

SOVEREIGN 1011

Chapter 1011: Consuming the Immortal Spirit Herb

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded in response to the Seven Star Sword Sect's inner court disciple's question.

"No wonder... Senior Brother Hu Li's usually in Phecda Hall. He's currently the substitute Peak Master of our Seven Star Sword Sect's Phecda Peak," the inner court disciple said.

'Phecda Peak? Substitute Peak Master?'

Duan Ling Tian was stunned since he did not expect something like that to happen.

'He has become the Phecda Peak's substitute Peak Master... Hu Li's current ability should be at least at the Void Initiation.' Duan Ling Tian was inwardly surprised and thought it was a little unbelievable.

He was aware of Hu Li's talent. Although it was good, it was quite difficult to be able to break through to Void Initiation in just a few years.

'Perhaps... Hu Li had some encounters as well in this few years,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian was filled with curiosity as he approached Phecda Hall. He could see many Seven Star Sword Sect's inner disciples standing around as they looked in Phecda Hall's direction from afar.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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As Duan Ling Tian drew closer to Phecda Hall, he could faintly hear the sound of wind whistling. He then realized the sound came from a silhouette that was continuously changing its form at a lightning speed.

"Senior Brother Hu Li's so powerful!"

"Of course! If he's not powerful, how could he become our Seven Star Sword Sect's Phecda Peak's substitute Peak Master?"

"I heard Senior Brother Hu Li severed his leg in our Seven Star Sword Sect..."

"Really?"

"That's right... Back then, it was Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian who personally avenged Senior Brother Hu Li when his leg was severed at our Seven Star Sword Sect! I heard about this from a few Senior Brothers and Senior Sisters."

"What?! Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian? Isn't he a legend in our Seven Star Sword Sect? He's not even thirty years old, but he's the most powerful person in our Seven Star Sword Sect."

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A group of Seven Star Sword Sect's inner court disciples standing near Phecda Hall discussed among themselves.

They were discussing Hu Li when the topic changed to Duan Ling Tian. There was a hint of admiration in their tone.

One would wonder how they would react if they knew the legend they were discussing was near them.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian's attention was focused on the lightning fast silhouette, and he completely ignored the Seven Star Sword Sect's discussion.

The silhouette gave him a sense of familiarity as though he knew this person.

It was a young man who was just above thirty years old with a determined expression on his face. Although many years had passed, Duan Ling Tian could still see the familiarity in his features.

He recognized the young man with just a glance.

It was Hu Li!

Although Hu Li's leg was severed, the speed of movement of his single leg was not any slower than those who possessed two legs. In fact, he was faster than them.

All of a sudden, Hu Li accelerated as though he had transformed into a bolt of lightning before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

'Whoosh!'

Hu Li looked like he was about to fall when his body tilted in the direction of his one remaining leg.

However, he began to move just when it seemed like he was falling to the ground.

'Bang! Bang!'

He extended both his arms that were intertwined with Origin Energy and waves of green energy and slammed them on the ground. It created two deafening sound of explosions.

In the next second, Hu Li used the ground as leverage, and his body shot out like an arrow toward a wall on the side.

'Bang!'

A loud explosion sounded.

Hu Li's remaining leg that was intertwined with purple Origin Energy shot out like a cannon and landed hard on the wall.

All of a sudden, numerous cracks appeared around his leg that was at the center. The cracks were spreading in every direction as though it was forming a giant spider web.

The rumbling Heaven and Earth Energy above the sky finally formed the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

Ten ancient horned dragons' silhouettes appeared and descended. They looked extremely life-like.

"Void Initiation? Fourth Level Elementary Wind Concept?" Duan Ling Tian was shocked to see this.

Although he had already guessed Hu Li's cultivation base had broken through to Void Initiation, he was still shocked when he witnessed it with his own eyes.

'Whoosh!'

Soon after, Hu Li returned to the outside of Phecda Hall. Although his rather muscular body was only left with one leg to support him, he was as stable as Mount Tai.

Duan Ling Tian frowned and subsequently walked toward Hu Li.

The Seven Star Sword Sect's inner court disciples in the surroundings were stunned as they watched Duan Ling Tian leave.

"What is this fellow trying to do?"

"Doesn't he know Senior Brother usually hates it when people disturb him when he's cultivating?"

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The Seven Star Sword Sect's inner court disciples looked at each other, many of them thought Duan Ling Tian was just a fool who wanted to ask Hu Li for advice.

There was a hint of mockery on their faces.

It was as though they could already see Duan Ling Tian being rebuked by Hu Li.

However, the mockery on their faces soon vanished and was replaced by disbelief.

Although Hu Li was quite a distance away, they could clearly see the excitement on Hu Li's face when he saw this inner court disciple.

Soon after, Hu Li nodded seemingly without any reason and walked into Phecda Hall together with the inner court disciple after he looked at the other inner court disciples. They vanished just like that before everyone's eyes.

"Who's that person?"

"I've no idea... Is there such a person in our Seven Star Sword Sect?"

"Senior Brother Hu Li seemed excited... Could it be Senior Brother Hu Li's relative?"

"Could be."

The group of Seven Star Sword Sect's inner court disciples could not help but speculate among themselves.

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Two silhouettes had just arrived in Phecda Hall.

"Haha... Duan Ling Tian, it's been a while!" Hu Li gave Duan Ling Tian a bear hug with excitement written all over his face.

Duan Ling Tian returned the bear hug with a charming smile on his face. "Yes, it's been a while."

"Although we haven't seen each other for years, your name has spread all over Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom! No, it should be the entire Darkhan Dynasty," Hu Li said as he smiled.

It was obvious he knew about Duan Ling Tian winning first place in the Darkhan Dynasty's Martial Competition and becoming the most powerful young man in the current Darkhan Dynasty.

"You found out about this real quick." Duan Ling Tian smiled as he shook his head.

"Throughout the years, I thought I would be able to catch up to you if I immersed myself in cultivation at home... In the end, I realized there's no way I could compare to you. Everything you do is considered earth-shaking." Hu Li sighed.

In the past, he had always considered Duan Ling Tian as his goal. That was the reason he was diligent in his cultivation, and how he achieved what he had today.

However, he did not expect just when he thought he was catching up to Duan Ling Tian, shocking news arrived at Clarity City one after another. It arrived at the Hu Clan Estate and entered his ears.

Duan Ling Tian single-handedly defeated the senior officials from Azure Forest Tri-Sect and avenged the Seven Star Sword Sect.

Subsequently, he helped Seven Star Sword Sect's new Sect Leader, Mo Yu, in rebuilding the Seven Star Sword Sect!

"When I heard about the fall of Seven Star Sword Sect back then, I tried asking around about you but I didn't find anything... I didn't expect you to quietly surprise me like this," Hu Li exclaimed.

"I returned to the sect after I found out you destroyed Azure Forest Tri-Sect and rebuilt Seven Star Sword Sect, hoping to contribute to the sect... Unfortunately, you've left when I returned." Hu Li smiled sincerely as he said, "But it's not too late for you to return now... Today you must drink with me until you're drunk!"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "There's no rush."

"My visit to the Seven Star Sword Sect this time is mainly because you," Duan Ling Tian said while he looked at Hu Li's severed leg.

"You're here for me?" Hu Li was stunned. "How did you know I'm here? You've been to Clarity City?"

"That's right." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I went to your Hu Clan Estate and found out you've returned to the Seven Star Sword Sect so I came here immediately... I came back only for you, I don't plan on letting anyone else know about this."

"No wonder you wouldn't let me call out your name in public earlier." Hu Li was stunned.

"Hu Li, take this." Duan Ling Tian lifted his arm, and an herb sparkling with a green glow appeared in his hand. He casually plucked a leaf and passed it to Hu Li.

"What's this?" It was Hu Li's first time seeing a glowing herb. He could not help but widen his eyes in surprise when he saw it.

Although he had no idea what that thing was, his instinct told him it was not something ordinary.

"This is an herb that will help your severed leg grow back," Duan Ling Tian said as he smiled.

The way Duan Ling Tian spoke was casual, but it was as though a bolt of lightning had struck Hu Li's ears when he heard it. He could not let go of Duan Ling Tian's words until it was proven to be true.

"This leaf... can grow my leg back?" There was shock written on Hu Li's face. Although he did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words, it was just too unbelievable.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian saw the disbelief on Hu Li's face so he said, "Let's give it a try... First, you remove the scar on your severed leg and consume this leaf from the Immortal Spirit Herb. You'll find out whether what I said is true or not."

Hu Li took a deep breath and suppressed his excitement. As he lifted his arm, the surrounding green Origin Energy transformed into a blade. He instantly removed the scar on his severed leg.

"Hmph!" Hu Li groaned in pain and sweat dripped from his forehead as fresh blood spurted out.

Subsequently, he shoved the leaf sparkling with a green glow into his mouth and swallowed after chewing it.

Soon after, Hu Li's body suddenly emitted a green glow. The green glow surrounded his body as though it was alive.

After a while, the green glow on his body began to gather around his severed leg before it converged at his wound.

"How are you feeling?" Duan Ling Tian asked when he saw that.

"It's a little itchy." When the green glow gathered at his wound, Hu Li felt the pain fading away replaced by a numb and itching sensation that came from the wound.

It was as though there were hundreds of thousands of ants crawling around, he could barely endure it.

Chapter 1012: The Regeneration of a Severed Leg

Although Duan Ling Tian knew how amazing the Immortal Spirit Herb's medicinal efficacy was, he only knew about it through the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory.

Even the Rebirth Martial Emperor had never seen the real Immortal Spirit Herb before, let alone witnessed the Immortal Spirit Herb's excellent medicinal efficacy. What he knew were all limited to legends he had heard.

'Chi! Chi! Chi!'

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Suddenly, a faint but clear sound entered Duan Ling Tian's ears and caught his attention.

Duan Ling Tian was surprised to discover bone, flesh, and skin were speedily growing out from Hu Li's wound on his severed leg wherever the green glow converged.

The bone, flesh, and skin appeared out of nowhere as though they grew naturally from Hu Li's body, and was no different from the real thing.

"Woah..." Hu Li was completely stunned.

'Oh, my!'

His leg... his leg was really growing!

His leg was not a sapling nor a seedling but real human flesh, bone, and skin. They were regenerating rapidly before his eyes.

His thigh grew first before his knee. After his knee had grown, his calf followed. After his calf was completely formed, the green glow dimmed slightly and the regeneration rate of his foot slowed down.

Hu Li could not help but hold his breath as he looked at it.

He was truly worried the green glow would vanish.

He had somewhat figured out the green glow converging on his severed leg was the Immortal Spirit Herb's medicinal efficacy. His severed leg would stop regenerating as soon as it vanished.

"This is too magical!" In less than half an hour, Duan Ling Tian witnessed a miracle. It was the complete regeneration of a severed leg.

Duan Ling Tian's breath quickened when he watched Hu Li's foot grow.

According to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, although the Royal Grade Resurrection Pill he refined in his peak was described as having the ability to revive a dead person and grow flesh on bones, there was a limitation to that.

'First of all, reviving a dead person, in this case, refers to those who are only near death, that means those who have yet to completely lose their lives... It's definitely impossible for the Royal Grade Resurrection Pill to revive a person who has completely lost his life.'

'Second, growing flesh on bones. It refers to cases where one's body part is missing a piece of flesh due to injuries... It'll be difficult to grow back a severed leg in Hu Li's case.'

Although the Royal Grade Resurrection Pill was the top Healing Medicinal Pill in Cloud Continent according to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, its medicinal efficacy was not enough to grow bones.

However, Duan Ling Tian witnessed everything with his own eyes.

