

SOVEREIGN 1411

Chapter 1411: Duelling Ling Yun

After Duan Ling Tian listened to the City Governor of Mound Hill City's explanation, he gained a new understanding of Saint Grade Martial Tactics' moves.

It should be noted that the Saint Grade Martial Tactic he learned in the past was through saint tokens. The things he learned was rigid and far less vivid compared to what the City Governor of Mound Hill City had described.

'No wonder so many people still want to find a master even though there are saint tokens in the Dao Martial Saint Land... Finding a master is more than just looking for protection, it's also to enhance their strength,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian was not in a rush to return to the Latent Dragon Camp. He stayed at the City Governor of Mound Hill City's manor instead.

There was nothing lacking in the City Governor of Mound Hill City's manor. Moreover, it had a better cultivation environment compared to the Latent Dragon Camp.

According to Jin Yuan Bao's words, he did not want to return to the Latent Dragon Camp anymore after staying here for a few days.

One day, the City Governor of Mound Hill City summoned Duan Ling Tian and the other three before him and said, "Today, the four of you will spar in front of me... The strong are revered in the Dao Martial Saint Land, so your seniority will be ranked according to your strength."

Among them, apart from Jin Yuan Bao who had addressed Duan Ling Tian and Ling Yun as Senior Brother, the others did not address anyone as Senior Brother nor did they refer to themselves as Junior Brother.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City had discovered this and planned to rank their seniority today.

"Master, let me go first... If Xiong Hu can defeat me, I'm willing to be the youngest Junior Brother." Jin Yuan Bao took the lead and volunteered.

"Very well." The City Governor of Mound Hill City nodded and stood at the side with Duan Ling Tian and Ling Yun as they watched Jin Yuan Bao and Xiong Hu who were about to fight.

"Jin Yuan Bao, you're still the same. Always unwilling to submit to me." Xiong Hu was not surprised Jin Yuan Bao wanted to challenge him. He looked at Jin Yuan Bao with a dignified expression, ready to react if Jin Yuan Bao were to attack.

Although he ranked before Jin Yuan Bao in the Latent Dragon Camp's Thirteen Gangsters, he was not much stronger than him.

Every time, they would only know the outcome of the battle after a hundred moves.

After Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage, he discovered something... Even without utilizing the Strange Pupil, he could still clearly see Jin Yuan Bao and Xiong Hu's movements.

'It seems that because I've broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage, apart from my body becoming stronger, all my organs are also different from ordinary Martial Cultivators at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage,' Duan Ling Tian speculated inwardly.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian could not think of another explanation.

Jin Yuan Bao and Xiong Hu fought fiercely, going back and forth... Duan Ling Tian felt a little sleepy as he continued to watch the battle that was evenly matched.

Duan Ling Tian only woke up a hundred moves later when Jin Yuan Bao fell to a disadvantageous position.

Xiong Hu finally defeated Jin Yuan Bao after another thirty moves.

"It's about 130 moves again." Jin Yuan Bao wiped the bloodstains at the corner of his mouth as he frowned.

"Two more moves compare to the previous time."

Xiong Hu smiled faintly and said, "Junior Brother Jin, shouldn't you address me as your Senior Brother now?"

"Senior Brother Xiong." Although Jin Yuan Bao was a bit reluctant, he was not shameless. He addressed Xiong Hu as Senior Brother before he stood to the side.

Regardless if it were Duan Ling Tian, Ling Yun or the City Governor of Mound Hill City, no one was surprised by the result.

After Xiong Hu consumed a Two Star Healing Medicinal Pill that the City Governor of Mound Hill City had thrown him, he quickly recovered to his top form... Then, his eyes immediately shifted to Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, I know I'm no match for Ling Yun... We'll spar now. If you win, I'll address you as Senior Brother. If I win, you..." Xiong Hu looked at Duan Ling Tian.

However, Duan Ling Tian interrupted him before he could finish his sentence. "If you win, I'll also address you as Senior Brother."

"Good! How direct!" Xiong Hu grinned when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "Come here then."

Under the eyes of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, Ling Yun, and Jin Yuan Bao, Duan Ling Tian stepped forward. Moments later, he stood unmoving like a mountain in front of Xiong Hu as they prepared to battle.

Jin Yuan Bao looked at Xiong Hu with a hint of pity in his eyes.

In his opinion, Xiong Hu was merely a little bit stronger than he was, and he himself knew that he was not as strong as Duan Ling Tian. It was impossible for Xiong Hu to be a match for Duan Ling Tian. He could already envision the scene of Xiong Hu being defeated by Duan Ling Tian.

However, what happened next was beyond his expectation... It was not just him, even the City Governor of Mound Hill City and Ling Yun were surprised as well.

Under their watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian stood still for a long time.

Finally, Xiong Hu attacked first.

Although Xiong Hu was ranked no.2 among the Thirteen Gangsters, he did not dare to let his guard down around Duan Ling Tian since even Jin Yuan Bao acknowledged he was not as good as him.

When he attacked, he unleashed his strength without holding back.

However, he was still blasted away by Duan Ling Tian who had suddenly disappeared from his sight even though he had unleashed his full strength.

The moment before he was blasted away, he only saw a flash in front of his eyes before Duan Ling Tian appeared just a stone throw away in front of him.

In just a split second, Duan Ling Tian's fist landed on his body.

That punch made his body tremble, and he flew out like a shot arrow. Duan Ling Tian's fist felt like a sledgehammer falling on his chest and internal organs.

After the clouds and mist drifted across the sky, Xiong Hu finally fell to the ground in an embarrassing manner. It was an obvious defeat.

Silence.

The entire place was deadly silent.

Xiong Hu's dull breathing was the only thing that was audible.

"Impressive!" When Jin Yuan Bao regained his senses, he gave a thumbs up to Duan Ling Tian. 'No wonder Senior Brother Duan is a prodigious Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent. He's so strong that he's comparable to an ordinary Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage.'

Although Jin Yuan Bao remained calm outwardly, he was deeply shocked in his heart.

Although he had confidence in Duan Ling Tian, he thought he would need a few more moves to defeat Xiong Hu... Who would have thought that Xiong Hu would be defeated in just one move?

This granted him insight into Duan Ling Tian's strength. This matter really shocked him.

'This... Is he really just a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage?' Jin Yuan Bao exclaimed inwardly in disbelief.

Ling Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian solemnly.

Earlier, he saw everything clearly when Duan Ling Tian had attacked. At this moment, he even thought that Duan Ling Tian's speed was not much slower than his.

He knew Duan Ling Tian was able to defeat enemies with higher cultivation base than him even though he was only at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage. However, he did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so strong.

Even Xiong Hu who was at the peak of the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage could not endure more than one move.

"Mast... Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage?" The City Governor of Mound Hill City had checked Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base with the Spiritual Secret Tactic. He could not help but gasp inwardly. It was like tens of thousands of horses were running through his mind. It took him a while before he finally recovered.

It had not been that long, but Duan Ling Tian had made another breakthrough again?

The City Governor of Mound Hill City only managed to gradually calm himself down after he took a few deep breaths. Although he was shocked, he did not say anything.

As the City Governor of Mound Hill City, naturally, he knew what should be said and what should be done.

He did not doubt that if news of Duan Ling Tian's consecutive breakthroughs within such a short span of time spread out, he would definitely become a prime target... If the matter reached that point, it would not be good for Duan Ling Tian.

This was because everyone, including him, thought Duan Ling Tian was hiding some huge secret since he managed to break through two levels in such a short time. Naturally, there might be other reasons, but others would not think so.

People would rather err on the side of caution. They would rather kill than to let someone go!

That was the rule of conduct for greedy people.

Therefore, in order to protect Duan Ling Tian, he kept quiet even though he was extremely shocked... As long as he remained silent, Ling Yun and the others would not find out that Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage.

In their eyes, Duan Ling Tian was still a terrifying Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage.

'When he was at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, he was already able to defeat most of the Martial Cultivators at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage... Now that he has broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage, I'm afraid that even Ling Yun won't be able to contend with him,' the City Governor of Mound Hill City thought to himself.

At the same time, he was in a good mood because he felt that he had obtained a treasure.

"Senior Brother Duan." After Xiong Hu consumed a Healing Medicinal Pill and caught his breath, he stood up slowly. He looked at Duan Ling Tian with respect and admiration in his eyes.

He submitted to Duan Ling Tian from the bottom of his heart... The purple-clad young man had sent him flying and defeated him in just a move.

Since the other party had addressed him as Senior Brother, naturally, Duan Ling Tian had to show a bit of concern. He asked with a smile, "Are you alright?"

His eyes fell on Ling Yun after he ascertained that Xiong Hu was fine.

"You're very strong."

Ling Yun stepped forward and looked at Duan Ling Tian solemnly. "Previously, I didn't think I would be wary of facing a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator."

"You're not weak either," Duan Ling Tian replied calmly.

"Duan Ling Tian!" At this moment, the City Governor of Mound Hill City's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears in a timely manner through True Energy Voice Transmission, "Don't expose your cultivation base at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage so easily."

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised the City Governor of Mound Hill City knew about his breakthrough since he had sensed his Spiritual Energy sweeping over him. It made him feel like he was completely seen through when he was defeating Xiong Hu.

It was then he knew the City Governor of Mound Hill City had doubts about his cultivation base and had used the Spiritual Secret Tactic to check his cultivation base.

However, Duan Ling Tian could hear a trace of anxiousness in the City Governor of Mound Hill City's voice. This surprised him.

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'It seems like teacher does care for me.'

'It's obvious he gave me a reminder because he didn't want too many people to know I've broken through again... Truth be told, it hasn't been that long since I've broken through to the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage.'

'If news of my current breakthrough to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage spreads out, it might cause unnecessary trouble... After all, the speed of my breakthroughs is just too outrageous.' Duan Ling Tian understood the City Governor of Mound Hill City's good intention. He felt a sense of warmth.

If he was a bit insincere when he addressed the City Governor of Mound Hill City as Teacher earlier, then now, he truly treated the City Governor of Mound Hill City as his teacher.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City was the second person whom Duan Ling Tian sincerely regarded as his teacher ever since his arrival in this world.

As for the first person, it was Cloud Continent's Sima Chang Feng.

Sima Chang Feng used to be the Dean of Crimson Sky Kingdom's Paladin Academy. Duan Ling Tian had relocated it to the Ling Tian Sect before he left the Overseas Saint Islands.

Duan Ling Tian had always regarded Sima Chang Feng as his teacher even though he was currently millions of times stronger than Sima Chang Feng. This was not because he had taught him a lot of things. On the contrary, he barely taught him anything. He respected Sima Chang Feng because he had helped him many times previously. He would never forget his kindness.

Currently, the City Governor of Mound Hill City's position in Duan Ling Tian's heart had risen substantially even though it was still not comparable to Sima Chang Feng.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're an honorable opponent," Ling Yun stared at Duan Ling Tian and said solemnly, "If you're an ordinary Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, I wouldn't bother using my sword. In fact, most Martial Cultivators at the of the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage are not even worthy of me using my sword."

"I'll have to use my sword in our battle... However, I'll allow you to attack first. I'll give you a head start since you're just a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage," Ling Yun said, as his face heated up from embarrassment.

With his cultivation base at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, even if he did not make the first move during the battle against a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, he still had the unfair advantage when he used his sword. Therefore, he felt a little embarrassed. However, he had no choice but to do that.

He would not have cared if it was just an ordinary Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage. However, this Duan Ling Tian had defeated Xiong Hu who was ranked no.2 among the Thirteen Gangsters in just one move. He was strong enough that Ling Yun had to treat him with caution.

"Are you certain you want me to make the first move?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Ling Yun calmly.

"Yes." Ling Yun nodded.

Was that a joke?

He already had an unfair advantage of fighting a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage even though his own cultivation base was at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage... How embarrassing would it be if he insisted on making the first move?

"You'll regret this," Duan Ling Tian said as he stared intently at Ling Yun.

"I, Ling Yun, never regret anything," Ling Yun said slowly as his eyes glinted.

Duan Ling Tian smiled so widely that he managed to creep Ling Yun out.

Following that, under the watchful eyes of Ling Yun and the others, a layer of silver luster shone on Duan Ling Tian's body. It was as though he was wearing a silver coat.

“Silver Shirt!” The City Governor of Mound Hill City’s eyes lit up when he saw the silver luster on the surface of Duan Ling Tian’s skin. It was obvious he recognized the defensive move Duan Ling Tian was using.

