Chapter 1471: Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman

"Appear!' Almost in that instant when He Zhong uttered that, an echo of "appear" resonated in the air.

The latter had been announced by Duan Ling Tian.

When He Zhong's True Energy Voice Transmission entered Duan Ling Tian's ear, a sense of ominous premonition rose in his heart right away. He immediately raised his guard up right away.

The moment he saw He Zhong bringing out the Dao Talisman, he knew why He Zhong was so confident. It turned out that He Zhong wanted to use the Dao Talisman against him.

Of course, he believed that He Zhong would not dare to kill him using the Dao Talisman, but he would definitely dare to cripple him like that.

Perhaps, this was He Zhong's real intention after all!

Therefore, when He Zhong took the Dao Talisman out, Duan Ling Tian also grabbed a Dao Talisman with a raise of his hand.

The second He Zhong's Dao Talisman shot towards him after he activated its force with the word "appear", Duan Ling Tian had also shouted "appear" in that gravely dangerous moment to activate the force of the Dao Talisman in his own hand.

A non-offensive Dao Talisman could be activated without the need to throw it out.

In the air, the Dao Talisman that He Zhong threw out exploded in a split second, transforming into four streaks of sharp rays that were extremely fast before charging towards Duan Ling Tian's four limbs as though they were trying to tear his four limbs off his body forcefully.

One could easily imagine that if these four streaks of sharp rays got what they were aiming for, Duan Ling Tian would have definitely become a limbless cripple.

The four streaks of sharp rays were so fast that very few of the onlookers could see it clearly.

"Two-Star offensive Dao Talisman!" Huang Cheng, the outer court elder, was one of the few people who could see the trajectory of the four streaks clearly. His eyes lit up right away as he was able to discern that He Zhong had activated a Two-Star offensive Dao Talisman. The force it contained was equivalent to the attack cast by a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse.

The few other outer court elders turned horrified at once. They had never thought that He Zhong would be this ruthless to the point that he would actually use a Dao Talisman to cripple Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're destined to become a cripple after today!" The outer court deacon, Deng Wei, had a bright smile on his face as though he already could envision Duan Ling Tian having his four limbs ripped off.

If Duan Ling Tian was crippled, it would no doubt be jubilant news for him and his nephew.

However, in the next instant, those who could see the trajectory of the four streaks of sharp rays that erupted from the Two-Star offensive Dao Talisman clearly suddenly froze.

In a flash, they noticed that Duan Ling Tian had disappeared before their eyes.

From the beginning till the end, they had no idea how had he done that.

"It's a Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman!" Soon, one of the outer court elders exclaimed loudly, being the first to finally realize what was happening.

Just now, he had also heard how Duan Ling Tian shouted "appear", so he realized that he had also activated a Dao Talisman.

The only Dao Talisman that could make Duan Ling Tian vanish before his eyes was a Divine Strider Talisman that was Three Stars and above.

Three Stars was the highest level Dao Talisman in the Moon Illumination Sect.

As a result, he was certain that the one that Duan Ling Tian had used was a Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman,

Even though a Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman cost 300,000 Merit Points and was too expensive for an ordinary outer court disciple to buy, Duan Ling Tian was no ordinary outer court disciple at all. He had earned almost two million Merit Points more than a month ago, so it would not be difficult for him to buy a Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman.

A Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman!

Upon hearing the exclamation of that outer court elder, Huang Cheng and Deng Wei's faces turned grave right away.

"Impossible!" On the training field, He Zhong, who saw how the four sharp rays that he released missed their target the instant Duan Ling Tian vanished, turned appalled with disbelief in his eyes.

Just as He Zhong finally came to a halt after being shot out a distance away due to inertia, an eerily calm voice resonated timely by his ear, "Nothing is impossible!"

After activating the Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman, Duan Ling Tian whose speed was equivalent to a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse appeared by He Zhong's side like a phantom.

Bang!

Before the crowd watching the scene including the few outer court elders could realize what was happening, He Zhong's entire body had already been sent flying with a powerful explosion. Like an arrow that left the bowstring, he crashed violently onto the ground in distress.

Slap!

When He Zhong struggled to stand up, a crisp slap resonated in the air while a fiery palm print appeared on his face.

After spitting a mouthful of blood that contained pieces of teeth out, He Zhong gritted what was left of his teeth and announced, "Duan Ling Tian, let's fight honorably if you dare! What kind of bravery is this to make a sneak attack on me!?"

When the onlookers surrounding them heard his words, a strange expression crept upon their faces right away.

Did he just ask Duan Ling Tian to fight honorably with him?

Did he just say that Duan Ling Tian made a sneak attack on him?

Was he not the one who used the Dao Talisman first earlier?

"He Zhong is really terribly shameless! How dare he have the audacity to say such things? Right now, Duan Ling Tian is merely giving him a taste of his own medicine!" An inner court disciple swept a glance at He Zhong with disdain and remarked.

The other inner court disciples fully agreed with him.

Even the group of outer court disciples bobbed their heads to his words as well. All of them felt that He Zhong only had himself to blame.

"Honorably? Do you think you're worthy of doing so?" Duan Ling Tian's cold snort resonated in the entire training field, but nobody could see a trace of his figure at all.

After activating the Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman, Duan Ling Tian's speed was equivalent to a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial or a Dao Cultivator. On top of that, it could last for 15 minutes. When he was moving, nobody except the inner court elders from the Moon Illumination Sect or above could catch his trail.

A few outer court elders could also only catch a residual trace of an image when Duan Ling Tian made his move.

Other than that, they could not see Duan Ling Tian's figure clearly at all.

Slap!

Another crisp slap resonated in the air. The other side of He Zhong's face turned swollen as well, causing his entire face turned to become like a pig's head. That handsome face of his was nowhere to be seen.

"Duan Ling Tian, how dare you humiliate me in such a way!? Do you know who my master is?" He Zhong snarled.

"I'm not interested to know who your master is, but I know that you want to cripple me. In that case, I'll cripple you too!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was extremely ruthless, frightening He Zhong so much that his face turned pale right away before he hastily called out, "I admit my..."

He wanted to admit his defeat. Unfortunately, before the word "defeat" managed to leave his lips, he had suffered another slap from Duan Ling Tian and was forced to swallow the word back down before it even managed to leave his mouth.

Following that attempt, every time he wanted to open his mouth to admit his defeat, he would be cut off by Duan Ling Tian's slap.

In the end, he became completely obedient.

"Duan Ling Tian, if you don't cripple me, I promise that I won't go against you anymore!" Under the watchful gaze of others, He Zhong completely succumbed.

He was afraid.

If he were crippled by Duan Ling Tian, he would no longer have any future ahead of him.

In the face of this crisis that was related to his future, He Zhong had no choice but to bow his arrogant head.

"Won't go against me anymore?" Duan Ling Tian smirked with disdain. "Do you think I'll believe you?"

Right now, he completely held the power of authority in his hand. With a speed that was equivalent to a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse, he could make He Zhong shiver with terror just by his swiftness alone.

Among all the martial arts in the world, only speed was the dealbreaker, especially when Duan Ling Tian was so ridiculously fast now!

"I'll swear on it now!" Afraid that Duan Ling Tian would suddenly attack him, He Zhong hastily broke the skin on his finger and swore on a blood oath, the Tribulation Oath, that he would no longer go against him in the future.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Nine thunderous roars reverberated, deafening the ears as they corresponded with He Zhong's oath.

"Your resolution is admirable!" Duan Ling Tian sneered again. "However, today, you almost crippled my four limbs and even made me wast my precious Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman. Do you really think that everything from today can just be canceled by your oath alone?"

Taking a deep breath, He Zhong replied, "I can compensate you with a Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman."

"It's just reasonable for you to compensate me with a Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman. On top of that, if you want to safeguard your four limbs, I'd like to see how sincere you are then," Duan Ling Tian added nonchalantly.

Even though he itched to cripple He Zhong's four limbs to give him a taste of his own medicine, the moment he recalled that the chief culprit of this matter was Liu Huan and that nothing would change even if he crippled He Zhong, he dismissed the idea at once and came up with another solution.

Extortion!

"What do you want?" He Zhong looked at Duan Ling Tian vigilantly.

"One million Merit Points to buy back your four limbs," Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently, "I think that your four limbs are worthy of these many Merit Points, aren't they?"

A million Merit Points!

The moment the words left Duan Ling Tian's mouth, the entire crowd burst into an uproar.

"My god! This Duan Ling Tian actually has such a huge appetite! He actually asked for a million Merit Points from He Zhong straightaway!" Many inner court disciples clicked their tongues in disapproval. It was obvious that they were shocked by his demands.

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian asked for so many Merit Points, but I don't think Senior Brother He Zhong can take that much out, can he?" Many outer court disciples muttered with stunned faces.

Even the outer court elders and deacons present at the scene were taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's exorbitant demand.

One million Merit Points! None of them could even take out that many Merit Points at one go.

Even though He Zhong knew that Duan Ling Tian would demand an exorbitant price, it had also never crossed his mind that he would have such a tremendous appetite, asking for one million Merit Points straightaway.

At once, He Zhong's face turned glum. "I don't have that many Merit Points."

"Of course, I know you don't have that many Merit Points. You should just ask the person who asked you to come to come up with those Merit Points... I think he has no reason not to pay this sum to buy back your four limbs, has he?" Duan Ling Tian smirked.

"Even if he doesn't give a damn about the relationship between you and him, he'd still give some face to your master and do something for you for helping him to do this, won't he?" Duan Ling Tian told He Zhong through True Energy Voice Transmission.

"Y-You actually know about that?" He Zhong was stunned. It turned out that Duan Ling Tian had already long known about his background.

At that moment, a sense of being thwarted rose in his heart right away.

"Uncle, it looks like you'll have to sacrifice a little this time." Right now, He Zhong's face was filled with despair and a wry smile.

"Swear that you'll hand a million Merit Points and one Three-Star Divine Strider Talisman to me by tomorrow. If you don't, you'll be punished by the thunder penalty till death claims you!" Duan Ling Tian cast an icy glance at He Zhong.

Chapter 1472: The Inner Court

Duan Ling Tian only let go of He Zhong after he had sworn using the Tribulation Oath, the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation.

"This speed is really amazing!" Duan Ling Tian, aided by the Three Star Divine Strider Talisman that granted him the speed of a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse, began to stroll around the outer court after He Zhong swore an oath and left. He was so fast to the point that the outer court elders could barely catch any trace of his movement at all.

However, the Three Star Divine Strider Talisman's effect had a time limit. After strolling around the outer court for a while, the effect wore off and Duan Ling Tian reverted to his original state.

Meanwhile, the news of Duan Ling Tian defeating He Zhong had also spread to the inner court like a typhoon, greatly raising Duan Ling Tian's fame once again.

Although He Zhong was only an outer court disciple, he was ranked 66th in the Nine Sect Alliances' Earth Ranking. His fame had even surpassed some of the ordinary inner court elders in the Moon Illumination Sect.

However, someone like that was defeated by Duan Ling Tian, an outer court disciple who had just entered the sect slightly more than three months ago.

Duan Ling Tian had also successfully replaced He Zhong and ranked 66th in the Earth Ranking.

He Zhong, on the other hand, had traded places with Duan Ling Tian and was ranked 99th in the Earth Ranking.

This position originally belonged to Feng Fan.

Duan Ling Tian's fame spread to the inner court and caused many of the inner court disciples to click their tongues in disapproval.

"All along, those who came from the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill usually have a bad ending when faced with Liu Huan's men... However, this Duan Ling Tian has placed Elder Liu Huan's men in a disadvantageous position. He's really not a simple person." Many inner court disciples who were privy to the dispute between inner court Elder Liu Huan and the City Governor of Mound Hill City clicked their tongues as they discussed this.

The news of He Zhong possibly being Liu Huan's disciple had also begun to spread.