'Although the Rebirth Martial Emperor lived two lives, he had many regrets in his lives...Not being able to see the legendary Immortal Spirit Herb, and witness the legendary Immortal Spirit Herb's medicinal

efficacy was his biggest regrets in his lives!' Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted. He knew the Rebirth Martial Emperor's regrets in his two lives like the back of his hand since he inherited his memory.

'Chi! Chi! Chi!'

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The bone continued growing as flesh and skin appeared wherever the green glow passed. Soon after, Hu Li's foot was completely formed.

At the same time, the clear and crisp sound stopped abruptly as the green glow faded and vanished.

Naturally, the only flaw of Hu Li's new leg was that it was too fair.

Instead of calling it fair, it should be described as tender. His skin was like a baby's skin. It was fair, smooth, and fragile.

"Haha... Hu Li, the skin on your leg is even fairer than those little ladies'!" Duan Ling Tian laughed out loud as he teased Hu Li.

Hu Li began to blush when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said, but there was excitement in his eyes.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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Hu Li stomped hard with both his legs and flew around Phecda Hall. He flew to the left and sometimes to the right, his speed was as quick as lightning.

After testing it out, Hu Li discovered his new leg exceeded the leg he usually trained with when it came to strength and explosive power!

"Hahaha... I, Hu Li, am no longer a cripple! I'm no longer a cripple!!" Hu Li laughed heartily as he halted his movement.

As he laughed, tears began to fill his eyes. Those were tears of joy.

Throughout the years, he had lived his life trying to be strong and even set an extremely strict goal for himself which was to surpass Duan Ling Tian one day.

On the surface, it seemed like he did not really seem to care about losing a leg.

However, how could he not care deep in his heart?!

If one had a choice, who would be willing to be a cripple who lost his leg?

The emotions he had suppressed earlier had been accumulating in his chest. Now that he could finally stop the suppressing it, it was unstoppable. It took him a long time before he finally calmed down.

Duan Ling Tian wore a smile on his face as he looked at Hu Li's newly regenerated leg, he was happy for Hu Li.

Eventually, Hu Li tamped down the excitement within him after laughing for a while.

"Thank you, Duan Ling Tian." He looked at Duan Ling Tian and thanked him earnestly.

If it was not for Duan Ling Tian, he would be a cripple his entire life!

However, Duan Ling Tian allowed him to be an ordinary person once again. He was grateful from the bottom of his heart. From today onward, he no longer had to endure judgmental looks from people.

He, Hu Li, could finally stand up like a real man!

"There's no need for formalities between you and me." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. He seemed to recall something and could not help but sigh. "Unfortunately, Shi Lan... Although the Immortal Spirit Herb I have is magical, it can't save Shi Lan's life."

"It's my fault back then for asking you to spare Shao Fei's life... Otherwise, Shi Lan wouldn't be dead." A silhouette appeared in Hu Li's mind when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said.

He did not know when but there were tears dripping from his eyes. He seemed agitated.

If he had helped Duan Ling Tian kill Shao Fei back then, whatever happened could have been avoided. Shi Lan would not have died, and his leg would not be severed.

All these years, he only had one thought whenever he looked at his severed leg.

'It's my fault that my leg is severed!'

"It's all in the past now, don't blame yourself... Furthermore, who would've thought Shao Fei would bite the hand that fed him and turned around to harm both his life-savers?" Duan Ling Tian comforted.

Hu Li nodded, it took him a while to calm down.

"Duan Ling Tian, why don't you visit the Sect Leader? He talks about you all the time," Hu Li asked Duan Ling Tian after he calmed down.

The Sect Leader he was talking about was Mo Yu, the Seven Star Sword Sect's current Sect Leader.

The lowly position of the outer court disciple in Seven Star Sword Sect, who had disguised himself as a horse-keeper, had skyrocketed, and he had unwittingly become the Seven Star Sword Sect's new Sect Leader.

"There's no need for that... I'll be back when I have the time in the future." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and left Phecda Hall after bidding farewell to Hu Li. He came quickly and left just as quickly.

Hu Li, who had followed Duan Ling Tian out of Phecda Hall, could not help but feel stunned as he witnessed him disappear before his eyes.

"How powerful is Duan Ling Tian's current ability?" Hu Li inhaled a cold breath as shock filled his eyes.

"I, Hu Li, have lived a good life for knowing a monster like Duan Ling Tian..." The shock in Hu Li's eyes faded away and was replaced with a gleam.

A hint of a smile could be seen on his face.

After leaving Phecda Hall, Duan Ling Tian did not meet Feng Tian Wu right away.

"Since I'm here, I should visit Peak Master Qin Xiang and ask if she knows which force do Ke Er and Little Fei belong to in the Foreign Lands..." Two silhouettes appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind. They were his two fiancées, Ke Er and Li Fei.

Back then, Ke Er and Li Fei followed Qin Xiang to the Foreign Lands' force that her Big Sister was in to celebrate her birthday.

Ever since then, Ke Er and Li Fei had stayed at the Foreign Lands' force and did not return.

Naturally, it was impossible he did not miss the two ladies at all.

"Peak Master Qin Xiang!" Duan Ling Tian entered Alkaid Hall directly without further delay and found Qin Xiang.

Qing Xiang happened to be sitting at Alkaid Hall's pavilion and drinking tea. She was initially surprised when she saw the uninvited guest who appeared before her eyes, but it turned to relief when she saw who it was.

However, there was still a hint of shock left in her eyes.

"Seems like your ability has progressed a lot since you participated in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties in Foreign Lands," Qin Xiang exclaimed as she solemnly looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded and said directly, "Peak Master Qin Xiang, I..."

"I know what you're going to ask," Qin Xiang said directly. "You want to ask me... which Foreign Lands' force Ke Er and Li Fei are in, am I right?"

"That's right." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Please don't laugh at what I'm going to tell you... Although I've been to the Foreign Lands' force my Big Sister is in, I've no idea which force it is." Qin Xiang smiled wryly.

One must say Duan Ling Tian did not expect such an answer from Qin Xiang.

He thought it was unbelievable!

'Didn't Qin Xiang go to the Foreign Lands' force?'

'How could she not know which force it is?'

"I really don't know which force it is... The only thing I know is the force is located in a snow peak, almost all the disciples are female, and they wear white," Qin Xiang said.

"Female sect?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously with a raised eyebrow.

"Not exactly... Apart from the snow peak, there's also a majestic volcano in the force! When I was celebrating my Big Sister's birthday, the people from the volcano were there as well. They were a group of fiery red-clad male martial artists."

"It seems like people from the volcano and snow peak belong to the same force," Qin Xiang added.

"Snow peak? Volcano?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but frown when he heard what she said. Meanwhile, he was browsing through the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory but he did not get anything.

There was no such sect in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory.

Chapter 1013: The Five Element Sect's Trump Card

'It's been ten thousand years since the Rebirth Martial Emperor lived his second life... A force that lasted for ten thousand years... According to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, there seem to be only two Ancient Clans on Cloud Continent!' Duan Ling Tian speculated as he browsed through the Rebirth Martial Emperor's two lives worth of memory.

Based on the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, his first and second life was ten thousand years apart.

Time would bring great changes to the world, even more so when it had been ten thousand years.

During his second life, only the two Ancients Clans were left among the many forces in Cloud Continent from his first life after ten thousand years.

Almost all of the forces he knew in his first life ceased to exist and became history in his second life.

Even if it still existed, it was in a state of decline and barely surviving.

"So... The force Ke Er and Little Fei are in should be a force that only appeared after the Rebirth Martial Emperor reincarnated through the Three Lives Rebirth Technique." Duan Ling Tian was completely certain about that point.

Although Qin Xiang did not know the name of the Foreign Lands' force Ke Er and Li Fei were in, Duan Ling Tian managed to obtain an important clue from what she said.

Snow peak and volcano.

There should not be many forces that had both a snow peak and a volcano.

'When I go to the Foreign Lands in the future, I'll use the clue and ask around... As long as the sect isn't an unrated sect, I should be able to discover something about it,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but show a charming smile on his face when he thought of meeting his fiancées, Ke Er and Little Fei, again.

After bidding farewell to Qin Xiang, Duan Ling Tian left Alkaid Hall and looked for Feng Tian Wu.

He was planning to look for Xiong Quan to fix his Dantian after meeting Feng Tian Wu.

When Duan Ling Tian was looking for Feng Tian Wu, a couple of uninvited guests from the Foreign Lands visited the Five Element Sect in the eastern zone of the northern desert.

"Five Element Sect, hand over Duan Ling Tian!"

A loud voice came like an explosion and shook the clouds above the sky. The voice loudly and clearly reached the Five Element Sect's Five Peaks.

It seemed the senior officials and disciples from the Five Element Sect's Five Peaks had encountered an enemy.

"Who's that?!"

"Someone's asking for Senior Brother Ling Tian... He must be from the second-rate force, Izumo Sect!"

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian killed two of the most outstanding young men in Izumo Sect. It's expected they would look for trouble with our Five Element Sect."

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Soon after, many senior officials and disciples of the Five Element Sect discovered the person's identity.

Reality proved they were right.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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Silhouettes flew into the sky from the Five Element Sect's Five Peaks one after another. They were the three leaders of the Five Element Sect's senior officials.

They arrived in the sky and immediately faced the intruders.

There was a total of four uninvited guests.

The leader of the team was a strong old man who exuded an aura of nobility.

He stood there silently, his intense aura seemed to be integrated with heaven and earth. The Five Element Sect's senior officials' expressions turned sober.

All they felt was an invisible aura coming from the old man that shrouded them, and it caused them to feel a little overwhelmed.

'Martial Monarch powerhouse?!' At this moment, the Five Element Sect's senior officials' hearts palpitated when this thought occurred to them.

Unless the person was a Martial Monarch powerhouse, even a Peak Void powerhouse who had comprehended three or four Ninth Level Void Transformation Concepts could not make them feel like this!

Tong Shan!

They instantly discovered the strong old man's identity. He was Izumo Sect's only Martial Monarch powerhouse, Tong Shan.

As the senior officials from a third-rate force in the northern desert, they had a certain understanding of the three major second-rate forces in the northern desert. The Izumo Sect and the Martial Monarch powerhouse from the sect were within their knowledge.

The three leaders of the Five Element Sect's senior officials were the Peak Master of Fire Peak, Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Water Peak, Yu Fang, and the Peak Master of Earth Peak, Tian Gu.

"May I know if you're Senior Tong Shan from Izumo Sect?" Tian Gu asked respectfully as he looked at the strong old man.

"You actually recognized me, not bad... However, I don't think you're the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, are you?" Tong Shan asked as he glanced at Tian Gu.

"I'm the Peak Master of Five Element Sect's Earth Peak, Tian Gu," Tian Gu responded with a smile.

"Hmph! In your Five Element Sect, nobody's worthy to speak to me apart from your Sect Leader... Get the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect to speak to me and hand over Duan Ling Tian..."

"Otherwise, I'll turn the Five Element Sect upside down today!" Tong Shan scoffed and coldness filled his tone as he rudely said, "Since all of you know me, you should know my ability, and you should also know that I'm capable of making that happen!"

"Senior, we know you have the capability to do that." Faced with Tong Shan's threat, Tian Gu solemnly nodded. However, there was no fear on his face at all. In fact, he seemed fearless.

"Since you know what I'm capable of... You... Why don't you get the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect to see me right away?" Tong Shan asked with disdain. He thought Tian Gu had agreed to what he had said.

"Senior Tong Shan, I'm so sorry... Both our Sect Leader and the Peak Master of Wood Peak are not at the Five Element Sect for the time being," Tian Gu said slowly.

