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### Chapter 1031

“Earth Monarch Mo Tong is so terrifying, but why isn’t his ranking very high...”

Nian Ciyu was full of doubts. Previously, Earth Monarch Mo Tong was only ranked in the top ten, which was not bad but not outstanding. Could he be stronger than Earth Monarch Lei Yun and the others?

“Ranking doesn’t determine everything. Earth Monarch Mo Tong is relatively low-key. Besides, his first-round results weren’t bad. He didn’t need to compete for anything. For him, the real pleasure lies in the battles!”

Domain Lord Tianyu said in a deep voice, “Rumor has it that his mind is somewhat twisted. He always likes to defeat his opponents in ways they find extremely humiliating, just to derive pleasure from it. Therefore, in the earlier stages, he was just playing around with no real interest.”

“The thoughts of geniuses are hard to understand. They enjoy only what they like and are uninterested in anything else.”

Nian Ciyu fell silent, watching them confront each other. She could only nod silently in agreement.

After transforming into the Demonic God, Earth Monarch Mo Tong walked step by step towards Yi Tianyun, smiling as he said, “Show me any moves you have. I have never seen a move that I couldn’t learn. It’s just too easy, no difficulty at all.”

His eyes were filled with contempt, contempt for the entire world. It seemed he was the strongest genius, and any moves or martial arts were no problem for him. He could easily learn whatever he wanted, and his path had been too smooth.

“Then try this move?”

Yi Tianyun said little more. He stamped his foot on the ground with force, and with a “boom,” he charged towards Earth Monarch Mo Tong, swinging his fist in a very rough attack.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong also charged towards him, swinging his fist in a counterattack.

“Boom!”

The two fists collided, and both were repelled. However, Earth Monarch Mo Tong was slightly weaker, and his strength did not match Yi Tianyun’s.

“Not bad strength,” Yi Tianyun squinted his eyes. He thought Earth Monarch Mo Tong was simply mimicking moves, but he didn’t expect his strength to be so strong, even mimicking his strength.

“Your strength is really impressive. My body can barely handle it... But isn’t your pride mainly in your speed?” Earth Monarch Mo Tong shook his hand, showing a sly smile.

In the next moment, a phoenix shadow appeared behind him. With a “whoosh,” he disappeared from his original spot, charging towards Yi Tianyun extremely fast. This speed was almost the same as Yi Tianyun’s previous display, even slightly surpassing it. This was because Earth Monarch Mo Tong, in addition to displaying the power of the phoenix, combined other powerful martial arts, resulting in a stronger fusion effect!

“Hahaha, this strength and speed are truly amazing, especially when combined with the Kunpeng martial art I learned before. The two speeds can be merged!” Earth Monarch Mo Tong was indeed a genius, able to merge the martial arts of other cultivators.

Although he was merging them, he still used the opponent’s martial arts to fight, which was undeniable.

In an instant, Earth Monarch Mo Tong reached Yi Tianyun’s side, swinging an attack with black flames, intending to burn him to death. Killing Yi Tianyun with his move would be a true irony.

Yi Tianyun’s eyes flashed. He kicked back forcefully, unleashing the full power of the Archaic Set and Dragon God Bloodline and combining it with the Heaven-Shaking Body Art. With a “boom,” Earth Monarch Mo Tong was sent flying. After tumbling several times in the air, a force was released from his body, forming a giant Kunpeng frozen in the sky, preventing him from being thrown further back.

However, his body was deeply dented. With his eyes flickering, a giant tree shadow appeared behind him, and the surging vitality began to heal his wounds continuously!

He wasn't randomly using moves. He used them according to his needs, mastering them all! He used them very smoothly, demonstrating true genius.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong was indeed a genius, thoroughly comprehending the moves. This was the mark of a true genius. If he only mimicked without understanding, he would be an average genius. Only those who knew how to use them were true geniuses.

"Have you Learned my moves?" Yi Tianyun laughed. Then let's see how many moves you can learn!"

