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Chapter 1521: The Leader Of The Mountainshade Black Market's Branch

When the group of people from Moon Illumination Sect looked at the harmless-looking purple-clad young girl, all of them a hint of dread on their faces. Nobody dared to approach her at all.

"I wonder how we should address you, Young Miss?" Bai Li Hong took a deep breath before he looked at the purple-clad young girl and forced a smile on his face.

"Zi'er," the purple-clad young girl replied. At the same time, she looked at Duan Ling Tian and winked, rendering Duan Ling Tian speechless.

I don't really know you that well, right?

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was even more curious about the purple-clad young girl's identity.

'I wonder if she's related to that Chi Mei... If not, all of these are just too coincidental,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Why did you help me earlier?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask the purple-clad young girl through Voice Transmission.

"Well, you're the only one wearing purple among these people." The purple-clad young girl's reply made him speechless.

"T-That's all? Just because of this, you helped me vent my anger?"

Duan Ling Tian really did not know what else to say. Initially, he had thought this purple-clad young girl was related to Chi Mei since the moment she appeared, she had taken the initiative to speak to him. However, he just found out it was because he was wearing purple!

Among the people from Moon Illumination Sect, he was indeed the only one wearing purple. He had no other clothing apart from his purple clothes.

Whether it was in his past life or now, he only had eyes for the color purple.

"So it's actually Young Miss Zi'er." Bai Li Hong did not notice the young girl winking at Duan Ling Tian since he did not dare to look her in the eyes. She was a Saint Stage Saint Beast after all.

"Young Miss Zi'er." At this moment, the other two inner court elders of Moon Illumination Sect also politely bowed at the young girl. They were afraid they would offend her if they were not courteous enough.

Seeing how the three inner court elders were bowing toward the young girl, the group of inner court disciples, naturally, did not dare to slack.

Even Zhong Huo, who had been beaten into a pulp by that young girl, also led He Zhong to bow at her after he had slightly recovered.

Although he was humiliated, he did not harbor any enmity in his heart at all.

What a joke!

She was a Saint Stage Saint Beast after all!

Even if he had already entered the Saint Stage, he would still not be a match for her, let alone he was only at the Imminent Saint Stage now.

If she dared to create a scene in the Moon Illumination Sect, it was obvious she was very confident in her strength. Otherwise, she would not act so recklessly.

"Junior Brother!" When Bai Li Hong saw how Duan Ling Tian did not bow at the young girl and stood head and shoulders above the others, horror dawned on his face immediately. He quickly gave him a reminder.

At this moment, other people had also begun to notice this.

"Young Miss Zi'er." Duan Ling Tian felt a little moved in his heart when he saw how anxious Bai Li Hong was. In order to not make him worry, he nodded at the purple-clad young girl as a greeting.

Bai Li Hong's face turned horrified when he saw how casual Duan Ling Tian was.

The others, on the other hand, especially Zhong Huo, the Vice Sect Leader, were taking pleasure in this situation since he felt Duan Ling Tian was doomed.

However, the young girl's response left them completely dumbstruck.

"Hmm, not bad! We have the same taste. I love wearing purple as well! Purple is the best color in the world. As for green... Urghh, it's really too ugly." The young miss smiled and nodded at Duan Ling Tian before looking at Zhong Huo who was dressed in green, frowning. "Why's there such a tasteless person in this world? I can't believe you're actually wearing green!"

The people were immediately rendered speechless.

Wearing purple was equal to having a good judgment but wearing green was tasteless?

The moment Duan Ling Tian heard this young girl's words, the corner of his mouth twitched violently. Other than the fact he had glanced at Zhong Huo earlier, who would think she also disliked him because he was wearing a green robe.

At this moment, people began to return to their senses.

The eyes that were looking at Zhong Huo contained hints of pity.

Zhong Huo almost spat out blood when he heard the young girl's words.

He had made up his mind to burn every single green clothing he owned when he returned to the sect.

He finally understood why the young girl had chosen him. As it turned out, it was because he was wearing the color she hated.

