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Chapter 4171: The Banquet for the Mansion Masters

Many people were looking at Duan Ling Tian as he greeted Yun He.

“Brother Yun He.”

There was a mix of old, middle-aged, and young people among these people. All of them possessed extraordinary bearing. Whether it was the kind old man or the handsome young man, they all possessed the bearing of someone with high status.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this. After all, he knew these people were the mansion masters in the Righteous Divine Kingdom. They were all advanced Emperors of Gods without exception. It was only natural they possessed such a bearing after holding such a high position for such a long time.

Yun He nodded to Duan Ling Tian before he said to everyone, “Let’s go.”

Then, Yun He flew away, leading the others to the palace of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

During the journey, a few mansion masters took the initiative to greet Duan Ling Tian.

“Hello, you must be the new Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.”

Duan Ling Tian replied modestly, “I’m just the interim mansion master.”

“Mansion Master Duan, you’re too modest. With your strength and talent, if you’re willing, it won’t be a problem for you to become the Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion.”

“Mansion Master Duan, I’ve seen the Floating Mirror Image of you defeating the advanced Emperor of Gods despite being a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. How amazing! Before that, I didn’t even think it was possible for a rudimentary Emperor of Gods to defeat an advanced Emperor of Gods!”

“Mansion Master Duan, you look rather young, but you’ve already comprehended such a powerful Sword Dao. Did you comprehend it on your own or did your master teach you?”

Those who spoke to Duan Ling Tian were those who acknowledged Duan Ling Tian’s strength. Conversely, those who did not speak to Duan Ling Tian were mostly those who did not think much of Duan Ling Tian’s strength. In their opinion, if Duan Ling Tian’s opponent had used his prominent divine artifact soul, his opponent might have been able to kill Duan Ling Tian. Nonetheless, despite their silence, they were listening carefully to the conversation.

Duan Ling Tian continued to respond modestly when faced with the various mansion master’s admiration. He also told them that he had learned the Sword Dao from his master, shocking the mansion masters present on the scene.

Even those mansion masters who doubted Duan Ling Tian’s strength were frightened by his words.

‘What kind of powerhouse is able to make such a monstrous prodigy accept him as a master?!’

Although some of them doubted Duan Ling Tian and thought that Duan Ling Tian won because of petty tricks or his opponent’s lack of chance to use a prominent divine artifact, they did not doubt the strength of his master. After all, despite their doubt, they could not deny that Duan Ling Tian was a prodigy.

Yun He, who was leading the way, froze briefly as well when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Then, he asked, “Brother Ling Tian, you have a master?”

Yun He had long guessed that Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background, and he speculated that Duan Ling Tian came to the Righteous Divine Kingdom to improve his strength. However, he was still shocked when he heard that Duan Ling Tian had a master who taught him the Sword Dao.

When Yun He arrived, he did not waste time and informed Zhu Ying Jun about what he had learned through Voice Transmission.

Zhu Ying Jun was similarly shocked. He also wondered how powerful Duan Ling Tian’s master was. However, he naturally did not ask Duan Ling Tian about it. After all, it was likely that Duan Ling Tian would not reveal anything.

Meanwhile, when the mansion masters of the various Mansions in the Righteous Divine Kingdom saw Zhu Ying Jun, they greeted him in unison.

“Greetings, Your Majesty!”

Duan Ling Tian was the only one who smiled and called out, “Greetings, Brother Zhu.”

Upon hearing this, the other mansion masters thought Duan Ling Tian was being too arrogant. After all, Zhu Ying Jun was the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, how could Duan Ling Tian address him as ‘Brother Zhu’? However, when they saw Zhu Ying Jun nodding and smiling at Duan Ling Tian, they finally realized that Zhu Ying Jun had given Duan Ling Tian permission to address him as ‘Brother Zhu’. With this, all of them looked at Duan Ling Tian enviously.

Since everyone had arrived, Zhu Ying Jun told everyone to take their seats, which had been arranged beforehand.

As soon as they were seated, the food and drinks were quickly brought out. They were served the best dishes and wine. The fragrance of the food and drinks seemed to invigorate them, making their Divine Energies surge in their bodies.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian, all of them were advanced Emperors of Gods. For them to be affected in such a way, it was obvious that the food and drinks were extraordinary. It was obvious that the royal family of the Righteous Divine Kingdom did not spare any expense when preparing for the banquet.

As such, many of them expressed their gratitude to Zhu Ying Jun.

“My lord, to serve us with such food and wine, your generosity really knows no bounds.”

A few of them stared at the food and drinks on their tables with bright eyes.

“The dragon soup, the Primordial Sun Clear Soup, the Good Fortune Divine Wine...”

Although Duan Ling Tian could not name the dishes and wine, he could still tell they were precious.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun chuckled and said, “There’s no need to be so polite. Let’s start the banquet...”

After Zhu Ying Jun began to eat, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, followed suit.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian assumed the food would only strengthen his body, but after he began to eat, he discovered that he had been wrong. After eating, not only were his Heavenly Veins strengthened, but his Divine Energy grew restless as well. After his Divine Energy circulated a few times in his body, he could instantly feel the improvement in his strength.

When he ate the other dishes, he found that some of them made his skin glow. Not only that, but it was as though he had shed a layer of skin, giving birth to skin that was delicate as that of a baby.

After drinking the Good Fortune Divine Wine, Duan Ling Tian was shocked. He felt as though his soul had been purified and changed. Although he did not break through, he felt as though he had been thoroughly transformed.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath to calm down before he looked at the other mansion masters.

Although everyone looked very happy, they seemed rather calm.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a wry smile, ‘I look like a country bumpkin compared to them...’

Following that, Duan Ling Tian did not hold back and ate the dishes and drank the wine in front of him.

The other mansion masters ate and drank everything on the table, leaving nothing behind as well.

Even Yun He, who was sitting nearest to Zhu Ying Jun, was no exception.

The only person who did not finish the dishes and the drinks was Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun laughed before he clapped his hands and said, "Since you're all done eating and drinking, it's time to bring out the prizes."

Everyone's hearts moved upon hearing these words.

The tables were arranged in the shape of a 'U'.

At this time, an old man and a middle-aged man appeared in the sky before he landed in the center.

The middle-aged man's expression was blank, and his eyes were lifeless. His aura was so weak that it seemed like it could be snuffed out at any time.

Zhu Ying Jun smiled slightly before he looked at the lifeless middle-aged man and said, "This person is a captured advanced Emperor of Gods." He paused for a beat before he continued to say, "Let's play a game. I'll give each mansion master a jade token. Those who obtained jade tokens with the word 'still' will stay put while those who obtained jade tokens with the word 'move' will spar. The winner will be rewarded with this advanced Emperor of Gods. What do you think?"

The eyes of everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, lit up as soon as Zhu Ying Jun's voice fell. Who among them would refuse an advanced Emperor of Gods? If they killed the advanced Emperor of Gods, they would be rewarded greatly, and their cultivation base would rise.

After a moment, a mansion master asked curiously, "Your Majesty, how many 'move' jade tokens are there?"

Duan Ling Tian was curious as well.

'How many people will be able to fight for the reward? Will I be able to obtain the 'move' jade token?'

Meanwhile, the weaker mansion masters prayed fervently that if they obtained the 'move' jade token, their opponent would be weaker than them.

Conversely, the strong mansion masters were not worried about this matter at all.

“Not many,” Zhu Ying Jun smiled and replied, “Just two. After all, this is just a form of entertainment to spice things up during the banquet.”

Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly upon hearing Zhu Ying Jun’s words. There were so many people present, but there were only two ‘move’ jade tokens. One would have to be very lucky to obtain the ‘move’ jade token’.

While Duan Ling Tian was wondering if he was lucky today, Zhu Ying Jun had already moved, tossing out jade tokens to the mansion masters.

Duan Ling Tian reached out and casually grabbed a jade token. When he saw the word on the jade token, the excitement on his face was replaced by a wry smile.

Similar to Duan Ling Tian, there were many who obtained the ‘still’ jade tokens.

“It seems like I’m not very lucky today. I didn’t get the ‘move’ jade token.”

“I’m not very lucky either. I got the ‘still’ jade token!”

“Me too!”

It did not take long before the two mansion masters who obtained the ‘move’ jade tokens rose to their feet.

However, one of them smiled bitterly and said before sitting down again, “I admit defeat! I’m no match for Mansion Master Fang.”

Since he conceded defeat immediately, the other mansion master was declared the winner without a fight.

Zhu Ying Jun looked at the old man and said, “Let him go.”

The old man executed a series of hand gestures before pressing his hand against the middle-aged man.

Following that, life returned to the eyes of the middle-aged man.

Swoosh!

The middle-aged man did not waste time and made a move to escape immediately.

At the same time, Zhu Ying Jun said nonchalantly, “Mansion Master Fang, whether you can kill him and obtain the rewards or not will depend on your strength.”

Clearly, Zhu Ying Jun had no intention of intervening at all.

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As soon as Zhu Ying Jun finished speaking, Mansion Master Fang made his move.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air, and Mansion Master Fang moved at the speed of lightning. He attacked in midair; a giant hammer fell from the sky thunderously on the fleeing advanced Emperor of Gods.

The advanced Emperor of Gods hastily turned around and fled in the other direction.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Three claps of thunder rang in the air as three gigantic hammers fell from the sky in three different directions, cutting off the advanced Emperor of Gods’ escape routes.

The advanced Emperor of Gods’ expression turned grim immediately upon seeing this.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun suddenly said in an indifferent voice, “If you can escape from Mansion Master Fang, I’ll grant you freedom.”

Upon hearing this, the advanced Emperor of Gods' expression brightened immediately. The will to live shone brightly in his eyes at this moment. He spun around, facing Mansion Master Fang, who was like a lightning bolt, and brought his prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul out of his spatial ring. Subsequently, he took the lead to attack; a seven-foot-long spear shot out toward Mansion Master Fang.

The advanced Emperor of Gods knew that his opponent was stronger and faster than him. If he tried to flee blindly, it would be almost impossible for him to escape. It was better for him to stay and fight. Perhaps, he would be able to find a chance to escape at that time.

Meanwhile, Mansion Master Fang snorted when he saw the advanced Emperor of Gods turning around to attack him. He said icily, "I'll let you go if I can't kill you within three moves."

As soon as Mansion Master Fang's voice fell, a gigantic hammer, his prominent divine artifact, appeared in his hand. Lightning flashed around the hammer, and a translucent figure could be seen above the hammer. The translucent figure was clearly the artifact soul.

