

Chapter 1351: The Migration of Ling Tian Sect

Apart from comprehending the Fused Profundity and delivering materials into the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian spent the rest of his time moving Ling Tian Sect.

Ling Tian Sect was currently the No.1 sect on Cloud Continent. Thanks to Han Xue Nai, Ling Tian Sect's position had soared on Cloud Continent. Even the two ancient clans did not dare to offend them.

Due to that, the migration of Ling Tian Sect was successful.

Apart from a group of Martial Emperors and Demon Emperors, including Martial Emperor Qing Xuan and Demon Emperor Man Wu, who came to help, the two ancient great clans sent powerhouses to help as well.

At this moment, Martial Emperor Qing Xuan, Demon Emperor Man Wu, and the other prominent powerhouses realized that there were many people who were more powerful than them in the two ancient clans! The really powerful ones among them could kill or defeat them in just one blow.

There were many people at Ling Tian Sect. Although many Martial Emperors and Demon Emperors came to help, they only managed to bring everyone to Half Moon Island after making two trips.

"Fortunately, many people came to help... Otherwise, I wonder how long it would've taken me, Xue Nai, Little Gold, Little White, and Little Black to bring everyone from Ling Tian Sect to Half Moon Island," Duan Ling Tian muttered under his breath as he stood above Ling Tian Peak. Almost everyone from Ling Tian Sect had been moved and handed over to the three Vice Island Masters of Half Moon Island.

The Ling Tian Peak beneath him was supposedly Ling Tian Sect's new site. However, it had now become its old site.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian and a few others, the current Ling Tian Peak was left with only a few elders from Ling Tian Sect.

The Ling Tian Sect's elders who were left behind were responsible for receiving materials from Cloud Continent to restore the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

As time passed by, the materials submitted by the people from Cloud Continent became lesser and lesser. Eventually, no materials were submitted at all.

Although the huge number of human martial artists and demon beasts on Cloud Continent searched high and low, they could no longer find the necessary materials needed to restore the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"Elder Huo, how much more do we need?" Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo. He was worried about the lack of materials.

“50% of the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is restored... It’ll be completed if we have a little more materials,” Elder Huo said, “As soon as it’s completely restored, you’ll be able to enter the second floor to cultivate and obtain the Jasper Celestial Sword.”

“This Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is like a black hole... These huge number of materials only managed to restore 50% of it. Moreover, this is only the second floor... There are still five floors after this! It’s giving me a headache.” Duan Ling Tian forced a smile on his face.

At this moment, the materials needed to restore Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda could no longer be found on Cloud Continent.

“There’s nothing we can do... The materials you brought in are the lowest grade. It’s only natural that we need more of such low-grade materials,” Elder Huo said, “If you manage to obtain a few high-grade materials that I told you about, we’ll only need one of each item to completely restore the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.”

“Elder Huo, regarding the materials you mentioned... It’s not just me, even Xue Nai has never heard of them! Where do you expect me to look for them?” Duan Ling Tian said with a forced smile on his face.

Han Xue Nai was the pampered daughter of a powerful force in the Dao Martial Saint Land. He could not compare to her in terms of knowledge and experience. Let alone him, even she had never heard of the materials Elder Huo had mentioned.

“There are no materials like these on this planet?” Elder Huo frowned which he rarely did. “That shouldn’t be the case... Those materials I mentioned came from the old Planet Yan Huang. You should be able to collect quite a bit of those high-grade materials in the old Planet Yan Huang as long as you’re willing to look for them.”

Duan Ling Tian’s smile turned forced when he heard his words.

Naturally, he knew the old Planet Yan Huang that Elder Huo mentioned was earth in the ancient myths... Humans were just born back then.

“It’s possible that such materials exist on this planet... After all, it’s impossible for Xue Nai to know each and every material on this planet,” Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian learned from Elder Huo that more than 80% of the materials they received from Cloud Continent to restore the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda could not be used to restore the third floor due to the quality of the materials being too poor.

According to Elder Huo, the materials he mentioned were divided into five grades.

The five grades were low grade, medium-low grade, medium grade, medium-high grade, and high grade.

The best among the materials gathered on Cloud Continent were medium-low grade materials. Majority of them were low-grade materials. Low-grade materials were completely useless in regards to restoring the third floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

They needed at least medium-low grade materials.

'Judging by the current speed... I'm afraid it's going to take forever to completely restore the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.' Duan Ling Tian felt helpless when he thought about this.

After a period of time, Han Xue Nai returned from Half Moon Island of the Overseas Saint Islands. She brought back a huge number of materials that she gathered from the Four Great Overseas Saint Islands.

Compared to the materials gathered on Cloud Continent, the number of materials Han Xue Nai brought back was pathetic. However, most of the items were medium-low grade and some were medium-grade so it added 30% to the pagoda that was 50% restored. Currently, the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was 80% restored.

"After searching high and low on Cloud Continent and the Four Great Saint Islands, the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is only 80% restored." Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

"If you can retrieve the dragon orb in Little Devil Dragon's body, we'll be able to restore the remaining 20% immediately," Elder Huo said to Duan Ling Tian.

"Elder Huo... Why didn't you tell me earlier? It's too late now, he has left." Duan Ling Tian let out a wry smile again.

Naturally, he knew the Little Devil Dragon that Elder Huo mentioned was Di Yong... Di Yong's true form was a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon, the top among Five-Clawed Divine Dragons.

"I'm afraid he wouldn't give you his dragon orb even if he's still here," Elder Huo said.

"Why?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Duan Ling Tian finally understood why after Elder Huo explained it to him.

Every dragon only had one dragon orb in them... The dragon orb was equivalent to a demon beast's beast core.

The difference was dragons were born with a dragon orb in their bodies.

They would die if the dragon orb was taken away.

Therefore, the only way to obtain a dragon orb was to kill the dragon!

"Kill a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon?" Duan Ling Tian's smile looked forced at this moment.

Indeed, it was just as Elder Huo had said. Even if Wang Ba did not leave after taking over Di Yong's body, Duan Ling Tian would not be able to obtain the dragon orb from him.

Although he could use the Devilseal Tablet to kill Di Yong, he could not bring himself to do it. No matter what, Di Yong had saved his life before.

Although Di Yong had his own ulterior motive, it was indisputable that he had saved him.

Back when he used the Devilseal Tablet for the third time in Lost Stone Forest, he would have died if not for Di Yong.

However, Duan Ling Tian was still shocked when he found out a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon's dragon orb was equivalent to the few high-grade materials that Elder Huo mentioned.

'If that's the case... Aren't the high-grade materials Elder Huo mentioned treasures on the same level as a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon's dragon orb?' His heart sank when he thought about this.

Xue Nai once told him there were not many Five-Clawed Devil Dragons left in the dragon clan in the Dao Martial Saint Land. At any point in time, there were only nine of them. That meant there were only nine Five-Clawed Devil Dragon's dragon orbs at the most at the Dao Martial Saint Land.

'Seems like restoring the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is going to be a long journey... I'm afraid there's only hope to restore the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda when we arrive at the Dao Martial Saint Land,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

He was ready to leave since no materials needed to restore Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda could be found on Cloud Continent anymore.

He would bring the two ladies out of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda after they had woken up from their cultivation.

They would leave Cloud Continent with Han Xue Nai and the remaining elders from Ling Tian Sect to Half Moon Island of the Overseas Saint Islands.

Before the two ladies woke up, Duan Ling Tian visited all the Martial Emperors and Demon Emperors, apart from the powerhouses from the two ancient clans, and gave them Saint Stones.

He, Duan Ling Tian, would never owe favors to anyone.

In regards to the two ancient clans, he had already gotten Han Xue Nai to show gratitude on his behalf.

After returning to Half Moon Island, Duan Ling Tian gathered everyone from Ling Tian Sect and Half Moon Island.

At the same time, he officially merged Half Moon Island's three Vice Island Masters and disciples with Ling Tian Sect.

The three Vice Island Masters of Half Moon Island who had surrendered in the face of Duan Ling Tian's strength did not dare to object at all, let alone their underlings.

From that moment onward, Ling Tian Sect took root on Half Moon Island.

Since Ling Tian Sect had moved to Half Moon Island, the building structure in the central area, naturally, needed to be changed... Under Duan Ling Tian's command, all of the old buildings were demolished and new ones were built.

Soon after, Ling Tian Sect's estate on Half Moon Island was erected.

Watching the majestic sect estate beneath him, Duan Ling Tian exclaimed, "A massive project like this would take at least eight to ten years to complete back on earth where I used to live... However, it only took half a year to complete everything here." Duan Ling Tian was excited upon seeing the completion of the new estate.

"It's time to leave," Duan Ling Tian muttered under his breath.

It was time to leave Half Moon Island and head to the Dao Martial Saint Land!

No matter if it was for returning to earth or to look for his parents, he had to go to the Dao Martial Saint Land. Moreover, he was curious and looked forward to exploring it.

Chapter 1352: I'll Be A Father Soon

When Duan Ling Tian had arranged everything and was ready to bring the two ladies and Han Xue Nai to leave Half Moon Island and head to the Dao Martial Saint Land, Li Fei came to him.

"Scoundrel, I would like to stay back," Li Fei said to Duan Ling Tian hesitantly as she bit her lip softly.

"Why? You don't want to go to the Dao Martial Saint Land?" Duan Ling Tian asked, puzzled.

"Powerhouses are everywhere on the Dao Martial Saint Land. Let's not talk about me, it's dangerous even for you... I don't want to burden you," Li Fei said slowly after she took a deep breath, "Also, Ling Tian Sect shouldn't be without a leader... I want to stay back and take care of Ling Tian Sect for you."

She was unwilling to be separated from her man. However, she tried her best to stay rational. That was why she had said something like that.

"Young Master, I would like to stay as well," Ke'er said before Duan Ling Tian even managed to respond to Li Fei.

Similar to Li Fei, she did not want to burden Duan Ling Tian and slow him down.

No matter if it was Ke'er or Li Fei, both of them had to face the facts that it was impossible for them to possess strength equivalent or stronger than Duan Ling Tian that would allow them to stay by his side and help him. Therefore, they had decided to stay and take care of Ling Tian Sect for him. By doing this, it could be considered as them sharing their man's burden.

"Sister Fei'er, Sister Ke'er... You don't have to do that. You're welcome to stay at my place if you're worried you'll hold Duan Ling Tian back. My house is very safe," Han Xue Nai said to the two ladies as soon as Ke'er finished speaking.

"Xue Nai, I know you're saying this with good intention. However, what's the difference between staying at your place and staying on Half Moon Island? Furthermore, I can help take care of Ling Tian Sect if I stay on Half Moon Island," Li Fei said with a smile. However, there was a hint of unwillingness in the depth of her eyes.

"That's true. Moreover, Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White aren't leaving just yet. They can keep us company," Ke'er said with a nod.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unwilling to let his two ladies stay back. "Ke'er, Little Fei'er... Didn't both of you say you won't ever leave me again?"

"Scoundrel, it's different this time. Moreover, you can always come back and visit us anytime you want if Ke'er and I stay on Half Moon Island," Li Fei said as she shook her head.

Ke'er nodded at Li Fei's words.

Eventually, Duan Ling Tian had to compromise since there was no way he could change the two stubborn ladies' minds.

However, they took a long time getting intimate with each other before he left.

He fulfilled the two ladies' requests, planting a love seed in each in of their bodies... Their love seeds would blossom and bear fruits ten months later.

"I'll definitely come back when the children are born," Duan Ling Tian promised the two ladies before they parted way.

"Scoundrel, don't worry about Ke'er and me when you're at the Dao Martial Saint Land... We'll take good care of ourselves. We're very safe with Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White around," Li Fei said.

"Young Master, Sister Fei'er and I will wait for your return..." Ke'er said to Duan Ling Tian with gleaming eyes.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and looked at the two ladies fondly with a hint of unwillingness. He subsequently shifted his focus to the three little fellows and said solemnly, "Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White... Please take good care of your Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er."

"Brother, don't worry. I'm here, and I'll take good care of Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er," the little girl in gold said to Duan Ling Tian seriously.