An almighty Vice Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect had been brutally beaten by a Saint Stage Saint Beast just because the clothes he wore was not right.

The inner court disciples could just tell how much of a commotion this news would raise when it spread in the sect.

All of them were not surprised the young girl loved purple. After all, her true form was that of a gigantic purple purple bird. She was covered entirely in purple feathers.

On the other hand, the fact that the young girl hated green made everyone feel that Zhong Huo was really unlucky. He became a victim just because of this.

Whether it was Zhong Huo, Bai Li Hong or the others, all of them were thinking about throwing out all the green clothes they owned when they returned to the sect. Otherwise, it would only be a matter of time before something happened.

Zhong Huo was a prime example of that.

Zhong Huo did not expect the incident today would remain in the Moon Illumination Sect for many years. Even after 100 years, it would still be mentioned all the time.

Naturally, it had turned into a joke.

This incident accompanied Zhong Hui his entire life. Even at the moment when he was about to die of old age, he still lamented about wearing green today.

However, all these happened much later in the future.

Just like this, the group of Moon Illumination Sect's people brought the young girl, Zi'er, back to the sect.

If they had another option, naturally, they would not bring her back. However, what other option did they have?

When the people almost arrived at the Moon Illumination Sect, Chi Mei had also arrived at the nest of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch in the Nine Sect Alliances' district in a faraway land.

The moment she arrived, she immediately went to look for the leader of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch.

The Mountainshade Black Market's leader lived in a standalone mansion in the middle of the mountain. When Chi Mei entered the mansion, she acted without restraint and descended directly from the sky to the mansion's backyard as though she owned the place.

It was as though the formation in the sky above the backyard had no effect on her at all.

In the backyard, a majestic-looking middle-aged man who was dressed in a black robe with golden trim was originally cultivating cross-legged. However, the sudden movement caused him to open his eyes abruptly.

Since he was disturbed by the movement, naturally, his face did not have an expression of joy.

However, the moment he saw the source of the disturbance, the annoyed expression on his face vanished without a trace and was replaced with respect instead.

"Miss Mei'er," The black-robed middle-aged man stood up abruptly and bowed at Chi Mei respectfully. The courtesy he showed Chi Mei was sincere.

If this scene was witnessed by the people from the Mountainshade Black Market, they would be shocked and find this hard to believe.

The leader of their Mountainshade Black Market's branch in the Nine Sect Alliances' district, the person with the highest position, actually showed such a manner in front of Chi Mei, a Quasi Four Star Assassin?

At this moment, facing Chi Mei, the Mountainshade Black Market's branch's leader acted as though he was facing his superior.

In the face of the leader of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch, Chi Mei's gaze was cold as she said nonchalantly, "Call off the mission regarding the Moon Illumination Sect's disciple Duan Ling Tian. I have some use for him."

"Sure." Upon hearing her words, he did not ask any question and immediately agreed to it.

Moreover, he immediately walked out of the mansion to pass down his order as soon as she left.

One hour later, the operation center of Mountainshade Black Market in Han River City received this order.

"Call off the mission of killing the Moon Illumination Sect's disciple, Duan Ling Tian?" When Yin Yang received this order, he thought he had heard it wrong. He only realized he did not hear wrongly after confirming it twice. Not only that, but the order was personally issued by the leader of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch.

"Don't tell me Chi Mei has also failed?" Tai Wu frowned.

"It's possible." Yin Yang nodded before a hint of doubt appeared on his face again. "However, even if Chi Mei has failed, there's no reason for Leader to pass down this order at all... Chi Mei is merely a Quasi Four Star Assassin. We have many Four Star and even Quasi Five Star Assassins in our branch!"

"Moreover, Leader's strength is equivalent to a Five Star Assassin!" Yin Yang found the entire thing strange.

"Perhaps there's some powerhouse supporting Duan Ling Tian in the dark, and Leader's giving that powerhouse face," Tai Wu speculated.