When all was said and done, Liu Huan had been greatly embarrassed.

In Liu Huan's residence in the inner court.

Smack!

A furious Liu Huan raised his hand and slapped down on the stone table before him, shattering it. "A Three Star Divine Strider Talisman and one million Merit Points? He's got a huge appetite! Isn't he afraid of bursting?!"

"His appetite has been huge all along. I heard he had earned almost two million Merit Points more than a month ago." He Zhong sighed.

"Uncle, I know you feel dissatisfied about this matter... But, I've already made an oath," He Zhong reminded as he looked at Liu Huan.

"Little Zhong, don't worry. I won't make you break your oath... It's just a Three Star Divine Strider Talisman and one million Merit Points, right? I still have that much at least." Liu Huan took a deep breath, his expression turned warmer when he looked at He Zhong. However, the rage in the depth of his eyes did not lessen at all.

"However, that Duan Ling Tian is really courageous! How dare he beat you up to this extent." Looking at both sides of He Zhong's face that were still swollen, Liu Huan asked furiously, "Little Zhong, don't tell me you going to let this go?"

"Uncle, I know what you mean, but I made an oath to not go against him in the future. Due to this reason, please don't put me in a difficult spot anymore, uncle. I don't want to be struck to death by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation." Naturally, He Zhong knew what Liu Huan meant. There was no doubt he was trying to drag him into this mess so they could oppose Duan Ling Tian together.

At this moment, he regretted complying with Liu Huan before this. Otherwise, he would not have to suffer so much humiliation now.

Although he did not suffer any material loss, the humiliation was more than enough to make his position in the outer court decline.

"I know you've made an oath, but Vice Sect Leader Zhang..." Liu Huan's eyes shone brightly for a split second.

However, he was interrupted by He Zhong before he could finish his sentence. "Uncle, whatever Master wants to do is not up to me to decide. Since I've sworn that I won't go against Duan Ling Tian, naturally, I won't fan the fire in front of Master as well. Otherwise, I'll be considered as violating the Tribulation Oath, and I might get struck by the lightning penalty."

"You don't have to say anything. I'll inform Vice Sect Leader Zhang about this matter... I think he won't let go of someone who had humiliated his direct disciple." A sneer could be seen on Liu Huan's face when he reached the end of his sentence.

He Zhong glanced at Liu Huan indifferently and did not say anything. If this was the case, he would not be considered as going against his oath.

"Uncle, the Three Star Divine Strider Talisman and one million Merit Points..." He Zhong reminded Liu Huan as he looked at him. It was uncertain if he did it intentionally.

"I'll transfer 1.4 million Merit Points to you... Go and buy the Three Star Divine Strider Talisman from the Merit Pavilion. As for the extra 100,000 Merit Points, take it as my compensation to you. After all, I was the one who asked you to battle Duan Ling Tian." Liu Huan took out his Crystal Card and transferred 1.4 million Merit Points to He Zhong.

"Alright." He Zhong nodded. He was satisfied with how sensible Liu Huan was.

After He Zhong left, Liu Huan's face turned grave immediately.

1.4 million Merit Points had vanished just like that.

It would be a lie if he said he did not feel any pain at all.

His entire wealth only amounted to slightly more than 1.6 million Merit Points.

In just a blink of an eye, he had lost almost 90% of it.

"Duan Ling Tian, I, Liu Huan, will find it difficult to eat or sleep if you don't die!" Liu Huan muttered to himself as his eyes gleamed coldly.

In the next instant, Liu Huan began to rack his brain to come up with a solution that would rid him of Duan Ling Tian once and for all.

The next morning, He Zhong went to look for Duan Ling Tian.

"Not bad. You really kept your word." After receiving the Three Star Divine Strider Talisman and one million Merit Point from He Zhong, Duan Ling Tian nodded his head in satisfaction.

He Zhong smiled wryly when he heard his words.

Could he not keep his word?

He had sworn using the Tribulation Oath, the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation, he would not live if he did not keep his promise.

After He Zhong passed the Dao Talisman and Merit Points to Duan Ling Tian, he did not stay any longer and left immediately.

Although he had sworn to not go against Duan Ling Tian anymore, it did not mean he could face him with a calm heart. At this moment, he did not want to have anything to do with Duan Ling Tian at all.

To him, Duan Ling Tian was no different from a nightmare.

"It's a good thing I bought a Three Star Divine Strider when I went to the Merit Pavilion previously. Otherwise, it would've been difficult for me to escape the critical situation yesterday!"

The moment Duan Ling Tian recalled yesterday's incident, he still felt a trace of fear.

If it was not for the Three Star Divine Strider Talisman, he would not have been able to dodge the offensive Dao Talisman that He Zhong threw out yesterday.

That offensive Dao Talisman was a Two Star offensive Dao Talisman. When the energy contained inside it exploded, it was comparable to the attack of a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse.

"Looks like I can't save my Merit Points and not buy the Dao Talisman." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he left his little courtyard and headed to the Merit Pavilion of Moon Illumination Sect.

Unlike his previous trip to the Merit Pavilion, most of the inner court disciples there recognized him this time.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Merit Pavilion, he did not stay on the first level of the Merit Pavilion, but he went up the stairs immediately. His destination was the third level of the Merit Pavilion.

The third level of the Merit Pavilion was where Dao Talismans were sold.

When he passed by the second level of the Merit Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian noticed the person on duty was not Elder Fang Gan so he went up to the third level.

"Duan Ling Tian!" The people on duty on the third level of the Merit Pavilion were the two inner court deacons from his last trip. When they saw Duan Ling Tian, their gazes turned a little complicated.

They had also heard of yesterday's news.

He had defeated He Zhong the Earth Ranking's powerhouse who might be a disciple of inner court Elder Liu Huan and extorted a million Merit Points and a Three Star Divine Strider Talisman from him.

When they heard of Duan Ling Tian's thug-like behavior, they instantly became speechless.

It seemed like no one with such a thug-like behavior existed before in the history of Moon Illumination Sect.

Duan Ling Tian nodded his head at the two people before taking out his Spatial Ring and entering the third level of the Merit Pavilion.

This time, apart from buying a Three Star Divine Strider Talisman, he had also bought two Three Star Golden Energy Talisman... He wanted to buy offensive Dao Talismans, he did not see any Three Star offensive Dao Talismans. In the end, he bought two Two Star offensive Dao Talismans instead.

Currently, he had two Three Star Divine Strider Talismans, two Three Star Golden Energy Talismans and two Two Star offensive Dao Talismans in his possession.

Duan Ling Tian, who had spent 900,000 Merit Points, could not help but ask when he was at the entrance of the third level of the Merit Pavilion, "Excuse me, I wonder why there's no Three Star offensive Dao Talismans in the third level of the Merit Pavilion?"

Once a Three Star offensive Dao Talisman was activated, its strength was equivalent to the full attack of a Martial or Dao Cultivator at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

Naturally, it was only equivalent to an ordinary Martial or Dao Cultivator at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

"There's no Three Star offensive Dao Talismans in our Moon Illumination Sect." One of the inner court deacons shook his head. "Among all the Dao Talismans, it's most difficult to draw offensive Dao Talismans... Although offensive Dao Talismans will vanish in just a blink of an eye, its value is not something that the Divine Strider Talismans and the Golden Energy Talismans can compare to."

"If you want to buy Three Star offensive Dao Talismans, you'll have to go to the Nine Sect Alliances' headquarter," the other inner court deacon chimed in.

"The Nine Sect Alliances' headquarter?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"The Nine Sect Alliances' headquarter is located in the biggest city in the Nine Sect Alliances district — Hanyang City. If you want to buy a Three Star offensive Dao Talisman, you'll have to go to Hanyang City," the inner court deacon who first spoke up replied.

"Alright," Duan Ling Tian nodded before asking again, "Do both of you know where Elder Fang Gan lives?"

After learning about the location of Elder Fang Gan's residence from the two inner court deacons, Duan Ling Tian left the Merit Pavilion and headed toward the inner court.

This was his first time entering the inner court ever since he came to the Moon Illumination Sect.

The biggest difference between the inner and outer courts was its cultivating environment.

The intensity of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was far richer compared to the outer court. Moreover, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy would only get denser the deeper one entered the inner court. "It's obvious the Moon Illumination Sect's seventh-grade Saint Stones reserve lies in the center of Moon Illumination Sect's estate."

It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian figure this out.

The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy would become richer the closer it was to the Saint Stones reserve.

Apart from that, the inner court was also a lot bigger than the outer court. It stretched out as far as the eyes could see.

Following the two inner court deacons' direction, Duan Ling Tian arrived at the eastern district of the inner court

The residences of the inner court elders were located here. There were many big mansions and statues of great beasts here.

Chapter 1473: Three-Star Saint Inscription Master, Bai Li Hong

Duan Ling Tian stopped a passing inner court disciple and politely asked, "Senior Brother, do you know which mansion belongs to Elder Fang Gan?"

"It's that one," the inner court disciple said as he pointed toward a mansion not far away.

"Thank you, Senior Brother," Duan Ling Tian quickly thanked him and made his way to the mansion.

'An outer court disciple is looking for Elder Fang Gan?' The inner court disciple was slightly surprised after he saw the outer court disciple identity token on Duan Ling Tian's waist.

In the Moon Illumination Sect, the gap between an outer court disciple and an inner court elder was like an impassable gulf. Logically speaking, there should not be any interaction between the two.

Duan Ling Tian was stopped by an old man when he arrived at Fang Gan's mansion.

"Senior, is this Elder Fang Gan's mansion?" Duan Ling Tian asked politely as he looked at the skinny old man standing before him.

"Why are you looking for my young master?" The old man responded with a question.

Young master?

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by the old man's words before he realized the 'young master' in question was Fang Gan.

"Can you please help me pass on a message? Just say that an outer court disciple, Duan Ling Tian, wishes to see Elder Fang Gan," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"You're Duan Ling Tian?" The old man's eyes lit up when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. It was obvious he had heard about Duan Ling Tian.

He immediately looked at Duan Ling Tian's waist. More accurately, he was looking at the outer court disciple identity token that was hung on Duan Ling Tian's waist.

"Young master has given an order to bring you in if you come looking for him," the old man said as he led Duan Ling Tian inside.

Duan Ling Tian did not expect Elder Fang Gan to be so attentive. He felt a little moved.

Following the old man's lead, Duan Ling Tian saw Elder Fang Gan in the backyard of the mansion.

Elder Fang Gan was solemnly watering the vegetable garden in his backyard. He was so engrossed in his task that he even failed to notice their arrival.

"Young master, Duan Ling Tian's here," the old man said respectfully as he looked at Fang Gan.

"Duan Ling Tian?"

Elder Fang Gan immediately stopped what he was doing when he heard that and turned around to look at Duan Ling Tian. "It's really you, little fellow... What now? Since you came looking for me... Is there anything I can help you with?" Fang Gan asked with a smile.

"Indeed, there's something I need your help with, Elder Fang Gan." Duan Ling Tian nodded. As the saying went, 'One would not visit a Buddhist temple for no reason.' He would not have looked for Fang Gan for no reason at all.

While Duan Ling Tian and Fang Gan were talking, the old man who led Duan Ling Tian in quietly retreated.

"Previously, I told you to come to me if you need help. I'll definitely help you if it's within my power!" Fang Gan invited Duan Ling Tian to sit in front of a stone table and poured him a cup of tea.

"Thank you, Elder Fang Gan."

Duan Ling Tian thanked him before he directly stated the purpose of his visit, "Elder Fang Gan, I came to ask you something today... Within the Moon Illumination Sect, are there any Saint Inscription Masters who can inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription on Saint Weapons?"

"Yes." Fang Gan nodded. "In our Moon Illumination Sect, most of the senior officials in the sect that rank above inner court elders have a Saint Weapon with a Three Star Saint Inscription. All these Saint Weapons came from Elder Bai Li."