"Then hand over Duan Ling Tian!" Killing intent shot out of Tong Shan's eyes. When he mentioned Duan Ling Tian, his Martial Monarch's imposing manner swept out once again. It caused the Five Element Sect's senior officials' expressions to change.

"I'll give all of you the duration of thirty breaths... If you don't hand over Duan Ling Tian after thirty breaths, your Five Element Sect will no longer exist!" Tong Shan's tone was calm but it was filled with killing intent.

At the same time, ruthlessness and violence filled his eyes as though he was about to devour anyone who dared approach him.

"Senior Tong Shan, perhaps you're unaware of this. Duan Ling Tian had announced his departure from our Five Element Sect when he was in the Martial Emperor's secret treasure. He's no longer one of us."

"You're still targeting our Five Element Sect even under such circumstances... Is your Izumo Sect not afraid of being a laughing stock in the northern desert?" Tian Gu said calmly. There was a hint of mockery and teasing in his tone as he continued to speak.

"You don't have to worry about that... I'm standing my ground, either you hand over Duan Ling Tian or it's the end of the Five Element Sect!" Tong Shan's voice turned cold as he spoke.

"Senior Tong Shan, I've already told you Duan Ling Tian has left our Five Element Sect. He's no longer a disciple of our Five Element Sect! Even we have no idea where he went," Tian Gu said again.

"Do you think I'll believe you?" Tong Shan smirked.

"No matter if Senior Tong Shan believes me or not, it's the truth... Also, our Sect Leader of Five Element Sect and Peak Master of Wood Peak aren't in the sect because they're currently deep in cultivation and in the process of breaking through!"

"However, they left this message before they left... During the time of their absence, if anyone from Izumo Sect dares to touch even a strand of hair on any of the Five Element Sect's people, they'll visit Izumo Sect when they've broken through to the Martial Monarch Stage," Tian Gu said slowly as he grinned.

'Threat!'

"It's a blatant threat!"

In a twist of events, Tian Gu was the one currently threatening Tong Shan. Tong Shan's face immediately turned grave.

Martial Monarch Stage!

One must admit what Tian Gu said held a certain level of threat.

No matter if it were the people Tong Shan brought or even Tong Shan himself, their expression changed after they heard Tian Gu's threat.

"Martial Monarch Stage? Do you think it's easy to break through to the Martial Monarch Stage?" Tong Shan smirked at Tian Gu's words.

Among those present, he was the only one who had the right to speak since he was a powerhouse who had broken through to the Martial Monarch Stage.

"Our Sect Leader had comprehended the Ninth Level Advanced Wind Concept and Ninth Level Advanced Thunder Concept... With the help of the Wind Profundity Fragment and Thunder Profundity Fragment, it's not difficult to break through to the Martial Monarch Stage." Tian Gu ignored Tong Shan's smirk. "As for our Peak Master of Wood Peak, he had comprehended the Ninth Level Advanced Water Concept and Ninth Level Fire Advanced Concept... Since he's able to comprehend two opposing Ninth Level Void Transformation Concepts, it's just a matter of time before he breaks through to the Martial Monarch Stage."

Tong Shan's expression changed again after hearing Tian Gu's words.

Even the expression of the other three who came with Tong Shan changed.

The Five Element Sect obtained two Profundity Fragments?

Moreover, the Profundity Fragments seemed to have been taken by the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect for cultivation. It was logical he would immediately isolate himself somewhere to comprehend the Profundities and break through to the Martial Monarch Stage.

Moreover, the Peak Master of Five Element Sect's Wood Peak had comprehended the Ninth Level Void Transformation Water and Fire Concepts.

It was not difficult for such a Peak Void powerhouse to break through to the Martial Monarch Stage and become a Martial Monarch powerhouse. It was just a matter of time.

With that said, the Five Element Sect would soon have two Martial Monarch powerhouses in the near future!

At that time, it would be as easy as cutting grass for them to kill everyone in Izumo Sect even if the two of them could not fight Tong Shan.

Tong Shan's face turned pale. Only another Martial Monarch powerhouse had the capability to make a Martial Monarch powerhouse like him reveal such an expression.

"Let's go!" Tong Shan said to the three people behind him and prepared to leave.

One had to say Tong Shan really did not dare to do anything to the Five Element Sect after discovering the sect's trump card.

Unless he managed to discover the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect and the Peak Master of Wood Peak and kill them before they broke through to the Martial Monarch Stage to avoid trouble in the future, he dared not take the risk.

"Senior Tong Shan, I know where Duan Ling Tian is!" Just when Tong Shan was getting ready to leave, a deep voice entered his ears. It was a Voice Transmission.

Chapter 1014: The Enemies Meet Again

"Hmm?" Tong Shan raised his eyebrows and turned around to look at the Five Element Sect's senior officials. He seemed to be searching for the person who had spoken to him through Voice Transmission.

The Five Element Sect's senior officials' faces, including Tian Gu and Yu Fang, turned solemn when they saw Tong Shan glaring fiercely at them.

Only the Peak Master of Fire Peak, Cha Bai's face was calm as his eyes gleamed coldly.

"Senior Tong Shan, Duan Ling Tian didn't return to our Five Element Sect after leaving the Martial Emperor's secret treasure... He must've returned to his hometown, the Darkhan Dynasty." The person who cast the Voice Transmission on Tong Shan was Cha Bai.

At this moment, Cha Bai continued to use Voice Transmission to speak to Tong Shan. "Senior, if you need the direction to Darkhan Dynasty, you can go to Blade Sect in the southern zone of the northern desert to ask for its location."

"I think... The Blade Sect will be able to provide you with a satisfactory answer," Cha Bai revealed everything in a go.

Tong Shan looked at Cha Bai discreetly. "You're good... I, Tong Shan, will owe you a favor when I kill Duan Ling Tian in the future."

Cha Bai's eyes lit up when he heard that.

A Martial Monarch powerhouse promised him a favor?

All of a sudden, his heart was filled with excitement and joy. His hatred toward Duan Ling Tian due to his direct disciple's death seemed to have been forgotten at the moment.

If it was not for his concern that the Five Element Sect's senior officials might discover what he had done, he would have cheered out loud in excitement.

"Thank you, senior." Cha Bai thanked Tong Shan through Voice Transmission.

Cha Bai inhaled deeply while he tried to maintain the calm on his face.

Tong Shan coldly glanced at the Five Element Sect's senior officials again before he left with the other three people in tow. They then vanished before the Five Element Sect's senior officials' eyes.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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The Element Sect's senior officials who were tense felt relieved after they saw Tong Shan had left with his men.

"He's a Martial Monarch powerhouse alright... The oppressive aura he subconsciously released was suffocating me," Tian Gu exclaimed.

"That's right... Martial Monarch powerhouses are too powerful." Yu Fang agreed and subsequently mumbled with anticipation on her face, "I wonder if I'll ever have the opportunity to break through to the Martial Monarch Stage while I'm still alive."

"Our Five Element Sect will have two Martial Monarch powerhouses when the Sect Leader and Peak Master Qi Yu return! At that time, our Five Element Sect will be the fourth second-rate force in the northern desert."

It was unknown who said that, but it caused the Five Element Sect's senior officials', excluding Cha Bai, eyes to brighten as anticipation filled their eyes.

'Duan Ling Tian... You'll definitely die this time!' A cold gleam flashed through Cha Bai's eyes.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of the incident at Five Element Sect.

He was also unaware that Tong Shang, under Cha Bai's advice, had made his way to Blade Sect at the southern zone of the northern desert to ask for the location of Darkhan Dynasty.

In the meantime, Duan Ling Tian had just left the Seven Star Sword Sect and met up with a red silhouette above the sect.

"Big Brother Duan, did you manage to find him?" The red silhouette belonged to a red-clad lady whose body was graceful and face was extremely beautiful. Her smile seemed as though it was able to make grown men fall head over heels for her.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was still thinking about the Foreign Lands' force that his two fiancées were currently in.

Snow peak! Volcano!

That was the only clue he had right now.

"Tian Wu, let's go! Let's look for Xiong Quan," Duan Ling Tian said to the lady and took the lead to fly away once he regained his senses.

Feng Tian Wu elf-like figure trailed after him like his shadow.

Duan Ling Tian was moving like a bolt of lightning. However, he frowned just as he was about to increase his speed. He seemed to have noticed something when he was looking at the sky obscured by the clouds.

"Someone's there."

Soon after, Feng Tian Wu heard a quick sound of wind whistling that flew toward them. Its target was the Seven Star Sword Sect behind them.

'Whoosh!'

The clouds before them spread out as a lightning-like silhouette appeared before Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu.

The lightning-like silhouette came to a halt when it arrived near Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu.

"Ahh!!" When the person looked at Duan Ling Tian, his blood-shot eyes gleamed. He then held his head with his hands as he shrieked in pain.

"How's this possible?!" Duan Ling Tian did not move when the person stopped before them. Disbelief filled his face when he looked at the person whose body was shrouded with black fog.

He did not expect he would see this person here!

At this moment, Feng Tian Wu who followed Duan Ling Tian also came to halt. She happened to see the shock and disbelief on his face. She asked inquisitively, "Big Brother Duan, do you know him?"

However, Duan Ling Tian did not answer her. All he did was stare at the old man whose eyes were red, and his body was covered in black fog.

Duan Ling Tian lost control of his breathing as it quickened. The person before him had truly shocked him!

"Shouldn't he be suffering in that Inscription Formation?"

"Didn't I sever his Dantian?"

"And also his limbs... They should've been severed by me as well!" Questions flashed in Duan Ling Tian's heart one after another.

The person who appeared before him was none other than Zhao Ming!

Zhao Ming was one of the two Seven Star Sword Sect's Guardian Elders. Everybody used to address him as Elder Ming.

Previously, when Seven Star Sword Sect was declining, he betrayed the sect and joined the Azure Forest Tri-Sect. He then became the Azure Forest Tri-Sect's Guardian Elder.

Later on, he attempted to kill Duan Ling Tian many times, but Duan Ling Tian tricked him into an Inscription Formation in the Darkstone Empire, and he was trapped inside ever since.

After the Dynasty Martial Competition ended, Duan Ling Tian's ability had a significant boost and it surpassed Zhao Ming by many folds.

When he entered the Inscription Formation, he severed Zhao Ming's Dantian and all of his limbs after killing the other Azure Forest Tri-Sect's Guardian Elder.

At that time, when he left the Inscription Formation, he thought Zhao Ming would spend the rest of his life in fear and agony to the point where he would wish for death.

However, he did not think he would encounter Zhao Ming here today!

Furthermore, the current Zhao Ming seemed to be completely different from before. The current him exuded a dangerous vibe.

"Shouldn't this Zhao Ming be a cripple? How's it possible that he's here? Also, he seems to have a powerful ability now." Duan Ling Tian's expression did not look too good as he extended his Spirit Energy out in an attempt to probe Zhao Ming's cultivation base.

However, he soon realized when his Spiritual Energy got close to Zhao Ming's body that was surrounded by black fog, it completely disappeared as though it had sunk into a bale of cotton. There was no way for him to probe Zhao Ming's cultivation base at all.

"My current Spiritual Energy can even detect a Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artist's cultivation base! I can't believe my Spiritual Energy can't detect Zhao Ming's cultivation base." Duan Ling Tian's expression turned uglier.

At the same time, a bad premonition rose within him.

'Maybe he's not Zhao Ming? Maybe he's just someone who looks identical to Zhao Ming?' Soon after, a strange thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind.

However, the old man near him completely destroyed his theory as soon as the thought appeared.