When the advanced Emperor of Gods heard Mansion Master Fang's words, not only was he unafraid, but he seemed even more excited. He thought to himself, 'Three moves! I don't believe that I can't withstand three moves from Fang Xiong Lei if I defend with all my might!'

Mansion Master Fang's name was Fang Xiong Lei. He was the Mansion Master of the Righteous Divine Kingdom's Cloudy Garden Mansion, and he was one of the most powerful mansion masters in the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

'This Mansion Master Fang...' Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn as he watched Fang Xiong Lei. He could naturally tell that Fang Xiong Lei was very strong, far stronger than Mo Wen Dao, the late Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion. In fact, he felt that Fang Xiong Lei was even stronger than Zhong Bai Nan, who was stronger than Mo Wen Dao. He could already sense this as soon as Fang Xiong Lei made a move earlier.

Duan Ling Tian continued to watch as Fang Xiong Lei easily deflected the advanced Emperor of Gods' preemptive strike with his hammer before injuring the advanced Emperor of Gods with his second strike, causing the advanced Emperor of Gods to throw up blood.

With this, Duan Ling Tian had a better understanding of Fang Xiong Lei's strength. Similar to Zhong Bai Nan, he was already very close to becoming a Supreme God, but his comprehension of the law was more profound than that of Zhong Bai Nan so he was stronger than Zhong Bai Nan.

Fang Xiong Lei comprehended the law of thunder, which was a derivative law of the Five Divine Elements. However, his comprehension of the law was so profound that his law of lightning was stronger than the five elemental laws like the law of metal and the law of fire, which were the main offensive laws among the five elements.

Boom!

When Fang Xiong Lei's third strike fell, the advanced Emperor of Gods, who still held the seven-foot-long spear in his hand, was struck to death by a bolt of lightning. Not only that, but the bolt of lightning destroyed the seven-foot-long spear as well.

Following that, a beam of light shone down from the sky on Fang Xiong Lei. As he received his reward, lightning continued to flash in the sky, making him look like the god of thunder.

After Fang Xiong Lei received the reward, he looked at Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, and said before returning to his seat, "Thank you, Your Majesty."

Zhu Ying Jun laughed. "Mansion Master Fang, you've become stronger. It seems like it won't be long before you enter the realm of a Supreme God."

Although Zhu Ying Jun was smiling, a hint of helplessness could be seen in his eyes. After all, he knew that once Fang Xiong Lei became a Supreme God, Fang Xiong Lei would leave the Righteous Divine Kingdom. Only by leaving would Fang Xiong Lei be able to continue to raise his cultivation base and improve. Fang Xiong Lei's future would be limited if he were to stay in the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

At this moment, Fang Xiong Lei was the focus of everyone's attention.

"Mansion Master Fang, you're amazing!"

"Mansion Master Fang, you really hid your strength very well! I didn't expect you to have progressed so much!"

Duan Ling Tian, who was no longer at the center of attention, was also looking at Fang Xiong Lei. He knew that even if he went all out, there was no chance of him fighting to a draw with Fang Xiong Lei, let alone defeating Fang Xiong Lei.

Back then, although Duan Ling Tian was weaker, he thought that he had a chance of fighting Zhong Bai Nan to a draw. However, at this moment, although he had grown stronger since then, he was not confident at all that he could even fight Fang Xiong Lei to a draw.

‘It’s impossible for me to defeat him unless I become an intermediate Emperor of Gods or further comprehend the law of space, the Sword Dao, or the Mastery Dao...’ Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. The sense of superiority he gained after his rapid improvement also vanished at this moment. He had felt that he was rather strong previously and was confident that he would be able to perform quite well during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon. However, after witnessing the strength of Fang Xiong Lei, the Mansion Master of the Cloudy Garden Mansion, he no longer dared to think that way.

‘There are likely more than just one or two quasi-Supreme Gods like Fang Xiong Lei from the other Divine Kingdoms participating in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as the pressure pressing down on him grew heavier.

‘If only I can become an intermediate Emperor of Gods before the start of the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms...’ Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. He knew this was unrealistic.

While everyone was still shocked by Fang Xiong Lei’s performance, Zhu Ying Jun clapped his hands again.

Following that, another advanced Emperor of Gods was brought over. He was a tall old man dressed in a brocade robe. Similar to the one before, his eyes were lifeless, and his expression was blank as well. Although he was now a prisoner, it could be seen that he once had an extraordinary bearing.

Zhu Ying Jun said with a smile, “This advanced Emperor of Gods is stronger than the previous one. I captured him myself back then. The rules are still the same as before...”

Following that, Zhu Ying Jun tossed out jade tokens again. The jade tokens were new; he did not collect the jade tokens he had thrown out before. With his presence, he was confident the mansion masters would not dare to cheat using the old jade tokens. Not only that, but the mansion masters would not do such a thing as well. After all, once exposed, not only would it be embarrassing, but the mansion master would leave a bad impression on him as well. As such, it was not worth it to cheat at all.

This time, Duan Ling Tian was lucky and obtained the ‘move’ jade token.

The other mansion master who obtained the ‘move’ jade token was someone who doubted Duan Ling Tian. He was a middle-aged man with a medium build and a stern face. He took the lead and flew out first. Then, he smiled contemptuously as he said, “Mansion Master Duan, everyone says that you’re very strong. Today, I finally have a chance to see for myself...”

Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate and flew out as well. Based on the conversations between the mansion masters that he had overheard, he knew the middle-aged man was Sun Yi Yu, the Mansion Master of the Righteous Divine Kingdom’s Giant Eagle Mansion.

At this time, Yun He suddenly said to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, “Brother Ling Tian, Sun Yi Yu’s strength should be comparable to that of the late Mansion Master Mo. 100 years ago, they had a match and fought to a draw.”

Yun He’s words put Duan Ling Tian’s heart at ease immediately. If Sun Yi Yu’s strength was only on par with that of Mo Wen Dao, he was not afraid at all.

Duan Ling Tian stood across from Sun Yi Yu in the air and said with a slight smile, “Mansion Master Sun, I heard that you’re rather strong. Even the late Mansion Master Mo Wen Dao of the Divine Spirit Mansion couldn’t defeat you back then...”

Sun Yi Yu scoffed before he said coldly, “Mo Wen Dao was rather strong. We fought to a draw 100 years ago. Alas, I’m afraid that you, the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion, aren’t qualified to be compared to Mo Wen Dao.”

As soon as Sun Yi Yu finished speaking, golden light burst forth from his body. Obviously, he comprehended the law of metal, one of the two offensive laws of the five elemental laws.

“Mansion Master Sun, it seems like you’re confident about defeating me,” Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile on his face.

“What? Don’t tell me you think you can defeat me?” Sun Yi Yu retorted with a disdainful smile on his face.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was briefly filled with the urge to challenge Sun Yi Yu to a life-or-death battle, but he thought better of it. After all, Zhu Ying Jun definitely would not allow it since having Sun Yi Yu participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms to gain benefits for the Righteous Divine Kingdom was more important. Moreover, Sun Yi Yu would not be so foolish as to accept a life-or-death challenge.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian looked at Sun Yi Yu and said, “Mansion Master Sun, why don’t we bet on this fight?”

Sun Yi Yu smiled mockingly as he said, “Oh, you’re going to give something for free?”

Duan Ling Tian chuckled. “If Mansion Master Sun defeats me, the thing will naturally belong to you.”

“What are you going to bet with?” Sun Yi Yu asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian suspiciously.

“How about an advanced Emperor of Gods?” Duan Ling Tian asked calmly.

An advanced Emperor of Gods meant the rewards from heaven and earth.

“Do you even have one?” Sun Yi Yu asked with a sneer.

“No matter who wins or loses, we’ll fulfill the bet before leaving for Destiny Canyon. The loser must fulfill the bet even if he has to borrow an advanced Emperor of Gods from the Lord,” Duan Ling Tian said calmly, “With this, you don’t have to worry that I won’t fulfill my side of the bet, right?”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Sun Yi Yi instinctively turned to look at Zhu Ying Jun.

Zhu Ying Jun’s eyes flashed before he said with a faint smile, “If you really want to bet, I can lend an advanced Emperor of Gods to the loser of the fight.”

Chapter 4173: Two Rewards

Advanced Emperors of Gods were considered strong in the Righteous Divine Kingdom. Even then, the royal family of the Righteous Divine Kingdom had captured and imprisoned many hunters, who were advanced Emperors of Gods. Some were personally captured by Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, and some were captured by his subordinates.

For someone like Zhu Ying Jun, an advanced Emperor of Gods was nothing. He had no opinion about lending one of the two people in front of him an advanced Emperor of Gods to be used as stakes in a bet. After all, one of the two people was a long-time subordinate of his, a senior mansion master, and the other person, the new interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion, was monstrously talented with high potential and had promised to break through into the realm of a Supreme God in the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Sun Yi Yu and smiled slightly as he asked, “The Lord has already spoken. Mansion Master Sun, are you willing to bet with me?”

Sun Yi Yu frowned. He did not respond to Duan Ling Tian immediately. He was not a reckless man. Since Duan Ling Tian dared to propose a bet, it was obvious that Duan Ling Tian felt confident even if he did not know where Duan Ling Tian got his confidence from. After all, Duan Ling Tian was just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. However, his instincts told him that something was amiss.

If Sun Yi Yu lost, Zhu Ying Jun would lend him an advanced Emperor of Gods to give to Duan Ling Tian. There was no doubt that he would have to pay Zhu Ying Jun back in the future. Even if he could not capture an advanced Emperor of Gods to return to Zhu Ying Jun, he would still have to find a way to repay the debt using other means. As for not repaying the debt, he did not think about it nor did he dare to think about it.

Seeing that Sun Yi Yu was a little hesitant, Duan Ling Tian seized the chance to provoke Sun Yi Yu. “What’s the matter? Mansion Master, don’t tell me you don’t dare to bet with me. You keep saying I don’t live up to my reputation and that I only managed to kill an advanced Emperor of gods due to luck. Don’t tell me you think that you’re no match for me now?”

Although Sun Yi Yu knew Duan Ling Tian was deliberately provoking him, he was still annoyed. As a result, he agreed to bet with Duan Ling Tian. He had also prepared himself for the worst. Even if he lost and would be in debt, he did not want to admit defeat to Duan Ling Tian at this moment.