The next moment, Yi Tianyun summoned the Tianchen Divine Spear and charged toward Earth Monarch Mo Tong. With a fierce swing of the spear, he smashed it down!

"Raging Heaven Strike!"

He performed the top-tier martial art of the Tianyu Divine Domain, boosting his power thrice. His power exploded with his stronger Dragon God Bloodline and the domineering Heaven-Shaking Body Art.

"Boom!"

Earth Monarch Mo Tong also summoned a divine spear to block it, but the overwhelming power sent him flying.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong couldn't contain this power and crashed to the ground, spewing a mouthful of blood from the impact. This power was still beyond his ability to replicate fully. Even if he could mimic it, he could only mimic part of the strength, not all of it.

This was his body's limit. No matter how much he mimicked, he couldn't surpass his level by too much.

"Cough, cough... Such strong power. This is an impressive divine skill, and I've learned a new move!"

Earth Monarch Mo Tong wiped his lips, laughed, and charged towards Yi Tianyun again, performing the Raging Heaven Strike identical to Yi Tianyun's, with no difference at all.

Even the power could mimic about seventy to eighty percent, an extraordinary feat.

Domain Lord Tianyu saw this and looked displeased. They didn't expect their signature martial arts to be easily learned by someone else. In their homeland, cultivating these martial arts required a huge price. Now, he just glanced at it and learned it.

It was still infuriating, even if he only learned half of the effect. This kind of effortless gain would upset anyone, especially since they gained no benefit from it and could only watch their martial arts being stolen.

"Just one look, and he mastered it. This talent is truly remarkable, like a super version of the Eye of Insight!" Yi Tianyun wasn't surprised. Without this ability, Earth Monarch Mo Tong wouldn't be considered a genius.

But to Yi Tianyun, Earth Monarch Mo Tong wasn't a problem. No matter how much he stole, there was still one thing he couldn't match!

That was the power. Even if he learned more, he couldn't master it all or unleash the full power. So it was meaningless!

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"Get down!"

Yi Tianyun's violent power struck fiercely with his spear, clashing against Earth Monarch Mo Tong's Raging Heaven Strike. With a "boom," Earth Monarch Mo Tong was smashed into the ground, his divine spear flying out of his hand, unable to hold it properly.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong was dazed from the impact, feeling like his hand was about to break. His hand that had tightly gripped the spear was trembling; the domineering force just now was too much for his body to withstand.

"Your physical quality is too poor. Even if you can learn others' moves, mimicking them is too strenuous for you. Your ability is strong, but your weaknesses are just as obvious! You focus too much on mimicking others' moves without building a solid foundation. What's the use of merely learning techniques?"

Yi Tianyun walked step by step toward Earth Monarch Mo Tong, pinpointing his biggest flaw with a single sentence. This wasn't a major flaw. If his body could keep up, he could crush his opponent. However, compared to Yi Tianyun, the gap was still too wide.

As Yi Tianyun slightly improved, Earth Monarch Mo Tong couldn't keep up. Yi Tianyun mainly had no weaknesses; he had both speed and strength.

If Yi Tianyun wasn't fast, Earth Monarch Mo Tong could use some speed-enhancing moves to surround him and remain undefeated. Unfortunately, he encountered Yi Tianyun.

"I... I can learn all your moves. As long as I master all your moves, I can overcome everything about you!"

Earth Monarch Mo Tong roared, his eyes flashing with anger and more with humiliation. He had always played others like a fiddle, but now it was Yi Tianyun's turn to crush him, making him extremely humiliated!

In the next moment, Earth Monarch Mo Tong fiercely launched all his attacks. Several phantoms appeared in the void, not just ordinary phantoms but also giant tree phantoms and powerful giant rock phantoms!

He had mastered many powers stronger than Yi Tianyun's, such as the Kunpeng phantom, which was faster than the phoenix phantom, making him faster than Yi Tianyun!

The giant tree phantom could use flexibility to counter rigidity, entangling Yi Tianyun's attacks and rendering them ineffective.

The giant rock phantom could greatly enhance its defense, withstanding stronger forces and further strengthening its power.