"This seems like the only plausible reason." Yin Yang nodded. Apart from this, he could not come up with another plausible reason.

Tai Wu's eyes gleamed as he said, "Right now, I'm really curious about this Duan Ling Tian from the Moon Illumination Sect."

Tai Wu's strength was at the Quasi Five Star Assassin stage in the Mountainshade Black Market.

"Tai Wu! You can't be reckless! This is an order given personally by the Leader. You should know his temper... Everyone who dares to go against his order will not have a good ending!" Yin Yang quickly reminded when he heard Tai Wu's words.

"Relax. I only said I'm curious about him. I don't have any intention of making a move," Tai Wu replied.

When he thought of the leader of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch, a hint of dread could be seen in his eyes.

When he had just come to the branch, he had defeated most of the Saint Stage powerhouses. Only one of them came to a draw with him. However, in the end, the other person made such a mighty move and defeated him in just a blow. He was defeated to the point that he willingly accepted it.

The person who defeated him in just one blow was none other than the leader of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch in the Nine Sect Alliances' district.

Soon after, the mission that Liu Huan had given to the Mountainshade Black Market was called off.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and the others had also arrived at the Moon Illumination Sect.

When the young girl with the true form of a Super Saint Beast Purplecloud Thunder Roc left Duan Ling Tian's sight, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Although the young girl was friendly toward him, he felt a hint of dread whenever he remembered the fact that she could easily kill him with her strength.

'I wonder if the few Saint Stage powerhouses in our sect will be able to defeat her,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. His heart was filled with curiosity.

Chapter 1522: Formation Compass

Duan Ling Tian was curious what kind of chaos the young lady who was Purplecloud Thunder Roc would create in the Moon Illumination Sect. However, the sect was peaceful as usual. There was no commotion at all.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel a little disappointed.

He initially thought he would be able to watch a good show and witness a fight between Saint Stage powerhouses if the Purplecloud Thunder Roc created a ruckus in the Moon Illumination Sect.

However, Duan Ling Tian's attention soon shifted somewhere else. The reason was the opening of the storehouse.

Since he was the champion of the Moon Illumination Sect's inner court's Hunting Assessment, naturally, he was given the right to enter the storehouse and pick the things he wanted in there.

One's ranking in the Hunting Assessment affected the number of things one would be able to take.

"Junior Brother, initially, you're only allowed to take five items from the sect's storehouse... However, I've spoken to the Sect Leader, he has given you permission to take ten items. I'm sure he has informed

the elder watching the storehouse about this," Bai Li Hong said to Duan Ling Tian before he headed toward the sect's storehouse.

"Thank you, Senior Brother," Duan Ling Tian thanked Bai Li Hong as his eyes brightened. If it was not for Bai Li Hong, he would only be able to take five items from the sect's storehouse. The items he could bring back with him had doubled now.

"We're brothers, do we need to thank each other? I'll be mad if you're still so courteous in the future," Bai Li Hong said, feigning anger.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"You should go now. You have the entire day to yourself... Come look for me when you return from the storehouse. There's something I need to tell you," Bai Li Hong said.

"Hmm," Duan Ling Tian responded before he left for the storehouse.

The sect storehouse would be open for a few days. As the person who ranked first in the Hunting Assessment, he was allowed to enter on the first day to pick the items from the sect's storehouse.

The second day would be given to the person who ranked second and so on.

The sect's storehouse was located in the north of Moon Illumination Sect's inner court. It was secluded, and it looked like a dilapidated mansion from far away. It was obvious it had been around for a long time.

The person guarding the storehouse was an ordinary-looking old man dressed in a tattered robe. He was sweeping the floor when Duan Ling Tian arrived. The dirt on the floor was sweept in the same direction in every single sweep.

'Such powerful cultivation base!' The way the old man swept proved that he had a powerful cultivation base. It caused Duan Ling Tian to turn solemn.

Thus, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to slack when he faced the old man. He greeted him, "Elder."