Sun Yi Yu said with a sneer, “Who said I don’t dare to bet with you? I was just thinking... If an interim mansion master like you loses and carries such a debt, won’t it be difficult for you to repay your debt to His Majesty?”

Duan Ling Tian smiled and said indifferently, “Mansion Master Sun, there’s no need for you to worry about me. Instead of worrying about me, you should worry about yourself.”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s voice fell, he vanished from sight.

Sun Yi Yu charged over when Duan Ling Tian reappeared again, but Duan Ling Tian quickly teleported away again as soon as he appeared.

The mansion masters who were watching the fight were surprised.

“Double Teleportation Profundity!”

“A rudimentary Emperor of Gods actually comprehended the Double Teleportation Profundity?! His comprehension skills are amazing!”

Although the mansion masters had long heard about the strength of the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion and that he killed an advanced Emperor of Gods, they had only seen the fight through Floating Mirror Images, after all. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had ended the fight with just a strike without any unnecessary moves. It was only natural that they were surprised when they saw Duan Ling Tian teleporting twice in a row, causing Sun Yi Yu to be unable to catch up with him. If they had not witnessed this with their own eyes, they would not have believed that Duan Ling Tian was just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods.

Sun Yi Yu scoffed. He did not seem affected that he could not catch up with Duan Ling Tian. Instead, he said, “If running away is all you know, then keep running. Although the Double Teleportation Profundity is indeed amazing, don’t forget that you’re just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods.”

Following that, Sun Yi Yu made a move again.

Duan Ling Tian cast the Double Teleportation Profundity a few times, but Sun Yi Yu gradually caught up to him. After being chased by Sun Yi Yu for more than a dozen breaths, a faint smile suddenly appeared on his face. Those who were familiar with him would know that this was his ‘wicked’ smile.

‘Sun Yi Yu is now used to me teleporting away... If I suddenly stop doing so, he’ll definitely be thrown off...’

Duan Ling Tian cast the Double Teleportation Profundity another time, and the distance between him and Sun Yi Yu grew shorter.

Sun Yi Yu stared at Duan Ling Tian intently, preparing to make a move as soon as Duan Ling Tian teleported again. Based on the current trend, he would be able to catch up to Duan Ling Tian after Duan Ling Tian cast the Double Teleportation Profundity a few more times. At that time, Duan Ling Tian would no longer be able to escape from him.

However, contrary to Sun Yi Yu's expectations, Duan Ling Tian did not teleport away this time. He was caught off guard. He had been certain that Duan Ling Tian would teleport away again; he had been subconsciously conditioned by Duan Ling Tian's earlier actions to expect this.

When Sun Yi Yu momentarily let down his guard, a colorful sword ray shot toward him. Since he was an advanced Emperor of Gods, although he reacted a beat too late, he was still able to bring out his prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul and block the attack. However, since he had defended himself in a haste, he did not manage to defend himself using all his might. As such, Duan Ling Tian's colorful sword ray easily crushed his defenses before injuring him and sending him flying back.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian teleported and reappeared in front of the injured Sun Yi Yu.

At this time, the space around Sun Yi Yu restrained him as another colorful sword ray shot toward him before it came to a stop in front of him, looking like it would kill him at any moment.

Sun Yi Yu coughed up blood before he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a sour expression and said, "You're cheating!"

Sun Yi Yu had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength, and he knew that even if he was not distracted earlier, he would not have been a match for Duan Ling Tian. Nonetheless, he still felt very unwilling. If he was not distracted, at the very least, he would not have lost so miserably.

After Sun Yi Yu's voice fell, and before Duan Ling Tian could respond, the other mansion masters shook their heads, thinking that Sun Yi Yu was a sore loser.

How could Sun Yi Yu say that Duan Ling Tian was cheating? There were no rules in a fight. Sun Yi Yu could only blame himself for being careless and failing to guard against Duan Ling Tian.

They were also very observant and were aware that Duan Ling Tian's trick was, in fact, unnecessary. Duan Ling Tian would have still been able to defeat Sun Yi Yu even without using a trick.

“Although Duan Ling Tian tricked Sun Yi Yu, lulling him into a false sense of security, based on the strength he had shown, he'd still be able to defeat Sun Yi Yu without resorting to a trick...”

“He's really amazing. I can't believe he's just a rudimentary Emperor of Gods. It's really shocking!”

“It's the first time I've seen such a terrifying rudimentary Emperor of Gods.”

While the others were discussing among themselves, Zhu Ying Jun smiled and said, “Mansion Master Duan won this fight. Congratulations, Mansion Master Duan.”

Since this was a public occasion, Zhu Ying Jun naturally did not address Duan Ling Tian as ‘Brother Ling Tian’ as he did privately.

While Sun Yi Yu returned to his seat with a dark expression on his face, Zhu Ying Jun looked at his subordinate, who was standing next to the advanced Emperor of Gods, meaningfully and nodded.

The subordinate quickly lifted the restriction on the old advanced Emperor of Gods.

In just a moment, life returned to the old man's eyes, and he quickly recovered his senses. His expression changed drastically when he discovered the situation he was in. In just a moment, his Divine Energy surged in his body as he prepared to flee.

Swoosh!

Alas, Duan Ling Tian was faster than the old man.

A colorful sword ray shot out in the air and landed on the old man's head, instantly killing the old man. He did not even get a chance to release his Divine Energy before he died.

Following that, a beam of light shone down on the purple-clad Duan Ling Tian.

At the same time, the mansion masters exclaimed in shock.

“His attack speed is so fast!”

“His speed is on a different level! Is it possible that he has 99 perfect Heavenly Veins?”

The more Heavenly Veins one possessed, the faster one would be able to mobilize one's Divine Energy. As a result, one's attack speed would also be faster. There was not much difference in having 99 ordinary Heavenly Veins and 98 ordinary Heavenly Veins. However, having 99 perfect Heavenly Veins was a completely different matter.

Duan Ling Tian's attack speed was so shockingly fast that many of them began to wonder if he possessed 99 perfect Heavenly Veins.

“If he has 99 Heavenly Veins, then it'll explain how he, a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, managed to kill an advanced Emperor of Gods. Someone I knew in the past possessed 99 Heavenly Veins as well. After stabilizing his cultivation base in the realm of an intermediate Emperor of Gods, he managed to kill an advanced Emperor of Gods. However, it has to be said that the advanced Emperor of Gods he killed was one of the weakest ones.”

Another mansion master shook his head and said, “Regardless, that person is still much weaker than Mansion Master Duan...”

Watching Duan Ling Tian fight with their own eyes was naturally different from watching through a Floating Image Pearl. It was only natural that everyone was shocked.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun kept his word and lent Sun Yi Yu an advanced Emperor of Gods to give to Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian moved quickly and ended the life of the advanced Emperor of Gods.

Just like before, a beam of light shone down on Duan Ling Tian.

‘When I return, I’ll absorb the energy from the rewards I received from killing two advanced Emperors of Gods. I’ve taken another big step closer to the realm of an intermediate Emperor of Gods,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, feeling slightly emotional.

After seeing Duan Ling Tian and Fang Xiong Lei being rewarded one after another, the mansion masters were green with envy. Then, they turned to look at Zhu Ying Jun eagerly.

Zhu Ying Jun smiled and continued the game. Rewarding the mansion masters with advanced Emperors of Gods was indeed just a game to him. He tossed the jade tokens out again.

‘Hmm?’

Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned slightly strange when he looked at the jade token in his hand. He had obtained the ‘move’ jade token again.

At this time, a young mansion master rose to his feet and looked around as he asked, “Who has the other ‘move’ jade token?”

The other mansion masters looked at the young mansion master enviously as they shook their heads. Soon enough, their expressions froze when they saw Duan Ling Tian rising to his feet.

‘Is this a joke? The interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion obtained the ‘move’ jade token again?!’

Chapter 4174: Sun Yi Yu Targets Duan Ling Tian

No one expected Duan Ling Tian to obtain the jade token with the word ‘move’ again.

“Mansion Master Duan, you’re really very lucky.”

The mansion masters looked at Duan Ling Tian enviously.

Duan Ling Tian did not expect to obtain the ‘move’ jade token again as well.

At this time, the young mansion master, who obtained the other ‘move’ jade token, smiled wryly and said, “My strength is on par with that of Mansion Master Sun. Since Mansion Master Sun isn’t a match for Mansion Master Duan, I’m naturally no match for Mansion Master Duan as well. I surrender.”

At the same time, Zhu Ying Jun felt rather speechless by Duan Ling Tian’s heaven-defying luck. He did not pull any tricks and had nothing to do with Duan Ling Tian obtaining the ‘move’ jade tokens consecutively.

‘Well, talent alone isn’t enough for him to come so far... His luck plays an important role as well...’ Zhu Ying Jun reasoned with himself inwardly. For Duan Ling Tian to achieve such amazing feats as a rudimentary Emperor of Gods, common sense could not be applied to him.

Subsequently, Zhu Ying Jun waved his hand, gesturing to his subordinate to release the advanced Emperor of Gods’ restriction.

Just like before, Duan Ling Tian swiftly killed the advanced Emperor of Gods with a sword ray.

Once again, a beam of light shone down on Duan Ling Tian from the sky as the mansion masters looked at Duan Ling Tian enviously.

Even Yun He felt envious as he watched Duan Ling Tian.

The reward for a rudimentary Emperor of Gods killing an advanced Emperor of Gods was abundant as it was, and Duan Ling Tian received three consecutive rewards.

After Duan Ling Tian returned to his seat, he and the others turned to look at Zhu Ying Jun.

“Are we going to continue with the game?”

Zhu Ying Jun shook his head and said with a sigh, "Initially, I only planned to have three rounds. However, since Mansion Master Duan won two out of three rounds, I'll add another round to give the other mansion masters another chance." He looked at Fang Xiong Lei with an apologetic smile as he said, "To make things fair, Mansion Master Duan and Mansion Master Fang won't be participating in the next round."

Fang Xiong Lei smiled and nodded. Clearly, he did not have a problem with this.

Zhu Ying Jun did not feel apologetic toward Duan Ling Tian at all. What need was there to feel bad for Duan Ling Tian who killed three advanced Emperors of Gods?

Duan Ling Tian did not object even if he felt that it was unfair. After all, he knew his objection would be useless. It was clear that everyone would prefer it if he did not participate again. It would definitely cause a commotion if he participated and obtained the 'move' jade token again. As such, he could only watch.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian could also sense his Divine Energy growing stronger as his body slowly absorbed the energy from the rewards.