Then again, the Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic that contained the Silver Shirt was one of the Saint Grade Martial Tactics available in the Merit Pavilion of the City Governor’s Estate. As the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he naturally knew that.

After Duan Ling Tian cast the Silver Shirt, he raised his left hand, and the Sun Shooting Bow appeared.

Subsequently, True Energy shot out from his right hand and condensed into an arrow, and he nocked it on the Sun Shooting Bow... Duan Ling Tian slightly drew the bowstring that was made from the tendon of a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon and instantly released it.

Xiu!

In just a split second, a solid arrow ray shot out like a meteor shooting across the sky.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian flew out along with it, standing firmly on the arrow ray. The air compressed before it exploded in their wake.

Body and Arrow Synchronization!

Duan Ling Tian was so fast that Xiong Hu and Jin Yuan Bao who were standing at the side could not catch his movements at all.

“So fast!” The City Governor of Mound Hill City’s eyes widened in shock.

Although he knew Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage and was not weaker than a Martial or Dao Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, he did not expect his arrow to be so fast.

‘Even an arrow shot by a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage with his full strength wouldn’t be so fast!’ The City Governor of Mound Hill City’s heart skipped a beat.

“So fast!” As the party involved, Ling Yun regretted his choice as soon as Duan Ling Tian shot the arrow.

Unfortunately, there was no use in crying over spilled milk.

Just as he was about to move to the side, his hands touching the hilt of the sword on his back, he discovered the figure that was still quite a distance away earlier had arrived before him.

Bang!

Before he could even react, Ling Yun was sent flying away by Duan Ling Tian’s punch, similar to Xiong Hu.

Unlike Xiong Hu who had fallen to the ground in an embarrassing manner, Ling Yun managed to land on his feet even though his body swayed, and he was pale. Suddenly, he spat out a mouthful of blood.

He looked as though he had seen a ghost when he looked at Duan Ling Tian again.

Although he had expected Duan Ling Tian's strength to be comparable to an ordinary Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, he did not expect him to be so strong!

Once he made the first move, Ling Yun did not even have to chance to avoid it or draw his sword.

'He... Is he really a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage?' At this moment, Ling Yun truly felt skeptical.

However, he dismissed the thought when he recalled Duan Ling Tian had just broken through to the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage three months ago. It was even confirmed by two Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses using the Spiritual Secret Tactic.

'It's impossible for Duan Ling Tian to break through again in just three months.' Ling Yun was very certain on that.

What a joke!

To break through from the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage in just three months... Even the top prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land was not capable of that.

Even if they had the best resources and cultivation environment, it was just not possible to break through within such a short period of time.

"Good, good!" The City Governor of Mound Hill City stared at Duan Ling Tian with sparkling eyes as the fat on his cheeks jiggled due to his excitement.

Although he had guessed that Duan Ling Tian might defeat Ling Yun after he discovered he had broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage, he did not expect him to defeat him in just one move.

Duan Ling Tian's current strength had surpassed the old Su Qi.

Xiong Hu and Jin Yuan Bao were simply dumbfounded. They stood rooted to their spots, and it took them a while before they regained their senses.

Although they knew Duan Ling Tian was strong, they did not expect him to be so strong... He had the advantage by striking first, and he defeated Ling Yun before he even had time to react.

"He defeated Senior Brother Ling Yun with one move... Does this mean Duan Ling Tian's stronger than Senior Brother Su Qi?" Jin Yuan Bao muttered after gasping.

"Yes. Even Senior Brother Su Qi needed three moves to defeat Senior Brother Ling Yun." Xiong Hu nodded.

Both Xiong Hu and Jin Yuan Bao genuinely submitted to Su Qi's strength.

'Sure enough... If I use the Silver Shirt, along with the strength of my physical body, and I fully unleash my strength, it'll surpass someone at the peak of the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage.' Earlier, Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat Ling Yun instantly because he had the advantage of striking first and had unleashed almost all his strength.

'With my current strength, I might be able to fight a Martial or Dao Cultivator who had just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage! Naturally, it'll still be quite difficult for me to win.' Duan Ling Tian was aware of his own strength in this regard.

The Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage was not comparable to the Paramount Shedding Stage.

"If it's the old Su Qi, he wouldn't be a match for Duan Ling Tian indeed... However, Su Qi has just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage just half a month ago," the City Governor of Mound Hill City said with a smile when he heard Jin Yuan Bao and Xiong Hu's words.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City's words froze Ling Yun, Xiong Hu, and Jin Yuan Bao. "Senior Brother Su Qi has broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage?"

"He broke through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage before he turned forty... Oh, God! What kind of innate talent is that?"

"Having such innate talent, he can be considered as a first-rate monstrous prodigy even in the Moon Illumination Sect. He'll be valued by the top official in the Moon Illumination Sect and they'll even train him vigorously."

Xiong Hu and Jin Yuan Bao felt a little envious as they discussed this.

"Su Qi has broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

Similar to him, Su Qi was also a Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent.

As a Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent, even if he had just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage, his strength was not comparable to an ordinary person at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage who was native to the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Duan Ling Tian thought about it and honestly felt he was not confident fighting Su Qi who had just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage.

"Speaking of the Moon Illumination Sect... In six months' time, the Moon Illumination Sect will open its doors to recruit new disciples. At that time, the Eighteen Cities, including us, will send our best disciples there."

The City Governor of Mound Hill City said, "Among the four of you, Duan Ling Tian and Ling Yun will definitely pass the Moon Illumination Sect's test and join them... Xiong Hu, Jin Yuan Bao, it's not impossible for both of you if you manage to improve within the next six months."

Moon Illumination Sect was a powerful sect that controlled the Eighteen Cities, including Mound Hill City. It was a seventh-rate force that also controlled a grade-seven Saint Stones reserve.

Even the City Governor of Mound Hill City was a known disciple of the Moon Illumination Sect.

"In order to amaze the world with a single feat during the entrance exam of the Moon Illumination Sect, Su Qi has gone into closed-door cultivation recently. He's preparing to cultivate three moves from a Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic to the Impeccable Stage," the City Governor of Mound Hill City said as he looked at the four of them.

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Duan Ling Tian and his companions were shocked after listening to the City Governor of Mound Hill City's words.

Would he be able to cultivate three different moves from a Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic to the Impeccable Stage?

It was important to note that the Impeccable Stage was the fifth and highest stage of a move in Saint Grade Martial Tactics.

Su Qi wanted to cultivate all three different moves to the highest stage?

All three of them knew without a doubt that the three moves were the offensive move, defensive move, and movement move... However, they did not think Su Qi would be so ambitious.

Only Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this.

This was because Duan Ling Tian was also cultivating a Human Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic art. Furthermore, the Human Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic he was cultivating was not a run-of-the-mill Human Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

The Human Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic he was cultivating had a very powerful defensive move that was comparable to the defensive move of an Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

Only Saint Stage powerhouses were able to cultivate Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactics. Therefore, as long as he was able to successfully cultivate that defensive move, his defense would be impenetrable to anyone beneath the Saint Stage. As long as he used his True Energy and that defensive move, no one among his peers, regardless if they were a Martial Cultivator or a Dao Cultivator, could penetrate his defense.

One could imagine how powerful a move it was to be able to compare to an Earth Rank Saint Grade martial move.

As long as one cultivated any one of the moves in the Colossal Aerolite Arrow until the Competent Stage, it would be comparable to a move at the Impeccable Stage of a Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic. That was the difference between the Saint Grade Martial Tactics.

Therefore, Duan Ling Tian was not surprised Su Qi planned to cultivate three different Human Rank Mediocre moves to the Impeccable Stage.

"Who would've thought that the Moon Illumination Sect's entrance exam will be held in half a year's time."

Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

He had heard Guo Li talked about the Moon Illumination Sect previously. She also mentioned the relations between the Moon Illumination Sect and the eighteen cities...Therefore, he was only surprised the entrance exam would be held in six months' time.

“Duan Ling Tian, you’re even more talented than Su Qi...Work hard! I believe you’ll achieve amazing things in the Moon Illumination Sect in the future.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City communicated with Duan Ling Tian through True Energy Voice Transmission. He was very confident about Duan Ling Tian’s ability.

“Yes, teacher! I will work even harder.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Duan Ling Tian was more sincere now when he addressed the City Governor of Mound Hill City as Teacher.

“Ok.” The City Governor of Mound Hill City nodded with a smile. He was very confident and optimistic about Duan Ling Tian.

“I wish to leave the City Governor’s estate for some personal matters, Teacher,” Duan Ling Tian said to the City Governor of Mound Hill City when he was about to return to his chambers in the evening.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City approved his request wordlessly.

Duan Ling Tian left the estate as the sun slowly set in the horizon, holding a small jade tablet that was just given to him by the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City gathered Ling Yun and the other two people after Duan Ling Tian left the estate.

“Three of you... don’t spread the news about Duan Ling Tian’s strength. Do you understand?” The City Governor of Mound Hill City said solemnly to Ling Yun and the other two people.

If a tree was taller than the canopy, strong winds would definitely destroy it... He did not dare to be careless since there was still more than half a year before the entrance exam of Moon Illumination Sect.

Naturally, he was not worried that anyone would give Duan Ling Tian a hard time in Mound Hill City.

That would be the joke of the century!

If any accident happened to the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City in Mound Hill City, then he should just find tofu and use it to kill himself.

The competition between the eighteen cities managed by the Moon Illumination Sect was extremely fierce. He was worried about the seventeen cities. If they knew another genius, apart from Su Qi, had appeared, it was very likely the seventeen cities would try and sabotage them.

He had to take precaution. It was easy to avoid a direct attack, but it was hard to defend against schemes.

“Yes.”

Although three of them were unaware of the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s worries, all of them still agreed without any hesitation.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City nodded in satisfaction.

After Ling Yun and the other two returned to their rooms, the City Governor of Mound Hill City smiled. "I didn't expect to meet another peerless genius after Su Qi."

Peerless genius!

This was his appraisal of Duan Ling Tian.

He did not even say that about Su Qi.

It was obvious he thought Duan Ling Tian was even more talented than Su Qi.

After Duan Ling Tian showed the jade tablet at the entrance of the City Governor's Estate, the guards respectfully saluted him. They were only at ease after he left the gates of the City Governor's Estate.

The jade tablet was given to him by the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

"Mound Hill Order...He's Young Master Su Qi, the pride of the City Governor?" One of the guards mumbled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian's silhouette.

Mound Hill Order was a representation of the City Governor. There was only two Mound Hill Order in the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City... One of it was in the City Governor's possession, and the other was awarded to his favorite disciple, Su Qi.

"I've seen Lord Su Qi. That's not him." The other guard shook his head.

"He's one of the four new disciples that Lord City Governor recruited, Duan Ling Tian! However, he shouldn't be stronger than Ling Yun, the leader of the Thirteen Gangster in the Latent Dragon Camp?"

"How come Lord City Governor gave will him the precious Mound Hill Order instead of giving it to Ling Yun? I don't understand, I don't understand."

One of the guards who recognized Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

"I heard he's from the Mortal Continent...I remember Young Master Su Qi is also from the Mortal Continent. It seems Lord City Governor loves to assist genius martial cultivators from the Mortal Continents."

Another guard speculated.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of the commotion the jade tablet in his hand had caused.

Although he received the jade tablet from the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he did not know the significance of the jade tablet. All the City Governor told him was he could move freely through the gates of the City Governor's Estate as long as he wore the jade tablet.

Duan Ling Tian went to the Captain of the City Guards, Hong Yu's home immediately after leaving the City Governor's Estate to look for the little girl, Sze Sze.

"Big brother, big brother..."

The little girl immediately leaped on Duan Ling Tian when she saw him. She looked very cute with her rosy cheeks.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the little girl dotingly and asked, "Sze Sze, did you miss your big brother?"

"Yes."

The little girl nodded like a chick pecking on grains. "Sze Sze misses big brother very much. I even dreamed of big brother yesterday."

"Really?"

Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile, "What was I doing in your dream?"

"I dreamed big brother brought Sze Sze flying in the sky... We flew very high, far higher than the time big brother Hong Yu brought me flying," the little girl said as she tried to demonstrate the height with her hands.

"Big brother Hong Yu brought you flying?"

Duan Ling Tian laughed and said, "You haven't been naughty, have you, Sze Sze?"

"No, Sze Sze's very obedient ... If you don't believe me, you can ask big sister," the little girl said as she looked at the beautiful woman standing at the side. She was Hong Yu's wife.