"That's right, brother. With me and Little White here, we won't let anything happen to Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er," Little Black said confidently.

"I believe in all of you." Duan Ling Tian knew he could rely on the three little fellow's abilities.

The three little fellow's current strength was not inferior to the three Vice Island Masters of Half Moon Island at all.

Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai left the two ladies and the three little fellows who looked unwilling to part ways with them. They soon disappeared before their eyes.

At this moment, tears were streaming down Ke'er and Li Fei's beautiful faces. They tried their best to hold back their tears when Duan Ling Tian was around since they did not want him to see them cry. Now that he had left, they did not have to hold back anymore.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai traveled above the vast and boundless ocean on the north of Half Moon Island.

Duan Ling Tian was feeling a little down during the beginning of the journey. He gradually felt better after Han Xue Nai comforted him.

However, his emotions were stirred. The feeling was indescribable.

'My two children will be born ten months later.' This was the reason why Duan Ling Tian was feeling emotional.

He would have children soon. He would be a father soon.

'No matter where I am... I'll definitely return within ten months! I want to be with Ke'er and Little Fei'er to witness the arrival of the two little lives.' Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and made up his mind.

"Xue Nai, you left the Dao Martial Saint Land alone... Isn't your father worried about you?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Han Xue Nai next to him.

He recalled whenever Han Xue Nai came to Cloud Continent in the past, she would have Qing Nu by her side... However, she came here on her own this time with the three little fellows.

"Brother Ling Tian, someone came with me when I left the Dao Martial Saint Land this time... But I made them wait near the ocean on the south of Dao Martial Saint Land," Han Xue Nai said, "It's very rare to see Saint Rudiment Stage and Mortal Shedding Stage powerhouses on the journey to the Dao Martial Saint Land, let alone Saint Stage powerhouses... So there's no need to worry about danger."

"Furthermore, even if we encounter someone with ill intentions, unless it's a Saint Stage powerhouse, I'm not afraid of them... Although Dao Talisman can't kill them, it can still injure and restrain them," Han Xue Nai said confidently.

Dao Talisman!

Duan Ling Tian said, "I see."

He just remembered Han Xue Nai had Dao Talismans with her... Only a handful of Dao Cultivators above the Saint Rudiment Stage could draw Dao Talismans.

"Xue Nai, with our current speed... How much longer do we need before we arrive at the Dao Martial Saint Land?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Around half a month," Han Xue Nai said.

"Half a month? It'll take that long?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised when he heard this.

One must know he only needed a few days to travel from Half Moon Island to Cloud Continent with his current speed. However, they needed half a month to get to the Dao Martial Saint Land?

"Brother Ling Tian, I overheard the conversation between you, Sister Ke'er, and Sister Fei'er earlier. I heard you said you'll return when the children are born before you parted ways... Are they pregnant?" Han Xue Nai asked playfully as she blinked her big and unique eyes.

"That's right. They're due ten months later." Duan Ling Tian nodded joyfully.

"Ten months?" Han Xue Nai said with a smile when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words, "Brother Ling Tian, who told you your kids will be born ten months later?"

“Isn’t it ten months? Pregnancy usually takes ten months. That’s general knowledge,” Duan Ling Tian said as if he knew what he was talking about, “Xue Nai, you wouldn’t know that since you’ve never given birth.”

“I wouldn’t know that because I’ve never given birth... Brother Ling Tian, do you mean... You know because you’ve given birth before?” Han Xue Nai mocked as she rolled her eyes at Duan Ling Tian.

“You mischievous thing... It’s possible that I’ve seen pigs running even though I’ve not tasted their meat before.” Duan Ling Tian smiled and shook his head.

Han Xue Nai’s smile turned even wider when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. She said confidently, “Brother Ling Tian, you’re still so confident that Sister Ke’er and Sister Fei’er will give birth after ten months... It’s obvious you’ve never seen a pig run.”

“Xue Nai, what are you trying to say?” Duan Ling Tian asked skeptically, frowning. The smile on his face had disappeared.

“Brother Ling Tian, being pregnant for ten months only applies to people under the Innate Stage... If both man and woman are above the Innate Stage, it’ll take at least a year before the child arrives,” Han Xue Nai explained, “Man and woman who had just broken through to the Innate Stage or the Void Prying Stage only give birth after a year of gestation.”

“The higher the cultivation of the couple, the later their child would be born... However, the later the child’s born, the more outstanding he or she would be.”

“It’s said they’re born later because they’re absorbing the Innate Origin Energy in their mother’s body... Therefore, the later the child’s born, the more remarkable their talent would be,” Han Xue Nai continued speaking, “With Brother Ling Tian, Sister Ke’er, and Sister Fei’er’s cultivation base... It’s impossible that your children will be born before three or five years.”

“Three to five years?” Duan Ling Tian’s jaw dropped when he heard Han Xue Nai’s words.

He had only heard of ten months of pregnancy, he had never heard of being pregnant for three to five years.

Was that something humans were capable of doing?

“Xue Nai, how do you know about all these?” Duan Ling Tian asked skeptically as he looked at Han Xue Nai. He could not figure out how a girl like her would know about such things.

“Brother Ling Tian, didn’t you say it yourself? It’s possible to have seen pigs running even if you’ve not tasted their meat before,” Han Xue Nai repeated Duan Ling Tian’s words back to him as he smiled wryly.

Eventually, he tried to confirm the matter again. “Xue Nai, are you sure what you said is true?”

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Han Xue Nai was about to respond when a loud explosion interrupted her.

An explosion disturbed the peaceful ocean beneath her and Duan Ling Tian as seawater splashed everywhere. It was as though a giant rock had been thrown into the sea.

Before Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai managed to react, the rumbling ocean began to swirl suddenly, creating a powerful sucking force.

The force shrouded Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai in just a blink of an eye.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt an undefeatable strength covering his body as it pulled him down into the ocean.

Subsequently, he was engulfed by a whirlpool that appeared on the surface of the ocean.

Chapter 1353: Duan Ling Tian Is Missing

“Brother Ling Tian!” Facing the powerful sucking force, Han Xue Nai managed to get ahold of herself forcefully. Her expression changed drastically when she realized Duan Ling Tian was caught in the rapid whirlpool.

Without any hesitation, she quickly flew down into the rapid whirlpool.

At the same time, an odd jewel appeared in her hand out of thin air.

She crushed the jewel as soon as it appeared. A seven-colored ray appeared and shot up into the sky.

The seven-colored ray shone all the way to the sky and only faded after a long time.

Bang!

When Han Xue Nai charged into the whirlpool, she was not affected by the sucking force. There was a layer of transparent light shield covering her body that isolated the seawater around her. She could still control her movement even though she was in the whirlpool.

The rapid and swirling seawater within the whirlpool was beating against the transparent light shield, causing it to tremble. However, Han Xue Nai did not have the time to care about that.

Her face was solemn as she dove deeper into the ocean, following the whirlpool. Soon after, she arrived at the bottom of the ocean.

At the same time, she saw the cause of the whirlpool... It was a giant creature that was lying flat at the bottom of the ocean. Its terrifying mouth was wide open. The energy coming out from its mouth was the cause of the appearance of the whirlpool in the ocean.

Some of the deep sea fishes were caught in the whirlpool, failing to get away from it.

“It’s a Sea-Engulfing Beast! Why would a Sea-Engulfing Beast be here!” Han Xue Nai exclaimed as her expression changed. It was obvious she recognized the creature in front of her.

The beasts on Dao Martial Saint Land were divided into two categories.

One was Saint Beast while the other was Wild Beast.

Saint Beasts that broke through to the Innate Stage were intelligent. They spoke the human language and would even take human form. They were no different from a human in their human form.

They could cultivate Saint Grade Martial Tactics and use Saint Weapons just like humans. They were also divided into Martial Cultivators and Dao Cultivators.

Since they were Saint Beasts, their bodies were, naturally, more powerful than ordinary humans. Some of Saint Beasts would have their strength reduced when they took human form. However, when they revert to their true form, they would regain their full strength.

Wild Beasts were different from Saint Beasts.

If Saint Beasts were favored by God, then Wild Beasts were abandoned by God.

In comparison to Saint Beasts, breaking through to the Innate Stage aside, Wild Beasts did not have human intelligence even if they managed to break through to the Mortal Shedding Stage, Saint Rudiment Stage or the Saint Stage.

They would not be able to speak like humans, let alone take human form.

They were similar to the unevolved wild beasts on Cloud Continent. They only survived through their instincts.

They lived by the rule of nature – The weak are the prey for the strong. It was the survival of the fittest.

Although they did not possess intelligence, could not take human form like Saint Beasts or cultivate human methods, martial tactics and use Saint Weapons to fight, their cultivation speed was not inferior to Saint Beasts.

Moreover, their bodies were stronger than Saint Beasts.

If a Wild Beast and a Saint Beast at the same level were to fight, the Saint Beast might not be a match for it even if it took human form, used Saint Weapons and Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

Wild Beasts' bodies were too powerful!

The weakest one was comparable to a Three-Clawed Divine Dragon's body from the dragon clans. The powerful ones could even compare to the dragon clans' Four-Clawed Divine Dragons.

Wild Beasts' bodies were their biggest advantage.

Their battle instinct honed from a hundred, 1,000 or 10,000 battles was their most powerful technique. It was not inferior to the Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

The one that appeared before Han Xue Nai was precisely one of the Wild Beasts!

Sea-Engulfing Beast!

Han Xue Nai could tell it was a Sea-Engulfing Beast at the Early Mortal Shedding Stage.

"You swallowed Brother Ling Tian?" Han Xue Nai's face turned solemn and cold when she looked at the gigantic creature before her. The playfulness in her eyes was no longer there. Instead, it had been replaced with killing intent.

“Young Miss.” Just when Han Xue Nai was about to attack, two respectful voices sounded in unison.

At the same time, two big silhouettes appeared behind Han Xue Nai and bowed to her.

They were two towering big middle-aged men. Their appearance was so mediocre that most people would not take notice of them.

However, judging by the transparent light shield on their bodies that remained unaffected by the rapid seawater, their strength had to be a lot more powerful than Han Xue Nai.

The two middle-aged men had responded to the signal ray Han Xue Nai released earlier. Her father had sent them to protect her. However, when she left Dao Martial Saint Land, she left them behind at the southern ocean of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

“Kill it! It has swallowed Brother Ling Tian. Take care that you don’t hurt him,” Han Xue Nai commanded.

“Yes.” One of the middle-aged men nodded seriously and took a step forward as soon as she finished speaking.

A streak of light shot out from beneath his foot when he stepped forward. It pierced through the Sea-Engulfing Beast’s head in just a blink of an eye, causing it to fall. It was killed just like that.

As its gigantic mouth was closing, the other middle-aged man vanished into thin air. The water did not ripple from his movement, it was extremely odd.

When he appeared again, he was already in the Sea-Engulfing Beast’s gigantic mouth.

He opened the Sea-Engulfing Beast’s huge mouth effortlessly and tore its mouth open all the way to its body.

However, it did not look that gory since the Sea-Engulfing Beast’s carcass, blood, and flesh had already been frozen. They merely shattered like rocks.

Meanwhile, the fishes that were swallowed by the Sea-Engulfing Beast that had yet to be digested swam away quickly, escaping death.

There was an old man in the Sea-Engulfing Beast’s stomach. The old man thanked the middle-aged man and bowed respectfully to him after he escaped from the Sea-Engulfing Beast. “Thank you, sir, for saving my life.”

He was a demon that had taken human form. He was just passing by when he encountered the Sea-Engulfing Beast and was unfortunately swallowed by it... He thought he was going to die for sure and did not expect that he would be saved.

“Where’s Brother Ling Tian?” Han Xue Nai arrived before the old man and took a good look around. Her expression changed when she realized Duan Ling Tian was nowhere to be found.

After looking at the creature’s carcass, the middle-aged man who froze the Sea-Engulfing Beast and killed it said to Han Xue Nai respectfully, “Young Miss, there are marks left behind by a Devil Cultivator

on this Sea-Engulfing Beast's body... The Devil Cultivator must have controlled it to come here. Otherwise, there shouldn't be any Sea-Engulfing Beasts here."

