

## Sovereign 4161

### Chapter 4161: The Competition to Elect an Interim Mansion Master

The death of the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion was naturally a huge matter to the people of the Divine Spirit Mansion. It was imperative that they elect an interim Mansion Master as soon as possible.

Under normal circumstances, the election would not be carried out so hastily nor would they need to elect an interim Mansion Master first. However, the competition in Destiny Canyon between the Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent was just around the corner. As such, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, an advanced Emperor of Gods stronger than Mo Wen Dao, was quickly dispatched to the city a few days after Mo Wen Dao's death.

The messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom said, "All powerhouses are welcome to participate in the competition to elect the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. The competition will start in two months. After that, the interim Mansion Master will follow our Lord to the Destiny Canyon and participate in the Southern Heaven Continent's Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. If his or her performance is good, our Lord will officially appoint him or her as the new Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion!"

Following that, the news spread like a wildfire.

The messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom would oversee the competition to elect the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Kingdom two months later. The interim Mansion Master was obligated to follow the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom to Destiny Canyon and participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. If the interim Mansion Master performed well, he or she would be officially appointed as the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.

The Divine Spirit Mansion was one of the Mansions under the Righteous Divine Kingdom. It was only natural that only the worthy would be appointed as the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. The competition in Destiny Canyon would help judge if the interim Mansion Master was worthy of the position.

'Destiny Canyon? Battle of the Divine Kingdoms? Will there be any benefits in participating?'

Duan Ling Tian naturally had never heard about Destiny Canyon or the Southern Heaven Continent's Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. In fact, many people also did not know where the Destiny Canyon was; they only knew it was the venue of the Southern Heaven Continent's Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. Based on the messenger's words, he could tell that the Lords of the various Divine Kingdoms took the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms rather seriously as well.

After eavesdropping on a few conversations, Duan Ling Tian learned that they were indeed benefits to participating in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. He would also be able to meet the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

'Perhaps, I should compete to become the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. If I win, I'll follow the lord of the kingdom to Destiny Canyon and participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. The benefits aside, I'd like to meet the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom... However, I'm sure there'll be quite a few people clamoring for the position of interim Mansion Master. It's quite a big deal after all to follow the lord of the kingdom to Destiny Canyon and participate in the battle between the Divine Kingdoms. Moreover, one could simply give up the position of Mansion Master after the competition...'

After thinking about it, although it would not be easy, Duan Ling Tian was confident about being elected interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. Moreover, although the number of people competing would not be small, it would not be big either. If it were not for the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, perhaps, not many would be attracted to compete for the position of Mansion Master. The position seemed fancy, but it came with a huge responsibility as well. Moreover, if one was negligent with one's duty, one would be held accountable by the lord of the kingdom. Apart from that, one's cultivation would also be delayed. However, an interim Mansion Master was different. After all, they were only electing an interim Mansion Master so quickly to participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. As such, the interim Mansion Master would not carry the responsibilities that Mansion Masters had. Such an opportunity would be attractive to reclusive advanced Emperors of Gods like Zhong Bai Nan.

'I'll spend the next two months raising my cultivation base!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes glinted. He naturally was not interested in becoming the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion, but he was interested in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon. As such, he decided to participate in the competition to elect the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.

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In the beginning, Duan Ling Tian spent another two days in the Divine Spirit Mansion's city before he grew bored. He then wandered the outskirts of the city and hunted intermediate Emperors of Gods.

Although Duan Ling Tian's strength was now comparable to an advanced Emperor of Gods, his cultivation base was that of a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. As such, the rewards he received for killing intermediate Emperors of Gods were still rather bountiful. Conversely, if an intermediate Emperor of Gods killed him, the intermediate Emperor of Gods would not be rewarded at all.

Based on this, it could be seen that the Trial of Gods was skewed toward people like Duan Ling Tian who was strong enough to kill those with a higher cultivation base.

Apart from the intermediate Emperors of Gods, Duan Ling Tian did not spare the rudimentary Emperors of Gods he came across as well.

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At the same time, as the news spread, many powerhouses came out of seclusion and began to gather in and around the Divine Spirit Mansion's city.

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Two months passed in just a blink of an eye.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had spent nearly a year in the Trial of Gods.

'I still have two years left in this place... It shouldn't be a problem for me to become an intermediate Emperor of Gods, but I wonder if I'll be able to stabilize my cultivation base by then,' Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly as he sighed. He did not dare to think about becoming an advanced Emperor of Gods since it seemed beyond his reach now. In his opinion, it would be great as long as he became an intermediate Emperor of Gods and stabilized his cultivation base within two years.

At this time, he was returning to the Divine Spirit Mansion's city. After all, the competition to elect the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion would be held the next day. He checked into an inn in the city and called it a day.

Unlike the real world, inns in the Trial of Gods, or in this world, were called temporary restorative grounds. Duan Ling Tian found the naming choice a little strange.

Duan Ling Tian managed to secure the last available room in the inn. Due to the competition, there was a sudden influx of visitors to the city. Most of these people came to watch the show since they were not prohibited from watching the competition.

While he was in the inn, he overheard the hushed conversations in his surroundings. Most of them were talking about the competition tomorrow. It would be held 10,000 miles east of the Divine Spirit Mansion's city, and the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom would be overseeing the competition. Anyone could participate in the competition regardless of their cultivation bases as long as they were strong, and killing was permitted during the competition.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived at the door of his room, he heard someone say, "Since the competition involves one's life, it'll stop many who only want to join the fun from participating. I don't think there'll be many participants, but I'm sure all of them are very strong..."

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At night.

Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed with his eyes closed as he reflected on his time left in the Trial of Gods and what he would do after leaving the Trial of Gods.

'After leaving the Trial of Gods, it's time for me to enter the Realm Battlefield. Although the Realm Battlefield is dangerous, it has many fortuitous encounters as well. If I want to become a Supreme God before the 1,000 years are up, my best chance is entering the Realm Battlefield. Based on my current strength, even when I become a Supreme God, my strength should be above average...'

'Ke'er, I hope you're safe in the Realm Battlefield... If anything happens to you, I swear I'll make the Yun clan pay for it!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes glinted.

The Yun clan was a prime supreme-rank force in the Divine Offering Land and had the support of a supreme powerhouse. Duan Ling Tian was aware of this, but he was not afraid. He knew he had a high chance of becoming a supreme powerhouse himself. Once he became a supreme powerhouse, he was confident he would be at least on par with the Yun clan's supreme powerhouse. After all,

how many supreme powerhouses possessed all Five Divine Elements and comprehended two out of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth like he did? These were the source of Duan Ling Tian's confidence.

As for his laws, he had the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity to help his law of space and the Divine Tree of Life to help his law of life. As for the other laws, he could improve them with time.

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Early the next day.

Duan Ling Tian left the inn and followed a group of people out of the city. He was not the only one without companions.

Shortly after leaving the Divine Spirit Mansion, someone walked over and asked with a smile, "Brother, are you alone?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at the young man, and he could tell the young man was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. The young man must have sensed his aura and discovered that he was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods as well before approaching him.

In this world where the strong were revered and the weak were preyed upon, it was common for those with the same cultivation bases to form groups of their own.

Indeed, the young man only approached Duan Ling Tian after he discovered they had the same cultivation base. He would not have approached Duan Ling Tian if Duan Ling Tian was in or above the realm of an intermediate Emperor of Gods, and he also would not have approached Duan Ling Tian if Duan Ling Tian was in or below the realm of an advanced Lord of Gods.

Duan Ling Tian only nodded slightly in response to the young man.

The young man was dressed in a light green robe. He was tall and big. His features were very distinct. Although he could not be considered good-looking, his bearing would leave a strong impression on most people.

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The young man did not take offense upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's indifferent response. He only sighed and said, "Who would have thought that a powerful person like Mansion Master Mo would die? Based on what I know, only two sectless advanced Emperors of Gods in the Divine Spirit Mansion are a match for him..."

The young man paused for a moment before he continued to say, "From what I heard, one of the two powerhouses comparable to Mansion Master Mo, Zhong Bai Nan, is dead as well. It seems like if the other powerhouse decides to compete for the position of interim Mansion Master, he'll definitely be the winner..."

Initially, Duan Ling Tian did not pay attention to the young man's words. However, his interest was piqued by the young man's words at the end. He asked, "How strong is the other powerhouse? Is he stronger than Zhong Bai Nan?"

The young man shook his head. "I don't think so. In the past, he was not weaker than Mansion Master Mo. However, many people said he was weaker than Mansion Master. Even if it were true, he wouldn't have been much weaker."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly worried. After all, he had great expectations regarding this competition. He naturally did not wish for someone to pluck the fruit that was within his reach. However, if the other party was on par with or weaker than Mo Wen Dao, he would not have to worry at all. With his current strength, he was confident about defeating the other party. Moreover, the other party might not even participate in the competition.

Since the young man provided rather useful information to him, Duan Ling Tian did not ignore the young man. He would occasionally nod or reply to the young man as the young man spoke.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Did you come to watch the show? Don't you have any intention of participating in the competition?"

The young man was stunned by Duan Ling Tian's words. After a moment, he smiled bitterly and said, "Are you joking with me? This competition is one of life or death. If I participate, I'm afraid I won't even be able to surrender before I die. I'm just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, after all. If you ask me, I think there'll only be a small number of intermediate Emperors of Gods participating in the competition. In my opinion, this competition is for the advanced Emperors of Gods... However, there aren't many advanced Emperors of Gods in the Divine Spirit Mansion..."

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The young man continued to chatter until they arrived at the venue of the competition. It was in a valley about 10,000 miles east of the Divine Spirit Mansion's city.

At this time, quite a number of people had already gathered at the venue, and at the same time, more and more people were still arriving, both in groups and alone.

Not long after Duan Ling Tian and the young man arrived, someone exclaimed, "The messenger is here!"

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, looked over and saw a middle-aged man, who was flanked by two old men, in the distance.

The middle-aged man was dressed in a light silver long robe. His expression was stern, and his eyes were piercing. He was the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom. It was due to his announcement two months ago that Duan Ling Tian did not leave the Divine Spirit Mansion's city.

The middle-aged man did not waste time and said straightforwardly as soon as he arrived, "The competition to elect the interim Mansion Master will begin at noon and conclude tomorrow. Those who wish to participate can enter the arena when the competition starts."

After that, he raised his hand, and a vast and square piece of land shot up into the sky above the valley. Then, he said again, "This will be the arena for the competition. If you step foot out of the arena during the fight, it'll be counted as your defeat. Needless to say, surrendering and dying are also counted as defeat."

"While two participants are fighting, the third person will have to wait for the fight to conclude before fighting the winner. The final person standing in the arena tomorrow will be the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion."

After listening to the middle-aged man's words, many people shuddered.

"These rules... The first person who steps into the arena will be at a disadvantage, right?"