"You're Duan Ling Tian?" The old man lifted his head slowly and looked at Duan Ling Tian. However, he did not stop sweeping. He continued to sweep while the direction of the dirt did not change at all even though he was distracted.

Duan Ling Tian was inwardly shocked by the man's control.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian did not dare to hesitate when faced with the old man's question.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian noticed the way the old man was looking at him changed. His clouded eyes lit up suddenly, making Duan Ling Tian feel as though he was a deer caught in the headlights. He felt as though he would not be able to hide anything from the old man.

Just when Duan Ling Tian beginning to feel a little anxious, the old man continued sweeping after he calmly said, "You may go in."

As soon he was done speaking, the door to the sect's storehouse suddenly opened on its own.

Duan Ling Tian then made a move to enter the storehouse.

As he was passing the entrance of the storehouse, he subtly glanced back at the old man. He discovered the old man was hovering in the air with each step he took. It was as though he was floating.

'Could this elder be a Saint Stage powerhouse?' Even Duan Ling Tian had no idea why that thought popped up in his mind.

Whether the old man was a Saint Stage powerhouse or not, he had left Duan Ling Tian with a deep impression.

As he walked into the sect's storehouse, the first thing Duan Ling Tian did was to contact Elder Huo in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. "Elder Huo, see if there are any materials suitable to restore the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda in here."

The items in the Moon Illumination Sect's storehouse were passed down from the previous generations.

Some of the items were left there for a long time due to their ordinary appearance. Inner court disciples fortunate enough to enter the storehouse usually overlook them.

Duan Ling Tian was not worried he would miss out on a great item with Elder Huo here.

"You can pick ten items." A voice transmission suddenly entered Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian instantly recognized the voice. It belonged to the old man sweeping by the entrance.

Duan Ling Tian very quickly picked out seven items with Elder Huo's sharp eyes. The seven items were materials to restore the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Those were also the best materials available in the sect's storehouse.

Although there were many other materials that could be used to restore the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, they were not as good as the seven items he picked out.

"Choose that three items for the remaining three." Duan Ling Tian picked up three items that looked like Feng Shui compasses as Elder Huo advised.

Naturally, they only looked like Feng Shui compasses. The patterns on them were completely different from a Feng Shui compass. The difference was like heaven and earth.

"What are these?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"They're formation compasses," Elder Huo said.

"Formation compasses?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. It was his first time hearing about this. "What is it?"

"If you don't know what a formation compass is, I'm sure you know what a formation is at least?" Elder Huo asked.

"Hmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was no stranger to formations.

On the Mortal Continent, the Cloud Continent, he had inherited the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memories so he could set up Inscription Formations easily. Inscription Formations were also a type of formation.

Meanwhile, a formation was divided into three categories in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

One was Dao Talisman Formations, the second one was Saint Inscription Formations, and the final one was a combination of Dao Talismans and Saint Inscriptions. It was a formation that complemented each other.

Among these three types of formations, the last one was the best.

"With these formation compasses, you can personally activate formations," Elder Huo said, "Usually, it takes quite some effort for one to set up a formation, and the person would need to be experienced. Meanwhile, formations created by a formation compass relies fully on the formation compass. Even people who had zero knowledge in formation can activate the formation in the formation compass."

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by Elder Huo's words, it took him a while to regain his senses.

"Formation Compass? It can activate formations?" Duan Ling Tian's face was filled with excitement he regained his senses and realized he had discovered a treasure.

However, Elder Huo's next words were like cold water being splashed on him, causing him to calm down.

'Although these three formation compasses are great, they're all broken and can't be used to set up formations."

"Elder Huo, since they're broken, won't it be useless for me to take them? I can only pick three more items, do you really want me to pick these three broken things?" Duan Ling Tian said with a forced smile on his face.

Although the formation compasses were really attractive, broken formation compasses that could not be used to set up formations were useless.

"Who says they're broken things?" Elder Huo said, "I can fix these three formation compasses... However, I'll need a longer time to fix two of them since they're more damaged. I can fix the final formation compass within three months at the most."