Soon after, two mansion masters, who obtained the 'move' jade tokens, began to fight. After exchanging a thousand moves, one of them finally won and received his reward.

With that, the game came to an end.

Zhu Ying Jun did not propose another game, hoping that the mansion masters would interact more and befriend each other. After all, during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, they might need to cooperate with each other.

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, cooperation would only happen if both parties' needs were met. However, if one was strong enough to handle everything alone, why would there be a need for cooperation? Moreover, the weaker party would have to be even more on guard against the stronger party.

Time continued to pass, and the banquet was soon coming to an end.

At this time, Sun Yi Yu, the Mansion Master of the Giant Hawk Mansion, looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that shone with anticipation as he asked, “Mansion Master Duan, if you don’t mind, can you tell us more about yourself?”

The other mansion masters turned to look at Duan Ling Tian upon hearing these words. They were all curious about him, after all. Where did such a terrifying rudimentary Emperor of Gods come from? Would anyone below the realm of a Supreme God be a match for him once he became an intermediate Emperor of Gods? They could not imagine how strong he would be at that time. Perhaps, he would even be able to kill an ordinary rudimentary Supreme God once he became an advanced Emperor of Gods.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Sun Yi Yu before he replied, “I’m from the Righteous Divine Kingdom. I lived in seclusion in the past. Is this enough, Mansion Master Sun?”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed coldly as he looked at Sun Yi Yu. How could he not know that Sun Yi Yu harbored ill intentions?

As though he could read Duan Ling Tian’s mind, Sun Yi Yu smiled faintly as he said loudly, “Mansion Master Duan, I only asked because I wanted to verify where you came from. Since you said you’re from our Righteous Divine Kingdom, I naturally believe you. I apologize if you find my question rude. I was only worried since it’s not unprecedented for other Divine Kingdoms to plant spies with the intention of stirring up trouble during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. It’s a very common thing to do, after all.”

Despite Sun Yi Yu’s words, his distrust and suspicion were very obvious on his face.

Duan Ling Tian’s smile slowly widened as he said, “If Mansion Master Sun is so worried about this, all we need to do is not cooperate with each other during the Battle of Divine Kingdoms. With this, you don’t have to worry about my ‘betrayal’.”

Before Sun Yi Yu could speak again, Zhu Ying Jun said, “That’s enough, Mansion Master Sun. You should watch your words and not speak without concrete evidence. Even if the Divine Kingdoms have sent spies here, they won’t send someone as outstanding as Mansion Master Duan. They’d be worried about the risk of us killing such a monstrous prodigy if his identity were exposed. Although they had sent talented spies in the past, the spies would all hide their strength.”

Following that, Zhu Ying Jun demanded that Sun Yi Yu apologize to Duan Ling Tian.

Sun Yi Yu's expression was rather sincere as he apologized, but a hint of gloating could be seen in his eyes.

'Sun Yi Yu...' Duan Ling Tian's flashed briefly with killing intent. Although he was smiling at Sun Yi Yu at this time, inwardly, he thought to himself that he would not let Sun Yi Yu go if they were to meet in Destiny Canyon.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun finally said, "Everyone, the banquet today has come to an end. I hope all of you will continue to try to improve your strength before the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. If you need any assistance, you can look for Vice Commander Yun. The royal family will also lend you some resources..."

Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. In the end, he still owed Zhu Ying Jun a favor.

Duan Ling Tian decided to leave the other mansion masters in the Righteous Divine Kingdom, except for Sun Yi Yu, alone if he ran into them during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. Apart from a few, he was confident he was stronger than the others. It was evident when the young mansion master surrendered after he defeated Sun Yi Yu.

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After Yun He led Duan Ling Tian and the others back to the compound, he followed Duan Ling Tian back to Duan Ling Tian's courtyard while the others returned to their respective courtyards.

Yun He said with a wry smile, "Brother Ling Tian, you should've kept a low profile today. Although most of the mansion masters seem friendly, who knows what they'll be like at the critical moment? Humans are selfish and jealous by nature. Moreover, after killing three advanced Emperors of Gods earlier, all of them will guard against you tightly. If it's possible, it's best for you to avoid them during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms unless you're not worried about being betrayed."

"Thank you for your reminder, Brother Yun He. I'll be cautious," Duan Ling Tian said. He knew Yun He was worried about him so he felt rather thankful.

After Yun He left, Duan Ling Tian entered his room and began to absorb the energy from the three rewards.

‘With the energy I obtained today, my progress toward becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods should be more than 50%,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself excitedly before he closed his eyes to cultivate.

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At the same time, many people in the various Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent were lamenting.

“I’m still too weak to qualify for the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon! What a pity!”

“A year is about to pass, and I’ve yet to make any significant improvement. There are only two years left before I’ll be forcefully transported out of this place...”

“The Trial of Gods is really unique. It’s so competitive and dangerous in here. I almost died before...”

“You’re either the hunter or the prey here... I hope time will pass by quickly. I really don’t want to stay here for too long!”

Chapter 4175: A Bunch of Trash

The world in the Trial of Gods was made up of the Southern Heaven Continent and the Northern Sphere Continent.

When Duan Ling Tian and the other young prodigies entered the Trial of Gods, they were equally divided between the two continents.

Duan Ling Tian and Lang Chun Yuan, his Fourth Senior Sister, were sent to the Southern Heaven Continent while the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion’s Tuo Ba Xiu was sent to the Northern Sphere Continent.

Similar to the Southern Heaven Continent, there were many Divine Kingdoms in the Northern Sphere Continent as well. The Northern Sphere Continent also had the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, and it would be held in a place called the Forbidden Abyss.

The Battles of the Divine Kingdoms of the Southern Heaven Continent and the Northern Sphere Continent were created by the ‘God of Creation’ and had no intersection with each other.

Apart from a few intermediate Emperors of Gods who possessed the strength of an ordinary advanced Emperor of Gods, most of the young prodigies from the Myriad Laws Academy were not qualified to participate in the Battles of the Divine Kingdom.

During this time, there were a few extraordinary intermediate Emperors of Gods who managed to break through and become advanced Emperors of Gods after going through various trials in the Trial of Gods. Among these people was the Rainbow Phoenix Pavilion’s Zhang Tian Jiao. However, it had to be said that she was already on the brink of a breakthrough before entering the Trial of Gods.

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Time passed by in just a blink of an eye, and it was soon time for the Divine Kingdoms to depart for Destiny Canyon.

Duan Ling Tian and the other mansion masters followed Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, as he led them into a supreme-grade flying ship.

The maximum speed of the supreme-grade flying ship was that of a rudimentary Supreme God, but it flew at the speed of an advanced Emperor of Gods. After all, flying it at full speed would cost a huge fortune.

In terms of space, it was much more spacious than an emperor-grade flying ship. Everyone had their own cubicles.

When Duan Ling Tian entered his cubicle, he saw a Mirror Image that showed him the surroundings of the flying ship. After taking a look, he closed his eyes and began to cultivate.

After he absorbed the energy from the three rewards he received during the banquet and consumed the Limit Divine Pills he refined, Duan Ling Tian had progressed tremendously. At this moment, he was near the brink of a breakthrough into the realm of an intermediate Emperor of Gods.

‘I must become an intermediate Emperor of Gods during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He was very confident about breaking through and becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods. As for becoming an advanced Emperor of Gods, he did not dare to think about it yet since it was beyond his reach now.

‘It’ll be a bonus if I’m able to stabilize my cultivation base completely after becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods in Destiny Canyon.’

‘The energy I received from the rewards during the banquet not only help me raise my cultivation base, but it also improved my comprehension of the law of space...’

Apart from raising one’s cultivation base, the energy from the rewards which were imbued with the supreme powerhouses’ unique insight into the laws they comprehended could also improve one’s comprehension of the law.

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Duan Ling Tian was unaware that Lang Chun Yuan, his Fourth Senior Sister, was on her way to Destiny Canyon at this moment as well.

The Jade Bow Divine Kingdom’s entourage was led by their Lord.

Many people were puzzled when they first saw Lang Chun Yuan. Based on appearance alone, she did not look like a rudimentary Emperor of Gods at all, let alone an advanced Emperor of Gods. In any case, except for a few curious cats, their attention did not stay on her for long.

“Little girl, you’re going to Destiny Canyon as well?”

“Little girl, where did you come from? I don’t think I’ve seen you before...”

“Little girl...”

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At the same time, the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, who had entered his special compartment after boarding the flying ship, received a report.

“Your Majesty, a few of the mansion masters are rather curious about Miss Lang.”

The Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom smiled faintly as he said, “I know what they’re thinking. I hope they don’t provoke her. Otherwise, they’ll definitely regret it.”

The subordinate inhaled sharply upon hearing this. Then, he asked, “Your Majesty, is Miss Lang really as strong as a rudimentary Supreme God?”

“You’ll find out for yourself if those ignorant people provoke her,” the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom replied.

“This... Won’t it be a disaster?” the subordinate asked.

“Don’t worry. It’ll be fine,” the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom said nonchalantly, “Before we departed, I already told her that she could make a move if someone provokes her, but she’s not allowed to kill...”

The subordinate sighed and said, “Your Majesty, our safety is in your hands. If she’s really as strong as a rudimentary Supreme God, then none of us will be able to restrain her.”

Following that, the subordinate left.

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At the same time, in the main area of the flying ship.

Lang Chun Yuan looked at the old man and middle-aged man who approached her. “Little girl? Impudent!”

As soon as Lang Chun Yuan’s voice fell, the few men near her frowned.

Following that, Lang Chun Yuan's terrifying and destructive Divine Energy surged out, triggering the protective Formation on the flying ship.

The void rippled as Lang Chun Yuan pushed her hand out, and a terrifying palm seal imbued with the law of destruction shot toward the men.

The men's expressions changed drastically as they hastily retreated. One or two of them even brought their prominent divine artifacts out.

Unsurprisingly, they were no match for Lang Chun Yuan, and she easily crushed their defenses. However, before her attacks landed, a powerful force surged out and protected the men.

"Your Majesty!"

The few mansion masters' expressions brightened when they discovered they had been saved by the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom.

With the Lord's Decree, the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom was just like an advanced Supreme God. Therefore, although he was quite a distance away, he easily saved his subordinates in just a blink of an eye. If he did not intervene, they would have been severely injured.

