously? Impossible! I investigated him thoroughly. It's impossible for him to hide his strength. However, how do I explain this?'

Liu Wu You was perplexed, but she quickly regained her senses when she saw the spatial storm raging around 'You Wen Feng', who was now flying toward her. In just a moment, her Divine Energy burst forth and a prominent divine sword appeared in her hand.

Liu Wu You was well-prepared and did not hold back when she attacked, but she soon found that her attack was easily destroyed. The spatial storm swept out and restrained her, causing her to be unable to mobilize her Divine Energy. If she did not experience it for herself, she would not have believed that an advanced Lord of Gods was capable of restraining her, a rudimentary Emperor of Gods.

'How's this possible?! His strength... Even an ordinary intermediate Emperor of Gods might not possess such strength...'

Panic began to set in. Liu Wu You struggled to maintain her composure and dignity as she glared at Duan Ling Tian and asked coldly, "Who are you? You're not You Wen Feng!"

Duan Ling Tian hovered in the air as his Divine Energy pressed Liu Wu You until she was ankledeep in the ground. He said threateningly, "You don't need to know who I am. All you need to do is answer my question. The rewards are insignificant if I kill that old woman, but you're different since you have a higher cultivation base than me."

Duan Ling Tian's gaze was serious as he spoke.

Liu Wu You's expression changed upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. She could not help but despair. She was powerless against him. After all, he was too strong. She could not help but wonder how a heaven-defying person like him could exist. Even the top prodigies in the Divine Kingdom were no match for him.

Liu Wu You took a deep breath. She no longer dared to underestimate the man before her. With his strength, she would have to treat him like a very important guest. Moreover, if someone like him decided to take Wu You City's side, Wu You City would have a huge advantage over the other cities.

To preserve her life, Liu Wu You, who was at the mercy of the man before her, did not hesitate to lower herself as she said, "My lord, please ask me whatever you want."

Duan Ling Tian nodded in satisfaction. Then, he said casually, "That's more like it. Tell me about Wu You City, the Divine Spirit Mansion, and the Divine Kingdom. Explain it to me like I'm a foreigner."

Liu Wu You looked at Duan Ling Tian incredulously upon hearing his words.

Chapter 4143: The Legendary God of Creation

Liu Wu You did not understand what Duan Ling Tian meant by 'foreigner', but she was even more certain now that the person in front of her was not the You Wen Feng whom she knew. She was convinced that You Wen Feng had been possessed by someone who had the strength of an advanced Lord of Gods.

'It's only been a few days, but You Wen Feng has already grown so strong... I wonder what's the extent of his strength...' Liu Wu You wondered inwardly, shocked by 'You Wen Feng's strength. She also could not help but wonder if 'You Wen Feng' was a Supreme God.

In any case, Liu Wu You no longer dared to treat Duan Ling Tian dismissively. She tried her best to answer Duan Ling Tian's question.

As such, it did not take long before Duan Ling Tian gained a certain understanding of this world.

This world had many Divine Kingdoms. Currently, Duan Ling Tian was at the South Heaven Continent. The South Heaven Continent had nine Divine Kingdoms, and Wu You City was located in one of the Divine Kingdoms.

Wu You City was one of 28 cities under the rule of the Divine Spirit Mansion. The cities were mostly governed by rudimentary Emperors of Gods, with a few exceptions who were intermediate Emperors of Gods.

Since time immemorial, the natives of this world knew that killing would be rewarded. However, the strong killing the weak would receive little to no rewards. As such, those who were weak had a higher chance of survival. Moreover, the strong needed the weak to carry out menial tasks. As such, the weak were mostly servants, maids, attendants, and laborers in this world.

The Divine Kingdom maintained order in the kingdom through the Mansions that governed the cities. Unlike City Governors who were mostly rudimentary Emperors of Gods, with the exception of a few intermediate Emperors of Gods, the Mansion Masters were all extraordinary advanced Emperors of Gods. As for the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms, they were all Supreme Gods, but Liu Wu You did not know the extent of their strength. In her mind, Supreme Gods were all strong and far beyond her reach.

"Due to the reward system, it's relatively safe in the cities, but it's extremely dangerous out in the world. The strong might disdain to kill the weak, but they're not above capturing and selling the weak. For example, as a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, I won't be rewarded for killing an advanced Lord of Gods under normal circumstances. However, I can sell him or her to another rudimentary, intermediate, or advanced Lord of Gods. In fact, I can even sell him or her to someone even weaker. With my help, the buyer would be able to kill a stronger person and earn rewards even if the rewards would not be as much compared to if they had killed the other party on their own."

After listening to Liu Wu You, Duan Ling Tian felt that this world was the perfect embodiment of 'the strong preying on the weak'. Due to the reward system, the natives of this world would strive continuously to kill those on par with them or stronger than them.

Duan Ling Tian did not ask about the rewards. He knew it was either going to enlightenment and insights into certain laws, energy that could boost one's cultivation, or a drop of Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse.

A drop of Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse could temporarily boost one's Divine Energy to another level. It would not affect one's comprehension of the law or the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. Although the effect was temporary, it was still very useful during a battle. With a drop of Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse, a weaker opponent might be able to kill the stronger opponent. The drop of Divine Energy could also boost the Divine Energy of an advanced Supreme God, but it would not improve to the level of a supreme powerhouse. Even then, it would be enough to make the advanced Supreme God superior to most advanced Supreme Gods.

'This world where the strong prey on the weak is really vicious...'

Although the world outside of the Trial of Gods was also one where the strong preyed on the weak, it was nothing like this world. After all, the natives in this world were constantly spurred to kill due to the reward system. With the rewards, there was no need to search for fortuitous encounters. The rewards were a means to grow stronger, which meant that it was necessary to kill.

The world outside of the Trial of Gods was completely different. After all, there was no reward system. Moreover, under normal circumstances, even if one killed another person, one would not even gain the other party's possession since most people kept their possessions in self-destructive spatial rings.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'The reward system here should be similar to that in the Inner Palace faction's Supreme Powerhouse Relic...'

"My lord, do you have any other questions?" Liu Wu You asked as she looked at Duan Ling Tian fearfully. A trace of complexity could be seen in the depth of her eyes. She felt as though karma had found her. She was not afraid to meet the gaze of the man who used to be afraid to meet her gaze.

Duan Ling Tian asked again, "What about the Uncharted Treasure Land? Are there many places with Uncharted Treasure Lands in the Southern Heaven Continent?"

Liu Wu You shook her head. "I'm not sure about this. Normally, those who discovered it will definitely keep it a secret. I only heard that even the strongest advanced Supreme Gods in the Divine Kingdoms can't create an Uncharted Treasure Land. It's said that the lands are a natural creation of heaven and earth."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by Liu Wu You's ignorance. It seemed like it was true that the people here did not know that supreme powerhouses created this place and were also unaware of the existence of supreme powerhouses.

'It's really realistic... The illusions here really have their own thoughts and autonomy. The supreme powerhouses are truly strong. No wonder Third Senior Brother said that even the weakest supreme powerhouse can kill the strongest advanced Supreme God with just a flick of a finger. Supreme powerhouses are truly in a league of their own,' Duan Ling Tian marveled inwardly.

To verify his speculation, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Do you know about supreme powerhouses?"

Liu Wu You shook her head in confusion. "Supreme powerhouses? What is that? I've never heard of it before."

"Then, do you know what existence is above Supreme Gods?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

"The existence above Supreme Gods?" Liu Wu You was stunned. Then, her eyes lit up as she said, "Legend has it that the God of Creation is above the Supreme Gods. The Uncharted Treasure Land is said to be left behind by the God of Creation. The God of Creation is the ultimate existence between heaven and earth. The God of Creation might not be a living being, but a sort of law that exists in this world. Even the reward system is created by the God of Creation. I don't know about the others, but I believe in the legend!"

Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by Liu Wu You's words. Nonetheless, she was, in essence, correct. The world was created by not one but a few supreme powerhouses. In her words, this world was created by a few Gods of Creation. It was also true that the Uncharted Treasure Lands and the reward system were created by the 'Gods of Creation'.

'Supreme powerhouse? God of Creation? It's the same thing with different names...'