"Devil Cultivator?" Han Xue Nai's expression changed drastically when she realized it was unlikely that this incident was a coincidence.

Han Xue Nai took a deep breath. She looked at the old man and asked urgently, "Did you see another person when you were swallowed by the Sea-Engulfing Beast? A young man dressed in purple."

"I saw him." The old man nodded. "The moment I was swallowed, I saw an unconscious young man behind me. He was almost swallowed too... During the critical moment, I saw a black shadow dashed by, and the young man was gone."

"A Devil Cultivator controlled this Sea-Engulfing Beast and took Brother Ling Tian away?" Han Xue Nai's mind became clear. She looked at the two middle-aged men next to her and commanded, "No matter what, we must find Big Brother Ling Tian!"

"Yes." The two middle-aged men left in two directions after she finished speaking and begin their search deep in the ocean.

'Who would come up with all this just to take Brother Ling Tian away... Since he's able to control an Early Mortal Shedding Stage Sea-Engulfing Beast, it means he's at least above the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage,' Han Xue Nai's heart jolted as she thought to herself, 'With his ability, it's not difficult for him to directly kidnap Big Brother Ling Tian.'

'Why would he do this... There's only one possibility! He's afraid of me.' Han Xue Nai inhaled sharply as she thought to this point.

'That means... This Devil Cultivator knew that he wouldn't be able to take Brother Ling Tian away because I'm here. That's why he controlled the Sea-Engulfing Beast to buy himself some time.' Things became clearer for Han Xue Nai the more she thought about it.

'Di Yong! It has to be Di Yong!' When she finally cleared her mind, the first person she thought of was Wang Ba who took over a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon's body back then. He was currently known as Di Yong.

'He left much earlier... There must be something he wants for him to do this!' Han Xue Nai was almost certain the person who took Duan Ling Tian away was Di Yong... However, she could not figure out why Di Yong would do this.

'Is there something he wants from Brother Ling Tian? Maybe it's the Devilseal Tablet. However, would he want it even if it's given to him?'

The Devilseal Tablet was a Devil Cultivator's bane.

It was named a Super Saint Weapon and was listed in the Ten Great Saint Weapon Rankings due to one unique characteristic. Apart from that, it was no better than other Saint Weapons.

Han Xue Nai felt like it did not make any sense the more she thought about it.

'Could it be... the pagoda?' Soon after, Han Xue Nai recalled the pagoda that she and Di Yong could not go near but Duan Ling Tian could.

One could tell the pagoda was not simple at all.

She had a feeling the pagoda was not inferior to the Vast Sky Pagoda, one of the Super Saint Weapons.

'If that's the case... Brother Ling Tian should be safe for now,' Han Xue Nai thought to herself, relieved.

'If I were him, and I want the pagoda and its secrets, I won't let the Devilseal Tablet remain in Brother Ling Tian's possession.'

'He's a Devil Cultivator after all... Brother Ling Tian could kill him with the Devilseal Tablet.'

'The biggest possibility would be him taking Brother Ling Tian's Spatial Ring away and removing the Blood Ownership Claim with his Spiritual Energy,' Han Xue Nai speculated as she calmed herself down slowly.

The Blood Ownership Claim on Spatial Rings on Mortal Continent was weak.

Anyone above the Mortal Shedding Stage could remove the Blood Ownership Claim of a Spatial Ring forcefully by using his Spiritual Energy.

Chapter 1354: What Di Yong Is Seeking

'I'm... I'm not dead?' Duan Ling Tian finally regained consciousness. He felt heavy in his head. 'I remember... I was sucked into a whirlpool that suddenly appeared in the ocean.'

'The whirlpool was really strong. I couldn't resist it even though I'm powerful enough to defeat those below the Mortal Shedding Stage... The strength of the whirlpool is definitely above the Mortal Shedding Stage.'

'I think I passed out from the beating of the waves from the whirlpool...' Duan Ling Tian shook his head, trying to recall what happened before he lost consciousness.

'Where's this place?' Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and took a good look at his surroundings. He discovered he was on a small and barren island, surrounded by the vast ocean.

"Where's my Spatial Ring?" Soon after, Duan Ling Tian noticed his Spatial Ring was missing. It caused his expression to change drastically.

At this moment, a cold voice resounded from above, and a big silhouette appeared before him. "Are you looking for this?"

It was a middle-aged man dressed in black. He was big, tall, and muscular. He looked like a tower as he stood there. More importantly, he was holding the Spatial Ring in his hand.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, familiar with the Spatial Ring. It was his Spatial Ring after all.

"Bastard!" Duan Ling Tian could not help but frown as he shifted his focus from the Spatial Ring to the black-clad middle-aged man's face. "Why are you here? Also... Why's my Spatial Ring with you?"

The black-clad middle-aged man was none other than Di Yong who had left Half Moon Island of the Overseas Saint Islands a while ago. To be more precise, it was Wang Ba who had taken over Di Yong's body.

Wang Ba was the soul remnant of a Devil Cultivator who had stayed inside Duan Ling Tian's body back then. He once saved Duan Ling Tian's life with the intention of using him to look for a suitable body for himself.

Di Yong did not reply Duan Ling Tian. Instead, he asked him in his deep voice, "Kid, where's the pagoda?"

After removing the Blood Ownership Claim on Duan Ling Tian's Spatial Ring with his Spiritual Energy at the Mortal Shedding Stage, he took ownership of Duan Ling Tian's Spatial Ring... However, he did not find the exquisite pagoda in it.

He realized Duan Ling Tian had hidden the exquisite pagoda somewhere else, and he was certain it was somewhere around Duan Ling Tian.

Although he had no idea where Duan Ling Tian had hidden the pagoda. Due to its flexibility in size, it must have been hidden somewhere inconspicuous.

"How did you remove the ownership on my Spatial Ring?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian discovered he had lost connection to his Spatial Ring, and his expression changed drastically again.

"Spiritual Energy above the Mortal Shedding Stage can easily remove ownerships of Spatial Rings below the Saint Weapon Stage," Di Yong said calmly, "I know the pagoda must be with you... Tell me where did you hide it? I can't believe I can't find it."

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath, trying his best to calm himself down.

He only looked at Di Yong after a while and smirked. "Seems like you've claimed ownership of my Spatial Ring... What? The Devilseal Tablet didn't do anything to you?"

He felt a little regretful at this moment. If he knew this day would come, he would have upgraded his Spatial Ring to the Quasi-Royal Grade... If he had done that, his Spatial Ring would be a step closer to the Saint Stage. He could have avoided someone removing his ownership of the ring.

"Hmph!" Di Yong's face turned solemn when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Naturally, the Devilseal Tablet had almost gotten to Di Yong... The second he claimed ownership of Duan Ling Tian's Spatial Ring, the Devilseal Tablet had stirred when it noticed his presence. He had removed his ownership of the Spatial Ring as soon as he discovered the pagoda was not in there. He was really worried the Devilseal Tablet would suppress his soul again.

Just like the saying went, 'A child that had been burnt dreads fire!'

"Where is Xue Nai?" Duan Ling Tian asked in his deep voice after he calmed down.

He knew the reason why Di Yong was here. He was here for the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Di Yong must have noticed how extraordinary the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was and became greedy.

However, he did not impulsively snatch it away since the Devilseal Tablet and Han Xue Nai were always with Duan Ling Tian. That was why he had waited until today.

When Duan Ling Tian passed out, he had removed his Spatial Ring and claimed ownership of it so that he could no longer use the Devilseal Tablet.

Without the Devilseal Tablet, Duan Ling Tian knew very well that he was like a tiger without its teeth. Di Yong was not afraid of him at all.

“I’m guessing the little girl has people looking everywhere for you at this moment,” Di Yong smirked and said confidently, “However, they won’t be able to find you!”

Duan Ling Tian was relieved to hear that Xue Nai was safe.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Di Yong coldly. It was not difficult for him to figure out what had happened. He had connected the dots after he had calmed down. However, he wanted confirmation from Di Yong so he asked in his deep voice, “There was a whirlpool in the ocean before I passed out, did you do that?”

“That’s right.” Di Yong admitted immediately. “The whirlpool was caused by a Sea-Engulfing Beast... I gave the Sea-Engulfing Beast an enslavement brand, and it went to that part of the ocean under my command.”

“I’ve done so much to avoid that little girl and obtain your Spatial Ring! Good things really come to those who wait. I’ve finally done it,” Di Yong said as he smiled charmingly.

Soon after, the smile on Di Yong’s face disappeared, and he said to Duan Ling Tian solemnly, “I’m warning you, you better hand over the pagoda obediently! Just tell me the way to not be repelled by it, and I’ll spare your life!”

“Do you mean... You’ll kill me if I don’t hand over the pagoda?” Duan Ling Tian’s voice turned deeper as he stared at Di Yong.

“I won’t kill you. I’ll torture you into telling me where the pagoda is and its secret. But I’ll kill you eventually if you make me torture you to spill the secret!” An eerie smile appeared on Di Yong’s face again when he spoke.

“I’ll kill you first!” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes gleamed ferociously when Di Yong finished speaking. At the same time, he seemed to have turned into a cannonball as he shot up into the sky. Subsequently, a bow and arrow appeared in his hand.

Aerolite Strike!

When he pulled the bowstring into a full draw, Duan Ling Tian quickly released the arrow in his hand. The arrow shot toward Di Yong like a bolt of lightning.

“Child’s play!” Di Yong lifted his arm slowly. He did not seem bothered by Duan Ling Tian’s unexpected attack.

All of a sudden, invisible energy with a majestic aura came toward the arrow Duan Ling Tian had shot out.

Moreover, the air above Duan Ling Tian’s head began to rumble at the same time.

Duan Ling Tian felt as though a gigantic palm had appeared and was pressing down on him forcefully. He felt his strength being suppressed.

Bang!

A deafening explosion reverberated in the air.

Duan Ling Tian was caught unprepared. He was pressed down to the ground by the force, causing him to feel lightheaded.

‘So this is the strength of someone at the Mortal Shedding Stage?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He felt pain all over his body.

At this moment, he was left with just one thought.

He was just an ant in Di Yong’s eyes... An ant that could be stepped on as Di Yong wished!

Naturally, he knew very well this was because of the difference between his strength and the Mortal Shedding Stage.

‘Although I’ve comprehended the Ninth Level Emperor Stage Fused Profundity that makes me undefeatable when it comes to people below the Mortal Shedding Stage, I’ll still be defeated when I encounter someone at the Mortal Shedding Stage!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself at this moment.

‘Too bad I’ve just comprehended the Ninth Level Emperor Stage Fused Profundity not too long ago and have yet to step into the Mortal Shedding Stage... Otherwise, I wouldn’t have to go through this now,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

“Brat, my patience is limited... If you’re unwilling to tell me, I have my way of making you tell me everything! Don’t forget, I’m a Devil Cultivator. Moreover, I was once a Saint Stage Devil Cultivator!” Di Yong threatened impatiently.

“Xue Nai’s right... This is what Devil Cultivators are like. They shouldn’t be underestimated. Too bad I didn’t take her words her seriously,” Duan Ling Tian said coldly, “I regret not using the Deviseal Tablet to suppress you back then to spare all future troubles!”

“There are no pills that can cure regret in this world,” Di Yong said calmly, “I’ll give you the span of ten breaths... You either hand over the pagoda and tell me its secret or you prepare yourself for the ‘gift’ I’ve prepared for you.”

“At that time, there’ll be no way for you to take back your words... I have at least a hundred ways to get you to hand over the pagoda and tell me its secret!” Di Yong’s tone was getting colder as he spoke. It was so cold that it could give rise to goosebumps. It was as though his voice came directly from hell.

Duan Ling Tian's heart sank when he heard Di Yong's words.

"Elder Huo, do you have any idea what I should do?" Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply and took the initiative to contact Elder Huo, the Three-legged Golden Crow, in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He knew Elder Huo would not be aware of what was happening outside if he did not contact him.

