

Chapter 1391: Futile Effort

The little black whirlpool kept swirling like a bottomless dark pool.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian realized his Spiritual Energy was rushing uncontrollably into his left eye. He broke out in cold sweat due to the scare and quickly stopped it.

Although he stopped it in time, he still depleted quite a lot of Spiritual Energy.

“That’s really weird.” Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly as he looked at his left eye.

Duan Ling Tian left the guestroom to find the little girl, Sze Sze and accompanied her the entire day since he was heading back to the Latent Dragon Camp in the City Governor’s Estate.

He did not leave until the next morning after he had said his goodbye to Hong Yu and his wife.

However, Duan Ling Tian was not in a hurry to return to the City Governor’s Estate.

After he walked out of Mound Hill City’s gate, he stepped up into the sky and flew away.

“There’s a Flight Prohibiting Formation in Mound Hill City. Martial Cultivators and Dao Cultivators below the Saint Rudiment Stage won’t be able to fly... I haven’t breathed fresh air high up in the sky for quite a while now.” Duan Ling Tian flew at a high altitude, and it did not take long before he had flown far away.

When he turned around, he discovered Mound Hill City was just an inconspicuous little black dot... If he did not know it was Mound Hill City, he would not be able to recognize it just by looking at the little black dot.

As Duan Ling Tian stood in the air, he silently stared at the little black dot in the distance.

Suddenly, a small whirlpool appeared in the pupil of his left eye. The whirlpool spun faster and faster...

Duan Ling Tian could feel his left eye burning.

However, his attention was not on the pain, it was on the black dot in the distance.

He remained motionless as his eyes continued to burn. He discovered the black dot in the distance began to grow larger and larger before it eventually transformed into a huge city.

The well-defined Mound Hill City completely occupied Duan Ling Tian’s left eye’s line of sight.

“Clairvoyance?” Duan Ling Tian gasped, excited.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian quickly stopped the Spiritual Energy rushing into his left eye when he felt it rapidly depleting.

The left eye that had been deprived of energy returned to normal.

“So far, I’ve discovered two of its abilities... One is similar to Clairvoyance, and the other ability is Spatial Manipulation .” That was the result of Duan Ling Tian’s research for the night.

Spatial Manipulation was the move he used yesterday to shift Elder Huo's fist to the side.

That was one of his left eye's abilities.

However, the Spiritual Energy consumption for that was much faster compared to Clairvoyance.

'What should I name it?' After regaining his senses, Duan Ling Tian started thinking.

His left eye was no longer an ordinary human's eye, so he decided to give it a name. 'God's eye? No! Too cliché!'

'Heavenly Eye? No way! It's too similar to the Spiritual Secret Tactic, Divine Eye.'

'Ghost Eye? Sounds unlucky.'

'Strange Eye seems nice... En, I'll call it Strange Eye then!' After thinking for a while, Duan Ling Tian decided to call his mutated left eye Strange Eye...

Strange Eye meant the eye was weird, and his left eye was indeed weird.

After casually circling around outside, Duan Ling Tian returned to Mound Hill City and the City Governor's Estate.

Naturally, he had to register again when he entered the gate.

After arriving at the City Governor's Estate, Duan Ling Tian went back to the Latent Dragon Camp.

Before entering the Latent Dragon Camp, Duan Ling Tian heard the noisy sound of people having a discussion... The person they were discussing was his friend at the Latent Dragon Camp, Guo Li.

"One month ago, Guo Li was defeated by Hou Lin... Today, she challenged Hou Lin and redeemed herself by only using three moves to defeat him! That's amazing."

"That's not the best part... The best part is she had also defeated the No.8 among the Thirteen Gangsters and replaced him."

"If Zhang Ji Long who's ranked No.7 among the Thirteen Gangsters did not have a breakthrough, she would definitely be able to defeat and replace him."

All of these was heard by Duan Ling Tian.

"Guo Li made a breakthrough?" After learning that Guo Li had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage, a smile crept up on Duan Ling Tian's face after he recovered from the slight surprise. He was happy for Guo Li.

However, Zhang Ji Long had also broken through as well. This was beyond his expectation.

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian stepped into the Latent Dragon Camp's campsite.

Once Duan Ling Tian entered the campsite of the Latent Dragon Camp, he heard several people called out, "Duan Ling Tian's back!" Some people with sharp eyes had discovered him

This rendered him speechless.

So what if he had returned? What was the fuss about?

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian discovered the reason when he heard the group of young men and women's discussion.

As it turned out, Zhang Ji Long had sworn three days ago that he would look for him to redeem himself when he returned.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Under everyone's watchful eyes, the door to cottage No.7 swung open as soon as Duan Ling Tian stepped up on the high platform. A figure that Duan Ling Tian was familiar with walked out of the room.

It was Zhang Ji Long!

Zhang Ji Long, the former no.1 powerhouse among cultivators at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage in the area surrounding Mound Hill City. He used to be a highly regarded person.

However, all of that had disappeared ever since he was defeated by Duan Ling Tian.

Due to that reason, he hated Duan Ling Tian.

"Yes?" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at Zhang Ji Long who took the initiative to greet him.

"Duan Ling Tian, I want to challenge you!" Zhang Ji Long said bluntly.

"Today, I want you to return everything you owe me... I want everyone to know that I, Zhang Ji Long, am stronger than you, Duan Ling Tian!" Zhang Ji Long said with a gleam in his eyes. His expression was slightly twisted.

After listening to Zhang Ji Long's words, Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged. However, his tone was laced with a hint of contempt when he said, "I really don't know where you get your confidence from!"

"I know that you've made a breakthrough as well. It doesn't matter. I'll let everyone see that even if you, Duan Ling Tian, have broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage like me, you're still not a match for me," Zhang Ji Long said confidently.

"Really?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes and sized up Zhang Ji Long.

"Of course! I'll let everyone know that immediately... You, Duan Ling Tian, are not as good as me, Zhang Ji Long!" Zhang Ji Long was still confident.

Creak!

Creak!

Along with the sounds of two doors opening, the door to cottage No.3 and cottage No.8 swung open as a figure walked out of each cottage.

It was one man and one woman.

The man was dressed in an embroidered robe and looked like a rich man's son. In fact, he was really one.

"It's Jin Yuan Bao who's ranked No.3 among the Thirteen Gangsters!"

"I didn't expect him to come out and join in the fun."

"Who wouldn't want to see a show?"

Another commotion broke out due to Jin Yuan Bao's appearance.

When Jin Yuan Bao walked out from cottage No.3, Guo Li had also walked out of cottage No.8... Guo Li had fought her way up to cottage no.8.

Jin Yuan Bao looked at Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Ji Long who were locked in a confrontation. He waved the folding fan in his hand, looking like an elegant young master, as he said with a smile, "I didn't expect to see such an interesting scene the minute I come out from my closed-door cultivation... How exciting!"

Although Guo Li did not say anything, her gaze toward Duan Ling Tian was filled with confidence.

After three months, Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Ji Long once again stood at the same place as they prepared to battle as they did previously.

Three months ago, Zhang Ji Long had lost to Duan Ling Tian.

More accurately, he lost to the archery set in Duan Ling Tian's hands.

Today, Zhang Ji Long challenged Duan Ling Tian to redeem himself and take back the honor and glory that belonged to him.

"It's going to begin anytime now." When the onlooker saw Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Ji Long were about to fight, they began to calm down. They held their breaths as they focused on the scene before their eyes.

Without knowing when, a middle-aged man dressed in a silver armor stood above the pavilion. It was the Heavenly Harm Guardian.

"I'm afraid Zhang Ji Long is going to embarrass himself again," the Heavenly Harm Guardian murmured as he looked at them. It was as though he already knew the outcome before it even began.

On the high platform, Zhang Ji Long took the lead and attacked after he discovered Duan Ling Tian had no intention of attacking first.

Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage's True Energy entwined around his legs as he attacked Duan Ling Tian.

Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou!

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Perhaps it was because of the lesson he learned three months ago, he attacked Duan Ling Tian first using his legs to press on top of Duan Ling Tian. He deliberately prevented Duan Ling Tian from going up into the air.

Three months ago, Duan Ling Tian went up to the air and shot him when he was temporarily airborne. That was what defeated him.

In that battle, the strength of his legs was equal to the strength of Duan Ling Tian's arrow. However, because of the advantage provided by the archery set, he was injured by the aftershock... That was the main reason he was defeated.

With that lesson in mind, he was determined to not let the past repeat itself.

After seeing Zhang Ji Long's plan, Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask with a faint smile, "You think you can defeat me like this?"

"You'll find out soon if it I can defeat you or not," Zhang Ji Long replied coldly when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. At the same time, the True Energy on his legs surged and emitted terrifying airwaves. It fell from the sky on Duan Ling Tian's head.

"A futile effort!" Faced with Zhang Ji Long's thunderous strike, Duan Ling Tian smiled in disdain. When he raised his arm, the Sun Shooting Bow appeared in his hand.

Following that, he put his hand on the bowstring and then rapidly strummed it.

The bowstring trembled and instantly created a cacophony of sounds.

Simultaneously, the True Energy light blade formed on the bowstring and shot toward Zhang Ji Long's legs.

More accurately, it was shooting toward the Saint Weapon on Zhang Ji Long's legs.

Zhang Ji Long's boots were his Saint Weapon. It was a Human Rank Mediocre Saint Weapon.

Qiang! Qiang! Qiang! Qiang! Qiang!

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One after another, the True Energy light blades landed on Zhang Ji Long's boots and produced a cacophony of sharp sounds

At the same time, airwaves spread out and caused the onlookers' robes to flutter...

However, no one paid any attention to that.

Everyone's eyes were locked on the scene before them.

"Impossible!" At this time, everyone heard a scream filled with reluctance.

Following that, everyone clearly saw Zhang Ji Long flew back.

Chapter 1392: Broke Through the Copper Shirt

Boom!

Zhang Ji Long's body flew out like a shot arrow before he fell on the ground with a slam. He looked extremely disheveled as he kept vomiting blood.

"Nothing's impossible," Duan Ling Tian responded coldly when he heard Zhang Ji Long's words the moment he flew back.

Zhang Ji Long's face became more and more gloomy when he sensed everyone's gaze on him. He did not have to look to know that those people were laughing at him.

"Such strength!" The surprise was apparent on the face of Jin Yuan Bao, the one who was ranked no.3 among the Thirteen Gangsters. His gaze was laced with wariness when he looked at Duan Ling Tian again.

He could see the strength Duan Ling Tian had demonstrated earlier was not as simple as someone who had just broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage... In fact, he felt that it was comparable to a powerhouse at the peak of the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage.

"Amazing!" When Guo Li saw Duan Ling Tian had defeated his opponent in one move even after his opponent had struck first, she could not help but marvel at the fact even though she was confident Duan Ling Tian would win from the very beginning.

"This Duan Ling Tian is so powerful even though he has just broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage?" In the pavilion, the Heavenly Harm Guardian was also shocked by Duan Ling Tian's strength.

If he did not know Duan Ling Tian was merely a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage prior to this, he would not believe that he had just broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage not too long ago based on the strength he had demonstrated.

"Duan Ling Tian's strength is terrifying!"

"He only needed one move to defeat Zhang Ji Long who has similarly broken through to the Mortal Shedding Stage... That's incredible!"

"With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, he'll probably affect the positions of the top five Thirteen Gangsters."

The onlookers discussed among themselves. A lot of them were eager to see Duan Ling Tian challenge the top five Thirteen Gangsters.

While the group of people was praising Duan Ling Tian's strength, not many people noticed that Zhang Ji Long had returned to cottage no.7 after glaring at Duan Ling Tian.

His intention of challenging Duan Ling Tian today was to redeem himself.