This was a targeted enhancement. When he couldn't suppress his opponent, he would burst out with stronger power to attack, thus defeating his opponent with greater strength.

It was a very simple and crude method: you use incredible speed, I counter with even faster speed. It's that simple.

"Futile struggle."

Yi Tianyun shook his head, tightly gripping the Tianchen Divine Spear, his eyes flashing with fierce divine light. In the next moment, he transformed into a demonic god, a black light piercing through. Whether in speed or power, he far surpassed Earth Monarch Mo Tong in his full explosion!

This was his super-strong foundation. With such a strong foundation, the power he could unleash was the strongest. Otherwise, having powerful martial arts would be useless if he couldn't unleash them.

"Boom!"

Earth Monarch Mo Tong was struck down like a meteor, falling from the sky. After crashing into the ground, he rebounded several times, vomiting blood continuously.

The real power gap was immediately apparent.

"Your technique is good, but your foundation is too weak. Go back and train for a few more years!" Yi Tianyun still appreciated such a genius. After all, possessing amazing talent made him start higher than others.

However, having too strong a talent could easily lead to arrogance. Earth Monarch Mo Tong was too smooth, caring about nothing and never focusing too much on a single martial art. Too scattered and not proficient enough, it was meaningless.

Yi Tianyun had many martial arts, but he didn't use some of them much. He wanted high-quality martial arts, honing them to perfection, and that was enough.

As for bloodlines, the more, the better.

"Hahaha..." Earth Monarch Mo Tong laughed wildly, standing up with a twisted face: "You mortals, thinking you can teach us a lesson! It seems I have to show some real skills to stop you from thinking you can trample me underfoot!"

Earth Monarch Mo Tong's eyes began to emit red light, containing the terrifying power of heaven and earth. The terrifying force layered into his body. He still used the previous moves, but this time, he fused many top-tier reincarnation-level martial arts!

Layers of phantoms appeared behind him, and it was unclear which martial arts belonged to the Motong family. Actually, it didn't matter. To him, as long as the martial arts were good, they should be used, all added to himself for enhancement!

This purpose was very effective. With the magic eyes' blessing, his combat power increased rapidly, becoming stronger and stronger!

However, to Yi Tianyun, this was too chaotic. But the power was indeed amazing. If he had this ability, he would use it the same way.

Constant reinforcement could indeed gain stronger power, the simplest and most brutal method.

But he was stealing from others, meaning these martial arts had flaws! This talent didn't mean he fully comprehended everything, easily leading to internal chaos.

"Mortals, prepare to die!"

Earth Monarch Mo Tong roared, rushing towards Yi Tianyun. Numerous phantoms emerged from his back, enveloping the dueling arena. The overwhelming phantoms looked terrifying!

Yi Tianyun raised his gaze, watching Earth Monarch Mo Tong rush at him without moving.

"So many phantoms. How many martial arts did this guy learn? It's terrifying!"

"I see he learned many incredible clan-suppressing martial arts. It seems whoever faces him will have their moves stolen."

"Yeah, it's so hateful... How great it would be to have this ability!"

A group of spectators felt extremely envious. They previously felt disgusted and hated it. But now, they all wished to have such martial arts, as this talent was too amazing. How could they not covet it?

"Extreme Point Piercer!"

Yi Tianyun's eyes turned cold. He was holding the Tianchen Divine Spear, lightly aiming at a point, turning into a cold light piercing through!

A point of cold light flashed, becoming an ultimate point piercing through without any fancy moves.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong saw a cold light piercing through. Although he could see it, in the moment he saw it, it seemed too late. He felt a sharp pain in his chest, followed by his whole body being thrown back, rapidly falling from the sky.

"Boom!" He crashed to the ground without any buffer. And now, where he landed was outside the arena!

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"I... I lost..." Earth Monarch Mo Tong's pupils shrank and gradually turned white, becoming unfocused.



He felt a terrifying impact pouring into his body, rapidly spreading within him. By the time he realized it, he felt disconnected from his body.