“Even then, so what? Those who are determined to participate will have to abide by the rules no matter what...”

“Ha! There’s no need to think so much. If someone’s strong enough and acts ruthlessly, no one would dare to challenge him or her after that!”

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian, who was standing with the spectators, looked at the arena silently.

At this moment, the talkative young man, who took the initiative to tell Duan Ling Tian that his name was Wang Chun, said, “Brother, it’s the first time I’ve witnessed anything so lively! What about you?”

Wang Chun looked around in awe as he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian only responded with a smile.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian’s indifference, Wang Chun glanced at Duan Ling Tian a few more times before he concluded that Duan Ling Tian’s background was likely not simple. He thought that Duan Ling Tian might be a descendant of a powerhouse outside of the Divine Spirit Mansion who came to watch the show. It was also possible that Duan Ling Tian was from a big clan in the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

At this moment, Wang Chun saw a figure in the distance, and he exclaimed, “Hu Dong Lan!”

Quite a few people did the same thing when they saw the newcomer in the distance.

Duan Ling Tian looked over at the newcomer, Hu Dong Lan.

Hu DongLan was a young man dressed in a blue long robe. He was handsome, and he seemed to wear a perpetual faint smile on his face. When he arrived, he faced the messenger before he cupped his fists together and bowed slightly as he said, “Greetings.”

The messenger glanced at Hu Dong Lan before he said tonelessly, “You’re Hu Dong Lan? I’ve heard about you. You’re one of the few advanced Emperor of Gods in the Divine Spirit Mansion. Good luck. Perhaps, the position of the interim Mansion Master will be yours...”



Hu Dong Lan replied with a faint smile, “Thank you. I’ll do my best.”

The messenger nodded faintly in response. Although they were both advanced Emperors of Gods, he was stronger than Hu Dong Lan. Moreover, as the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, he had higher status and had the support of the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom. As such, he felt much superior to Hu Dong Lan.

As for Hu Dong Lan, he did not seem to be dissatisfied with the messenger’s indifference at all. In fact, he had expected it.

Soon after, a group of people gathered around Hu Dong Lan. Some of them were sectless cultivators and some of them were prominent figures in the Divine Spirit Mansion.

“Lord Hu!”

“Lord Hu, it’s rumored that Old Zhong has met with misfortune! This time, you’ll likely win the competition!”

“Lord Hu, please take care of us when you become the Mansion Master. I heard that you have a son. Coincidentally, I have a daughter about the same age. She’s rather good-looking...”

The group of people did not hold back as they flattered Hu Dong Lan and treated him as though he was already the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.

At the same time, Wang Chun, who saw this, shook his head and said, “It’s too early for them to flatter him like that. Hu Dong Lan won’t be the only advanced Emperor of Gods participating in the competition, after all. Moreover, among the known advanced Emperors of Gods, his strength is only average. If he wants to win, he can only hope that the other advanced Emperors of Gods don’t show up. Otherwise, he doesn’t stand a chance at all.”

While Wang Chun spoke, the sounds of exclamations rang in the air again, signifying the arrival of another advanced Emperor of Gods.

In the Divine Spirit Mansion, most people recognized all the advanced Emperors of Gods except for those who intentionally hid themselves.

Someone said, “In the Divine Spirit Mansion, there are three advanced Emperors of Gods who are acknowledged to be the strongest. Apart from the late Mansion Master, there are Zhong Bai Nan and Yu Jin Shan, who are sectless cultivators. However, there’s news that Zhong Bai Nan is dead so he won’t be participating in the competition. I wonder if Elder Yu Jin Shan will show up...”

When the name ‘Yun Jin Shan’ was mentioned, many people, including Hu Dong Lan and the advanced Emperor who just arrived, fell silent.

The advanced Emperor of Gods, who was a sectless cultivator, said to Hu Dong Lan through Voice Transmission, “If Old Yu shows up, you and I have no chance of winning at all...”

Hu Dong Lan replied, “Old Yu likely won’t show up. A few hundred years ago, I heard that he left the Divine Spirit Mansion due to some matter. I’ve yet to receive news of his return... Of course, I can’t confirm the veracity of the news, but there’s no smoke without fire.”

“I hope you’re right. In any case, whether he shows up or not, don’t expect me to hold back when we fight.”

“That’s exactly what I want to say.”

The competition had yet to start, but the tension was already rising between the two advanced Emperors of Gods. They did not bother to hide it at all.

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Time continued to pass.

More and more people arrived, but no other advanced Emperor of Gods arrived.

When it was noon, the messenger’s voice reverberated in the air.

“The competition starts now. The final person standing in the arena tomorrow at noon will be the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion!”

However, following the messenger's announcement, no one stepped into the arena.

As such, many people began to look at Hu Dong Lan and the other advanced Emperor of Gods.

“Only two advanced Emperors of Gods showed up. As such, their fight is the only fight that matters...”

“Aren't they going to enter the arena?”

“Don't tell me they only plan to enter the arena tomorrow?”

After a while, seeing that the two advanced Emperors of Gods had no intention of moving, a few intermediate Emperors of Gods grew restless.

One of them said, “Since the advanced Emperors of Gods have no intention of entering the arena yet, why don't I get the ball rolling? Although I don't stand a chance of becoming the interim Mansion Master, I can't let go of the chance to perform in front of the messenger of our Divine Kingdom! If he takes a liking to my talent, he might even bring me back with him to the capital!”

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The two advanced did not enter the arena, but a few intermediate Emperors of Gods were eager to display their strength, hoping to gain the attention of the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom in order to follow the messenger back to the kingdom's capital. After all, if they managed to catch his attention, their lives would be changed.

For half a day, a group of intermediate Emperors of Gods tried to perform their best during their fights. A few of them even managed to garner praise from the messenger of the Righteous Kingdom.

“Come to the capital to look for me once you become an advanced Emperor of Gods. I'll make some arrangements for you at that time.”

Contrary to the expectations of the intermediate Emperors of Gods, the messenger of the Righteous Kingdom had no intention of bringing them back to the capital with him. He only told those who caught his attention to look for him in the capital after they became advanced Emperors of Gods.

This was not what the intermediate Emperors of Gods wanted at all. Once they became an advanced Emperor of Gods, even the weakest one would be able to easily gain a position from the Lord of the Divine Kingdom. Moreover, most of them were not willing to serve the Lord of the Divine Kingdom even if they were advanced Emperors of Gods. What they wanted was to become a subordinate of the messenger of the Righteous Kingdom so they could obtain resources that would quickly help them become advanced Emperors of Gods.

While the intermediate Emperors of Gods were battling in the arena, another advanced Emperor of Gods arrived. He was a sectless capital from the Divine Spirit Mansion as well.

Most people present did not recognize the advanced Emperor of Gods when they saw him.

Wang Chun glanced at the advanced Emperor of Gods before he said, “He’s not Old Xu. I’ve heard of him before. If the rumors are true, he’s not stronger than Hu Dong Lan and the other advanced Emperor of Gods.”

With this, there were now three advanced Emperors of Gods who showed up to participate in the competition to become the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. Needless to say, the crowd anticipated tomorrow’s fights even more.

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At midnight.

The competition was still ongoing, and most people present on the scene were bored and falling asleep.

Suddenly...

Swoosh!

Hu Dong Lan suddenly flew into the arena. He looked at the strongest intermediate Emperor of Gods and said indifferently, “You’re no match for me.”

Hu Dong Lan’s opponent hesitated for a moment. However, before he could surrender, Hu Dong Lan suddenly threw out a punch.

Bang!

The void shook as a terrifying Divine Energy imbued with the law swept toward the intermediate Emperor of Gods. Afterimages of Hu Dong Lan's fist could be seen before the energy it swept out.

The intermediate Emperor of Gods had prepared to surrender when he saw Hu Dong Lan entering the arena. However, as the strongest intermediate Lord of Gods so far, he was curious about the difference between his and Hu Dong Lan's strength. After all, he knew Hu Dong Lan was only considered average among advanced Emperors of Gods. However, he regretted his brief hesitation as he defended Hu Dong Lan's attack. Despite mustering up all his strength, his defenses were crushed in just an instant. He cried out hastily, "I surrender!"

Although the intermediate Emperor of Gods surrendered, Hu Dong Lan did not withdraw his attack. The wave of energy landed on the intermediate Emperor of Gods and sent the intermediate Emperor of Gods flying back, out of the arena.

The intermediate Emperor of God's face was ashen as he tried to regain his footing in the air. His energy was greatly weakened at this moment. He looked as though he was going to pass out at any moment. He did not hesitate as he quickly brought out and consumed a few healing divine pills. Fortunately, it did not take long before he felt better.

After witnessing Hu Dong Lan soundly defeating the intermediate Emperor of Gods, the crowd finally realized how strong Hu Dong Lan was despite being only average among advanced Emperors of Gods. With his display of strength, the other intermediate Emperors of Gods, who had yet to step into the arena, no longer dared to step into the arena.

"He's so strong!"

"As expected of an advanced Emperor of Gods!"

"No one is a match for Lord Hu except for the other advanced Emperor of Gods present on the scene!"

"Isn't that obvious? Lord Hu is an advanced Emperor of Gods, after all. Moreover, he also has a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul!"

“With this, the other two advanced Emperors of Gods should be entering the arena soon as well, right?”

The crowd’s attention quickly shifted to the two advanced Emperors of Gods present on the scene. However, it seemed like the duo did not have any intention of making a move. Perhaps, they were each waiting for the other person to make a move first. After all, the rule of the competition made it such that it was more advantageous to enter the arena later.

At this time, a burst of laughter rang thunderously from the distance.

“Hu Dong Lan, I’ll fight you!”

Subsequently, a burly figure shrouded in flames appeared.

As soon as the newcomer arrived, the crowd could feel the scorching heat. It was as though they were right in front of the sun.

“An advanced Emperor of Gods who comprehends the law of fire...”

Without needing to use his Divine Consciousness, Duan Ling Tian could naturally sense the aura of the advanced Emperor of Gods who just arrived and that the other party comprehended the law of fire.

The burly figure belonged to a middle-aged man dressed in a red long robe. His beard and his hair were unkempt, and they were fiery red as well. His large eyes stared at Hu Dong Lan pointedly as soon as he arrived.

On the other hand, Hu Dong Lan frowned slightly as soon as he saw the middle-aged man. Before he could say a word, the middle-aged man attacked,

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Flames surged in the air, forming a giant net as they swept toward Hu Dong Lan.

Following that, a red six-foot-long saber with a mysterious aura appeared in the middle-aged man's hand.

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While Hu Dong Lan and the middle-aged man were fighting, people finally began to recognize the middle-aged man.

"It's Cheng Yan!"

"Cheng Yan is a famous sectless advanced Emperor of Gods in the Divine Spirit Mansion. However, I thought he left this place a long time ago..."

"That's right. No one has heard from him over the last few hundred years."