He was filled with confidence after he had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage. He thought he would be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian... Who knew he would be defeated by Duan Ling Tian in just one move.

If he knew it would end this way, he would not have embarrassed himself like this.

“How did Duan Ling Tian make such huge progress... Before we made a breakthrough, he won the previous battle due to the advantage provided by a long-range weapon, the archery set. However, earlier...” After returning to cottage No.7, Zhang Ji Long’s face looked gloomier than someone whose parents had died.

Earlier, most of the people present did not even know what was going on before they saw Zhang Ji Long being blasted away... Only Zhang Ji Long knew how terrifying the True Energy light blades from Duan Ling Tian’s bowstring were

Every True Energy light blade that struck his Saint Weapon Boots felt like a heavy hammer slamming against him.

In the beginning, he could still endure it, but the True Energy light blade had struck continuously. Eventually, he was blasted away because he could no longer endure it. Due to his resistance, he had sustained a serious internal injury.

‘A few days later, Master City Governor will come out from his closed-door cultivation... At that time, he’ll set a test to recruit two or three disciples.’ Zhang Ji Long’s heart sank when he remembered this.

‘I hope my injuries won’t affect my participation in the test... Otherwise, I’ll never let that Duan Ling Tian go!’ Zhang Ji Long thought to himself as he clenched his teeth.

He seemed to have forgotten again that he had lost to Duan Ling Tian.

“Guo Li, congratulations.” Duan Ling Tian looked at Guo Li and congratulated her for breaking through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage.

Guo Li responded with a smile.

After that, Duan Ling Tian looked at Jin Yuan Bao who was ranked No. 3 among the Thirteen Gangsters and nodded at him with a smile.

“Duan Ling Tian, do you want to try and challenge me?” Jin Yuan Bao asked with a smile.

Jin Yuan Bao also itched for a fight after he saw the strength Duan Ling Tian had demonstrated... As a person from the Latent Dragon Camp who was ranked No.3 among the Thirteen Gangsters, Jin Yuan Bao was someone who loved to spar.

“Maybe next time.” Duan Ling Tian was quite fond of Jin Yuan Bao so he did not want to embarrass him in public.

If it was him from a few days ago, he would not dare to say he could win Jin Yuan Bao who was ranked No.3 among the Thirteen Gangsters... However, things were different now that he possessed the Strange Pupil.

Strange Pupil was originally named Strange Eye by Duan Ling Tian.

In the end, he felt it did not sound good so he renamed it to Strange Pupil.

Strange Pupil referred to his current left eye, the one that had integrated with the refined One-eyed Devil Vulture's eye and inherited its abilities.

"Next time then." Jin Yuan Bao nodded and smiled. He did not intend to force Duan Ling Tian.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian returned to cottage No.6 after bidding Guo Li and Jin Yuan Bao goodbye.

After that, Guo Li also returned to cottage No.8.

If there were no accidents, the City Governor of Mound Hill City would come out from his closed-door cultivation in a few days' time... Then, he would set a test and pick two to three people from the Latent Dragon Camp's Thirteen Gangsters to be his disciples.

Guo Li really wanted to be a disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

If she became the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, she would no longer have to worry about all the assassination attempts anymore.

Although the two largest clans on Fuyu Island were enemies with her Guo Clan, they would not dare to offend the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City... It was an eighth-rate force in the Dao Martial Saint Land, and they could not compare to it at all.

'Once I become the disciple of Lord City Governor, not only will the two clans stop trying to assassinate me, they will even stop the others from doing so... After all, if I'm killed, the blame will definitely fall on them.'

Guo Li thought to herself, 'At that time, it's not impossible for Lord City Governor to destroy them in a fit of anger.' It was undoubtedly dangerous for a mere ninth-rate force to kill a disciple of the leader of an eighth-rate force.

Put everything else aside, the eighth-rate force would not let the matter go because of their pride. They would definitely act harshly instead of showing leniency.

Due to this reason, Guo Li desperately hoped to pass the City Governor's test and become a disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

"Although my chance is slim, I still have to try my best," Guo Li murmured solemnly.

Indeed, she only had a slim chance.

Put aside the fact that she was not even comparable to the top five people in the Thirteen Gangsters, she was not even a match for Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Ji Long.

She was not a match for seven of the Thirteen Gangsters. It was only natural that she had a slim chance.

She could only hope for a miracle to happen.

After Guo Li returned to cottage No.8, Jin Yuan Bao did not stay outside for long. He returned to cottage no.3 and continued with his cultivation to prepare for the test by the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

The high platform fell silent after Jin Yuan Bao returned to his cottage.

However, it was still very lively under the high platform around the dilapidated cottages behind the manure pit.

Everyone was still discussing Duan Ling Tian's strength.

Some people also brought up the matter of Duan Ling Tian rejecting Jin Yuan Bao's challenge.

"Is Duan Ling Tian afraid? That's why he rejected Jin Yuan Bao's challenge?" Someone asked.

"That's possible." Someone else agreed.

"It's more than possible... I think Duan Ling Tian knows he's not Jin Yuan Bao's match, that's why he did not accept the challenge."

"If he's confident he can win Jin Yuan Bao, he'll definitely want to take No.3 spot... After all, the third among the Thirteen Gangsters will receive more Saint Stones."

"Yes. Tomorrow is the day we'll receive Saint Stones... If Duan Ling Tian can defeat Jin Yuan Bao and rank third among the Thirteen Gangsters, he'll be able to receive 1,100 grade-eight Saint Stones."

"Now, he's only ranked No.6 among the Thirteen Gangsters. That means he'll only receive 800 grade-eight Saint Stones."

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The area around the dilapidated cottages became lively again as the people discussed this topic.

In the end, almost everyone agreed that Duan Ling Tian was not confident he could defeat Jin Yuan Bao.

A young man stood in front of a dilapidated cottage as he muttered to himself, "Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li are so powerful... They have broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage. I don't know when I'll be able to break through."

That young man was none other than Zhu Lang, the prodigious Martial Cultivator who had joined the Latent Dragon Camp on the same day as Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li. He was a member of the Zhu Clan from Storm Town under Mound Hill City.

They had joined the Latent Dragon Camp on the same day, but Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li had fought their way into becoming one of the Thirteen Gangsters... That had shocked him.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li had become one of the top ranking people among the Thirteen Gangsters. He could not help but feel weird.

"I can't slack anymore... Even if I can't catch up to Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li, I also have to become one of the Thirteen Gangsters." After taking a deep breath, Zhu Lang returned to the dilapidated cottage and cultivated diligently.

One day later, inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"I've broken through!" Suddenly, an excited and joyous voice sounded on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. It was Duan Ling Tian.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was hovering in the air in the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

The interior of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was not affected by Mound Hill City's Flight Prohibiting Formation, therefore Duan Ling Tian could control the air and fly freely inside it.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian who was hovering in mid-air was emitting a copper light.

He was shirtless and was only wearing a pair of pants.

His muscles were more defined, and his lean upper body seemed to be covered in a layer of bronze cloth... It was the Human Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic's defensive move, Copper Shirt.

Duan Ling Tian was so excited because he had cultivated the Copper Shirt to the second stage of the Saint Grade Martial Tactic, the Elementary Stage.

"I feel... After cultivating the Copper Shirt, my body seems even stronger now." Duan Ling Tian clenched his fists with an excited expression on his face.

Suddenly, he moved and punched out without utilizing his True Energy. It caused the air to stir, resulting in a shockwave that slammed into the wall.

Bang!

A loud bang reverberated in the air. Airwaves swept out, and a strong wind raged inside the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Chapter 1393: The City Governor of Mound Hill City

"Even Martial and Dao Cultivators at the peak of the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage might not necessarily be a match for me with my current strength even if I don't use the Strange Pupil!" Duan Ling Tian was filled with confidence after he had broken through the Copper Shirt.

Ordinarily, his body was already strong. It would be further strengthened once he used the Copper Shirt and his True Energy that would surge out from his 32 Saints Veins.

"It seems like we'll be receiving Saint Stones today." Duan Ling Tian regained his senses after his excitement had calmed down. He suddenly recalled that today seemed to be the day the members of the Latent Dragon Camp would receive their Saint Stones.

"I've already missed two months. I can't miss another one." Duan Ling Tian left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda with just a thought and returned to cottage no.6.

After putting the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda away, he left the cottage and headed straight for the pavilion nearby.

Currently, there were quite a few people going in and out of the pavilion. It was obvious they were there to collect the Saint Stones meant for the Latent Dragon Camp's members.

Duan Ling Tian caught a lot of people's attention as he made his way to the pavilion.

“It’s Duan Ling Tian!”

“Duan Ling Tian ranked no.6 among the Thirteen Gangsters. This meant that he would receive 800 eighth-grade Saint Stones every month... I feel envious.”

“Yes, each of us only receives ten grade-eight Saint Stones, but he has 800. It’s almost equivalent to what all of us have.”

In the area beneath the high platform where the dilapidated cottages were located, many people shook their heads and sighed.

Comparisons were odious!

Duan Ling Tian walked into the pavilion and arrived before the Heavenly Harm Guardian.

He had expected to receive 800 grade-eight Saint Stones, but he received 2,400 grade-eight Saint Stones instead.

“This...” Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

“The past three months is a special period... The Heavenly Leader Guardian has given an order that the past three months’ Saint Stones can be collected cumulatively in order to avoid affecting the Thirteen Gangsters’ cultivation,” the Heavenly Harm Guardian explained with a cool expression on his face.

After Duan Ling Tian discovered the reason, he turned to leave after thanking him.

‘Special period... Does this refer to the City Governor of Mound Hill City coming out of his closed-door cultivation and accepting new disciples? That makes sense. In the past three months, apart from me, the other Thirteen Gangsters must have also forgotten about collecting their Saint Stones,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The day when the City Governor of Mound Hill City would set a test to accept new disciples was approaching. Almost all of the Thirteen Gangsters were cultivating day and night. It was not impossible that they had forgotten to collect their Saint Stones.

After putting away the 2,400 grade-eight Saint Stones, Duan Ling Tian left the pavilion and returned to cottage no.6.

However, someone blocked his way just as he arrived at the entrance of cottage no.6.

“Hm?”

Duan Ling Tian frowned as he looked at the person before him. He asked, “Yes?”

“Stay away from Guo Li in the future,” the person standing before Duan Ling Tian said coldly.

“Why?” Duan Ling Tian asked calmly. He unfurrowed his eyebrows as he looked at the person before him intently.

“Because she’ll be Zheng Jian’s woman in the future!” The person who stood in front of Duan Ling Tian was none other than the person who ranked No.5 among the Thirteen Gangsters, Zheng Jian.

Zheng Jian was also the distant relative of Hu Jie who came from Storm Town with Zhu Lang.

Duan Ling Tian had seen him three months ago at the assembly hall of the City Governor's Estate... At that time, he was already pestering Guo Li, but she had ignored him.

"Why? Because my fists are tougher than yours!" Zheng Jian smirked when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. His eyes glinted as he narrowed them.

"Your fists are tougher than mine?" Duan Ling Tian smiled. He really did not know where Zheng Jian got his confidence from... Did Zheng Jian think he was afraid of him just because he did not challenge him?

What Duan Ling Tian was unaware of was Zheng Jian really did think that way.

The different ranking among the Thirteen Gangsters meant that they would receive a different amount of Saint Stones every month.

For example, Duan Ling Tian who was ranked no.6 would only receive 800 grade-eighth Saint Stones every month whereas Zheng Jian who was ranked no.5 would receive 900 grade-eight Saint Stones.

There was a difference of a one hundred grade-eight Saint Stones between them.

In Zheng Jian's opinion, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to challenge him because he was afraid of him.

Just as the tension between Duan Ling Tian and Zheng Jian was rising, and in turn, attracting a lot of attention, a thunderous voice sounded from the horizon.