At the same time, the other mansion masters were shocked by Lang Chun Yuan's display of strength.

Following that, a scoff rang in the air before the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom said coldly, "Fools! Did you really think I'd let an ordinary person participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms? If she didn't hold back earlier, all of you would've died. Let me tell you. She's as strong as a rudimentary Supreme God."

A deafening silence descended on the entire place as soon as the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom finished speaking.

The few mansion masters, who only suffered minor injuries due to the intervention of the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, looked at Lang Chun Yuan fearfully with pale faces.

The other mansion masters' eyes shone with fear as well when they looked at Lang Chun Yuan. They finally understood why the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom had brought the girl along.

At this time, Lang Chun Yuan furrowed her brows slightly as she said, displeased, "You shouldn't have intervened. I wouldn't have killed them. Don't you trust me?"

The Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom smiled awkwardly as he said, "I apologize. It was not my intention to offend you. I was worried they would be severely injured and that their performance would be affected during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. I hope you understand."

The mansion masters were shocked by how courteous the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom treated Lang Chun Yuan. However, when they recalled her strength, they thought it was understandable.

Lang Chun Yuan scoffed in response before she looked at the other mansion masters disdainfully and said, "What can this bunch of trash even achieve during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms?"

The mansion masters were naturally offended by these words, but none of them had the courage to refute her words. They knew she only spared their lives because of the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom. After all, they would be without the protection of the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom after the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms ended and they returned to their respective Mansions.

Chapter 4176: Exchanging a Knowing Look

Legend had it that Destiny Canyon and Forbidden Abyss were created by the God of Creation for the various Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent and the Northern Sphere Continent. Those below the realm of a Supreme God could enter it, and there was no age limit.

For the Southern Heaven Continent, the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms would be held in Destiny Canyon. The powerhouses from the various Divine Kingdoms would then compete with each other. There were two ranking systems for the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms: an individual ranking and a Divine Kingdom ranking. The total points accumulated by all the representatives of a Divine Kingdom would be the points for the Divine Kingdom.

At this time, Yun He was talking to Duan Ling Tian. Previously, he had spoken to Duan Ling Tian about Destiny Canyon, but he was not very detailed.

“Destiny Canyon is filled with all sorts of fortuitous encounters. Moreover, the reward for killing a person from another the Divine Kingdom is double the usual reward.”

“Killing a person from the same Divine Kingdom isn’t prohibited, but the reward will be lesser.”

“Everyone will be transported to random places in Destiny Canyon. No matter who you kill, you’ll obtain their points after you kill them.”

“The competition in Destiny Canyon is brutal. It’s best not to simply cooperate with anyone. If you have no choice but to do so, you have to be very cautious and keep your guard up at all times.”

“You’ll also obtain points if you successfully seize fortuitous encounters in Destiny Canyon. The greater the fortuitous encounter, the higher the points you’ll receive. There are all kinds of treasures in the canyon as well. There’s also the God of Creation’s Divine Energy that was left behind. It’ll temporarily boost your Divine Energy to another level. However, for an advanced Emperor of Gods, his or her Divine Energy would only be boosted slightly until it’s almost at the level of a rudimentary Supreme God. The God of Creation’s Divine Energy is rare so if you obtain it, it’s best to save it and only use it at the critical moment.”

Soon after Yun He finished speaking, the voice of Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, rang in the air, announcing that they had arrived outside of Destiny Canyon.

Duan Ling Tian looked around. He did not see any canyon. It seemed like they were in a vast and uninhabitable desolate land. He wondered inwardly, ‘This is Destiny Canyon? Did we arrive too early?’

Following that, a burst of laughter rang in the air.

“Nephew Ying Jun, you’re here early.”

An old man dressed in a golden robe appeared with a group of people behind him.

“That’s Yu Gu Fen, the Lord of the Lofty Cloud Divine Kingdom,” Zhu Ying Jun said to Duan Ling Tian and the others before he led them over to greet Yu Gu Fen.

“Senior Uncle Yu, the Lofty Cloud Divine Kingdom arrived early as well,” Zhu Ying Jun said.

The size of the entourage from the Lofty Cloud Divine Kingdom was comparable to that of the Righteous Divine Kingdom. Apart from Yu Gu Fen, the others were all advanced Emperors of Gods. After all, advanced Emperors of Gods had the highest advantage in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. Those below the realm of an advanced Emperor of Gods would be easy targets during the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms.

Yu Gu Fen exchanged pleasantries with Zhu Ying Jun for a while before he looked at Duan Ling Tian and the others who were standing behind Zhu Ying Jun. Then, he said, “Nephew Ying Jun, I heard you brought a rudimentary Emperor of Gods who’s capable of killing advanced Emperors of Gods to participate in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms in Destiny Canyon?”

Zhu Ying Jun’s eyes narrowed slightly upon hearing Yu Gu Fen’s words. Then, he said, “Senior Uncle Yu, it seems like your intelligence network is very efficient.”

Yu Gu Fen did not respond to Zhu Ying Jun’s words. Instead, he asked curiously, “I wonder who is that rudimentary Emperor of Gods?”

“Mansion Master Duan,” Zhu Ying Jun called out to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian stepped forward and nodded at Yu Gu Fen as he said, “I’m Duan Ling Tian, the interim Mansion Master of the Divine Spirit Mansion in the Righteous Divine Kingdom. Greetings, Lord Yu.”

Duan Ling Tian was rather certain that Yu Gu Fen already knew how he was before he even stepped forward. He thought that Yu Gu Fen must have watched his fight through a Floating Image Pearl.

Yu Gu Fen looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, filled with praise, “How remarkable! I’ve never heard of a rudimentary Emperor of Gods capable of killing advanced Emperors of Gods until you came along.” A hint of envy could be heard in his voice as he continued to say, “The rewards you received from killing advanced Emperors of Gods must have raised your cultivation base tremendously, right? After all, the rewards would be higher even if one only killed someone whose cultivation base is a level higher.”

It was true that in the Trial of Gods, the rewards would be higher if one killed an opponent who had a higher cultivation base. The reward would be even higher if one killed the opponent without any help.

Duan Ling Tian only nodded and smiled in response to Yu Gu Fen's words. He could see the envious and hostile gazes of the group of advanced Emperors of Gods standing behind Yu Gu Fen as they looked at him. With this, he assumed one or two of them would look for trouble for him. Perhaps, they might even challenge him to a life-or-death battle. However, he soon realized that he had been overthinking things. The group of advanced Emperors of Gods seemed to be aware of his extraordinary strength so they did not act recklessly.

Soon after, another entourage from another Divine Kingdom arrived.

Duan Ling Tian was surprised when he saw the size of the entourage was only half of that of the Righteous Divine Kingdom.

Apart from the mansion masters from the Righteous Divine Kingdom, there were quite a few powerful advanced Emperors of Gods who were sectless cultivators. Unlike the mansion masters, Duan Ling Tian had never met them before this. However, it did not deter them from looking at him every once in a while. Clearly, they had also heard about him. In any case, Zhu Ying Jun did not seem to have any intentions of introducing them.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian heard one of the mansion masters from the Righteous Divine Kingdom say, "It's the Soaring Divine Kingdom."

"Why are there so few people?"

One mansion master shook his head and said, "Didn't you hear? Apparently, a demon-like girl suddenly appeared in the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom not too long ago and slaughtered almost all of the advanced Emperors of Gods in the capital. She did not touch those below the realm of an advanced Emperor of Gods except for an ignorant few who made a move. It's said that the demon-like girl is also an advanced Emperor of Gods, but she killed the other advanced Emperors of Gods easily as though she was killing chickens."

Those who were unaware of the matter were shocked upon hearing about the unexpected disaster that struck the Soaring Divine Kingdom. Moreover, the disaster struck just before the commencement of the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. No wonder, the size of the entourage from the Soaring Divine Kingdom was so small.

'So the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom is Xiao Yi Yuan...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after learning Xiao Yi Yuan's name from Zhu Ying Jun.

Since Xiao Yi Yuan arrived, his expression was rather dark. No one found it surprising. It was only normal for him to be in a bad mood after the disaster that struck his kingdom. Moreover, the disaster struck at a terrible time. His expression only improved when he greeted Zhu Ying Jun and Yu Gu Fen.

“Both of you are here early.”

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The entourages of the other Divine Kingdoms arrived one after another.

It was painfully obvious that the entourage from the Soaring Divine Kingdom was very small compared to the others.

A few Lords of the Divine Kingdoms approached Xiao Yi Yuan to offer their condolences. Clearly, all of them had heard about the disaster.

At this time...

“The Jade Bow Divine Kingdom is here...”

Duan Ling Tian looked over instinctively, and something caught his eye immediately.

A young girl stood behind the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom. Most importantly, she carried a jade gourd at her waist. The jade gourd looked ordinary, but it had a chip.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened imperceptibly.

‘Fourth Senior Sister?!’

Duan Ling Tian did not expect to meet Lang Chun Yuan at Destiny Canyon at all.

Meanwhile, after sensing Duan Ling Tian's gaze, Lang Chun Yuan took a closer look at him. She was surprised when she saw him staring at the jade gourd hanging at her waist.

‘That purple-clad young man has been staring at my jade gourd. It's supposed to be the token for junior brother to identify me. Is he my junior brother?’

Then, as though she just remembered something, her eyes shifted to Duan Ling Tian's waist. When she saw the sword-shaped jade ornament at his waist, she finally confirmed that the other party was indeed her junior brother.

The duo silently exchanged a knowing look when...

“You! How dare you appear at this place!” Xiao Yi Yuan bellowed as he rushed toward the people of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom.

Chapter 4177: The Three Demonic Scorpion Elders

While the others watched in confusion, Duan Ling Tian's expression changed as he watched Xiao Yi Yuan, the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, charging toward the girl standing behind the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom.

Guan Bao Yu, the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, asked coldly with a dark expression on his face, “Xiao Yi Yuan, have you gone insane?”

Guan Bao Yu was naturally not afraid of Xiao Yi Yuan.

Xiao Yi Yuan seemed to regain his senses upon hearing Guan Bao Yu's words. He quickly withdrew his attack. Without the Lord's Decree, he was slightly weaker than Guan Bao Yu. With the Lord's Decree, they were equal. In short, it was useless for him to attack Lang Chun Yuan now.