After listening to Liu Wu You, Duan Ling Tian also found that the living beings here had no confirmation that the God of Creation existed or not, unlike the people outside the Trial of Gods who knew about the existence of supreme powerhouses. The God of Creation was just a legend here, and no one had seen the God of Creation before.

After gaining the information he needed, Duan Ling Tian did not intend to stay any longer. Although he was tempted to find out what kind of rewards he would receive by killing Liu Wu You and if the rewards would be similar to those in the Inner Palace faction's Supreme Powerhouse Relic, he felt that it was inappropriate to kill her. Although this world and the beings in it were just illusions conjured by supreme powerhouses, he felt it was unethical to kill when there was no enmity between them. He had his own principles, after all.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian nodded at Liu Wu You and said, "Farewell, City Governor Wu You."

Then, Duan Ling Tian vanished from sight, easily bypassing the Formation protecting the inner courtyard.

The Formation was laid by an expert from the Spiritual Heaven Continent and could easily deter a rudimentary Emperor of Gods from leaving. When it was triggered, it could even stop intermediate Emperors of Gods from leaving easily.

As such, Liu Wu You was further shocked.

'His strength is comparable to an intermediate Emperor of Gods?' Liu Wu You thought to herself. Her expression changed as she shuddered inwardly. At the same time, she was relieved that she did not resist and cooperated with Duan Ling Tian. If she had provoked him, there was no doubt that she would have died.

'A foreigner? He's not familiar with our Divine Kingdoms as well... Is he not from the South Heaven Continent? After all, the Southern Heaven Continent isn't the only continent...'

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of and uninterested in Liu Wu You's thoughts. Moreover, he did not care if his identity was exposed. After all, the greatest threat to him was not the natives of the world, but the other top young prodigies from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces who had entered the Trial of Gods with him. The fortuitous encounters in this world were limited, and only the fortunate and the strong would be able to obtain them.

'Wu You City...'

When Duan Ling Tian was outside of Wu You City, he turned back to have a final look at the city. The city's size was average, and its strongest powerhouse was just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. There was absolutely no point in him staying in such a place.

Chapter 4144: Duan Ling Tian Receives Three Rewards

'Will I be targeted after leaving the city? My cultivation base is now in the realm of an advanced Lord of Gods. Under normal circumstances, most people won't bother me, let alone attack me. Moreover, according to Liu Wu You, the rudimentary Emperors of Gods in the outskirts of Wu You City don't usually kill passersby. If anything, it's the Lords of Gods who kill a lot. However, there aren't many advanced Lords of Gods around this part. In fact, there aren't many strong people here. It's meaningless to kill the weak. Apart from that, more so than killing, the advanced Lords of Gods and rudimentary Emperors of Gods in this place usually capture passersby to be sold for divine crystals.'

Duan Ling Tian learned earlier that the main currency of this world was divine crystals as well. Although divine crystals could also be used to cultivate here, people rarely did so since they could rely on the rewards when they killed to cultivate. However, since not everyone possessed the strength to kill, it was common for those with low cultivation bases to cultivate using divine crystals.

After that, Duan Ling Tian made his way to the Divine Spirit Mansion, which governed the cities, including Wu You City, for the Divine Kingdom. The Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion was an advanced Emperor of Gods.

'There are quite a lot of people, but all of them retreated after they found out that I'm an advanced Lord of Gods...'

During Duan Ling Tian's journey to the Divine Spirit Mansion, he found that many people wanted to target him, but they quickly dismissed the idea when they realized he was an advanced Lord of Gods.

Duan Ling Tian's journey was unimpeded until the very next day.

A figure suddenly appeared out of thin air. It was clear that the other party had used the Teleportation Profundity. Even if it was not extremely profound, the other party's comprehension of the law of space could not be shallow.

The figure belonged to an old man dressed in a loose long robe. He looked emaciated, and his face was ashen, but his eyes were shining brightly. He exclaimed, looking pleasantly surprised, "An advanced Lord of Gods?" Then, he added, "Surrender or suffer!"

Duan Ling Tian was briefly stunned. When he recovered, he laughed and said, "You're just an advanced Lord of Gods as well, right? What makes you confident about beating me?"

The old man said with a sneer, "Do you think I'm alone?"

As soon as the old man's voice fell, Duan Ling Tian heard the sound of wind whistling in the air.

Following that, another old man and a middle-aged man appeared. One shot over like a fireball while the other flew over like a gust of wind.

The trio formed a triangle in just a blink of an eye, surrounding Duan Ling Tian. Based on their Divine Energies, they were all advanced Lords of Gods.

"So it's just the three of you? Is there anyone else? If there is, tell them to reveal themselves. Otherwise, I'm afraid just the three of you aren't enough to do anything to me," Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at them contemptuously with a smile on his face. He was rather hoping that there would be more advanced Lords of Gods hiding in the surroundings. The more people he killed, the more his rewards would be.

The middle-aged man scoffed. "Brat, we've killed many advanced Lords of Gods before you in the past few years. Some of them are arrogant just like you. Alas, all of them only had two outcomes: die or be sold like an animal! Resistance is futile!"

The middle-aged man's expression grew even more scornful.

Similarly, the other two old men's expressions were also one of scorn.

Finally, the old man, who showed up first, said impatiently, "Alright, cut the crap and capture him. If he puts up a fight, send him to hell!"

As soon as the old man finished speaking, he charged toward Duan Ling Tian along with his companions.

The trio brought out their prominent divine artifacts and attacked without holding back.

Following that, three waves of energy with different colors swept toward Duan Ling Tian.

Seeing that the waves of energy were fast approaching Duan Ling Tian, the trio stopped attacking to avoid killing Duan Ling Tian. After all, it was best if they could capture him alive. Moreover, they saw that he was standing motionlessly with only his Divine Energy simmering above his skin.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the three waves of energy collided with Duan Ling Tian, the void shook violently.

The trio furrowed their brows, wondering if the attacks were too strong and they ended up killing Duan Ling Tian. However, it did not take long before their expressions changed after the dust settled. They saw the purple-clad Duan Ling Tian standing in front of them completely unscathed. Their expression changed again when they saw him suddenly vanishing into thin air.

Swoosh!
"No!"
Duan Ling Tian reappeared behind the old man, who comprehended the law of space, and struck him with his palm that had been imbued with his Divine Energy, the law of space, and the Mastery Dao.
Bang!
As soon as Duan Ling Tian's palm landed gently on the old man's back, he exploded into a mist of blood, leaving only his prominent divine artifact and spatial ring behind.
'Hmm? It's not a destructive spatial ring?' Duan Ling Tian was rather surprised when he saw the old man's intact spatial ring.
At this time, the other two men finally regained their senses. They did not hesitate at all as they fled in different directions. The only thought left in their minds was to run. At the same time, they regretted targeting Duan Ling Tian. Their greed had led them to their current predicament. Moreover, seeing that Duan Ling Tian was alone earlier only fueled their greed. Since they outnumbered him and their cultivation bases were the same, they did not think it would be difficult for them to capture him or kill him. Alas, they did not expect that they would run into an advanced Lord of Gods who was much stronger than the three of them. The two men fled for their lives frantically as terrifying thoughts flashed in their minds.
'He hasn't even used his prominent divine artifact yet!'
'He's on par with a rudimentary Emperor of Gods!'
'Without even using a prominent divine artifact, his strength is already comparable to a rudimentary Emperor of Gods! Even the Divine Spirit Mansion doesn't have an advanced Lord of Gods as strong as he is! Why did someone like him appear in a remote place like this?'

'Can someone tell me what's going on? How is it possible for an advanced Lord of Gods, who has

yet to stabilize his cultivation base, be so strong?!'

At this time, a voice dripping with contempt rang in the two men's ears.

"You're too slow."

Following that, the two men discovered that Duan Ling Tian had teleported twice consecutively and had already caught up to them.

'Double Teleportation Profundity?!'

The two men fell into despair immediately. Their last ray of hope was completely snuffed out. Even in the Divine Kingdom, they never heard of any rudimentary or intermediate Emperor of Gods who had comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity. It was shocking that an advanced Lord of Gods, who had yet to stabilize his cultivation base, had already comprehended the law of space's Double Teleportation Profundity that only an advanced Emperor of Gods, like their Mansion Master, could comprehend.

Bang! Bang!