"Yes, Sze Sze's very obedient," Hong Yu's wife said as she looked at the little girl dotingly.

"Sorry for troubling you during this period of time, sister-in-law."

Duan Ling Tian looked at Hong Yu's wife and smiled. He retrieved a spatial ring before passing it to her. He said, "This is for you, sister-in-law."

"This is ..."

However, Hong Yu's wife did not accept it.

"There are 1,000 eighth-grade Saint Stones in there for you and big brother Hong Yu to use," Duan Ling Tian said.

1,000 eighth-grade Saint Stones!

Hong Yu's wife was shocked when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Although Hong Yu was the Captain of the City Guards, his salary was merely forty grade-eight Saint Stones... Hong Yu needed to save two years' of salary before he would be able to save 1,000 grade-eight Saint Stones.

"Please put it away, Brother Ling Tian! Please!" When Hong Yu's wife finally understood Duan Ling Tian's intention, she refused the spatial ring he had given her.

"Take it, sister-in-law."

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled. "This is a little thank you gift."

“Brother Ling Tian, since you are my husband’s brother then you’re not an outsider. You don’t need to regard yourself as an outsider...If I accept your Saint Stones, my husband will definitely be upset.” Hong Yu’s wife continued to refuse. She was extremely unwilling to accept Duan Ling Tian’s Saint Stones.

“If you really insist on giving it, please give it directly to Hong Yu,” Hong Yu’s wife said after seeing how insistent Duan Ling Tian was.

Duan Ling Tian forced a smile on his face, he knew that was the only way.

After Sze Sze went to play with Hong Yu’s son, Duan Ling Tian look at Hong Yu’s wife and asked, “Sister-in-law, did Big Brother Hong discover anything regarding Sze Sze’s background?”

“No.”

Hong Yu’s wife shook her head and said, “He went to investigate based on what you said and managed to confirm that the people that trafficked Sze Sze are outsiders. They stayed in Mound Hill City for just a day before disappearing.”

Duan Ling Tian sighed after listening to Hong Yu’s wife.

Although Duan Ling Tian knew it was almost impossible to find out the little girl’s background, he still felt disappointed when he heard the news.

On the second floor of an insignificant inn in Mound Hill City. Three men were gathered in a corner room. A youth, a middle-aged man, and an old man.

Both the middle-aged man and the old man was focused on the young man standing before them.

“Uncle Qiang, Elder Lin, Duan Ling Tian finally left the City Governor’s Estate,” the young said excitedly to the other two people as his eyes gleamed with killing intent.

If Duan Ling Tian was around, he would definitely recognize this young man. It was none other than Zheng Jian who was thrown into the manure pit after he was defeated.

Zheng Jian was ranked fifth among the Thirteen Gangsters, but he was expelled from both the City Governor’s estate and the Latent Dragon Camp due to him accidentally killing his distant cousin, Hu Jie.

Chapter 1414: Zheng Clan’s Revenge

That night, Hong Yu was also surprised when he saw Duan Ling Tian the moment he returned home.

“Brother Ling Tian, it has been quite some time since we last met up... I heard you’ve become the disciple of Lord City Governor. As your older brother, I’d like to congratulate you. Tonight, let’s not return until we’re drunk!” Hong Yu was smiling widely. He dragged Duan Ling Tian along, and they drank till late at night until they were completely drunk

Naturally, only Hong Yu was drunk.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not use his True Energy to expel the alcohol from his body, his body was currently even stronger than a five-clawed divine dragon at his level. It was difficult for him to get drunk even if he wanted to.

On the second day, Duan Ling Tian passed the 1,000 eighth-grade Saint Stones that were rejected yesterday to Hong Yu who was finally sober. It caused Hong Yu to turn glum immediately. "Brother Ling Tian, what do you mean by this?"

"Big Brother Hong, I'm indebted to you and your wife for taking care of Sze Sze during this period of time. Just take these Saint Stones as the living expenses for Sze Sze." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Brother Ling Tian, what do you take me for? Since I've acknowledged you as my brother, I, naturally, regard Sze Sze as my own younger sister as well. Hurry up and keep that Saint Stones. Otherwise, don't blame me for severing our relationship!" Hong Yu's face turned even glummer. One could clearly see how displeased he was.

"Big Brother Hong, please don't be angry. I've spoken out of turn." Duan Ling Tian did not expect Hong Yu to react this way. He smiled awkwardly. "In this case, just take these 1,000 eighth-grade Saint Stones as the cultivation fees for my two nephews and Sze Sze. Big Brother Hong, your salary each month is not high. After subtracting the cultivation expenses, daily expenses for you and your wife, as a Beast Tamer, you'll still need to spend a number of Saint Stones on taming wild beasts.

Duan Ling Tian said earnestly when he reached this point, "Big Brother Hong, I don't care what you think, but the kids are at the time when they should be strengthening their foundations now. We shouldn't slack when it comes to this."

Hong Yu turned silent after listening to Duan Ling Tian.

Indeed.

His two kids would start their cultivation soon.

If there was an endless supply of Saint Stones, they could definitely rise to the top in a short time. Previously, he had no Saint Stones so he could only absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy to cultivate.

Although he was the Captain of the City Guards, his monthly salary was only several dozens of eighth-grade Saint Stones. If he was not a Beast Tamer, it might have been enough for his family to survive.

Since he was a Beast Tamer, the money he spent on food for the fierce beasts was quite a lot.

"Big Brother Hong, just accept it. You're my brother, so why do you need to calculate so much with me? Besides, you know that apart from being one of the Thirteen Gangsters, I've also become Lord City Governor's disciple now. I'm not lacking in Saint Stones at all." When Duan Ling Tian saw Hong Yu had remained silent, he knew he was considering the matter now. He seized the opportunity and quickly struck while the iron was hot.

Upon hearing this, Hong Yu remained silent for a while more before he gritted his teeth. "Brother Ling Tian, in that case, I won't reject your offer anymore... However, I hope this is only a one-time thing, and it won't happen again." He had a solemn expression on his face.

“Sure, sure!” Duan Ling Tian agreed without any hesitation. As long as Hong Yu agreed to it, everything would be fine. He could just pass the Saint Stones to Sze Sze next time and ask her to give it to his two little nephews.

Somehow, Duan Ling Tian and Hong Yu’s conversation shifted to Sze Sze’s background.

“Brother Ling Tian, if we can’t obtain any clue about Sze Sze’s background, let her stay with me. My wife and I like her a lot. On top of that, my two little boys seem unwilling to part with her as well,” Hong Yu suggested.

“Alright,” Duan Ling Tian agreed. He knew very well that this was the best option.

The little girl Sze Sze could not constantly remain by his side.

If she stayed in Hong Yu’s house, she would at least have a home. At that time when she had finally grown up and got married, it could be considered as her having a good life.

If she followed him, not only would it be inconvenient, she would encounter danger as well.

After all, his objective was to become a powerhouse who stood at the summit of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Who knew how much danger was waiting for him on this journey. He could not let her risk her life along with him.

In the next few days, Duan Ling Tian did not go anywhere. He only remained in Hong Yu’s house.

During the day, he would accompany the little girl Sze Sze. During the night, he would cultivate in his room.

“I’ll have to leave Mound Hill City six months later to go to the Moon Illumination Sect... Once I leave, I don’t know how long it’ll be before I return.” It was precisely because of this that Duan Ling Tian decided to accompany the little girl Sze Sze.

Tonight, Duan Ling Tian cultivated quietly in his room. To be more precise, he was cultivating on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had transformed into dust and was lying quietly on the bed.

“It’s a success!” It was the sixth day of his stay in Hong Yu’s house, but he had spent nine days on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

During these nine days, he finally managed to cultivate the move from the Saint Grade Martial Tactic Colossal Aerolite Arrow — the Body and Arrow Synchronization — to the Competent Stage.

The Competent Stage was the third stage of the Saint Grade Martial Tactic. It was equivalent to the fifth stage — the Impeccable Stage — of a move from a Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

“Now, my speed is finally up to par... I’m confident I can kill a native of the Dao Martial Saint Land who has just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage!” Duan Ling Tian was brimming with confidence as his eyes shone.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Suddenly, the entire Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda shook without warning. It was as though there was an earthquake.

Before Duan Ling Tian realized what was happening, he was already expelled from the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda by an irresistible force.

After he was expelled from the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of dizziness. This terrible feeling crept up on his body and caused his face to turn extremely grave.

“Who’s that?!” There was no need to think about it, he knew some movement must have disturbed the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Otherwise, it would not expel him for no reason.

“Uncle Qiang, Elder Lin, it’s him! He’s Duan Ling Tian!” Duan Ling Tian’s face turned grave and a murderous intent gleamed in his eyes when a deep voice entered his ears.

The voice sounded kind of familiar.

When Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes and looked at the source of the voice, he immediately saw a familiar figure. “Zheng Jian!”

It was none other than Zheng Jian who was thrown into the manure pit by him and expelled from the Latent Dragon Camp and the City Governor’s estate for accidentally killing Hu Jie.

He used to rank fifth among the Thirteen Gangsters, and he was also a Martial Cultivator at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian also saw another two people. It was a middle-aged man and an old man.

These two were obviously here to support Zheng Jian.

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian instantly activated his Divine Eye. With just one look, he could see through the cultivation base of these two people... One of them was at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, and the other was at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage.

“Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage?” Duan Ling Tian’s face turned glum.

“Wait a minute!” He seemed to have noticed something. “This old man’s cultivation base seems unstable... He has just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage?”

Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief when he noticed this.

If he had just made a breakthrough to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage, Duan Ling Tian was not completely robbed of the chance to win the battle.

“Duan Ling Tian, it’s your fault that I’m expelled from the Latent Dragon Camp. You actually destroyed my future! You’ll definitely die today!” Glaring deadly at Duan Ling Tian, Zheng Jian’s eyes were bloodshot as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. It was as though he itched to just swallow Duan Ling Tian alive.

Judging by the rage in his eyes, one would think Duan Ling Tian had killed his father or stole his wife away.

Duan Ling Tian had already made up his mind after he confirmed the two people's cultivation base. He smirked when he heard Zheng Jian's words. "It's my fault you're expelled from the Latent Dragon Camp? I'm the one who destroyed your future? It seems like you're expelled from the Latent Dragon Camp because you killed your distant cousin, no? You're blaming this incident on me? What a joke!" He stared at Zheng Jian when he finished speaking.

"If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have made such a mistake." The moment Zheng Jian recalled the previous incident, he gnashed his teeth even harder. However, he was embarrassed to recount the incident out loud. It was just too humiliating.

"If I didn't throw you into the manure pit, you wouldn't have made that mistake?" Duan Ling Tian said mockingly.

Although Zheng Jian tried to be vague with his words, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of complying.

"Manure pit?" Whether it was the middle-aged man or the old man, they were both stunned when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. They turned to look at Zhen Jian in unison.

Although they were both from New South Town's Zheng Clan, and they knew the purple-clad young man was the cause of Zheng Jian's expulsion from the Latent Dragon Camp and the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City, they did not hear anything about a manure pit before.

Zheng Jian had been thrown into a manure pit?

Just thinking about it made them feel disgusted as though they had just swallowed a fly. There was a hint of pity in their eyes when they looked at Zheng Jian now. Naturally, they did all these subconsciously.

"Why don't you think about it yourself? If you did not constantly provoke me and issued a challenge, would you be thrown into a manure pit by me and accidentally killed Hu Jie?" Duan Ling Tian continued to mock him. Zheng Jian's body was trembling violently from anger.

"Uncle Qiang, Elder Lin, kill him! Kill him!" Zheng Jian roared, his eyes were bloodshot.

"Zheng Qiang, it's his fault that the strongest person among the youngest generation of the Zheng Clan from New South Town is expelled from the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City. Due to this reason, he has committed an unforgivable crime! If you kill him, you'll be considered as successfully avenging our clan considered," the old man said coldly as he glared at Duan Ling Tian with an equally cold gaze.

Based on his words, it seemed like he did not intend to personally make a move. Perhaps, he did not think the purple-clad young man was not worthy of him personally making a move.

"Yes, Elder Lin." Zheng Qiang, the middle-aged man, nodded and glared at Duan Ling Tian coldly. "Boy, atone for your actions in your next life, okay? Not everyone can afford to pick a fight with the Zheng Clan of New South Town."