"Thirteen Gangsters, listen up!"

The people present, including Duan Ling Tian, heard the voice and looked toward the source of the voice.

With just a glance, they saw a green figure standing in the air... A green-clad middle-aged man stood there unmoving like a mountain.

"Lord Heavenly Leader Guardian!" At this time, the Thirteen Gangsters, including the person who ranked no.1, Ling Yun, walked out from their cottages and bowed respectfully at the green-clad middle-aged man hovering in the air.

'The Heavenly Leader Guardian is indeed a Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse!' Duan Ling Tian thought as he bowed along with the others.

The entire Mound Hill City, including the City Governor's Estate, was shrouded with a Flight Prohibiting Formation. No one could control the air and fly unless they were above the Saint Rudiment Stage.

The Heavenly Leader Guardian's cultivation base was apparent to everyone since he was controlling the air and standing in the sky.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel grateful... Fortunately, he did not use Divine Eye to probe the Heavenly Leader Guardian's cultivation base three months ago at the assembly hall. Back then, he almost could not suppress his curiosity and had almost done that.

“Lord Heavenly Leader Guardian? Oh, God! The no.1 person among the 36 Guardians of the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City is actually a Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse!” While the Thirteen Gangsters bowed at the Heavenly Leader Guardian, the group of Latent Dragon Camp’s member around the dilapidated cottages discovered the identity of the

green-clad middle-aged man who was standing in the air.

“Lord Heavenly Leader Guardian!” At once, all of them followed suit and bowed.

“Lord City Governor has come out from his closed-door cultivation... All of you will follow me to meet Lord City Governor at the assembly hall,” the Heavenly Leader Guardian spoke again.

As he spoke, he gradually landed and stopped right at the gate of the Latent Dragon Camp.

All of the Thirteen Gangsters, including Duan Ling Tian, flew out and followed behind the Heavenly Leader Guardian as soon as they heard his words.

“Duan Ling Tian, consider yourself lucky!” At the same time, a True Energy Voice Transmission sounded in Duan Ling Tian’s ear.

He could tell the voice belonged to Zheng Jian.

However, Duan Ling Tian acted as though he did not hear Zheng Jian’s words and ignored him... This made Zheng Jian’s face darkened as killing intent filled his eyes.

When he saw Guo Li sped up to catch up to Duan Ling Tian so she could walk next to him, his face turned even gloomier.

“Duan Ling Tian, do you feel confident?” Guo Li asked through True Energy Voice Transmission. She walked next to him as they followed the Heavenly Leader Guardian to the assembly hall in the City Governor’s Estate.

“I don’t know.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head in response to Guo Li’s question.

He knew what Guo Li was asking. She was asking if he was confident he could pass the City Governor’s test and become his disciple.

He was being honest. He did not know what the test was so naturally, he would not know if he was confident or not.

“I think you’re confident.” Guo Li added.

“That’s enough about me... What about you? Are you confident?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Me? No.”

Guo Li shook her head as she smiled bitterly. “I’m even weaker than you and Zhang Ji Long... Let alone the top five people in the Thirteen Gangsters.”

“We don’t even know what the test is about. Maybe it’s not just about testing one’s strength?” Duan Ling Tian consoled her.

"I hope so." Guo Li nodded.

Zhang Ji Long who was following from behind glared at Duan Ling Tian viciously.

Up until now, he had not fully recovered from his internal injury. This was all caused by the person in front of him.

He could only hope that the test would not happen in these coming two days. Otherwise, he would be at a huge disadvantage.

Soon after, the Heavenly Leader Guardian came to a stop after he brought Duan Ling Tian and the other twelve to the assembly hall in the City Governor's Estate.

"Lord City Governor, the Thirteen Gangsters are here," the Heavenly Leader Guardian said in a tone filled with respect and humility as he stood outside the assembly hall.

'They are both Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses... but the City Governor of Mound Hill City must be stronger than the Heavenly Leader Guardian,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He had no doubts about that at all.

"Come in." As soon as the Heavenly Leader Guardian finished speaking, a calm and dignified voice sounded from the assembly hall.

The Heavenly Leader Guardian led Duan Ling Tian and the others into the assembly hall.

Duan Ling Tian was no stranger to the assembly hall since he was here three months ago.

However, there were two extra people in the assembly hall today.

A silver-clad middle-aged man sat at the top seat of the assembly hall... The middle-aged man looked imposing even though he was not angry. His complexion was as clear as jade. He sat there as staid as a mountain, emitting a terrifying pressure.

'He must be the City Governor of Mound Hill City.' Duan Ling Tian guessed the middle-aged man's identity.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian's eyes landed on a black-clad young man standing behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City... The black-clad young man had an ordinary appearance, but his eyes were unusually cold.

From the moment they had entered until now, he never once looked them in the eyes. This included the Heavenly Leader Guardian. He had completely ignored all of them.

'What an arrogant person!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Lord City Governor!" Duan Ling Tian and the rest of the Thirteen Gangsters bowed at the City Governor of Mound Hill City along with the Heavenly Leader Guardian.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City nodded expressionlessly.

"Mortal... Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage?" At this time, Duan Ling Tian could not help but shudder in his heart...

This was because he had used the Divine Eye to check the cultivation base of the black-clad young man standing behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage!

“37 years old.”

After identifying the other party’s age, Duan Ling Tian’s emotion was stirred again. “He’s only two years older than I am, but he’s already at the Perfection Stage of the Mortal Shedding Stage... Although he’s still a little bit weaker than Ling Yun, he seems to be from the Mortal Continent as well.”

Duan Ling Tian could already guess that the black-clad young man was the only disciple under the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Chapter 1394: Su Qi

The City Governor of Mound Hill City glanced at thirteen of them, including Duan Ling Tian, with his fierce eyes.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt an intense Spiritual Energy sweeping toward him... The Spiritual Energy covered his entire body, making him feel as though there was nowhere he could run.

Duan Ling Tian knew it was the City Governor probing them.

The City Governor’s eyes locked on an azure-clad young man who carried a long sword in a scabbard on his back.

“I suppose you’re the leader of the Thirteen Gangsters, Ling Yun?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City asked calmly as he stared at the azure-clad young man.

“Yes.” Ling Yun did not dare to delay when faced with the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

“Not bad, not bad... You’re only thirteen, but you’ve already broken through to the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage. You’ve got a bright future ahead of you.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City nodded, impressed.

Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage?

As soon as the City Governor of Mound Hill City finished speaking, apart from Duan Ling Tian and Ling Yun, everyone, including the Heavenly Leader Guardian and the black-clad young man standing behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City, was stunned.

“He’s really at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage!” The Heavenly Leader Guardian was the first to react. He swept his Spiritual Energy toward Ling Yun and soon confirmed Ling Yun’s cultivation base with his Spiritual Secret Tactic.

The Spiritual Secret Tactic to detect a person’s cultivation base was different from the Spiritual Secret Tactic to detect someone’s age.

The latter would work even if the target was at a level higher than the detector himself.

With that said, an Early Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator or Dao Cultivator would be able to use the Spiritual Secret Tactic to detect the age of a Martial and Dao Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage.

Meanwhile, the former would only work if the person who was doing the probing was a level higher.

To put it simply, only Martial Cultivators and Dao Cultivators at the Saint Rudiment Stage or above would be able to detect the cultivation base of Martial or Dao Cultivators at the Mortal Shedding Stage.

Naturally, there was no such limitation on Duan Ling Tian's Divine Eye.

The Heavenly Leader Guardian was at the Saint Rudiment Stage so it was easy for him to discover Ling Yun's cultivation base.

Although Ling Yun had already broken through to the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage when he came to the assembly hall three months ago, the Heavenly Leader Guardian did not probe his cultivation base at that time.

Therefore, he only found out Ling Yun was a Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage now.

"Ling Yun has already broken through to the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage?" Apart from Duan Ling Tian and Ling Yun, the other eleven Thirteen Gangsters were shocked when they looked at Ling Yun again.

Xiong Hu, in particular, had a bitter expression on his face.

He discovered signs that indicated he could break through to the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage just a few days ago... Initially, he thought he would be the first among the Thirteen Gangsters to break through to the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage. He did not expect Ling Yun would achieve that before him.

He felt helpless.

Meanwhile, the black-clad young man standing behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City had an intense battle intent in his eyes when he looked at Ling Yun now.

"Ling Yun, I've come up with a test for you," the City Governor of Mound Hill City said, catching everyone's attention. The eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the twelve Thirteen Gangsters immediately lit up.

What kind of test would the City Governor of Mound Hill City give Ling Yun?

Would the test prepared for Ling Yun be the same as the one they were going to be given?

They were filled with anticipation.

Ling Yun's eyes lit up as well when he heard the City Governor of Mound Hill City's words.

Even the Heavenly Leader Guardian was looking at the City Governor of Mound Hill City with anticipation at the moment.

“Ling Yun... My disciple Su Qi is just like you. He’s also at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage. I’ll take you as my disciple as long as you can endure three hits from him and remain undefeated.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City revealed the test he had prepared for Ling Yun as everyone looked at him.

Standing behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City, the black-clad young man, Su Qi’s eyes immediately lit up when he heard his words. Subsequently, he took a step forward and stood next to the City Governor of Mound Hill City as he stared at Ling Yun ferociously.

“He’s Su Qi?”

“The City Governor of Mound Hill City’s disciple? The genius Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent?”

“I didn’t expect the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s disciple to be at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage as well... But isn’t the test the City Governor of Mound Hill City prepared for Ling Yun a little too easy since they’re both at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage?”

“I think so too.”

Many of the Thirteen Gangsters whispered among themselves.

They thought the test the City Governor of Mound Hill City gave Ling Yun was too easy for him... Naturally, although they thought the test was simple, they were satisfied with the test.

Ling Yun was only thirteen years old, and he was already a Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage.

They would not be surprised if such a genius like him become the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s disciple without having to go through any tests.

Ling Yun frowned subtly when he heard the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s words.

He did not like being underestimated.

“Ling Yun, come at me... I would like to see if the leader of the Thirteen Gangsters is worthy of becoming my Junior Brother,” Su Qi said calmly as he stared at Ling Yun.

“Right here?” Duan Ling Tian and the others were still stunned by Su Qi’s words when Ling Yun moved. He pulled out the long sword on his back.

He charged out with the three-foot-long sword as sword rays swept out in Su Qi’s direction.

Although he was enraged the City Governor of Mound Hill City seemed to underestimate him, he knew subconsciously the test that the City Governor of Mound Hill City had set for him would not be as simple as it seemed.

Therefore, he decided to initiate the fight right away.

‘That’s so fast!’ Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he discovered Ling Yun had become a blur of shadow with his sword in his right eye. In his left eye, Ling Yun’s speed was extremely fast too.

His left eye was different from his right eye because he had gained the One-eyed Devil Vulture's eyeball's ability.

Naturally, it was considered one of his talents now.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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In just a blink of an eye, Ling Yun had swung his sword thirteen times. Every attack was real. There were dazzling sword rays as he swung the Human Rank Intermediate Saint Sword in his hand.

He seemed intent on leaving thirteen bloody holes on Su Qi's body with the sword rays.

What surprised Duan Ling Tian was Su Qi's expression remained calm from the beginning until the end even though Ling Yun was charging at him with his lightning-fast attacks.

He only moved when Ling Yun arrived before him with his sword.

Whoosh!

He bent his knees slightly and shot his entire being into the sky in the next second. He leaped into the air and dodged the thirteen sword rays coming from Ling Yun's sword. It was a close call.

Seeing that Su Qi dodged his thirteen sword rays, Ling Yun did not seem surprised as he bent backward with a gleam in his eyes.

At the same time, Su Qi attacked with his palm like a lightning. The palm print formed with his True Energy was aimed at Ling Yun's cheek as he bent over.