Duan Ling Tian and his doppelganger from the law of space struck with their palms at almost the same time when they caught up to the two men. Needless to say, those two men did not stand a chance at all and died instantly.

After that, Duan Ling Tian claimed their prominent divine artifacts and their spatial rings. He gained three prominent divine artifacts and three spatial rings from this encounter alone.

Suddenly, at this moment, two beams of light shone down on Duan Ling Tian from the sky. It was as though they could distinguish between him and his doppelganger. Earlier, after he had killed the old man who comprehended the law of space, he had already been rewarded while he was killing the two men.

'Three rewards... Based on the absorption rate, I'm afraid it'll take at least half a day before I can completely absorb it... Fortunately, it won't affect my journey at all,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after he examined his body.

Duan Ling Tian continued on his journey. After some time had passed, he was shocked by the changes in his body.

'I gained various insights regarding the law of space! I can sense that my comprehension has improved slightly. Moreover, my cultivation base has also further stabilized. This speed of progress from the rewards of killing three advanced Lords of Gods far surpassed my previous speed!'

Half a day later.

Duan Ling Tian finally absorbed the rewards he received. He could clearly sense the improvement in his law of space and that his cultivation base had become more stable.

'It seems like the supreme powerhouses who created this place comprehended various laws. One thing's for sure, at least one of them is an expert in the law of space.'

'As for my cultivation... All of them would have their own methods to help raise my cultivation base...'

'However, it seems like there's a downside to the speedy and sudden improvement as well. My cultivation base feels restless. I'll need to spend some time to calm it down. Nonetheless, this is just a small issue.'

Following that, Duan Ling Tian brought a divine pill out of his spatial ring and popped it into his mouth. The divine pill was a lord-grade Limit Divine Pill that could help an advanced Lord of Gods to stabilize and calm their cultivation bases. Its effect was incredible. In just a brief moment, his restless cultivation base calmed down completely.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes shone brightly as he mused inwardly, 'If I was rewarded so greatly just by killing advanced Lords of Gods, it seems like my cultivation base will stabilize completely if I kill another dozen or so advanced Lords of Gods!'

Chapter 4145: Du Huan

After Duan Ling Tian had a taste of the rewards, a crazy idea struck him.

'Even if they don't come for me, I can look for them, right? Many people probed me during my journey, but due to their weaker cultivation bases, I won't gain anything by killing them. However, they might be under the protection of some advanced Lords of Gods. They're roaming around with the intention to kill so there's no need for me to feel guilty about killing them. Moreover, everything in this world is an illusions created by supreme powerhouses. It's not unethical to kill them...'

At the end of his thought, Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air.

At the same time, a rudimentary Lord of Gods was probing Duan Ling Tian from a distance. When he discovered that Duan Ling Tian was an advanced Lord of Gods, he quickly withdrew his Divine Consciousness and planned to avoid Duan Ling Tian. However, soon after he saw Duan Ling Tian vanishing into thin air, he saw a figure appear in front of him. When he saw that it was Duan Ling Tian, his expression changed drastically. He, a middle-aged man who looked like he was old enough to be Duan Ling Tian's elder, looked at Duan Ling Tian in fear and panic as he pleaded for his life.

"M-my lord, I, I'm just a rudimentary Lord of Gods. You won't gain anything by killing me..."

In the wilderness, there were some powerhouses who would kill the middle-aged man because they viewed him as scum. However, such powerhouses were rare. After all, most powerhouses were busy and had better things to do. As such, as long as he lay low, he could usually avoid being killed.

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly as he looked at the middle-aged man. "You're right. However, you should be worth a decent price if I sell you."

The middle-aged man's expression changed again upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. People like him feared running into powerhouses like Duan Ling Tian, who had nothing better to do, the most. He felt like he was on the verge of breaking down as he continued to plead out loud, "My lord, I'm only a rudimentary Lord of Gods. At most, I'm only worth a few divine crystals! A few divine crystals aren't worth mentioning to advanced Lords of Gods like you!"

"You have a point." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

The middle-aged man was in the midst of heaving a sigh of relief when Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "However, even a few divine crystals are worth something, right?"

The middle-aged froze. After a moment, driven by fear, desperation, and the will to survive, he unleashed his Divine Energy, turning into a ball of flames as he tried to flee. In just a moment, a muffled thud rang in the air as he ran into a translucent barrier.

When the middle-aged man saw the void rippling, he realized he was trapped in a spatial prison. He hastily brought his prominent divine artifact out and began to strike desperately.

Boom!

Alas, the middle-aged man's attack barely left a scratch on the translucent barrier. His expression was one of despair when he realized it was futile. He felt regretful for agreeing to patrol this area today. He had changed his schedule and signed up for patrol duty today so he could focus on his cultivation later. If he did not do that, he would not have run into Duan Ling Tian today.

"Do you want to live?"

When the middle-aged man heard these words, he shuddered involuntarily. It was as though he could feel his imminent death. When Duan Ling Tian's words finally registered, he hastily cried out, "My lord! Yes, I want to live! I want to live!"

At the same time, the middle-aged man vowed to quit his job if he survived today. Although he would obtain small rewards occasionally from the job if he was lucky, it was not worth it at all if it meant risking his life. He thought to himself, 'If I survive this, I won't take shortcuts when cultivating again!'

Duan Ling Tian stared at the middle-aged man with a piercing gaze as he asked casually, "Do you know any advanced Lord of Gods? Think properly before you answer me. You only have one chance to save your life."

The middle-aged man was briefly stunned. Then, he smiled bitterly before he said, "My lord, the strongest members in my team are only two intermediate Lords of Gods. The others are just ordinary rudimentary Lords of Gods like me."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. "If that's the case, you have no value to me. I thought about sparing your life if you were able to lead to advanced Lords of Gods or even Emperors of Gods."

After Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he slowly raised his hand.

A panicked expression appeared on the middle-aged man's face when he saw the Divine Energy gathering on Duan Ling Tian's hand. He cried out hastily, "My lord, although there aren't any advanced Lord of Gods in my team, the other teams have them! There are about a dozen advanced Lords of Gods in total from the other teams! I can lead you to them, I can lead you to them! I'm telling the truth! I'll lead you to them!"

The middle-aged man panicked, worried that Duan Ling Tian would kill him once he was of no value to Duan Ling Tian. After listening to Duan Ling Tian, he speculated that Duan Ling Tian was an anti-hunter.

Anti-hunters were people who opposed hunters and organizations who hunted people in the wild. Some anti-hunters were rather extreme and would track down an entire hunting team to annihilate them.

Since Duan Ling Tian asked the middle-aged man to lead him to advanced Lords of Gods or Emperors of Gods, the middle-aged assumed Duan Ling Tian wanted to track down hunters and eliminate them all at once.

Duan Ling Tian smiled in satisfaction. "You're quite smart."

Duan Ling Tian was not worried the middle-aged man would warn his peers since all forms of communication were banned in the Trial of Gods. This was to prevent the top prodigies from grouping up and joining forces after entering the Trial of Gods. It would be unfair to those who were alone.

In the Trials of Gods, using Voice Transmission at a short distance was possible, but it was extremely taxing. One would have to have a very high cultivation base to receive or send Voice Transmissions since Voice Transmission relied on one's soul. Moreover, if someone wanted to listen to the content of a Voice Transmission of an advanced Lord of Gods like Duan Ling Tian, he or she also needed to be an advanced Lord of Gods to do so.

Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly, "Lead the way. I won't kill you if I manage to kill one advanced Lord of Gods. If I manage to kill two advanced Lords of Gods, I'll reward you with one intermediate Lord of Gods. You'll be rewarded with two intermediate Lords of Gods if I manage to kill three advanced Lords of Gods. You get the gist of it. However, if I manage to kill a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, I'll reward you with ten intermediate Lords of Gods."

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the middle-aged man's eyes lit up. After all, Duan Ling Tian had promised to reward him with gravely injured intermediate Lords of Gods whom he could kill to obtain the rewards. One must know that even when his team killed an intermediate Lord of Gods, he would not receive anything at all. After all, he was just a rudimentary Lord of Gods. Nonetheless, despite his excitement, he was also skeptical.