"Elder Bai Li?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up.

"Elder Bai Li is the only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in our Moon Illumination Sect. Moreover, he's also a Revered Elder of the Moon Illumination Sect. His status is on par with the Vice Sect Leader."

"Even the Sect Leader and several Saint Stage powerhouses are courteous toward him when they see him because of his special identity as a Saint Inscription Master... In that regard, even the few Vice Sect Leaders in the Moon Illumination Sect cannot compare to him," Fang Gan said.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this.

A Three Star Saint Inscription Master would receive special treatment even in a sixth-rate force, let alone a seventh-rate force like the Moon Illumination Sect.

"I don't know if it's possible for me to ask Elder Bai Li to help me inscribe a Saint Inscription on a Saint Weapon?" Duan Ling Tian asked after he took a deep breath. He had an expectant expression on his face as he looked at Fang Gan.

This was the purpose of his visit.

Ever since he saw the power of Liu Huan's sword that was inscribed with a Three Star Saint Inscription, the Penetration Saint Inscription, he wanted to inscribe the Penetration Saint Inscription on his Sun Shooting Bow as well.

If it was inscribed on his bow, the arrow shots with his Sun Shooting Bow would have a powerful penetrative ability.

One shot was sufficient to penetrate everything!

However, even if there were Saint Inscription Masters in the Dao Martial Saint Land who could inscribe a Saint Inscription on the Sun Shooting Bow, Duan Ling Tian did not think any of the Inscription Masters in Moon Illumination Sect would be able to do it.

That was why Duan Ling Tian thought to inscribe the Penetration Saint Inscription on the bowstring of the Sun Shooting Bow.

Although it would still be challenging to inscribe on the bowstring of Sun Shooting Bow that was made from the vein of a Five-clawed Devil Dragon, it would still be simpler than inscribing on the Sun Shooting Bow itself.

"Inscribing Saint Inscription? What kind of Saint Inscription would you like Elder Bai Li to inscribe?" Fang Gan asked curiously.

"The Penetration Saint Inscription!" Duan Ling Tian said bluntly.

"The Penetration Saint Inscription? The Three Star Saint Inscription on Liu Huan's sword?" Fang Gan knew the Saint Inscription on Liu Huan's sword was the Penetration Saint Inscription.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "The strongest Saint Grade Martial Tactic I'm cultivating is archery... If I can inscribe the Penetration Saint Inscription on my archery set, the power of my arrows will increase greatly because of its penetrative ability."

"Once the Penetration Saint Inscription is activated after the inscription, it'll certainly increase your strength by leaps and bounds," Fang Gan said, "However, it won't be easy to ask Elder Bai Li to help you inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription... Elder Bai Li's willingness to inscribe Three Star Saint Inscriptions is dependent on his mood. Therefore, even in the inner court, not every inner court elder has a Saint Weapon with a Three Star Saint Inscription."

Duan Ling Tian was mentally prepared for this.

Those who are highly skilled usually had their own quirks.

"Since you came to the inner court, I'll bring you to visit Elder Bai Li ... I'll try my best to convince him, but I can't guarantee that he'll agree to it." Fang Gan reminded Duan Ling Tian in advance.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"In that case, let's go to Elder Bai Li's mansion now," Fang Gan said as he stood up.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was pleased that Fang Gan cared enough about his affair to immediately bring him to see Elder Bai Li.

After leaving Fang Gan's mansion, Duan Ling Tian learned more about Elder Bai Li from Fang Gan. He found out that Elder Bai Li's full name was Bai Li Hong, and he entered the Moon Illumination Sect thirty years ago.

When he joined the Moon Illumination Sect, he was already a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse and was just a step away from entering the Saint Stage.

However, after so many years, he was still at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

"It's really too difficult to break through to the Saint Stage... I've broken through to the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage twenty years ago, but I still can't cross the last step." Fang Gan could not help but sigh when he spoke about Bai Li Hong's cultivation base.

Similar to Bai Li Hong, his cultivation base was stuck at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage. He was unable to make a breakthrough and enter the Saint Stage as well.

Although the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage and the Saint Stage was merely a step apart, the difference in strength was a world apart!

The weakest Saint Stage powerhouse could easily kill a dozen Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouses who were working together.

There was a saying in the Dao Martial Saint Land, 'Before entering the Saint Rudiment Stage, one is like a chicken or a dog. Once one enters the Saint Rudiment Stage, they're like chickens and dogs that have ascended to heaven!'

That clearly described the difference between someone at the Saint Stage and someone who was not at the Saint Stage.

Naturally, there was also a difference in strength between people who were at the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

In Fang Gan's words, he was not Bai Li Hong's match.

The Saint Weapon in Bai Li Hong's hands was an Earth Rank Primitive Saint Weapon inscribed with three Three Star Saint Inscriptions. It was also the number one Saint Weapon in the Moon Illumination Sect!

With that Saint Weapon, Bai Li Hong's strength was comparable to the few Vice Sect Leaders in the Moon Illumination Sect.

It should be noted that the few Vice Sect Leaders in the sect already had half their foot in the Saint Stage. They had the most potential in the sect to break through to the Saint Stage. All they lacked to make a breakthrough was an opportunity.

Half Saint Stage referred to those who were in between the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage and the Saint Stage.

They were stronger than those at the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage but weaker than those at the Saint Stage.

"A Saint Weapon inscribed with three Three Star Saint Inscriptions?" After hearing about Bai Li Hong's Saint Weapon, Duan Ling Tian could not help but stick his tongue out. "So excessive!"

"Duan Ling Tian, even if Elder Bai Li is willing to inscribe the Three Star Saint Inscription, the Penetration Saint Inscription, for you, he'll probably want millions of Merit Points as payment," Fang Gan reminded Duan Ling Tian before they arrived at Bai Li Hong's mansion.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was mentally prepared for that as well.

"Elder Bai Li, I still have 1.1 million Merit Points in my hands... If I don't have enough, can you please borrow me some?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Fang Gan and said, "I'll return it to you as soon as I can."

"This is a small matter," Fang Gan said with a slight smile.

After the people of Bai Li Hong's mansion notified him of their arrival, Duan Ling Tian and Fang Gan were led into the main hall of the spacious mansion.

A middle-aged man with stubbles on his cheeks stood in the main hall, frowning as though he was deep in thought.

"Elder Bai Li, Elder Fang Gan's here," the person who led Duan Ling Tian and Fang Gan in said to the middle-aged man.

'He's Bai Li Hong?' Duan Ling Tian's eyes instantly brightened as he stared intently at the middle-aged man.

"You can retreat for now." The middle-aged man unfurrowed his brows and waved dismissively.

Then, he looked at Fang Gan. "Elder Fang Gan, what brings you here today?"

"Elder Bai Li."

Fang Gan did not dare to dawdle in front of Bai Li Hong, he bowed slightly as he pointed to Duan Ling Tian and introduced him, "This is Duan Ling Tian from the outer court. The reason I came today is to bring him here."

Chapter 1474: A Heaven Rank Saint Weapon?

"Duan Ling Tian?"

When Bai Li Hong heard Fang Gan's words, his eyes immediately shifted to Duan Ling Tian. "You're that Duan Ling Tian who caused the commotions in the outer court within three months of joining the sect?"

"Duan Ling Tian greets Elder Bai Li." At this time, Duan Ling Tian also bowed at Bai Li Hong.

"Elder Fang Gan must value you since you're able to get him to bring you here... Tell me, why are you looking for me?" Bai Li Hong asked without beating around the bush.

"Elder Bai Li, I came to ask for your help in inscribing the Penetration Saint Inscription on my Saint Weapon," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly as well.

"The Penetration Saint Inscription?"

Bai Li Hong shook his head after hearing that. "If you came for the Penetration Saint Inscription, I'm afraid you came for naught... I have to expand a lot of effort to inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription... That's why it depends on my mood if I want to inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription or not."

Did it depend on his mood?

When Duan Ling Tian heard that, the corner of his mouth twitched involuntarily.

He was truly a highly skilled person with his quirk!

"Elder Bai Li, it seems like you're worried you can't inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription on my Saint Weapon... If that's the case, rest assured, I've decided to let you inscribe on the bowstring of my bow instead of the bow," Duan Ling Tian casually said as he looked at Bai Li Hong.

"Do you think you'll be able to goad me into agreeing?" Bai Li Hong said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian calmly. A hint of disdain could be heard in his tone.

Fang Gan who stood at the side smiled wryly. He thought Duan Ling Tian was being too rash.

Even he could see through his goading tactic, let alone Elder Bai Li.

"Elder Bai Li, why don't we make a bet?" Duan Ling Tian said, blinking, as a smile slowly formed on his

"What bet?" Bai Li Hong asked faintly.

"If you can inscribe one Saint Inscription on my Saint Weapon Bow, even if it's merely a One Star Saint Inscription, then it's my loss! If I lose, I'll give you one million Merit Points... How's that?" Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Bai Li Hong.

One million Merit Points!

Duan Ling Tian's generosity shocked Fang Gan, even Bai Li Hong was shocked as he shot Duan Ling Tian another glance.

"Are you sure?" Although Bai Li Hong, as the only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in the Moon Illumination Sect, had no shortage of Merit Points, he had no reason to reject Duan Ling Tian's bet since he insisted on giving away one million Merit Points.

Even if it's a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon, he was confident he would still be able to inscribe it. It did not cross his mind that he might not be able to do so on Duan Ling Tian's Saint Weapon.

"Elder Bai Li, is that a promise?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile.

"That's right." Bai Li Hong nodded.

"Elder Bai Li, I haven't stated the price you'll have to pay if you lose, but you're agreeing to it so quickly?" Duan Ling Tian asked, surprised.

"I won't lose." Bai Li Hong was very confident. He would not dare to speak if it was something else, but he was confident in regards to the Saint Inscription Dao.

"Although Elder Bai Li is very confident, I'll still have to state the price you'll have to pay if you lose... If you really can't inscribe a Saint Inscription on my Saint Weapon Bow, please help me inscribe the Penetration Saint Inscription on the bowstring of my Saint Weapon for free," Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Bai Li Hong.

"No problem." Bai Li Hong promised immediately.

"Elder Bai Li, I haven't finished speaking," Duan Ling Tian added.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't reach for a yard after taking an inch!" Bai Li Hong said with a frown.

One million Merit Points was almost equivalent to the value of a Penetration Saint Inscription.

He was somewhat displeased when he saw Duan Ling Tian intended to add to the bet even though he did not think he would lose.

Duan Ling Tian ignored Bai Li Hong's words and continued saying, "If Elder Bai Li you lose, in addition to one free Penetration Saint Inscription, you'll have to teach me the Saint Inscription Dao for a month without holding anything back."

After hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, not only was Fang Gan stunned, even Bai Li Hong was stunned.

This Duan Ling Tian was interested in the Saint Inscription?

"That's all... Elder Bai Li, are you still willing to bet?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile as he looked at Bai Li Hong.

"Humph! Since you want to give me your Merit Points, there's no reason for me to reject it." Bai Li Hong snorted. "Take your Saint Weapon out. I want to see what kind of Saint Weapon can give you this kind of confidence... I'm not bragging, but even if it's a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon, I'll still be able to inscribe Saint Inscription on it."

Heaven Rank Saint Weapon?

When he heard Bai Li Hong's words, Duan Ling Tian could not help but chuckle inwardly.

A Heaven Rank Saint Weapon was nothing in front of the Sun Shooting Bow.

Under the watchful eyes of Bai Li Hong and Fang Gan, Duan Ling Tian took the Sun Shooting Bow out and presented it to both of them.

Fang Gan's mouth twitched when he saw the rusty Sun Shooting Bow.

This Saint Weapon did not look like it would present any challenge to Elder Bai Li at all.

However, Bai Li Hong's attitude was completely different from Fang Gan.