“I’m the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City. Aren’t you afraid the City Governor of Mound Hill City will annihilate the Zheng Clan if you kill me?” Duan Ling Tian’s gaze was sharp as he glanced at Zheng Qiang, Zheng Lin, and Zheng Jian.

“Duan Ling Tian, who will know Zheng Clan killed you if you die here? Aren’t you strong? I’d like to see how many moves you can evade from Uncle Qiang who’s a powerhouse at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage,” Zheng Jian mocked arrogantly.

Chapter 1415: Battling With a Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage Powerhouse!

“In this case, is your Zheng Clan trying to seek death?” Duan Ling Tian asked nonchalantly as he narrowed his eyes.

From the very beginning, Duan Ling Tian’s expression did not change at all. Although he was just told that the person who was going to attack him was a Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, his expression remained calm.

This caused Zheng Lin’s heart to sink.

For a moment, he even felt that there had to be someone protecting Duan Ling Tian in the dark for him to be so daring. However, he soon dismissed this thought.

According to Zheng Jian, there was nobody next to Duan Ling Tian ever since he left Mound Hill City... On top of that, the reason they did not make their move for so long was so they could observe him for a few days. They only decided to make a move after they ascertained that no one was protecting him in the dark.

After all, if the news of them killing the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City spread out, a calamity would fall on the entire Zheng Clan of New South Town.

The City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City estate was an eighth-rate force. It was easy for them to annihilate a ninth-rate force like the Zheng Clan.

“Unless he has a Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse protecting him, and he’s hiding in the sky that’s why we didn’t notice him. However, this is highly unlikely!” Zheng Lin made up his mind when he thought of this.

There were not many Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses even in the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City.

In his opinion, even if Duan Ling Tian was the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, it was not enough for the City Governor to dispatch a Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse just to protect him in the dark.

“Duan Ling Tian, stop deceiving us! Today, no matter how calm your facade is and no matter what you say, you’re still going to die!” Zheng Jian smirked. “From the moment you became my enemy, your destiny’s already set in stones! You’ll die without a doubt! Even after you’ve become the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, you still can’t change your fate!”

When he reached the end of his sentence, jealousy and hatred could be seen in his eyes. He was jealous and hated Duan Ling Tian for being able to become a disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

On the other hand, not only did Zheng Jian fail to become the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he was actually expelled from the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City!

He wanted Duan Ling Tian to die! Only then would he be able to vent his anger and regain the balance in his mind.

"So what if you're the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City? You'll still die in my New South Town's Zheng Clan's hands anyway." Zheng Jian's eyes were filled with disdain when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"You look down on me?" Duan Ling Tian smiled brilliantly when he saw Zheng Jian's gaze. "Zheng Jian, you've suffered a defeat at my hands, and yet you still have the audacity to look at me like that? Looks like the lesson you were taught previously is not enough, huh?"

The moment his words left his mouth, he was already charging toward Zheng Jian without giving Zheng Qian time to react.

Zheng Jian did not expect Duan Ling Tian to make a move on him. His expression immediately turned horrified.

"You're looking for death!" Zheng Qiang snarled loudly. It was as though he had transformed into a bolt of lightning when he charged at Duan Ling Tian at a speed that was much faster than Duan Ling Tian.

With the speed that Duan Ling Tian was currently using, by the time he arrived before Zheng Jian, Zheng Qiang had arrived in a timely manner to block his attack.

This was why Zheng Lin, the Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage, did not make a move at all and merely watched coldly from the sidelines.

"Is he really just a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage? Based on his speed, he's on par with most Martial Cultivators at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage. However, he's still a little too inexperienced to try and kill someone in front of Zheng Qiang," Zheng Lin smirked inwardly as he watched coldly from the side.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived in front of Zheng Jian, Zheng Qiang had indeed made it in time. He positioned himself between Duan Ling Tian and Zheng Jian and blocked his attack.

Zheng Jian who was so shocked to the point that he began to break out in cold sweat shouted at the top of his lungs, "Uncle Qiang, kill him!"

"Idiot!" A smile crept up on the corner of Duan Ling Tian's mouth when he saw Zheng Qiang had appeared in front of Zheng Jian. It was a smile that indicated his plan had succeeded.

When Zheng Qiang saw this smile, his heart jolted and was filled with an ominous feeling.

He was about to dismiss the ominous feeling when he noticed Duan Ling Tian who was standing before him had taken out a tattered bow with just a raise of his hand.

Sound of Death!

Along with the loud and cacophonous clang that resonated in the air, a solidified True Energy light blade swept out. It looked like a death scepter when it forcibly beheaded Zheng Qiang.

Zheng Qiang's eyes were still wide open, watching as he was severed from the other half of his body before his consciousness began to fade.

From the beginning until the end, he did not even have a chance to make his move at all.

However, this was not the end.

After the True Energy light blade that was similar to a death scepter beheaded Zheng Qiang, it continued to sweep out and beheaded Zheng Jian as well.

With just one move, he managed to kill two people.

All of these happened in just a blink of an eye. It was so fast that even Zheng Lin could not react in time.

In Zheng Lin's view, when Zheng Qiang appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian, his big head had already left his body in just a blink of an eye... It was the same for Zheng Jian.

"You're seeking death!" Zheng Lin snarled as soon as he regained his senses. His robes began to flutter even though there was no wind. His hair band had also snapped causing it to flutter as well, looking like snakes writhing in the air.

Meanwhile, a powerful aura rose from his body. It was as though he had transformed into a mountain as he charged at Duan Ling Tian.

"He has only broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage and is still unstable... Hmmm, this is a good chance for me to practice my skills!" Duan Ling Tian was not afraid of Zheng Lin who was charging at him in a frenzy. Instead, his eyes had immediately brightened.

At the same time, the 52 Saint Veins in his body guided the True Energy in his Qi Sea and covered his entire body in just a second, activating the Silver Shirt immediately.

At this instant, Duan Ling Tian's entire body seemed as though it was covered with a silver shirt, and his aura began to change as well.

Duan Ling Tian did not intend to take advantage of the furious Zheng Lin who had thrown a punch over.

"Good timing!" Duan Ling Tian charged toward him excitedly. He punched out as well to gain an advantage by striking only after the enemy had struck. It was as though it had transformed into a cannonball guided by True Energy as it clashed violently with Zheng Lin's punch.

This punch had contained Duan Ling Tian's full strength.

After casting the Silver Shirt, his brute strength became even more appalling, and the True Energy that was carried by the 52 Saint Veins completely exploded at this moment.

A punch against a punch. Before the punches even met, a series of ear-piercing sounds of air detonation reverberated thunderously in the air.

Bang!

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian's punch finally collided with Zheng Lin's punch.

"Do you think that you can fight with me, Zheng Lin, just because you're able to kill Zheng Qiang? You overestimate yourself too much!" At that instant when their punches met, a smile filled disdain bloomed on Zheng Lin's face.

However, the smile on his face immediately froze in the next moment.

As the two punches collided, a loud bang suddenly resonated in the air. A strong airwave swept out and turned many of the accessories in the room into powder. Even the door and windows were blasted open.

"Brother Ling Tian!" Naturally, the huge commotion had drawn Hong Yu over.

When he arrived, he saw Duan Ling Tian locked in a stalemate with an old man.... Although Duan Ling Tian's face was pale, the old man looked even more wretched. He was vomiting blood non-stop.

"I-Impossible! Impossible!" Zheng Lin raised his head and looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief.

He did not use any Saint Weapon and neither did his opponent.

Yet, in such a condition, he was thwarted by his opponent even though he was the one who had struck first to gain the upper hand. Moreover, he noticed his opponent had only suffered minor injuries even though he was grievously injured.

He could not accept this!

Was Duan Ling Tian not Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage? Did he not only have strength on par with a Martial Cultivator at the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage?

Not only did he manage to kill Zheng Qiang who was at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage, but he was even able to suppress him.

"Nothing's impossible." Duan Ling Tian smirked. A hint of excitement gleamed in the depth of his eyes.

It did not cross his mind that he could really defeat a Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage heads-on when he unleashed his full strength.

Although it was obvious his opponent had just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage recently, it was still the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage. Its strength was not something even people at the peak of the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage could compare to.

"Don't be so happy yet! I didn't use any Saint Weapon earlier!" Zheng Lin had recovered a little after consuming a Healing Medicinal Pill. His aura instantly changed when he raised a full moon machete in his hand. A sharp aura rose on his body immediately.

“You didn’t use any Saint Weapon, but I did?” Duan Ling Tian snorted before he lifted the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand.

A man who had been defeated by him without the use of any Saint Weapon was trying to defeat him using a Saint Weapon? Did that person really think the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand was just a decoration?

Zheng Lin’s face turned extremely grave when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words and saw the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand.

He finally remembered Duan Ling Tian did not use any Saint Weapon as well earlier.

A sense of helplessness rose in his heart at this moment.

“Duan Ling Tian, since you’re fine, and there are already two casualties in my New South Town’s Zheng Clan, let’s just call it a draw between you and my New South Town’s Zheng Clan. From today onward, let’s not interfere with each other, what do you think?” Zheng Lin asked with a sudden change of expression on his face when he realized it would be difficult for him to kill Duan Ling Tian.

“Let’s call it a draw? Let’s not interfere with each other anymore?” Duan Ling Tian laughed mockingly. “Do you think this is possible? Today, if I were a little weaker, would you have been willing to call it a draw and left me alone?”

Bang!

With a speed as fast as a bolt of lightning — even Duan Ling Tian did not expect this to happen too — Zheng Lin stomped on the ground and relied on the force to fly away instantly. His speed was so fast that he was not inferior to Duan Ling Tian who had yet to make a breakthrough in his movement technique.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, Zheng Lin had already swept out of the window, and his figure was already disappearing in the night sky.

“Trying to flee?” Duan Ling Tian smirked. With a raise of his hand, he took out an arrow and shot it out, ready to give chase using his movement technique, Body and Arrow Synchronization... With the help of the Body and Arrow Synchronization, which he had recently broken through, he was confident he could catch up to Zheng Lin.

However, an afterimage appeared in his left eye and entered the house. His attention immediately shifted to that person.

The newcomer showed himself, and Duan Ling Tian saw a handsome middle-aged man with an impressive bearing.

At this moment, the middle-aged man was holding Zheng Lin in his hand as though he was an eagle holding on to a little chick.

Chapter 1416: The Annihilation Of The Zheng Clan

“Who are you?” Being held by the middle-aged man, Zheng Lin’s soul was almost trembling with fright. He did not manage to flee for long before he was powerlessly seized by this person.

This person’s strength far surpassed his. He must be at the peak of the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage at least.

However, the middle-aged man did not bother with him. Instead, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and smiled. “Duan Ling Tian, I’ll leave this person for you to deal with.”

The moment his words left his mouth, the middle-aged man casually threw Zheng Lin toward Duan Ling Tian.

When Zheng Lin was thrown by the middle-aged man, he tried to use the same tactic to escape again when he was momentarily freed from the restraint.

However, would he be able to do that?

Swish!

A horrifying sound reverberated in the sky as a solidified True Energy light blade swept out and sliced Zheng Lin’s neck powerfully, instantly beheading him.

The Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage who was brimming with energy just a moment ago had died without any chance of resurrection.

Zheng Lin’s head rolled to the side of the wall as blood trailed after it. It stopped by the wall, its eyes were still laced with panic.

Gasp!

This scene made Hong Yu gasped in shock. At the same time, he saw the remains of another two bodies that had also been severed into two.

“Brother Ling Tian, are you okay?” Hong Yu looked at Duan Ling Tian worriedly. If something happened to his brother in his house, he would not be able to live in peace for the rest of his life.

“I’m okay.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled at Hong Yu before looking at the middle-aged man who was smiling as he stared at him. “Thank you for lending me a hand, senior. I wonder, who are you?”

“No wonder Lord City Governor thinks so highly of you. You’re indeed remarkable.” The middle-aged man smiled.

“Y-You’re teacher’s follower?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked when the light bulb came on in his mind. Curious, he asked, “Could it be that you’re actually one of the 36 Guardians under Teacher’s command, senior?”

Duan Ling Tian did not activate his Divine Eye in front of this middle-aged man. This was because the feeling he had facing the middle-aged man was more or less the same feeling he had when he was faced with his teacher and the Heavenly Leader Guardian.

Whether it was his teacher or the Heavenly Leader Guardian, both were Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses.

“You’re smart.” The middle-aged man smiled. “I’m ranked second among the 36 Guardians under Lord City Governor’s command.”