Duan Ling Tian saw the doubt on the middle-aged man's face so he added casually, "If you don't believe me, you can just lead me to one team first. It's not like you have a choice anyway. You'll see for yourself if I'm telling the truth or not. Lead to a group with at least two advanced Lords of Gods. That way, I can instantly reward you with an intermediate Lords of Gods after I'm done killing the advanced Lords of Gods."

The middle-aged man could no longer control his excitement as he said, "My lord, I know of a team with two advanced Lords of Gods. I'll lead you to them immediately!"

An anticipatory expression could be seen on the middle-aged man's face at this moment. Based on his observation, Duan Ling Tian certainly seemed strong enough to do as he said.

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During the journey, the middle-aged man's fear gradually subsided, and he mustered up his courage before he said, "My lord, my name is Du Huan."

Du Huan continued to say, "My lord, this team of hunters has an intermediate Lord of Gods. He's the third strongest in the team after the two advanced Lords of Gods. He's responsible for liaising, negotiating, and cooperating with other teams." After a brief pause, he added, "He might know the locations of teams with rudimentary Emperors of Gods."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up as soon as Du Huan mentioned the rudimentary Emperors of Gods. After he calmed down, he glanced at Du Huan and said, "Not bad. I'll reward you with an advanced Lord of Gods as well if I kill a rudimentary Lord of Gods."

Chapter 4146: A Hunting Team

In the Trial of Gods, according to the reward system, even if Duan Ling Tian did not deal the killing blow to an advanced Lord of Gods, as long as heavily injured the other party, he would also be rewarded. In fact, he would have a much bigger share of the reward compared to the person who

dealt the killing blow. As such, it was not a loss for him to reward Du Huan with an advanced Lord of Gods.

However, the small share of reward for a rudimentary Lord of Gods was a big deal. It was not something they could obtain even if they killed ten rudimentary Lords of Gods.

'I have to find a rudimentary Emperor of Gods...' Du Huan thought to himself as his eyes shone.

Soon after, Du Huan led Duan Ling Tian and came to a stop quite a distance away from a huge valley. Then, he said, "My lord, the team I told you about that has two advanced Lords of Gods occupies this valley. If we go any closer, they'll discover our presence."

After thinking about it for a moment, Du Huan added, "My lord, why don't you call your companions here for help now? At that time, I'll follow from the back."

Since Duan Ling Tian was an advanced Lord of Gods, in Du Huan's opinion, it would be impossible for an advanced Lord of Gods to kill two advanced Lords of Gods in a go. In his opinion, it was only possible if Duan Ling Tian had help. If Duan Ling Tian was going in alone, he truly did not dare to follow Duan Ling Tian into the valley.

"Companions? Help? What help?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

Du Huan said seriously, "That's right. Companions from your anti-hunter team!"

"Anti-hunter team? What's that?" Duan Ling Tian frowned in confusion.

This time, Du Huan was confused as well.

'This fellow doesn't know what an anti-hunter team is? He's not an anti-hunter? Is this a joke?'

In the next moment, Du Huan's confusion was replaced by shock. He only saw Duan Ling Tian raise his hand before he was carried forward by a stream of energy toward the valley. His heart almost stopped beating at this moment, and he wondered if Duan Ling Tian was delivering him to his death so Duan Ling Tian would not have to fulfill his promise to him.



While Du Huan was still at a loss for words, Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly, "To kill all of you." Then, he added, "Not bad. Two advanced Lords of Gods and five intermediate Lords of Gods. As for the rudimentary Lords of Gods... Should I leave them to you?"

Everyone was shocked by Duan Ling Tian's seemingly blind confidence and arrogance.

'Does he really think he can kill everyone in our team on his own?'

After a moment, quite a few of them looked outside the valley, thinking that Duan Ling Tian had brought companions with him. However, after a few moments, they discovered that no one was hiding in the surroundings. It also did not take long before they realized Duan Ling Tian did not need any help.

'Law of space. Mastery Dao...'

With just a thought, Divine Energy surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body before a spatial storm raged around him. In just a moment, he had taken control of the entire place, preventing the others from leaving or using the Teleportation Profundity.

Swoosh!

At this moment, an ordinary prominent divine sword glinting with a cold light appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

"You..."

One of the leaders had just opened his mouth, and he had yet to finish his words when his Divine Energy that was just about to surge out suddenly disappeared.

Thump!

Swoosh!

Following that, the leader, an advanced Lord of Gods, turned lifeless as he fell to the ground at the same time a sword cry rang in the air.

Before the others could recover their senses, another sword cry rang out. When everyone, including Du Huan, regained their senses, they saw that the two leaders, who were standing across from Duan Ling Tian earlier, had died.

Following that, two beams of light shone down from the sky on Duan Ling Tian. It made him look like a deity who had descended to the mortal world. He looked imposing, making the others too afraid to even look at him.

"First leader!"

"Second leader!"

While Du Huan looked at the scene in front of him in a daze, the expressions of the others changed drastically. They were thoroughly shocked. Their two leaders, the strongest members in their teams, were killed in just an instant. They looked at the purple figure fearfully, wondering who he was and why he was so strong.

"Run!"

The others were scared out of their wits now that their leaders were dead. They could only run at this moment. However, to their horror, they discovered that they could not leave. A powerful spatial energy shrouded the entire valley, trapping them in the valley like a cage.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian looked at Du Huan and asked, "That person you mentioned earlier... Which one is he?"

"My lord, he's there," Du Huan said as he pointed at a young man with an unsightly expression who was standing in the distance.

The young man was rather handsome, but the panicked expression on his face marred his appearance. His expression grew even worse when he saw Du Huan pointing at him and heard Du Huan's words. Despair flooded his heart immediately. Although he did not know the reason, he assumed Duan Ling Tian and Du Huan must have come to settle accounts with him.

Swoosh!

A sword cry rang out again, and this time, all the intermediate Lords of Gods present, except for the young man, were severely injured. With another sword cry, those who were injured all died, except for one.

However, the surviving intermediate Lord of Gods wore an expression of despair on his face despite being alive.

Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and brought the intermediate Lord of Gods to Du Huan.

Du Huan's eyes lit up before he quickly killed the severely injured intermediate Lord of Gods. He was quickly rewarded after that.

As for Duan Ling Tian, the rewards he obtained from killing the other intermediate Lords of Gods were rather negligible.

At this time, Du Huan looked at the dead intermediate Lords of Gods regretfully. If he were able to kill all of them, the rewards would have been unimaginably great. Naturally, he kept his thoughts to himself.

Swoosh!

With a slash of his swords, Duan Ling Tian killed the remaining rudimentary Lords of Gods. Naturally, they did not include Du Huan.

Du Huan felt his heart ache as he watched this. It would have been amazing if Duan Ling Tian had only severely injured those rudimentary Lords of Gods and left them for him to kill. Similar to before, he naturally did not dare to voice his thoughts to Duan Ling Tian. After all, he was aware that he did not have the qualification to demand anything from Duan Ling Tian.

In fact, Duan Ling Tian had intentionally killed the rudimentary Lords of Gods instead of severely injuring them. It made no difference to him either way, but he did not want to make things too easy for Du Huan. Moreover, he had already told Du Huan he would reward him with one intermediate Lord of Gods if he killed two advanced Lords of Gods. If Du Huan wanted more rewards, he would have to show his sincerity.

At this time, the young man, who was dressed in a blue robe, asked with a fearful expression on his face, "W-why... Why did you spare me?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at him indifferently and said, "I heard that you often represented your team to liaise with other teams. As such, you know a great deal about the other teams and their bases... My request isn't difficult. As long as you lead me to a team and I am able to kill a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, I'll spare your life. If you lead me to kill two rudimentary Emperors of Gods, I'll not only spare your life, but I'll also reward you with one advanced Lord of Gods."

Duan Ling Tian's offer to the blue-clad young man was much better than that of Du Huan, and it made Du Huan green with envy. However, it was due to the blue-clad young man's cultivation base and his ability to lead Duan Ling Tian to rudimentary Emperors of Gods. After a moment, when the rest of Duan Ling Tian's words registered in his mind, he exclaimed inwardly, 'Wait a minute! He, he wants to kill rudimentary Emperors of Gods? Is he... Is he capable of that?'

At the same time, the blue-clad young man's eyes lit up as expected. He said decisively, "I'll do it!"