As the saying went, 'Only insiders know the ropes. Outsiders are only here for the ride.'

With just a glance, Bai Li Hong saw how extraordinary Duan Ling Tian's bow was. Setting aside the bow, just the bowstring alone was better than any Human Rank Saint Weapons or Earth Rank Saint Weapons.

Bai Li Hong took the Sun Shooting Bow as he stared intently at the bowstring of the Sun Shooting bow. He gasped and asked, "That's dragon tendon?"

Dragon tendon?

Fang Gan was shocked by Bai Li Hong's words.

Although there were plenty of rumors about dragons in the history of Dao Martial Saint Land, as far as the world is concerned, dragons were a legendary existence.

However, Bai Li Hong just said that the bowstring of Duan Ling Tian's bow was made from dragon tendon?

"Elder Bai Li, you recognized this?" Duan Ling Tian looked surprised. He did not expect Bai Li Hong to recognize the dragon tendon.

It should be noted that this was the first time someone had identified the bowstring of the Sun Shooting Bow as dragon tendon ever since he entered the Moon Illumination Sect.

"In the Dao Martial Saint Land, there's no shortage of bows with dragon tendon as bowstrings... The poorest among those are also Heaven Rank Primitive Saint Weapons! It seems like your Saint Weapon is also a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon," Bai Li Hong muttered.

Heaven Rank Saint Weapon!

Fang Gan was dumbfounded. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to take a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon out.

It should be noted that even the Moon Illumination Sect did not own a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon.

Even the Nine Sect Alliances might not necessarily own a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon.

Heaven Rank Saint Weapon?

Duan Ling Tian did not respond when he heard Bai Li Hong's words.

"Although it's difficult for me to inscribe a Saint inscription on a Heaven Rank Primitive Saint Weapon, it's not impossible... You'll definitely lose this bet!" Bai Li Hong unilaterally announced his victory as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 1475: Inscription Pen

"Elder Bai Li, isn't it too soon for you to be saying this?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes and smiled.

"Humph!" Bai Li Hong snorted softly and ignored Duan Ling Tian. He raised his arm and retrieved an extremely fine iron stylus. It was the Inscription Pen Dao Talisman Masters and Saint Inscription Masters used in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

There were two ends on the Inscription Pen. One end was similar to an ordinary Chinese brush while the other end was pointed.

The Inscription Pen that emitted a cold aura was so fine that it was like a big needle. It was obvious that was it was made from extraordinary materials.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, Inscription Pens were categorized into classes.

The Inscription Pen in Bai Li Hong's hand was top-rated even in the entire Dao Martial Saint Land.

His Inscription Pen could mark a Heaven Rank Primitive Saint Weapon.

Logically speaking, in the Dao Martial Saint Land, an Inscription Pen like that should not be in the hands of a Three Star Saint Inscription Master... Even Six Star Saint Inscription Masters might not necessarily own an Inscription Pen like this, not to mention a Three Star Saint Inscription Master.

The reason why Bai Li Hong owned such an Inscription Pen was due to a fortuitous encounter. He had chanced upon the inheritance of a Seven Star Saint Inscription Master. The Inscription Pen was also left behind by the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master.

Due to that fortuitous encounter and a lot of hard work, he finally managed to become a Saint Inscription Master.

Holding Duan Ling Tian's Sun Shooting Bow in one hand and the Inscription Pen in the other, Bai Li Hong looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "I don't have to try inscribing a Saint Inscription. If my Inscription

Pen makes a mark on your Saint Weapon bow, I should be able to inscribe on it... You can't deny that, right?"

"Of course, I won't deny that."

Duan Ling Tian said with certainty, "As long as Elder Bai Li manages to leave a mark on my bow, I'll consider it as my loss! I'll admit defeat."

"Very well." Bai Li Hong nodded, satisfied. Under Duan Ling Tian and Fang Gan's gaze, he sent True Energy into the Inscription Pen and pointed the sharp end of the Inscription Pen at the Sun Shooting Bow with lightning-speed.

The two ends of the Inscription Pen were peculiar as well.

The sharp end looked like a pointed cone used by Saint Inscription Masters to inscribe on Saint Weapons.

As for the other end, it looked like a Chinese brush, and it was for Dao Talisman Masters to draw Dao Talismans on Talisman papers.

An Inscription Pen was used by both Saint Inscription Masters and Dao Talisman Masters.

Naturally, Saint Inscription Masters generally did not use the other end.

Fang Gan stared unblinkingly at the scene before him. He was curious who would end up having the last laugh.

It was not that he did not trust Bai Li Hong, but Duan Ling Tian's confidence swayed his heart... After all, Duan Ling Tian did not suffer a loss at all ever since he entered the Moon Illumination Sect.

He was uncertain if this time would be an exception.

Duan Ling Tian looked on calmly.

Although he did not know how extraordinary the Inscription Pen in Bai Li Hong's hands was, he had almost blind confidence in the Sun Shooting Bow.

What a joke!

The Sun Shooting Bow was made of special materials that could be refined into a Celestial Supreme Treasure.

It was definitely not an easy task to leave a mark on it.

At least, Duan Ling Tian did not think that Bai Li Hong was capable of leaving any mark on it.

Xiu!

The Inscription Pen landed like a lightning, the True Energy entwined around it looked like little green snakes. At a second glance, it also looked like bolts of green lightning moving around the Inscription Pen.

Qiang!

When the Inscription Pen landed on the Sun Shooting Bow, it made a cacophonous sound.

Meanwhile, Bai Li Hong focused his gaze as he shook his hand that was holding the Inscription Pen, fully intending on leaving a mark on the on the Sun Shooting Bow.

However, the results left him dumbfounded when he moved his hands.

He noticed there was no mark on the bow in his hand. "How... How's this possible... With my Inscription Pen, I should be able to leave a mark even on a Heaven Rank Primitive Saint Weapon." Bai Li Hong took a deep breath. He refused to believe this and tried again.

Unfortunately, the result was the same. His Inscription Pen failed to leave any mark on the Sun Shooting Bow.

"There's no trace of a mark at all." Fang Gan was also stunned. He glanced at Duan Ling Tian with conflicted emotions after he recovered from the shock.

"Elder Bai Li, you won't go back on your words, will you?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile.

Bai Li Hong did not answer Duan Ling Tian's question and asked with a dignified expression on his face, "What kind of Saint Weapon is this? Is it one of the Super Saint Weapons in the rumored Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking in the Dao Martial Saint Land?"

"No, it's not." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said faintly, "This is a Saint Weapon that my master asked his friend to custom-make for me twenty years ago. It's definitely not one of the ten greatest Super Saint Weapons in the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking." With his words, Duan Ling Tian created a fake master for himself.

"Your master's not a simple man since he has a friend who can refine such an outstanding Saint Weapon." Bai Li Hong's face turned solemn when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Fang Gan heaved a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, he did not open his mouth and ask Duan Ling Tian to be his disciple. Otherwise, he would have embarrassed himself.

'No wonder he only addressed the City Governor of Mound Hill City as Teacher and not Master... As it turns out, he already has an extremely powerful master,' Fang Gan thought to himself.

It was not difficult for Fang Gan to come up with that conclusion.

He knew about Bai Li Hong's capability.

Based on Bai Li Hong's words, he would be able to inscribe on a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon.

The fact that Bai Li Hong had suspected Duan Ling Tian's Saint Weapon to be one of the ten greatest Super Saint Weapons in the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking undoubtedly proved that his Saint Weapon was comparable to the Super Saint Weapons!

As for the connection between Duan Ling Tian and the City Governor of Mound Hill City, he had only learned about it recently.

"I don't know about that."

In the face of a solemn Bai Li Hong, Duan Ling Tian shook his head and muttered unhappily, "That old man isn't a competent master at all. He always leaves me alone, saying it's to train me... I've been deceived." Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was just making up a story.

However, it became a different matter when Bai Li Hong and Fang Gan heard this.

If there was no Sun Shooting Bow, they might not necessarily believe Duan Ling Tian's words... However, with the Sun Shooting Bow that was comparable to a Super Saint Weapon, they could not help but believe Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're lucky to be accepted by such a master. It's a blessing! How can you say you've been deceived?"

Fang Gan shook his head. "I was thinking what kind of person can cultivate such a monstrous freak like you... I didn't think you would have such a mysterious and powerful master behind you," Fang Gan said.

Bai Li Hong nodded in agreement as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian, I admit defeat... Three days later, you may return to retrieve your Saint Weapon. As for learning the Saint inscription Dao, we'll start in three days."

Although he had no way of inscribing the Sun Shooting Bow, he was very confident in inscribing the bowstring.

This was because he could not figure out what the Sun Shooting Bow made from. However, he had already identified the bowstring as dragon tendon.

"Dragon tendon... With my Inscription Pen, I'll still be able to inscribe even if it's the dragon tendon of a Five-clawed Divine Dragon." Bai Li Hong was filled with confidence.

In the inheritance he obtained from the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master, there was more than just Saint Inscription Dao, there were also a lot of secrets such as the secrets of the dragon clans. He even knew that Five-clawed Divine Dragons were the strongest in the dragon clans in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

According to the message left behind by the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master, the Inscription Pen he left behind could even inscribe on the toughest part of a Five-clawed Divine Dragon's body, the dragon scale, let alone the tendon.

However, Bai Li Hong did not know the dragon tendon in his hands belonged to a Five-clawed Divine Dragon.

After receiving Bai Li Hong's promise, a smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face, and he hurriedly thanked him, "Thank you, Elder Bai Li."

After thanking him, Duan Ling Tian looked at Bai Li Hong and Fang Gan again and said solemnly, "I have another favor to ask from Elder Bai Li and Elder Fang Gan... Please don't tell anyone about my bow... I don't want to be everyone's target."

It was highly likely that many people would covet and try to snatch his Sun Shooting Bow if they find out his bow was comparable to a Super Saint Weapon.

"I'm not so foolish," Bai Li Hong said faintly.

Naturally, he did not finish his sentence out loud.

Even if he was foolish, he still would not dare to do that because it might offend Duan Ling Tian's master.

Although Bai Li Hong could not confirm the existence of Duan Ling Tian's master, he would rather err on the side of caution.

"Don't worry." Fang Gan's reply was even more direct.

Since Bai Li Hong intended to begin helping Duan Ling Tian to inscribe the Three Star Saint Inscription, Penetration Saint Inscription, on the bowstring of the Sun Shooting Bow, Duan Ling Tian, and Fang Gan did not stay on.

After they bade Bai Li Hong farewell, they left his mansion together.

Fang Gan was curious about Duan Ling Tian's fake master. During their journey back, he asked Duan Ling Tian Tian questions and he responded accordingly.

He had made up a fake master as a protective measure.

From the moment he decided to show the extraordinary Sun Shooting Bow, he had already planned to make up a story about a fake master that would make Bai Li Hong and Fang Gan wary so it would deter them from snatching his bow away.

Although Bai Li Hong and Fang Gan did not seem like cunning people, he had to be extra careful.

As the saying went, 'One might know a person's face but not his heart.' He was more guarded than other people since he had lived twice.

Duan Ling Tian wanted to change the topic so he looked at Fang Gan and asked inquisitively, "Elder Fang Gan, when I went to see you, that senior in your mansion addressed you as Young Master. Has he been with you for a long time?"

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"Yes, he has been with me for a long time."

Fang Gan nodded as he reminisced, "More than a hundred years ago when I was younger, I'm the young master of a notable family in the area ruled by the Moon Illumination Sect, the Fang Clan... He's the martial apprentice by my side who sparred with me. After that, he accompanied me to the Moon Illumination Sect until today." Fang Gan had a gentle expression on his face when he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. It was almost exactly like what he had thought.

Duan Ling Tian left the inner court and returned to the outer court after rejecting Fang Gan's invitation to stay.