Just as the palm print was going to crash into the seats at the side of the assembly hall, the Heavenly Leader Guardian came to the rescue. Without using any True Energy, he slapped his palm print into the air, and it collided with Su Qi's palm print. They exploded in the air and vanished. The only thing left was a strong gust of wind.

The wind shook the seats at the side of the assembly hall.

'One hit,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Perhaps the rest of the Thirteen Gangsters did not see clearly what had happened earlier, but he had seen everything clearly by secretly activating Strange Pupil.

While Su Qi was dodging Ling Yun's attack, he slapped his palm down at Ling Yun in the air.

The rapid speed of the attack was not possible for an ordinary Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage.

However, Ling Yun was also not an ordinary Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage. That was why he managed to dodge Su Qi's attack with near misses.

"Great!" The City Governor of Mound Hill City said with a smile.

'Su Qi hasn't used any Saint Weapons yet,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

As though he had heard Duan Ling Tian's thought, a narrow saber appeared in Su Qi's hand as he descended from the air. The narrow saber was crescent-shaped, and it was emitting a chilly aura.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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As Su Qi was descending, Ling Yun did not spare him any opportunities. Knowing that Su Qi had nowhere to leverage his strength, Ling Yun swung the three-foot-long sword in his hand. Five sword rays were shot at a higher speed this time.

The speed of the five sword rays was even faster than the thirteen sword rays he had shot out earlier.

Take his life while he was weak!

Ling Yun did not seem to be showing any mercy at this moment.

However, Su Qi did not panic. Facing the five swords rays that were coming at him like lightning, he shouted in his deep voice, "Perfect timing!" At the same time, True Energy ran rampant on the narrow saber in his hand, and he subsequently released it.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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The narrow saber that was released began to spin rapidly in the air like it was a spinning fan below Su Qi's body.

Meanwhile, Su Qi stood on top of it steadily as though he was standing on land.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

Five ear-piercing noises sounded consecutively almost at the same time.

Su Qi managed to block the five sword rays Ling Yun had shot out rapidly... To be exact, the sword rays were blocked by the saber that was spinning like a fan.

'What a brilliant defensive technique!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up. 'Two hits are over now... As long as Ling Yun manages to defend the next hit, he'll pass the test and become the City Governor of Mound Hill City's disciple.'

'If I'm Ling Yun... I'll either wholeheartedly defend against Su Qi's attack or initiate the attack like a storm so that Su Qi wouldn't be able to handle it,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Almost as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished thinking to himself, Ling Yun also came to a decision.

He chose the latter.

He stomped both his feet, causing the ground to crack. The terrifying cracks looked like a spider web.

Subsequently, he seemed to have turned into a sword himself as he shot up into the sky.

Clang!

A noise that was even more ear-piercing than before reverberated in the air. Ling Yun's sword broke the saber's defensive technique performed by Su Qi and headed straight for him. It seemed like it was going to pierce through Su Qi's body from the bottom to his head.

Duan Ling Tian noticed Su Qi's face had turned grave at this very second.

He was serious now, no longer as indifferent as before.

Bang!

He lifted his foot to stomp on the saber below him and shot into the air as he used the impact to his advantage.

At this moment, the saber below his feet returned to him in a perfect arc and landed firmly in his hand.

Whoosh!

Ling Yun shot into the sky with his sword as he chased after Su Qi.

Chapter 1395: Savage Eyes

During the critical moment, Su Qi turned around in the air and stomped both his feet suddenly. The shockwave formed by his True Energy hit hard in the air.

Bang!

A loud explosion sounded at this moment. The rumbling shockwave descended at a rapid speed as he shot up like an arrow leaving its bow.

It was heading toward Ling Yun's sword.

One was going upward while the other was going down. The sword rays that charged out first collided hard with the saber as the saber rays followed it like its shadow. They were like two scorching suns trying to outshine each other in the sky.

Clang!

Bang!

The collision of the saber and the sword was like the explosion of two suns as they collided with one another.

At this very second, the bright ray that was like sunlight shone as an air explosion was set off in the air. An insanely strong wind swept out in all directions.

As the items in the assembly hall were being blown away, the Heavenly Leader Guardian moved again during the critical moment and blocked the majestic and rampant wind.

"Ahh!!" At the same time, everyone heard the sound of someone throwing up blood.

Ling Yun was kneeling on one knee, using his sword as support, after both of them had descended from the sky.

He was pale as he spat out mouthful after mouthful of blood. He looked terrible.

Whoosh!

At the same time, Su Qi landed steadily on the ground. His cheeks were ruddy. It was obvious that it was caused by the rumbling vital blood in his body.

However, he was not hurt.

Gasp!

Everyone present gasped.

They were both at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, but Su Qi defeated Ling Yun who had attacked first with merely three hits.

At this very moment, apart from Duan Ling Tian, the eleven Thirteen Gangsters thought their abilities were not worth mentioning at all in front of Su Qi.

'He's worthy of being Master City Governor's disciple,' many of them exclaimed inwardly.

Knowing someone by his reputation was not as good as meeting them in person. They were thoroughly convinced by Su Qi's ability now.

'This Su Qi's ability... I'm afraid it has already reached the peak of the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage! I think he's only one step away from breaking through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he looked at Su Qi.

Ling Yun had consumed a Healing Medicinal Pill. After he had recovered slightly, he said to the City Governor of Mound Hill City with a bitter expression on his face, "I'm defeated with three hits."

Currently, no one thought the City Governor of Mound Hill City had given Ling Yun an ideal test... Ling Yun had failed the test that seemed ideal in the beginning.

"I'll give you another chance... I'll take you as my disciple if you can endure three hits and stay undefeated by Su Qi a month from now. You may return now," the City Governor of Mound Hill City said as he looked at Ling Yun.

"Thank you, Master City Governor!" Ling Yun's eyes lit up upon hearing he would be given another chance. He left the assembly hall immediately after he stood up and returned to the Latent Dragon Camp to cultivate.

After he left, everyone shifted their eyes to Su Qi.

The strength Su Qi had demonstrated earlier had shocked everyone.

At this moment, Su Qi returned to his position behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City. His expression remained as cold as it was earlier.

"I heard someone in the Thirteen Gangsters also came from the Mortal Continent as well?" The City Governor of Mound Hill City asked as he glanced at the remaining twelve Thirteen Gangsters.

"Master City Governor!" Duan Ling Tian stepped forward.

"Master City Governor, Duan Ling Tian became one of the Thirteen Gangsters on the first day of joining the Latent Dragon Camp... He broke through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage a month ago and defeated Hou Lin who's at the same stage," the Heavenly Leader Guardian said.

Hou Lin was, naturally, present on the scene. His face turned slightly solemn when he heard the Heavenly Leader Guardian's words. He clenched his fists tightly as his body shook.

He would never forget the humiliation he had gone through a month ago!

'Duan Ling Tian, you'll regret this... I'll make you regret this!' Hou Lin stared at Duan Ling Tian's back and roared in his heart.

"Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage? Aren't you only at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage?" The City Governor of Mound Hill City said with a frown after he heard what the Heavenly Leader Guardian said.

Duan Ling Tian knew his cultivation base had been exposed after he heard the City Governor of Mound Hill City's words... However, he did not mind that. There was nothing for him to hide since he did not commit any crime.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City's words stunned everyone, including the Heavenly Leader Guardian. He exclaimed out loud, "Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage?"

Subsequently, he performed the Spiritual Secret Tactic to check Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base.

His facial expression changed when he discovered the result. "He... He's really at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage! Duan Ling Tian, you... You're only at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He had sensed the Spiritual Energy coming from the Heavenly Leader Guardian so he knew he was checking his cultivation base.

At this moment, two people exclaimed out loud, "Impossible!"

It was Hou Lin whom Duan Ling Tian had defeated a month ago, and Zhang Ji Long whom he had defeated just yesterday.

Both of them had fought Duan Ling Tian before so they knew how powerful Duan Ling Tian was.

However, they could not believe Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was only at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage.

"Hmph! Master City Governor and I both checked Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base with Spiritual Secret Tactic... His cultivation base is really at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage." The Heavenly Leader Guardian scoffed softly and glared at Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long. "Why? Are you doubting Master City Governor and my words? Do both of you think we're mistaken because we're old?"

"I don't mean that!" Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long said.

Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long realized they had stepped out of line and looked down immediately.

At this moment, the eleven Thirteen Gangsters, including Guo Li, were looking at Duan Ling Tian in a completely different way.

Someone at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage defeated Hou Lin who was at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage?

“A few days ago, Guo Li had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage and defeated Hou Lin who’s at the same level... Later on, Zhang Ji Long who has broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage defeated Guo Li,” Jin Yuan Bao who was ranked no.2 in the Thirteen Gangsters said at this moment.

“Just yesterday... Duan Ling Tian defeated Zhang Ji Long in just one blow!” Jin Yuan Bao said. His gaze was complicated when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

He had witnessed Duan Ling Tian’s fight yesterday... At that time, he was almost certain Duan Ling Tian was the same as him. He thought Duan Ling Tian was also at the peak of the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage.

However, through the check by the City Governor of Mound Hill City and the Heavenly Leader Guardian who were both powerhouses at Saint Rudiment Stage today, he found out that Duan Ling Tian was only a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage.

“Duan Ling Tian is... is your cultivation base really only at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage?” Guo Li asked in disbelief.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“Then how about three months ago? That time when you first defeated Zhang Ji Long, what was your cultivation base back then?” Guo Li asked again.

When Guo Li finished speaking, the remaining Thirteen Gangsters and the Heavenly Leader Guardian recalled that Duan Ling Tian had defeated Zhang Ji Long once before he had broken through three months ago.

Duan Ling Tian did not perform any outstanding ability back then. He had defeated Zhang Ji Long using the advantage of archery.

“Three months ago... I was at the Early Mortal Shedding Stage,” Duan Ling Tian said.

Bang!

It was as though Duan Ling Tian’s words had triggered a thousand waves. He stunned everyone once again.

“Do you mean... You were only at the Early Mortal Shedding Stage when you defeated Zhang Ji Long and Li Han and became one of the Thirteen Gangsters back then?” Guo Li inhaled sharply.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

At this moment, most of them looked at Duan Ling Tian as though they were looking at a monster.

He had gotten himself a spot in the Thirteen Gangsters when he was only at the Early Mortal Shedding Stage.

That was insane!

'Hmph! Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long are really useless. They really embarrassed us Martial Cultivators at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage... They couldn't even fight a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage,' Zheng Jian who was ranked No.5 in the Thirteen Gangsters secretly mocked.

Now he was even more confident in defeating Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was just a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage. He was nothing to him!

At this moment, he seemed to have forgotten that Duan Ling Tian had defeated Zhang Ji Long before when he was only at the Early Mortal Shedding Stage... The Zhang Ji Long who was known as invincible among those at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage in Mound Hill City's border areas.

"Hmm?" Su Qi who seemed bored after defeating Ling Yun became amused after hearing about Duan Ling Tian and his achievements. He began to observe Duan Ling Tian.

This person seemed to be extraordinary, a genius Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent just like him.

"The Early Mortal Shedding Stage defeating the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage... After breaking through to the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, you defeated two Martial Cultivators at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage." The way the City Governor of Mound Hill City looked at Duan Ling Tian was completely different now. "Is your name Duan Ling Tian?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Duan Ling Tian, if I'm not mistaken, you must not be entirely human?" The City Governor of Mound Hill City asked.

"Not entirely human?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Noticing Duan Ling Tian's reaction, the City Governor of Mound Hill City was certain of his speculation, "It seems like you're really not entirely human... One of your parents is a Saint Beast, am I right? It must be a Saint Beast with a powerful physique."

Saint Beast!