As an intermediate Lord of Gods, the blue-clad young man naturally had eyes that were more discerning than those of Du Huan. He could tell that Duan Ling Tian was an extraordinary advanced Lord of Gods and that Duan Ling Tian was no weaker than a rudimentary Lord of Gods.

Chapter 4147: The Hunters Have Relocated

Duan Ling Tian turned to Du Huan and said, "You can continue to follow me, and you'll still be rewarded accordingly as long as you lead me to advanced Lords of Gods."

Du Huan smiled wryly as he said, "My lord, why don't I lead you to the hideouts of the advanced Lords of Gods first before Lord Chen Hu leads you to the rudimentary Emperors of Gods?"

Although Du Huan had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's terrifying strength when Duan Ling Tian killed the two advanced Lords of Gods as though he was strangling chickens, Emperors of Gods were on a different level. Even the weakest rudimentary Emperor of Gods possessed the strength that Duan Ling Tian displayed earlier.

Initially, Du Huan assumed Duan Ling Tian had a group of anti-hunters behind him. However, when he discovered that Duan Ling Tian was working alone, he did not think Duan Ling Tian had a high chance of coming out victorious when faced with rudimentary Emperors of Gods.

"Are you worried I'd be killed by those Emperors of Gods and implicate you?" Duan Ling Tian asked. He naturally understood Du Huan's concerns. He smiled faintly as he continued to say, "Very well. We'll do as you suggested. Lead me to the advanced Lords of Gods first, and I'll deal with them. After that, Chen Hu will lead me to the rudimentary Emperors of Gods."

Chen Hu was the only one Duan Ling Tian spared in the entire hunting team. This was because Du Huan had told him earlier that Chen Hu was responsible for liaising with other hunting teams. As such, Chen Hu knew more about the whereabouts of the hunting teams.

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Just as planned, Du Huan led Duan Ling Tian to the hideouts and bases of the hunting teams with advanced Lords of Gods. After killing all the advanced Lords of Gods, he severely injured the intermediate Lords of Gods before he rewarded Chen Hu as promised. Needless to say, Chen Hu's rewards were much better than that of Du Huan.

Duan Ling Tian could sense Du Huan's dissatisfaction at the disparity between his and Chen Hu's reward, but he naturally did not care about Du Huan.

At the same time, Chen Hu dealt with the rudimentary Lords of Gods and handed them to Du Huan. However, he was clearly displeased as well.

Du Huan's mood improved immediately when he received his rewards. His eyes lit up as well when he sensed his Divine Energy circulating in his body. A grin appeared on his face when he discovered he had a breakthrough. Following that, he said, "My lord, I've led you to all the places I know of."

"Alright, you may leave," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Thank you, my lord. Lord Chen Hu, thank you for the rudimentary Lords of Gods as well. I, Du Huan, will definitely repay your kindness in the future," Du Huan said, expressing his gratitude to Duan Ling Tian and Chen Hu.

Following that, Du Huan left without even looking back. At the same time, he muttered inwardly, 'Chen Hu, I can only repay your kindness if you're still alive...'

In Du Huan's opinion, Chen Hu would definitely die along with Duan Ling Tian during their
confrontations with the rudimentary Emperors of Gods.

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The city of the Divine Spirit Mansion was located east of Wu You City.

At this time, various hunting teams had recently discovered that many hunting teams had vanished without a trace. There were also a few hunters who returned to their bases only to discover their team members, including their rudimentary Emperors of Gods who were their leaders, had died. In the wilderness, the rudimentary Emperors of Gods were usually the strongest so it was difficult for them to believe that the rudimentary Emperors of Gods were killed.

"Even Liu Wu You, the City Governor of Wu You City, would have a tough time killing a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Even if they were no match for her, it wouldn't be difficult for them to escape from her at all..."

Initially, many people refused to believe the truth presented before their eyes. Many who only heard about it dismissed it as a rumor. However, as more and more rudimentary Emperors of Gods began to die, everyone finally realized that someone was hunting those rudimentary Emperors of Gods down.

"Based on the observations so far, those who died didn't keep the locations of their bases a secret. For example, teams like us that keep our bases a secret are safe..."

"Clearly, someone's targeting the hunting teams. It has to be the anti-hunters..."

"This group of anti-hunters is very strong. Otherwise, it'd be impossible for them to kill so many rudimentary Emperors of Gods!"

The hunters assumed a group of anti-hunters were responsible for the deaths of the rudimentary Emperors of Gods. None of them even thought of the possibility that it was the work of one person.

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Deep in a mountain range.

Chen Hu's eyes shone brightly as he said, "My lord, there's another hunting team with rudimentary Emperors of Gods. Should I lead you there now?"

"Let's go." Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up as well upon hearing these words, and his face was slightly ruddy.

After hunting for a period of time, Duan Ling Tian had killed quite a few rudimentary Emperors of Gods and a few dozen advanced Lords of Gods. As such, his cultivation base had completely stabilized. At this time, his cultivation base was slowly rising to that of a rudimentary Emperor of Gods.

'I have three years here. However, only two months have passed, but I've already improved so much. If this continues, I'll definitely become a rudimentary Emperor of Gods in another few months!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself excited as his heart skipped a beat and his eyes shone even brighter. He could not wait to kill more rudimentary Emperors of Gods.

Alas, when Chen Hu led Duan Ling Tian to the remote base of the hunting team, they discovered that the team had already evacuated their base.

Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness and searched the base thoroughly, confirming that they were the only ones in the base.

Chen Hu's face was pale as he said, "My lord, I'm sure this is their base. The hunters must have left and set up a new base elsewhere."

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "It's fine. Let's head to the next base. It doesn't matter if there's no rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Advanced Lords of Gods are fine as well."

With that, Chen Hu began to lead the way again.

Alas, the duo was met with similar situations consecutively. The bases were empty when they arrived.

Chen Hu's expression was rather unsightly at this moment.

"My lord..." Chen Hu said anxiously. He was afraid Duan Ling Tian might kill him out of anger. Moreover, he had now become an advanced Lord of Gods due to the rewards from Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian would be rewarded handsomely for killing him.

Half a month ago, Chen Hu was already on the brink of becoming an advanced Lord of Gods. After killing the rudimentary Emperors of Gods, Duan Ling Tian was so pleased that he not only gave the advanced Lords of Gods as promised, but Duan Ling Tian also gave him all the intermediate Lords of Gods they encountered. As such, in fewer than two months, he managed to break through and become an advanced Lord of Gods. Although his cultivation base was now similar to that of Duan Ling Tian, his respectful attitude toward Duan Ling Tian did not change at all.

Initially, despite it being incredibly easy for Duan Ling Tian to kill advanced Lords of Gods, Chen Hu thought Duan Ling Tian would face a certain level of difficulty when faced with the rudimentary Emperors of Gods. It was out of his expectations when he saw Duan Ling Tian killing rudimentary Emperors of Gods with ease as well. Almost none of them managed to survive a single blow from Duan Ling Tian.

Chen Hu shuddered inwardly. 'Who is he exactly? An advanced Lord of Gods who's capable of killing rudimentary Emperors of Gods like killing chickens... Even the top advanced Lords of Gods in the royal family don't have such capabilities, right?'

'It's definitely not a coincidence that all those hunters evacuated their bases... News must have spread about the disappearance and annihilation of those few hunting teams. Those whose bases are known definitely left because they sensed the danger...'

At this time, Duan Ling Tian glanced at Chen Hu before he said, "It seems like the news has spread... Since that's the case, we can go our separate ways now."

Before Chen Hu could react, Duan Ling Tian had already vanished into thin air.

"My lord..." Chen Hu was caught off guard by Duan Ling Tian's sudden and decisive departure. Unexpectedly, he felt rather reluctant to part with Duan Ling Tian. He sighed as he muttered to himself, "This one month plus was a huge fortuitous encounter for me... I'm afraid I won't get another chance like this in the future..."

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After that, Duan Ling Tian continued making his way to the Divine Spirit Mansion's city. During the journey, he would extend his Divine Consciousness to his surroundings to search for strong hunters.

At the same time, he thought to himself, 'The Trial of Gods is truly an excellent place to improve one's strength through killing. I can't imagine how powerful the supreme powerhouses who created the Trial of Gods are...'

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While Duan Ling Tian drew closer to the Divine Spirit Mansion's city, Liu Wu You, the City Governor of Wu You City, also received news from the wilderness.