"Cheng Yan's fame wasn't inferior to that of Hu Dong Lan a few hundred years ago!"

"I heard that the both of them sparred in the past, and the fight ended in a tie."

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Hu Dong Lan was no pushover. Although Cheng Yan took the initiative to attack first, he did not fall into a disadvantageous position.

The two fought continuously, releasing terrifying shockwaves into the surroundings. Fortunately, the arena was shrouded with a Formation, absorbing most of the shockwaves and protecting the crowd.

Cheng Yan laughed. "Hu Dong Lan, you haven't improved much after all these years! If this is the extent of your strength, prepare to suffer a defeat!"

As he spoke, Cheng Yan's Divine Energy began to surge as the flames around him surged higher into the sky.

Swoosh!

The flames in the air gathered, forming a huge fiery saber. Its appearance made everything in the surroundings pale in comparison. It fell toward Hu Dong Lan, looking as though it would cut down everything that stood in its way.

Hu Dong Lan's expression turned grim immediately. He did not expect his opponent, whom he was on par with, had now surpassed him. Moreover, he could tell Cheng Yan had yet to unleash his full strength. Nonetheless, he had no intention of surrendering. Instead, he began to mobilize all his energy to retaliate.

Boom!

Alas, Hu Dong Lan's effort was futile. In just a moment, Cheng Yan's fiery saber destroyed Hu Dong Lan's counterattack and sent Hu Dong Lan out of the arena.

After Hu Dong Lan stabilized his footing, he looked up. His face was slightly pale, and blood could be seen at the corner of his lips, but he was mostly fine. He had quickly used his Divine Energy to remove the blood, but the crowd had already noticed it.

A few people sighed. They did not expect Hu Dong Lan to be defeated so quickly.

"Hu Dong Lan is defeated!"

At the same time, the expressions of the other two advanced Emperors of Gods were rather grim, clearly feeling pressured. The duo began to communicate through Voice Transmission.

"Do you have the confidence to defeat Cheng Yan? I'm not 100% confident about facing Hu Dong Lan, let alone Cheng Yan."

"Me too..."

"Since that's the case, let's make a deal. One of us will challenge Cheng Yan first to exhaust him so the following person will have a higher chance of defeating him next."



“Alright. However, how do we decide who attacks first and who reaps the reward at the end?”

“I’m willing to go first if you offer something in exchange...”

The two advanced Emperors of Gods quickly came to an agreement soon after. Following that, one of them flew into the arena to challenge Cheng Yan. As expected, he was defeated, but he successfully exhausted Cheng Yan’s energy.

The fight caused Cheng Yan to exhaust about the same amount of energy he had used during his fight with Hu Dong Lan. It was not difficult for him to figure out that the two advanced Emperors of Gods had come to an agreement. As he consumed his healing divine pills, he looked at the duo and thought to himself, ‘It seems like the both of them came to an agreement...’

“Cheng Yan!”

As expected, the other advanced Emperor of Gods flew into the arena.

At this moment, the sun was slowly rising on the horizon. It was as if the entire land was sparkling with golden light at this time.

Cheng Yan was now going to have to face the remaining advanced Emperor of Gods present on the scene after consecutively defeating two advanced Emperors of Gods.

Upon seeing this, Wang Chun shook his head and said, “The other advanced Emperor of Gods was trying to exhaust Cheng Yan’s energy. I wonder if it’ll greatly affect Cheng Yan’s performance now. If it doesn’t, Cheng Yan will definitely become the winner of the competition!”

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Naturally, Duan Ling Tian could also see through the two advanced Emperors of Gods’ plan. Clearly, one was trying to exhaust Cheng Yan’s energy so the other would have the upper hand when fighting Cheng Yan.

Even if Cheng Yan had consumed his healing divine pills, it would be impossible for Cheng Yan to recover all his energy in such a short time.

As for Hu Dong Lan, based on his reaction, he could also figure out the duo's plan. Not only that, but he also realized that Cheng Yan had intentionally hidden his strength earlier when fighting him.

When the final advanced Emperors of Gods entered the arena, even Duan Ling Tian could not say for sure who would emerge victorious. However, based on the confident expression on Cheng Yan's face, it seemed likely that he would win.

"Cheng Yan, I didn't expect you to hide your strength," the advanced Emperor of Gods said solemnly as he looked at Cheng Yan."

The advanced Emperor of Gods did not dare to let his guard down at all even though the other advanced Emperor of Gods managed to exhaust Cheng Yan's energy. After all, Cheng Yan did not seem significantly affected. He was not completely confident about defeating Cheng Yan even if his plan to exhaust Cheng Yan's energy was a success, but he had no choice but to bite the bullet and advance. After all, a golden opportunity was at stake. He did not care about becoming the interim or official Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion, but he really wanted to represent the Righteous Kingdom during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon. It was a great chance, and it might help him become a Supreme God. Without a great chance like the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms or a fortuitous encounter, he knew it would be impossible for him to break through and become a Supreme God.

"It seems like this will be the final fight of the competition."

"The winner of this fight will be the interim Mansion Master of our Divine Spirit Mansion!"

"That's right. This will definitely be the final fight of the competition unless another advanced Emperor of Gods shows up."

The crowd, including Wang Chun who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian, shared the same sentiments.

Meanwhile, the advanced Emperor of Gods did not waste time. Soon after he entered the arena, he began to launch his attacks. His attacks rained down on Cheng Yan heavily. He was clearly hoping to defeat Cheng Yan before Cheng Yan could recover more of his energy.

However, Cheng Yan did not flinch at all when faced with the fierce attacks that were like torrential rain.

With this, the crowd, including the messenger of the Righteous Kingdom, realized that Cheng Yan had hidden much more of his strength than they had expected. It was not difficult for them to figure out the outcome of the fight

“If there are no other surprises, that advanced Emperor of Gods is definitely going to lose...”

“Cheng Yan is going to be the interim Mansion Master of our Divine Spirit Mansion!”

As expected, it did not take long for Cheng Yan to gain the upper hand and defeat his opponent after ten moves. With this, he successfully defended his position after defeating three advanced Emperors of Gods consecutively.

Although the three advanced Emperors of Gods felt slightly bitter about their losses, they were convinced by Cheng Yan’s strength. As such, they congratulated Cheng Yan, displaying good sportsmanship.

“Congratulations, Cheng Yan!”

Cheng Yan smiled faintly as he said, “It’s too early for you to congratulate me. The competition isn’t over yet, after all.”

In everyone’s opinion, Cheng Yan was just being modest. There was no doubt in their minds that Cheng Yan would definitely be the winner of the competition and the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.

At this time, Wang Chun said with a sigh, “Cheng Yan will definitely become the interim Mansion Master of our Divine Spirit Mansion. He’s quite strong and young. If he’s really lucky, he might even have a chance of becoming a Supreme God during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon!”

No one, including Duan Ling Tian, knew much about Destiny Canyon or the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. However, most of them thought that the competition likely entailed the advanced Emperors of Gods from various Divine Kingdoms fighting and that during the process, they might run into fortuitous encounters that would help them become Supreme Gods.

While the crowd whispered among themselves, confident about Cheng Yan's victory, Cheng Yan stood in the arena, looking invincible as he waited for his next opponent.

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Time seemed to pass slowly before it was finally almost noon.

Although everyone was confident about Cheng Yan's victory as soon as he defeated the final advanced Emperor of Gods present on the scene, no one left. After all, they did not want to miss out if another advanced Emperor of Gods, no matter how unlikely, showed up.

"There are only 15 minutes left. If no other advanced Emperor of Gods shows up, Cheng Yan will be crowned the winner and the competition will come to an end."

"That's right. Moreover, now that a few hours have passed since the last fight, Lord Cheng must have also almost completely recovered his energy with the healing divine pills."

"Isn't that obvious that he's now stronger?"

"Even if another advanced Emperor of Gods shows up, it'll be difficult for him or her to defeat Lord Cheng."

Not long after, someone said with a sigh, "We're halfway through the final 15 minutes... I guess we'll be able to leave soon..."

"There shouldn't be any more changes with so little time left..."

At this time, Wang Chun, who shared the same thoughts with the crowd, said to Duan Ling Tian, "Brother, there's nothing else to see now that time's almost up. I think we can return to the mansion's city now."

Since Duan Ling Tian had occasionally replied to Wang Chun, Wang Chun assumed that they were not friends. Alas, it was only a one-sided feeling.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and said, "You're right. It's about time to return to the mansion's city." After a beat, he continued to say, "However, before we do that, there's one more thing I have to do."

"Huh? What is it?" Wang Chun asked in confusion.

Duan Ling Tian did not reply to Wang Chun and suddenly vanished out of sight.

Upon seeing this, Wang Chun grew even more confused. He muttered to himself, "He left? Why didn't he wait for me?"

Wang Chun, who assumed Duan Ling Tian had left, turned around. He was thoroughly shocked when he saw a familiar purple figure in the arena.

At the same time, the crowd broke out into an uproar when they saw a purple figure had flown into the arena to face Cheng Yan, who had defeated three advanced Emperors of Gods consecutively.

Similar to the others, Cheng Yan was shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian. He did not expect anyone to challenge him so close to the end of the competition. Most importantly and shockingly, Duan Ling Tian was just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. He asked incredulously, "You're just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, but you want to challenge me for the position of the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion?"

The crowd was even more shocked upon hearing that Duan Ling Tian was just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Many of them thought that Duan Ling Tian had mistakenly entered the arena while some of them felt that Duan Ling Tian had a death wish.

"A rudimentary Emperor of Gods!"

"Does he have a death wish? How dare he challenge Lord Cheng Yan?"

"I saw him casting the Teleportation Profundity... Perhaps, he mistakenly entered the arena?"

"This is the first time I'm seeing someone who miscalculated and arrived at the wrong place after casting the Teleportation Profundity!"

At the same time, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom could not help but furrow his brows slightly. He naturally thought it was absurd that a rudimentary Emperor of Gods had the audacity to challenge an advanced Emperor of Gods. Although the likelihood was low, he could not help but wonder inwardly, ‘Did Cheng Yan arrange for him to enter the arena to prevent other advanced Emperor of Gods from challenging him at the final moment?’

The messenger’s gaze turned frosty when he thought about this. He despised this kind of petty trick the most. He scoffed coldly, catching everyone’s attention. Then, he said, “To think a rudimentary Emperor of Gods is bold enough to challenge an advanced Emperor of Gods... To prove this isn’t staged, this fight will be a life-or-death fight. If both of you are unwilling to fight a life-or-death fight, both of you can surrender, and both of you will be disqualified from the competition. The interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion will then be chosen among the other three advanced Emperors of Gods.”

The crowd was stunned and confused by the messenger’s words. However, after a moment, some of them figured out the messenger’s thoughts and intention for suddenly changing the rules.

“So is this purple-clad young man here to help Lord Cheng stall for time?”

“Is that even necessary?”