Once he arrived near the independent courtyard he was residing in, Duan Ling Tian saw a familiar figure standing outside his independent courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he saw the figure. He smiled as he greeted that person, "Xiong Hu."

"Senior Brother Duan."

Xiong Hu turned around when he heard Duan Ling Tian's greeting. He had an excited expression on his face. "I didn't expect so much to happen during the time I was in closed-door cultivation... Duan Ling Tian, you're too powerful! Now our Mound Hill City really has something to be proud of."

It was obvious Xiong Hu had heard about Duan Ling Tian's recent accomplishment after he came out from his closed-door cultivation.

Killing Feng Fan, and defeating an inner court disciple, He Zhong.

When he first heard about it, he was so stunned that he did not react for a long time.

Duan Ling Tian remained calm in the face of Xiong Hu's excitement, he only smiled faintly. "Xiong Hu, the last time I visited you, you were in closed-door cultivation... Since you're out now, I should return the Merit Points Teacher gave you," Duan Ling Tian said as he lifted his arm and retrieved his Crystal Card.

"Senior Brother, you can keep the Merit Points and use it for yourself." Xiong Hu grinned.

"Are you sure you want me to keep it? Are you sure you don't want to borrow the Human Rank Primitive Saint Grade Martial Tactic?" Duan Ling Tian stared intently at Xiong Hu, making him feel a little awkward.

He did not put much thought into it. He just thought the Merit Points would be more useful to Duan Ling Tian.

"Come on, you're a man. Don't dawdle," Duan Ling Tian said impatiently.

Only then did Xiong Hu took his Crystal Card out.

However, when he saw the number of Merit Points that Duan Ling Tian transferred to him, he cried out, "Senior Brother Duan, this isn't right! I remembered Master gave me 20,000 Merit Points... Why did you transfer 250,000 Merit Points?"

"What can you do with 20,000 Merit Points? With this 250,000 Merit Points, you can buy an Earth Rank Saint Weapon with a Two Star Saint Inscription and also borrow a Human Rank Primitive Saint Grade Martial Tactic."

Duan Ling Tian said, "This is all I can do to help you... As for the Merit Points you'll need to borrow Human Rank Primitive Saint Grade Martial Tactics in the future, you'll have to earn it yourself."

"Senior Brother Duan." Xiong Hu became a little teary-eyed when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He knew Duan Ling Tian was trying to help him.

Even his master, the City Governor of Mound Hill City, might not necessarily have an Earth Rank Saint Weapon with Two Star Saint Inscription.

"That's enough. Hurry up and go to the Merit Pavilion," Duan Ling Tian said. He returned to his own courtyard before Xiong Hu even had a chance to reply.

In regards to giving Xiong Hu so many Merit Points, he had given it a long thought.

Currently, in the Moon Illumination Sect, he had completely offended that inner court elder, Liu Huan... If Liu Huan thought he was hard to deal with, he would definitely change his target to Xiong Hu and Ling Yun.

Xiong Hu and Ling Yun would certainly be in a very miserable state if they could not protect themselves.

Although Liu Huan would not have let people from Mound Hill City go so easily, Duan Ling Tian also played a part in fanning the flames.

Therefore, he did not want Xiong Hu and Ling Yun to lose because of him.

Bai Li Hong would only be done inscribing the Saint Inscription on the Sun Shooting Bow in three days' time. During those three days, Duan Ling Tian entered the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and cultivated for nine days. He came out of after nine days. Naturally, only three days had passed in the outside world.

This time, Duan Ling Tian went alone to Bai Li Hong's mansion.

"Your Saint Weapon." Bai Li Hong passed the Sun Shooting Bow back to Duan Ling Tian. After Duan Ling Tian received it, he decided to test it out on the spot. Coincidentally, there was a huge stone in Bai Li Hong's front yard. Moreover, it was not an ordinary stone.

"Even with your strength, Saint Weapon, and the Penetration Saint Inscription, it's still too soon for you penetrate this boulder with your arrow," Bai Li Hong said to Duan Ling Tian.

That boulder was a unique stone in the Dao Martial Saint Land. The metal extracted from it could even be refined into Saint Weapons. Naturally, it could only be refined into Human Rank Saint Weapons.

It definitely would not be easy to penetrate the large stone with his arrow.

Duan Ling Tian remained quiet even after hearing Bai Li Hong's words. With a raise of his arm, he lifted the Sun Shooting Bow.

In his right hand, True Energy appeared and formed an arrow that he knocked on the bow before he pulled the bowstring back.

"This is the Penetration Saint Inscription?" While Duan Ling Tian pulled the bowstring, his eyes landed on the inconspicuous inscription on it. Obviously, it was the Three Star Saint Inscription, the Penetration Saint Inscription, inscribed by Bai Li Hong.

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian directed some True Energy into it to activate it.

The Penetration Saint Inscription was instantly activated.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian could clearly feel the changes in the arrow made from True Energy. It was as though the arrow acquired the ability to penetrate through everything in just an instant.

After a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian pulled the bowstring back with all his might.

T'chi! T'chi!

The bowstring sounded softly but sharply.

Bai Li Hong stood aside and stared intently at the scene before him.

He, too, wanted to see how strong this Martial Dao prodigy who was so famous in the outer court was with a Saint Weapon inscribed with the Penetration Saint Inscription.

Once Duan Ling Tian nocked the arrow and pulled the bowstring, he straightened his back. It was as though he had transformed into a strong bow as well.

Suddenly, the strong bow trembled fiercely.

In the next moment, the arrow that was nocked on the bowstring shook and transformed into a streak of light. It flew out and slammed into the boulder, leaving a hole behind.

Before Bai Li Hong managed to regain his senses, he heard another soft noise.

After the True Energy arrow penetrated the boulder, it continued flying out.

"Ah!"

At this moment, a scream from outside was heard. Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel shocked. "This... Someone was shot?"

For a moment, Duan Ling Tian did not know what to think. Who was so unlucky?

Duan Ling Tian immediately rushed to the entrance of Bai Li Hong's mansion and looked outside. He saw an inner court disciple limping away quickly. It was as though he did not want to loiter too long near Bai Li Hong's mansion without any reason.

'It seems like Elder Bai Li's status as a Three Stars Saint Inscription Master is quite high in the Moon Illumination Sect,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. It was not difficult for him to figure this out.

Even the Sect Leader and the few Saint Stage powerhouses in the Moon Illumination Sect had to treat him respectfully, let alone those below them.

The inner court disciple had to be the disciple of an inner court elder. As a disciple of an inner court elder, he would naturally know Bai Li Hong was not someone he could offend.

When Duan Ling Tian returned to Bai Li Hong's front yard, he realized Bai Li Hong was staring at him as though he was a monster.

"Elder Bai Li, it's no wonder you're a Three Star Saint Inscription Master. The Three Star Saint Inscription, the Penetration Saint Inscription, is just too strong," Duan Ling Tian exclaimed.

That shot did not only penetrate the boulder, it had also penetrated the thick wall before it injured an inner court disciple who was passing by.

"Are you really just a Martial Cultivator at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage?" Bai Li Hong muttered as he looked at him intently, ignoring Duan Ling Tian's words.

"What? Does Elder Bai Li want to verify it with the Spiritual Secret Tactic?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

He had suggested this himself. It was equivalent to shooting himself in his feet.

"You're really at the Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage! You're truly a little freak," Bai Li Hong muttered with a gasp.

At this moment, he was even more certain that the master Duan Ling Tian had mentioned was real.

If Duan ling Tian did not have such a mysterious and powerful master behind him, how could he be such a freak?

Bai Li Hong's thoughts were simple and straightforward.

"With your current strength, you should be able to rank at the top of the Earth Ranking... When you break through to the Paramount Mortal Shedding Stage, I'm afraid that even the no.1 person on the Earth Ranking will have to relinquish his position," Bai Li Hong said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a myriad of emotions in his eyes.

"Elder Bai Li has so much confidence in me?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile.

"Humph! I'm just confident about my Saint Inscription." Bai Li Hong snorted. Naturally, he would not admit that.

Every time he remembered he had given away a Three Star Saint Inscription for free, he felt as though his heart was bleeding.

Even the various materials needed to inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription were worth around 200,000 to 300,000 Merit Points in the Moon Illumination Sect.

If Duan Ling Tian heard Bai Li Hong's inner thought, he would definitely curse him.

Bai Li Hong actually sold a Saint Inscription that was worth around 200,000 to 300,000 Merit Points at the exorbitant price of millions of Merit Points. Even the crows were not as black-hearted as him!

"Elder Bai Li, am I going to learn about Saint Inscription from you today?" Duan Ling Tian asked as his eyes glinted.

"I certainly wouldn't go back on my word since I've already promised you... However, you can't learn the Saint Inscription Dao just because you want to. It'll depend on your innate talent. You'll have to prepare yourself for that," Bai Li Hong warned Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 1477: Nine Star Inscription Pen

'It's not easy to learn the Saint Inscription Dao? I'll need to be mentally prepared apart from being talented?'

Duan Ling Tian snickered when he heard Bai Li Hong's words. However, he did not respond to him.

The Rebirth Martial Emperor's life-long experience and knowledge on Inscription techniques was inherited by Duan Ling Tian. Although Inscriptions and Saint Inscriptions were different, both of them were essentially similar when it came down to it. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian did not need to learn Saint Inscription Dao from scratch. He would be able to master the Saint Inscription Dao as long as he was able to find their similarities and master the differences. This was why he was confident about becoming an excellent Saint Inscription Master.

In the following month, Duan Ling Tian stayed in Bai Li Hong's estate to learn Saint Inscription Dao from him.

In the beginning, Bai Li Hong was pessimistic about Duan Ling Tian's ability to master the Saint Inscription Dao. This was because Duan Ling Tian had already proven himself to be extremely talented in the Martial Dao. Bai Li Hong believed that life was fair, he did not think life would bestow Duan Ling Tian with talent in both the Martial Dao and the Saint Inscription Dao.

However, the truth hurt. He felt like God was playing a prank on him. He could not help but ask himself, "How can there be such a talented person in this world?"

Duan Ling Tian already managed to inscribe a One Star Saint Inscription just after a month. Bai Li Hong suspected that Duan Ling Tian could have inscribed a Two Star Saint Inscription if it was not for his weak Spiritual Energy.

During this one month, Duan Ling Tian had surprised him far too many times... From knowing nothing at the beginning to reaching the novice level and coming up with interesting ideas and concepts.

Occasionally Duan Ling Tian would give Bai Li Hong a feeling as though Duan Ling Tian was an experienced Saint Inscription Master instead of a beginner in the Saint Inscription Dao. Although it was unbelievable, it was a fact that he felt that way.

"Inscriptions and Saint Inscriptions are essentially the same."

Duan Ling Tian had found the 'bridge' connecting Inscriptions and Saint Inscriptions after ten days of learning from Bai Li Hong. During the twentieth day, Duan Ling Tian had already managed to cross the 'bridge' and comprehend the Saint Inscription Dao in his own way. A few days later, Duan Ling Tian had fully mastered the similarities and differences of Inscriptions and Saint Inscriptions. Moreover, he was also able to convert some of the Inscriptions in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory into Saint Inscriptions.

There were too many types of Inscriptions in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory. It would take more than a day to list them down one by one.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was able to inscribe the Two Star and Three Star Saint Inscriptions, Thousand Mass Saint Inscription, Gale Saint Inscription, and the Penetration Saint Inscription through the Inscriptions in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory.

Similar to the other Saint Inscription Masters in the Dao Martial Saint Land, Duan Ling Tian needed to refine the ink-like liquid from raw materials to inscribe the Saint Inscription before he could use the Inscription Pen to inscribe Saint Inscriptions.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was only able to inscribe One Star Saint Inscription due to his limited Spiritual Energy.