"A team of anti-hunter has been hunting teams of hunters led by advanced Lords of Gods and those who are stronger? The teams whose bases aren't a secret have all relocated? It doesn't make sense at all..."

Liu Wu You was shocked to hear that there was an anti-hunting team that was strong enough to do such things. After a moment, a figure suddenly appeared in her mind.

'Could it be him? He's an advanced Lord of Gods so killing advanced Lords of Gods or those who are stronger will benefit him greatly...'

Chapter 4148: The Demon-Like Young Woman

Previously, Duan Ling Tian did not even think of the possibility of stabilizing his cultivation realm in the realm of an advanced Lord of Gods in just half a year until he came to the Trial of Gods.

'Three years in the Trial of Gods is too short...' Duan Ling Tian lamented inwardly.

As Duan Ling Tian traveled to the Divine Spirit Mansion's city, he would catch hunters and force them to lead him to their respective bases. Similar to before, not only would he spare the lives of those who led him to the bases, but he would also reward them accordingly. After all, in the end, he was the one who benefited the most.

'It seems like there's no need for me to go to the Mansion's city so soon...' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly.

After leaving the vicinity of Wu You City, there were not many empty bases. Within a few days, he had already killed two rudimentary Emperors of Gods and seven advanced Lords of Gods.

'I'm getting closer and close to becoming an Emperor of Gods...'

Duan Ling Tian was so enthralled with the Trial of Gods that he wished he could stay until he became a Supreme God.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had already captured another hunter that had been stalking him.

The other party was an advanced Lord of Gods. It had to be said that Duan Ling Tian rarely encountered advanced Lord of Gods out of their bases. In any case, the other party was not frightened when he sensed that Duan Ling Tian was an advanced Lord of Gods. Alas, it did not take long for his view to change when Duan Ling Tian easily subdued him with just a strike.

"My lord, we're here..."

Similar to Du Huan, the hunter thought that Duan Ling Tian had a group of anti-hunters behind him. He had expected Duan Ling Tian's companions to show up when he led Duan Ling Tian to his team's base. However, to his shock, Duan Ling Tian entered the base alone.

'Does he have a death wish?'

Soon, the hunter, an advanced Lord of Gods, was dumbfounded when he saw Duan Ling Tian killing two vice leaders, who were rudimentary Emperors of Gods, with just a strike of his sword. He did not witness this with his own eyes, he would never believe an advanced Lord of Gods could kill rudimentary Emperors of Gods so easily.

At this time, a burly middle-aged man who was about two meters tall roared, "Are you seeking death?!"

The burly man's aura was much stronger than those of the two rudimentary Emperors of Gods whom Duan Ling Tian just killed.

'Intermediate Emperor of Gods?' Duan Ling Tian was not intimidated at all by this discovery. On the contrary, he was rather ecstatic that he finally encountered an intermediate Emperor of Gods.

Based on what he had learned so far, Duan Ling Tian knew the intermediate Emperors of Gods in this area were only ordinary. Nonetheless, he was not complacent or careless. He brought his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword out for the first time since he came to the Trial of Gods. Although the burly man only possessed a prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul, he would still be at a disadvantage if he did not bring out his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

The middle-aged man's eyes widened in disbelief as he exclaimed, "A prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul?!"

In just a moment, the shock and disbelief in the middle-aged man's eyes were replaced by greed.

"Your prominent divine artifact is mine!"

The middle-aged man's Divine Energy surged forth toward Duan Ling Tian like a flood. It was obvious that he had comprehended the law of water.

Meanwhile, the advanced Lord of Gods, who led Duan Ling Tian here, was shocked as well. He did not even possess a prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul, let alone one with a complete artifact soul. Nonetheless, he still knew how precious and rare a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul was. In fact, it was already rare for advanced Emperors of Gods to possess one, let alone those below the realm of an advanced Emperor of Gods. How could he not be shocked that an advanced Lord of Gods like Duan Ling Tian possessed a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul?

'Sword Dao, Mastery Dao!'

Duan Ling Tian did not hold back and attacked with all his might even though his opponent was just an ordinary intermediate Emperor of Gods.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian frowned. His attack had destroyed the burly middle-aged man's attack and severed one of the burly middle-aged man's arms before the middle-aged man avoided the remaining attacks in the nick of time. Due to the middle-aged man's timely movement, the middle-aged man managed to avoid death.

At the same time, the middle-aged man's face turned ashen. 'How's that possible? How can an advanced Lord of Gods possess such strength?'

At this time, the middle-aged man could already sense how strong Duan Ling Tian was through Duan Ling Tian's law of space and Sword Dao.

'I need to run now!'

The middle-aged man completely lost all courage to face Duan Ling Tian at this moment. He knew he was no match for Duan Ling Tian. He was certain that there was no advanced Lord of Gods like Duan Ling Tian in the Divine Kingdom, let alone the Divine Spirit Mansion. In fact, there might not be an advanced Lord of Gods like Duan Ling Tian in the entire Southern Heaven Continent.

'Double Teleportation Profundity!'

Seeing that the middle-aged man had fled, Duan Ling Tian teleported twice consecutively before blocking the middle-aged man's path. Following that, his sword shot out of the spatial storm that raged around him toward the middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man was further horrified when he realized Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity. Although he had realized earlier that Duan Ling Tian's comprehension of the law of space was incredibly profound, he still did not expect Duan Ling Tian to have comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity. Like many others, he assumed that one had to be at least an advanced Emperor of Gods to comprehend the Double Teleportation Profundity.

"No!"

The middle-aged man had yet to react when his Divine Energy was destroyed. Only his harrowing cry echoed in the air following his death.

Subsequently, a huge beam of light shone down from the sky on Duan Ling Tian. At the same time, his Divine Energy surged through his veins as his mind gained unprecedented clarity.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

With just a thought, countless sword rays shot toward the remaining hunters in the team, who had just regained their senses. They tried to flee, but all of them were killed without exception.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian turned to look at the advanced Lord of Gods who led him here.

The expression of the advanced Lord of Gods changed drastically. He quickly pleaded, "M-my lord, please spare me! I... I've been highly cooperative! Please spare my life!"

Duan Ling Tian did not intend to kill the advanced Lord of Gods. Perhaps, if he was in the real world, he would kill such a person who betrayed his team. However, the people in the Trial of Gods were just illusions. As such, he did not strictly adhere to his principles. Moreover, he would not have been greatly rewarded this time if it were not for this advanced Lord of Gods.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the advanced Lord of Gods one last time before he teleported and vanished into thin air.

Upon seeing this, the advanced Lord of Gods heaved a sigh of relief. His expression was complicated as he looked at the base that flowed with rivers of blood.

"I-is he really just an advanced Lord of Gods? How could he have killed an intermediate Emperor of Gods so effortlessly?"

The advanced Lord of Gods felt as though he had cultivated in vain. He was also an advanced Lord of Gods, but an intermediate Emperor of Gods could have killed him with just a flick of a finger. On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian, who was also an advanced Lord of Gods, killed an intermediate Emperor of Gods with such ease.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian, who was unaware of the thoughts of the advanced Lord of Gods whom he had just spared, was searching for a remote place to process the energy that he had been rewarded with from killing an intermediate Emperor of Gods.

'What a generous reward. It's much more compared to the collective rewards I received from killing those two rudimentary Emperors of Gods. It seems like the rewards increase tremendously when I kill those who are two levels higher than mine!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes lit up.

'I think the energy I received this time is sufficient to help me become an Emperor of Gods... I'm going to try to break through now...'

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At the same time, in another part of the Trial of Gods.

The pungent smell of blood permeated the air.

'Third Senior Brother said that apart from the students, everything in here is an illusion conjured up by the supreme powerhouses. As such, there's no need for me to hold back. This is a great chance for me to become a Supreme God. I can protect junior brother better once I become a Supreme God!'

A young woman emerged from a thick fog like a demon from hell, leaving a huge city that was covered in blood.

As the young woman left, the crowd looked at her fearfully. All of them were greatly relieved that they survived the bloody massacre.

"She's finally gone! I was so afraid that she'd kill me!"

"She's terrifying! Our lord is still in closed-door cultivation, and she killed nearly all of our advanced Emperors of Gods..."