Although Elder Huo was powerful, he could not leave the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Even his energy could not be sent out from the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. The only thing that could be sent out was his voice.

Duan Ling Tian contacted him not to ask him to attack... He wanted to ask Elder Huo if there was any way for him to escape his predicament.

"Do what he said, give him the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda... Also, tell him the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda's secret," Elder Huo responded to Duan Ling Tian soon after.

Chapter 1355: Play It By The Ear

"What?!" Duan Ling Tian did not expect Elder Huo would actually ask him to hand over the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to Di Yong and tell him its secrets.

Wait a minute!

The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda did not seem to have any secrets, right?

The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda did not reject him because it had acknowledged him as its owner. This was because his soul was from Planet Yan Huang.

Even if he handed the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to another person, he still would not be able to sever his ties to the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda... The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda seemed to be clinging to him.

"Elder Huo, even if I hand over the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to him, I still have no way of forcing the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to acknowledge him as the owner... Could it be that you have a way?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"I didn't ask you to hand over the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to him for real! I'm telling you to hand it to him for the time being to stall for time," Elder Huo explained.

Duan Ling Tian was finally hit by a pang of realization.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's gaze landed on the Spatial Ring that was held in Di Yong's hand.

That Spatial Ring belonged to him, and the Devilseal Tablet was inside the ring.

"As long as I can take the Devilseal Tablet out, it'll be easy for me to kill Di Yong!" Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Soon after, a light bulb came on in Duan Ling Tian's mind. His gaze instantly lit up as though he had recalled something.

“Elder Huo, I have an idea... You just need to play along with me,” Duan Ling Tian told Elder Huo.

“Boy, you only have the span of three breaths left... If you can’t make up your mind, I’ll show you the meaning of ‘better off dying!’” Di Yong’s cold voice resonated in the air.

“The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is in the Spatial Ring in your hand,” Duan Ling Tian said calmly as he looked at Di Yong.

“Hurmph! I’ve already checked your Spatial Ring after performing Blood Ownership Claim on it! The pagoda’s not inside! Boy, I warn you, don’t play games with me!” Di Yong snorted as killing intent rose in his eyes. It was as though he was about to devour somebody.

“You’ve seen how amazing the pagoda is... As long as I will it, I can change its size as I please. I’ve already turned it into the size of a speck of dust before I kept it in the Spatial Ring,” Duan Ling Tian said in a tone that was neither hurried nor slow as he stared at Di Yong nonchalantly, “Let alone you, even I won’t be able to find its location in the Spatial Ring if I didn’t establish ownership over it.

Di Yong frowned upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Previously, he had witnessed with his own eyes how the pagoda that was as tall as an ordinary adult had turned into a small exquisite pagoda before it fell into Duan Ling Tian’s palm.

Due to this reason, he did not suspect anything when Duan Ling Tian said the size of the pagoda could be changed.

With how amazing the pagoda was, shrinking to the size of a speck of dust was not impossible at all.

“I’ve almost been deceived by you.” Di Yong’s gaze sharpened as he was hit by a pang of realization. He said to Duan Ling Tian coldly, “I believe the size of the pagoda can be changed, and it can transform into the size of a speck of dust ... However, it’s not necessarily in the Spatial Ring! Perhaps, it’s hidden somewhere on your body... As for why you told me it’s in the Spatial Ring... Well, it’s obvious you just want me to hand over the Spatial Ring so that you can use the Devilseal Tablet to seal and kill me! Do you think I’ll fall for your trick?”

Di Yong had a knowing look on his face when he reached the end of his sentence.

“I must admit, your imagination can run pretty wild... In that case, you can torture me as you please. I’ll tell you the ‘truth’ that you want to hear when I’m almost dead!” Duan Ling Tian swept a disdainful glance at Di Yong. “However, I’m afraid the result will still be the same in the end.”

From the very beginning until the end, Di Yong was glaring intently at Duan Ling Tian’s eyes and the expression on his face.

He noticed Duan Ling Tian did not show any signs of guilt at all. This began to cause him to have doubts.

Could it be that... the pagoda had really shrunk to the size of a speck of dust and had been kept in the Spatial Ring by Duan Ling Tian?

The more he thought about it, the more he felt it was plausible.

“You can now cast your techniques... Don’t even think about getting your hands on that pagoda anymore,” Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly, seemingly fearless.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed when he saw Di Yong’s gaze had fallen on his Dantian. He could tell what Di Yong was thinking about. He instantly smirked. “What? You think the Devilseal Tablet won’t be able to seal you after you cripple my Dantian? Don’t forget, I’ve already infused the energy that activates the Devilseal Tablet into it a long time ago. Even if you cripple my cultivation base, the Devilseal Tablet will still be activated by the energy that I previously infused into it. Killing you will be easy. You should know this better than anyone.”

When Duan Ling Tian reached the end of his sentence, there was a hint of mockery in his eyes.

Di Yong’s face turned grave immediately.

Earlier, he was overwhelmed by his own thoughts and had forgotten about this.

“That’s right, there’s also another thing I have to tell you. That pagoda is an extremely rare treasure! It even has a close relationship with the ten great Saint Weapons in the Dao Martial Saint Land’s Ten Great Saint Weapon Rankings,” Duan Ling Tian lied without batting his eyes as he looked at Di Yong.

After he saw the interest in Di Yong’s eyes, he continued to bluff, “All of the ten Super Saint Weapons actually came from the pagoda spirit in the pagoda.”

The moment Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, Di Yong’s eyes brightened immediately, and his breathing began to quicken.

All of the ten Super Saint Weapons actually came from the pagoda spirit in the pagoda?

For a moment, his heart boiled, and his desire to obtain the mysterious pagoda became even stronger. However, his mind was still clear, and he did not let his guard down.

Di Yong put on a calm facade and suppressed his emotions as he asked Duan Ling Tian, “Do you think I’ll believe you just like that? What proof do you have?”

“Proof? Well, you’ll be able to see if it’s true after you obtain the pagoda... As long as I remove my ownership on the pagoda and hand it over to you, you’ll be able to contact the pagoda spirit in the pagoda,” Duan Ling Tian answered nonchalantly, “At that time, you can get the confirmation from him. With your cultivation base at the Intermediate Stage of the Mortal Shedding Stage, don’t tell me you’re actually afraid of me tricking you? Even if I pose a threat to you and want to use the Devilseal Tablet, you can always kill me before the Devilseal Tablet seals you, no?” Duan Ling Tian continued to say.

“Hurmph! Of course, I’ll be able to kill you in just a flash! However, I’ll probably die as well!” Di Yong snorted.

If Duan Ling Tian really took out the Devilseal Tablet, and he managed to kill Duan Ling Tian before the Devilseal Tablet sealed him, he would most likely die too.

“What? You think I’m willing to die together with you?” Duan Ling Tian laughed heartily. A hint of mockery could be seen in his eyes as though he was mocking Di Yong for thinking too much.

Upon hearing that, Di Yong's eyes lit up immediately. He nodded. "I'll return the Spatial Ring to you, but I'll be monitoring your every action closely. If you dare to take out the Devilseal Tablet, I'll kill you instantly!"

"I'm happy to take out the pagoda for you, but you must make an oath using the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation that you won't kill me or make things difficult for me once you obtain the pagoda!" Duan Ling Tian said solemnly, "Otherwise, I won't do as you wish even if I die!"

"Deal! As long as you don't play any tricks and hand over the pagoda to me so that it can acknowledge me as its master, I'm willing to make an oath." The moment Di Yong's words left his mouth, he pricked his finger and began to make an oath.

As nine claps of thunder resonated in the sky, the Tribulation Oath, the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation, responded to Di Yong's oath.

In Di Yong's opinion, he did not care whether he killed Duan Ling Tian or not as long as he obtained the pagoda. Although Duan Ling Tian's innate talent was good, it was still unworthy for him to take it seriously.

At this moment, Di Yong began to lower his guard.

He could see how sincere Duan Ling Tian was since he asked him to make an oath. He felt more at ease now.

"Don't play any tricks, and don't doubt my strength." After making the oath, Di Yong handed the Spatial Ring to Duan Ling Tian. At the same time, he extended his Spiritual Energy and locked in on Duan Ling Tian... If Duan Ling Tian dared to take out the Devilseal Tablet, he would kill him immediately.

He had lived together with Duan Ling Tian for a period of time so he knew he would not choose to die together with him.

Due to this reason, he was not worried Duan Ling Tian would make an extreme choice.

After Duan Ling Tian had taken back his Spatial Ring, he performed the Blood Ownership Claim on it again before putting it on his finger.

Meanwhile, his heart jolted as the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda in his ear turned smaller rapidly. After it had turned into the size of a speck of dust, it floated out and landed in his hand.

"I've already taken it out," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Huh?" Upon hearing this, Di Yong looked at Duan Ling Tian's hand immediately. Still, he could not see anything at all. He could not help but frown.

When he saw a dot on Duan Ling Tian's hand that was growing bigger and bigger into an exquisite pagoda, his eyes lit up immediately like the stars in the night sky.

"What an amazing treasure!" Di Yong mused.

“Done! I’ve removed my Ownership Claim.” Soon after, Duan Ling Tian handed the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to Di Yong. “As long as you extend your Spiritual Energy to the top of that pearl, it’ll acknowledge you as the owner. Then, you’ll no longer be repelled by its energy.”

“You used this to make it acknowledge you as its master previously?” Di Yong asked as his eyes gleamed.

He could still remember, at that time, be it him or Han Xue Nai, none of them could touch this pagoda at all. Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, had already taken the pagoda in his hand in just a blink of an eye.

At that time, he did not think of using his Spiritual Energy at all.

“Yes. Now, establish ownership on it before you take it.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Upon hearing this, Di Yong extended part of his Spiritual Energy into the pearl at the top of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. The remaining Spiritual Energy was still locked on Duan Ling Tian.

He was worried Duan Ling Tian would suddenly make a move at this moment.

‘Look at how cautious you are.’ When Di Yong carefully took the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian smirked inwardly.

Chapter 1356: The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda’s Second Level

“Hurmph!” At the moment when Di Yong took over the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, an ancient voice echoed in his mind, thoroughly shocking him.

“Who are you?” Di Yong’s face turned solemn immediately.

“I’m the Three-legged Golden Crow, the pagoda spirit of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda,” the ancient voice echoed in his mind.

Pagoda spirit!

Upon hearing that, Di Yong’s eyes lit up instantly as he looked at the exquisite small tower in his hand intently. “So it’s called the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.”

Long before the ancient voice echoed in his mind, Di Yong’s Spiritual Energy that was locked on Duan Ling Tian had already begun to ease up.

Now that the Three-legged Golden Crow had begun to talk, Di Yong’s attention was fully focused on the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Even he did not realize he had unknowingly withdrawn the Spiritual Energy he had locked on Duan Ling Tian.

“Now!” When Di Yong was looking at the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda in his hand, the ancient voice entered Duan Ling Tian’s ears and alerted him.

Whoosh!

In that instant, a stone tablet that lacked a corner appeared in his hand. It was none other than the Devilseal Tablet.

The moment the Devilseal Tablet was in his hand, killing intent shot out of Duan Ling Tian's eyes. He gripped the tablet and smashed it down on Di Yong's head immediately. Rolling energy immediately surged out of the tablet.

"SHIT!" Di Yong finally snapped back to reality when he heard the sound of wind whistling by his ears. Horror dawned on his face when he realized he had made a grave mistake.

He actually withdrew the Spiritual Energy that was locked on Duan Ling Tian when he was distracted by the pagoda spirit in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Let alone making his move, Di Yong did not even have time to turn his head when the energy from the Devilseal Tablet enveloped him.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian held the Devilseal Tablet in his hand and smashed it on Di Yong's head with all his might. Tyrannical black energy instantly swept into Di Yong's body as though it was crushing dried leaves.

"NOOOOO!" At that instant, a shrill cry left Di Yong's mouth. His body trembled before he dropped to the ground like a dead dog.