“I think Lord Cheng likely didn’t expect the messenger to suddenly change the rule, right?”

“I guess Lord Cheng will have to kill the purple-clad young man now. Otherwise, he’ll be disqualified.”

“If he’s Lord Cheng’s accomplice, I think Lord Cheng won’t kill him, right?”

“That might not be the case. If he’s not related to Lord Cheng, I think it’s possible that Lord Cheng will kill him to become the interim Mansion Master of our Divine Spirit Mansion.”

Everyone’s gazes were skeptical and suspicious as they looked at Duan Ling Tian and Cheng Yan.

At the same time, Wang Chun muttered under his breath, perplexed, “So Duan Ling Tian came to help Cheng Yan? If that’s really the case, then things aren’t looking good for him.”

Wang Chun sighed inwardly. 'I hope Cheng Yan won't kill him just so he can become the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.'

Meanwhile, Cheng Yan felt extremely wronged as he thought to himself, 'The messenger thinks I set this up?'

At the same time, Cheng Yan looked at Duan Ling Tian indignantly, feeling his blood boil. He said coldly, "Brat, everyone thinks I hired you to stall for time, but you know the truth. I don't know why you'd suddenly enter the arena at this time, but prepare to die!"

#### Chapter 4165: Duan Ling Tian Kills an Advanced Emperor of Gods With Just a Strike

Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He had expected the crowd to be amazed to see a rudimentary Emperor of Gods challenging an advanced Emperor of Gods. Contrary to his expectations, everyone was convinced that he was hired by Cheng Yan. Consequently, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom even changed the rules. Both of them would be disqualified and lose the chance to become the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Kingdom if they backed out of the life-or-death fight now.

Nonetheless, Duan Ling Tian was very calm when faced with Cheng Yan's threats. Although Cheng Yang was rather strong, he was confident about beating Cheng Yan. He said expressionlessly, "If you think you can kill me, then make your move."

Cheng Yan sneered. Then, his Divine Energy, which was imbued with the law, surged violently as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian. With every move, the void shook. He bellowed, "Since you have a death wish, I'm more than happy to fulfill your wish!"

Everyone shuddered inwardly as they watched Cheng Yan make his move.

"Lord Cheng Yan is really going to kill him!"

"Based on the current situation, I don't think he's hired by Lord Cheng Yan to stall for time!"

"I agree. Otherwise, that purple-clad young man wouldn't have said those words and would be begging for his life now."

“Since he’s not hired by Lord Cheng Yan, where did he find the confidence to challenge Lord Cheng Yan?”

“Who knows? I really thought he had mistakenly teleported into the arena. It seems like that’s not the case. Anyway, he doesn’t seem afraid at all...”

“It would make sense if he were an intermediate Emperor of Gods since there would be a high chance that his strength was comparable to an advanced Emperor of Gods. However, he’s just a mere rudimentary Emperor of Gods!”

At the same time, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom was perplexed as well. He frowned as he thought to himself, “Was I wrong? Where did this rudimentary Emperor of Gods find the confidence to challenge an advanced Emperor of Gods?”

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In the arena.

An earth-shattering sound rang in the air as Cheng Yan threw a punch with his bare fist at Duan Ling Tian. He did not even bother to bring out his prominent divine artifact. He felt that it would be embarrassing for him if he had used a prominent divine artifact to deal with a rudimentary Emperor of Gods.

Faced with Cheng Yan’s terrifying attack, Duan Ling Tian did not even move. He only said nonchalantly, “You made a fatal mistake not using your prominent divine artifact.” Then, he sighed lightly before he added, “If you’d used your prominent divine artifact, I wouldn’t be able to kill you with just a strike.”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian spoke, a spatial storm raged around him as a seven-colored sword ray shot out toward Cheng Yan.

Swoosh!

The sword whistled in the air as it tore through the air, looking as though it could destroy everything that stood in its way.



Although Duan Ling Tian had cast both the Mastery Dao and the Sword Dao, the crowd only sensed the Sword Dao. Only a Supreme God would be able to sense his Mastery Dao.

Upon seeing this, Cheng Yan exclaimed in disbelief, “Impossible!”

The seven-colored sword ray destroyed Cheng Yan’s attack before it suddenly multiplied and pierced him before he could attack again. After that, his body that was riddled with holes from the seven-colored sword rays was destroyed by the spatial storm that swept out.

When the commotion died down, only a mist of blood and a spatial ring could be seen.

Silence descended on the entire place.

When Duan Ling Tian claimed Cheng Yan’s spatial ring and put it away, everyone finally regained their senses and gasped in shock and disbelief. Their eyes were wide open as they stared at him incredulously as though he was a monster.

Even the experienced messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, along with his subordinates, was in shock and disbelief.

“H-he killed Cheng Yan?!”

“A rudimentary Emperor of Gods killed an advanced Emperor of Gods within a few seconds with just a strike?”

“He possesses a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul! That alone is enough to shock the entire Divine Kingdom! With it, none of the rudimentary Emperors of Gods in our Divine Kingdom is a match for him at all!”

“He comprehended the Sword Dao as well!”

“It’s not just that. His comprehension of the law of space is incredibly profound too! It’s difficult to find any rudimentary and intermediate Emperors of Gods in the Divine Kingdom who have the same level of comprehension of the law as him!”

“Heavens! I can’t believe I just witnessed a rudimentary Emperor of Gods killing an advanced Emperor of Gods! Who is he? Why is he so strong?”

“Let alone our Divine Kingdom, it’s impossible to find a rudimentary Emperor of Gods as terrifying as him in the entire Southern Heaven Continent, right?”

At the same time, Wang Chun just recovered from his shock. A few moments earlier, he had still been worried about Cheng Yan killing Duan Ling Tian. He really did not expect that Cheng Yan, the strong advanced Emperor of Gods, would die instead.

In the arena, Duan Ling Tian said calmly, “There’s still some time left. Is there anyone interested in challenging me?”

Since Duan Ling Tian had killed Cheng Yan so swiftly, there was still a little time left before the competition came to an end. Based on the time it took for him to kill Cheng Yan, he still had enough time to kill a dozen people like Cheng Yan.

The crowd shuddered upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words.

The advanced Emperors of Gods, who were defeated by Cheng Yan, were still looking at Duan Ling Tian incredulously. If they did not witness it with their own eyes, they would never have believed that a rudimentary Emperor of Gods was capable of killing an advanced Emperor of Gods.

Meanwhile, the people, who were discussing the purple-clad figure, suddenly realized they did not even know his name.

“I’ve never heard of or seen anything as absurd as this. To think that a rudimentary Emperor of Gods killed an advanced Emperor of Gods!”

“Let alone the Righteous Divine Kingdom, this young man will become famous in the Southern Heaven Continent!”

“Wait... Does anyone know his name?”

Soon after, a few of them recalled seeing Wang Chun with Duan Ling Tian earlier and turned to look at him.

“He should know that purple-clad young man’s name!”

“That’s right! I saw him with the purple-clad young man earlier.”

Wang Chun, who was inundated with questions from quite a few people, finally revealed Duan Ling Tian’s name after obtaining permission to do so from Duan Ling Tian. He said, “His name is Duan Ling Tian.”

Needless to say, everyone who heard Duan Ling Tian’s name remembered his name. After all, he was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods who killed an advanced Emperor of Gods. Even if Cheng Yan did not use his prominent divine artifact earlier, the feat was still extremely shocking. This feat was unprecedented in not only the Righteous Divine Kingdom, but the Southern Heaven Kingdom as well. They had just witnessed Duan Ling Tian make history.

At this time, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom finally spoke up. He said loudly, “I announce that Duan Ling Tian is the winner of the competition, and he’s now the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion!”

With this, Duan Ling Tian finally achieved his goal.

Initially, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom planned to return to the capital after appointing the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. The interim Mansion Master was expected to travel to the capital on his or her own a month later. However, after witnessing Duan Ling Tian’s shocking strength, he changed his mind and decided to depart for the capital together with Duan Ling Tian. How could he be unable to tell that someone like Duan Ling Tian would soar to great heights in the future? With Duan Ling Tian’s capability, once Duan Ling Tian became an advanced Emperor of Gods, it would not be impossible for him to kill Supreme Gods as well. As such, how could he let go of such a good opportunity to befriend Duan Ling Tian? If he could befriend Duan Ling Tian, he would definitely benefit from it.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian was satisfied when he saw the messenger’s enthusiasm. After all, as the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, the messenger definitely had high status in the Divine Kingdom and was definitely more knowledgeable than most people. It was likely that he could gain information about Destiny Canyon and the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms from the messenger.

During the journey back to the Divine Spirit Mansion's city, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom walked next to Duan Ling Tian. He did not look down on Duan Ling Tian at all even though Duan Ling Tian was a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. Although Cheng Yan did not use his prominent divine artifact earlier, it was not difficult to see that even if he did, it would not make a huge difference and the outcome would still be the same.

The messenger asked, "Brother Ling Tian, we'll depart for the capital in a month. If you're willing, the Lord will definitely officially appoint you as the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion."

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said truthfully, "Brother Yun He, I have no intention of becoming the official Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. My goal is only to join the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon."

#### Chapter 4166: The Lord's Decree

Yun He, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, was very warm toward Duan Ling Tian after Duan Ling Tian was chosen to be the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. It was only natural since a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, who was capable of killing an advanced Emperor of Gods, was definitely extraordinary. Based on Duan Ling Tian's strength, he could tell that almost all intermediate Emperors of Gods were not a match for Duan Ling Tian. He had to seize the chance to befriend such an outstanding person. Otherwise, it would be too late to do so once Duan Ling Tian became stronger and surpassed him. Apart from Duan Ling Tian's strength, he could sense how young Duan Ling Tian was. As such, how could he not tell that Duan Ling Tian was highly talented? Someone as talented as Duan Ling Tian would undoubtedly soar to great heights in the future as long as he did not die prematurely.

"Brother Ling Tian, I can't say that I'm surprised by your answer," Yun He said. He had already suspected this. Moreover, if he were in Duan Ling Tian's shoes, he would also feel that the Righteous Divine Kingdom was too small a place for him.

In the Righteous Divine Kingdom, very few people dared to offend Yun He since he had the support of the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, who was a Supreme God. However, he had been an advanced Emperor of Gods for a long time, and he was also in his prime. If it were possible, he wanted to rise higher, and in his opinion, forging a connection with Duan Ling Tian might present him with an opportunity to do so in the future.

"In any case, Brother Ling Tian, the people in the capital will definitely be dumbstruck by your monstrous talent! No, even those from the other Divine Kingdoms will be dumbstruck!" Yun He continued to say. He looked forward to seeing the dumbfounded expressions on everyone's faces

when they realized Duan Ling Tian, a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, was capable of killing an advanced Emperor of Gods.

“Brother Ling Tian, during this month, you can stay in the mansion master’s residence, and you’ll also be given the treatment of a Mansion Master. You can also help yourself to everything in the vault that the late Mansion Master Mo left behind.”