As soon as the City Governor of Mound Hill City finished speaking, everyone looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Only people like you who are created by a human and a Saint Beast would be so strong due to your powerful physique," A knowing gleam flashed through the City Governor of Mound Hill City's eyes.

"Duan Ling Tian, did I get it right?"

Duan Ling Tian had shock written all over his face.

He did not expect the City Governor of Mound Hill City would have such savage eyes.

It was surprising that he managed to figure out the reason Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat his opponents who were at a higher level easily was due to his powerful physique.

The others were in shock too.

“So Duan Ling Tian’s the creation of a human and a Saint Beast?”

“No wonder he could defeat opponents who are at a higher level than he is... Seems like he inherited the Saint Beast’s powerful physique.”

Many of them showed fear when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Hmph! To be blunt, he’s a bastard,” Zheng Jian scoffed coldly and said in disdain, “He only managed to defeat people at a higher level because he was fighting trash... If he fights with me, I’m sure I can defeat him in two to three moves.”

He glanced at Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long on purpose as he spoke.

The two of them had a drastic change of expression as a hint of rage filled their eyes.

Chapter 1396: Body Verification Stone

Although enraged by what Zheng Jian said, Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long did not dare to do anything. All they could do was to take it without saying anything, the reason being that they knew they were no match for Zheng Jian.

Compared to Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long, Duan Ling Tian responded differently hearing what Zheng Jian said. “Bastard? Could he beat me in two to three hits?” His face turned gravely solemn while a ferocious gleam sparkled in his eyes.

Just when he turned around and looked at Zheng Jian with a plan to fight back, a loud scream sounded.

“How dare you!?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City’s voice boomed like thunder which seemed to rock the entire assembly hall. At that same time, it stunned Duan Ling Tian as well.

Bang!

Before Duan Ling Tian managed to look at the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he saw Zheng Jian’s body shudder and shoot out towards the pillar in the assembly hall like an arrow leaving its bow.

The pillar shook a little bit as dust fell from it.

Subsequently, Zheng Jian fell onto the ground along the pillar while spitting mouthfuls of blood continuously. He looked terrible.

“Master City Governor! Zheng Jian is sorry... Zheng Jian is sorry!” Ignoring his injuries, Zheng Jian knelt onto the ground before the City Governor of Mound Hill City while reeling.

“How dare you, Zheng Jian!? How dare you be so rude to Master City Governor?” The Heavenly Leader Guardian looked aghast too.

“You’re sorry? Do you even know what you did wrong?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City scoffed and said.

“I was wrong to spout nonsense before Master City Governor,” Zheng Jian said in his shaky voice while keeping his head on the ground.

Hearing what Zheng Jian said, the City Governor of Mound Hill City glared icily at him and said calmly, “You’ll be dead if you repeat the same mistake again.”

Despite the calm outlook, there was clearly the will to kill in his tone.

“Thank you, Master City Governor!” Zheng Jian thanked him immediately.

He stood up and consumed a Healing Medicinal Pill. The way he looked at Duan Ling Tian again was filled with coldness and resentment.

At that very moment, he could not suppress the rage in him.

He did not dare to blame the City Governor of Mound Hill City, so he directed it at Duan Ling Tian instead, “Duan Ling Tian, if not for you, I wouldn’t have agitated Master City Governor... It’s all your fault!”

“If I had the opportunity, I’ll kill you! I’ll definitely kill you!” Zheng Jian thought in his head and almost screamed out loud.

Although he had no idea what Zheng Jian was thinking about, seeing Zheng Jian’s eyes that were filled with the will to kill, Duan Ling Tian figured that murder was on Zheng Jian’s mind.

“Zheng Jian.” At that moment, a gleam with the will to kill flashed in his eyes too.

“Duan Ling Tian, you haven’t answered my question. Is my speculation right?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City turned to Duan Ling Tian again. The frigidity on his face was nowhere to be seen; it was replaced by a smile instead as he asked.

That made Zheng Jian look even more terrible.

“Master City Governor, I’m not a descendant of human and Saint Beast,” Duan Ling Tian replied honestly.

“You’re not?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City frowned and said while looking lost, “That’s not right... How could you have the ability to defeat people whose level is higher than yours if you’re not a descendant of a human and a Saint Beast?”

“Or perhaps... Are you a human formed from a Saint Beast?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City eyes lit up as he mumbled softly to himself.

Although the City Governor of Mound Hill City was mumbling softly, the assembly hall was so quiet that almost everyone present heard what he said.

Duan Ling Tian was put in the limelight once again.

“Human formed from a Saint Beast?” Hearing the Governor’s theory that getting more and more ridiculous, Duan Ling Tian could not help but force a smile. “Master City Governor, not only am I not a descendant of human and Saint Beast, but I’m not human formed from a Saint Beast. I’m a pure human Martial Cultivator.”

“Impossible!” The City Governor of Mound Hill City exclaimed affirmatively while shaking his head, “If you’re a pure human Martial Cultivator, it’s impossible for you to have such an overpowering ability to beat people whose level is higher than yours.”

“That’s right... How’s that possible?”

“It seems like Duan Ling Tian’s really hiding his identity.”

“I bet no matter how well he’s going to explain himself, he’s not going to hide the truth any longer.”

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Many of them whispered among themselves.

“Master City Governor,” Duan Ling Tian said while looking at the City Governor of Mound Hill City, “I know there’s something called the Body Verification Stone in Dao Martial Saint Land. Although the Body Verification Stone doesn’t help in fighting, it can verify if a person is formed from a Saint Beast or is a descendant of a human and a Saint Beast.”

Body Verification Stone!

The City Governor of Mound Hill City frowned upon hearing what Duan Ling Tian said. “Although the Body Verification Stone isn’t something incredible whereby even a Saint Inscription Master would be able to carve it, we don’t have such a thing in Mound Hill City.”

What the City Governor of Mound Hill City said created an uproar again.

“Duan Ling Tian’s devious. He asked for it anyway knowing there’s no Body Verification Stone in our Mound Hill City.”

“I think he did this on purpose.”

“Does he really think that we’d believe he’s a pure human if he mentioned the Body Verification Stone?”

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Many of them whispered among themselves again.

This time, even Guo Li could not help but look skeptical as she looked at Duan Ling Tian again.

After all, the ability with which he managed to defeat people whose level was higher than him was simply unimaginable.

She did not believe he was a pure human Martial Cultivator either.

Throughout the long history of Dao Martial Saint Land, she had never heard of such a human Martial Cultivator before.

Even the legendary powerhouse who had 81 Saint Veins open possessed the ability to defeat people whose level was higher than him after breaking through to the Saint Rudiment Stage.

“Then, there’s nothing that I can do about it,” Duan Ling Tian shrugged and said like a thug, “Also, whether I’m a human Martial Cultivator or not, I think that’s not going to affect me.”

Just when most of them thought the matter was coming to an end, the circumstances turned around.

“Master City Governor, I heard that Ninth Brother obtained a Body Verification Stone half a month ago. He wanted to auction it off at the Rare Treasure Pavilion, but he thought it wouldn’t be sold at an ideal price, so he kept it with him,” The Heavenly Leader Guardian said to the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

“The Heavenly Hero Guardian? He has the Body Verification Stone?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City’s eyes lit up. “You, go get the Heavenly Hero Guardian now.”

The Heavenly Hero Guardian was the Ninth Brother the Heavenly Leader Guardian mentioned.

He ranked No. 9 among the 36 Guardians in the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s Estate. People called him the Heavenly Hero Guardian, but he was publicly known as Lin Qing Rong.

“Yes,” the Heavenly Leader Guardian replied and left.

Meanwhile, many of them began to take pleasure in Duan Ling Tian’s misery. “It seems like this Duan Ling Tian’s plan has backfired.”

However, Duan Ling Tian was calm as he faced the mockery. He was so cool that he would remain the same even if Mount Tai were to collapse before him.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City noticed Duan Ling Tian’s calmness.

He could not help but have doubts.

Was Duan Ling Tian really not afraid of getting himself tested with the Body Verification Stone? Or was he trying to mystify this and unwilling to give up until the very last second?

Su Qi, who stood behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City, had doubts in his eyes too.

“Master City Governor!” Not long later, the Heavenly Leader Guardian returned bringing another person with him. It was the Heavenly Hero Guardian who ranked No. 6 among the 36 Guardians, Lin Qing Rong.

Lin Qing Rong bowed respectfully toward the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

“Heavenly Hero Guardian, I heard from the Heavenly Leader Guardian that you’ve obtained a Body Verification Stone earlier.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City commented.

“Yes, Master City Governor.” Lin Qing Rong nodded.

“Can I borrow it?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City asked.

“Of course!” Lin Qing Rong nodded immediately and subsequently lifted his arm. A tiny, crystal-clear stone appeared in his hand, appearing like an irregular crystal.

He then handed the tiny stone over to the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

“Is this the Body Verification Stone?” Duan Ling Tian looked at the tiny stone that Lin Qing Rong handed over to the Governor. Although he had heard about the existence of the Body Verification Stone, he had never seen one before.

It was his first time seeing it today.

The Body Verification Stone was similar to the Demon Revelation Mirror on the Cloud Continent, but there was a difference between them.

As the Body Verification Stone was handed over to the City Governor of Mound Hill City, apart from Lin Qing Rong, everyone had their eyes fixed on it. They wanted to see if Duan Ling Tian was trying to mislead them earlier.

Lin Qing Rong was the only one who gaped at Duan Ling Tian in bewilderment.

On the way to the assembly hall, he heard from the Heavenly Leader Guardian that Duan Ling Tian was just on the Early Mortal Shedding Stage when he had brought him here back then.

He had no idea that Duan Ling Tian had already broken through to the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage now and defeated two Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivators consecutively.

He did not believe it in the beginning, but he had to since the Heavenly Leader Guardian told him that the Master City Governor and himself had witnessed it themselves.

Now, he knew the purpose of the Governor borrowing the Body Verification Stone from him. It was to verify if Duan Ling Tian was a pure human Martial Cultivator.

Fwah!

Right at that moment, a soft ring that drew Lin Qing Rong’s attention as well was heard.

The Governor of Mound City held the Body Verification Stone in his hand while exerting True Energy into it, causing the Saint Inscription on it to flash. As the Saint Inscription shone, a dazzling glow rose.

Not long later, a barrier that seemed like a mirror appeared in the air with a silhouette reflected in it.

It was Duan Ling Tian’s silhouette.

However, his reflection remained the same in the mirror.

One must know that if a person was formed from a Saint Beast, the mirror image barrier formed from the Body Verification Stone would show the Saint Beast’s true form in it.

If the person was a descendant of a human and a Saint Beast, a Saint Beast’s silhouette would appear behind the person when the mirror image barrier was pointed at him.

However, none of those happened.

The Governor was the first to react. Although the result from the Body Verification Stone was out, he was still surprised as he asked, "You... really are human?"

"Duan Ling Tian's a pure human Martial Cultivator?"

"Is there something wrong with the Body Verification Stone?"

"It shouldn't be."

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As the Heavenly Leader Guardian, the Heavenly Hero Guardian and Su Qi snapped back to reality, everyone else gasped one after another and could not help but lower their voice as they discussed among one another.

With Zheng Jian as a warning, they did not dare to be rude before the Governor of Mound City.

"What? Master City Governor, you still don't believe me up until now?" Duan Ling Tian did not expect the Governor to ask such a question now.

He was a little speechless at the moment.

Chapter 1397: Burden

Hearing Duan Ling Tian asking him back such a question, the City Governor of Mound Hill City was rather embarrassed.

He was sure that Duan Ling Tian was not a pure human Martial Cultivator from the beginning.

However, now that the fact was right before him, he had to believe it.

"Duan Ling Tian, do you mind telling me how you managed to defeat people whose stage is higher than you?" The City Governor of Mound Hill City asked.