"How could an advanced Emperor of Gods be so strong?!"

"Thank goodness she didn't attack us!"

"She only killed advanced Emperors of Gods. She did not kill intermediate Emperors of Gods unless they provoked her. It's clear she was killing for the rewards."

"She might die if she continues to break the rules..."

"I heard that someone is going to alert our lord soon. When our lord awakens, she won't be able to get away with it!"

Chapter 4149: Duan Ling Tian Achieves a Breakthrough and Is Rewarded With an Emperor-Grade Secret Realm!

There were various Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent. Only the strongest powerhouses could become a Lord of a Divine Kingdom.

Due to the reward system, killings were rampant. As such, the risk of getting killed was extremely high after one left a city. Although one's safety was not 100% guaranteed in the city, it was very much safer in the city.

The capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, a Divine Kingdom in the Southern Heaven Continent, was the safest place in the kingdom. However, a young woman entered the capital and started a bloody massacre, slaughtering advanced Emperors of Gods like a demon that crawled out from hell.

At this time, a group of intermediate and rudimentary Emperors of Gods hovered in the air as they watched the young woman leave the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom with unsightly expressions on their faces.

"If our Lord is here, he'll definitely be able to kill her!"

Unbeknownst to this group of intermediate and rudimentary Emperors of Gods, the young woman was not done killing. Earlier, before his death, an advanced Emperor of Gods had revealed to her the location of the cultivation ground of the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, who was a rudimentary Supreme God.

The young woman was none other than Lang Chun Yuan, Duan Ling Tian's Fourth Senior Sister. Coincidentally, after entering the Trial of Gods, she retained the appearance of a young woman. She was given the identity of an ordinary young woman from one of the villages near the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom. Needless to say, the ordinary young woman was no longer ordinary after she had assumed the ordinary young woman's identity and could easily kill advanced Emperors of Gods.

'A rudimentary Supreme God... If he's not too strong, I should be able to escape even if I can't kill him... If I'm able to kill him, I can't imagine how great the reward will be...'

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At the same time, similar to Duan Ling Tian and Lang Chun Yuan, most of the top prodigies from the various heavyweight supreme-rank forces, who entered the Trial of Gods, had tremendous success as well. All of them also lamented that three years was too short to spend in the Trial of Gods.

On the contrary, the weaker ones among top prodigies were hunted and some were even killed in the process. This was a world where the strong preyed on the weak, after all. Even if there was no enmity, the reward system alone was enough to encourage killing. After all, the rewards were the easiest way to raise one's cultivation base.

"I don't want to leave this place so soon... Alas, we'll be forcefully transported out of this place once the time is up..."

"What an amazing place! I'm going to achieve a breakthrough soon!"

"The reward system isn't the only fortuitous encounter. I heard that the supreme powerhouses left behind various secret realms here as well..."

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Duan Ling Tian was unaware of his peers' situation. At this time, he was close to breaking through. Before entering the Trial of Gods, his cultivation base had yet to stabilize at all. However, after spending only half a year in the Trial of Gods, not only did he completely stabilize his cultivation

base, but he was also close to becoming a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Despite that, he remained rather calm.

'I'm so close to becoming a rudimentary Emperor of Gods... I hope I can continue to ride on the momentum and achieve another breakthrough...'

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Ten days later, a terrifying energy suddenly burst forth from the remote area where Duan Ling Tian was cultivating temporarily.

The weaker demon beasts and cultivators nearby fled immediately as soon as they sensed the terrifying energy.

At the same time, the Lords of Gods nearby were naturally more perceptive and could sense the aura clearly.

"Someone has just broken through and become an Emperor of Gods!"

"It's the aura of a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. However, since that person just achieved a breakthrough, his cultivation base is still unstable..."

"Since he or she has just become an Emperor of Gods, it means that an emperor-grade secret realm is going to open up soon! I must report this to the sect leader immediately!"

"The secret realm! I'll be greatly rewarded if I bring this piece of news to the City Governor!"

"The emperor-grade secret realm is opening soon! I must find a way to inform the Emperors of Gods. I'm sure I'll be rewarded once they verify the matter!"

In this world constructed in the Trial of Gods, the person who broke through and became an Emperor of Gods would be rewarded by heaven and earth with an emperor-grade secret realm.

Duan Ling Tian was unaware of this matter beforehand. However, the mountain range he was in began to collapse.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian quickly flew up into the sky Duan Ling Tian as he watched the mountain range collapse. In fact, he was slightly anxious. The force was overwhelmingly strong that for a brief moment, he thought he was going to die. Soon after, he was shocked to discover that he was completely unharmed. He quickly extended his Divine Consciousness and scanned his surroundings. He found that many living beings had perished and that he was the only one who survived. It was as though the overwhelming force had deliberately only left him alive.

At this time, a message appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind regarding the emperor-grade secret realm.

Duan Ling Tian learned that heaven and earth would reward advanced Lords of Gods who became rudimentary Emperors of Gods with an emperor-grade secret realm. However, 20 Emperors of Gods, it did not matter if they were at the rudimentary, intermediate, or advanced stage, were needed to open the emperor-grade secret realm. After that, they would be transported into the secret realm through a Transportation Formation.

Duan Ling Tian was surprised by the mysterious message that suddenly appeared in his mind. He had no doubt that the emperor-grade secret realm contained many fortuitous encounters as well.

However, he soon grew desponded.

'20 Emperors of Gods? So I need another 19 Emperors of Gods to open the secret realm? Where am I going to find 19 Emperors of Gods?' Duan Ling Tian lamented inwardly.

At this time, the void suddenly began to twist and ripple before a huge portal appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. It was as tall as a mountain, and 20 right palm prints were arranged in a neat fashion on the portal.

'So 20 Emperors of Gods have to place their right hands on the palm prints and extend their Divine Consciousnesses to open the secret realm...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after another message appeared in hismind.

'These messages must have come from the supreme powerhouses... Since an emperor-grade secret realm will appear when someone becomes a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, does this mean that a

supreme-grade secret realm will appear when an advanced Emperor of Gods becomes a rudimentary Supreme God? Similarly, will a lord-grade secret realm appear if a rudimentary King of Gods becomes a rudimentary Lord of Gods?' Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly.

At the same time, a figure in the distance was flying toward Duan Ling Tian at a high speed. In just a moment, the figure appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. The figure belonged to a middle-aged man dressed in a long blue robe. He frowned as he looked at Duan Ling Tian, and he asked condescendingly, "Boy, did this emperor-grade secret realm appear because of your breakthrough into the realm of a rudimentary Emperor of Gods?"

Duan Ling Tian sized up the middle-aged man. He had already sensed the middle-aged man's presence before the middle-aged man appeared. The middle-aged man was an intermediate Emperor of Gods. Killing intent flashed in his eyes as he contemplated on whether he should kill the arrogant middle-aged man now or wait until the middle-aged man helped him to open the emperor-grade secret realm. After a few breaths, he finally decided to spare the middle-aged man's life for now. It was not easy to gather 20 Emperors of Gods, after all.

'An intermediate Emperor of Gods... Is he from the Divine Spirit Mansion's city? If so, it might not be difficult to gather 20 Emperors of Gods as long as news of my breakthrough spreads quickly enough,' Duan Ling Tian speculated inwardly. He was not far from the city of the Divine Spirit Mansion now.

Duan Ling Tian knew that there were many Emperors of Gods in the Divine Spirit Mansion's city. Moreover, even the cities in the vicinity of the Divine Spirit Mansionhad many rudimentary Emperors of Gods. There were also many Emperors of Gods in the wilderness, but it would be difficult to gather them since they were scattered in different places.

Seeing Duan Ling Tian's lack of response, the middle-aged man grew indignant. After all, in his eyes, the other party was just a new rudimentary Emperor of Gods while he was an intermediate Emperor of Gods. How could he not feel furious and embarrassed after being ignored by someone he deemed inferior to him?

"Brat, did you hear my question?"

"Shut up if you want to stay alive," Duan Ling Tian said casually.

The middle-aged man was stunned and speechless by Duan Ling Tian's audacious reply. However, before he could regain his senses, a streak of golden light appeared as the sound of laughter rang in the air.