Xiao Yi Yuan looked at Guan Bao Yu darkly and said, “Guan Bao Yu, hand over that girl standing behind you to me!”

“Impossible,” Guan Bao Yu said indifferently as he looked at Xiao Yi Yuan who was seething with anger. Based on Xiao Yi Yuan's behavior, it was not difficult for him to figure out that the demon-like girl who slaughtered almost all the advanced Emperors of Gods in the capital of the Soaring

Divine Kingdom was Lang Chun Yuan. However, it did not matter to him. She was now the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom's trump card, after all. He placed all his hopes to rank first in both the individual and group ranking on her. Although the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom would not be rewarded if Lang Chun Yuan ranked first in the individual ranking, it would undoubtedly boost the reputation of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom in the Southern Heaven Continent. At that time, there would not be anyone who did not know the top ranker of the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms was from the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom.

Although Guan Bao Yu had figured out the situation, the others had yet to make the connection.

Xiao Yi Yuan said icily, "Guan Bao Yu, she's the one who came to my capital and killed all the advanced Emperors of Gods there while I was in closed-door cultivation. You must hand her over to me!"

As soon as Xiao Yi Yuan's words fell, everyone's confusion disappeared and was replaced by shock.

"She's the girl who went to the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom and slaughtered the advanced Emperors of Gods there?"

"I heard she's comparable to an ordinary rudimentary Supreme God!"

"No wonder the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom lost his composure!"

Duan Ling Tian was also shocked when he learned that his Fourth Senior Sister killed almost all, if not all, of the advanced Emperors of Gods in the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom.

'Fourth Senior Sister is really amazing! She actually went to the capital of a Divine Kingdom to kill all the advanced Emperors of Gods there...'

Duan Ling Tian was in awe of Lang Chun Yuan's boldness and success. He naturally knew that she had killed the advanced Emperors of Gods for the rewards.

'Fortunately, Fourth Senior Sister only made a move after learning that the Lord wasn't in the capital. Otherwise, she might have died...'

Duan Ling Tian had overestimated Lang Chun Yuan. He did not expect that Lang Chun Yuan did not make any preparations at all before going to the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom. When she went there, she did not even know that Xiao Yi Yuan was not in the capital. In fact, she had assumed that Xiao Yi Yuan was in the capital. Not only that, but when she found that Xiao Yi Yuan was not in the capital, she even intentionally sought him out!

If Duan Ling Tian knew about this, he would be drenched in cold sweat.

At this time, Guan Bao Yu replied calmly, “Xiao Yi Yuan, that’s enough. Miss Lang is an important person to us, and she’ll be representing my Jade Bow Divine Kingdom in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. Even after the end of the battle, I have no intention of handing her over to you. Whether your words are true or not, it doesn’t matter. You can only blame yourself for failing to protect your men. If you were competent, let alone an advanced Emperor of Gods, even an advanced Supreme God wouldn’t be able to harm those in your capital.” His voice turned disdainful as he continued to say, “Don’t blame someone else for your mistake.”

Xiao Yi Yuan’s expression turned unsightly upon hearing Guan Bao Yu’s words. After a moment, he looked at the other Lords of the Divine Kingdoms, who were present on the scene, before he said, “Don’t think that this matter has nothing to do with you. If she can enter my kingdom and kill my men, she can do the same to you! Do you think you’ll be able to stay on guard all the time and respond in time?”

Xiao Yi Yuan tried his best to get the others to stand on his side and demand justice for him. He was no match for Guan Bao Yu, but if a group of Lords spoke out against Guan Bao Yu, perhaps, he might get what he wanted.

Alas, contrary to Xiao Yuan Yi’s expectations, quite a few of the other Lords took Guan Bao Yu’s side and even thought that he was making a mountain out of a molehill.

There were also some who remained neutral and preferred not to be dragged into muddy waters.

In the end, Xiao Yi Yuan failed in his quest to seek justice. He could only glare at Lang Chun Yuan.

At the same time, the advanced Emperors of Gods from the Soaring Divine Kingdom fell into despair when they saw Lang Chun Yuan looking at all of them. It was as though she was trying to memorize their faces. At this time, they could only pray with all their might that they would not run into her in Destiny Canyon. Otherwise, they had no doubt that she would kill them. They felt really conflicted at this moment.

‘Damn it! Should I withdraw? It’s too dangerous...’

‘It’s grown even more dangerous now that I’ve become a target. However, this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance. I can’t miss entering Destiny Canyon!’

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief inwardly. Up until now, he and Lang Chun Yuan had yet to greet each other. It was not the right time to do so, and they had plenty of time to do so in Destiny Canyon. It would be to their advantage to keep their relationship a secret. Perhaps, they could join forces and launch a surprise attack later in Destiny Canyon.

After the conflict between the Soaring Divine Kingdom and Lang Chun Yuan died down, all 30 Divine Kingdoms in the Southern Heaven Continent had arrived.

Half of the Southern Heaven Continent was ruled by the 30 Divine Kingdoms while the other half was ruled by various powerful supreme-rank clans and sects. These clans and sects were mostly founded by sectless cultivators or descendants from royal families who did not inherit the throne. They were unwilling to serve their respective Divine Kingdoms and chose to establish their own forces. In any case, this was also the reason why some supreme-rank forces had close relationships with some Divine Kingdoms and had connections to the royal families.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian heard Zhu Ying Jun say, “Now that everyone’s here, we only need to wait for Destiny Canyon to appear.”

Since the beginning, Destiny Canyon had been the venue of the Southern Heaven Continent’s Battle of the Divine Kingdoms. It would only appear once every 10,000 years on the eve of the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, and it could only be open when the 30 Lords of the 30 Divine Kingdoms used their Lord’s Decrees in unison.

“How many more days are left?” someone asked.

Unlike Duan Ling Tian, many of the mansion masters were growing impatient.

Yun He replied on behalf of Zhu Ying Jun, “Five more days.”

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Over the next few days, the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms and the mansion masters would gather and chat while Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged in the air to cultivate. Although being interrupted could result in injuries or a deviation in his cultivation, he was not worried about it since Zhu Ying Jun was around. Zhu Ying Jun would definitely protect him since it was to Zhu Ying Jun's benefit that he participated in the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms.

Similarly, Lang Chun Yuan also sat cross-legged to cultivate, following in Duan Ling Tian's footsteps. She also did not seem worried about Xiao Yi Yuan attacking her.

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The day before Destiny Canyon appeared, everyone's excitement grew stronger.

At this time, a gust of wind suddenly began to stir as the sound of the wind whistling rang in the air.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Three figures flew over from the distance. They were three old men with hair as white as snow. One of them was tall and burly, one had a medium build, and the other one was lanky.

Upon seeing the three old men, the expressions of a few Lords of the Divine Kingdoms turned grim.

"It's the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders from the Latent Element Heaven Sect!"

The Latent Element Heaven Sect was a powerful supreme-rank force in the Southern Heaven Continent with many advanced Supreme Gods. The Three Demonic Scorpion Elders were intermediate Supreme Gods and were considered the pillar of the sect as well. The Formations that the trio created together were comparable to that of an ordinary advanced Supreme God. Most importantly, they were so strong that even Xiao Yi Yuan, who possessed the Lord's Decree, was no match for them if they joined forces.

Chapter 4178: The Boastful Senior Sister and Junior Brother

Guan Bao Yu, the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, frowned when he saw the three old men. He asked in a low and cold voice, “Three gentlemen, don’t you think you’ve overstepped the boundary?”

The appearance of the three Supreme Gods from the Latent Element Heaven Sect when Destiny Canyon was about to appear was tantamount to trampling on the dignity of the Divine Kingdoms.

Under normal circumstances, even if the 30 Lords of the Divine Kingdoms, they might not be a match for the three old men. However, due to the special circumstances, which only happened once in 10,000 years, they were able to use their Lord’s Decrees outside of their territories. With this, they were not any weaker than advanced Supreme Gods.

Although the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders were powerful when they joined forces, just two Lords of the Divine Kingdoms were enough to deal with them at this time. In fact, Guan Bao Yu was confident that he alone was enough to deal with the trio even if it would take a longer time.

After Guan Bao Yu spoke up, the other Lords of the Divine Kingdoms began to chime in one after another. Their gazes shone with killing intent, and their voices were cold. Some of them even looked like they could not wait to make a move.

“The Latent Element Heaven Sect is really courageous!”

“Don’t tell me the Latent Element Heaven Sect is thinking about obtaining a slice of the pie? If so, I’m afraid the three of you don’t have the capability of doing so.”

“Aren’t you, Three Demonic Scorpion Elders, afraid that you won’t be able to return after coming here?”

Under normal circumstances, if the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms encountered the trio and a conflict arose, it would be difficult for them to escape death. However, due to the special circumstances with the Lord’s Decrees, they were naturally eager to fight the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders. Nonetheless, despite their thoughts, they did not act recklessly and maintained their composure. After all, even if they successfully killed the trio today, there would be consequences for offending the Latent Element Heaven Sect. It was likely that they, their descendants, and people would not be able to leave their respective Divine Kingdoms again lest the Latent Element Heaven Sect decided to retaliate. The momentary satisfaction was not worth the price they would have to pay in the end. Moreover, the trio had yet to cross the line. As such, they had no valid reason to make a move. Needless to say, if the trio crossed the line, they would not hesitate to kill the trio since the Latent Element Heaven Sect would be at fault.

When the three old men saw the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms, whom they could easily kill at ordinary times, behaving arrogantly now, it would be a lie to say they did not feel anything. However, they could only remain calm and focus on their mission, ignoring the hostile gazes directed at them. Even their voices were flat, neither happy nor angry, when they spoke.

“It’s a misunderstanding.”

“We didn’t come for Destiny Canyon. We came to speak with someone.”

The Lords of the Divine Kingdoms were stunned upon hearing these words. Then, they instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and Lang Chun Yuan. They were naturally unaware of the relationship between the duo. Out of everyone present, they thought that it was most likely that the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders came to look for one of the two. The reason was not hard to guess.

Finally, one of the three old men walked toward the entourage from the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom. He stopped a distance away since Guan Bao Yu, the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, was watching him like a tiger watching its prey. He said, “Lang Chun Yuan.”

As expected, the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders came to look for Lang Chun Yuan.

The old man continued to say, “Lang Chun Yuan, we came to speak to you. After the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, if you’re willing, we’d like to invite you to join our Latent Element Heaven Sect. Apart from that, if you manage to become a Supreme God in Destiny Canyon, our sect will also prepare another gift for you. Rest assured, the gift won’t be inferior to the reward that helps you break through and become a Supreme God.”