“Heavenly Strength Guardian?” Duan Ling Tian gasped. He did not think his guess would be correct. This person was indeed one of the 36 Guardians under his teacher’s command. Moreover, he was actually the Heavenly Strength Guardian who was ranked second.

In the 36 Heavenly Stars, the Heavenly Leader was the first while the Heavenly Strength was second.

“I’ve already sent a report to Lord City Governor regarding the incident tonight... The New South Town’s Zheng Clan will not be able to escape this time,” Heavenly Strength Guardian said nonchalantly as though he was talking about some unimportant matter.

To him, annihilating the entire Zheng Clan was easy. Only him alone was enough to raise havoc in the Zheng Clan and cut off all their chances to turn things around.

“I think, even Lord City Governor doesn’t know you’re capable of forcing a Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage powerhouse to flee right?” The Heavenly Strength Guardian studied Duan Ling Tian from top to bottom curiously.

When Duan Ling Tian had just entered the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City, he had already heard of Duan Ling Tian. Initially, he did not give it much thought, but ultimately, he had no choice but to pay attention to him.

Just a few days ago, Lord City Governor even ordered him to personally protect Duan Ling Tian in the dark when he left the City Governor’s Estate.

At this moment, he realized how highly Lord City Governor regarded Duan Ling Tian.

He was protecting Duan Ling Tian in the dark from the sky so he had already seen the movement of the three Zheng Clan’s members.

Originally, he thought he would have to make the move, but it did not cross his mind that Duan Ling Tian would be able to kill two of the Zheng Clan’s members with his own power and even force the Zheng Clan’s Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage to flee.

He knew very well that Duan Ling Tian would definitely be able to catch up to Zheng Lin.

He had made his move because he wanted to get to know Duan Ling Tian — this young genius who would enter the Moon Illumination Sect in six months’ time. This young man was officially even more dazzling than Su Qi.

“P- Paramount M-Mortal Shedding Stage?” Hong Yu who was in a daze exclaimed out loud when he heard the Heavenly Strength Guardian’s words. His gaze instantly shifted to Zheng Lin’s head.

“T-This is a Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage?” Hong Yu was completely bewildered. Disbelief was written on his face when he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian again.

“He was merely a Martial Cultivator who had just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage so his foundation was not very stable. If it wasn’t because of this, I wouldn’t have been able to defeat him,” Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head. His words, naturally, were regarded as humble by Hong Yu and the Heavenly Strength Guardian.

“I’m Hong Yu, the Captain of the City Guards. My respect to you, Lord Heavenly Strength Guardian!” Hong Yu paid his respect to the Heavenly Strength Guardian as he suppressed the astonishment in his heart.

“You’re Hong Yu the Captain of the City Guards? I’ve heard of you... Indeed, you’re not bad.” After protecting Duan Ling Tian for a few days in the dark, the Heavenly Strength Guardian also found out Duan Ling Tian had quite a good relationship with Hong Yu. Due to this reason, he was courteous toward Hong Yu as well.

He knew Duan Ling Tian was a man who was destined to leave Mound Hill City. His achievements in the future would definitely not be inferior to Lord City Governor.

Due to this reason, he did not dare to be discourteous toward Duan Ling Tian’s friend.

Whoosh!

The Heavenly Strength Guardian raised his hand, and the remains of the three bodies on the floor were taken away by him. After bidding goodbye to Duan Ling Tian and nodding his head to Hong Yu, he left.

There were only Duan Ling Tian and Hong Yu left in the bloody room with its shattered door and windows.

Hong Yu’s gaze was complicated when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Although he knew Duan Ling Tian was a one-of-a-kind genius Martial Cultivator, he did not expect him to be so heaven-defying... As it turned out, even a Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage was no match for him at all.

“Big Brother Hong, I’m sorry I’ll have to trouble you to clean this mess up,” Duan Ling Tian said awkwardly as he glanced at the room.

“It’s alright. I’ll bring you to the other guest room first. As for this place, I’ll ask some servants to clean it up.” After he regained his senses, Hong Yu shook his head and quickly led Duan Ling Tian to another guest room.

From the beginning until the end, his feelings had remained complicated.

What good deed had he done to deserve such a brother?

A bizarre idea suddenly rose in his mind. Should he go to his ancestral graves and check if there was green smoke or not?

Otherwise, why would he have such a fortuitous encounter?

The incident today was only a small matter to Duan Ling Tian.

He knew very well if the New South Town's Zheng Clan succeeded in killing him, everything would be fine. However, if things did not go well, they would have to face the threat of annihilation.

Duan Ling Tian was not affected by this.

This was the law of this world where the strongest thrived. It was the law of the jungle, and it was the survival of the fittest.

If one were a mouse, one should just stay quietly inside one's nest. One should not dream about pulling the cat's whiskers. It would only result in one's death.

In the midnight sky above the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City, two figures flashed across the sky.

After leaving the City Governor's estate, they continued to fly out.

Thirty minutes later, they came to a halt in the sky above a vast town.

"The New South Town?" As two figures descended, a bloody commotion erupted in the big mansion at the corner of this town. The Zheng Clan of the New South Town was completely annihilated just like this.

Before the day dawned, everybody in New South Town was awakened from their dreams.

More than half of New South Town was permeated with the stench of blood.

"My goodness! Who the hell did the Zheng Clan offend? The entire clan was annihilated in just a night!" After the New South Town's people learned that there was not even one survivor from the Zheng Clan, all of them gasped.

After staying a few more days in Hong Yu's house, Duan Ling Tian finally left and returned to the City Governor's Estate.

After returning to the City Governor's Estate, he did not return to the huge mansion where the City Governor of Mound Hill City resided. Instead, he returned to the Latent Dragon Camp to greet Guo Li.

He had decided to stay in the City Governor of Mound Hill City's place to cultivate in the next period of time as he waited for the entrance exam for Moon Illumination Sect.

Duan Ling Tian heard somebody calling him as soon as he entered the Latent Dragon Camp.

"Zhu Lang?" It was none other than Zhu Lang.

"Haha... Duan Ling Tian, did you hear about it? The New South Town's Zheng Clan has been annihilated! What good news!" Zhu Lang announced happily. He appeared to be very delighted.

"New South Town's Zheng Clan? Zheng Jian's clan?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Although he had already predicted this, he was still taken aback. His teacher was a little too efficient.

Duan Ling Tian did not know his teacher was furious upon learning that the New South Town's Zheng Clan's members tried to kill him. He had immediately ordered the Heavenly Leader Guardian and

another Saint Rudiment Stage Revered Elder to head to New South Town to annihilate the entire Zheng Clan.

The people from the surrounding region of Mound Hill City from a ninth-rate force dared to provoke the almighty City Governor of Mound Hill City. How could he possibly suppress his anger?

“Duan Ling Tian, with your innate talent, it’s basically a given that you’ll enter the Moon Illumination Sect after six months... I wonder when we will meet again after you leave.” Guo Li sighed. She had learned he would not be staying in the Latent Dragon Camp during this six months when Duan Ling Tian called her out.

She had come to the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City together with Duan Ling Tian.

However, Duan Ling Tian was about to enter a seventh-rate force but, she had to stay behind and work hard in this eighth-rate force.

“If I have time, I’ll come back and visit you and teacher... Besides, it’s not like you won’t get the opportunity to enter Moon Illumination Sect in the future.” Duan Ling Tian smiled.

He had come here to bid farewell to Guo Li. After all, he would definitely be leaving in a haste after six months. At that time, who knew if Guo Li had entered closed-door cultivation? Due to this reason, he thought it was better to bid her farewell now.

Today, Duan Ling Tian was only trying his luck. He did not know if she was in closed-door cultivation. If she was, he would have no choice but to come back again.

After all, he was not here to challenge Guo Li. If he was here to challenge her, it would not matter if she was in closed-door cultivation or not.

Staring at Duan Ling Tian’s disappearing silhouette, Guo Li’s gaze was extremely complicated. She thought to herself, ‘Guo Li, a man like that is beyond your reach...’

It was apparent Guo Li had already fallen for Duan Ling Tian whom she had only spent several months with.

However, she had hidden her love away.

She could tell Duan Ling Tian only treated her as a good friend.

If she crossed this line between them, who knew, they might not even be able to remain friends. She appreciated this friendship a lot after all.

Chapter 1417: An Intruder with Ill Intention

During this time, apart from listening to the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s explanation about the Martial Dao, Duan Ling Tian spend the remaining time cultivating by himself in his room.

Naturally, he had cultivated in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He did not waste a single second at all.

What was worth mentioning was Su Qi had also moved into the City Governor of Mound Hill City's mansion as well.

When Su Qi just moved in, Xiong Hu was eager to stir up trouble. He tried to create a conflict between Duan Ling Tian and Su Qi, goading them to fight to see who was more suitable to become Great Senior Brother.

However, his plan was quickly thwarted due to the City Governor of Mound Hill City's interference.

"Su Qi is the oldest among all of you. On top of that, he's also the first one to follow me by my side. Theoretically, he should be the Great Senior Brother." The City Governor of Mound Hill City said that because he was worried Su Qi would be defeated by Duan Ling Tian and would not be able to get back up after the fall.

Su Qi had followed him for many years so, naturally, he knew his character very well.

He was wild, intractable, and prideful among his peers.

Sometimes, standing at the top was not necessarily a good thing. If one were to fall from so high up, one's bones might shatter completely.

He was worried Su Qi would be defeated by Duan Ling Tian because he had also learned that Duan Ling Tian had killed a Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage from the Zheng Clan.

Although the City Governor of Mound Hill City managed to put a stop this, Su Qi still managed to catch on to some clues.

"Duan Ling Tian!" After Su Qi discovered his master had deliberately prevented him from having a match with Duan Ling Tian and even talked to him personally about it, his pride received a great blow.

Due to this reason, he directly went and look for Duan Ling Tian.

"Senior Brother Su Qi, is there anything I can help you with?" When Duan Ling Tian walked out after opening his room door, he saw Su Qi standing there with a grave expression. He was instantly confused.

He did not offend Su Qi, did he?

"Duan Ling Tian, I know Master came to you and told you not to have a match with me... Due to this reason, I want to challenge you and prove that my title as Great Senior Brother is not for nothing!" Su Qi announced solemnly.

Initially, when he had met Duan Ling Tian, he did not even enter his eyes.

It was only recently he learned that Duan Ling Tian actually defeated Ling Yun in just one blow. Moreover, his master even though he might not be a match for Duan Ling Tian even though he had already broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage.

This utterly angered him.

The other party was only a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, and he was already a Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage. What was the basis of their comparison?

Naturally, Su Qi did not know Duan Ling Tian had already broken through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage.

Even if he knew, he would not be able to come to terms with it at all.

“Senior Brother Su Qi, did you misunderstand anything? Teacher didn’t come and talk to me. I was the one who acknowledged I’m inferior to you.” Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

Naturally, he would not reveal the things the City Governor of Mound Hill City had told him when he came looking for him.

Although he did not interact much with Su Qi, he could tell that he was a prideful person, and he might not be able to endure the blow of being defeated by him.

In Su Qi’s opinion, he was merely a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage after all.

“No matter what, you and I will have to fight it out today!” Su Qi’s determination was out of Duan Ling Tian’s expectation. In the end, they even alerted the City Governor of Mound Hill City, Ling Yun, Xiong Hu, and Jin Yuan Bao.

“Duan Ling Tian, just have a match with him. He’ll need to face the truth eventually,” the City Governor of Mound Hill City told Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, sighing, “Remember, don’t show any mercy.”

He knew very well if Duan Ling Tian had shown mercy and was seen through by Su Qi, a ‘demon’ would be planted in Su Qi’s heart even if he managed to win.

Although this ‘demon’ was only figurative, it would still exist in real life.

Once the ‘demon’ was planted, it would be hard for Su Qi to break through to the Saint Rudiment Stage, let alone the Saint Stage.

“Yes, Teacher.” Since the City Governor of Mound Hill City had already made his intention clear, Duan Ling Tian had no reason to refuse anymore. To be honest, he also wanted to know just how strong Su Qi really was.

Although he was able to defeat the Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage from the New South Town’s Zheng Clan, it was only because the other party had just broken through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage not long ago, and he was a native of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

As for Su Qi, Duan Ling Tian could see clearly through his Divine Eye that although his cultivation base at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage had not completely stabilized yet, he was still much stronger than that Zheng Lin.

Most importantly, Su Qi was also a genius Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent. That means he had a solid foundation.