His soul was sealed by the Devilseal Tablet and had shattered into dust!

"Idiot!" Duan Ling Tian took the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda back as he glanced coldly at Di Yong's body. At the same time, he said to the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, "Thank you, Elder Huo."

If he did not have Elder Huo's cooperation, he would have been killed by Di Yong even if he managed to take out the Devilseal Tablet.

"This stone tablet is not bad," Elder Huo complimented the Devilseal Tablet before he quickly changed the topic. "Take his dragon orb out... With his dragon orb, I'll be able to complete repairing the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda."

Elder Huo's words made Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up immediately. "That's right. I almost forgot about it... The dragon orb in a five-clawed Devil Dragon is an item that can fix the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Di Yong who had reverted to his true form. A five-clawed Divine Devil Dragon that was 100 meters long lay on the ground soundlessly.

"It's better to take his entire body inside. Although he's only a five-clawed divine dragon, his entire body is still a treasure for you," Elder Huo piped up.

Duan Ling Tian nodded before taking the five-clawed Devil Dragon into the first level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He then took the dragon orb out and passed it to Elder Huo.

The instant Elder Huo took hold of the dragon orb, he went straight to work.

“This is a true divine dragon! Its entire body is a treasure... Oh, yeah! Dragon tendon!” Duan Ling Tian’s mind jolted when he was studying the five-clawed divine dragon from top to bottom. In just a few moments, he managed to strip the dragon tendon from the five-clawed Devil Dragon.

“This is the dragon tendon from a true divine dragon!” Seeing the completely black dragon tendon that was emitting a black light, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes brightened. “The dragon tendon of a five-clawed divine dragon is not something that can be compared to the dragon tendon from a Wyrmdragon.”

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian took out his Royal Grade Spirit Archery Set and tore off the Wyrmdragon’s dragon tendon before replacing it with the dragon tendon that was freshly removed from the five-clawed Devil Dragon.

“Now that I’ve replaced it with a five-clawed Devil Dragon’s dragon tendon, the bow’s power will be much stronger now!” Duan Ling Tian smiled as he pulled at his new bowstring. The bowstring was extremely hard. He only managed to pull it a little even after he had exerted all his strength.

If one did not look carefully, one would not even notice the arch the bowstring made as Duan Ling Tian pulled it.

“As expected from the dragon tendon of a five-clawed divine dragon. I’ve used all of my strength, and I only managed to pull this much.” Not only was Duan Ling Tian not disappointed, but he also felt excited. He knew the bow in his hand was finally a Royal Grade Spirit Weapon now.

Snap!

Duan Ling Tian was still caught up in his excitement of obtaining the dragon tendon of a five-clawed Devil Dragon when he suddenly felt a tremor on the hand that was holding the bow and the bowstring before he heard the crisp sound of something snapping.

When he returned to his senses, he was shocked to find that the bow had snapped into two.

“T-This...” Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded. The five-claw Devil Dragon’s dragon tendon had snapped his bow into half?

This bow was a freaking Royal Grade Spirit Weapon!

The Royal Grade Spirit Weapon on Cloud Continent was equivalent to the Human Rank Mediocre Saint Weapon of the Dao Martial Saint Land... The Human Rank Mediocre Saint Weapon had just been snapped into half by the five-clawed Devil Dragon’s dragon tendon?

At this time, Duan Ling Tian finally learned just how frightening the dragon tendon of the five-clawed Devil Dragon was.

‘It looks like I’ll need a much stronger bow if I want to use this dragon tendon as the bowstring... The bow at the Human Rank Mediocre Saint Weapon level is just not enough,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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When Duan Ling Tian was staring intently at the five-clawed Devil Dragon's dragon tendon in his hand, his fondness for it growing, he felt a sudden tremor beneath his feet. It was the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda! It felt as though an earthquake had just taken place.

At the same time, Elder Huo's voice echoed and woke Duan Ling Tian up, "The second level is open now."

He turned around to look in the distance. Elder Huo who was standing at the end of the stairs motioned to him, and he quickly went up to the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"It's fixed?" Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up.

'The five-clawed Devil Dragon's dragon orb is indeed extraordinary,' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly as he followed Elder Huo and successfully climbed up to the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"What a rich Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy." When Duan Ling Tian arrived at the second level, he could instantly feel the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the air of the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was a lot denser compared to the first floor. They were at completely different levels.

"The cultivation environment of the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is much better than the first level. Time passes by much slower here. Over here, three days inside is equivalent to a day outside," Elder Huo explained to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Elder Huo, where's the Jasper Celestial Sword?" Duan Ling Tian remembered the Celestial Supreme Treasure that Elder Huo had mentioned previously. The Celestial Supreme Treasure, Jasper Celestial Sword, was hidden on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Duan Ling Tian studied the surrounding. He could see the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was much better compared to the first level.

Not only were there plants and flowers, but there was a spacious courtyard as well.

There was a pool in the courtyard, and its surrounding was covered by grass. The grass was overgrown since nobody was here to tend it.

Whoosh!

When Duan Ling Tian was about to trim the grass, he noticed Elder Huo had already made his move. Elder Huo appeared idle as a fiery-red light blade swept out.

After the light blade swept out, it continued to grow bigger and swept across the entire courtyard, trimming the overgrown grass in the courtyard.

In just a flash, the ambiance of the courtyard changed completely.

Meanwhile, a standalone stone table materialized before Duan Ling Tian eyes. Earlier, the stone table was fully hidden by the grass so he did not notice its presence at all.

“That sword... Is it the Jasper Celestial Sword?” With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian saw two items lying on the stone table. One of the two items was a sheathed long sword.

The sword handle and the sheath of the long sword had an ordinary appearance. It made the sword appear ordinary as well.

However, Duan Ling Tian knew this was no ordinary sword. It was most probably the Jasper Celestial Sword, the Celestial Supreme Treasure of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

“This is the Jasper Celestial Sword.” When Duan Ling Tian flew out to stand before the stone table, Elder Huo’s sound echoed in Duan Ling Tian’s ear, causing his emotions to stir. A smile appeared on his face, and his eyes shone brilliantly.

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian reached out to take the Jasper Celestial Sword. “This is a Celestial Sword... Now that I have this, I think even someone at the Mortal Shedding Stage person would find it hard to block my attack right?”

However, the smile on Duan Ling Tian’s face turned frozen soon after.

He discovered that he could not lift the Jasper Celestial Sword at all. It was lying soundlessly on the stone table as though it was rooted there. It did not move an inch at all.

After trying for a little while, the Jasper Celestial Sword still remained unmoved. He was left with no choice but to ask Elder Huo who standing at the side, “Elder Huo, what’s going on?”

“Your strength is too weak. It’s natural that you can’t lift the Jasper Celestial Sword,” Elder Huo replied.

“Elder Huo, you mean... this Jasper Celestial Sword is very heavy?” Duan Ling Tian asked, his eyes as wide as saucers.

“Yes.” Elder Huo nodded. With a raise of his hand, he gripped the Jasper Celestial Sword.

This time, the Jasper Celestial Sword finally moved. Still, it only moved a slight inch before Elder Huo put it down. Beads of sweat already began to form on his forehead.

“I’ve never been so weak before in my entire life.” Elder Huo sighed out loud.

He was the Three-legged Golden Crow, a Variant in the Yan Huang Land. From the moment he was born, he was gifted with divine strength that could conquer and transform nature. With just a spread of his wings, he could cast a flame that was capable of burning everything in the world.

However, currently, he could not even lift up a Celestial Sword.

“It’s such a heavy sword... How long will I have to wait before I can use it?!” Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

There was a Celestial Supreme Treasure before him, but he could not use it at all. At this moment, only Duan Ling Tian alone understood his own feelings.

After taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian reluctantly tore his eyes away from the Jasper Celestial Sword and shifted his gaze to the other item beside the Jasper Celestial Sword... The second he saw this item, his eyes brightened immediately.

“Bow!” The item that appeared before Duan Ling Tian’s eyes was a bow. It was a shabby-looking bow without a bowstring. The bow had ten dents on it, and its appearance was as shabby as trash.

However, Duan Ling Tian knew that this bow was not an ordinary item if it was placed alongside the Jasper Celestial Sword.

Chapter 1357: The Sun Shooting Bow

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian reached out a hand to lift the bow up. Since he had undergone the previous experience, this time, he used all his force to lift it directly.

However, even after he had fully exerted his strength, it was still difficult for him.

Despite lifting the bow, it was still difficult for him to use it as he liked.

“I’m afraid I’d have to wait until I make a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage before I can use this bow as freely as I like,” Duan Ling Tian muttered, holding on to the bow in his hand.

After taking a deep breath, he put it down once again before asking Elder Huo, “Elder Huo, what is this stringless bow?”

Duan Ling Tian did not realize that the instant he lifted the bow, Elder Huo’s eyes had unnoticeably flashed for a second.

“The Sun Shooting Bow!” In the face of Duan Ling Tian’s query, Elder Huo replied as calmly as possible.

However, even when he deliberately tried to calm himself down, one could still hear the shift in his tone.

“What?!’ The moment Elder Huo’s words left his mouth, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes bulged and were as wide as saucers. “Elder Huo... Y-You aren’t j-joking, are you? It’s actually t-the Sun Shooting Bow?”

Looking at the bow on the stone table that had countless dents and was besmeared with rust, Duan Ling Tian was overwhelmed with shock and disbelief.

Of course, he had heard of the Sun Shooting Bow before.

In the ancient mythology of his past life, when Hou Yi shot the sun down and killed the nine golden crows, he had used precisely this bow.

The reason he could kill the nine golden crows was all thanks to this Sun Shooting Bow.

“Elder Huo...” Looking at the old man, Duan Ling Tian’s gaze was complicated.

Elder Huo was the remaining Three-legged Golden Crow who had managed to escape Hou Yi’s arrow. His nine other elder brothers had all died from Hou Yi’s arrows.

“It’s all in the past,” Elder Huo sighed. When he saw Duan Ling Tian’s expression, he knew that he had heard of the Sun Shooting Bow before and recognized who the owner of the bow was.

“Elder Huo, why is this Sun Shooting Bow here?” After taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Back then, I killed Hou Yi and avenged my nine elder brothers, so his Sun Shooting Bow fell into my hands too. However, I didn’t manage to bathe in my victory much as not long after that, that old monk Dipankara came knocking on the door and sealed me in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Needless to say, this Sun Shooting Bow came into the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda with me too,” Elder Huo explained.

“Y-You killed Hou Yi?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened as his face was completely filled with skepticism.

In the legend, it was said that after nine of the ten golden crows had been killed by Hou Yi, the last one escaped in a wretched manner... And now, it seemed that this golden crow who had escaped had killed Hou Yi!

“Hou Yi was gifted with divine strength and the body of a mortal. He used the Sun Shooting Bow to kill nine of my elder brothers. That time, he managed to gain an advantageous position because there was a huge distance between us. Because of that, I could only flee.” Elder Huo seemed to see through Duan Ling Tian’s disbelief, so he replied slowly, “In the end, I managed to find an opportunity to get near him and make a sneak attack on him before I killed him.”

Duan Ling Tian finally understood.

Since he was using the archery set, of course, he knew about the pros and cons of using it.

If it was a close-range attack, the archery set was pretty much useless.

“Such a legendary Sun Shooting Bow actually turns out like this. How disappointing!” Looking at the bow on the stone table, Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

“The Sun Shooting Bow wasn’t originally like this. That time, after I killed Hou Yi, my anger was still not fully released yet, so I released all my wrath on this Sun Shooting Bow instead,” Elder Huo replied, “The strength of the Sun Shooting Bow originally came from the ten Heavenly Jewels embedded in the bow. At that point, by using the Sun Divine Flame, I forcefully tempered the Sun Shooting Bow for 81 days. In the end, I managed to take the ten Heavenly Pearls from it. Then, I also took the bowstring from the Sun Shooting Bow and threw it away along with the ten Heavenly Jewels... Therefore, the Sun Shooting Bow has now turned out like this,” Elder Huo finished in one breath.