At that moment, including the Heavenly Leader Guardian and the Heavenly Hero Guardian, everyone looked at Duan Ling Tian with burning desire.

They were curious about that too.

"Master City Governor, you're actually right about something," Duan Ling Tian said to the Governor, "Which is... my body's indeed much more powerful than an ordinary human's."

The Governor's eyes lit up.

"However, my powerful body has nothing to do with the Saint Beast. It came from an encounter I had before," Duan Ling Tian said in one breath. Everyone's eyes twinkled upon hearing what he said.

Greed grew steadily in them.

However, what Duan Ling Tian said next killed the greed that was arising in them.

“I found an odd Spirit Fruit during that encounter and my body went through a transformation after consuming it. I’ve been to that place to look for the same Spiritual Fruit many times after that, but I couldn’t find any,” Duan Ling Tian proceeded.

“I didn’t know there’s such a Spirit Fruit in this world! Perhaps it’s just your luck that you found it,” the City Governor of Mound Hill City sighed.

The rest agreed too.

“Duan Ling Tian, you hid that from me for such a long time! So, you were just an Early Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator when you came back with me back then,” complained Lin Qing Rong through True Energy Voice Transmission as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“I think I didn’t mention that I wasn’t a Martial Cultivator on Early Mortal Shedding Stage back then. I didn’t tell you that I’m an Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator either,” Duan Ling Tian shrugged and replied through True Energy Voice Transmission.

“You...” Lin Qing Rong became speechless.

Now that he thought about it, Duan Ling Tian indeed did not say that he was a Martial Cultivator on the Early Mortal Shedding Stage. Neither did he say that he was an Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator.

Lin Qing Rong was the only one who assumed that since the beginning.

“Heavenly Hero Guardian, I heard you were the one who brought Duan Ling Tian here. I’ll remember what you’ve done,” the City Governor of Mound Hill City said to Lin Qing Rong after returning the Body Verification Stone to him.

“Master City Governor, it’s only right that I do,” Lin Qing Rong said immediately. However, there was a joy that was hard to hide in his eyes.

“Master City Governor, if there’s nothing else, I’ll retreat,” Lin Qing Rong said again.

“Hmm, you may leave now.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City nodded.

After Lin Qing Rong left the assembly hall, it regained its silence again. The other eleven of the Thirteen Gangsters were looking at Duan Ling Tian with envy and jealousy now.

“He found such a Spirit Fruit! Duan Ling Tian has some ridiculous luck!” That was what most of them were thinking about.

Naturally, some of them looked terrible, for instance, Hou Lin, Zhang Ji Long, and Zheng Jian.

After taking a glance at Duan Ling Tian, Su Qi, who stood behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City, shut his eyes to conserve his energy. Nobody knew what he was thinking about.

“Let’s get back to business.” As the City Governor of Mound Hill City spoke again, everyone shifted their focus from Duan Ling Tian to him again.

They knew that the Governor was going to talk about business now.

It was not hard for one to figure what it was going to be.

It must be something about the test. The Governor would be picking two to three people who had achieved an outstanding result in the test and make them his disciples.

At that moment, apart from Duan Ling Tian, everyone in the Thirteen Gangsters were full of anticipation.

“The test will be happening tomorrow and it’ll be based on a point system. The two people who obtain the most points will become my disciples.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City glanced at the twelve of them including Duan Ling Tian. Ling Yun was excepted from the group.

Hearing what the Governor said, most of their breaths quickened.

“The reason why I asked all of you here is to inform all of you that... You can choose to go solo or form a team in the test tomorrow. Of course, you’re only allowed to team up with one person,” the Governor proceeded to speak.

“We can form a team?” At that moment, their eyes lit up.

However, what the City Governor of Mound Hill City said next made their jaws dropped.

“But those who are teaming up in the test will need to bring a member from the Latent Dragon Camp who isn’t one of the Thirteen Gangsters. Also, the points the both of them achieve will need to be divided into three whereby the duo will get one point each while the last point will be given to the Latent Dragon Camp member who isn’t from the Thirteen Gangsters.” This new condition messed up most of their plans.

Was that necessary?

They were fine with teaming up. However, they could not accept sharing their points with another person.

At that moment, most of them decided to go solo in the test.

“Team up?” When the City Governor of Mound Hill City mentioned that they could team up in the test, Guo Li looked at Duan Ling Tian in anticipation immediately.

The chance of her winning would be higher if she teamed up with Duan Ling Tian.

However, she looked away, feeling a little upset after the Governor added the condition.

Although she knew that Duan Ling Tian would definitely not decline her if she insisted, could she be so selfish?

Definitely not!

It would be acceptable if she was teaming up with Duan Ling Tian and sharing their points with each other. Now, however, they would need to bring a burden with them if she wanted to team up with him.

That was not all.

Most importantly, they would have to share their points with the burden whereby they would each take a third of the points.

“Guo Li, let’s team up.” Just when Guo Li was ready to go solo, a voice came into her ears loud and clear which made her shudder.

Subsequently, she looked at the purple-clad young man who was smiling at her at the moment. It was Duan Ling Tian at whom she was looking earlier.

The True Energy Voice Transmission came from Duan Ling Tian.

She snapped back to her senses after reeling from surprise.

“Duan Ling Tian, I know your kind intention, but I can’t drag you into this,” Guo Li said.

“Drag me?” Duan Ling Tian smiled.

He wondered what kind of expression Guo Li would have if she found out that he had zero interest in being the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Although Guo Li rejected his request, he did not give up just like that.

“If that’s your decision, I’ll abstain myself from the test that Master City Governor has set,” Duan Ling Tian said to Guo Li through True Energy Voice Transmission.

“You...” Listening to Duan Ling Tian behave like a kid throwing a tantrum, Guo Li became speechless for a while. “Duan Ling Tian, stop messing around.”

“I’m not messing around. I’m being serious,” Duan Ling Tian said in all seriousness.

As time passed by, Guo Li realized that indeed, he was not messing around.

Eventually, she compromised and decided to team up with him.

If Duan Ling Tian really gave up on the rest because of her, she would never forgive herself for the rest of her life.

Naturally, she knew that he was doing that to help her and she was grateful.

As the City Governor of Mound Hill City left with Su Qi, Duan Ling Tian and the rest returned to the Latent Dragon Camp.

Meanwhile, the Heavenly Leader Guardian was gone by the time Duan Ling Tian and the rest left the assembly hall. Nobody knew where he went.

However, none of them cared about the departure of the Heavenly Leader Guardian.

The Heavenly Leader Guardian was known to be mysterious about his whereabouts, so they were not surprised by his disappearance.

“Duan Ling Tian, if we’re teaming up, we need to find another person to go with us,” Guo Li said via True Energy Voice Transmission on the way back.

“Hmm.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “I have a candidate in mind.”

Chapter 1398: Duan Ling Tian’s Decision

“You already have a candidate in mind?” Guo Li was surprised.

“Mm-hmm.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Although he seemed hasty to team up with Guo Li, he had actually thought about it thoroughly.

He was not interested in being the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he just wanted to help Guo Li... Naturally, he treated Guo Li as a normal friend. The reason why he did this was because of the reminder she had given him back then.

The first time when he met Guo Li, she had reminded him about something despite them not being close to each other. Although he did not escape from what happened due to her reminder, subconsciously, he felt that he owed her a favor.

Now, he could use this opportunity to return the favor.

Naturally, he would only return the favor if Guo Li become the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City successfully.

“Who is that?” Guo Li asked curiously.

“Zhu Lang,” Duan Ling Tian said while smiling.

Guo Li was the only person that he was close to in the Latent Dragon Camp. Among the rest, he could not think of anyone else that he was slightly more familiar with than Zhu Lang.

“But... If we team up and bring Zhu Lang, the points that we obtain will be divided into three,” Guo Li said while frowning, “Wouldn’t that be a disadvantage?”

“So, do you think you stand a higher chance when you go solo in the test with the rest? Or do you think that your chances are higher if you team up with me?” Duan Ling Tian asked while smiling.

“Of course, I’d stand a higher chance teaming up with you. It’s just that it’s such a disadvantage for you,” Guo Li forced a smile.

“We’ll do it as long as you feel more confident if you team up with me. Don’t worry about me,” Duan Ling Tian reassured.

Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li communicated through True Energy Voice Transmission while they walked ahead, so nobody heard what they were talking about.

However, there was a pair of resentful eyes staring at his back.

‘Duan! Ling! Tian!’ Zhang Ji Long secretly clenched his teeth while staring at Duan Ling Tian’s back.

The injury Duan Ling Tian gave him yesterday had only healed a little bit. He would not be fully healed even if tomorrow came.

He could not help but feel a devious fire burning in him when he recalled that he would have to go for the important test tomorrow with his injury which was caused by Duan Ling Tian.

He felt absolutely resentful!

He resented Duan Ling Tian!

He could not wait to tear Duan Ling Tian into pieces!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian noticed Zhang Ji Long's bitter eyes, but he did not care since Zhang Ji Long was just another person he had defeated.

After returning to the Latent Dragon Camp, Duan Ling Tian found Zhu Lang and informed him about his plan of teaming up with Guo Li to participate in the test set by the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

"Is Master City Governor recruiting disciples?" Zhu Lang's eyes lit up. Although he knew it was impossible that he would become the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he was very interested in the test.

"Duan Ling Tian, this test shouldn't be risky, will it?" Eventually, Zhu Lang thought of the dangers and asked Duan Ling Tian carefully.

"I've no idea if it's risky at the moment. After all, until now, nobody knows what the test is about apart from Master City Governor himself," Duan Ling Tian said honestly.

Zhu Lang frowned hearing that.

"You consider it... If you're unwilling to go, I'll just look for someone else. I heard from Master City Governor that the points we obtain from the test tomorrow can be traded into Merit Points," Duan Ling Tian said, "One point for a hundred Merit Points."

"One point for a hundred Merit Points?" Zhu Lang's eyes flew wide while he had a surprised expression on his face upon hearing what Duan Ling Tian said.

He knew very well what Merit Points were.

It was considered the currency in the City Governor's Estate for one to study Saint Grade Martial Tactics and even purchase Human Rank Primitive Saint Weapons as well as Saint Grade Pills.

"Duan Ling Tian, I do! I do!" Zhu Lang panicked seeing Duan Ling Tian about to leave. He was scared that Duan Ling Tian would really look for someone else to replace him.

He knew that this was a golden opportunity for him.

"Hmm, see you tomorrow." Duan Ling Tian nodded at Zhu Lang and informed him before returning to cottage No. 6.

There was nothing to prepare for the test tomorrow.

Duan Ling Tian entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to continue cultivating the defensive technique Aerolite Strike in Colossal Aerolite Arrow. He was not far away from breaking through to the next stage for Aerolite Strike now.

Meanwhile, a conversation took place below the high platform in the Latent Dragon Camp.

“Hu Jie, did your distant cousin brother ask you to join the test with him tomorrow?” Zhu Lang squinted with a smirk while asking Hu Jie.

“Test?” Hu Jie frowned. “What test?”

“What? Didn’t your distant cousin brother from the New South Town tell you about it?” Zhu Lang asked in astonishment. “Tomorrow, Master City Governor will give a test in order to recruit disciples from the Thirteen Gangsters. The test allows any two people of the Thirteen Gangsters to team up, but they’ll have to bring a normal Latent Dragon Camp member along with them.”

“Duan Ling Tian teamed up with Guo Li and invited me to join. By then, I’ll be able to get a third of the points our team obtains. One point can trade a hundred Merit Points!” A charming smile crossed his face as he spoke while joy filled his face.

On the other hand, Hu Ji’s face turned solemn.

At that moment, it would be dumb for him not to realize that Zhu Lang was bragging in front of him on purpose.

However, he could not say anything about it.