The old man's initially lifeless and bloodshot eyes instantly brightened. He stared at Duan Ling Tian with clenched teeth before he shouted, "Duan... Duan Ling Tian... I remember now! You're Duan Ling Tian! You're Duan Ling Tian!!"

"It's really Zhao Ming!" Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted when he saw the hatred and ferocity on his face. Duan Ling Tian's face immediately turned grim.

"Hahaha... Duan Ling Tian, I finally found you! Apart from killing you today, I'm also going to destroy the Seven Star Sword Sect that you rebuilt!" Zhao Ming who had regained his senses laughed maniacally as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Zhao Ming, I didn't expect you'll still be alive," Duan Ling Tian said in his deep voice as his eyes coldly gleamed.

"Of course you'll hope for me to be dead... Unfortunately, you didn't manage to kill me! You didn't kill me back then, but I'll kill you today. Remember this while you're on the road to death - Nip it in the bud!" Zhao Ming looked ferocious as he informed Duan Ling Tian.

"I managed to destroy you back then, I'll definitely be able to kill you today!" Duan Ling Tian said coldly.

Duan Ling Tian had full confidence in his current ability.

Although he could not see through Zhao Ming's cultivation base at the moment, he figured it could not have surpassed his.

After all, Zhao Ming was only a Void Initiation martial artist when Duan Ling Tian severed his Dantian and limbs.

It had been more than a year since Duan Ling Tian destroyed Zhao Ming.

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, it was impossible for Zhao Ming to surpass him no matter what Zhao Ming did or encountered given that it had only been over a year since that incident.

"Are you sure?" Zhao Ming began to laugh when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said. There was a hint of viciousness in his laughter. "Duan Ling Tian, I'll take my time killing you today! I'll do exactly as you did to me. I'll give you a taste of despair." As he laughed maniacally, the black fog surrounding Zhao Ming's body roiled as it exuded a terrifying aura.

'Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!'

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When black fog roiled around Zhao Ming's body, the air current began to compress. The sound of air explosion was petrifying.

"Such powerful strength!" Duan Ling Tian's expression changed. Feng Tian Wu, who stood next to him, had a slight change of expression on her beautiful face as well.

'Fwah!'

Meanwhile, the Heaven and Earth Energy rumbled in the sky above Zhao Ming's head and eventually formed the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

Ancient horned dragons' silhouettes appeared before Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu one after another. The number did not stop growing.

One hundred.

Two hundred.

Three hundred.

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A thousand.

The number was still going up.

"Three thousand ancient horned dragons' strength?" When Duan Ling Tian saw the three thousand ancient horned dragons' silhouettes that appeared above Zhao Ming's head, his expression changed completely.

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When Duan Ling Tian saw the scene before his eyes, his face immediately turned pale.

His full strength was only around 3,000 ancient horned dragons even with the aid from his Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword!

However, Zhao Ming had yet to use his spirit weapon at the moment, and he had already displayed such powerful strength.

"His strength... it is still increasing?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but narrow his eyes.

Lord! What did he just witness?

The Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above Zhao Ming's head — the number of ancient horned dragons' silhouettes — kept increasing. It was as though there was no end to it.

4,000 silhouettes.

5,000 silhouettes.

6,000 silhouettes

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In the end, Duan Ling Tian went numb from the shock. He was struck dumb when he looked at the over 7,000 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons that finally stopped increasing.

Feng Tian Wu who was standing by Duan Ling Tian's side instantly turned pale.

"M-Martial Monarch powerhouse?"

From what Feng Tian Wu could see, a person who could mobilize the Heaven and Earth Energy and gather a Heaven and Earth Phenomenon like that could only be a powerhouse that was at least at the Martial Monarch Stage.

Even a powerhouse who was already at the Void Peak and had comprehended five Ninth Level Void Transformation Concepts could not display such an exaggerated Heaven and Earth Phenomenon without any spirit weapon even if he exerted his full strength.

A martial artist would be considered to be at the Void Peak when he or she became a Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artist who had comprehended at least two Ninth Level Void Transformation Concepts.

When the full strength of a Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artist was unleashed, it was equivalent to the strength of 1,200 ancient horned dragons

A Ninth Level Void Transformation Concept was equivalent to the strength of 1,000 ancient horned dragons.

A powerhouse at the Void Peak who had comprehended five types of Ninth Level Void Transformation Concepts had the strength of 6,200 ancient horned dragons without the use of any spirit weapon.

Such strength was not even worth mentioning before the elder in front of him.

"What exactly did this Zhao Ming go through? How could he possess such powerful strength?" After the initial shock, Duan Ling Tian regained his senses. His gaze that was focused on Zhao Ming was filled with astonishment.

It did not cross his mind that Zhao Ming's strength would be this powerful.

After just a year, the strength Zhao Ming possessed was more than enough to be compared to a Martial Monarch powerhouse! It was far from what he could compare to.

The strength of over 7,000 ancient horned dragons...

What kind of freaking level was that?!

His strength would not even amount to half of Zhao Ming's strength even if he used his Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword and exerted his full strength.

Zhao Ming could easily destroy him with just one blow!

"Duan Ling Tian, didn't you say you can easily kill and cripple me like before? I can't wait to see how you're going to kill me now!" Zhao Ming did not miss the changes on Duan Ling Tian's face from the beginning until the very end. A fierce and smug smile instantly appeared on his face when he saw Duan Ling Tian's pale face.

"Zhao Ming, it looks like you encountered a windfall. Just a short span of one year, and you actually possess such mighty strength now!" Duan Ling Tian solemnly said to Zhao Ming after he took a deep breath.

"What? Are you scared now?" Zhao Ming smiled sinisterly.

This feeling of having decisive power in his own hands made his blood boiled with excitement.

"Scared? Of you?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as a sneer appeared on the corner of his mouth.

"You're still as stubborn as always even when death is approaching! Today, I'll repay whatever you did to me previously without any mistake! However, I'll watch you suffer for three days and three nights after I destroy your Dantian and sever your four limbs before I kill you!" Zhao Ming snorted. His face turned cold as his eyes gleamed with malice.

As the saying went, 'Tear the weeds out by the roots so that it can never grow again.'

Previously, Duan Ling Tian did not kill him, and for this reason, he was able to recover and even possessed such powerful strength now. There was no doubt he was a perfect living example of this saying.

Due to this reason, Zhao Ming would not make the same mistake Duan Ling Tian made even if he still could not recall what he had gone through.

From what he could remember, he had passed out when Duan Ling Tian left after crippling his Dantian and severing his four limbs. The moment he regained his consciousness, he found himself in the mountain range and had already possessed the strength of over 7,000 ancient horned dragons.

This new strength of his was several hundred times more than the strength he had previously possessed.

"My current strength is equivalent to a Martial Monarch powerhouse!" Although Zhao Ming was only a citizen of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he still had a certain understanding about Martial Monarch powerhouses.

It was because of this he knew the strength he currently possessed was equivalent to a Martial Monarch powerhouse!

"Destroy my Dantian and four limbs? Watch me suffer for three days and three nights before you kill me?" Duan Ling Tian had to admit he felt chills creeping up from the bottom of his heart after he listened to Zhao Ming's vicious words.

At this moment, just like what Zhao Ming had thought, Duan Ling Tian really regretted not destroying the root completely!

Previously, he hated Zhao Ming to the core for betraying the Seven Star Sword Sect and joining forces with the Azure Forest Tri-Sect to kill Elder Ming and the former Sect Leader, Linghu Jin Hong from the Seven Star Sword Sect.

For this reason, he did not kill Zhao Ming directly. He wanted to let Zhao Ming live his remaining life in despair in order to eliminate the hatred in his heart.

It did not cross his mind that after more than a year, not only did Zhao Ming's damaged Dantian and four limbs heal, he even possessed such mighty strength.

"Could it be... There's something I've yet to discover about the Inscription Formation in the Darkstone Empire?" Right now, the only explanation Duan Ling Tian had was Zhao Ming had encountered a windfall at the Inscription Formation. Apart from this, he really could not think of anything else that Zhao Ming could possibly encounter.

With the state Zhao Ming was in previously, there was no way he could have a fortuitous encounter with anything other than the Inscription Formation unless somebody went in to save him and bestowed such luck to him.

However, one would have to possess a wound curing medicinal pill that was at least at the level of either the Immortal Spirit Herb or the Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill in order to heal his Dantian.

Duan Ling Tian felt this theory was too far-fetched.

'10,000 years ago, the Rebirth Martial Emperor distributed some of his Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill and Royal Grade Resurrection Pill to the outer world, but they were only passed on to the hands of a few powerful forces in Cloud Continent. They would have used it up after 10,000 years. Even if they're not completely used up, it's almost impossible for them to appear in the Darkhan Dynasty, let alone the Darkstone Empire,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Moreover, even if somebody did rescue Zhao Ming, it's unlikely that person would bestow him with such horrifying strength. Even a Martial Emperor would not be able to turn Zhao Ming — a Void Initiation martial artist whose entire strength only amounted to a dozen over ancient horned dragons — to a powerhouse who's as strong as a Martial Monarch and possesses the strength of over 7,000 ancient horned dragons!" Duan Ling Tian had to admit Zhao Ming's progress really took him by surprise.

No matter how he ransacked the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, he could not find a plausible method that allowed a person to possess such strength in such a short period of time.

Moreover, Zhao Ming's strength was quite strange.

"The black energy around Zhao Ming's body doesn't seem to be the Origin Energy. It doesn't look like Concepts as well. What kind of energy is that?" Duan Ling Tian frowned as he looked at Zhao Ming.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed. It was as though a light bulb just came on in his head. "The energy around Zhao Ming's body seems quite similar to the energy that previously appeared on the Devilseal Tablet."

Previously, when he was devilified by the Devilseal Tablet before he killed the six Skywolf Fort's elders in one blow, a black energy that was neither Origin Energy nor Concept had appeared on the Devilseal Tablet.

That wave of black energy merged with his body and soul. Although it made him lose consciousness, it also gave him extremely powerful strength.

At that time, he was only a Void Interpretation martial artist.

However, after he was devilified by the Devilseal Tablet, he managed to kill six Skywolf Fort's elders who were at the Void Transformation stage!

"Don't tell me Zhao Ming has also been devilified?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed again as he speculated.

"B-But, why didn't he lose his consciousness if he's devilified?" Duan Ling Tian was extremely puzzled about this matter.

Bam!

At this moment, a wave of scorching aura charged toward Duan Ling Tian. His face turned solemn immediately.

When he turned his head, he immediately saw a wave of vast flame rose up from Feng Tian Wu's body and soared into the sky as it emitted a fiery aura that encompassed the entire sky.

Whoosh!

1,000 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared above Feng Tian Wu's head before it increased to 2,000 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons.

"Tian Wu!" Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian's face.

It did not cross his mind that Feng Tian Wu would actually cast the First Level Monarch Stage Fire Profundity!

At this moment, he could clearly feel the energy of the Fire Spirit Body inside Tian Wu's body was about to erupt. It was as though it was going to burst out of Feng Tian Wu.

Whoosh!

After the appearance of the 2,000 ancient horned dragons' silhouettes, the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon continued to transform. Within seconds, another 1,000 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared.

The strength of 3,000 ancient horned dragons!

"S-Second Level Monarch Stage Fire Profundity?!" Duan Ling Tian turned pale again when he saw this.

Presently, he could clearly feel the energy of the Fire Spirit Body in Feng Tian Wu's body had become more agitated.

He did not waste his time to think about it any further as he hastily transmitted his Voice Transmission into Feng Tian Wu's ears. "Tian Wu, withdraw your Fire Profundity now! I know how to deal with this Zhao Ming! I'm serious! I really do have a way!"