He would have to enter the Saint Rudiment Stage before he could attempt to inscribe Two Star Saint Inscriptions. At that time, his Spiritual Energy would be stronger and enable him to inscribe Two Star Saint Inscriptions.

"Through this month of learning, I'm now able to convert Inscriptions to Saint Inscriptions... As long as I have sufficient Spiritual Energy, I'll be able to inscribe a Saint Inscription of the same level with the help of the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory," Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself.

This scenario was the same as when he was on Cloud Continent.

At that time, he was able to inscribe Inscriptions that was at a similar level with his Spiritual Energy.

"Elder Bai Li, thank you! I'm sorry to have inconvenienced you for the past month," Duan Ling Tian sincerely thanked Bai Li Hong as he looked at him. It was time for Duan Ling Tian to leave since a month had passed.

"Duan Ling Tian, your talent in the Saint Inscription Dao far surpassed mine!" Bai Li Hong looked at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated expression.

Suddenly, as though he had made up his mind, he said to Duan Ling Tian solemnly, "Duan Ling Tian, I wish to take you as a disciple on behalf of my teacher... Are you willing to accept this?"

"Elder Bai Li, you have a teacher?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

"Of course. Who do you think I learned the Saint Inscription Dao from?"

Bai Li Hong shook his head and said with a straight face, "Duan Ling Tian, my teacher was a Seven Star Saint Inscription Master! Even the Inscription Pen that I'm using was given by him."

A Seven Star Saint Inscription Master!

Duan Ling Tian was undoubtedly shocked by Bai Li Hong's words.

Although Duan Ling Tian knew that Bai Li Hong must have had a teacher, and his teacher had to be a Four Star Saint Inscription Master at least, he did not think his teacher would be a Seven Star Saint Inscription Master!

"Do you know why I was so confident about making the bet with you a month ago?" Bai Li Hong asked.

"Isn't it because you're confident about being able to inscribe Saint Inscriptions on Heaven Rank Saint Weapons?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Then do you know why I'm confident I can inscribe Saint Inscriptions on Heaven Rank Saint Weapons?" Bai Li Hong continued to ask.

"I think it should be because of your Inscription Pen," Duan Ling Tian said after he thought about it for a short while.

The materials used to forge Heaven Rank Saint Weapons were extremely tough and solid. Naturally, if an Inscription Pen was of poor quality, it would not be able to make a mark on a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon.

"You're right. It's because of my Inscription Pen!" Bai Li Hong nodded. He continued to say with a sparkle in his eye, "Normally, a regular Three Star Saint Inscription Master will own a Four Star Inscription Pen at most... However, a Four Star Inscription Pen can only inscribe Saint Inscriptions on Earth Rank Primitive Saint Weapons and nothing higher."

"A Four Star Inscription Pen is only able to inscribe Saint Inscriptions on Earth Rank Primitive Saint Weapons? It's so specific!" Duan Ling Tian said, surprised.

"Of course." Bai Li Hong nodded and continued, "Inscription Pens are sorted into nine different grades based on its quality. A One Star Inscription Pen is the worst, and a Nine Star Inscription Pen is the best... This grading is commonly used in the Dao Martial Saint Land. However, according to my teacher, there are even better Inscription Pens than the Nine Star Inscription Pens in the Dao Martial Saint Land."

Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of Inscription Pens in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Although he had already found the connection between Inscriptions and Saint Inscriptions and mastered converting Inscriptions to Saint Inscriptions, he was still in the dark when it came to Inscription Pens in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

After listening to Bai Li Hong, Duan Ling Tian finally understood more about Inscription Pens.

"One Star Inscription Pens are equivalent to Human Rank Primitive Saint Weapons. This means that a One Star Inscription Pen can only be used to inscribe a Human Rank Primitive Saint Weapon at most. Two Star Inscription Pens are equivalent to Human Rank Mediocre Saint Weapons, meaning that a Two Star Inscription Pen can only be used to inscribe a Human Rank Mediocre Saint Weapon at most."

"Three Star Inscription Pens are equivalent to Human Rank Prominent Saint Weapons, Four Star Inscription Pens are equivalent to Earth Rank Primitive Saint Weapons... Nine Star Inscription Pens are equivalent to Heaven Ranked Prominent Saint Weapons. You get the idea." Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of Inscription Pens after listening to Bai Li Hong's explanation.

"Does this mean your Inscription Pen has more than seven stars, Elder Bai Li?" Duan Ling Tian asked, stunned.

Bai Li Hong said he was able to inscribe a Saint Inscription on a Heaven Rank Saint Weapon a month ago.

Duan Ling Tian came to this conclusion after he learned more about Inscription Pens.

"You're right." Bai Li Hong nodded and took out his Inscription Pen as he said, "This is the pen I inherited from the teacher I've never met! It's a Nine Star Inscription Pen. With this, I can even inscribe a Saint Inscription on a Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Weapon. Now you know where I got my confidence from a month ago."

Bai Li Hong looked at Duan Ling Tian after he finished speaking. At the same time, he recalled the bet they made a month ago and sighed. "I didn't think your Saint Weapon is superior to Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Weapons! It must be a Super Saint Weapon." Bai Li Hong thought Duan Ling Tian's Sun Shooting Bow was a Super Saint Weapon.

However, only Duan Ling Tian knew the Sun Shooting Bow was not a Super Saint Weapon but a broken Celestial Supreme Treasure.

A sleeping lion was still stronger than a barking dog. After all, the Sun Shooting Bow was still a Celestial Supreme Treasure. No matter how damaged it was, it was still far superior compared to a Super Saint Weapon in terms of toughness.

Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he heard Bai Li Hong said the pen he owned was a Nine Star Inscription Pen. As for the remainder of Bai Li Hong's speech, Duan Ling Tian did not register what he had said at all.

A Nine Star Inscription Pen was the best Inscription Pen in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Although Duan Ling Tian had guessed that Bai Li Hong's Inscription Pen had at least seven stars, he did not think it would turn out to be a Nine Star Inscription Pen!

"Elder Bai Li, didn't you say your teacher was just a Seven Star Saint Inscription Master? How did he come to possess a Nine Star Inscription Pen?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Bai Li Hong in shock.

"I have no idea about this as well! Teacher did not mention this in the jade tokens he left behind." Bai Li Hong shook his head.

"You never asked him?" Duan Ling Tian continued to ask.

"Ask him?"

Bai Li Hong was stunned by Duan Ling Tian's question. He forced a laugh and said, "Duan Ling Tian, I told you earlier that I've not met my teacher at all... I merely inherited a spatial ring that my teacher left behind. Apart from some raw materials for Saint Inscriptions, there were two jade tokens and this Nine Star Inscription Pen."

"I don't even know which era my teacher's from." Bai Li Hong sighed.

"I see!" Duan Ling Tian finally understood that Bai Li Hong's Saint Inscription knowledge was inherited from a Seven Star Saint Inscription Master's spatial ring and not from the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master himself.

"Since your teacher had passed, why do you want to take me as a disciple on your teacher's behalf, Elder Bai Li?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"My teacher left a request in his jade token stating that if I have average talent in the Saint Inscription Dao, and I meet someone whose talent in the Saint Inscription Dao far exceeds mine, I must take him as a disciple on behalf of my teacher so that I can pass on the Strange Inscription Art to him!" Bai Li Hong turned more and more solemn as he spoke.

"Strange Inscription Art?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised. He said, "What's that? Does it have any relations to the Saint Inscription Dao?"

"According to my teacher, the Strange Inscription Art is a different technique of inscribing Saint Inscriptions. Its main philosophy is to inscribe Saint Inscriptions that have the same effect as traditionally inscribed Saint Inscriptions by using the cheapest raw materials... Same Saint Inscriptions using raw materials of different value. In extreme cases, the difference can be very vast." Bai Li Hong explained.

Chapter 1478: The Strange Inscription Art's Inheritance

Unfortunately, due to my limited talent, I can't learn the Strange Inscription Art my teacher left behind... I wouldn't have everything I have today if I didn't have the Orthodox Saint Inscription cultivation technique my teacher left behind," Bai Li Hong said solemnly. He sighed when he reached the end of his sentence.

The fact that he could not learn the Strange Inscription Art that the teacher he had never met left behind had always bothered him.

He had met a few talented Saint Inscription Masters throughout the years. However, none of them managed to learn the Strange Inscription Art.

The important part of the Strange Inscription Art was the 'strange' part.

The Saint Inscriptions would only require less than half of the materials used in orthodox Saint Inscriptions and produced the same effect when the Strange Inscription Art was applied.

The Strange Inscription Art was so magical because it required high Spiritual Energy.

High Spiritual Energy did not mean having a high Spiritual Energy level, but it meant a high usage of Spiritual Energy... Only people who had an abundance of Spiritual Energy would be able to master the Strange Inscription Art.

Some people were born with powerful Spiritual Energy and could summon them with just a thought like the Soul and Thought Synchronization.

Unfortunately, Bai Li Hong was not one of them. Thus, he was destined to not have fate with the Strange Inscription Art. That had always been something that troubled him.

Ever since he had obtained the inheritance from the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master, he knew the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master was eager to find an heir for the Strange Inscription Art. Therefore, he had always been looking out for an eligible heir for the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master.

Although he had never met that Seven Star Saint Inscription Master, he had always treated him as his teacher.

After all, he would not be who he was today without that Seven Star Saint Inscription Master.

Throughout the years, he had searched for a lot of cultivation resources with the help of Saint Inscription Dao to achieve what he had today. He would not have everything he had today if he had just depended on his talent alone.

He was someone who knew how to feel grateful. That was why he had been looking for an opportunity to return the favor.

He finally found his opportunity.

Duan Ling Tian was the person he had been looking for. The heir who could inherit his teacher's Strange Inscription Art.

When Duan Ling Tian was inscribing Inscriptions, Bai Li Hong could tell the way he applied his Spiritual Energy had already reached the peak of perfection. He truly admired him for that.

"Strange Inscription Art..." Duan Ling Tian became curious about the Strange Inscription Art after learning about it from Bai Li Hong.

The orthodox Saint Inscription Dao in the Dao Martial Saint Land was undoubtedly similar to the Inscription Dao on Cloud Continent. However, this Strange Inscription Art was different from the Inscription Dao on Cloud Continent. That was why it piqued his interest.

"This jade token contained the recording of the Strange Inscription Art... I think you're the most suitable person to have this." Bai Li Hong lifted his arm to take out a jake token and handed it over to Duan Ling Tian solemnly.

He said seriously, "Duan Ling Tian, I know you already have a master... But if you manage to learn the Strange Inscription Art, I hope that you'll treat my teacher as yours too."

"I'll definitely do that." Duan Ling Tian did not reject the jade token that Bai Li Hong handed over. He was curious about the Strange Inscription Art. It was only natural he did not reject the opportunity that was presented to him. It was a matter of course for him to treat Bai Li Hong's teacher as his own since he received the inheritance from the Seven Star Saint Inscription Master. Moreover, nobody knew which era this Seven Star Saint Inscription Master was from, and it was uncertain if he was even alive. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian did not take long to think about it before he made his choice. Only idiots would reject good fortune that was sent to their doorsteps.

"From today onward, you're my, Bai Li Hong, junior brother," Bai Li Hong said with a smile, "Stop calling me Elder Bai Li from now on. Just call me Senior Brother."

"Senior Brother." Duan Ling Tian was not someone who paid attention to trivial matters so he instantly changed the way he addressed Bai Li Hong.

A charming smile appeared on Bai Li Hong's face when he heard the way Duan Ling Tian addressed him. "No matter if Teacher's still alive or not, he'll definitely be happy if he knows I managed to get him such an outstanding disciple like you."

"Senior Brother, don't praise me so much. I'm not even certain if I'll be able to learn the Strange Inscription Art yet," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile as he shook his head.