Even ordinary city governors would have vaults in their residences, let alone mansion masters. Most treasures would be kept in the vaults since it would be impractical to carry the treasures everywhere.

Although Duan Ling Tian’s expression remained calm upon hearing Yun He’s words, he was inwardly excited. He prayed fervently that Mo Wen Dao’s vault would have the treasures that he needed.

The reward Duan Ling Tian received earlier after killing Cheng Yan, an advanced Emperor of Gods, was nearly half the amount of energy he received from the emperor-grade secret realm. At this time, the energy was raging in his body. Once he completely absorbed energy, he was certain that he would be even closer to becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods.

‘I’m confident I’d become an intermediate Emperor of Gods soon. At that time, I’d be close to becoming an advanced Emperor of Gods as well. As for becoming a Supreme God... It’s still a rather difficult goal to achieve now...’

Previously, Duan Ling Tian thought that it would not be so easy for him to become an advanced Emperor of Gods in a short time. However, he felt quite hopeful now. In just less than a year after entering the Trial of Gods, he had become a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, stabilized his cultivation base, and was close to becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods.

In the beginning, Duan Ling Tian thought that becoming an advanced Emperor of Gods was way beyond his reach. However, he felt hopeful right now. He had become a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, stabilized his cultivation base, and even gained great progress in becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods in less than a year in the Trial of Gods. God willing, he might become an intermediate of Gods in the Battles of the Divine Kingdoms that would take place in the Destiny Canyon!

‘Once I become an intermediate Emperor of Gods, very few cultivators below the realm of a Supreme God will be a match for me even if my cultivation base isn’t completely stabilized. Once I stabilize my cultivation base, unless there’s a monstrously talented advanced Emperor of Gods in

this world, I should be invincible among those below the realm of a Supreme God,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes gleamed with anticipation.

An intermediate Emperor of Gods who was invincible among those below the realm of a Supreme God was rare even among the monstrous young prodigies in prime supreme-rank forces.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened even more as he continued thinking to himself, 'The Trial of Gods is truly a heaven-defying fortuitous encounter! Perhaps, I might really have a chance of becoming a Supreme God before 1,000 years up with the help of the Trial of Gods!'

Based on his comprehension of the law and the Daos of Heaven and Earth, as soon as he became a rudimentary Supreme God, he might even be able to kill intermediate Supreme Gods.

The difference between a rudimentary Supreme God and an intermediate Supreme God was not like that of rudimentary, intermediate, and advanced Emperors of Gods. In fact, the difference in strength was possibly wider than that of a rudimentary Emperor of Gods and an advanced Emperor of Gods.

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When they finally arrived at the estate of the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion, Yun He said, "Brother Ling Tian, I won't disturb you in the coming month. Just remember that we'll depart for the capital in a month. I've already sent a Communication Jade back to the capital to inform him that you killed an advanced Emperor of Gods with just a strike. It won't be long before the Communicated Jade reaches him. The Lord is known to cherish talents. I believe the Lord will treat you generously and help you to raise your cultivation base before we leave for Destiny Canyon."

"Alright. Thank you, Brother Yun He," Duan Ling Tian said. He was rather eager to meet the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom now. He would be ecstatic if he could have a breakthrough before the start of the Battle of the Divine Kingdom.

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Over the next few days, Duan Ling Tian found several medicinal herbs that were highly useful to him and refined them into divine pills since they could not be directly consumed.

Based on his alchemy skills, he could easily refine them into Limit Divine Pills that would boost his cultivation.

It was also at this time that he realized refining Limit Divine Pills in this world did not bring about the tribulation. As such, he did not have to worry about being discovered. However, even if he was discovered, he was not afraid at all. After all, not counting the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, he was rather confident about his ability to protect himself. Moreover, even if the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom discovered Duan Ling Tian's ability to refine Limit Divine Pills, it was unlikely that he would offend him. After all, as the Lord of a Divine Kingdom, he should be wise enough not to do such a foolish thing.

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A month passed by in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian did not only refine many Limit Divine Pills, but he had also completely absorbed the energy from the reward he received after killing Cheng Yan. He was now another step closer to becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods. If the path to becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods was now 100 meters in length, he would have crossed the 10-meter mark now. Considering he had just become a rudimentary Emperor of Gods very recently, a 10% progress was considered very good.

"Brother Ling Tian, let's go!"

Yun He came to pick Duan Ling Tian up in an emperor-grade flying ship before they departed for the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom. During the journey, the flying ship flew at the speed of an advanced Emperor of Gods.

In the flying ship, Yun He smiled as he said to Duan Ling Tian, "The capital isn't too far away from the Divine Spirit Mansion's city so we'll arrive in half a month..."

Duan Ling Tian nodded in response. He did not rush to cultivate. Instead, he spent his time asking Yun He questions that had been on his mind. He naturally asked about the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms and Destiny Canyon.

Previously, Yun He had promised to explain everything to Duan Ling Tian so he did not hesitate now that Duan Ling Tian was asking him again.

“Destiny Canyon is a miraculous place in the Southern Heaven Continent. Legend has it that it was left behind by the God of Creation for the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms. It can only be opened when the Lords gather and use their Lord’s Decree. As you know, the battle will take place in Destiny Canyon...”

Destiny Canyon had existed as long as the Southern Heaven Continent did. Many people said it was left behind by the God of Creation. Many Emperors of Gods were eager to fight in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms since it was going to be held in Destiny Canyon, which was said to be a miraculous place. Apart from that, Emperors of Gods stood a chance of breaking through as well, and advanced Emperors of Gods stood a chance of breaking through and becoming Supremes God.

Based on past events, many of the Supreme Gods in the various Divine Kingdoms became Supreme Gods in Destiny Canyon. Even the current Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom and his two predecessors became Supreme Gods in Destiny Canyon.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian also learned about the various Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent. It was said that the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms were protected by heaven and earth. Even if a Lord of a Divine Kingdom was a rudimentary Supreme God, an advanced Supreme God would still be unable to kill him or her as long as he or she remained in his territory. The Lord and his or her Divine Kingdom were each other’s pillars of strength. Apart from that, the Lord’s Decree was also said to be left by the God of Creation and no one could rob a Lord of a Divine Kingdom of his or her Lord’s Decree. The Lord’s Decree was also what made a Lord of a Divine Kingdom invincible in his or her territory. With a Lord’s Decree, a rudimentary Supreme God did not have to fear an intermediate and advanced Supreme God in his or her territory at all.

#### Chapter 4167: Supreme-Grade Secret Realm

“There are many Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent, and many years have passed, but the Divine Kingdoms still remain the same,” Yun He said, “The Lord of our Divine Kingdom belongs to the same faction as his predecessor, the founder of our Righteous Divine Kingdom. Only members of the faction can inherit the Lord’s Decree. The Lord’s Decree is said to be a divine item that seizes the fortune of heaven and earth and that it was left behind by the God of Creation. It’s much more powerful than a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul. In the capital of a Divine Kingdom, even if the Lord isn’t a Supreme God, he or she would still have the might of a Supreme God. If it’s outside the capital and within the territory of the Divine Kingdom, the Lord would have the might of an advanced Supreme God even if he or she is only a rudimentary Supreme God as long as he or she possesses the Lord’s Decree. In a Divine Kingdom, the Lord is peerless. If a Lord is killed outside of his or her Divine Kingdom, others wouldn’t be able to seize the Lord’s Decree. The Lord’s Decree would automatically return to the capital and the royal family.



If someone tries to forcefully snatch the Lord's Decree, even if he or she is an advanced Supreme God, he or she still won't be able to escape death!"

Duan Ling Tian jolted slightly upon hearing Yun He's words. He no longer dared to underestimate the various Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent anymore. Although most of the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent were only rudimentary Supreme Gods, they possessed the Lord's Decree that made them invincible in their respective Divine Kingdoms. Even advanced Supreme Gods were helpless against them.

'The God of Creation... It seems that Lord's Decrees are supreme treasures left by the supreme powerhouses for the rulers of the Divine Kingdoms. They serve as the foundation for the Divine Kingdoms. With them, the position of ruler will be passed down peacefully in the royal families...'

Even if one was an advanced Supreme God and the Lord of a Divine Kingdom was only a rudimentary Supreme God, one still would not be able to rebel and seize the throne. After all, as long as the Lord of the Divine Kingdom remained in his or her territory, he or she would possess the might of an advanced Supreme God with the Lord's Decree.

"Needless to say, the Lord's Decree is recognized as an important heirloom. It holds unparalleled powers..." Yun He said. His expression was solemn, and his gaze shone with reverence when he spoke about the Lord's Decree.

'The Lord's Decree...'

Duan Ling Tian was also surprised by the power of the Lord's Decree. With the Lord's Decree, the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms had no need to fear anyone in their respective Divine Kingdoms. Even strong forces with advanced Supreme Gods would not be able to do anything as long as they were in the territory of the Divine Kingdoms. The only way was if the Lord of a Divine Kingdom left his or her Divine Kingdom, rendering the Lord's Decree useless.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked Yun He curiously, "Destiny Canyon isn't in the territories of any of the Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent... Aren't the Lords of the various Divine Kingdoms worried about dying after leaving their respective territories?"

Upon hearing this, Yun He smiled faintly before he replied, "The Battle of the Divine Kingdoms happens only once every 10,000 years. Every 10,000 years, all the royal families of the Divine Kingdoms can offer sacrifices to the heavens. The purpose of the sacrificial ritual is to ask the God of Creation to bestow supreme divine power to the Lords and the Lord's Decrees. For a year, the Lord Decrees will still grant them power as though they were in their respective territories

anywhere in the Southern Heaven Continent. With this, they don't have to worry about leaving their territories since they can still wield the power of the Lord's Decrees. Due to the time, Destiny Canyon only stays open for ten months each time it opens. During the first month, the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms will bring their subordinates to Destiny Canyon, and they have to return to their respective Divine Kingdoms before the end of the final month. Otherwise, when the Lord's Decrees return to normal, the Lords risk death..."

With this explanation, Duan Ling Tian finally understood why the Lords of the various Divine Kingdoms were so confident about leaving their respective Divine Kingdoms and personally leading their subordinates to Destiny Canyon. Due to the sacrificial ritual, there was no need for them to worry about people or forces causing trouble outside their respective Divine Kingdoms or in Destiny Canyon.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had heard that there were many powerful forces outside of Divine Kingdoms. These forces had many powerhouses who were intermediate and advanced Supreme Gods. Many of these forces were not any weaker than a Divine Kingdom. At that time, Duan Ling Tian thought that it would not be difficult for these forces to stir up trouble in a Divine Kingdom if they so wished. However, now that he learned about the Lord's Decree, he finally realized that despite their strength, these forces were unable to cause trouble in a Divine Kingdom. With the protection from the Lord's Decree and the God of Creation, no one could seize the throne of a Divine Kingdom unless it was the will of the God of Creation.