Duan Ling Tian's tone was filled with anxiety.

He only knew Feng Tian Wu could unleash the First Level Monarch Stage Fire Profundity in the past. He did not know she could also cast the Second Level Monarch Stage Fire Profundity.

Moreover, he had a feeling if she continued to go on like this, there was a possibility of her casting the Third or even the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Level Monarch Stage Fire Profundity.

However, Tian Wu would definitely die if she did that!

There was a possibility the energy of the Fire Spirit Body would cause an explosion in her body before she even had the chance to cast a higher level Monarch Stage Fire Profundity.

Feng Tian Wu had already made up her mind when she saw the strength Zhao Ming had demonstrated and heard about the unresolved hatred between Zhao Ming and Duan Ling Tian.

Even if she had to risk her life, she had to kill Zhao Ming and save her Big Brother Duan from this crisis!

For the sake of Big Brother Duan, she could sacrifice everything, including her life.

"Really?" Although Feng Tian Wu heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission, she was still a little doubtful.

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She thought Duan Ling Tian was merely trying to appease her.

"Really." Duan Ling quickly nodded without any hesitation.

He knew if he denied it, this silly girl would definitely risk her life and continue to further enhance her Fire Profundity to fight with Zhao Ming to death.

Feng Tian Wu looked at Duan Ling Tian solemnly, it did not seem like Duan Ling Tian was lying to her. The flame that was soaring from her body began to gradually disappear into thin air.

At the same time, colors immediately flooded her face.

"Barf!" In the next second, the energy of the Fire Spirit Body in her body suddenly trembled, and it shook her internal organs. Her throat constricted, and she spat out a mouthful of blood.

"Silly girl." When Duan Ling Tian saw this, he was hit with a pang of heartache, and tender affection could be seen in his eyes.

"Hurmph! Initially, I thought you had some tricks up your sleeve, but I didn't expect you to turn pale and throw up after displaying the strength of only 3,000 ancient horned dragons!" Zhao Ming snorted loudly with a sneer on his face when he saw this. Originally, his expression had turned grave when he saw Feng Tian Wu mobilized her Heaven and Earth Energy that transformed into the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

He easily figured out the reason Feng Tian Wu could unleash such powerful strength. She must have used some secret technique that would endanger her life. Otherwise, she would not have been injured.

"Since you're willing to sacrifice your life for Duan Ling Tian, it must be because you love him. Since it's like this, I'll fulfill your wish, and let both of you die together!" Zhao Ming spoke unhurriedly. His tone was filled with a cold killing intent.

The moment the words left his mouth, the black fog around his body suddenly swirled and emitted a bloodcurdling aura.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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The black fog became tumultuous and caused the air current to compress before a thunderous sound of explosion reverberated.

Meanwhile, a black energy materialized on Zhao Ming's hand out of thin air. It was condensed, and it emitted a horrifying aura that seemed as though it could destroy anything.

The killing intent in his eyes was so intense, it was practically overflowing when he shifted his attention to Feng Tian Wu.

Long before Zhao Ming's words left his mouth, Duan Ling Tian's expression had already turned grave.

A talisman soundlessly appeared in his hand. That was one of the three talismans his miserly father left him!

Out of the three talismans, he had previously used one when he killed Bai Nan Xiang, the strongest powerhouse from the Darkhan Dynasty's imperial family. Currently, there were two left.

Bai Nanxiang was a First Level Void Transformation martial artist. After he had activated his talisman, he killed him in just a blink of an eye.

'I wonder if this talisman could be used to kill Zhao Ming or not. After all, his current strength is equivalent to a Martial Monarch powerhouse. If the talisman doesn't work, I guess I have no other choice but to use the Devilseal Tablet to devilify myself.' Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply as he made up his mind.

However, he seemed to have forgotten one little thing that was also the most important thing.

Previously, he was devilified by the Devilseal Tablet because the Devilseal Tablet took the initiative to communicate with him. If the Devilseal Tablet did not take the initiative to contact him, he had no way to devilify himself with the Devilseal Tablet.

Duan Ling Tian immediately focused his attention on Zhao Ming.

At the moment when Zhao Ming's body trembled as though he was about to make a move to kill Feng Tian Wu, Duan Ling Tian suddenly let out a yell that stunned Zhao Ming and rooted him to the spot.

"Appear!" Duan Ling Tian shouted and surprised Zhao Ming.

When Zhao Ming finally regained his senses and looked at Duan Ling Tian, it was just in time to see a piece of glowing paper that emanated a wave of terrifying aura floating toward him. It made his blood ran cold.

"STOP!"

Almost at the same time when Duan Ling Tian threw out the talisman and shouted, "Appear!", a thunderous voice sounded from the sky.

A ghostlike figure materialized out of nowhere by Zhao Ming's side along with this fierce voice.

Unfortunately, he was too late.

When he materialized out of thin air, a vicious and bloody hole suddenly appeared between Zhao Ming's eyebrows. Blood gushed out from the hole. Zhao Ming's gaze immediately became unfocused as he fell to the ground.

When Zhao Ming finally realized what was happening, he did not even have the time to gather his thoughts before he died. He was killed by a streak of solidified energy that shot out of the talisman! Soon after, the talisman crumbled away into powder.

Zhao Ming's body fell from the air and disappeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

"T-That was..." Shock was clearly written on Feng Tian Wu's delicate face. Her pair of autumn eyes were gleaming with disbelief.

The scene she just witnessed was definitely the most bizarre scene she had ever seen in her life!

She saw her Big Brother Duan throw a paper filled with scrawlings and shouted, "Appear!". In the next second, that paper mysteriously crumbled and turned into a powder that obscured the entire sky.

Meanwhile, Zhao Ming whose strength rivaled a Martial Monarch powerhouse and could unleash the strength of over 7,000 ancient horned dragons was killed in a blink of an eye when a bloody hole appeared between his eyebrows.

Although she could not clearly see how Zhao Ming died, she had an inkling it had something to do with the paper filled with scrawlings that crumbled into powder and obscured the sky.

"What's that?!" Feng Tian Wu was completely dumbfounded. She had no idea what the paper that Duan Ling Tian threw was. How could it possibly contain such powerful strength?!

Soon after, Feng Tian Wu's attention shifted to the black figure that appeared out of nowhere.

It was this person who had let out a thunderous shout earlier.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian, who was originally nervous, immediately heaved a sigh of relief when he saw the talisman his miserly father left him killed Zhao Ming in just a second.

However, the expression on his face quickly turned grave again.

Another talisman materialized in his hand as he glared fixedly at the black-clad middle-aged man who appeared out of thin air.

Earlier, when he saw Duan Ling Tian throw the talisman toward Zhao Ming and shouted "Appear!", this man had shouted in an attempt to stop him and descended from the sky in an unfriendly manner.

This man might be an acquaintance of Zhao Ming.

Due to the man's swift speed, Duan Ling Tian could sense this man's strength was in no way inferior to Zhao Ming.

Due to this reason, he hastily took out the last remaining talisman.

Duan Ling Tian noticed the black-clad middle-aged man who was originally glaring at him coldly suddenly turned tensed when the talisman appeared again in his hand.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh in relief again.

He could see the black-clad middle-aged man was cautious of the talisman in his hand.

Indeed.

The scene when he threw the talisman out and killed Zhao Ming was witnessed by this man. It would be strange if that man was not cautious of the talisman in his hand.

"Dao Talisman! You're just a mere Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator from a rural continent, where exactly did you get those Dao Talismans?" The ordinary-looking black-clad middle-aged man asked in a deep voice as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Rural continent? Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard the black-clad middle-aged man's words. Even Feng Tian Wu who was standing by his side had a perplexed expression on her face that was so delicate it could topple an entire kingdom.

Since when did Cloud Continent become a rural continent?

Judging from the black-clad middle-aged man's words, it seemed like he was not from Cloud Continent.

On the other hand, what was a Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator?

"You're not from the Cloud Continent?" Duan Ling Tian asked solemnly as his eyes gleamed.

Since his memory had merged with the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, he knew there were many powerful demons living outside of Cloud Continent in the deep sea. Moreover, there were also Demon Emperors that even the Rebirth Martial Emperor found hard to overpower at his prime.

According to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's speculation, apart from the powerful Demon Emperors, the deep sea might also house some Martial Emperors who possessed remarkable strength.

Unfortunately, even the Rebirth Martial Emperor could not explore the secrets of the deep sea as he pleased. Although he was once known as the strongest person on Cloud Continent, he still had to advance with caution in the deep sea.

"From what I can glean from the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, he had heard many older Martial Emperors from Cloud Continent had once entered the deep sea to explore its secret. However, none of the older Martial Emperors had returned from their expedition. According to the Cloud Continent's inhabitants' speculation, these older Martial Emperors might have lost their way in the deep sea and could not find their way home. However, the Rebirth Martial Emperor speculated the older Martial Emperors might have either died in the hands of the powerful Demon Emperors in the deep sea or settled down somewhere in the deep sea. According to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's speculation, there may be other continents other than Cloud Continent in this world. This continent must be on the other side of the deep sea." Duan Ling Tian figured this out easily by browsing through the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory.

The Rebirth Martial Emperor had previously read a passage of a written record in an ancient ruin. The record was left behind by a martial artist in the ancient time. The passage stated he had once met a powerhouse who came from a place outside of the Cloud Continent. That person managed to defeat him in a duel with only one technique.

The martial artist who had written the passage claimed to have a cultivation base at the Sixth Level Martial Emperor Stage.

'Even in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's prime, he only managed to reach the Fourth Level Martial Emperor Stage. Moreover, during his era, there was only him. He was the only powerhouse with a cultivation at the Fourth Level Martial Emperor Stage in the entire Cloud Continent! Due to this reason, he was undoubtedly the strongest Martial Emperor in the entire Cloud Continent at that time.' Duan Ling Tian easily learned about all this from the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory.

'Defeating a Sixth Level Martial Emperor in one blow? If the Rebirth Martial Emperor who was in his prime faced a Sixth Level Martial Emperor, he would also be defeated in just one blow! A person who could defeat a Sixth Level Martial Emperor in just one blow! Just how terrifying was that person?!

Chills ran up Duan Ling Tian's spine as he thought of this.

"Hurmph! Of course, I'm not from your rural continent!" The black-clad middle-aged man snorted loudly when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question.

Originally, he did not intend to answer Duan Ling Tian's question. However, dread filled his eyes, and he answered unwillingly upon seeing the talisman in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

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"Where are you from?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

He did not miss the cautious gaze the black-clad middle-aged man used to look at the talisman in his hand. He could not help but feel surprised.

The talisman in his hand was previously given to him by his miserly father.

It did not cross his mind this powerhouse, whom he suspected came from outside Cloud Continent, would dread the talisman in his hand.

"Where am I from?" The black-clad middle-aged man glared at Duan Ling Tian in rage after he took a deep breath. "Are you kidding me? If you have a talisman drawn by a Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator, how is it possible you don't know where I'm from? For the sake of the Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator behind you, I won't hold you responsible for ruining my Human Puppet this time! Otherwise, I'll kill you even if you have the talisman he left for you, and I have to risk being seriously injured!" The black-clad middle-aged man hissed coldly.

Judging from his words, it was obvious the talisman in Duan Ling Tian's hand could inflict serious injury on him.

The moment the words left the black-clad middle-aged man's mouth, he vanished into thin air before Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu's eyes. It was as though he was never there.

When Duan Ling Tian saw how the black-clad middle-aged man came and went freely as he pleased, he could not help but smile wryly. "I still have many questions I want to ask him. Why did he leave so fast?"