"Judging by the way you applied your Spiritual Energy, if you're unable to learn the Strange Inscription Art, I'm afraid nobody in the world would be able to learn it." That was how much confidence Bai Li Hong had in Duan Ling Tian.

Just like that, Duan Ling Tian got an inner court elder to be his senior brother before he even entered the inner court of Moon Illumination Sect.

Furthermore, this inner court elder was not an ordinary inner court elder.

As a Three Star Saint Inscription Master, Bai Li Hong's position in the Moon Illumination Sect was not only on par with the few Vice Sect Leaders in the sect, but his position was even higher than some of them.

His position was so high that even a few of the Saint Stage powerhouses, including the Sect Leader, had to be polite to him when they met.

"Junior Brother, I heard you came from Mound Hill City?" Bai Li Hong asked.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. It was not a secret in Moon Illumination Sect that he came from Mound Hill City.

"I'll deal Liu Huan later. I'll let him know that Bai Li Hong's junior brother isn't someone he can mess with!" Bai Li Hong's eyes flashed, and his tone was domineering.

It was obvious he knew about the conflict between Liu Huan and the people from Mound Hill City.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not reject Bai Li Hong's kindness.

However, he knew very well that Liu Huan would only behave himself on the surface even though he was afraid of his senior brother... Liu Huan would still see Duan Ling Tian as a thorn in his flesh.

Liu Huan would definitely have sleepless nights if he did not get rid of Duan Ling Tian.

'That's still good... At least Liu Huan will behave himself outwardly. That's a good thing for Xiong Hu and Ling Yun,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Senior Brother, since a month has passed, I should head back now." Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Bai Li Hong.

"Junior Brother, leave your bow here... Senior Brother will inscribe another two Three Star Saint Inscriptions for you. My current limit is inscribing three Three Star Saint Inscriptions on a Saint Weapon. More than three is beyond my ability," Bai Li Hong said to Duan Ling Tian.

Now that Duan Ling Tian was his junior brother, it was only natural that he wanted to help him as much as he could.

He would be a little unwilling to inscribe a Three Star Saint Inscription for Duan Ling Tian if it was in the past.

However, he could not be happier to inscribe more Three Star Saint Inscriptions for Duan Ling Tian now.

"Thank you, Senior Brother," Duan Ling Tian thanked him immediately as his eyes lit up. If there were three Three Star Saint Inscriptions on his Sun Shooting Bow, its power would be undoubtedly boosted. It would be immensely helpful to him.

Although he had mastered both Saint Inscriptions along with regular Inscriptions and his comprehension of Saint Inscription Dao was not inferior to Bai Li Hong, he could only inscribe One Star Saint Inscriptions at the moment due to his weak Spiritual Energy.

According to Bai Li Hong, he would need to break through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage at least to be able to inscribe Three Star Saint Inscriptions.

"You can stay in my mansion from today onward," Bai Li Hong said to Duan Ling Tian, "Senior Brother will get a hold of a quiet courtyard for you. It'll definitely be better than the courtyard you're residing in the outer court."

"Senior Brother, I'm grateful for your kindness, but I would like to stay in the outer court during this period of time. It won't be too late for me to stay in your courtyard when I enter the inner court in the future," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"That's a promise. You must stay here when you enter the inner court in the future," Bai Li Hong said solemnly.

"Of course," Duan Ling Tian replied immediately as he nodded.

Duan Ling Tian left immediately after he handed over his Sun Shooting Bow to Bai Li Hong.

He was eager to return so he could study the Strange Inscription Art. If he really mastered it, he would be able to earn twice as much compared to ordinary Saint Inscription Masters!

After all, the materials needed for a Saint Inscription Master who mastered the Strange Inscription Art were less than half of what was required for ordinary Saint Inscription Master.

Duan Ling Tian thought that, perhaps, that was not the only amazing thing about the Strange Inscription Art. This was because Bai Li Hong did not learn the Strange Inscription Art. It was only natural that his knowledge of it was limited.

Naturally, this was all just his speculation. He would have to find out if he was right.

When Duan Ling Tian left the inner court, news began to spread in the inner court.

The one and only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in Moon Illumination Sect, inner court elder Bai Li Hong, announced that he had accepted outer court disciple Duan Ling Tian as a disciple on behalf of his teacher.

From now on, Duan Ling Tian was his, Bai Li Hong, junior brother!

The news spread like a tornado in the inner court and created an uproar. It was as though the inner court had gone through an earthquake.

"Elder Bai Li took an outer court disciple as his junior brother? This is a joke, right?"

"Who's that outer court disciple? Is he outstanding? Is he so outstanding that Elder Bai Li took him as his junior brother?"

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At this moment, those inner court disciples who usually showed no concern about the happenings in the outer court were stunned by the news.

"How can it be? You don't know who Duan Ling Tian is?"

"Duan Ling Tian is so popular in entire sect recently. How could all of you not heard of him?"

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Those inner court disciples who had heard about Duan Ling Tian inform those who were unaware of the things Duan Ling Tian had done since he entered the sect. This caused Duan Ling Tian's fame so spread even more in the inner court.

Even those inner court disciples who had heard of Duan Ling Tian earlier were shocked to learn that he had become Elder Bai Li's junior brother.

Some of them tried to get to the bottom of the news and eventually found out that it was true!

Duan Ling Tian really became Elder Bai Li's junior brother!

Since the news had spread to the inner court, it was only natural that Liu Huan had also heard about the news.

Liu Huan crushed the teacup he was holding in his hand into powder in a fit of rage when he heard the news.

"Who is Duan Ling Tian that even Bai Li Hong, that old fella, acknowledged him as his junior brother! Damn it! Damn it!"

Liu Huan had always treated Duan Ling Tian as an eyesore. It was only natural he felt as though he had eaten a fly when he found out that Duan Ling Tian had gained such great support out of nowhere.

Chapter 1479: The Domineering Bai Li Hong

"Elder Bai Li accepted Duan Ling Tian as a disciple on behalf of his teacher, and now he's Elder Bai's junior brother?"

Su Qi came to look for Liu Han but came to halt outside his courtyard when he heard him screaming.

Although a complicated look flashed in his eyes, a subtle smile appeared on the edge of his lips. After that, he turned around and left. He did not meet Liu Huan in the end.

He knew Liu Huan's temper very well. He would only be looking for trouble if he went and look for Liu Huan now.

In the next few days, the news spread from the inner court to the outer court. Needless to say, the outer court was shocked by the news as well.

It was not surprising if one of the outstanding outer court disciples was secretly taken as a direct disciple of an inner court elder. It was not a rare occurrence in Moon Illumination Sect. However, this was the first time in Moon Illumination Sect's history for an inner court elder to take an outer court disciple as his junior brother. Moreover, the inner court elder in question was not just an ordinary inner court elder.

"Elder Bai Li took Duan Ling Tian as a disciple on his teacher's behalf, and he's now Elder Bai's junior brother? Is that true?"

"The news came from the inner court, and it was confirmed by the people from Elder Bai Li's mansion...
It's impossible for the news to be fake."

"Isn't Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian too extraordinary? The fact that he became an inner court disciple from an outer court disciple causes people to be envious and resentful... Good for him on becoming an elder's junior brother. His position is on par with the inner court elders."

"Most importantly, the inner court elder in question is Elder Bai Li... Who doesn't know that Elder Bai Li is the only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in our Moon Illumination Sect?"

"In the nine sects in the Nine Sect Alliances, our Moon Illumination Sect and one other sect are the only ones who have a Three Star Saint Inscription Master. The other seven sects don't have one. They would have to beg our Moon Illumination Sect if they need a Three Star Saint Inscription Master."

"Even the Sect Leader doesn't dare to slack in front of Elder Bai Li. After all, Elder Bai Li might leave the sect if he's unhappy. It would be a great loss to the sect if that happens"

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As expected, a commotion broke out in the outer court when the news spread.

Almost all the outer court elders, deacons, and disciples who were not in closed-door cultivation heard about the news.

In a mansion in a remote corner of the outer court, outer court Grand Elder Dongfang Quan almost spat out the tea he had just drank when he heard the news. "Elder Bai Li accepted Duan Ling Tian as his junior brother?"

Dongfang Quan inhaled sharply. He was still in shock even after he had a sip of tea.

Dongfang Quan's position as the Grand Elder in the outer court was not inferior to the inner court elders in the Moon Illumination Sect. In fact, his position was even higher than ordinary outer court elders. However, even he had to be respectful when he saw Elder Bai Li. This was not because Elder Bai Li was extremely powerful, it was because he was a Three Star Saint Inscription Master!

If he had to reveal the people he feared the most in the Moon Illumination Sect, apart from those Saint Stage powerhouses and the Sect Leader, Elder Bai Li was one of them... And now, Elder Bai Li had taken Duan Ling Tian as his junior brother?

"Elder Bai Li isn't an impulsive person. Why would he take Duan Ling Tian as his junior brother?" Dongfang Quan could not figure it out even after thinking for a long time.

Eventually, he could only come up with his own conclusion. "Perhaps Duan Ling Tian revealed his real identity to him, that's why he took Duan Ling Tian as his junior brother to cover things up and protect Duan Ling Tian?"

He did not think Duan Ling Tian and Bai Li Hong knew each other prior to this.

If Duan Ling Tian and Bai Li Hong had such a relationship, why did Duan Ling Tian spend fourth-grade and fifth-grade Saint Stones just to get Bai Li Hong to act as a witness?

Therefore, he was quite certain Duan Ling Tian and Bai Li Hong only became closer recently.

Apart from Dongfang Quan who was shocked by the news of Bai Li Hong accepting Duan Ling Tian as his junior brother, Huang Cheng, who was in his courtyard in the outer court, heard about the news as well.

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Huang Cheng expression was grave when he heard the news. A deafening noise reverberated in the air when he slammed his hand on the stone table and turned it into dust.

"Is this news true?" Huang Cheng asked solemnly as he looked at the outer disciple who told him the news.

"It's true. I heard even the people from Elder Bai Li's mansion confirmed the news." The outer court disciple nodded.

"Alright, you can leave now," Huang Cheng said after he took a deep breath, gesturing for the outer court disciple to retreat.

After the outer court disciple who brought him the news left, Huang Cheng had a solemn expression on his face when he groaned in his deep voice. "Does this mean the matter between me and Duan Ling Tian has to end just like that? Doesn't this mean I lost over 300,000 Merit Points for nothing?"

He was unwilling!

Eventually, Huang Cheng took a deep breath in before he muttered to himself, "Duan Ling Tian, I can't do anything to you in the sect since you have Elder Bai Li's support. However, I'll make you regret this if you dare to leave the sect!"

It was clear Huang Cheng was not going to give up.

Meanwhile, outer court deacon Deng Wei had also heard the news. He had an extremely solemn expression on his face as well. "I wonder what exactly does Duan Ling Tian have to earn Elder Bai Li's favor and even become his junior brother."

Suddenly, the opportunity for him to take revenge turned extremely slim.

"Forget it, forget it... Yu'er is the reason for my seeking vengeance. Now that Duan Ling Tian obtained support, it's pointless for me to continue treating him as an enemy! Otherwise, I'll definitely die if Elder

Bai Li finds out about it!" As opposed to Huang Cheng, Deng Wei had decided to give up on the idea of revenge.

"I must let Yu'er know about this... I must get him to let go of the grudge he has with Duan Ling Tian." Deng Wei took action immediately. He wrote a letter and had someone send them to the Deng Clan.

He did not want the grudge between Deng Yu and Duan Ling Tian to bring disaster to the Deng Clan.

In another independent courtyard, Ye Man's eyes turned red, and his expression was grave. "Elder Bai Li? The one and only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in the Moon Illumination Sect? Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian... Were you born just to oppress me, Ye Man? I'm unwilling! I'm unwilling!!" Ye Man growled in his deep voice.

At this very moment, he realized Duan Ling Tian would always be better than him.