“Hmph! I’ll go ask my cousin Zheng Jian!” Hu Jie scoffed and jumped onto the high platform. He went for Zheng Jian who was in cottage No. 5.

The smile on Zhu Lang’s face was even wider seeing Hu Jie’s reaction. He felt fulfilled and high-spirited. Since he had achieved his goal, he returned to his broken cottage to cultivate diligently.

Zheng Jian walked out of cottage No. 5 after opening the door and he frowned at the person standing outside. “Hu Jie? Anything?”

“Cousin Zheng Jian, I heard Master City Governor’s giving a test to recruit disciples tomorrow,” Hu Jie enquired as he flashed a flattering smile on his face.

“Hmm.” Zheng Jian nodded lightly, seeming to ignore his distant cousin.

“Cousin Zheng Jian, I heard that all of you will have to bring a Latent Dragon Camp member if you want to team up. The Latent Camp member will then obtain a certain portion of the points that can be traded for a massive amount of Merit Points. Is that true?” Hu Jie asked in anticipation.

“Who did you hear that from?” Zheng Jian frowned and asked in his deep voice.

“I heard it from Zhu Lang. Duan Ling Tian is teaming up with Guo Li and they’re bringing him along,” Hu Jie said while feeling a pang of jealousy.

“Duan Ling Tian’s teaming up with Guo Li?” Zheng Jian’s face turned solemn at the moment while disdain revealed itself on his lips. “It seems like that Duan Ling Tian has zero confidence in himself. He’s just a piece of trash!”

To him, Duan Ling Tian’s decision to do that was purely giving up on himself.

Although Guo Li was also a Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator and they would have a powerful ability if she were to team up with Duan Ling Tian, she was still not as powerful as Duan Ling Tian!

Moreover, they would have to bring a burden with them and share their points with the burden.

By then, the points Duan Ling Tian obtained would definitely be lesser than the points he could obtain on his own.

Therefore, he thought Duan Ling Tian lacked confidence and had come up with such a decision just to please Guo Li.

“Hmm?” Hu Jie did not understand what Zheng Jian said at all. “Cousin, why do you say that?”

“Hmph!” Zheng Jian scoffed, “Master City Governor will take two people who’ve obtained the most points as his disciples in the test tomorrow. People who are confident in their own abilities won’t team up with anyone.”

“It’s reasonable if teaming up doesn’t require bringing a burden and sharing points with the burden. Now, the thing is that we must bring a burden along and share our points if we’re teaming up. Only idiots would team up with anyone,” Zheng Jian said.

Hu Jie was surprised to hear what Zheng Jian said, but it seemed to make sense.

Putting himself in Zheng Jian’s shoes, he would not team up with others either.

What kind of joke was that!?

Bringing a burden along was such a headache. Furthermore, they had to share their points as well?

“I see. But that Zhu Lang’s in such great luck. Even if Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li don’t manage to become Master City Governor’s disciples, he’ll obtain quite some points as well!” Hu Jie’s face turned completely solemn as he spoke, “By then, Zhu Lang will get a third of the points.”

Zhu Lang and he were always competing with each other back when they were in Storm Town.

Naturally, he was unwilling for Zhu Lang to step on his head when they were in the Latent Dragon Camp. Therefore, his heart was filled with jealousy now. The jealousy was directed at Zhu Lang.

“He’ll only obtain the points if he survived.” Zheng Jian grinned. “I’ll kill Duan Ling Tian as soon as I have the opportunity to in the test tomorrow. Zhu Lang’s your foe, so I’ll kill him for you too.”

“Thank you, Cousin.” Hearing what Zheng Jian said, Hu Jie was elated while the jealousy he had for Zhu Lang evaporated.

“Zhu Lang, even if you’re lucky enough to obtain points, you won’t be alive to spend the Merit Points,” Hu Jie thought to himself solemnly.

A day passed by in the blink of an eye.

The next morning, the leader of the 36 Guardians of the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s Estate, the Heavenly Leader Guardian appeared again.

At that moment, apart from the Thirteen Gangsters’ leader, Ling Yun, the remaining twelve of them left their cottages one after another and bowed to the Heavenly Leader Guardian respectfully.

“Let’s go!” As soon as the Heavenly Leader Guardian commanded them, the twelve of the Thirteen Gangsters followed behind him.

“Zhu Lang!” Zhu Lang caught up to them as Duan Ling Tian called out to him.

“Hmm?” Zhu Lang caught up to them, stunning the Heavenly Leader Guardian and many of the others. They had no idea why he was following them.

“It’s Duan Ling Tian who asked me to follow you,” Zhu Lang said slightly timidly while the Heavenly Leader Guardian stared at him.

“Duan Ling Tian?” At that moment, not only the Heavenly Leader Guardian but everyone else stared at Duan Ling Tian one after another.

“Duan Ling Tian’s bringing a Latent Dragon Camp member to participate in the test given by Master City Governor?”

“Is he teaming up with someone else?”

“Is he crazy? Teaming up with another person would mean bringing a burden with him and sharing points equally with the burden.”

Chapter 1399: The Test Began

Everyone, including the Heavenly Leader Guardian, guessed why Duan Ling Tian asked Zhu Lang to leave the Latent Dragon Camp together.

“Duan Ling Tian, are you really planning to work with someone else to get through the Master City Governor’s test?” The Heavenly Leader Guardian looked toward Duan Ling Tian and asked with a frown.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“You...” The Heavenly Leader Guardian wanted to say that he was silly, but in the end, he did not say that in front of all those people. Instead, he conveyed through True Energy Voice Transmission, “Duan Ling Tian, you’re silly!”

“With your strength, it isn’t impossible for you to be the Master City Governor’s disciple if you go through the test yourself. You’re destroying your own future by joining hands with others!” As the Heavenly Leader Guardian spoke, his tone was filled with exasperation.

Duan Ling Tian smiled but did not say anything.

What could he say at a time like this?

Should he say that he had no interest in becoming the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City?

If he did, it would definitely cause an outrage. He had no doubts about that.

Just when many people were talking about it, a loud voice reverberated and hushed the crowd while all of them looked towards the source of the voice. "Duan Ling Tian, it seems only you and Guo Li chose to cooperate among all of us. As such, I'll congratulate you first and hope that you and Guo Li can get the first place and become the Master City Governor's disciples together."

At once, everyone discovered that the person who spoke was Zheng Jian who ranked No. 5 among the Thirteen Gangsters.

Many people were shocked.

It turned out that the person Duan Ling Tian was going to cooperate with was Guo Li.

Currently, although Zheng Jian was congratulating Duan Ling Tian, it was clear to everyone who could hear that Zheng Jian was simply gloating.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not seem to hear the undertone of Zheng Jian words as he responded faintly, "I'm counting on that."

At once, Zheng Jian felt that he brought contempt upon himself and stopped talking after a snort.

When Hou Lin and Zhang Ji Long knew that Duan Ling Tian was cooperating with Guo Li, a sneer manifested on their faces. They felt that Duan Ling Tian was shooting himself in his foot.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're too impulsive." Jin Yuan Bao who ranked No. 3 among the Thirteen Gangsters could not help but send a True Energy Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. "With your strength, if you don't cooperate with Guo Li, it shouldn't be hard for you to become the Master City Governor's disciple."

"Instead, you..." Before Jin Yuan Bao could finish his sentence, he was interrupted by Duan Ling Tian, "Each to their own."

Duan Ling Tian knew what Jin Yuan Bao was going to say next. He wanted to say that he was digging his own grave by cooperating with Guo Li.

Listening to Duan Ling Tian's words, Jin Yuan Bao shook his head and said no more.

Soon, the Heavenly Leader Guardian brought Duan Ling Tian and the rest along to meet up with the City Governor of Mound Hill City. However, the City Governor was alone; his disciple, Su Qi, was missing.

Obviously, he did not come along with the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Duan Ling Tian turned back to look at the Mound Hill City which was lying there like a behemoth and thought to himself, 'Is the test located outside the city?'

He and the twelve others were brought here to meet up with the City Governor of Mound Hill City by the Heavenly Leader Guardian. Since they were out of the city, he was fairly certain that the test was located outside Mound Hill City.

“Let’s go!” Shortly after that, Duan Ling Tian and the rest including the Heavenly Leader Guardian stepped into the air under the orders of the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

They followed behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City and flew into the distance.

The members of the Latent Dragon Camp could not fly in Mound Hill City. Now that they had left the city, they felt like the sky was unlimited for birds to fly at ease as the ocean was boundless for fish to leap at will.

“Where are we going?” Duan Ling Tian’s heart was filled with doubts after they flew north for a quarter of an hour and had yet to arrive at their destination.

Just as Duan Ling Tian was feeling puzzled, the voice of the City Governor of Mound Hill City announced in a timely manner, “We’re here.”

‘We’re here?’ Duan Ling Tian was stunned and then he looked around and realized that he had arrived above a valley. Was the test here?

The Mound Hill City City Governor’s landing answered Duan Ling Tian’s question.

At that time, other people had also regained their senses. “We’re here!”

“No... Is the test happening where even the birds don’t shit?”

“I really don’t know what the test will turn out to be.”

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Amongst the discussion, the group of people caught up with the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

They followed behind the City Governor of Mound Hill City and landed outside the mouth of a valley.

When Duan Ling Tian was looking from the outside, he found out that this valley only had one other exit apart from the exit in the air. The other exit was the one before them.

“That’s...” With a closer look, he saw that the exit was guarded by two middle-aged men who wore silver armor.

They were dressed in almost exactly the same armor as the supervisor of the Latent Dragon Camp, the Heavenly Harm Guardian.

‘This type of silver armor... Could they also belong to the 36 Guardians?’ Duan Ling Tian secretly guessed in awe.

“Master City Governor!” Duan Ling Tian was still speculating when the two middle-aged men clad in silver armor stepped forward and bowed to the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

“Master City Governor!” At the same time, Duan Ling Tian heard a couple more voices coming from the sky.

He looked up and saw two other figures clad in silver armor floating in the air and bowing respectfully towards the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Duan Ling Tian looked towards the Heavenly Leader Guardian and realized that there were some changes on his face.

‘It seems the four of them really belong to the 36 Guardians... I just don’t know which guardians they are. Besides, what secret does this valley hold for it to be guarded by four guardians?’ As Duan Ling Tian’s thoughts flowed, he was filled with curiosity.

Four people guarded the mouth of this valley before them, but there was no one in the sky above the valley.

He had noticed that earlier on.

‘Besides... Our group didn’t go near the sky above the valley. Is there a Flight Prohibiting Formation in this valley too?’ After thinking about it, Duan Ling Tian could not help but guess.

It was the City Governor of Mound Hill City who had brought them to the valley. If they needed to enter the valley, why not enter it from the sky?

Moreover, the mouth of the valley was guarded by four people who seemed to be from the 36 Guardians.

Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou!

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Before Duan Ling Tian could react, he heard a series of wind whistling behind him which made his expression change.

“Master City Governor!” It was not until the voices greeted in unison at a deafening volume that he reacted and looked towards the sound.

In Duan Ling Tian’s line of sight, there were more than ten people clad in silver armor. They were either middle-aged men or youthful men.

Their appearance not only scared Duan Ling Tian but also the others among the Thirteen Gangsters and Zhu Lang.

‘Are all of them from the 36 Guardians?’ The corner of Duan Ling Tian’s mouth twitched.

He could see that the silver armor on them was exactly the same with the silver armor of the four people guarding the valley and the supervisor of the Latent Dragon Camp, the Heavenly Harm Guardian.

“You don’t seem to be one of the Thirteen Gangsters.” Without knowing when the eyes of the City Governor landed on Zhu Lang as he pointed out.

“Greetings to Master City Governor.”

In front of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, Zhu Lang seemed somewhat restrained. “I’m a member of the Latent Dragon Camp who was invited by Duan Ling Tian and Guo Li. They plan to work together and bring me along.”