Whether it was the Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator or the Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator or something, Duan Ling Tian had never heard of such words prior to meeting the black-clad middle-aged man.

Even if he ransacked the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor's two reincarnations, he could not find anything related at all.

"Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator, Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator... Even the Rebirth Martial Emperor had never heard of such thing in his two reincarnations!" Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian was taken completely by surprise.

"Could it be the Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator and the Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator are actually the cultivation stages in the other continent of the deep sea or even other continents on the other side of the world? Stages that are similar to the Void, Martial Monarch, and Martial Emperor Stage in our Cloud Continent?" Duan Ling Tian finally regained his senses, and he could not help but speculate.

The more he pondered on it, the more certain he became.

"Apart from this, what's that Dao Talisman the black-clad middle-aged man kept referring to when he spoke about the talisman in my hand? Moreover, it's a Dao Talisman that was inscribed by a Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator." Duan Ling Tian sighed again when he thought about this.

The talisman, or more precisely, the Dao Talisman, in his hand, was left behind by his miserly father, Duan Ru Feng, before he left.

'How did father get his hands on these Dao Talismans? C-Could it be that he's actually...' A bizarre thought instantly formed in Duan Ling Tian's mind.

His miserly father might not be in Cloud Continent during the 20 years he was gone.

Otherwise, how did he manage to get his hands on the Dao Talismans?

It was obvious the Dao Talismans did not originate from Cloud Continent.

"Don't tell me father actually took mother, Jing Ru, and the others away from Cloud Continent and brought them to the other continent overseas?" The corner of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched uncontrollably when he thought about this.

"It's no wonder there's no record of the Dao Talisman in the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor's two reincarnations. As it turns out, it doesn't even belong on Cloud Continent." Duan Ling Tian's gaze fell on the Dao Talisman in his hand as a bitter smile hung on the corner of his mouth.

In the past, he thought as long as he could stand at the highest position in Cloud Continent, it would be enough to grant him a grand view of the world so he would be able to overlook the people from the top.

However, it seemed like even if he had already stood at the highest position in Cloud Continent just like the Rebirth Martial Emperor had, there was still another continent far at sea that housed many other individuals who were stronger than him.

'Looks like the older Martial Emperors in Cloud Continent really did move to the other continent on the other side of the sea just like what the Rebirth Martial Emperor had speculated. That must be the place that has all these Mortal Stage Martial Cultivator, Saint Rudiment Stage Dao Cultivator, and Dao Talisman,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"If father really brought mother, Jing Ru, and the others away from Cloud Continent to the other continent overseas, his current strength must be far better than the average Martial Emperors," Duan Ling Tian muttered gravely to himself after he inhaled deeply.

"I'm almost certain the voice that was deliberately concealed as a hoarse voice that appeared when I was fighting Zhao Ming and the other three Guardian Elders from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect along with Peak Master Qin Xiang from the sky above the Imperial City of the Crimson Sky Kingdom must be father's voice! Father must be the mysterious powerhouse that's hidden in the Crimson Sky Kingdom!" Although Duan Ling Tian had long suspected this, he had no way to confirm his theory at all.

At this moment, he was 100% certain.

That mysterious powerhouse was none other than his miserly father. A person who could easily overpower the three Sixth Level Void Initiation martial artists at the sky above the Imperial City through him was inside the Imperial City of the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

Even the current Duan Ling Tian could not do that yet.

'Perhaps, father's strength is even stronger than the Rebirth Martial Emperor in his prime... I really wonder what kind of experience he had gone through in these twenty years for him to be able to obtain such horrifying strength! Compared to him, the fortuitous adventure that I've been on — such as the memory fusion with the Rebirth Martial Emperor's two reincarnations, or the other various encounters after that — is not worth mentioning at all.' Duan Ling Tian laughed at himself when he thought about this.

"However, if father is really a powerhouse from the other continent overseas, why didn't he bring me along with mother, Jing Ru, Bi Yao, and Xiao Lan when they left?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

No matter what, he was still the biological son of his miserly father.

By right, his miserly father would not have left him alone in Cloud Continent to fend for himself.

"There must be some other reason father did not bring me along." Duan Ling Tian currently had no other explanation other than this.

After all, which parents did not wish for their children to stay by their side.

Duan Ling Tian was suddenly hit by a pang of realization as he suddenly remembered something.

He lifted up his hand and took out a jade box — it was the exquisite jade box his miserly father, Duan Ru Feng, left for him.

Duan Ling Tian studied the exquisite jade box in his hand as he recalled the message his father left for him in the Voice Transmission Jade Slip.

"Other than these three talismans, I'm leaving this exquisite jade box for you as well. When you finally have the ability to open it, you'll find out where your mother and I are."

— that was the original words left behind by his miserly father, Duan Ru Feng.

"Even if I don't use the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword, my entire strength currently is equivalent to 2,000 over ancient horned dragons. It should be enough to open this exquisite jade box right?" Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted as he placed both of his hands on the jade box. His Origin Energy immediately soared up as his Concepts followed like shadows.

Soon after, the Heaven and Earth Energy whirled above his head and eventually gathered into 2,200 silhouettes of life-like ancient horned dragons that writhed as they descended.

Feng Tian Wu felt it was strange when Duan Ling Tian kept muttering to himself from time to time about some matters she did not understand. Although she found the situation strange, she did not disturb Duan Ling Tian and just quietly stood at the side.

At this moment, shock crept up on her delicate face when she saw the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon that appeared above Duan Ling Tian.

It did not cross her mind Big Brother Duan had become so powerful.

"Back then outside of Qing Feng Palace in the Martial Emperor's secret treasure, Big Brother Duan's strength was only equivalent to 1,600 ancient horned dragons after he exerted his full strength with the aid of his spirit weapon when he fought Lei Zhong, the strongest person among the younger generations in Izumo Sect. However, just with his Origin Energy and Concepts without the aid of his spirit weapon, Big Brother Duan can currently exert the strength of 2,200 ancient horned dragons!" Feng Tian Wu gasped loudly. She was taken aback by the strength Duan Ling Tian currently possessed.

At this moment, she finally understood why her Big Brother Duan was confident he could protect her and Zhang Shou Yong during their journey back to the Darkhan Dynasty from the northern desert.

As it turned out, her Big Brother Duan had already possessed such great power.

'It seems like Big Brother Duan's was quite lucky with his encounters in Qing Feng Palace,' Feng Tian Wu thought to herself.

After leaving the Martial Emperor's secret treasure, she had never once left his side.

Due to this reason, she came to a conclusion the reason her Big Brother Duan made such huge progress was due to some fortuitous encounter the Martial Emperor's secret treasure.

"It still refuses to move!"

Soon after, Feng Tian Wu heard Duan Ling Tian's sigh. Only then did she notice the reason he mobilized his strength of 2,200 ancient horned dragons was to open this exquisite jade box in his hands.

Judging from her Big Brother Duan's words, the jade box still refused to open even after he used his strength that was equivalent to 2,200 ancient horned dragons.

"What jade box is that? Even with the strength of 2,200 ancient horned dragons, it still won't open?" For a time, Feng Tian Wu was dumbfounded.

Before she had time to comprehend what was going on, she noticed a sword had appeared in Duan Ling Tian's palm as he raised up his hand. The sword emanated a terrifying aura.

It was none other than Duan Ling Tian's Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword.

The moment the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword made its appearance, another 800 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared in the sky.

Whoosh!

With a shake of his hand, the sword that contained the strength of 3,000 ancient horned dragons struck like lightning at the seam of the tightly-shut exquisite jade box in an attempt to forcefully pry it open.

Clang!

A faint sound reverberated in the sky, but the exquisite jade box still refused to open

The seam that was tightly shut did not even carry a tiny trace of being pried open at all.

"What exactly is this exquisite jade box made off? It's so damn tough!" Duan Ling Tian could only give up.

When he withdrew his Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword, he sighed once again. He knew his current strength was insufficient to open this exquisite jade box.

"Father's becoming more and more mysterious..." When Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses, he could not help but smile wryly as he put the exquisite jade box away.

"Big Brother Duan, what's that jade box? Not only did your sword that contains the strength of 3,000 ancient horned dragons failed to open it, it didn't even leave a scratch on its surface!" Feng Tian Wu witnessed the entire process with her eyes from the beginning until the end, and she was completely dumbfounded by what she saw.

Chapter 1018: Xiong Quan

"I've no idea." Duan Ling Tian forced a smile as he shook his head.

Although his miserly father left the exquisite jade box for him, he had no idea what it was or what was in there.

However, there was one thing he was certain of.

He was sure his miserly father would include information about the other continent on the other side of the deep sea in a Voice Transmission Jade Slip in the exquisite jade box.

Naturally, there would be other things apart from the Voice Transmission Jade Slip in the exquisite jade box.

Duan Ling Tian had a strong feeling about that.

'Perhaps I'll be able to open it when my cultivation base has broken through to the Martial Monarch Stage,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Let's go, Tian Wu," Duan Ling Tian said to Feng Tian Wu, and they continued on their journey to Xiong Quan's hometown. They were headed there to look for Xiong Quan and fix his Dantian.

"Yes." Feng Tian Wu nodded obediently as she quietly trailed after Duan Ling Tian like his shadow.

Soon after, they found Xiong Quan's hometown through Duan Ling Tian's memory when he sent Xiong Quan home. It was located in a remote little village in the mountain range.

Although the little village was remote, the livelihood was good.

When Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu arrived, they saw the scene of men farming as the women weaved in the village. There were also children playing happily.

"If I could spend the rest of my life with the person I like here... I would consider my life well lived," Feng Tian Wu mumbled softly as she looked at the village. Her beautiful lips were slightly parted, and there was a hint of tenderness in her eyes that seemed capable of melting everything.

"It makes sense that you would think that, but they probably wish they possess a powerful ability so they could go out and see the world," Duan Ling Tian said with a slight smile.

The way they thought was naturally different since they were in different positions.

Feng Tian Wu was born with a silver spoon in her mouth, and she was the precious one in her family. It was only natural for her to be emotionally touched when she saw that scene in the village.

However, the villagers probably wished to be like Feng Tian Wu who possessed a powerful ability and had the opportunity to venture out into the world.

They did not even dare to venture too far from the village due to their inability to protect themselves.

Feng Tian Wu only realized that Duan Ling Tian heard her murmurings when she heard what he said in response. Her beautiful cheeks blushed ruddily as though blood was going to drip out.

Duan Ling Tian became mesmerized when saw Feng Tian Wu's shy and lovely face. He was tempted to get closer to her and give her a big kiss on her beautiful cheek.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and suppressed his restless emotion. He quickly took the lead to descend from the sky as he said to Feng Tian Wu, "Let's go."

Feng Tian Wu was inwardly excited when she saw the passionate look in Duan Ling Tian's eyes. She could not help but sigh as she watched Duan Ling Tian descend upon the village as though he was running for his life.

"Still a piece of log." Feng Tian Wu looked at that big, purple silhouette a little angrily and moved like a fire elf as she trailed after him like his shadow.

'Whoosh!'

Duan Ling Tian's wind-like movement was similar to a goshawk landing as he arrived before the villagers in the village.

The first person who noticed Duan Ling Tian was a little boy who was four or five years old. He exclaimed excitedly as he watched Duan Ling Tian hovering in mid-air, "Woah! He can fly!"

It was as though the little boy had discovered a whole new world.

"I heard from my dad that only powerhouses at the Void Prying Stage or above could fly and hover in the sky... It seems like he's a powerhouse above the Void Prying Stage!" A young lady who looked thirteen or fourteen years old said.

"A powerhouse that's above the Void Prying Stage? Then isn't he as powerful as Uncle Xiong Quan?" A little boy of seven or eight years old exclaimed out loud.