“Then, this also means that this Sun Shooting Bow is no longer the invincible peerless Sun Shooting Bow from that era, is it?” Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. “Elder Huo, why, oh, why? If you wanted to avenge your brothers, you could’ve just killed Hou Yi. How could you destroy this treasure, the Sun Shooting Bow?! If you hadn’t destroyed it the last time, I’d have a convenient weapon already by now!”

When Duan Ling Tian reached the end of his sentence, the wry smile on his face became even more apparent.

In his opinion, Elder Huo was too spendthrift!

“Although this Sun Shooting Bow is no longer as almighty as it was all those years ago, no matter what, it’s still a Celestial Supreme Treasure that was once on top of the world. Even my Sun Divine Flame can’t do anything to this bow at all,” Elder Huo responded, “Hasn’t your bow been snapped by the Little Devil

Dragon's tendon? This would fit the Little Devil Dragon's tendon quite well. After you've attached the bow to it, although its strength might not be as comparable to the Celestial Supreme Treasure, it could still be deemed to be a top-grade weapon on this planet."

With a raise of his hand, Elder Huo held the tattered Sun Shooting Bow in his hand and passed it to Duan Ling Tian.

"Yeah, I guess. It's perfect after just attaching the five-clawed Divine Dragon's tendon to it." Duan Ling Tian nodded and accepted it, his face still slightly dejected. "If it were a complete Sun Shooting Bow, then it'd be even greater. What a pity... What a pity!"

"If it were a complete Sun Shooting Arrow, it'd be even heavier than the Jasper Celestial Sword! When only five out of the ten originally embedded Heavenly Jewels were taken out, then only did its weight decrease to become the same as the Jasper Celestial Sword," Elder Huo added

"Is the complete Sun Shooting Bow even heavier than the Jasper Celestial Sword? By twofold on top of that too?" Upon hearing that, a twitch could be seen on Duan Ling Tian's mouth right away.

Then, in that case, how freaky was this Hou Yi to have used the Sun Shooting Bow to kill nine Three-legged Golden Crows with a mortal's body? Was he really just a human?

Taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian looked at Elder Huo and voiced out his question, "Just because Hou Yi had a mortal's body doesn't mean that he was an ordinary person. It was merely because his body couldn't breed the Celestial Origin Energy. He mainly cultivated and trained his brute body. Even if he was empty-handed, other ordinary Celestial beings wouldn't have been able to fight him at all," Elder Huo explained.

"Oh, I see." Duan Ling Tian finally understood. It was no wonder! And here he was thinking how an ordinary person could actually manage to lift a complete Sun Shooting Bow that was twice as heavy as the Jasper Celestial Sword.

"Wait a minute!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian seemed to recall something as he asked, "Elder Huo, as one of the Celestial Supreme Treasures, both the Jasper Celestial Sword and the Sun Shooting Bow are horribly heavy, but why isn't the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda heavy at all?"

"The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda isn't heavy to you, its master. If the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda hadn't acknowledged you as its master, you wouldn't have been able to lift it up as well too," Elder Huo replied.

"B-but, didn't the sea monster take the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda with it as it wandered around?" Duan Ling Tian asked in curiosity.

The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was originally in the hands of a sea monster deep in the ocean not far away from Half Moon Island.

According to the three Vice Island Masters of Half Moon Island, it was always carried around by the sea monster.

“That was because I didn’t want to just stay in one spot together with the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, so I controlled its weight instead,” Elder Huo explained, “After all, I’m still the pagoda spirit of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Even though I won’t have any impact on its decision of choosing its master, I can still control its weight.”

“Ah, I see.” After Elder Huo had explained to him, Duan Ling Tian’s confusion was finally solved for the time being.

“In this case, this incomplete Sun Shooting Bow suits me better no, eh?” Looking at the dented Sun Shooting Bow that was engulfed in rust, a brilliant smile flashed across Duan Ling Tian’s face.

Then, with just a raise of his hand, he attached the five-clawed Devil Dragon’s tendon onto the Sun Shooting Bow. As Elder Huo promised, the bow of the Sun Shooting Bow was indeed very tough and tenacious.

No matter how he exerted his full strength to try and pull the bowstring, the Sun Shooting Bow did not budge at all.

“Elder Huo, what’s the original material of the bowstring of the Sun Shooting Bow?” Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian was hit by this question and he could not help but ask.

“It was also a dragon tendon,” Elder Huo replied.

“Dragon tendon too?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes were as huge as saucers. “Isn’t the Sun Shooting Bow an eminent Celestial Supreme Treasure? Wouldn’t a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon’s tendon be slightly unworthy to be its bowstring?”

“The dragon tendon of a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon isn’t even worthy to be the bowstring of other ordinary Celestial Bows, let alone the Sun Shooting Bow. The string of the Sun Shooting Bow was made from the Nine-clawed Winged Dragon,” Elder Huo explained.

“Nine-clawed Winged Dragon?” Upon hearing that, confusion was apparent on Duan Ling Tian’s face. “What’s that? Is it a Divine Dragon too?”

“The Nine-clawed Winged Dragon is also known as the Nine-Clawed Divine Dragon,” Elder Huo explained patiently.

“The Nine-Clawed Divine Dragon...” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed for a moment. “Does it actually exist in this world? I thought the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon is already the most prominent dragon in the dragon clan. I can’t believe that the Nine-Clawed Divine Dragon exists too!”

“The Five-Clawed Divine Dragon can be considered the most prominent in planets like this or the Yan Huang Planet,” Elder Huo continued, “By the time you’ve possessed the strength to walk out of this planet, you’ll realize that there isn’t just the Nine-Clawed Divine Dragon in this universe. There are even various Six-clawed, Seven-clawed and Eight-clawed Divine Dragons too.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

His biggest target now was to return to Earth, and if he wanted to do that, he had to leave this planet.

Therefore, his target was to leave this planet too.

Looking at the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand, Duan Ling Tian muttered, "With my current strength, I'm still far away from being able to use this Sun Shooting Bow as freely as I like. By the time I've made a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage, it should be more or less ready."

At that moment, he was desperately eager to make a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage. "I wonder when will my Profundity finally merge into my body and aid me in opening the Saint Vein."

As for how many Saint Veins he would be able to open once he had reached the Mortal Shedding Stage, Duan Ling Tian's heart was full of anticipation.

Relying on both the Ninth Level Emperor Stage Fused Profundities and Sword Profundities, he had faith that the number of Saint Veins he would open would not be fewer than Xue Nai.

"However, I can't cultivate now for the time being. Xue Nai must be still looking for me." The moment he thought of this, he motioned to the Elder Fire and with a racing heart, he left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Raising his hand, Duan Ling Tian gripped the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda that was as big as a speckle of dust in his hand.

"Unfortunately, the space inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is still unstable before the fourth level is fixed. Otherwise, even if I come across any powerful fiend, I could still hide inside it to escape from the trouble," As he tossed the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda that was slightly enlarged into his ears, Duan Ling Tian sighed deeply to himself.

Chapter 1358: A Year Later

"Wait a minute!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's mind was hit by a pang of realization and instantly he called out towards the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, "Elder Huo, didn't you say that as an eminent Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda has a forbidding energy? If I enter it and shrink myself so that I can hide in it, it won't topple, will it? And if it doesn't, I won't be thrown out too." In the span of a heartbeat, Duan Ling Tian suddenly remembered this.

"Before the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is fixed, the space inside won't even vibrate in the least when the wind blows past," explained Elder Huo upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's query, "Other than me, any other living thing inside will then be tossed out by that time, and that includes you, the owner of the pagoda."

The moment Duan Ling Tian heard Elder Huo's reply, his delighted heart sank once again.

He knew he had been overthinking.

"I wonder where I am right now. Right now, Xue Nai must still be looking for me all over the place." Duan Ling Tian soared up into the sky and left the little island below. Hovering in the air, he kept looking at his surroundings.

The scene that entered his sight was a vast ocean that stretched out as far as his eyes could see. He could not make out his direction at all.

“How lucky would I be if I had the Earth compass from my past life with me! Even if the sun here were the same as the one on Earth from my past life, I’d be able to determine the direction too. But, the thing is, there’s more than one sun here. Right now during this season, there are two other suns that rise up from different directions,” he sighed before asking Elder Huo for help, but he had no solution as well.

For a moment, he could only go around to search.

“This direction it is then.” After Duan Ling Tian had identified one direction, he quickly flew out, but even after he had traveled for an entire month at full speed, he still could not see any land at all, not even a slightly bigger island.

Not only that, but he also met many ruthless, boorish beasts. There were a few times that he even almost lost his life.

At that moment, Duan Ling Tian was flying across the sky above the ocean, not daring to go closer to the ocean in fear that he would attract trouble that might cost him his life. This made Duan Ling Tian very frustrated.

“With my strength, I’m already considered prominent in the Cloud Continent and even on the Overseas Saint Islands, but now that I’m here, I’m merely an ordinary being. If I guess correctly, I must be near Dao Martial Saint Land already now.” After taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian pondered to himself.

“Besides that, it’s apparent that the gravitational pull here is much powerful than that of the Cloud Continent and the Overseas Saint Islands. According to Xue Nai, the gravitational pull in Dao Martial Saint Land is far from being comparable to the Cloud Continent and the Overseas Saint Islands. For instance, now, I can only fly this high at the max. If I were in the Cloud Continent or the Overseas Saint Islands, I could fly twice the height I’m flying at right now.” Shaking his head in despair, Duan Ling Tian continued to fly forward.

He had already lost his direction and the only thing that he could do now was to continue his journey all the way forward.

“There’s an island in front!” After another two weeks, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up right away when he finally saw an island. It was a small, solitary island on the boundless sea.

After checking the surroundings for a moment to make sure that it was safe, he descended and landed on the small island.

The small island was deserted and there was no sign of life at all.

With a skip in his heartbeat, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, “I think I’ll just cultivate right here to Mortal Shedding Stage before I leave. Otherwise, given my strength now, I might just die like this in this boundless sea.”

If he really died in this boundless sea and did not even step foot on Dao Martial Saint Land, it would be the greatest joke in the world.

After finding a secluded area, Duan Ling Tian smashed a cavern open by himself and stayed inside to cultivate.

The cavern was calm and was battered neither by the winds nor the rain. The only downfall was that it was slightly dark.

Soon, the cavern was lit up by the Luminous Pearl that Duan Ling Tian took out as though it was daylight inside. At the same time, he took out the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda too.

Settling the tiny Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda in a corner of the cavern, he entered the first level of the pagoda.

“Elder Huo.” After he had entered, he immediately saw Elder Huo whose eyes were closed as he attained mental composure not far away.

“Yes.” Upon hearing him, Elder Huo opened his eyes and nodded.

“Elder Huo... W-Why don't you go to the second level? Doesn't the second level have a better cultivation environment?” Perplexed, Duan Ling Tian asked.

“I've always been here on the first level, so I'm used to it already,” Elder Huo replied.

The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had seven treasures, each of which was located on each level.

This level was his territory.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and without saying a further word, he climbed up to the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda by himself. The moment he arrived on the second level, he noticed that there was a new wooden house in the courtyard with a pool.

Needless to ponder further, he suspected that this was built by Elder Huo.

Smiling, Duan Ling Tian entered the wooden house and sat on the long, narrow, low bed before he started to cultivate.

The Divine Dragon Form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique!

At once, the vast Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body started to operate based on the last Divine Dragon Form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique. On top of this, he also tried to merge his Fused Profundity with it.

According to Xue Nai, this would help him to break through to the Mortal Shedding Stage.

Time continued to pass by quietly. After an infinite amount of time, he forgot about time in the midst of his cultivation.

However, soon, his heart started to become agitated as he realized that from the beginning, he still showed no sign of making a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage at all. The Origin Energy in his body still repelled the Fused Profundity.

Of course, it did not repel as much as last time anymore.

Opening his eyes and waking up from his cultivation, he took a deep breath. “No matter what, there's still some progress compared to the last time.”

This time, Duan Ling Tian calmed down and continued to cultivate.