“A cooperation?” City Governor of Mound Hill City immediately looked towards Duan Ling Tian after hearing Zhu Lang’s words. In the depth of his eyes, an unnoticeable but complex glint flashed.

His thought was similar to the others; he felt that Duan Ling Tian was digging his own grave.

However, the City Governor of Mound Hill City quickly recovered and he glanced at the group. “This valley is where you’ll be tested. Inside, there’s a Flight Prohibiting Formation, so you won’t be able to fly in it.”

‘Indeed!’ The Mound Hill City City Governor’s first sentence proved Duan Ling Tian right.

“Now, there used to be a group of vicious bandits inside the valley. Those bandits were captured by the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City but they’ve yet to be dealt with.” The City Governor continued, “Today, they are your prey. You’ll be rewarded with corresponding points by hunting them.”

“Killing bandits with different a cultivation base will give you different points. For example, killing Early Mortal Shedding Stage bandits will only earn you one point.”

“Killing Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage bandits will earn you three points. Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage bandits will earn you seven points, and Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage bandits will earn you 20 points,” declared the City Governor of Mound Hill City in one breath.

Hua!

There was an uproar after they heard what the City Governor of Mound Hill City said.

“Mortal... There are Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage bandits?” Many people’s faces darkened as they felt diffident; some even had the intention of retreating.

“Are Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage bandits worth so many points?” Duan Ling Tian was also shocked.

Killing a Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage bandit would be almost equivalent to killing three Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage bandits.

Then, Duan Ling Tian also noticed that everyone else seemed very worried.

As for the reason for their anxiety, it was not hard for him to guess. It was none other than worrying about the dangers ahead.

After all, there were powerful bandits in this valley who had stepped into the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage.

If they met them, would they definitely die?

“Everyone and every group will be followed by one of my 36 Guardians. They’ll follow you and record the points you’ve obtained.”

The City Governor of Mound Hill City seemed to notice everyone’s concern and continued, “In addition to recording your points, they’ll also guarantee your safety. Once they interfere and save you, you’ll be eliminated! However, the points you’ve accumulated previously will still count.

“Now go.”

After saying that, the City Governor of Mound Hill City looked towards the entrance of the valley in front of them. “Remember this... This place is the only exit of the valley which has a Flight Prohibiting Formation.”

“Let’s go!” Duan Ling Tian was the first to come back to his senses and he called out to Guo Li and Zhu Lang to enter the valley with him.

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Seeing Duan Ling Tian and the two others take the lead to enter the valley, two of the middle-aged men in silver armor followed suit whilst the others finally regained their senses.

‘With the protection of the 36 Guardians, we won’t have to worry about dying.’ At that moment, they did not have any hesitation.

“Hmph!” Zheng Jian’s eyes gleamed with an icy flash. Then, he flew into the valley whilst swearing in his heart, ‘Duan Ling Tian, consider yourself lucky!’

He knew that it was impossible for him to kill Duan Ling Tian during the test with the 36 Guardians in the dark.

After Zheng Jian entered, another middle-aged man in silver armor caught up with him.

After knowing that there would be no danger, the others also took turns and entered the valley in front of them.

After Duan Ling Tian entered the valley, he looked up and realized that the valley was surrounded by steep cliffs. It was almost impossible to climb out of it when they could not fly.

“In such an environment, with the Flight Prohibiting Formation, it must have been impossible for the bandits to escape.” Now, Duan Ling Tian finally understood why there was no one else guarding the rest of the valley. They were not afraid that the bandits inside would escape.

The whole valley only had one exit which was guarded by several of the 36 Guardians, so the bandits would not dare to escape.

Now, with the City Governor of Mound Hill City and the leader of the 36 Guardians, the Heavenly Leader Guardian, there, the entire valley was like an airtight iron bucket.

The group of bandits had ultimately become their prey.

Naturally, whether this group of hunters could deal with the prey or not would depend on their abilities.

“This valley doesn’t look big from the outside, but after entering it, it’s not that small either.”

Duan Ling Tian, Guo Li, and Zhu Lang trekked through the jungle while muttering to one another. “The valley is covered with jungle and greenery. Those bandits have most likely found a place to hide. I’m afraid it’ll take some effort to find them.”

“We could take turns to explore with our spiritual energy,” Guo Li suggested.

“Explore with spiritual energy?”

When Duan Ling Tian heard Guo Li’s words, his eyes lit up but then he seemed to have thought of something and rejected Guo Li’s suggestion. “There’s no need for that.”

“There’s no need for that?” Duan Ling Tian’s words stunned Guo Li and Zhu Lang.

After that, they noticed that Duan Ling Tian slowed down before coming to a stop.

They also halted after seeing that.

Just when they looked at each other in confusion, they realized that Duan Ling Tian had jumped up to a big tree beside and called out to them, “Guo Li, Zhu Lang, come up here.”

Guo Li and Zhu Lang followed suit and jumped up.

“The higher you stand, the further you’ll see! Duan Ling Tian, this is quite a good lookout point,” Zhu Lang commented with a smile.

“Although we’ll be able to see further by traveling through the trees in the valley, it’ll be extremely hard for us to discover them if the bandits are hidden under the tree on the ground,” Guo Li pointed out with a frown.

Hua! Hua! Hua!

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However, once she finished her sentence, she realized that Duan Ling Tian had already moved. He jumped onto another tree as if he had transformed into an agile monkey, traveling on the top of the trees.

“Let’s keep up.” Zhu Lang followed after saying that.

Watching him, Guo Li could only smile bitterly and then catch up. She doubted that Duan Ling Tian had heard what she said.

In fact, he did not hear what she said. His attention was completely attracted to the front.

Sou! Sou! Sou!

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While traveling, the Sun Shooting Bow appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hands. His eyes stared straight ahead while a black whirlpool slowly started twirling in his left pupil.

The Strange Pupil!

In that instance, the vision in his left eye was extremely clear.

Every tree, every branch, every leaf were captured in his sight and were well-defined.

"Hmm?" After traveling like that for a dozen breaths, Duan Ling Tian's eyes suddenly brightened. As he lifted his arm, True Energy formed an arrow and nocked the arrow onto the Sun Shooting Bow.

Boinggg!

The bowstring vibrated as Duan Ling Tian drew the bow.

Even though he had broken through to the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage now and was no weaker than a Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage when he fully exerted himself, he still could not really draw the bowstring which was made from the veins of a Five-clawed Devil Dragon.

"Huh?"

Duan Ling Tian's action of nocking the arrow was observed by Guo Li and Zhu Lang who were following him closely. There was a slight tremor in their hearts. "Did he find a target?"

Qiang!

When they discovered what he was doing, the True Energy arrow in Duan Ling Tian's hand instantly left the Sun Shooting Bow and transformed into an arrow mark before disappearing in the air.

At the same time, a figure collapsed to the ground around 100 meters away.

The person who had collapsed to the ground was a middle-aged man whose face was covered in grime. There was a bloody wound on his head from which fresh blood still dripped. He was totally silent and very much dead.

When the middle-aged man dropped to the ground, the expressions of the two other middle-aged men nearby changed dramatically. "People from the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City are here!"

At once, the two men panicked and tried to hide by utilizing their movement technique.

Xiu!

Just as they moved, another True Energy arrow shot across the sky and killed one of them.

The other one lived and hid behind a tree.

The trunk of that tree was so thick that it would require two grown men to encircle it.

"What a terrifying archer!" The middle-aged man who hid behind the tree was gasping for air continuously, his expression extremely dismal.

In just the blink of an eye, two of his companions had been killed.

From the beginning to the end, he merely saw two arrows flash past.

“Did the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City throw us into this valley just to play with us?” The middle-aged man’s face was filled with anger as he felt extremely humiliated. His eyes were bloodshot, but in the depths of them, they were laced with a deep sense of helplessness.

Xiu!

Another short-lived whistle came and made the middle-aged man changed his expression dramatically as his heart skipped a beat.

‘Oh no!’

In the next moment, he felt a sharp pain in his abdomen. When he looked down, he saw that his abdomen had been pierced. Following that, his consciousness became blurry and erratic.

Hu!

At the same time, a purple figure appeared next to the tree and looked at the swaying middle-aged man indifferently.

However, the middle-aged man did not seem to notice him.

Hu! Hu!

Then, Guo Li and Zhu Lang caught up and were shocked when they saw the scene before them.

Oh, God!

Duan Ling Tian had made three shots and managed to kill two bandits whilst severely injuring one!

Besides that, this last bandit had even hidden behind a tree which was so thick that it would require two grown men to hug it.

“That’s... The Hemlock Tree!” Zhu Lang gasped in surprise. He immediately recognized the tree in front of them, the tree which had a hole in its thick trunk.

The Hemlock Tree was a special kind of tree in Dao Martial Saint Land. and it was extremely tough.

As for the tree before him, it was impossible for an ordinary Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage martial artist to pierce through it with an arrow. Nevertheless, now, Duan Ling Tian had done so.

Not only did he pierce through it, but he had also severely wounded the middle-aged man who was hiding behind it.

The middle-aged man struggled for a bit before eventually falling down and breathing his last breath.

“How many points are these three bandits worth?” Duan Ling Tian calmly spoke as if he was asking someone.

Hu! Hu!

When Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence, the two middle-aged men in silver armor who followed them into the valley appeared like two ghosts.

“Two Early Mortal Shedding Stage and an Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage... That’s five points in total,” one of the middle-aged men reported with a blank face.

“Five points only?” Duan Ling Tian frowned and then jump upwards again to land on the tree next to him and continued traveling on the treetops.

Guo Li and Zhu Lang followed.

“He seems to be Duan Ling Tian.” The middle-aged man, who had spoken with a blank face earlier, left a mark on the three dead bandits after Duan Ling Tian and the two others left. After that, he caught up with them again.

“He is indeed promising... That’s why the Master City Governor and the Eldest Brother value him so much.” The other middle-aged man followed. The two of them rapidly traveled through the trees and trailed behind Duan Ling Tian and the others from a distance.

In addition to recording the results, their duties included protecting the trio. Therefore, they would not allow them to leave their sight.

With the Strange Pupil, Duan Ling Tian always initiated the attacks and managed to kill the bandits before they even reacted, leaving a trail of dead bodies behind.

“It’s a real bargain for us to be following Duan Ling Tian.” Guo Li and Zhu Lang, who were behind Duan Ling Tian, looked at each other in the eye and smiled bitterly in unison.

From the moment they entered the valley up till now, they did not make any move. However, there were a lot of bandits who died in front of them. They were all killed by Duan Ling Tian.

“Dammit! Why are they all dead?” Not far behind, Zheng Jian coincidentally took the same route as Duan Ling Tian and the two others. He walked carefully all the way but all he saw were dead bodies after dead bodies.

At once, he also felt that something was not right.

“No! I have to change direction.” At that time, he finally realized that and continued on in a different direction.

It did not take long before he finally met a bandit. This bandit was very weak, at least to him, so he killed him instantly in a move.

“Early Mortal Shedding Stage. Only one point.” Zheng Jian continued traveling after a frown.

At the same time, in addition to Duan Ling Tian and the two of them, Zheng Jian and the ten others were also searching the entire valley in detail. One after another, the bandits died at their hands.

No matter how big the valley was, there was an end to it.

Duan Ling Tian’s group was the first to arrive at the jungle at the center of the valley.

“Huh?” Duan Ling Tian’s Strange Pupil suddenly shrank as another bandit appeared in the vision of his left eye. The bandit stood there, appearing to be waiting for something.

With a smirk at the corner of Duan Ling Tian’s mouth, he shot another arrow.

Xiu!

The arrow shot across the sky so quickly that it was terrifying.

“Oh no!” At the same time, the bandit that he locked onto seemed to discover something as his expression changed dramatically.