As opposed to the naive kids, the faces of the adults who noticed Duan Ling Tian changed as fear appeared in their eyes.

They looked at Duan Ling Tian as though they were looking at some destructive beast.

Their way of thinking was simple. Theoretically, such a powerhouse would not deign to come to their village. Nothing good would come out of Duan Ling Tian's arrival at their village.

Soon after, a gleam flashed in a villager's eyes, and he quickly left. It seemed like he was going to inform someone about what just happened.

Meanwhile, a group of adults' eyes gleamed when they saw a red-clad lady appearing next to the purple-clad young man hovering in mid-air.

The red-clad lady had a graceful body and a beautiful face. Their bodies turned as stiff as logs, and they were mesmerized by her beauty.

"She's so beautiful!"

"Is that a fairy?"

"Miss Fairy is descending from heaven!"

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The group of adults was not the only ones attracted by the red-clad lady, even the children who were playing in the village had stopped to stare at her.

The adults were also blatantly staring at the red-clad lady.

They spent all their lives in this remote little village where they were self-sufficient and did not have to venture out of the village.

Where would they have a chance to see such a beauty?

"Tian Wu, the kids are calling you Miss Fairy," Duan Ling Tian said to Feng Tian Wu with a slight smile as he looked at the group of innocent kids.

Feng Tian Wu's cheeks flushed again when she heard what he said.

"Who are the both of you?!" Somebody suddenly shouted from the back of the village.

An agile body like a cheetah followed after the fierce scream. It entered the village in seconds and glared fiercely at Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu.

"Hmm?" A big, young man about twenty years old appeared before Duan Ling Tian.

The young man had a pair of thick eyebrows. Although there was fear buried deep in those eyes under the thick eyebrows as he glared, the young man stood upright and held his ground.

There was admiration in Duan Ling Tian's eyes at the moment.

"Eh... This young man looks a little familiar." Duan Ling Tian who was observing the big, young man sensed a familiarity in him. It felt like he had seen him before.

'This is Xiong Quan's hometown. I've only been here once when I sent Xiong Quan back years ago... This young man is around twenty years old so he should only be twelve or thirteen years old back then.'

Duan Ling Tian thought about this, and his eyes lit up.

He was stunned as asked the big, young man, "A-are you Er Hu?!"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian said that, the group of adults, including Er Hu, was stunned.

"Eh! This brother who came with Miss Fairy seems to know Brother Er Hu."

"Brother Er Hu's so amazing! Even this flying brother knows him."

"That's because Brother Er Hu's the only powerhouse who has left this village with Uncle Xiong Quan to explore the world!"

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The children in the village wore a dramatic expression on their faces.

"You... You know me?" The big, young man named Er Hu looked at Duan Ling Tian with confusion written on his face.

"What? Er Hu, you've forgotten about me?" Duan Ling Tian smiled. "I remember you were only twelve or thirteen when I came to this village with Xiong Quan... You even invited me for a meal at your house."

Er Hu narrowed his eyes when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

'I invited this person to my house for a meal when I was twelve or thirteen?'

"You... You're Big Brother Ling Tian?" Er Hu finally recognized Duan Ling Tian after browsing through his childhood memory. He could not help but reveal an excited expression on his face.

Over the years, he had listened to Xiong Quan talked about things this purple-clad young man had done.

This purple-clad young man had already possessed the Eight Level Origin Core when he was Er Hu's age.

Er Hu had always treated him as his idol.

Now that he met his idol again, how could he not be excited?

"He's Young Master Ling Tian?" At this moment, many villagers who heard what Er Hu said recalled the distinguished guest they had years ago.

Even the No.1 powerhouse in their village, Xiong Quan, had to address this guest as Young Master.

"It's really Young Master Ling Tian!"

"It's been so many years, Young Master Ling Tian did not change at all."

"Yes, Young Master Ling Tian's still so young."

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The fear in the villagers' eyes was long gone. Their eyes were currently filled with respect as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Er Hu, where's Xiong Quan?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the big, young man before him. He felt a little emotional, the kid back then had grown into an adult so fast and currently possessed a cultivation base at the Fourth Level Origin Core.

Although Er Hu was not as powerful as Duan Ling Tian at his age, he was considered talented in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

"Uncle Xiong Quan..." As Er Hu was about to speak, he was interrupted by a loud voice.

"Who's that? Who dares intrude on our Xiong Family village?" A loud voice that was like an explosion came closer and closer.

When everyone heard the voice, a silhouette that seemed to have transformed into a giant sword dashed into the village and appeared next to Er Hu.

The person with Sword Energy forming and sparkling around him had two hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes following him above his head. The majestic silhouette descended.

"First Level Advanced Sword Concept?!" Duan Ling Tian had already seen the two hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes before that person, who seemed as though he had transformed into a giant sword, dashed into the village. He could not help but narrow his eyes.

When that person revealed himself, he could not help but say in shock, "Xiong Quan, when... when did you comprehend the First Level Advanced Sword Concept?"

That person was a tall, big middle-aged man with stubbles all over his face. He looked unkempt.

'Isn't he Xiong Quan, the person who was by Duan Ling Tian's side back then?'

"Young Master!" Xiong Quan had rushed here after a villager informed him about the commotion in the village. His emotions were stirred up when he saw the purple-clad young man's face and heard his voice.

Chapter 1019: Miracle

The Sword Energy surrounding Xiong Quan's body vanished along with the two hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes above his head. His widened eyes were filled with indescribable excitement and tears of joy.

Xiong Qian lost his imposing manner as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian. It had been so many years since he last saw him.

"Haha... Xiong Quan! It's been a while." Duan Ling Tian descended from the sky and landed before Xiong Quan. He smiled and said, "You're still the same as before, you haven't changed much." Although Duan Ling Tian tried his best to keep calm, there was still a hint of excitement in his eyes.

At this moment, he seemed to have forgotten the fact that Xiong Quan had comprehended the First Level Advanced Sword Concept.

'Young Master!' Xiong Quan's body trembled from the sudden stir in his emotion when he saw Duan Ling Tian standing right before his eyes. He could not hold back the tears in his as they dripped down his face.

As the saying went, 'A man does not easily shed tears unless he is heartbroken or overjoyed!'

In Xiong Quan's case, it was tears of joy and excitement that were dripping down his face.

"Xiong Quan, I'm sorry I kept you waiting." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he continued to say, "I told you this back then... I promised the next time I see you would be the time I heal your Dantian."

That was Duan Ling Tian's promise to Xiong Quan back then.

He was finally here to fulfill his promise.

Xiong Quan was taken aback when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

'Heal my Dantian?'

"Young Master, are... are you serious?" Xiong Quan's emotions were stirred up again just as he calmed himself down. His chin that was filled with stubbles began to quiver from the intense emotion.

Although he had never revealed his pain from not being able to cultivate due to his severed Dantian to any outsiders throughout the years, he would stare blankly into nothingness when it was quiet in the middle of the night. It was all due to his severed Dantian.

He did not think too much about Duan Ling Tian's promise because he thought Duan Ling Tian only said that in an attempt to comfort him.

It was because he had never heard of anyone who could heal Dantian after it was destroyed!

However, Duan Ling Tian whom he had not seen for years suddenly appeared before him and said he could heal his Dantian.

At this moment, he finally believed Duan Ling Tian's promise from back then.

"What? You don't believe me?" Duan Ling Tian said as he smiled.

"No... No... Young Master, I... I just feel it's is too unbelievable," Xiong Quan immediately said as he shook his head.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, can... can you really heal Uncle Xiong Quan's Dantian?" Er Hu, who was standing by Xiong Quan's side, excitedly asked Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, the villagers were looking at Duan Ling Tian with anticipation as well. They seemed to be waiting for a confirmation from Duan Ling Tian.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not say a word.

He knew whatever he said would be useless even if it would get everyone excited. He would rather prove it with action.

'Whoosh!'

Duan Ling Tian lifted his arm to retrieve the Immortal Spirit Herb from his Spatial Ring. The very last leaf shone with a green glow on the Immortal Spirit Herb as it appeared before everyone's eyes.

"Xiong Quan, eat this." When Duan Ling Tian plucked the last leaf on the Immortal Spirit Herb, the green glow surrounding its root vanished completely.

"A leaf that glows?"

"What kind of herb is that? It's magical!"

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All of a sudden, the villagers in the Xiong Family village erupted in a clamor when they saw it. Even the children who were quiet were shocked when they saw it.

Xiong Quan realized the herb was extraordinary when he saw it shining with a green glow.

His heart jolted when he heard Duan Ling Tian asking him to consume it.

'This is the herb that'll heal my Dantian?'

If it was just an ordinary herb, even if Duan Ling Tian was the one who asked him to consume it, he would have felt doubtful inwardly.

However, the herb that was sparkling with a green glow made him realize it was not something ordinary!

'Are you kidding!'

'Would an ordinary herb glow?'

"Thank you, Young Master." Xiong Quan took the Immortal Spirit Herb from Duan Ling Tian's hand and shove it into his mouth without further delay. He swallowed it after chewing a few times.

The villagers from the Xiong Family village, including Feng Tian Wu who had just descended and landed by Duan Ling Tian's side, were staring at Xiong Quan as he chewed and swallowed the herb.

Although she had heard about how powerful the Immortal Spirit Herb's medicinal efficacy was from Duan Ling Tian, she had never seen it work its magic before.

She finally had the opportunity to witness the Immortal Spirit Herb's medicinal efficacy!

She was excited.

After Xiong Quan consumed the Immortal Spirit Herb, the villagers from the Xiong Family village stared at him as their held their breath.

"Uncle Xiong Quan." Er Hu looked at Xiong Quan with anticipation. He clenched his fists as his body trembled slightly.

He was the person closest to Xiong Quan among the people in Xiong Family village.

Xiong Quan was the one who taught him the ability he possessed today.

He knew how much Xiong Quan's severed Dantian affected him. That was why he was the one who wished the most for his Uncle Xiong Quan's Dantian to recover.

"Wow! Uncle Xiong Quan's tummy is glowing!" A little boy exclaimed.

Meanwhile, everyone saw a bright green glow rising from Xiong Quan's Dantian. It shone through his robes.

The green glow became brighter and brighter.

Half an hour later, the green glow gradually stopped glowing before it completely vanished.

"Uncle Xiong Quan..." Er Hu took a deep breath as he anxiously looked at Xiong Quan.

Feng Tian Wu and the villagers from Xiong Family village were also staring unblinkingly at Xiong Quan. There was eagerness in their eyes as they waited for the result.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian remained calm from the beginning until the end. It was as though the expression on his face would not change even if Mount Tai collapsed before him.

It seemed as though he was not worried Xiong Quan's Dantian could not be healed.

"Hahahaha..."

Xiong Quan was stunned, and a smile formed on his face that was filled with stubbles when he regained his senses. He laughed heartily as he raised his head to the sky.

His laughter was carefree as though he was completely released from the burden he had been carrying all these years.

"It's healed! My Dantian's healed!!" Xiong Quan's laughter only stopped over ten breaths later. However, it seemed as though he was not satisfied as he wholeheartedly screamed into the sky to release his stirred emotion.

Tears were pouring from Xiong Quan's eyes, he could not hold them back.

Every villager from Xiong Family village, including Er Hu, began to smile. They were happy for Xiong Quan.

"Big... Big Brother Ling Tian, th... thank... thank you." Er Hu thanked Duan Ling Tian with a trembling voice. He was too excited to the point that his voice was shaking.

"You don't have to thank me. I'm mostly responsible for Xiong Quan's severed Dantian," Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head.