Time zipped by and a year went by very quickly. Of course, a year there referred to the time that had passed outside and not inside the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

It had been three years inside the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

After a year, Half Moon Island still remained tranquil.

In the middle of Half Moon Island, inside the spacious base of the Ling Tian Sect, two beautiful women were sitting in front of a stone table in the huge courtyard of a commodious mansion.

“Ke’er, what kind of freak baby are we carrying? It’s already been one year and we only have such a tiny bump!” One of the girls who looked seductively enchanting asked the other girl who seemed like a beautiful daughter of a humble family. Her hand was rubbing her belly tenderly.

Looking at them, nobody would have known that they were pregnant at all.

“Young Master must’ve known that we aren’t giving birth so soon. Otherwise, he’d have already been back by now.” The graceful woman stroked her belly and smiled too.

“It must be so. Still, how I wish he had never known about this in the first place. Then, we might be able to see him earlier. It has now already been a whole one year ever since he left and I really miss him a lot.” The seductive woman was none other than Li Fei, one of Duan Ling Tian’s two fiancées.

The other girl’s identity was apparent too. She was Ke’er.

“Sister Ke’er, Sister Fei’er.” A songbird-like voice echoed and in just the blink of an eye, a white figure appeared in front of the two girls. It was a little girl who was fair and delicate-looking dressed in white.

“Little White, why don’t you go and play with Little Gold and Little Black?” Upon seeing the little girl, Li Fei smiled as she asked.

“It’s not fun at all being with them. I still prefer to accompany you two and my two little nephews for a chat!” The little girl was none other than Little White, the white python.

“Little White, you always take on this form... By the time your two nephews are born and have grown up, I’m afraid they’ll be unwilling to call you ‘Aunty’!” Studying Little White from top to bottom, Ke’er chuckled.

“It’s alright. By the time I’ve made more progress and broken through to the Mortal Shedding Stage, I can transform for the second time. When that time comes, I want to become a beauty just like you, Sister Ke’er and Sister Fei’er,” Little Bai answered indifferently.

“Speaking of the Mortal Shedding Stage, is it really that hard to achieve?” Li Fei asked.

“Very.” Little Bai nodded her head in affirmation. “Even in Dao Martial Saint Land, the Mortal Shedding Stage is a bumpy journey. If I want to make a breakthrough, it’ll take me at least one to two years. However, I’m in no rush at all. If possible, I wish I’ll only make a breakthrough after eight to ten year. In that case, my foundation will be much stronger and by the time I make a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage, I can then open more Saint Veins,” Little White explained.

“And we’re still very far away from that stage...” Li Fei sighed emotionally.

“Little Bai, when do you think our children with Young Master will be born?” Ke’er asked.

“Sister Ke’er, you and Sister Fei’er conceived after you broke through to the Martial Emperor Stage. By that time, Brother was already at the peak of the Martial Emperor Stage.” After pondering a while, Little Bai continued, “The children born out of your unification will need to wait at least three to five years at the most before they are born, not taking in the possibility of premature delivery.”

“I hope Scoundrel will be back in time,” Li Fei whispered, her ultimately charming face filled with longing.

“Young Master will definitely come back in time,” Ke’er piped up confidently. She had utter blind faith that Duan Ling Tian would definitely return before her child was born to accompany her and to welcome the new life to this world.

Stroking the slight bump of her belly, Ke’er’s face was filled with a joyful smile.

At the north of Half Moon Island, in the middle of the sea.

Three figures that came from three different directions quickly gathered together.

“You still can’t find him?” The teenage girl who was dressed in yellow was worn out by her journey. Her face appeared to be much more mature now and she looked exhausted.

“Young Miss, it’s already been a year. If we could find him, we would’ve come across him long ago,” one of the two heavysset middle-aged men sighed.

“That’s right, Young Miss,” The other man nodded along as well. When he looked at the teenage girl in yellow, he appeared to be slightly careful.

“Brother Ling Tian must still be alive! He has to be!” The teenage girl was none other than Han Xue Nai.

Ever since Duan Ling Tian had gone missing a year ago, she had brought two men with her to search for a trace of him without restraint. Yet, a year had gone by and there was still no sign of him at all.

Chapter 1359: Mortal Shedding Stage!

“Young Miss, if he were still alive, he’d most likely have gone back to Half Moon Island to wait for you,” one of the middle-aged men said.

“I’ll go back to have a look on Half Moon Island.” As a brilliance flashed across Han Xue Nai’s eyes, she turned around and blasted out towards Half Moon Island like a cannonball.

However, when she arrived at Half Moon Island, the answer that she obtained was evident. Duan Ling Tian had never once returned in this one year or so.

Hovering above the air on Half Moon Island, a look of self-accusation could be seen on her face. “It’s all because of me... Had I not been so headstrong and refused to bring Ah Jiu and Ah Shi with me, nothing would’ve happened to Brother Ling Tian at all.”

After taking a deep breath, Han Xue Nai finally regained her calmness.

“It’s better for me not to show myself for the time being, lest Sister Ke’er, Sister Fei’er, and Little White would all be worried.” In the end, Han Xue Nai did not reveal herself.

“Ah Jiu, Ah Shi, let’s go back.” Turning around to look at the two sturdy middle-aged men following behind her like shadows, Han Xue Nai announced in a deep voice, “I want to go and look for Dad to find a solution. I must find Brother Ling Tian regardless of whether he’s dead or alive!”

She wanted to find him dead or alive!

“Not only that, but I have a strong feeling that Brother Ling Tian must still be alive.” As Han Xue Nai’s train of thought changed directions, she heaved a sigh of relief.

Soon, under the escort of both Ah Jiu and Ah Shi, Han Xue Nai proceeded to head towards the north at a breakneck speed so fast that it set off raging waves on the ocean surface.

Only a year had passed outside, but it was already three years on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

In these whole three years, Duan Ling Tian’s Ninth Level Emperor Stage Fused Profundity had already 99% perfectly merged with the Origin Energy in his body.

“According to Xue Nai, after I’ve taken a closer step and merged the Fused Profundity perfectly with the Origin Energy, I’ll then be able to open the Saint Veins hidden in my body. From there, I can then make a breakthrough to the Early Mortal Shedding Stage!”

As Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, he cultivated even more painstakingly. The Mortal Shedding Stage was just right in front of him!

Right now, there was only one thought left in his mind: to breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage.

Ten days went by in just the blink of an eye.

Boom!

Suddenly, a violent wind swept out tyrannically inside the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda as a loud boom erupted. It was so loud that it was deafening to the ears.

In the next instant, a series of dragon’s cries echoed in the air.

“Huh?” Even Elder Huo, the Three-legged Golden Crow, who was on the first level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had also noticed the commotion on the second level. Immediately, he climbed up.

After he had reached the second level, he noticed that the wooden house that he erected had been shattered to pieces.

Inside the wooden house was a purple figure who was sitting cross-legged in the air. A sense of bloodcurdling aura was emanating out of his body. This, of course, was not the most shocking thing there.

The most unexpected thing was the illusion of the nine Divine Dragon's silhouettes above the purple figure.

"T-They are all Nine-Clawed Divine Dragons?" Upon seeing the illusion of the nine Divine Dragons' silhouettes, Elder Huo's heart thumped for a moment. "W-What exactly has happened to him? Why would he be able to call nine dragons to resonate with him, and on top of that, they're all Nine-Clawed Divine Dragons?"

Even though Elder Huo had lived for a long time, it was still his first time seeing such a phenomenon. Heck, he had never even heard about such a thing before!

However, although he had neither seen nor heard of such a phenomenon before, he could also sense that this was an extraordinary Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

He realized that this man must be very exceptional!

Soon, Elder Huo noticed that after the illusion of the nine Divine Dragons' silhouettes had cried out loud, they transformed to become nine rays that shot into Duan Ling Tian's body before disappearing.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes.

A rolling airwave spread out tyrannically from him as the epicenter.

"Hahahaha... I've made a breakthrough! I've made a breakthrough!" Duan Ling Tian whose eyes were now opened burst out with hearty laughter as he howled without restraint. "15 Saint Veins! It's actually 15 Saint Veins! That's a whole five Saint Veins more than Xue Nai's!"

At that moment, when he had broken through to the Mortal Shedding Stage, he realized that he had already opened 15 Saint Veins.

"Wait a minute!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian noticed a problem.

"Aren't there only 81 Saint Veins in total? I've already opened 15 Saint Veins now that I'm only at the Early Mortal Shedding Stage. By right, when I reach the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, I should be able to open 16 Saint Veins at the very least. And then, it would be at least 17 Saint Veins at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage, at least 18 at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage and lastly, at least 19 at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage! All these added up together would be... 85 Saint Veins? 85 Saint Veins?!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes were as large as saucers. Didn't they say that there were only 81 Saint Veins hidden inside a person's body?

Even in the long history of Dao Martial Saint Land, only three people managed to open 81 Saint Veins. These three had then proceeded to become the powerhouses who stood on the summit of Dao Martial Saint Land as they overlooked the entire world.

Perplexed, Duan Ling Tian went to ask Elder Huo about this.

“Saint Vein?” It seemed to be the first time Elder Huo had heard of such a term. “The ‘Saint Vein’ that you refer to is known as the Geographical Vein on Yan Huang Planet. There are more than 81 Saint Veins hidden in all living beings. However, being able to open up to 81 Saint Veins can already be considered as having an eminent innate ability. Such people would have great achievements.”

Elder Huo continued, “Actually, there are a total 99 Saint Veins hidden inside a human body. The other 18 Saint Veins are deeply hidden and unless you’re richly endowed by nature, it’s impossible for you to open them.”

“99 Saint Veins?” Upon hearing Elder Huo’s words, Duan Ling Tian’s heart thumped like mad.

There were actually 99 Saint Veins hidden inside a human body?

“The other 18 Saint Veins mainly connect to the eyes, nose, and ears. Once they are opened, your sight, smell, and hearing senses will reach an alarming level. Those whose sights are powerful can train until they obtain the Clairvoyance skill, while those whose hearing ability is powerful can train to obtain the Clairaudience skill,” Elder Huo explained.

“I’ve never heard of anyone who has opened up to 99 Saint Veins in the Jade Emperor Heaven... Even Gautama, the old monk, is rumored to have only opened 95 Saint Veins. The Horse Protector should be the one who opened the most after him with a total of 93 Saint Veins,” Elder Huo added.

The Gautama Buddha had opened 95 Saint Veins?

Su Wu Kong had opened 93 Saint Veins?

Duan Ling Tian was extremely baffled.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian knew that the Saint Vein was the term used on this planet. It was not known as Saint Vein elsewhere.

“Elder Huo, what’s the Jade Emperor Heaven that you mentioned just now?” After Duan Ling Tian had snapped back to reality, he asked curiously.

“You’ll only bring vexation on yourself knowing about this now. By the time you already have the power to leave this planet, you’ll naturally find out about it.” Elder Huo dodged the topic.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Still, he speculated in his heart.

The Jade Emperor Heaven that Elder Huo mentioned must have something to do with the Great Emperor of Jade, the character in the ancient mythology of his past life.

Be it the former Elder Huo, or the Gautama Buddha, or even Sun Wu Kong, all of them must be in the Jade Emperor Heaven.

“Right now, the fact that you can open 15 Saint Veins means that your innate ability is indeed astounding. With your endowed gift, you can open at least 85 Saint Veins in the future. There aren’t more than ten people in the entire Jade Emperor Heaven who have a gift like yours,” Elder Huo mused.

“Elder Huo, how many Saint Veins did you open at that time?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“87 Saint Veins.”

“8-87?” Upon hearing that, the corner of his mouth instantly twitched violently. The pride that rose in his heart just now disappeared without a trace at that instant.

So what if he could open 85 Saint Veins?

Elder Huo, the Three-legged Golden Crow, who was standing in front of him now had also only opened 89 Saint Veins. Yet, someone had still imprisoned him in this Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to become the pagoda spirit.

As though a bucket of cold water had been poured down on his head, Duan Ling Tian completely returned to his senses.