'The Lords of the Divine Kingdoms are only invincible in their respective territories. The once-in-10,000-year sacrificial ritual would grant them temporary exemption during the opening of Destiny Canyon. With this, it's unlikely for the Lords to seize the chance to expand their respective territories. In any case, the reason the Divine Kingdoms and the powerful forces outside of the Divine Kingdoms can coexist peacefully is due to the Lord's Decrees...'

Duan Ling Tian was immersed in his thoughts as they traveled to the Righteous Divine Kingdom from the Divine Spirit Mansion. He had many speculations, and he also confirmed many of them after speaking to Yun He.

They were still traveling when Yun He raised his hand and intercepted a Communication Jade. After a moment, he smiled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Brother Ling Tian, I've received a reply from our Lord. He has asked me to take you to him as soon as we arrive at the capital. The Lord cherishes talent so he definitely won't mistreat you, Brother Ling Tian."

Although the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms were peerless in their respective Divine Kingdoms, it would not be so once they left their Divine Kingdoms. After leaving their Divine Kingdoms, they would not be a match for most of the supreme-rank forces outside of their Divine Kingdoms. As

such, the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms would naturally seize the chance to forge a connection with powerful people.

In the past, during the time when Destiny Canyon was open, there were many Lords of the Divine Kingdoms, along with their subordinates, who relied on their Lord's Decrees to act arrogantly, offending many supreme-rank forces.

As such, even if the supreme-rank forces would not be able to seize the Divine Kingdom, they would still retaliate. They would wait until the Lord's Decree returned to normal before they patrolled and waited outside of the Divine Kingdom. They would kill those who dared to venture out of the territory of the Divine Kingdom. Under those circumstances, people of the Divine Kingdom would not dare to leave the Divine Kingdom, causing them to miss out on many fortuitous encounters. Even the Lord of the Divine Kingdom would not dare to rashly leave the Divine Kingdom since the Lord's Decree would be useless once he or she left the kingdom.

Due to the lesson from the past, many Divine Kingdoms were now very cautious. Although the Lord's Decrees would be effective outside their Divine Kingdoms for a year during the opening of Destiny Canyon, they kept a low profile and did not dare to provoke others.

Conversely, as long as the Divine Kingdoms did not provoke them, the supreme-rank forces would also not provoke the Divine Kingdoms without reason.

If one was attacked even if one did not provoke anyone, there was no doubt the other party was in the wrong. However, if one was killed for provoking the other party, the other party could not be blamed for their actions.

"Thank you for putting in a good word for me, Brother Yun He," Duan Ling Tian said. It was not difficult for him to guess that Yun He must have spoken highly about him to the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

Yun He nodded in response. Although the two people with him were his confidants, it was obvious that he did not want to be heard when he continued to say to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, "When you see the Lord, there's no need to be so reserved. Apart from that, there's no need for you to speak directly. As long as you indirectly show that you're not someone who forgets favor, it'll be enough. The Lord is invincible in the Righteous Divine Kingdom, but he's no different from an ordinary rudimentary Supreme God after leaving the kingdom. As such, even if he knows of fortuitous encounters outside of the kingdom, there's nothing he could but watch as others compete over the fortuitous encounters. Many Lords of the Divine Kingdoms would befriend powerhouses outside of their Divine Kingdoms, and some of them would even ally themselves with

the supreme-rank forces through arranged marriages. With a good relationship, the Lords would naturally be protected by those supreme-rank forces. With this, the Lords would have less to worry about when leaving their respective territories to search for fortuitous encounters.”

“Many of the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms who are intermediate Supreme Gods became one due to the fortuitous encounters they found outside of their Divine Kingdoms. Without fortuitous encounters, they could only hope to break through in Destiny Canyon, but as you know, Destiny Canyon isn’t open all the time. Apart from that, if they were very lucky, a fortuitous encounter might appear in their respective Divine Kingdoms, and they would be able to seize the chance to break through.”

Yun He paused for a moment before he continued to say, “Brother Ling Tian, with your heaven-defying talent and comprehension skills, when you become a Supreme God in the future, you’ll definitely trigger the opening of a supreme-grade secret realm filled with fortuitous encounters. Just showing your potential to become a Supreme God in front of our Lord will be enough to win our Lord’s heart.”

Duan Ling Tian’s heart skipped a beat upon hearing Yun He’s words.

‘So there are supreme-grade secret realms as well when one breaks through and becomes a Supreme God just like when one becomes an Emperor of Gods?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he sighed inwardly, ‘What a pity... Although I’m confident about becoming a Supreme God, it’s impossible for me to do so in the Trial of Gods. I wonder if breaking through and becoming a Supreme God on the Realm Battlefield will trigger something like the supreme-grade secret realm?’

Duan Ling Tian felt that he had a high chance of becoming a Supreme God on the Realm Battlefield, but he was not sure if it would trigger the opening of something like the supreme-grade secret realm.

‘I’ll have to ask Third Senior Brother about this after I leave this place...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian and Yun He continued chatting for a while before Duan Ling Tian finally found a corner to cultivate.

Upon seeing this, Yun He sat cross-legged and closed his eyes as well. However, no one knew if he was resting or cultivating.

As for the two people with Yun He, they remained standing and monitored the surroundings of the flying ship through the Mirror Image in the flying ship. After all, even if they were traveling at the speed of an advanced Emperor of Gods, it did not mean that they were safe. There were many hunters who were Supreme Gods in the wild.

## Chapter 4168: The Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom

In the Southern Heaven Continent's Soaring Divine Kingdom.

A majestic mountain collapsed as a thunderous explosion rang for thousands of miles, causing the earth to shake violently.

The living creatures nearby were alarmed by the commotion and scampered away.

Swoosh!

An unkempt figure appeared in the air. It belonged to a solemn-looking young girl. Her terrifying Divine Energy, which had been imbued with the law of destruction, raged around her body, seeming as though it could destroy everything in its path.

At this time, a tall and handsome middle-aged man rose from the rubble of the collapsed mountain. A fierce green energy burst forth from his body and turned into wind blades.

'She's an advanced Emperor of Gods, but she has the combat strength of a rudimentary Supreme God...'

A token could be seen above the handsome middle-aged man's head. At a glance, the token looked ordinary, but its aura was extraordinary and seemed connected to the land. Energy surged into the token before the energy surged into his body, causing the wind that raged around him to grow even stronger.

The tall and handsome middle-aged man was Xiao Yi Yuan, the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom.

At this moment, Xiao Yi Yuan stared at the girl in the distance with a solemn expression on his face. However, his eyes betrayed his shock as he muttered, “If I didn’t have the Lord’s Decree, I might not be her match...”

Xiao Yi Yuan did not expect that there would be an advanced Emperor of Gods in this world capable of defeating him, a rudimentary Supreme God. If it were not for the Lord’s Decree that granted him unparalleled power in his territory, he would not have been a match for the girl in front of him who was just an advanced Emperor of Gods.

“What happened? Your strength suddenly increased so much... It feels like you’re almost catching up to my senior sister...” the girl asked with a solemn expression on her delicate face. She did not expect that Xiao Yi Yuan, who was in a disadvantageous position during their fight, would suddenly burst forth with such terrifying power after bringing out a seemingly ordinary token.

Xiao Yi Yuan stared at the girl when he heard her words. Upon seeing that the girl did not seem to be lying, he could not help but shudder. After all, based on her words, even after he used his Lord’s Decree, he was still not as strong as her senior sister.

‘Who’s her senior sister?’ Xiao Yi Yuan wondered warily. Previously, when he saw that the girl possessed the strength of a rudimentary Supreme God despite only being an advanced Emperor of Gods, he suspected that she must have had an extraordinary background. Her words now confirmed his suspicion.

After taking a deep breath, Xiao Yi Yuan said in a deep voice, “Little girl, you’re no match for me.”

The girl nodded in acquiescence before she said, “It’s true that I’m no match for you with that token in your hand. However, that doesn’t mean you can kill me either...”

Following that, what seemed like a black bead that was roiling with energy appeared in her hand. Although the energy was contained in the black bead, the void rippled when the black bead appeared in her hand. At certain times, the air would turn still as though time had frozen.

Although Xiao Yi Yuan did not know what the black bead was, he could naturally tell it was extraordinary. Moreover, based on the girl’s words, it seemed like the black bead was something that could save her life. He did not think the black bead had offensive strength because it would be impossible for the girl to gain the upper hand relying on such a thing. Only the God of Creation would be able to create an offensive weapon that would allow her to defeat him. For this reason, he was certain the black bead would only save her life. Moreover, based on her attitude, it was obvious she was very confident about escaping from him.

‘If she escapes, I’ll not only offend her, but I’ll risk offending the force behind her as well...’ Xiao Yi Yuan thought to himself as his heart trembled. After a moment, he smiled and said, “Girl, I have no intention of killing you. In fact, I’m even willing to give you a chance. The Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon is coming up. Why don’t I give you a chance to represent the Soaring Divine Kingdom? What do you think?”

However, while Xiao Yi Yuan spoke, the girl flew away quickly. She held the black bead in her hand, looking as though she was ready to crush it at any moment.

Xiao Yi Yuan frowned slightly upon seeing this. After a moment, he flew after her as he said, “Girl, I’m sincere about this. Girl...”

Although the girl disturbed Xiao Yi Yuan’s closed-door cultivation and attacked him for no reason, which annoyed him greatly, he was wary and afraid of her, thinking that she might have the support of a powerful force. Then, he thought about the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon that was coming up and decided to invite the girl to represent the Soaring Divine Kingdom during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. With her strength, he did not doubt that the Soaring Divine Kingdom would benefit greatly.

Xiao Yi Yuan was still wondering if the girl was unaware of the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon or if she was already representing another Divine Kingdom when a cracking sound rang in the air.

The girl crushed the black bead in her hand.

Following that, an energy so strong that it startled Xiao Yi Yuan burst forth and shrouded the girl. It tore the space open before it brought the girl away. Perhaps, those who did not know better would have thought that she had used the law of space’s Teleportation Profundity, but he knew better. He could not sense the law of space in that energy at all. Instead, he could sense the law of destruction. He speculated that the black bead belonged to a powerhouse skilled in the law of destruction. Most importantly, the energy from the black bead was so strong that it could tear the space apart so easily. Even he, with the Lord’s Decree, could not have done it so easily.

“Who the hell is she?” Xiao Yi Yuan wondered out loud, still in shock.

At the same time, through the Lord’s Decree, Xiao Yi Yuan could sense that the girl had left the territory of the Soaring Divine Kingdom.

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Meanwhile, a spatial tear appeared before a girl stepped out of the spatial tear. She was now in the Divine Kingdom next to the Soaring Divine Kingdom.