"You have many techniques, but none are refined enough, and there are many flaws. I just need to aim for one flaw, and then no technique will have any meaning!"

Yi Tianyun walked down from the stage, his expression calm. The power he unleashed wasn't particularly terrifying; the key was that he saw Earth Monarch Mo Tong's flaws! After finding a flaw, he aimed at it and attacked fiercely. The seemingly dazzling array of techniques was actually nothing but a paper tiger.

With one poke, it collapsed, easily defeating Earth Monarch Mo Tong with no pressure at all.

"So, what I have always been proud of has become a weakness..." Tears began to flow from Earth Monarch Mo Tong's eyes. This was his first taste of failure, and he slowly got up, starting to recover his body.

"This isn't a weakness. You're just too proud. You think that because you can learn any technique, you've mastered them all. But you only learn about eighty percent. The remaining twenty percent is the fatal weakness! Finding the flaw in your attacks ensures your defeat!"

Yi Tianyun spent some time finding this flaw; it wasn't easy. If it were that easy, Earth Monarch Mo Tong would have been defeated long ago.

Through prolonged battles, Yi Tianyun had become familiar with combat methods and was proficient in finding flaws. Only flaws can lead to the most fatal weakness!

"So that's how it is..." Earth Monarch Mo Tong shook his head, his eyes filled with disappointment. "No wonder, even if someone had told me this before, I wouldn't have believed it. Thank you, Earth Monarch Tianyun... I lost."

He wasn't desperate or angry. Instead, he was very calm, recognizing his mistake. This made Yi Tianyun appreciate him even more, as it showed the true heart of a genius.

No one is truly smooth sailing; the worst is falling and not being willing to get up, not recognizing one's problems, and blaming others for their mistakes.

Such people will never improve, but at least Earth Monarch Mo Tong was now clear-headed.

"No need to thank me, it was just a normal match," Yi Tianyun said with a light smile.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong shakily stood up and cupped his hands. "I must thank you. Earth Monarch Tianyun has awakened me! I hope you achieve even better results in the upcoming matches. If you have time, you're welcome to visit my Divine Realm, and you will be treated as a distinguished guest!"

"If I have time, I will visit," Yi Tianyun replied with a smile.

"I hope to spar with you again in the future. You are the strongest human I have ever met! I take back my previous arrogance and ignorance. I hope Earth Monarch Tianyun can forgive my previous disrespectful words," Earth Monarch Mo Tong apologized, which was quite rare.

Undoubtedly, Yi Tianyun had awakened him, helping him immensely, and thus, he let go of everything.

"You didn't say anything wrong. Your behavior wasn't wrong. With your talent, it's not a bad thing to utilize it more."

If Earth Monarch Mo Tong's words had really angered him, he wouldn't be standing here alive. Earth Monarch Mo Tong simply saw everything as insignificant, thinking any martial art could be easily learned, hence disregarding others.

As for other things, he didn't say much. Yi Tianyun wouldn't attack a sincerely apologetic opponent, especially since Earth Monarch Mo Tong's goodwill towards him had soared to 150, meaning the apology was sincere and not fake.

"Thank you, Earth Monarch Tianyun, for your understanding," Earth Monarch Mo Tong said gratefully, his eyes filled with fighting spirit. "I hope next time I can defeat you. Before that, I hope you don't lose to anyone!"

"Don't worry, defeating me isn't that simple," Yi Tianyun said with a smile. Defeating him would require someone with a much higher level than his own.

Earth Monarch Mo Tong then went to heal his wounds, as he still had another match.

When he looked towards the Tianyu Divine Realm, the people there were cheering, each one excited. Making it into the top eight meant that he was likely to continue and make it into the top four!

Although being chosen was already a foregone conclusion, for them, this was a time to prove Yi Tianyun's strength. Who said that just because he achieved in earlier rounds, he had no advantage in duels?

Now, he had easily entered the top ten, enough to stand out from the crowd. Even if Yi Tianyun didn't achieve the top three or the first place in the end, he had already proven his strength.