“Wait a minute!” Suddenly, as though he remembered something, Duan Ling Tian looked at Elder Huo in confusion before asking, “Elder Huo, since Yan Huang Planet could already come up with so many talented powerhouses, why are there only three people who could open 81 Saint Veins on this planet in this long history of time?”

“Yan Huang Planet is the closest mundane planet to the Jade Emperor Heaven. The myth that a later generation like you has heard of might not necessarily all be true... Although the Horse Protector and I were born on Yan Huang Planet, we don’t originate from there. I’m a Three-legged Golden Crow that’s transformed by the Sun Divine Flames that descended to Yan Huang Planet from the Jade Emperor Heaven. As for that Horse Protector, he was formed from the Ancient Goddess Nuwa’s five-colored stone that was originally an item from the Jade Emperor Heaven. In the future, you’ll learn that those mythical characters that you’ve heard of are mostly not from Yan Huang Planet,” Elder Huo explained.

“How about Li Jing?” Duan Ling Tian asked again.

“Li Jing was a native to Yan Huang Planet. It’s also because of this that he was acknowledged by the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. The earliest master of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was the old Dipankara monk. He was also a native of Yan Huang Planet as well. He could be considered the most outstanding person who originated from Yan Huang Planet!” Elder Huo replied unhurriedly.

“How many Saint Veins did he open?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up right away.

“85,” Elder Huo replied.

“Just 85?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned. In fact, even he could open at least 85 Saint Veins in the future.

“Just?” Elder Huo shook his head. “As the native of a mundane planet, the fact that the old Dipankara monk could open 85 Saint Veins is already considered extremely astounding already. At the very least, before he was killed, I’ve never heard of anybody else who is native to Yan Huang Planet who could open more than 82 Saint Veins other than him. Even Li Jing could only open 80 Saint Veins. His son, Nezha, was slightly stronger than him. He opened a total of 81 Saint Veins,” Elder Huo continued.

“On top of that, the number of Saint Veins will only affect the speed of one’s energy, leaving the body up to a certain level until detonation energy is formed within a second. One can’t judge just how powerful a person is solely based on their number of Saint Veins opened,” Elder Huo finished in one breath.

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Elder Huo himself was the best example.

Although he had managed to open up to 87 Saint Veins, he was still no match for Gautama who had opened 85 Saint Veins.

Despite his innate talent being stronger than Gautama's by a whole other level, his comprehensive strength was still far behind his. Otherwise, he would not have been imprisoned in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and become the pagoda spirit.

Upon hearing Elder Huo's words, Duan Ling Tian nodded.

He had long heard about this from Xue Nai before.

Other than Saint Veins, there were still many other aspects that could affect one's strength.

"So, it turns out that most of the characters from the ancient mythology in my past life didn't come from Earth." At that time, Duan Ling Tian also realized that he could only trust 50% of the ancient mythology from his past life as the other half was mostly fabricated by the later generations.

Right at that second, Duan Ling Tian did not realize that the gaze that Elder Huo used to look at him with now was very different from before. There was one more thing that he did not tell Duan Ling Tian.

He did not tell him that even the Gautama Buddha, who had opened 85 Saint Veins then, had only managed to open 13 Saint Veins when he first started on them. He had been far from being the equivalent to the current version of Duan Ling Tian now.

The reason he did not say it out loud was that he was worried that Duan Ling Tian would become too proud.

Soon, Elder Huo returned to the first level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda again.

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, had also closed his eyes again. However, instead of cultivating, he started to internally view the 15 Saint Veins in his body. Compared to the other meridians in his body, the 15 Saint Veins were like huge monsters.

The 15 Saint Veins sauntered inside Duan Ling Tian's body like 15 Divine Dragons.

Those other meridians, on the other hand, appeared to be like inconspicuous, tiny snakes instead.

"Oh, my Dantian is actually gone." Soon, Duan Ling Tian noticed that the Dantian at his lower abdomen had now disappeared. Instead, it was replaced by Saint Veins that intertwined with one another. All of these Saint Veins were heading in one direction: the spot between Duan Ling Tian's eyebrows.

There was a Qi Sea at the spot in between Duan Ling Tian's eyebrows. Only when he stretched out his Spiritual Energy there, he could see the Qi Sea.

Right then, the Qi Sea was only as large as a pigeon's egg.

There was only a little bit of True Energy inside. There was not much of it at all.

This bit of True Energy was transformed from Duan Ling Tian's original Origin Energy. Although it was inconspicuous, its strength was far from being comparable to the former Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body when it came to power.

The True Energy was an energy that was on a whole different level.

"The operating pathway of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique has indeed passively been forced to undergo a transformation. This isn't the Divine Dragon Form, is it?" Soon, Duan Ling Tian noticed that his technique had undergone a transformation just like how Xue Nai had told him.

Xue Nai had informed him that once a Martial or Dao Cultivator transformed to the Mortal Shedding Stage, his techniques would, more or less, undergo a transformation too.

After taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian started to cultivate.

Right at that moment, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda gushed into his body ceaselessly along with the 15 Saint Veins based on the cultivation method of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique.

After cultivating for a week, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy had also transformed to become True Energy and merged with his Qi Sea.

The amount of True Energy in his Qi Sea had grown a little bit more in a negligible manner.

However, Duan Ling Tian was not in a rush at all. Continuing to cultivate, he sucked in the True Energy in the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda non-stop and merged it into his body so that he could transform it into True Energy suitable for his own use.

"According to Xue Nai, I can only advance to the next level by the time the True Energy in my Qi Sea is fully filled." Duan Ling Tian was familiar with the Mortal Shedding Stage because of Han Xue Nai.

"T-This is..." Duan Ling Tian who was focused on cultivating suddenly realized that when the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy merged into his body and operated as it circled around his 15 Saint Veins, there was a streak of swift strange energy that suddenly appeared around the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

At first, Duan Ling Tian still had not noticed this, but now that he did, upon closer inspection, he was shocked to discover that there seemed to be nine streaks of this strange energy. They seemed to be nine Divine Dragons that were twirling around the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

It was only after the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy had merged into his Qi Sea that these nine Divine Dragons finally disappeared.

"It looks like this is the true transformation of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique," Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"This must be the tenth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique. The ninth form, the Divine Dragon Form, is no longer the last form. What am I supposed to call this tenth form then?" The Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique had been left behind by the Rebirth Martial Emperor to Duan Ling Tian.

In the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, there were only nine forms to the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique with the Divine Dragon Form being the last form.

However, right then, Duan Ling Tian had made a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage. For that reason, the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique had undergone changes. The mental cultivation method that he was nurturing was no longer the Divine Dragon Form.

"Or... How about I just call it the Nine Dragons Form?" With a jolt in his heart, Duan Ling Tian became even more delighted with the name as he pondered and christened the tenth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique.

The Nine Dragons Form!

"True Energy..." Suddenly opening his eyes without warning, Duan Ling Tian stretched both of his arms out and at once, the True Energy in the Qi Sea surged out along the 15 Saint Veins, instantly gathering on his arms.

"That's fast!" Duan Ling Tian finally learned about the benefits of having the Saint Veins.

The True Energy in his Qi Sea had all gathered in his arms in a second.

"If I had only one Saint Vein, I wonder how long would I have to wait to gather all of this True Energy onto my arms at once," Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Boom! Boom!

With a raise of his hands, Duan Ling Tian burst two punches out.

Right away, the True Energy swept out and soared across the long sky, causing the air in the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to tremble as faint palm prints charged out powerfully and landed on the wall of the second level instantly.

A loud boom resonated and an impact wave swept out as though a hurricane had surged in the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

However, there was no sign of damage on the wall at all.

"What a powerful energy! My strength the last time can't even compare to my strength now!" After going through the powerful force of the True Energy, Duan Ling Tian was completely consumed by bafflement.

Even though the wall was not damaged, he was not surprised at all. What a joke! This was the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, an eminent Celestial Supreme Treasure. It would be even stranger if a palm print marked the wall.

"The Origin Energy in my body has now gone. I can no longer feel my Profundity as well. Right now, I have only True Energy left, but my Spiritual Energy is still with me." Duan Ling Tian started to get accustomed to his own situation now.

“Right now, I should be able to use the Sun Shooting Bow normally.” After taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian’s heart skipped a beat and with a raise of his hand, a bow appeared in his hand. It was a tattered bow. Only the bowstring was intact on the entire bow.

There were ten dents on the bow and they were extremely ugly.

The bowstring was completely black with black halos gleaming around it, emanating a bloodcurdling aura.

It was the Five-Clawed Devil Dragon’s tendon!

“After I’ve made a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage, my body seems to have become much more powerful now.” Before Duan Ling Tian started activating his True Energy, he no longer sensed any pressure now that he was holding the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand. In fact, before he made a breakthrough, he would always feel an inexplicable pressure when relying on his brute strength, Origin Energy and Profundity to lift the Sun Shooting Bow up.

Nevertheless, right then, without even the need for his True Energy and just using his brute strength alone, he could handle the Sun Shooting Bow with ease. In other words, just his brute strength alone was already more powerful than all of the strength added up together before he made the breakthrough.

“Ahhh!” As though he was seized by a sudden impulse, Duan Ling Tian shouted out loudly without warning and his muscles bulked up right away. As he threw out a punch, his power tore through the long space.

At once, a gush of invisible energy swept out and soared into the sky as it set off a series of ear-deafening sounds. In the end, the invisible energy landed on the wall and set off a vast impact wave.

“It’s t-this powerful?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked. He realized that his brute strength was more or less on the same level as his True Energy power.

“If I add the True Energy to it...” The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, the True Energy in Duan Ling Tian’s Qi Sea swept out from the 15 Saint Veins once again and along with his brute strength, he punched out again without any reservation.

This time, all he heard was a whistling by his ears that was followed by a loud explosion.

The True Energy swept out along with his brute strength at a speed so fast that he could even barely catch it with his naked eye.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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At the same time, gushes of enormous hurricanes bounced off the walls and caused the robe on Duan Ling Tian’s body to flutter.

“That’s insanely powerful! With my current strength, I could stand a chance to win even if I were to go against a Martial or Dao Cultivator who is at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage!” After experiencing the whole new level of strength in his body, Duan Ling Tian started to be overwhelmed by emotions.

How he wished to find seven to eight Martial or Dao Cultivators who were at the Early or Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage to fight!

“Now that I’ve made a breakthrough, I have some strength to protect myself. I can’t stay here all the time anyway, so I guess, it’s time for me to leave.” As his train of thought shifted, Duan Ling Tian left the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda’s and returned to the cavern.

“Elder Huo, how long have I been cultivating?” Duan Ling Tian retrieved the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and asked.

“Three years,” Elder Huo answered.

“What? T-Three years?!” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed right away as confusion filled his face. “T-Three years have gone now... I wonder whether my two children have been born already or not? Damn it! I must go back to Half Moon Island!”

He did not want to break his promise.

Since he had already promised that he would be back when the two girls were about to give birth, he would definitely go back! Nobody could stop him at all.

“You’ve spent three years on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, which is only equivalent to one year outside,” Elder Huo added.

The moment Elder Huo’s words left his mouth, a bucket of ice water seemed to have poured down Duan Ling Tian’s head. He had snapped back to the reality completely now.

“Elder Huo! Why didn’t you tell me that you were referring to the time span in the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda earlier?” Duan Ling Tian snapped.

Just now, he had first thought that three years had passed outside, giving him the fright of his life. After all, he did not even know which direction was home.

“Only a year has gone by outside. Adding on to the time that I spent making the journey, it should be a year and more. That’s still okay... That’s still okay... It’s still early days to Ke’er and Little Fei’er’s due date.” The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he breathed a sigh of relief.

He had already learned that the two girls’ due date would be in the next three to five years. Now that he knew that it had only been just over a year, he was no longer in a hurry.

After leaving the cavern, Duan Ling Tian rose up to the sky and studied his surroundings. In the end, he still continued to head in the direction that he had been heading before.

This time, if he proceeded to head towards other directions, the entire journey that he had traveled beforehand would be in vain.