“If Eldest Senior Sister finds out that I used the life-saving treasure she gave me in the Trial of Gods, she’ll definitely punish me...” the girl muttered to herself with a frown, clearly worried, “Perhaps, when I leave this place, I should say that I gave the life-saving treasure to junior brother and that he was the one who used it... This is a good excuse! I’m so smart! Junior brother is so nice so I’m sure he’ll help me!”

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At the same time, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that someone had already chosen him to take the blame for something that he did not do. He followed Yun He and finally arrived at the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

The capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom was naturally vast and magnificent. Duan Ling Tian was in awe when he saw the city from afar. The city looked ancient and imposing. Despite the countless years that had passed, it still stood tall and strong.

At this moment, Yun He said with a smile, “Brother Ling Tian, I’ll arrange a place for you to stay first. You can rest for a few days before I bring you to the Lord.”

“Thank you, Brother Yun He,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

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Yun He arranged for Duan Ling Tian to stay in an independent courtyard in a large compound in the eastern part of the capital. He explained, “This compound is used to accommodate guests. This time, it’s used to accommodate all the mansion masters. Some mansion masters have already arrived, and some are still on their way. When everyone is here, the Lord will hold a banquet. It’s good for you to get acquainted with the other mansion masters. Perhaps, you’ll be able to look out for each other when you enter Destiny Canyon.”



After a brief pause, Yun He continued to say, “Of course, that doesn’t mean you can fully trust the others from the same Divine Kingdom... Even if I were able to enter Destiny Canyon, you shouldn’t trust me completely either. When there are conflicts of interest, even brothers would turn on each other...”

Although Yun He’s warning was redundant, Duan Ling Tian still listened patiently. After all, he could feel Yun He’s sincerity.

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Duan Ling Tian’s courtyard came with attendants and servants to serve him. When he entered, a plaque with the words ‘Interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion’ appeared at the entrance of the courtyard, indicating that the courtyard was already occupied.

After chatting briefly with Duan Ling Tian, Yun He finally said before he left, “Brother Ling Tian, I’ll take my leave first. Please rest well. I’ll return in a few days.”

When Yun He left, he attracted two people’s attention.

“Isn’t that Yun He, the messenger of the Righteous Divine Kingdom and our Lord’s right-hand man?”

Those who lived in the compound were mansion masters of Mansions in the Righteous Divine Kingdom. As such, the duo easily recognized Yun He.

Yun He was sent as a messenger to the Divine Mansion Spirit, but he was the Vice Commander of the Righteous Divine Kingdom’s Imperial Army in the Imperial Palace. His strength was not any weaker than the various mansion masters in the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

“Yun He personally sent someone here? Who’s so privileged to get such treatment?”

“Even you and I weren’t sent here by someone with Yun He’s status...”

The duo, who were drinking tea, sounded dissatisfied when they spoke. Needless to say, despite their dissatisfaction, they naturally did not dare to ask too much. It was likely that the other person that Yun He personally led here was not someone to be trifled with.

“I’m curious as to which mansion’s mansion master received such treatment.”

Apart from the two mansion masters, there were also quite a few mansion masters who noticed Yun He. All of them were rather curious.

There was no such thing as an absolute secret in this world. It did not take long before they found the answer to their question.

“The interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion?”

“A rudimentary Emperor of Gods capable of killing advanced Emperors of Gods?”

Chapter 4169: Zhu Ying Jun

A rudimentary Emperor of Gods killing an advanced Emperor of Gods was not only unprecedented in the Righteous Divine Kingdom, but it was also unprecedented in the Southern Heaven Kingdom.

Duan Ling Tian was the first rudimentary Emperor of Gods to achieve such a feat. Moreover, the incident was recorded through Floating Image Pearls and had spread to the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

“Amazing...”

Many mansion masters sighed in awe after watching the recording from a Floating Image Pearl in the spacious compound in the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom. As it turned out, it was true that a rudimentary Emperor of Gods had killed an advanced Emperor of Gods. Previously, they were still skeptical about the veracity of the news. After all, to them, the gap between a rudimentary and an advanced Emperor of Gods was too big. To them, it seemed impossible for a rudimentary Emperor of Gods to kill an advanced Emperor of Gods even if the former possessed a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul and the latter did not. It was only when they watched the recording from the Floating Image Pearl that they realized the news was not exaggerated at all.

“He’s too strong... Although he’s just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, his strength is terrifying...”

“Based on the combat power he’s shown, even if Cheng Yan had used a prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul, he still wouldn’t be a match for Duan Ling Tian, right?”

Since many of these people were not present during the competition to become the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion, there were a few people who still had reservations about Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

“That rudimentary Emperor of Gods just got lucky...”

“I agree... Otherwise, why did he only bring out his weapon at the end? It’s likely that he was worried the advanced Emperor of Gods would also bring out his weapon, causing him to lose his advantage...”

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Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of what the others were saying. Even if he was aware, he would not have paid any attention to them.

After arriving in the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, Duan Ling Tian did not stay in his courtyard for long. The next morning, he left his courtyard to wander the bustling streets of the capital.

The streets of the capital were clean and strictly managed. Peddlers were not allowed to set up their stalls wherever they wanted, and they could only set up their stalls in certain areas.

Duan Ling Tian wandered the streets of the capital alone. Occasionally, when he saw a medicinal stall, he would have a look at the medicinal herbs, and if he saw something he needed, he would buy it. He was no longer interested in divine pills. After all, the divine pills that were useful to him now were rare divine pills, and it was impossible for them to be found in the shops and stalls here.

Duan Ling Tian only returned to the compound when night fell.

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Duan Ling Tian did not leave again until Yun He came looking for him a few days later.

After greeting Duan Ling Tian, Yun He said, “Brother Ling Tian, the Lord has time today, and he wants to meet you.”

Yun He was very careful with his words. Instead of saying that the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom summoned Duan Ling Tian to see him, he said that the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom wanted to meet Duan Ling Tian. The former words indicated that Duan Ling Tian was inferior to the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom while the latter indicated that the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom treated Duan Ling Tian as an equal.

Duan Ling Tian naturally noticed Yun He’s words, but he did not know if this was Yun He’s intention or the intention of the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

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After leading Duan Ling Tian out of the compound to the palace in the capital of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, many people would respectfully greet and bow to Yun He when they saw him.

“Vice Commander!”

“Greetings, Vice Commander!”

It was only then that Duan Ling Tian discovered that Yun He was the Vice Commander of the Imperial Army in the Righteous Divine Kingdom’s imperial palace.

After entering the palace, Yun He led Duan Ling Tian to a magnificent hall. Two stone statues of different creatures stood at both sides of the entrance.

Duan Ling Tian did not recognize the two creatures, and they were clearly not human.

“Your Majesty, I’ve brought him here,” Yun He said respectfully.

Following that, a burst of hearty laughter rang from the hall before a figure walked out of the hall.

The figure belonged to a young man dressed in a luxurious light golden robe. He was handsome and possessed a majestic bearing.

Yun He bowed and greeted, “Your Majesty.”

Duan Ling Tian cupped his fists together at the young man and said, “Greetings, I’m Duan Ling Tian.”

Duan Ling Tian did not expect the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom to be so young.

The Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom cupped his fists at Duan Ling Tian as well and said with a smile, “Brother Ling Tian, there’s no need to be so polite. Although I’m the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, I only got to where I am by relying on my father, Yu Yin. I can’t compare myself to you at all. Brother Ling Tian, if you don’t mind, you can address me as Brother Zhu...”

Duan Ling Tian knew that the member of the royal family in the Righteous Divine Kingdom bore the surname ‘Zhu’. Since the other party had said so, he was no longer as polite and formal as before. He said with a smile, “Brother Zhu.”

Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, laughed when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. His smile widened as he said, “Very good, very good.”

Following that, Zhu Ying Jun personally led Duan Ling Tian into the hall.

There was no one else in the hall.

Yun He stood guard at the entrance of the hall. A hint of shock could be seen in his eyes at this moment. Although he knew that Zhu Ying Jun would be friendly to Duan Ling Tian, he did not expect Zhu Ying Jun to be so friendly to the extent that he asked Duan Ling Tian to address him as ‘Brother Zhu’. He had been a subordinate of Zhu Ying Jun for many years, and this was the first time he had seen Zhu Ying Jun so friendly. He thought to himself, ‘It seems like Brother Ling Tian holds a lot of value to His Majesty...’

It was not difficult to figure out that Zhu Ying Jun was so welcoming toward Duan Ling Tian because of Duan Ling Tian’s value. It was definitely not because of Duan Ling Tian’s current strength. Duan Ling Tian naturally knew this very well.

Hypothetically, if Duan Ling Tian broke through and became a Supreme God here, and he and Zhu Ying Jun encountered a rare treasure in a supreme-grade secret realm, he had no doubt that Zhu Ying Jun would kill him for the treasure if Zhu Ying Jun was confident about his strength.

The world in the Trial of Gods was even crueler than the real world. Duan Ling Tian knew this so he did not dare to be careless and always had his guard up.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun sighed in awe and said, “Brother Ling Tian, this is the first time that I, Zhu Ying Jun, met a rudimentary Emperor of Gods who can kill an advanced Emperor of Gods...”

When Duan Ling Tian finally learned Zhu Ying Jun’s name, the corners of his lips twitched slightly.

‘Ying Jun’ meant handsome. The name was rather narcissistic. Although Zhu Ying Jun was handsome, he was not as handsome as Duan Ling Tian.

“I was just lucky,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a modest smile, “He didn’t get a chance to use his prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul, after all. Otherwise, I might not be a match for him.”

“Brother Ling Tian, you’re too modest,” Zhu Ying Jun said as he shook his head and smiled, “Although I only watched the fight through a Floating Image Pearl, I’ve heard about it from Vice Commander Yu who was present at that time. According to him, even if the other party used his prominent divine artifact, you’d still be able to defeat him.”

Zhu Ying Jun trusted Yun He’s words since Yun He had been working for him for a long time. Yun He was his bodyguard when he was young. As such, Yun He had been by his side for a very long time. Although he was Yun He’s superior, in private, he treated Yun He like a brother.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Zhu Ying Jun’s words, he shook his head and said, “Brother Yun He is too kind with his words...” After a moment, he called out, “Lord...”

Before Duan Ling Tian could continue to speak, Zhu Ying Jun interjected with a slight frown on his face, “Brother Ling Tian, I’ve already said that you don’t need to address me as such...”

Duan Ling Tian quickly changed the form of address and said bluntly and solemnly, “Brother Zhu, I only became the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion to participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon. After all, there are many fortuitous encounters there. I have no intention of becoming the official Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. After the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, I plan to resign from my position. After that, I’ll likely leave the Righteous Divine Kingdom.”

Duan Ling Tian paused for a moment before he continued to say, “In the future, if I still exist and I’m about to break through into the realm of a Supreme God, I promise to inform you and return to the Righteous Divine Kingdom. I’ll break through in the Righteous Divine Kingdom.”