Those who had originally looked down on Yi Tianyun as a human now kept their mouths shut. If he later lost to other contestants, it wouldn't be embarrassing.

Among tens of thousands of geniuses, making it into the finals was no small feat. To question his strength, one had to achieve the top ten themselves.

"The top ten... No one has ever made it to the top ten, right?" Domain Lord Tianyu said excitedly, his hands trembling slightly.

"Yes, never before!" Nian Ciyu was equally excited. Every time she thought Yi Tianyun would lose, he gave them the biggest surprise.

This feeling was so thrilling that it almost gave them heart attacks.

"Have they all finished their matches..."

Yi Tianyun looked at Earth Monarch Tian Qing and the others, who had all advanced easily. When he looked at Earth Monarch Tian Qing, the latter also looked at him with a slight smile, seemingly indifferent to it all.

If Earth Monarch Mo Tong was indifferent, then Earth Monarch Tian Qing was beyond worldly matters, appearing unconcerned with everything.

"Congratulations on advancing. I wonder if the next opponent will be you?" Earth Monarch Tian Qing said with a faint smile.

"I don't think it will be that soon. They won't arrange it like that," Yi Tianyun replied calmly.

"I think so too. But I think you'll face him first," Earth Monarch Tian Qing smiled and transmitted his voice, "Don't lose. I wasn't expecting much initially, but now I have some expectations of you."

"Really? Then it's my honor," Yi Tianyun transmitted back.

"Yes, it is indeed your honor," Earth Monarch Tian Qing replied.

Yi Tianyun's face twitched. This woman was truly arrogant. A little praise, and she was immediately on cloud nine. However, Earth Monarch Tian Qing indeed felt extremely dangerous to him, even more so than Earth Monarch Te Gu.

"Will the next match be against Earth Monarch Te Gu?" Yi Tianyun narrowed his eyes.

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The battle quickly concluded, with the number of participants rapidly dwindling, but this had nothing to do with Yi Tianyun. After all, he had already advanced. What he needed to focus on now was who his next opponent would be.

The further he progressed, the more terrifying the opponents became.

The five elders were constantly discussing who they should pit against whom next. As the judges here, they needed to assess who was stronger accurately. They tried to avoid pitting the strongest against each other too early to prevent early eliminations.

For example, if the first match was Yi Tianyun against Earth Monarch Tian Qing, one of them would surely lose. If Yi Tianyun lost, it would be unfair, as he would be eliminated early despite being capable of reaching the top three.

Thus, the elders based their decisions mainly on their judgments. Most of the time, they weren't wrong, but occasionally, they miscalculated.

For instance, they initially thought Yi Tianyun's cultivation level was similar to Earth Monarch Mo Tong's, only to find out he was overwhelmingly powerful. As for Earth Monarch Tian Qing, they always arranged for her to face the weakest opponents.

This wasn't cheating; Earth Monarch Tian Qing was simply too strong. Her Saint Fire ability alone made her stand out from the crowd.

Therefore, they could only send the weakest to her as cannon fodder or let her advance automatically when there weren't enough participants. If Yi Tianyun had displayed extremely violent abilities earlier, he would have received similar treatment. However, he had kept a low profile and hadn't shown too much power.

As his power was revealed, the five elders realized their mistake, but it was too late; the competition was nearing its end. Nevertheless, they hadn't made too many wrong judgments; those who advanced this far were true geniuses.

Most of the top ten from the first round's token leaderboard were no longer in the top ten. It was evident that dueling was the real test of strength.

Now, the remaining contestants were the brightest stars, having fought their way through numerous battles. The Domain Lords with these contestants were beaming with pride and excitement.

This was their most thrilling moment.

The contestants, meanwhile, were quickly recovering, with no time to concern themselves with other matters. After all, they had more battles ahead, against even tougher opponents.

The last eight contestants especially hoped to avoid Earth Monarch Tian Qing, a terrifying woman! If she were a man, it would be fine, but she was a woman, making the men feel even more humiliated.

Even in the later stages, Earth Monarch Tian Qing's opponents were defeated in one or two moves, her power instilling fear.