Since they were going to have a match, Duan Ling Tian, naturally, would not show any mercy. Even without the City Governor of Mound Hill City's reminder, he would still give his all.

Now that Duan Ling Tian and Su Qi was finally going to fight, the person who was the most excited was none other than Xiong Hu. "Haha... Finally, Senior Brother Su Qi and Duan Ling Tian are going to fight! This combat between a dragon and a tiger is definitely going to be interesting!"

Although Ling Yun and Jin Yuan Bao remained silent, a hint of anticipation could be seen in their eyes.

Standing at the side of the vast mansion, the City Governor of Mound Hill City looked at the two men locked in stalemate and announced, "Let's begin."

Duan Ling Tian and Su Qi who were the main characters of this event made their moves at almost the same time. Both of them were like leopards that charged out at lightning speed when they clashed directly with each other.

Bang!

A thunderous noise reverberated in the air as Duan Ling Tian and Su Qi's punches collided.

A rolling wave swept out tyrannically through the entire place.

It was a good thing the gravitational force in the Dao Martial Saint Land was strong, and the space was stable. Otherwise, these two people's collision would have created an impact wave that was strong enough to sweep out a few hundred meters away at least if they were on Cloud Continent.

Even so, the tyrannical airwave that swept out made the plants in the front courtyard sway violently.

"As expected of a genius Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent." Duan Ling Tian was forced to retreat seven steps by the force of Su Qi's punch. He looked solemnly at Su Qi who was forced to retreat five steps.

He had unleashed all his strength when he punched earlier. Moreover, he had also cast the Silver Shirt. All 52 Saint Veins carried the True Energy out in a flash, and his brute strength had completely exploded.

Even then, he fell to a disadvantageous position although Su Qi did not use any Saint Grade Martial Tactic yet. It might not be obvious, but he had clearly fallen into a disadvantageous position.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian had no choice but to admit that Su Qi, this disciple who was trained by the City Governor of Mound Hill City, was indeed not a simple person... At the very least, he was on a completely different level compared to that man at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage from the Zheng Clan.

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback by Su Qi's strength, but Su Qi was even more taken aback.

"Is this Duan Ling Tian really a Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage? Just a mere Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage, and he's already this strong? If I didn't break through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage, I wouldn't have been able to endure his blow." Su Qi's feelings were in turmoil, and he could not calm down for a very long time.

Duan Ling Tian's strength had completely baffled him.

None of them used any Saint Weapons or Saint Grade Martial Tactics, but his unreserved punch only managed to gain him a slight upper hand.

He was a Martial Cultivator at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage for goodness sake!

The person standing in front of him, on the other hand, was only a mere Martial Cultivator at the Intermediate Mortal Shedding Stage.

"Duan Ling Tian, I heard you possess a bow that's not inferior to a Human Rank Prominent Saint Weapon... Take it out, and let us fight without any reservation using our Saint Grade Martial Tactic!" A narrow saber had already appeared in Su Qi's hand. It was his Saint Weapon that he carried everywhere.

As the disciple of the City Governor of Mound Hill City, naturally, the things he had was not shabby. This narrow saber Saint Weapon was also a Human Rank Prominent Saint Weapon. Its entire body was sparkling with light as though it was a bright moon.

"That's how it should be." Duan Ling Tian had also taken out his Sun Shooting Bow. With the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand, his entire aura seemed to have undergone a transformation. He seemed like a vicious tiger that was baring its fangs.

"Come!" As Su Qi's eyes narrowed, the narrow saber slashed through the sky. Green waves appeared in its wake and charged at Duan Ling Tian.

This slash seemed simple, but it contained a fearsome force.

"If this slash is a technique in the Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic, then it must have been cultivated to the fifth stage, the Impeccable Stage!" Duan Ling Tian could see that Su Qi's slash was not simple. This simple-looking slash that was crisp and neat seemed as though it was capable of shattering the sky.

The technique of this Human Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic that had been cultivated to the fifth stage, the Impeccable Stage, possessed a force so powerful that it was comparable to the Aerolite Strike that Duan Ling Tian had cultivated.

Although the Aerolite Strike was only at the third stage, the Competent Stage, its difficulty was high, and its force was much stronger because it was a technique from a Human Rank Prominent Stage Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

Body And Arrow Synchronization!

In the face of Su Qi's strike that he launched first to gain the upper hand, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to make any mistake. As an arrow soared through the sky, he flew out along with the arrow. He sailed in the air as though he was riding a bird.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

However, Su Qi was not somebody that was easily dealt with. When he saw Duan Ling Tian had dodged his attack, he quickly gave chase as the saber ray that was released by his saber split into three. It was hard to tell whether the saber ray was real or not. Each of them emitted a piercing aura.

“Huh?” A sneer appeared on the corner of Su Qi’s mouth when he thought he would overpower Duan Ling Tian using the three saber rays. Suddenly, he noticed Duan Ling Tian had come to a halt and was looking at the sky in the distant blankly.

“What are you doing?” Su Qi’s expression turned grave. His expression was extremely glum as he put away his saber.

Could it be this Duan Ling Tian was trying to deliberately lose to him?

This made him feel humiliated.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not bother with Su Qi at all. Through his Strange Eye, he saw a figure charging toward the City Governor’s estate at a horrifying speed.

“An intruder!” Duan Ling Tian’s heart jolted immediately. He could instantly smell the scent of danger.

The second person who noticed something was wrong was the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

However, when he realized what was happening, the figure had already appeared in the sky above the City Governor’s estate and above Duan Ling Tian and the others.

“It’s a death penalty for those who trespass into the City Governor’s estate!” At this moment, two figures rose up from the two sides of the large mansion and pounced toward the intruder menacingly like two flashes of lightning.

“Watch out!” Horror dawned on the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

In the next instant, Duan Ling Tian and the others’ expressions turned horrified as well.

Before the two people who had risen in the air managed to get close to the intruder, they were already pressed down by invisible energy. They turned lifeless as soon as they violently crashed on the ground,

Chapter 1418: Zhou Qi From The Moon Illumination Sect

“They’re dead?” Duan Ling Tian gasped as he looked at the two bodies on the ground.

He was familiar with one of the men. It was none other than the leader of the 36 Guardians under the City Governor of Mound Hill City’s command, the Heavenly Harm Guardian. He was also one of the few Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses in Mound Hill City.

The other man was an old man. Although he did not know who he was, he knew he was a Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse as well.

The fact that he was able to fly inside Mound Hill City was more than enough to prove his cultivation base.

However, the two Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses were killed by this intruder with just a blow?

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes were filled with dread when he looked at the intruder again.

He finally had a good look at the intruder. It was a young man wearing a white robe with silver edges. He was handsome, but he had a disdainful smirk on his face as he looked down at them from the sky above.

Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp!

Su Qi, Ling Yun, Xiong Hu, and Jin Yuan Bao also gasped when they regained their senses. They were filled with dread as well when they looked at the white-robed young man.

The two great Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses from the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City could not even defeat this man.

Just how powerful was this person?

When this person made his move earlier, they could not catch his movement at all. It seemed as though he had appeared out of thin air in the sky and suppressed the two great Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses before killing them.

Naturally, they knew it was not this simple. This person must have made a move. However, they were unable to catch his movement due to their low cultivation base.

"Zhou Qi!" At this moment, a thunderous snarl snapped Duan Ling Tian and the other four back to reality.

In the next instant, they saw the City Governor of Mound Hill City's face was filled with a murderous hatred. He stomped loudly on the ground before he shot up into the air. Trenches appeared on the spot where he stood earlier and spread to the ground beneath Duan Ling Tian and the other four.

Before they even realized what was happening, they saw the City Governor of Mound Hill City and that Zhou Qi was already locked in a battle. However, their speed was too fast so none of them could really capture their movements.

Even when Duan Ling Tian activated his Strange Pupil, he could only see two afterimages fighting with each other.

"What's that?" A gust of True Energy had appeared above his teacher and Zhou Qi and transformed into a gigantic hammer when they were battling with their Saint Weapons.

The hammer was solidified from True Energy.

When Duan Ling Tian was still puzzling over how the opponent could split part of his True Energy to do this, the gigantic hammer smashed down toward his teacher.

The sky trembled immediately, and a dull thud sounded. The City Governor of Mound Hill City spat out a mouthful of blood and fell in a wretched manner.

"Teacher!"

"Master!"

Duan Ling Tian and the other four immediately went to hold the City Governor of Mound Hill City who had fallen down.

One could see the City Governor of Mound Hill City's face was completely pale and fresh blood continued to flow from his mouth. A faint dripping noise could be heard as it dripped on the ground non-stop.

"T-True Energy Consolidated Weapon! Y-You've broken through to the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage?" The City Governor of Mound Hill City's eyes were filled with dread when he looked at Zhou Qi.

The Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage?

The moment these words left the City Governor of Mound Hill City's mouth, Duan Ling Tian and the other four were stunned.

The white-clad young man, Zhou Qi, was actually so powerful, and he was at the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage?

"Tsk tsk... Fang Hui, you still didn't improve much just like last time. Looks like you're destined to remain like this for your entire life." Zhou Qi looked down at the City Governor of Mound Hill City. His eyes gleamed with condescension and revealed a pure and unconcealed disdain.

"YOU!" Not only did Zhou Qi grievously injure the City Governor of Mound Hill City, but he even publicly humiliated him. This caused Duan Ling Tian and the other four to become angry.

Although they knew this person was powerful, it was difficult for them to suppress their anger.

The City Governor of Mound Hill City was their respected teacher and master.

When Duan Ling Tian and the other four were about to make their moves, Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City, anxiously stopped them. "All of you are no match for him."

"Fang Hui, why are you stopping them? Are you afraid I'll kill them?" Zhou Qi laughed mockingly.

"Zhou Qi, did you come here just to flaunt your prowess? If it's so, you can leave now... You've completed what you came to do," Fang Hui said in his deep voice after he took a deep breath to suppress his anger and humiliation.

"When it comes to seniority, by right, I should call you Junior Uncle. However, with the gap between our cultivation base, I'm afraid you'll just be embarrassed if I address you as Junior Uncle right?" The smile on Zhou Qi's face widened. His words were all mocking Fang Hui.

"Junior Uncle?" Upon hearing Zhou Qi's words, Duan Ling Tian and the other four were stunned.

"What? You guys are surprised?" When Zhou Qi saw Duan Ling Tian and the other four's expressions, he laughed. "Your Master is my Master's Junior Brother... However, compared to my Master, your Master is useless. He's already this old, and yet, he's still only an outer court deacon of the sect and was sent to manage this tiny Mound Hill City. Tsk Tsk... The Intermediate Saint Rudiment Stage... My dear Junior Uncle, if my memory serves me right, when we first met ten years ago, you were already at the Intermediate Saint Rudiment Stage, and I was merely at the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage. Currently, I've already broken through to the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage, and you're still at the Intermediate Saint Rudiment Stage."

When Zhou Qi reached the end of his sentence, the disdain in his eyes became even more apparent.

“Are you here to humiliate me?” Fang Hui asked in his deep voice as he glared at Zhou Qi coldly.

If he was not severely injured to the point he had lost his ability to fight, he would have made a move. He would rather die than be humiliated.

However, Zhou Qi completely ignored him as he replied indifferently, “I heard you have a disciple from the Mortal Continent, and he’s quite amazing, Junior Uncle Fang Hui. I think he’s called Su Qi or something? I wonder who’s that?” Zhou Qi asked curiously as his eyes swept past Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Upon hearing Zhou Qi’s words, Duan Ling Tian and the other three could not help but turn to look at Su Qi.

This Zhou Qi who came here with ill intention was actually here to look for Su Qi?

What was going on?

“Hurmph!” Su Qi snorted coldly. His gaze was unfriendly when he looked at Zhou Qi.

After confirming Su Qi’s identity, Zhou Qi looked at him. “You’re Su Qi? Not bad! You look like a prodigy! No wonder Master, that old man, is interested in you.”

He nodded his head in satisfaction when he reached the end of his sentence.

The moment Zhou Qi’s words left his mouth, Duan Ling Tian and the other four were stunned.

Based on Zhou Qi’s words, he was here to steal him away?

“Zhou Qi, what do you mean?” Fang Hui asked solemnly.

However, Zhou Qi ignored Fang Hui completely as he smiled at Su Qi. “Su Qi, I, Zhou Qi, am the direct disciple of Elder Liu Huan of the Moon Illumination Sect... My Master, Elder Liu Huan, is interested in taking you as his direct disciple. He’ll let you enter the inner court of the sect directly and become an inner court disciple. You’ll get to enjoy a rich cultivation environment and resources.”