Following that, a young man, who obviously comprehended the law of metal, appeared. He smiled disdainfully at the blue-clad middle-aged man as he said, "Tan Wu, I didn't expect to see a rudimentary Emperor of Gods threaten you. Moreover, he's just a new rudimentary Emperor of Gods."

After the young man finished speaking, the smile of disdain on his face widened even more.

Chapter 4150: The Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion

Tan Wu's gaze turned frosty upon hearing the young man's words. He had already been infuriated by Duan Ling Tian's dismissive attitude, and he was further aggravated by the young man's mocking words. As such, he lost his patience and vented his anger at Duan Ling Tian. He said to Duan Ling Tian, "Brat, according to the rules, you automatically qualify to enter the emperor-grade secret realm since it only appeared due to your breakthrough. However, if you have a death wish, I'm more than willing to fulfill your wish!"

Subsequently, the void shook and a wave of energy surged toward Duan Ling Tian like a flood.

Based on this, it was clear that Tan Wu, the intermediate Emperor of Gods, comprehended the law of water.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed contemptuously, completely unafraid. He casually waved his hand before a seven-colored sword ray shot out.

Swoosh!

A sword whistle rang in the air as the sword ray that had been imbued with Duan Ling Tian's Divine Energy, law of space, Sword Dao, and Mastery Dao shot out. It left traces in its wake that looked as though the void had been split into two.

Boom!

When the seven-colored sword ray collided with Tan Wu's attack from the law of water, the temperature suddenly soared, causing the flood of water to evaporate in just a blink of an eye.

"How's this possible?!" Tan Wu's expression changed drastically. His eyes widened as he watched Duan Ling Tian easily resolve his powerful attack. Although he did not attack with his all might, his attack was enough to kill a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Moreover, he had also used his prominent divine artifact when he unleashed his attack. His prominent divine artifact with an incomplete artifact soul was in the form of a pair of gloves that he was currently wearing.

"Sh*t!"

Before Tan Wu had time to think any further, he saw the seven-colored sword ray, which was fast approaching him, suddenly grew in size. Since the sword ray was coming at him from the front, the sword ray looked like a continuously expanding burst of light.

Swoosh!

Not long after that, a huge beam of light shone down from the sky on Duan Ling Tian, entering his body. The corners of his lips curled up into a faint smile as he received his reward for killing his second intermediate Emperor of Gods. He could sense that the reward this time was not as powerful as the one he received for killing his first intermediate Emperors of Gods. It was clear that the reward was not as good as before since he was no longer killing someone who was two levels higher than him.

While Duan Ling Tian was absorbing the energy from the reward, the young man exclaimed, "My friend, that was an excellent kill!" He continued to say, "I've long disliked Tan Wu. That scumbag deserves to die! My name is Wu Xiang Qian. Since you killed Tan Wu, I now consider you my friend! If you need help in the future, you can look for me at the Wu clan in the Mansion's city! I'll definitely try my best to help you as long as it's within my capabilities!"

Wu Xiang Qian, also an intermediate Emperor of Gods, smiled broadly and greeted Duan Ling Tian enthusiastically, but the traces of fear in his eyes betrayed his true feelings. He was also clearly shocked by Duan Ling Tian's display of strength. After all, he had just witnessed a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, who had just broken through, kill an intermediate Emperor of Gods in seconds.

'I'd be dead as well if I were in Tan Wu's shoes! Why do I feel like this rudimentary Emperor of Gods is even more terrifying than an advanced Emperor of Gods? Even an ordinary advanced Emperor of Gods wouldn't have been able to kill me or Tan Wu so easily, let alone kill us within seconds!'

Wu Xiang Qian's strength was on par with that of Tan Wu. Since Duan Ling Tian was able to kill Tan Wu within seconds, Duan Ling Tian could naturally kill Wu Xiang Qian within seconds as well.

After Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at Wu Xiang Qian. Once again, he contemplated killing Wu Xiang Qian, who was also an intermediate Emperor of Gods. However, when he thought about needing another 19 Emperors of Gods to enter the emperor-grade secret realm, he quickly dismissed that thought. Moreover, Wu Xiang Qian was nowhere as annoying as Tan Wu.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Have you entered an emperor-grade secret realm before?"

"I have," Wu Xiang Qian hurriedly replied. At the same time, he felt the pressure on him lighten. Based on the current situation, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian did not intend to kill him. Even so, he did not dare to be negligent.

"Tell me what it is like in the secret realm. Are all of them the same?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

While waiting for the other Emperors of Gods to arrive, Duan Ling Tian decided to find out more information from Wu Xiang Qian.

Wu Xiang Qian shook his head and said, "I've entered four emperor-grade secret realms before, including the one that appeared after I became a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. All of them are different so there's not much I can tell you about them. However, I can tell you about the ones I entered..."

Wu Xiang Qian naturally wanted to curry favor with Duan Ling Tian. However, if those who knew him were present, they would have been shocked to see his current attitude. After all, the prestigious and dignified intermediate Emperor of Gods from the Wu clan was acting in such an eager manner at this moment.

While Wu Xiang Qian was describing one of the emperor-grade secret realms he entered, another Emperor of Gods arrived. It was an old man dressed in a long gray robe. He was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Upon seeing Wu Xiang Qian, he smiled and greeted Wu Xiang Qian enthusiastically, "Young Master Wu, I didn't expect to see you here!"

Although the old man had higher seniority than Wu Xiang Qian, he addressed Wu Xiang Qian as 'Young Master Wu' after Wu Xiang Qian was an intermediate Emperor of Gods to curry favor with Wu Xiang Qian.

Wu Xiang Qian ignored the old man and continued to describe the emperor-grade secret realm to Duan Ling Tian.

The old man was naturally confused by Wu Xiang Qian's action. He shifted his gaze over and looked at Duan Ling Tian curiously.

'This rudimentary Emperor of Gods...'

Although the old man was not present when Duan Ling Tian killed Tan Wu earlier, he could naturally tell that Duan Ling Tian was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. He had sensed Duan Ling Tian's aura, which Duan Ling Tian had accidentally unleashed earlier due to his unstable cultivation base, when Duan Ling Tian broke through earlier.

The old man thought to himself, perplexed, 'He's the one who broke through earlier, right? Why does Wu Xiang Qian seem so wary? Does the young man have a powerful background? It must be so. Otherwise, there's no reason for Wu Xiang Qian to behave in such a manner...'

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When Wu Xiang Qian finished recounting his experience, another three men appeared. The man standing in the lead was a middle-aged man dressed in a long golden robe with silver trimmings. He was tall and muscular, and he had an elegant bearing. Two ordinary old men stood behind him.

'Advanced Emperor of Gods?'

Duan Ling Tian could instantly sense the trio's cultivation bases. The golden-clad man was an advanced Emperor of Gods while the two men standing behind him were intermediate Emperors of Gods.

The golden-clad middle-aged man glanced at Duan Ling Tian briefly before he shifted his gaze to Wu Xiang Qian.

"The Wu clan's little boy? You're fast," the golden-clad middle-aged man said with a faint smile. It was clear he knew Wu Xiang Qian.

"Mansion Master," Wu Xiang Qian called out respectfully.

Following that, the old man, the rudimentary Emperor of Gods who arrived after Wu Xiang Qian, called out respectfully as well, "Greetings, Mansion Master."

'Mansion Master?' Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

As it turned out, the golden-clad middle-aged man was the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. He was supposedly the strongest advanced Emperor of Gods and the strongest powerhouse in the Divine Spirit Mansion.

Now that Duan Ling Tian was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, he was confident about facing advanced Emperors of Gods, but it was only limited to ordinary advanced Emperors of Gods. Even then, he was not completely sure he was able to completely defeat ordinary advanced Emperors of Gods. As such, he knew he was not yet a match for the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.

The Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion nodded at Wu Xiang Qian in response, but he completely ignored the old rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a smile, "Congratulations on becoming an Emperor of Gods."

"Thank you," Duan Ling Tian replied. After meeting Supreme Gods, advanced Emperors of Gods were nothing special to him. Moreover, even Lang Chun Yuan, his Fourth Senior Sister, was an advanced Emperor of Gods. Not only that, but she was considered one of the strongest advanced Emperors of Gods. The Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion might be strong, but Duan Ling Tian was rather certain that the Mansion Master would not even be able to endure more than ten moves in a fight with his Fourth Senior Sister.