If Duan Ling Tian was truly able to become a Supreme God in the Trial of Gods, he would definitely fulfill his promise. However, he did not think it was possible since he would have to leave in the Trial of Gods in two years. He did not think he was lying to Zhu Ying Jun as well. He had worded his words very carefully and added the words ‘if I still exist’. Once he left the Trial of Gods, he naturally would no longer exist in this world.

Zhu Ying Jun naturally did not think too much of Duan Ling Tian’s words. Not even in his wildest dreams would he be able to imagine that Duan Ling Tian was not from this world. If he had known Duan Ling Tian was not from this world, he would not have been in such a good mood now.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Zhu Ying Jun laughed and said happily, “Brother Ling Tian, you’re truly an honest man. It’s no wonder Vice Commander Yun only has high praises for you. I’ve heard about this matter from Vice Commander Yun, and I understand. Even if you wanted to stay, I would’ve persuaded you to leave the Righteous Divine Kingdom and seek fortuitous encounters outside. Although there’s no shortage of resources in the kingdom, fortuitous encounters are limited... If it weren’t for the fact that I’m bound to the Righteous Divine Kingdom, I would also leave to seek opportunities to increase my strength.”

After saying that, Zhu Ying Jun sighed. Based on his attitude toward Duan Ling Tian, it was obvious that he was rather satisfied with Duan Ling Tian’s honesty. The most important thing to him was that Duan Ling Tian promised to return and break through in the Righteous Divine Kingdom. The supreme-grade secret realm that Duan Ling Tian triggered after breaking through into the realm of a Supreme God was definitely going to be peerless. This was evident based on Duan Ling Tian’s strength as a rudimentary Emperor of Gods.

Chapter 4170: The Jade Bow Divine Kingdom

When Duan Ling Tian met Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, they did not chat much, but they said what each of them needed to hear.

Zhu Ying Jun also made it clear that he wanted to help Duan Ling Tian when he asked if Duan Ling Tian needed help with his cultivation.

Duan Ling Tian naturally would not refuse such a good opportunity. He listed some of the herbs and divine pills he needed without thinking too much about it. To his delight, the Righteous Divine Kingdom's treasure vault had most of the things he needed.

Seeing the shock on Duan Ling Tian's face, Zhu Ying Jun shook his head and said with a wry smile, "The Righteous Divine Kingdom doesn't have any outstanding alchemists so we've gathered quite a number of divine pills and medicinal herbs. Usually, we have to hire skilled divine alchemists outside of the kingdom..."

A hint of helplessness could be heard in Zhu Ying Jun's voice when he spoke. Although Duan Ling Tian asked for medicinal herbs, he did not think that Duan Ling Tian was a divine alchemist at all. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was a monstrous talent, and someone like Duan Ling Tian definitely did not have time to study alchemy.

Duan Ling Tian did not feel too burdened about receiving benefits from Zhu Ying Jun. After all, he was going to participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Valley. If he performed well, it was not only him that would benefit, but the Righteous Divine Kingdom would benefit greatly as well.

The Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, as its name suggested, was not just a battle between individuals, but a battle between the Divine Kingdoms.

The better a participant performed during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon, the better the rewards would be. At the same time, the Divine Kingdom the participant represented would be rewarded accordingly as well. The reward bestowed by Destiny Canyon was called the 'God of Creation's Blessing' by the people of the Divine Kingdoms.

Duan Ling Tian would definitely do his best during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. After all, his rewards were dependent on his performance. Under such circumstances, the Righteous Divine Kingdom would definitely benefit greatly. With this, he did not feel too bad about receiving so many things from Zhu Ying Jun.



“Brother Zhu, if there’s nothing else, I’ll take my leave now,” Duan Ling Tian said, preparing to leave.

However, Zhu Ying Jun smiled and asked, “Brother Ling Tian, if you’re free, why don’t I bring you around the palace? What do you think?”

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “Brother Zhu, that’s very kind of you, but I’ll have many chances to tour the palace in the future. For now, I want to focus on cultivation since the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms is coming up. I hope you understand.”

Duan Ling Tian was very decisive in refusing Zhu Ying Jun. He had no interest in walking around the palace with an adult man. Moreover, he also knew that Zhu Ying Jun was only being perfunctory. Perhaps, Zhu Ying Jun had also expected his refusal.

As expected, Zhu Ying Jun’s smile widened after listening to Duan Ling Tian’s words. He said, “If that’s the case, I won’t force you. However, Brother Ling Tian, don’t miss the banquet that I’ll be hosting in seven days. During the banquet, the royal family will bring out things that mansion masters can compete for. There are also many hunters, who are advanced Emperors of Gods, that the royal family captured.”

Initially, when Duan Ling Tian heard about it from Yun He, he was not very interested in the banquet that Zhu Ying Jun was going to host for the various mansion masters. However, after listening to Zhu Ying Jun’s words, his interest was piqued. His eyes shone brightly. If he could kill an advanced Emperor of Gods, he would be rewarded, and his cultivation would improve further.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian said, “Brother Zhu, don’t worry. I’ll definitely attend the banquet...”

When Duan Ling Tian walked out, he declined Yun He’s offer to send him off before he teleported away. In just a moment, he vanished from the palace and appeared in the compound where all the mansion masters in the Righteous Divine Kingdom were staying.

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Inside the hall.

After Duan Ling Tian left, Yun He walked in and asked respectfully, “Your Majesty, how was your chat with him?”

Zhu Ying Jun smiled slightly and said, “He’s a straightforward person. He promised that he’ll return to the Righteous Divine Kingdom to break through into the realm of a Supreme God in the future. At that time, he’ll inform me about it.”

To Zhu Ying Jun, befriending Duan Ling Tian was one of the most beneficial and practical decisions he had made in his life. To him, the best thing Duan Ling Tian could offer him was access to the supreme-grade secret realm. Access to the supreme-grade secret realm was far better than if Duan Ling Tian were to promise him that he would protect the Righteous Divine Kingdom. After all, no matter how strong Duan Ling Tian was, who could guarantee he would be able to protect the Righteous Divine Kingdom?

“That’s great,” Yun He said with a smile. He did not doubt that Duan Ling Tian was a man of his word. After all, prodigies like Duan Ling Tian had their pride and would not easily go back on their words. Moreover, if Duan Ling Tian broke his promise, he risked forming the Devil’s Heart, which could affect his cultivation and get him killed during the thousand-year Heavenly Tribulation.

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In the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom.

When Xiao Yi Yuan, the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, returned to the capital, he learned that all the advanced Emperors of Gods under his command in the capital were killed some time ago. He did not receive any Communication Jades notifying him of their deaths. Clearly, someone had intercepted those Communication Jades.

“Who was it?!”

Xiao Yi Yuan was naturally furious. The culprit had behaved audaciously in his Soaring Divine Kingdom after all, showing contempt for him.

A subordinate brought a Floating Image Pearl out, which showed multiple Floating Images, as he said, “Your Majesty, it’s a girl...”

Xiao Yi Yuan watched as a girl, an advanced Emperor of Gods, went on a killing spree. She killed the other advanced Emperors of Gods without exerting much effort. His expression changed immediately as he exclaimed, “It’s her?!”

The subordinate asked, surprised, “Your Majesty, do you know her? Did she look for you? I thought she was only joking when she said she was going to look for you! After all, everyone knows that you possess the Lord’s Decree and are invincible in the Soaring Divine Kingdom. Does she have a death wish?”

The other subordinates looked at Xiao Yi Yuan as well. At the same time, they sighed in relief.

“If she went to look for Your Majesty, Your Majesty must have already killed her...”

“It’s fine now that Your Majesty has killed her. Otherwise, it’ll be troublesome if a witch like her survives...”

“It must have been easy for Your Majesty to kill her!”

Xiao Yi Yuan felt suffocated when he heard the flattering words. At the same time, realization dawned on him.

‘No wonder she ran away so quickly even though I made it clear that I had no intention of killing her! As it turns out, she killed all the advanced Emperors of Gods in the capital before she came to me! Damn it! Why did I watch her leave?’

Although Xiao Yi Yuan’s expression was one of indifference at this moment, inwardly, turbulent emotions surged in his heart. He really wished he could search every corner of the world for that girl at this moment.

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At the same time...

A girl hovered in the air as she looked at the huge capital of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom. She muttered to herself, “Another capital... There must be many advanced Emperors of Gods there as well. However, I really shouldn’t kill anymore. Otherwise, there won’t be any Lord of a Divine

Kingdom who'll be willing to bring me to Destiny Canyon to participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. My cultivation base will definitely rise during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. Perhaps, I'll be able to break through and become a Supreme God before leaving..."

Her eyes were shining brightly as she muttered to herself. However, after a moment, she sighed before she muttered again, "It's a pity that I can't kill anymore. I had a good time in the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom..."

The girl who escaped from Xiao Yi Yuan, the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, was none other than Lang Chun Yuan.

Previously, Lang Chun Yuan had started a massacre in the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, slaughtering all the advanced Emperor of Gods to obtain the rewards from heaven and earth. After that, she had asked around for the whereabouts of the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, hoping to kill him. Alas, she did not expect the rudimentary Supreme God, who seemed weaker than her, to possess the Lord's Decree that granted him the strength of an advanced Supreme God. If it were not for the life-saving treasure her Eldest Senior Sister had given her, she might have died in the Soaring Divine Kingdom.

'Fortunately, I escaped quickly. If he brought me back to the capital and found out that I killed so many advanced Emperors of Gods, of whom many were his subordinates, he definitely wouldn't let me go....'

Lang Chun Yuan sighed in relief when she thought about the matter again. Following that, she flew toward the capital of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom.

This time, she intended to stay put and not stir up a commotion. However, despite her intention, when she was stopped at the entrance of the imperial palace of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, she lost her temper, attacking and injuring the guard.

It did not take long before the Vice Commander of the Imperial Army of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom arrived.

After defeating him, she explained the purpose of her visit.

Fortunately, the men no longer called for reinforcements. Instead, they were respectful to her as they brought her to the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom.

When the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom saw Lang Chun Yuan's strength, he nodded his head and said, filled with admiration, "You're very strong. I'll let you be one of our representatives in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon."

Although the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom looked calm, he was very excited inwardly. With such an extraordinary advanced Emperor of Gods representing the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon, he had no doubt that the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom would benefit greatly.

There was no reason for him to refuse Lang Chun Yuan at all.

After all, he had been looking for powerful advanced Emperors of Gods to represent the Jade Bow Kingdom during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon.

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Several days passed in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian was woken up from his cultivation by a Communication Jade.

"Brother Ling Tian, you're the only mansion master missing to attend the banquet in the palace..."

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly before he quickly flew out of his courtyard. When he rose into the sky, he saw that quite a lot of people had already gathered in the sky above the compound. At the same time, Yun He, whom he was familiar with, was standing in front of everyone.