Moon Illumination Sect!

An inner court disciple!

Zhou Qi’s words were like a stone that set off a thousand ripples. It shocked Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Since Duan Ling Tian and the others were going to the Moon Illumination Sect in five months to participate in the assessment, they knew a little about the Moon Illumination Sect’s rules.

The people who passed the assessment and entered the Moon Illumination Sect would only become an outer court disciple of the Moon Illumination Sect.

To become an inner court disciple of the Moon Illumination Sect, one would need to undergo a series of tests and possess a cultivation base at the Early Saint Rudiment Stage at least.

Naturally, some exceptions were made.

It was said that some of the young geniuses who were highly regarded by the Moon Illumination Sect's senior officials would be able to enter the inner court and become an inner court disciple regardless of his cultivation base as long as there was a recommendation from a Moon Illumination Sect's senior official.

Naturally, it had to be a Moon Illumination Sect's senior official who held real power.

For example, Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City, was an outer court deacon who was sent outside. Although he could also be considered as a Moon Illumination Sect's senior official, he did not hold much clout in the Moon Illumination Sect.

In the Moon Illumination Sect, his identity was even considered inferior to many of the inner court disciples.

At this moment, this Zhou Qi actually said his master — Elder Liu Huan or something — intended to take Su Qi as his direct disciple?

On top of that, he was going to let Su Qi enter the inner court of Moon Illumination Sect directly?

Duan Ling Tian, Xiong Hu, Ling Yun, and Jin Yuan Bao looked at Su Qi instantly, trying to gauge his reaction. Would he choose to betray and follow another master? Or would he reject this?

However, if he rejected this, it was highly likely that his outcome would be bad.

Based on how Zhou Qi killed the two Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses the moment he arrived at the City Governor's Estate, one could easily see he was not a kind person.

"It's that traitor, Liu Huan, who asked you to come?" Fang Hui asked through gritted teeth. His eyes were as wide as saucers as he glared at Zhou Qi. His body began to tremble from anger. He was so angry that he was on the verge of snapping.

Slap!

A crisp sound resonated in the air. Zhou Qi had slapped him at lightning speed, leaving a palm print on the side of Fang Hui's face.

"Teacher!" Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian. He instantly raised the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand and True Energy shot out of his right hand after he solidified it into an arrow. He was trying to attack Zhou Qi using the Aerolite Strike.

Right now, he did not even have the time to care whether he was Zhou Qi's match or not.

He had long sincerely regarded Fang Hui as his teacher. His teacher was being humiliated, how could he as a disciple sit and watch at the side?

"Hurmph!" However, a cold snort sounded just as his arrow was nocked on the bow. The horrifying sound wave that was contained in the voice caused his body to tremble right away.

Before he even realized what was happening, he felt vast energy surging out before it slammed on his body, sending him flying with a blast.

Barf!

Duan Ling Tian crashed on the ground violently. He felt his throat constrict before he spat out a mouthful of blood.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian had also heard the sounds of blood spurting out at the side. He saw that Xiong Hu, Ling Yun, and Jin Yuan Bao were also sent flying back a blast with Saint Weapons in their hands. It was apparent they had intended to avenge Fang Hui, just like Duan Ling Tian.

“You three little ants actually dare to be so rude in front of me, Zhou Qi?” Zhou Qi did not make any visible movement, but he had already arrived in front of Duan Ling Tian and the other two in just a blink of an eye. With his nose high up in the air, he looked down at Duan Ling Tian and the other two.

“Damn it!” When Duan Ling Tian noticed Zhou Qi’s gaze on the Sun Shooting Bow in his hands, horror dawned on him immediately.

Chapter 1419: Fang Hui’s Past

“How shabby... Look at that tattered bow! I think it’s not even a Human Rank Primitive Saint Weapon. Looks like you’re not valued by Junior Uncle Fang Hui at all.” Zhou Qi smirked mockingly when his gaze landed on the Sun Shooting Bow in Duan Ling Tian’s hand.

He smirked and glanced at Duan Ling Tian disdainfully. After that, he no longer had the mood to bother with Duan Ling Tian and the other three. He turned around and looked at Su Qi instead. “Su Qi, have you thought about it?”

Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief inwardly.

For a moment, he thought Zhou Qi had seen through the Sun Shooting Bow in his hand and wanted to snatch it away from him. His heart at that moment was beating rapidly. It was only now that it was finally relaxed.

“A Martial Cultivator at the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage is actually this strong? I feel like a powerless kid in front of him... Even if I activate the Strange Pupil, I’m still no match for him at all.” Duan Ling Tian felt bitter. This Zhou Qi was absolutely the strongest enemy he had encountered thus far.

However, his gaze quickly shifted toward Su Qi again.

He was not the only one. Even Xiong Hu, Jin Yuan Bao, Ling Yun, and Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City, had their eyes trained on Su Qi as well. It was apparent they wanted to see what kind of decision Su Qi would make.

“Su Qi, as the saying goes, ‘A man who can recognize the realities of a situation is a paragon of men’. I believe you’re a wise man.” As though he could sense Su Qi’s hesitation, Zhou Qi continued to say, “Besides, water flows downward while men endeavor to rise. This is a famous dictum that’s applicable to almost everything. If you follow Fang Hui, you won’t have a bright future! Fang Hui’s cultivation base

is not even comparable to me, let alone my Master, Elder Liu Huan! My master, Elder Liu Huan, is someone at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage! He's merely half a step away from entering the Saint Stage!"

Zhou Qi finished speaking in one breath.

Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage!

The moment these words left Zhou Qi's mouth, Duan Ling Tian, Xiong Hu, Ling Yun, and Jin Yuan Bao were completely shocked. It did not cross their minds that Zhou Qi's master would actually be at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

Such a powerful elder would most likely have a high position in the Moon Illumination Sect.

The fact was although the Moon Illumination Sect was a seventh-rate force, there were only a few Saint Stage powerhouses in the sect.

Zhou Qi's master, Liu Huan, could be considered as being in the second echelon in Moon Illumination Sect.

As for those in the first echelon, there was no doubt they were the few Saint Stage powerhouses in Moon Illumination Sect.

"I agree!" Su Qi finally came to a decision.

"Haha... Good! Good! From now on, I'll call you Junior Brother Su Qi then!" Upon hearing Su Qi's assent, Zhou Qi laughed out loud. His laughter was filled with delight. "Junior Brother Su Qi, congratulations! You've made the best decision!"

"Senior Brother Zhou Qi." Su Qi bowed politely to pay his respect to Zhou Qi.

"Su Qi, you ungrateful bastard! You're so treacherous!" Xiong Hu growled. He was infuriated when he saw how Su Qi had agreed to it.

"Oh?" Upon hearing that, the smile on Zhou Qi's face disappeared immediately as he glared at Xiong Hu murderously. True Energy could be faintly seen on his body.

"He's just like an ant. Why do you bother with him, Senior Brother Zhou Qi?" Su Qi smiled at Zhou Qi after he cast an indifferent glance at Xiong Hu.

"That's right! He's just an ant." Zhou Qi smiled as well.

"You..." Upon hearing Su Qi's words, Xiong Hu became even more enraged. He was going to continue with his insults when his mouth was covered by Jin Yuan Bao who was next to him.

"Xiong Hu, don't drag us down if you want to seek death!" Jin Yuan Bao growled in his deep voice as he glared at Xiong Hu.

Duan Ling Tian's face had also turned glum when he looked at Su Qi.

He was very clear how his teacher, the City Governor of Mound Hill City, doted on this Su Qi... For Su Qi's sake, he even secretly look for Duan Ling Tian to ask him to not fight with Su Qi.

However, this Su Qi actually chose to betray his own master at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian could only feel rage creeping up in his chest.

“Senior Brother Zhou Qi, let’s go back to the sect... I wish to pay respect to my Master as soon as I can,” Su Qi said to Zhou Qi. His tone was polite and respectful. It was very pleasing to Zhou Qi’s ears.

“There’s no rush.” Zhou Qi shook his head and smiled before turning to look at Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Fang Hui was now staring at Su Qi in disbelief as though it did not cross his mind that he would betray him. A hint of rage was beginning to appear on his face.

However, his rage quickly dissipated before he sighed. His entire person seemed to have become older by several years.

“Fang Hui, if I were you, I would’ve killed myself long ago.” Zhou Qi glanced coldly at Fang Hui with a mocking smile on his face. “Not only is your innate talent bad, but you can’t even protect your own woman! Now, the disciple that you’ve wholeheartedly trained has also betrayed you.”

Zhou Qi’s words stabbed his heart one by one.

When he finished speaking, Fang Hui was angered to the point that his body began to tremble violently, and his eyes were so wide it was almost bulging out. He could not help but throw up a few mouthfuls of blood, looking extremely wretched.

“However, I still need to thank you on behalf of my Master, Elder Liu Huan who’s also your Senior Brother... Thank you for finding such an outstanding disciple for him,” Zhou Qi continued to add.

Fang Hui was so angry that his eyes turned white. As it turned out, he had passed out.

“Trash!” Zhou Qi spat out before he looked at Su Qi with a smile. “Junior Brother Su Qi, let’s go... Let’s go back to the sect so you can meet and pay respect to Master.”

“Sure, I’ll do as you say, Senior Brother Zhou Qi,” Su Qi answered politely after he glanced at Fang Hui who had fainted.

“Let’s go!” Zhou Qi said in a deep voice. With a raise of his hand, he took hold of Su Qi’s shoulder and brought him flying to the distance before disappearing in the horizon back to the Moon Illumination Sect.

“Lord City Governor!”

“Big Brother!”

“Elder Huang!”

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After Zhou Qi left, many people appeared immediately. They were the members of the 36 Guardians of the City Governor’s Estate of Mound Hill City, some of them were Revered Elders.

As for the maids and servants who came after hearing the news, they were stopped outside.

This was not a glorious occasion after all.

At this moment, the medicinal efficacy of the Healing Medicinal Pill demonstrated its effectiveness. Duan Ling Tian, Xiong Hu, Ling Yun, and Jin Yuan Bao were finally able to stand again. After they stood up, they immediately ran toward Fang Hui who had passed out.

Worries were clearly etched on their faces.

More than ten of the 36 Guardians and several Revered Elders had come. Each of them was looking at Duan Ling Tian with a horrified expression as they asked, "What happened actually?"

The moment they heard the commotion, they instantly made their way here. However, when they entered the gate, they saw the City Governor of their Mound Hill City, the Heavenly Leader Guardian, and another Revered Elder lying on the ground.

This scene shocked them so much, and they were frightened out of their wits.

These three people were all at the Saint Rudiment Stage!

In fact, their City Governor of Mound Hill City was at the Intermediate Saint Rudiment Stage... Just one more step and he would be able to break through to the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage. At that time, he would be able to master True Energy Consolidated Weapon's technique.

The True Energy Consolidated Weapon was a technique that could only be mastered when one entered the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage.

One would be able to yield an amazing result when consolidating True Energy into a Relic Phenomenon and attacking the enemy by taking them by surprise.

It was similar to the technique Zhou Qi had used to defeat Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City. It was called the True Energy Consolidated Weapon. His Relic Phenomenon was a gigantic hammer.

When the hammer slammed down, it was with the force of a mountain.

"That ungrateful bastard Su Qi!" Xiong Hu gnashed his teeth furiously. The moment he recalled Su Qi's betrayal, he was instantly filled with rage.

Jin Yuan Bao recounted the incident with a bitter expression on his face.

Upon hearing about Zhou Qi's strength and how powerful Zhou Qi described Elder Liu Huan from the Moon Illumination Sect was, everybody turned silent right away.

Whether it was those tens of people from the 36 Guardians or the several Revered Elders, all of their rage was turned into a bitter smile... They knew very well it was destined they would be unable to seek revenge.

The other party was an inner court disciple of the Moon Illumination Sect, the seventh-rate force above the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City.

Casting aside the fact that the inner court disciple was already much stronger than their City Governor, just the elder behind that inner court disciple alone was enough to stop them from revolting.

Soon after, Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City, finally woke up.

His face was horribly pale. After he had consumed a Healing Medicinal Pill and recovered a little, he ordered, "Bury the Heavenly Leader Guardian and Elder Huang properly. Other than Duan Ling Tian, Xiong Hu, Ling Yun, and Jin Yuan Bao, the rest of you can retreat."