In another independent courtyard, He Zhong sighed when he heard the news. "Although it's impossible, I hope uncle will stop doing what he's doing... That Elder Bai Li is someone even my master, the Vice Sect Leader of the Moon Illumination Sect, is afraid of."

Although his master was the Vice Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect and a powerhouse approaching the Saint Stage, their abilities were on par.

This was because Elder Bai Li had an Earth Rank Prominent Saint Weapon inscribed with three Three Star Inscriptions. Due to the Saint Weapon, it allowed Elder Bai Li to fight on equal footing with someone close to the Saint Stage even though he was only at the Saint Rudiment Stage.

Eventually, He Zhong clenched his teeth and left the outer court to enter the inner court.

Liu Huan was his uncle by blood after all. He thought it was important to talk to him.

"I know." Liu Huan nodded perfunctorily when he heard He Zhong's advise.

Although He Zhong knew Liu Huan was brushing him off, he knew that was the best he could do. "Uncle, now that Duan Ling Tian is Elder Bai Li's junior brother, I'm afraid even my master wouldn't want to offend him."

"I know." Liu Huan nodded lightly. "You may leave if there's nothing else that you want to say."

He Zhong sighed and left when he heard Liu Huan trying to send him off. That was the only thing he could do.

No matter what, he had given his best. He had done in part on behalf of his late mother who had passed away many years ago.

Liu Huan smirked after He Zhong left. "Want me to stay my hands? That's not going to happen! I've taken an oath that anyone from Mound Hill City will either die or come under my tutelage... There's no exception. That includes Duan Ling Tian!"

Five days later, a guest arrived at Liu Huan's mansion.

"Elder Bai Li." Liu Huan's expression was a little unnatural, but he bowed respectfully anyway.

Although both of them were inner court elders, this person's position in the Moon Illumination Sect was high above him and could not be compared.

"Elder Liu Huan." It was Bai Li Hong, Duan Ling Tian's senior brother. "I've never liked beating around the bush. I'm here to remind you that Duan Ling Tian's my junior brother. Whoever messes with him will be messing with me, Bai Li Hong!" Although Bai Li Hong's tone was calm, it was overbearing.

"Elder Bai Li's close relationship with your junior brother is enviable." It took quite an effort for Liu Huan to force a smile on his face and suppress the rising rage inside.

"That's all I have to say. You better behave yourself!" Bai Li Hong left immediately after he glanced at Liu Huan. He entered and exited Liu Huan's mansion as swift as wind in a barren land.

Once Bai Li Hong left, Liu Huan's face turned completely solemn and said with hatred, "Duan Ling Tian, I'm not human as long as you're still alive! Unless you hide yourself in Moon Illumination Sect for the rest of your life like a coward, there's no way for you escape death!"

Liu Huan left Moon Illumination Sect soon after. He headed north in the direction of Han River City.

Han River City was the biggest city within the Nine Sect Alliances. It was also the most bustling city with all walks of life, and it was also where the Nine Sect Alliances headquarters was located.

Chapter 1480: The Other Two Three-Star Saint Inscriptions

"Now that 10 days have passed... I suppose Senior Brother should be done with inscribing the other two Three-Star Saint Inscriptions on my Sun Shooting Bow, right?" After leaving the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian left the outer court and entered the inner court.

"Did you see that? That's Duan Ling Tian!" Unlike before, he was soon recognized after he entered the inner court. Many inner court disciples' eyes were trained on him wherever he went.

'No wonder those outer court disciples looked at me differently when I left my courtyard... It seems like the news of Senior Brother taking a disciple on behalf of his teacher and making me his junior brother has spread out.' He had not gone out ever since he left Bai Li Hong's mansion ten days ago.

He only left the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda after a month. A month was equivalent to ten days in the outside world.

He knew the news had spread when he recalled those outer court disciples looking at him respectfully during his journey here and the complicated expression in the inner court disciples' eyes.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian arrived at Bai Li Hong's mansion again.

"Young Master Ling Tian, please come in." Even the servant in Bai Li Hong's mansion was respectful to Duan Ling Tian now. He treated Duan Ling Tian as his second master.

"Junior Brother." Bai Li Hong welcomed Duan Ling Tian from far away. He was extremely friendly.

"Senior Brother," Duan Ling Tian responded with a smile.

"I hope this doesn't disappoint you." Bai Li Hong took out Duan Ling Tian's Sun Shooting Bow immediately and handed it over to him.

Duan Ling Tian looked the Sun Shooting Bow as soon as he took it from Bai Li Hong. Soon, he saw the two extra Saint Inscriptions on it. "Senior Brother, what are the two Three-Star Saint Inscriptions that you've inscribed for me?"

"The two Three-Star Saint Inscriptions are Explosive Flame Saint Inscription and Corrosion Saint Inscription," Bai Li Hong said with a smile, "These are the two Three-Star Saint Inscriptions that I exclusively picked for you. I think it'll go well and work great with the Penetration Inscription."

"I would like to hear more about it." Duan Ling Tian had a curious expression on his face.

"It's useless to talk about it. Let's get out of the sect and experiment on the wild beasts outside," Bai Li Hong suggested.

"That's a great idea." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Indeed, it would be useless to talk about it. It was better to put it to practice.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian and Bai Li Hong left the Moon Illumination Sect and arrived outside of the Moon Illumination Sect's estate.

It was Duan Ling Tian's first time leaving the Moon Illumination Sect since he arrived close to four months ago.

"Hmph! You're lucky Bai Li Hong is with you." A silhouette loomed at the side of the Moon Illumination Sect's monastery gate. From the distance, it looked blurry, making people think it was just a figment of their imagination.

However, one would be able to tell it was a person upon closer inspection. If it was an outer court disciple, they would be able to tell it was outer court elder Huang Cheng with just a glance.

Although Huang Cheng was only an outer court elder, and his cultivation base was not as powerful as Bai Li Hong, he obtained a secret tactic to hide his location when he was young... Now that his cultivation base was at the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage, it was impossible for people to see him as long as they were not powerhouses at the Saint Stage. This was why Bai Li Hong did not detect his presence.

He had requested to keep watch of the monastery gate recently... Apart from a few outer court disciples, usually there would also be an outer court elder in charge of the monastery gate duty. Naturally, Huang Cheng had an ulterior motive for making this request.

His target was Duan Ling Tian!

He would follow Duan Ling Tian if he dared to leave the Moon Illumination Sect without any powerhouses accompanying him. He would kill Duan Ling Tian once he was far away from the Moon Illumination Sect's estate. He would then take his Spatial Ring and his Crystal Card.

His goal was to take back the Merit Points he had lost to Duan Ling Tian and kill him to vent his anger.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware someone else at the Moon Illumination Sect was plotting his death apart from Liu Huan.

Duan Ling Tian followed Bai Li Hong to a remote place, away from the Moon Illumination Sect's estate. There was a lot of wild beasts in this place.

Wild beasts were beasts with no sentience in the Dao Martial Saint Land. They were similar to wild animals on Mortal Continent that killed each other for survival and only the strong lived.

Each powerful wild beast had a territory of their own. They were very territorial and would fight to the death if someone were to invade their territories.

"This area is an Early Saint Stage wild beast's territory," Bai Li Hong said to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Bai Li Hong told him about this place before they arrived.

This place was called Beast Ridge.

All wild beasts above the Saint Rudiment Stage had their own territories here and were kings of their territories.

Bang!

As soon as Bai Li Hong lifted his arms and swung them down, an invisible force slammed down on the ground in front of them. Not only was one of the big trees crushed, but a gigantic pit appeared on the ground as well.

"Watch out! It's coming," Bai Li Hong said, "Shoot him with all your might when it appears... Don't shoot at its vital points though."

"Don't shoot at its vital point?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised. "Then how do we kill it?"

"Just do as I've said. However, you must activate the three Saint Inscriptions at the same time without missing anyone," Bai Li Hong reminded him.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Soon after, a gigantic beast appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes following the sound of a howl. It was a mountain-like wild beast. The earth quaked violently in its wake.

The wild beast's appearance was very odd. Duan Ling Tian found it difficult to find words to describe it.

It had a triangular head with huge eyes on all corners. All three eyes were glaring at him and Bai Li Hong ferociously.

Bang!

When a loud explosion reverberated in the air, Duan Ling Tian saw the mountain-like wild beast stomping. It shot into the sky like a cannon, aiming directly at him and Bai Li Hong.

Duan Ling Tian focused on his left eye and activated Strange Pupil quietly during the critical moment.

Suddenly, the wild beast's speed slowed down in Duan Ling Tian's left eye. However, it was still quite fast. The rumbling sound of wind echoed in its wake.

Duan Ling Tian lifted the Sun Shooting Bow with his left hand and formed a True Energy Arrow with his right hand. He then placed the arrow on the bow.

As he pulled the bowstring, waves of True Energy surged out of his Qi Sea through the 70 over Saint Veins. They rushed into the bowstring he was pulling and activated the three Saint Inscriptions on the bowstring.

Penetration Saint Inscription!

Explosive Flame Saint Inscription!

Corrosion Saint Inscription!

The three Saint Inscriptions were all Three-Star Saint Inscriptions.

While he held onto the bow and arrow, Duan Ling Tian's left eye was focused on his target, the wild beast's lower abdomen. It was not considered a vital point.

'Since there's the Penetration Saint Inscription, the arrow would penetrate through the Wild Beast's body...But since it's not its vital point, it'll only be injured at most.' Although Duan Ling Tian had many concerns, he chose to listen to Bai Li Hong's words.

Swoosh!

The second Duan Ling Tian released his fingers, the True Energy Arrow he was holding turned into a bolt of green lightning immediately and shot across the air.

Due to the Penetration Saint Inscription, the arrow seemed like a falling meteor tearing into space as it shot into the air.

In just a blink of an eye, the True Energy Arrow tore open the Wild Beast's scales on his lower abdomen, and it cried out in pain. The arrow pierced through it. The arrowhead could be seen exiting from its back in just an instant.

"Look closely!" At this very second, Bai Li Hong's sounded. It was like an explosion when it entered Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian did as he was told. The scene before them paused in Duan Ling Tian's left eye.

Everything happened in a blink of an eye.

In the next second, Duan Ling Tian was surprised to see the True Energy Arrow that pierced through the wild beast's body easily due to the Penetration Inscription began to sparkle with a green light.

Subsequently, the bright green light exploded.

Bang!

Following the explosion, the green True Energy flame exploded, causing a massive hole in the wild beast's lower abdomen. The hole was big enough for two adults to pass through at the same time.

'Explosive Flame Saint Inscription?' As they listened to the wild beast's devastating cry, these four words appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind immediately.

Whatever happened before them was not his doing.

The only possible cause was the Saint Inscriptions.

'The Corrosion Saint Inscription is the only thing left.' As if it was responding to Duan Ling Tian's thought, black smoke began to emerge from the wild beast's body. The black smoke began to spread and parts would vanish in its wake.

The hole on the Wild Beast's abdomen turned bigger and bigger.

The wild beast's flesh was completely corroded when the black smoke spread to it. It was as though it was splashed with sulphuric acid or decomposing powder.

The wild beast's cry was getting softer and softer. After a while, it stopped completely.

In the end, the wild beast's body corroded until it completely disappeared. All that was left was a cloud of black smoke drifting up into the air before it vanished.

Duan Ling Tian was dumbstruck.

A wild beast at the Early Saint Stage that was alive a second ago disappeared completely in just a blink of an eye.

There were many Inscriptions similar to the Corrosion Saint Inscription in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory. The Rebirth Martial Emperor had even used some of it before.

However, those Inscriptions could only be used to fight Martial Artists with mediocre cultivation base. They were useless when used against Martial Artists with powerful cultivation base.

However, this Saint Inscription managed to turn a wild beast at the Early Saint Stage into ashes.

Duan Ling Tian was extremely shocked!