Three days later, most contestants had recovered. In the Divine Battle Arena, their recovery speed was enhanced with healing pills, allowing them to recover faster. Unless the injuries were too severe, three days were usually enough.

If someone hadn't recovered in three days, they would still be forced to compete. This was the rule, with no exceptions. They wouldn't wait for complete recovery before allowing them to compete.

"Now, we will announce your next opponents!" Elder Gou Huang finally concluded the discussion after three days.

Everyone saw the five elders huddled together, discussing their opponent assignments. This had never happened before, showing the level of caution they exercised.

After all, the participants were outstanding geniuses, and a fair rule had to be established to convince everyone.

Elder Gou Huang then cast out eight beams of light, enveloping the contestants, and each one held a token with a number on it.

"Number seven." Yi Tianyun narrowed his eyes, looking up to see that his opponent was not Earth Monarch Tian Qing or Earth Monarch Te Gu, but Earth Monarch Yu Hua.

"Earth Monarch Yu Hua..."

Yi Tianyun looked at Earth Monarch Yu Hua, whose cultivation was at the seventh refinement level. Earth Monarch Yu Hua was known for being low-key and wasn't among the top ranks.

For instance, he didn't make it to the top ten in the first round, only making it to the top twenty. In the second round, he lasted until the seventh stage before losing, which was a decent performance.

Overall, he was a formidable opponent. However, no one expected such a middle-tier contestant to make it to the top eight!

It felt like he had suddenly appeared out of nowhere, surprising everyone.

Earth Monarch Yu Hua appeared rather ordinary in terms of looks and demeanor, but this didn't mean he was weak. He might have chosen mediocrity, which is unremarkable but the most dangerous.

"His overall strength seems decent. It's interesting how he made it to the top eight."

Yi Tianyun hadn't paid much attention to Earth Monarch Yu Hua before, likely because Earth Monarch Yu Hua's presence was easy to overlook, giving the impression of being inconspicuous.

When he rose to the top, people realized he existed.

As the two of them stepped onto the stage, they faced each other without making a move.

"Earth Monarch Tianyun, please advise me," Earth Monarch Yu Hua said, cupping his hands. His tone was neutral and his voice unremarkable, seemingly very ordinary.

However, treating him as an ordinary opponent could lead to defeat in the next second.

"Please advise me," Yi Tianyun responded politely.

After speaking, Earth Monarch Yu Hua immediately attacked, but it wasn't sudden. His actions were easily predictable. His speed was neither fast nor slow, as if indicating to his opponent that he was about to attack, giving them time to prepare.

Yi Tianyun squinted his eyes. Earth Monarch Yu Hua's move seemed ordinary, but it was flawless! In the next moment, Earth Monarch Yu Hua attacked with just his bare hands, no weapons.

With a flick of his hand, his right hand turned into a blade, striking towards Yi Tianyun.

Yi Tianyun didn't hesitate, throwing a violent punch towards Earth Monarch Yu Hua. No matter the technique, he'd break it with brute force!

As his fist crashed down violently, Earth Monarch Yu Hua's blade hand twisted lightly, like a swimming mermaid, blocking Yi Tianyun's fist.

With a gentle push, Yi Tianyun felt his power being neutralized, as if hitting a soft cushion with no feedback.

"Shock!"

Earth Monarch Yu Hua twisted his palm again, pushing forward gently. With a "boom," an energy burst occurred in the air, a force compressing to the extreme, pressing forward fiercely.

Yi Tianyun felt a jolt in his body, the terrifying force sending him flying. He quickly adjusted his posture in mid-air, landing back on the ground.

"This is Yin-Yang Force..."

Yi Tianyun's eyes narrowed as he saw Yin-Yang energy swirling in Earth Monarch Yu Hua's palms, forming a Taiji symbol. After neutralizing Yi Tianyun's violent force, he stored it in his palms, rebounding it back with a counterforce! He hadn't expected Earth Monarch Yu Hua to cultivate Yin-Yang Force, an extremely rare power!