After Fang Hui had given out his order, only four of them were left in the huge courtyard.

"I think all of you must have a lot of questions right?" Fang Hui sighed.

Duan Ling Tian and the other three nodded.

They did indeed have questions in their heart.

Based on Zhou Qi's tone, it seemed like he deliberately looked for trouble with Fang Hui as though he had some deep enmity between them.

"What do you think?" Fang Hui asked again.

"Master, that Zhou Qi must have some enmity with you right?" Jin Yuan Bao asked.

"Zhou Qi?" Fang Hui shook his head as his eyes gleamed coldly. "I have no enmity with Zhou Qi. He's merely a dog Liu Han feeds that goes around randomly biting people. The person I have bad blood with is Liu Huan."

Liu Huan!

Prior to Zhou Qi's arrival, Duan Ling Tian and the other three would not have recognized this name even if they heard it.

Liu Huan was an elder in the Moon Illumination Sect. His cultivation base was very powerful and had entered the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

"Master, that Liu Huan is at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage. Why is there enmity between both of you?" Xiong Hu asked.

"About this matter, I'll have to start from when I was young..." Fang Hui gradually opened his mouth and recounted the story of when he was young to Duan Ling Tian and the three others.

As it turned out, Fang Hui and Liu Huan had entered the Moon Illumination Sect in the same year. Initially, they did not bother with each other. However, they became mortal enemies in the end!

The reason they became mortal enemies was due to Fang Hui's wife.

Fang Hui's wife entered the Moon Illumination Sect a few years later, and both Fang Hui and Liu Huan had instantly fallen for her. In the end, Fang Hui was the one who managed to win her heart.

At that time, Liu Huan who was already an inner court disciple became furious over the matter. Relying on the fact that he was a disciple of an elder in the sect, he kidnapped Fang Hui's wife on the night of their wedding.

After Fang Hui's wife was raped by him, she had chosen to commit suicide.

Ever since then, Fang Hui and Liu Huan became sworn enemies and swore their enmity would not disappear until the day they died.

Unfortunately, Fang Hui's innate talent was not as good as Liu Huan, and he did not have a powerful patron like Liu Huan... Due to despair, a 'demon' formed in his heart and caused the progress in his cultivation to slow down.

Although Liu Huan itched to kill Fang Hui, he preferred to humiliate Fang Hui and let him live under his shadow forever.

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In the end, Fang Hui knew it was hopeless for him to seek revenge. After he became an inner court disciple, he had requested to be dispatched as an outer court deacon to manage Mound Hill City and become the City Governor of Mound Hill City.

Ten years ago, Liu Huan had brought Zhou Qi here and refreshed his memory that was already covered in dust, causing him to be overwhelmed with grief and rage.

However, what could he do?

He could not even defeat the other party.

His status was far from comparable to the other party.

Due to this reason, he could only swallow the humiliation and endure it.

"I know I don't have a chance in seeking revenge, and I've even thought about committing suicide. However, in the end, I still decided to live on! My life is destined to be incomparable to Liu Huan, but it doesn't mean the disciples I train will be incomparable to the disciples Liu Huan trains!" Fang Hui said through clenched teeth.

His eyes were red with hatred.

Naturally, there was one thing he left unsaid. That was he wished his disciples would seek revenge for him. Even if Liu Huan was not killed, he would be satisfied as long as he was taught a lesson.

It was because of this obsession that he managed to drag out his ignoble existence until now.

It must be said that Fang Hui's words struck Duan Ling Tian and the other three like a bolt of lightning when they heard it.

It did not cross their minds that their teacher and master would have such an unbearable past.

They could feel the pain, anger, helplessness, exasperation, and other emotions in his voice... They could understand all of these feelings he felt.

"The reason I disclose this to all of you is mainly to tell you one thing... Even after all of you have entered the Moon Illumination Sect and become an outer court disciple, you will most likely be oppressed by Liu

Huan's people." Fang Hui looked at Duan Ling Tian and the other three solemnly. "Right now, you can consider if you still want to join the entrance assessment for Moon Illumination Sect and enter the sect or not."

The moment Fang Hui's words left his mouth, Duan Ling Tian and the other three frowned immediately.

"Don't tell me they even dare to kill us?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"They won't dare to kill you in the sect no matter! Although there are several secluded places, they are enveloped by several Saint Stage powerhouses' Divine Consciousness... Anybody who kills will be severely punished by the sect!" Fang Hui explained, "Naturally if there are people who have unresolvable enmity with each other in the sect, they can apply for a Death Duel. That way, they won't be considered as breaking the sect's rule and won't be punished for killing too."

"In other words, they'll only look for trouble with us at most and won't dare to kill us?" Xiong Hu asked.

"Yes, you can say that." Fang Hui nodded.

"Teacher, what's Divine Consciousness?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"The Divine Consciousness can only be formed by Saint Stage powerhouses. It can be considered as a type of Spiritual Energy... The Saint Stage powerhouses' Divine Consciousness can envelop and monitor a vast area," Fang Hui said, "You'll eventually learn about this when you break through to the Saint Stage later."

Saint Stage?

Upon hearing Fang Hui's words, Duan Ling Tian did not have any thoughts, but Ling Yun, Xiong Hu, and Jin Yuan Bao were taken aback.

From Master's words, was he implying this Senior Brother Duan had the potential to break through to the Saint Stage?

"With your Senior Brother Duan's innate talent, it's just a matter of time before he breaks through to the Saint Stage if he doesn't suddenly die," Fang Hui explained as though he could see through Ling Yun and the other two's shock.

His confidence toward Duan Ling Tian could be heard from his words.

"I'll give you one month to consider... I won't blame you if you decide not to enter the Moon Illumination Sect. However, all of you need to be mentally prepared if you decide to enter," Fang Hui continued to add, "Since all of you will be entering the sect through my recommendation, it'll be equivalent to having the label of Mound Hill City — my label — on you."

When Fang Hui reached the end of his sentence, his face was solemn.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian, Ling Yun, Xiong Hu, and Jin Yuan Bao nodded their heads solemnly.

As for Duan Ling Tian, when he heard from Fang Hui that Liu Huan and his disciples were not allowed to kill anybody in within the sect's estate, he had already made up his mind — he would enter the Moon Illumination Sect!

Although he would be oppressed, it was not to the point of death.

Motivation came from pressure.

Duan Ling Tian had always believed in this.

'I'll make that Liu Huan and his disciple my touchstone then,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes shone brightly.

As though recalling something, Fang Hui gave a long sigh before he turned to leave the front courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian at him and found his silhouette shrouded in despair. "Looks like Su Qi's betrayal has dealt a big impact on Teacher."

Su Qi's betrayal was out of Duan Ling Tian's expectation too.

Although he did not interact much with Su Qi, he did not think he was someone who was afraid of death and preferred to live a life of dishonor.

"It appears that I'm wrong in my judgment this time." Duan Ling Tian sighed, but his eyes gleamed coldly. "Su Qi, I'll show you that even though you've decided to rely on Liu Huan, you'll still be beneath me!"

Duan Ling Tian had genuinely regarded Fang Hui as his teacher so he could also feel his humiliation.

"That Liu Huan and his disciple..." The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, the cold gleam in his eyes shone even brighter.

After taking a deep breath to suppress his anger, Duan Ling Tian returned to his room to cultivate. He took out the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and entered the second level.

It was less than six months before he would enter the Moon Illumination Sect.

'I hope I'll successfully break through to the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage before I enter the Moon Illumination Sect,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

When he was cultivating in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda on the third day, he was awakened by a series of knocks on the door... Only one day had gone by outside.

"Teacher?" Opening the room door, Duan Ling Tian was surprised when he saw Fang Hui.

"Duan Ling Tian, have you thought about whether you'll enter the Moon Illumination Sect or not?" Fang Hui asked.

Duan Ling Tian was shocked.

Although he had already made up his mind, he could not help but feel astonished that Fang Hui would come to his door to inquire about it the next day. Did he not say he would give them one month to consider?

“Since there’s no life-or-death danger, there’s nothing that I need to be afraid of.” Duan Ling Tian smiled. He confirmed his intention of joining the Moon Illumination Sect with his words.

“It’s only in the sect’s estate that there’s no life-or-death danger,” Fang Hui said solemnly, “If it’s outside the sect’s estate, there’s no guarantee at all... You must think carefully about this.”

If someone was killed outside the sect’s estate, there was no guarantee they could find the culprit.

“If I’m killed outside the sect’s estate, then that just means I’m the useless one.” Duan Ling Tian smiled nonchalantly as his eyes flashed.

“I didn’t misjudge your strength.” Fang Hui looked at Duan Ling Tian intently before he took out a Spatial Ring and passed it to him. “Do your best in cultivating before you head to the Moon Illumination Sect’s entrance exam.”

“This is...?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned by Fang Hui’s action.

“There’s the Saint Grade Pill, the Sensory Pills inside it. Not only that, but it also contains some Saint Stones that will be helpful to your cultivation.” After Fang Hui had finished his sentence, without waiting for Duan Ling Tian’s assent, he pushed the ring into Duan Ling Tian’s hand. Then, he turned around to leave so he could leave him to his cultivation.

Looking at Fang Hui’s bleak silhouette that was slowly disappearing, a surge of flame rose up in Duan Ling Tian’s heart. He made a promise as he muttered to himself, “Teacher, one day, I’ll make sure justice is served, and they’ll pay for what they have done to you!”

This was his promise to Fang Hui!

Although his voice was not loud, it still clearly heard by Fang Hui.

Justice!

Fang Hui’s body paused for a moment. After a slight tremble, he continued to walk forward.

“I believe in you,” Fang Hui said hoarsely. His words were filled with emotions.

The reason he, Fang Hui, dragged out his ignoble existence until today was to make sure justice would be served.

At that time, he could not make Liu Huan pay for it when he kidnapped his newlywed wife and caused her death.

Until now, justice was still not served.

He had mass recruited young talents because he had pinned his hope on these young talents, hoping they could help him get the justice that he deserved.

Now that someone told him that they would get him his justice, how could he not feel moved? Especially when that person had a very high likelihood of keeping his promise.

However, Fang Hui’s mood was still complicated.

When he had taken Su Qi in as his disciple, he had pinned all of his hopes on Su Qi.

As he watched Su Qi grow day by day, he had even seen a sliver of hope.

In his opinion, with Su Qi's talent, after he entered the Moon Illumination Sect, as long as he continued to grow, he would definitely be able to fulfill his wish and seek justice for him so that his wife could finally smile in the nether world.

However, who would have thought the person whom he had pinned his hopes on would actually betray him.

He was happy that Duan Ling Tian was here.

In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was like a light in the dark, guiding him to move forward... In other words, Duan Ling Tian was his last hope.

Duan Ling Tian did not let him down either.

"Don't tell me it's true that I can't sell the cow and drink the milk too?" Fang Hui's heart was filled with bitterness. Whether it was Duan Ling Tian or Su Qi, he had hoped both of them would help him get justice when they get stronger.

However, it seemed like he could not have both the cow and the milk, he had lost Su Qi.

Closing the door properly, Duan Ling Tian re-entered the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"Sensory Pill!" He did not lack Saint Stones, but he did indeed lack the Saint Grade Pills, Sensory Pills.

"This is a Two Star Sensory Pill... Wait... This is a Three Star Sensory Pill?" Duan Ling Tian performed Ownership Claim on the Spatial Ring that Fang Hui had given him. When he was about to take the Sensory Pill to aid him in his cultivation, he noticed not only were there Two Star Sensory Pills inside, but some of them were Three Star Sensory Pills.

Although they were both Saint Grade Pills, just the effectiveness of the Three Star Sensory Pill alone was far greater than a Two Star Sensory Pill.

"It's time for me to change my Spatial Ring too." The moment he remembered his Spatial Ring was the one he made for himself previously, Duan Ling Tian proceeded to use the Spatial Ring Fang Hui had given him after he compared both of them.

Currently, he could not upgrade his Spatial Ring because he could no longer form the Weapon Fire.

The Spatial Ring Fang Hui had given him had a higher grade than all of the Spatial Rings he had. It had already reached the Human Rank Prominent Saint Weapon so he changed his ring without any hesitation.

"The Two Star Sensory Pill is already so effective. I'm sure the Three Star Sensory Pill is even more powerful!" Duan Ling Tian had experienced the Two Stars Sensory Pill's benefits previously when he was in the process of breaking through to the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage so he was looking forward to using the Three Stars Sensory Pill.