The old man did not waste time and directly told Lang Chun Yuan about the gift.

When Lang Chun Yuan’s eyes brightened after listening to those words, the three old men smiled. It was within their expectations that their offer would move her. After all, she was someone who killed almost all advanced Emperors of Gods in the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom just for the rewards. She was bold and smart.

However, the trio was unaware that Lang Chun Yuan was blindly fearless. She did not take into consideration whether Xiao Yi Yuan, the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, was in the capital or not before she started a massacre. Perhaps, apart from her and a few people from the Soaring Divine

Kingdom, everyone assumed that she had calculated everything and only went to the capital after confirming that Xiao Yi Yuan was absent.

At this time, another one of the three old men turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and said, “Duan Ling Tian, if you’re willing to join our Latent Element Heaven Sect, our sect is willing to do everything in our power to help you become an intermediate Emperor of Gods if you fail to do so in Destiny Canyon. Consider it a welcome gift.”

The Three Demonic Scorpion Elders assumed that Duan Ling Tian would be moved like Lang Chun Yuan. Hence, they were slightly stunned when they saw the calm expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face. They wondered if Duan Ling Tian was dissatisfied with their offer. In their opinion, their offer was rather good and sincere.

Finally, the old man could not help but ask, “Duan Ling Tian, are you dissatisfied with the gift?”

“No, it’s rather good,” Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, “However, senior, the gift is dependent on whether or not I break through and become an intermediate Emperor of Gods in Destiny Canyon. What happens if I not only become an intermediate Emperor of Gods in Destiny Canyon but also stabilize my cultivation base there? If so, does that mean that I won’t have a welcome gift?”

Not only were the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders stunned, but even the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms and advanced Emperors of Gods were stunned by Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Not only did Duan Ling Tian intend to become an intermediate Emperor of Gods in Destiny Canyon, but he also wanted to stabilize his cultivation base in Destiny Canyon?

Seeing that there was no response, Duan Ling Tian continued to say to the old man, “What about this? If I manage to become an intermediate Emperor of Gods and stabilize my cultivation base in Destiny Canyon, I’ll join the Latent Element Heaven Sect if the sect is willing to do everything to help me become an advanced Emperor of Gods.”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, the three old men recovered from their shock. They exchanged a look, looking troubled. After all, Duan Ling Tian’s proposal was not easy to accomplish.

Even if Duan Ling Tian managed to become an intermediate Emperor of Gods and stabilize his cultivation base in Destiny Canyon, when he came out, he would still be a distance away from becoming an advanced Emperor of Gods. It meant that the Latent Element Heaven Sect would have

to give more resources to Duan Ling Tian. The resources needed to help him become an advanced Emperor of Gods were much more than what Lang Chun Yuan needed to become a Supreme God.

Before speaking to Lang Chun Yuan, they had watched her fight through Floating Image Pearls. Based on what they had seen, they calculated that she was not far from breaking through to the realm of a Supreme God. As such, they dared to promise her such a gift. If she had just become an advanced Emperor of Gods recently, they would not have made such an offer.

Seeing that the trio was silent, Duan Ling Tian said again, "If that's not possible, then forget it."

The three old men communicated through Voice Transmission for a few moments before the old man, who approached Duan Ling Tian first, stepped forward and said, "Duan Ling Tian, our sect accepts your request. However, if you fail to become an intermediate Emperor of Gods, you'll still have to join our sect, and the gift will be what was offered initially."

Although the old man did not say it, it was clear that he did not think Duan Ling Tian was going to be able to become an intermediate Emperor and stabilize his cultivation base at the same time in Destiny Canyon.

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly and said, "Very well. I accept your offer... However, I want the gift first. After my cultivation base rises, I'll join the sect."

The old men readily agreed to his request.

At this time, the people from the Divine Kingdoms were looking at Duan Ling Tian enviously. Not counting Duan Ling Tian's counteroffer, the initial offer from the Latent Element Heaven Sect was generous enough. The resources needed to help Duan Ling Tian become an intermediate Emperor of Gods, even if he was very close to a breakthrough, were still a lot. The Divine Kingdoms could also do this, but it would empty half of their vaults. Similar to the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders, they did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to stabilize his cultivation base in Destiny Canyon if he became an intermediate Emperor of Gods. At most, he would break through and become an intermediate Emperor of Gods.

While everyone's attention was focused on Duan Ling Tian, Lang Chun Yuan suddenly said, "I'll join the Latent Element Heaven Sect... However, if I become a rudimentary Supreme God and stabilize my cultivation base in Destiny Canyon, the sect has to help me become an intermediate Supreme God." Then, she shook her head before she said, "If it's too much, then forget it."

A deafening silence descended on the entire place as soon as Lang Chun Yuan's voice fell.

Just a moment ago, everyone thought Duan Ling Tian was boasting when he said he would be able to stabilize his cultivation base in Destiny Canyon after becoming an intermediate Emperor of Gods. However, after listening to Lang Chun Yuan, it did not seem like Duan Ling Tian was boasting anymore. In fact, he seemed rather modest compared to Lang Chun Yuan.

After all, Lang Chun Yuan was talking about stabilizing the cultivation base in the realm of a rudimentary Supreme God in such a short time. She was not even a rudimentary Supreme God now; she was just an advanced Emperor of Gods.

'Is she crazy?'

Even the three old men looked at Lang Chun Yuan as though she was a fool. Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian's words had a slight probability of happening, but in their opinion, Lang Chun Yuan's words were nothing but a wild fantasy. There was no chance at all of what she said happening.

At this moment, only Duan Ling Tian alone knew that his Fourth Senior Sister was not boasting or delusional. After all, he had heard from his Third Senior Brother that she had a shocking fortuitous encounter in the past that allowed her to immediately stabilize her cultivation base. Unlike others, she did not have to spend time or effort stabilizing her cultivation base at all!

Chapter 4179: The Advanced Supreme God, Nangong Ce Yi!

"Girl, you better not be joking," the old man, who had extended an invitation to Lang Chun Yuan, said, slightly displeased.

Lang Chun Yuan felt rather speechless. She said, "I'm not joking. Is the Latent Element Heaven Sect going to agree to my request or not? Otherwise, just forget it."

Upon hearing these words, the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders exchanged a look before they communicated through Voice Transmission.

"Lang Chun Yuan must be crazy, right?"

"I thought Duan Ling Tian was crazy, but she's crazier..."

“So, should we agree to her request?”

“I think we should just agree to her request...”

“I think we should send a Communication Jade back to the sect to ask for a second opinion before we make a decision. If she really succeeds, I’m afraid our Latent Element Heaven Sect might go bankrupt...”

The trio was just about to send a Communication Jade back to the Latent Element Heaven Sect when a voice suddenly rang in the distance.

“Young lady, you’re quite an interesting character. If the Latent Element Heaven Sect refuses your request, I’m more than willing to agree to your request. If you become a rudimentary Supreme God and manage to stabilize your cultivation base in Destiny Canyon, the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool will help you to become an intermediate Supreme God. Consider a welcome gift.”

Earlier, the Latent Element Heaven Sect only promised to help Lang Chun Yuan to become a Supreme God if she failed to do so in Destiny Canyon as long as she agreed to join the Latent Element Heaven Sect.

At this time, a tall and confident middle-aged man dressed in a long white robe appeared before everyone’s eyes.

The various Lords of the Divine Kingdoms were surprised when they saw the middle-aged man. A few of them quickly bowed and greeted him.

“Greetings, Lord Nangong.”

The middle-aged man was Nangong Ce Yi. He was one of the two advanced Supreme Gods in the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool, a supreme-rank sect.

No one expected the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool and the Latent Element Heaven Sect to send people here. Moreover, the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool even sent Nangong Ce Yi, the leader of the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool, here.

At the same time, the expressions of the Three Demonic Scorpion Elders turned grim. After a moment, one of them said, “Lord Nangong, we extended an invitation to Lang Chun Yuan first...”

Before the old man finished speaking, Nangong Ce Yi looked over and said, “If she decides to join the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool, you can only blame yourself for not agreeing to her request fast enough. In fact, I wanted to invite Duan Ling Tian to join the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool. However, since you’ve agreed to his request, I won’t compete with you. As for Lang Chun Yuan, if she decides to join the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool, no one, including that old man from your Latent Element Heaven Sect, can stop her from doing so.”

Everyone knew that ‘the old man’ whom Nangong Ce Yi mentioned was the advanced Supreme God from the Latent Element Heaven Sect.

At this moment, Lang Chun Yuan said, “I’ll join the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool since you agreed to my request.” At the same time, she thought to herself as her eyes flashed with excitement, ‘I didn’t expect that I’ll be given a chance to become an intermediate Supreme God in the Trial of Gods! Once I become an intermediate Supreme God, Third Senior Brother won’t be able to easily bully me anymore!’

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He did not expect someone would fall for Lang Chun Yuan’s trick. The leader of the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool looked wise, but he clearly underestimated Lang Chun Yuan’s unique talent.

Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly, ‘Even the most powerful and famous supreme-rank force in the Southern Heaven Continent will suffer a huge loss after helping Fourth Senior Sister become an intermediate Supreme God, right? Moreover, she won’t stay in the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool for long. She’ll be transported out of the Trial of Gods after two years...’

‘Perhaps, I’m overthinking things... The supreme powerhouses created this world for us. It’s possible that this world and its inhabitants will cease to exist after we leave...’ Duan Ling Tian continued thinking to himself, feeling more at ease.

At this time, Lang Chun Yuan said to Nangong Ce Yi, “I’ll only join the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool after receiving my welcome gift.”

Nangong Ce Yi readily agreed to Lang Chun Yuan’s additional request.

At the same time, no one present on the scene believed that Duan Ling Tian and Lang Chun Yuan would be able to fulfill their claims.

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The powerhouses from the Frosty Mountain Heavenly Pool and the Latent Element Heaven Sect came and left like the wind.

The various Lords of the Divine Kingdoms knew the powerhouses did not truly leave. They knew the powerhouses were waiting nearby, waiting for the Battle of the Divine Kingdoms to come to an end so they could bring Duan Ling Tian and Lang Chun Yuan away.