As opposed to the villagers of Xiong Family village who were excited, he had extended his Spiritual Energy when the green glow vanished from Xiong Quan's Dantian. He had already known Xiong Quan's Dantian was completely healed.

Due to that, he remained calm.

Moreover, he had previously witnessed the Immortal Spirit Herb's amazing medicinal efficacy.

Hu Li's severed leg regenerated after he consumed the Immortal Spirit Herb!

That was much more difficult than healing a severed Dantian.

A Royal Grade or Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill could heal a severed Dantian.

However, neither a Royal Grade nor Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill would be able to regenerate a severed leg.

The healing of the Dantian was definitely easier compared to regenerating a severed leg.

"It's really healed?" Although Feng Tian Wu did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words, she was still shocked when she saw the faint Origin Energy that shrouded Xiong Quan's body.

The Origin Energy shrouding Xiong Quan's body was so weak, it was barely there.

Although the Origin Energy was weak, it would still need a complete Dantian in order for it to be released through one's body.

"Thank you, Young Master!" Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was still caught up in the excitement when Xiong Quan knelt down before Duan Ling Tian and began to kowtow to him as he thanked him.

"Xiong Quan, what are you doing?!" Duan Ling Tian's face changed drastically when he saw that. He immediately lifted his arms, and his Origin Energy transformed into an invisible force that lifted Xiong Quan up from the ground.

When he saw the anger on Duan Ling Tian's face, he realized Duan Ling Tian was unhappy with his earlier action. He was at a loss about what to do.

All of a sudden, an idea flashed through his mind.

"Young Master, please follow me," Xiong Quan said to Duan Ling Tian and proceeded to take the lead to dash out of the village.

Duan Ling Tian realized Xiong Quan had turned around and left the village as soon his voice entered his ears. The anger he felt had vanished, and he did not know if he should laugh or cry. Nevertheless, he still followed after Xiong Quan.

He was curious about where Xiong Quan was bringing him.

Naturally, Feng Tian Wu followed him as well.

'Whoosh!'

As Xiong Quan exited the village, the Sword Energy on his body ran rampant. It made him look as though he had transformed into a giant sword as he rushed off. His current Origin Energy did not allow him to fly yet so he was running on the ground instead.

However, Duan Ling Tian's eyes were filled with shock.

"Xiong Quan, how did you manage to comprehend the First Level Advanced Sword Concept?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously as he looked at the two hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes above Xiong Quan's head.

Even Feng Tian Wu's beautiful face had an inquisitive expression.

She had heard a little about Xiong Quan from Duan Ling Tian.

Therefore, she knew Xiong Quan had only comprehended the Sword Force when he returned to Xiong Family village. At that time, he had not even comprehended the Elementary Sword Concept.

It had been less than ten years, but Xiong Quan managed to elevate his comprehension of the Sword Force to the First Level Advanced Sword Concept. She found it unbelievable.

"Young Master, you'll understand when you see the place I'm about to show you," Xiong Quan said to Duan Ling Tian as he led the way.

Duan Ling Tian nodded wordlessly as he followed Xiong Quan closely.

He wanted to see where Xiong Quan was bringing him. The place that gave Xiong Quan the ability to comprehend the Void Transformation Stage in such a short time.

In his opinion, it was a miracle!

Chapter 1020: Sword

Xiong Quan led the way while Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu followed him like his shadow.

The rugged terrain in the mountain range was difficult for ordinary people to walk, and the wild beasts that would suddenly appear was a nightmare for ordinary people.

However, Duan Ling Tian and the other two were not ordinary people.

It did not pose a problem for Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu since they had the ability to fly.

Although Xiong Quan was running, it felt more like a leisurely walk on flat ground to him.

His body emanated a ferocious Sword Energy that scared away wild beasts, they did not dare to attack him at all.

Led by Xiong Quan, Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu finally arrived outside a canyon deep in the mountain range.

The canyon's entrance was in the form of a single-line sky. If Xiong Quan did not lead the way, it would have been impossible for Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu to find this place.

"Young Master, Miss Tian Wu... It's in there." Xiong Quan's breath quickened when he stood outside the canyon's entrance. It was as though something in there excited him.

Duan Ling Tian had introduced Feng Tian Wu to Xiong Quan during their journey.

Xiong Quan was an observant person. He could tell Feng Tian Wu was interested in his Young Master.

When he saw the way his Young Master treated her, he knew Miss Tian Wu would most likely be Duan Ling Tian's third wife in the future.

Therefore, he was polite to Feng Tian Wu and acted accordingly.

"Hmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Xiong Quan's excitement piqued his curiosity

'What's in the canyon? It even caused Xiong Quan to lose his composure.'

From what he remembered, Xiong Quan was a steady person.

"Let's go!" Duan Ling Tian said and took the lead to fly through the single-line sky. He had finally entered the canyon.

Meanwhile, Feng Tian Wu and Xiong Quan followed closely behind.

'Fwah!'

'Fwah! Fwah! Fwah!'

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When they entered the canyon, the sound of rapid water flowing caught Duan Ling Tian's attention, and he immediately turned to look at the source of the sound.

With just a glance, he saw a big waterfall deep in the canyon. The waterfall was akin to the galaxy falling from the sky. It was impressive to look at from afar.

"Young Master, it's here." Xiong Quan finally managed to tamp down his excitement. He took the lead again and brought them across the big waterfall. He stared fixedly at the wall next to the waterfall.

It was as though there was something fascinating on the wall that had attracted his attention.

Meanwhile, Origin Energy ran rampant on Xiong Quan's body when his attention was focused on the wall. It gave him a fierce and imposing aura.

Xiong Quan's odd behavior immediately caught Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu's attention.

Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu finally arrived next to Xiong Quan. They looked curiously at the object of Xiong Quan's attention. It was a wall next to the waterfall.

With just a glance, their interest was immediately piqued.

'Sword!'

A gigantic word that read 'Sword' on the wall appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes. In the beginning, nothing was out of the ordinary. However, Duan Ling Tian soon realized his mind turned empty when he focused on the word.

It was apparent someone had carved the word on the wall using sword glow in just a stroke. It emitted a fierce sword intent.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian's empty mind was only left with the word 'Sword'. Duan Ling Tian felt as though he was beguiled by the word that released a fierce sword intent.

'Whoosh!'

Duan Ling Tian did not know when Sword Energy began to rise from his body. It was the Ninth Level Intermediate Sword Concept he had comprehended.

Almost at the same time when the Sword Concept appeared, the Heaven and Earth Energy above Duan Ling Tian's head whirred and eventually formed a hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes.

The canyon was completely silent.

Duan Ling Tian and Xiong Quan were not the only ones staring blankly at the word 'Sword' on the wall, even Feng Tian Wu's eyes were focused on the word.

Initially, she thought the word 'Sword' was beautiful. However, she could not tear her eyes away from it after a few more looks. She had completely immersed herself in the word. It was as though the word contained some kind of enchantment.

She did not know when, but she could sense some sort of force as she comprehended it.

The force's characteristic was obvious - It was ferocious and sharp.

"Sword Force!" Feng Tian Wu's heart jolted, and the expression on her beautiful face changed slightly.

She did not think just the word 'Sword' on the wall would allow her to comprehend the Sword Force she did not have any contact with prior to this.

Although she was shocked, she still could not look away from the word on the wall. The word 'Sword' seemed to have captivated her, it made her unwilling to look away.

'Fwah!'

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian, who was standing next to Feng Tian Wu, had Sword Energy on his body. It released a wave of overbearing aura that shot up to the sky.

At the same time, the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above Duan Ling Tian's head began to change. Initially, there were a hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes, but there were currently two hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes.

First Level Advanced Sword Concept!

Duan Ling Tian, who was completely immersed in the word 'Sword' on the wall, had yet to realize he had a breakthrough in his Sword Concept.

He had broken through to the Void Transformation Stage.

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"Sword, the king of soldiers!"

"Sword, it rescues, and kills at the same time!"

"Sword brings justice to the world and destroy all the injustice in the world!"

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Duan Ling Tian did not know when but a calm voice entered his ears when he was completely immersed in the word 'Sword' on the wall. There was no trace of emotion in the voice.

It seemed as though Duan Ling Tian gained a new understanding of the word 'Sword' when he heard the voice.

He could not help but sweat when he thought of the person who left the sword intent behind.

All of a sudden, he thought his sword attainment was like comparing fluorescent light to the sun and moon when he compared himself with the voice.

Duan Ling Tian felt as though he had been bewitched.

His mind was clear of everything except for the word 'Sword' on the wall. However, things began to change.

The word rotated a few times before a shadow suddenly appeared The shadow stood with the support of a sword.

Duan Ling Tian could not see how the shadow's appearance, but he could sense the ferocious sword intent the shadow was releasing. It seemed as though the sword intent could destroy everything.

The sword intent was smothering him.

'It seems like being in the presence of the sword intent released by the shadow is more beneficial than an Emperor Stage Profundity Fragment!' A thought suddenly appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind.

It was difficult for him to get rid of the thought.

Duan Ling Tian's mind was in chaos when the shadow suddenly moved.

'Oh, my god!'

'How's this possible?!'

He discovered the shadow in his mind was performing a sword skill. Its movement was as smooth as floating clouds and flowing water.

It would not have mattered so much if it was performing some other sword skill, but it was performing the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash!

The Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash was the heaven rank advanced sword skill from the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique.

Theoretically, apart from him and the Rebirth Martial Emperor whose soul was completely destroyed, it was impossible a third person would know about this sword skill.

"What..." Duan Ling Tian's mind erupted in chaos again before he had time to ponder deeply about the matter.

He realized all nine dragons with an imposing and majestic manner were released when the mysterious shadow was performing the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash in his head.

The nine divine dragons' eyes gleamed as eighteen ultimate radiant flashes shot out.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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Eighteen ultimate radiant flashes shout out destructively as though they were going to pierce through everything.

It was the Perfection Stage Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash!

Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Subsequently, he saw the mysterious shadow tirelessly performed Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash one after another.

It was as though it had transformed into a tireless teacher.

Duan Ling Tian who was initially shocked finally regained his composure. He learned a lot from watching the mysterious shadow performing the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash.

Time passed by silently.

Duan Ling Tian had no idea how long had passed. The shadow stopped moving when he discovered he had a brand new understanding of the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash.

'Whoosh!'

He was about to demonstrate the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash so he could take a good look at what he had learned when the mysterious shadow began to move and demonstrate another sword skill.

The sword skill shocked Duan Ling Tian again.

It was the Nine-Tribulation Sword Control Technique!

The mysterious shadow hovered in the air as nine swords appeared around his body. The nine swords continuously moved around his body.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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Suddenly, the mysterious shadow moved again. It released all nine swords that exuded a fierce aura.

That was not the only thing that shocked Duan Ling Tian.

He saw nine divine dragons appeared out of the nine swords one after another. There was a total of 81 divine dragons, and their eyes gleamed in unison.

In the next second, 162 ultimate radiant flashes shot out and encompassed the entire area. It was terrifyingly overbearing.

"How's this possible?" Duan Ling Tian was a little lost, but he regained his senses when the mysterious shadow vanished. He realized that he was still standing across the big waterfall in the canyon.

"Tian Wu..." Duan Ling Tian discovered Feng Tian Wu was also staring at the word on the wall. He took a deep breath. 'Who exactly left the word 'Sword' behind?'

When the question appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind, he seemed to have noticed something, and he immediately looked up.

The Heaven and Earth Phenomenon was fading away above his head, and he was just about to withdraw the Sword Concept that rose from his body.

"What..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in shock when he saw the ancient horned dragons' silhouettes above his head.