“Congratulations, Brother Ling Tian,” Zhu Ying Jun said. Although he did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to become an intermediate Emperor of Gods and stabilize his cultivation base in Destiny Canyon, he was genuinely happy that Duan Ling Tian was given a chance to join the Latent Element Heaven Sect.

“Thank you, Brother Zhu.”

Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Ying Jun would address each other as ‘brothers’ when they communicated in private. They only spoke formally to each other when they were in public.

At this moment, many people looked at Duan Ling Tian enviously while he and Lang Chun Yuan exchanged a knowing look. The duo did not communicate through Voice Transmission since it was not secure in this world. They wanted to keep their relationship a secret so they could use it to their advantage after entering Destiny Canyon.

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After some time, a heaven-like canyon that was shrouded in mist suddenly appeared in the distance. The highly anticipated Destiny Canyon finally made its appearance. Cranes flew in the sky as beasts roamed the beautiful canyon. Spirits of the trees and plants also inhabited the canyon.

Upon seeing this, a few advanced Emperors of Gods exclaimed in unison, “The Destiny Canyon has appeared.”

As for the Lords of the Divine Kingdoms, they were not surprised. After all, this was not their first time here. Some of them had even entered Destiny Canyon in the past and became Supreme Gods in the canyon or after leaving the canyon.

Zhu Ying Jun gestured to Duan Ling Tian and the others as he said, “Mansion Masters, gather around me.”

After Duan Ling Tian, Yun He, and the others drew close, Zhu Ying Jun brought out the Lord’s Decree. In just a moment, a gentle light shone on the others, imprinting the Righteous Divine Kingdom’s emblem on them.

With the emblems, participants would be able to identify other participants from similar or different Divine Kingdoms.

The accumulative points of participants from the same Divine Kingdom would reflect the points of their Divine Kingdom. Apart from that, one would not receive double rewards for killing participants from the same Divine Kingdom.

While Zhu Ying Jun imprinted the emblem of the Righteous Divine Kingdom on Duan Ling Tian and the others, the other Lords of the Divine Kingdoms were also doing the same thing.

Zhu Ying Jun looked at Duan Ling Tian and the others solemnly as he said, “Everything you obtain in Destiny Canyon belongs to you. Apart from that, I also won’t prohibit you from killing each other since it’s pointless. Just remember to be cautious once you enter Destiny Canyon. Don’t trust anyone, not even those from the same Divine Kingdom. Only you can control your own fate. I believe all of you possess good judgment. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have been able to cultivate to this level. As such, there’s no need for me to say much...”

The other Lords of the Divine Kingdoms spoke to their advanced Emperors of Gods one final time as well.

Although Xiao Yi Yuan, the Lord of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, wanted to kill Lang Chun Yuan, he warned his Mansion Masters to flee if they ran into Lang Chun Yuan. After all, he knew they were no match for her.

The Mansion Masters from the Soaring Divine Kingdom took Xiao Yi Yuan’s words to heart. After all, they all knew that innocent-looking Lang Chun Yuan had killed a huge number of advanced

Emperors of Gods in the capital of the Soaring Divine Kingdom, resulting in the small number of participants in the Battle of the Divine Kingdom this time.

Finally, Guan Bao Yu, the Lord of the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom, said, “You may go now.”

Subsequently, Lang Chun Yuan and the other advanced Emperors of Gods from the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom flew toward Destiny Canyon.

Before leaving, Lang Chun Yuan exchanged a look with Duan Ling Tian.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian’s lips curled up imperceptibly into a small smile as he watched Lang Chun Yuan leave.

“Alright, you may enter Destiny Canyon...”

After the various Lords of the Divine Kingdom finished speaking, groups of advanced Emperors of Gods began to fly toward Destiny Canyon.

Chapter 4180: The Rankings

When the advanced Emperors of Gods drew close to the majestic Destiny Canyon that was shrouded by fog, they vanished without a trace. At the same time, the living creatures wandering the edge of Destiny Canyon seemed oblivious to their presence.

At the same time, many of the Mansion Masters from the Righteous Divine Kingdom, who had yet to enter Destiny Canyon, were in awe as they looked at it.

“The God of Creation’s power is truly unimaginable...”

“No wonder everyone said that even the strongest advanced Supreme God is nothing in front of the God of Creation. The God of Creation can kill the strongest advanced Supreme God with just a thought...”

“I used to doubt the existence of the God of Creation but not anymore! Destiny Canyon is a testament to the existence of the God of Creation!”

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian remained calm. It was as though there was nothing special about Destiny Canyon. After all, he knew that this world and everything in it, including Destiny Canyon, was created by supreme powerhouses.

It did not take long for a few others to notice Duan Ling Tian's indifference.

'Brother Ling Tian is truly mysterious...' Yun He thought to himself. He was rather calm as well since he had entered Destiny Canyon 10,000 years ago. However, when he first saw Destiny Canyon in the past, just like the others, he was in awe.

When most of the advanced Emperors of Gods from the other Divine Kingdoms had entered Destiny Canyon, Zhu Ying Jun, the Lord of the Righteous Divine Kingdom, said, "Alright, all of you should enter Destiny Canyon now."

Following that, Duan Ling Tian and the others from the Righteous Divine Kingdom flew away.

As Duan Ling Tian drew closer to Destiny Canyon, he saw a group of people disappearing from sight. Clearly, those people had been transported into Destiny Canyon by a Transportation Formation. He slowed down as the Mansion Masters from the Righteous Divine Kingdom in front of him vanished into thin air.

In just a moment, Duan Ling Tian and Yun He were the only ones from the Righteous Divine Kingdom who had yet to enter Destiny Canyon.

Yun He saw that Duan Ling Tian seemed hesitant so he said through Voice Transmission before entering Destiny Canyon, "Rest assured, Brother Ling Tian. It's safe."

Following that, Duan Ling Tian stepped into the Transportation Formation. In just a moment, he sensed a wave of mysterious energy shrouding him. His vision turned dark briefly, and when the light returned, he discovered that he was standing on top of a mountain. He looked around the mountain range in front of him and saw the jungle filled with thorns surrounding the mountains. All of sudden, he narrowed his eyes, sensing a commotion behind him. He turned around and saw smoke rising from a small village in the distance.

'A village? Is this really the Destiny Canyon where advanced Emperors of Gods can find fortuitous encounters and become Supreme Gods?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself skeptically.

When Duan Ling Tian instinctively tried to fly toward the village, he discovered that he could not fly. He was momentarily puzzled. He could mobilize his Divine Energy and cast his law of space, Sword Dao, and Master Dao. Everything was functioning normally; the only exception was that he could no longer fly. It was as though flight was prohibited in the area.

‘This must be a rule imposed by the supreme powerhouses...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he shook his head. Following that, he leaped off the mountain and made his way to the seemingly idyllic village. He intended to figure out where he was before he began to accumulate points. It would be best if he were able to come across fortuitous encounters during the process.

At this time, Zhu Ying Jun’s words suddenly appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. Then, he recited thrice inwardly, ‘Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, Battle of the Divine Kingdoms, Battle of the Divine Kingdoms.’

Following that, two white scrolls suddenly fell from the sky. The words ‘Individual Ranking’ and ‘Divine Kingdom Ranking’ could be seen respectively at the top of the scrolls on the left and right.

Under the bold words ‘Individual Ranking’, the names of the participants began to appear.

‘There’s Fourth Senior Sister’s name!’ Duan Ling Tian exclaimed inwardly when he saw Lang Chun Yuan’s name, with zero points accumulated so far, near the bottom of the list. In fact, all the names on the list had zero points at this moment.

‘Do I need to write my name on the scroll?’ Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly as he looked at the scroll on the left.

Following that, a mechanical voice promptly rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind.

“Write your name down.”

Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate after that and mentally wrote down his name on the scroll. In the next moment, the words ‘Duan Ling Tian, Righteous Divine Kingdom, 0 points’ appeared at the bottom of the scroll.

Shortly after Duan Ling Tian's name appeared, a few more names appeared under his name. Similar to him, everyone had zero points at this moment.

‘Since we just entered Destiny Canyon, none of us has accumulated any points yet...’

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian finally turned to look at the scroll on the right. Under the words ‘Divine Kingdom Ranking, the names of the 30 Divine Kingdoms could be seen. The Jade Bow Divine Kingdom stood at the top of the list despite having zero points.

‘The first participant to write down his or her name must be from the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom...’

At this moment, a change appeared on the scroll.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned as he looked at the 100 points that the Jade Bow Divine Kingdom just gained.

‘Someone obtained 100 points so quickly?’

Duan Ling Tian instinctively turned to look at the individual ranking.

‘Fourth Senior Sister?’

Sure enough, 100 points could be seen at the end of Lang Chun Yuan's name.

‘Amazing,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a sigh. Then, he turned to look at the village in the distance before he continued to make his way over.

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When Duan Ling Tian drew close to the village, a few children playing by the entrance of the village noticed his presence. One of them looked at him boldly while the expressions of the others changed drastically before they fled back into the village.

After a short moment, the bold child returned to his senses. He was shocked to discover his companions had all fled, leaving him alone.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian teleported, blocking the child's path.

Upon seeing this, the child fell to the ground and wet his pants. He closed his eyes as he cried out fearfully at the top of his lungs, "Bandit! Please don't kill me! Please don't kill me!"

"Bandit?" Duan Ling Tian was briefly stunned. At the same time, he was reminded of his native land in the mundane realm, the Saint Province Realm. His eyes darkened immediately as he thought about how the Saint Province Realm had been destroyed by the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.

When Duan Ling Tian finally returned to his senses, he looked at the wailing child and said as he shook his head, "I'm not a bandit."

The child stopped crying before he opened his eyes to look at Duan Ling Tian. Then, he asked, "Are you really not a bandit?"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled. His warm and gentle smile seemed to make the child feel at ease.

The child looked at Duan Ling Tian curiously as he asked, "Who are you if you're not a bandit?"

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, a group of villagers showed up. The young men standing in front began to shout one after another.

"Why did you come to our village?"

"I won't forgive you, bandit!"

"You beast, he's just a child!"

In just a blink of an eye, at least 100 villagers, both old and young, had gathered. The children, who fled earlier, had led them here as soon as they saw Duan Ling Tian.

Despite their courageous words, Duan Ling Tian could clearly see the fear lingering in the depths of the villagers' eyes.

"I'm not a bandit," Duan Ling Tian said calmly as he waved his hand. A gentle energy surged out and formed a barrier, stopping the villagers from approaching him.