"You can fix them?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up again when he heard Elder Huo's words.

"Naturally, it's unlikely for ordinary people to be able to fix them... However, it's easy for me. Moreover, these three formation compasses aren't that great anyway," Elder Huo said.

"They aren't that great?" Duan Ling Tian was a little disheartened again when he heard that.

"They're really not that great to me, but it'll help you immensely for now... Even Sant Stage powerhouses here might not be able to break the formations contained in these three formation compasses," Elder Huo said.

"Even Saint Stage powerhouses here might not be able to break them?" Duan Ling Tian's emotion was akin to a roller coaster, going up and down.

At this moment, he remembered where Elder Huo came from.

Formation compasses might seem like nothing to Elder Huo, but it did not mean it's nothing in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

"However, even if the formation compasses are in perfect condition, the power depends on the force that's inserted into them," Elder Huo continued to speak.

Duan Ling Tian nodded, he understood that.

Just like the Inscription Formations he had set up back on Cloud Continent. The power depended on the force contained in the Origin Stones he had used.

"Then I'll pick them." Duan Ling Tian trusted Elder Huo so he took the three formation compasses. Those were also the only three formation compasses in the Moon Illumination Sect's storehouse.

Although the three formation compasses were placed in an insignificant corner, they were placed together. It was clear it was from the same collection of a Moon Illumination Sect's elder.

Since he was done picking the items, Duan Ling Tian did not plan to stay any longer and left immediately.

He did not forget to greet the old man who was sweeping the floor when he left. Meanwhile, the old man who was sweeping the floor did not check his Spatial Ring at all.

However, Duan Ling Tian was not surprised.

With the old man's powerful cultivation base, he would definitely notice it if Duan Ling Tian tried to play a trick in the storehouse.

On the way back, Duan Ling Tian could not contain his curiosity and asked Elder Huo, "Elder Huo, do you know what kind of formations are in the three formation compasses?"

"Among the three formation compasses, one of them can set up a Hallucinogenic Formation while other two can set up an Offensive Formation and a Defensive Formation," Elder Huo said after he heard Duan Ling Tian's question.

Chapter 1523: Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage!

"Three different types of formations?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he heard Elder Huo's words.

He was worried the formations contained in the three formation compasses might be the same type of formation. It seemed like he had been overthinking it.

"Elder Huo, I wonder which formation in the formation compass is the one you can fix the fastest?"

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. He was eager to find out the answer, hoping it would be the Offensive Formation.

He believed that an Offensive Formation activated using his True Energy would be more powerful than the power of all techniques he had combined at full force. Therefore, he hoped the formation compass that could be fixed the fastest contained the Offensive Formation.

Unfortunately, a dream is infinitely more beautiful than the cruel reality.

"The Hallucinogenic Formation." Elder Huo's response disappointed Duan Ling Tian greatly. It would still be great even if it was the Defensive Formation, but must it be the Hallucinogenic Formation?

The Hallucinogenic Formation was similar to the Illusory Formation on Cloud Continent. It could be used to cast illusions on others.

Duan Ling Tian's disappointment gradually disappeared as he thought about it. 'Hallucinogenic Formation isn't too bad since it can make my enemies hallucinate, and I can strike at the critical moment!' Duan Ling Tian became excited about the formation compass that would be fixed soon.

No matter what, it could be considered that he gained a lot today so Duan Ling Tian was in a great mood.

However, his great mood did not last long. This was because of what Bai Li Hong told him upon his return.

"Teacher was almost killed by Liu Huan?" Duan Ling Tian's face turned solemn as his eyes flashed fiercely. "That Liu Huan went for Teacher since he can't do anything to me?"

"Junior brother, I suspect it's also Liu Huan who approached the Mountainshade Black Market to assassinate you," Bai Li Hong speculated.

"It's very likely." Duan Ling Tian said in his deep voice as he nodded. The fierce gleam in his eyes was still shining brightly.

"Hmph! I thought Liu Huan will behave himself after I confronted him... I didn't think he would only do so on the surface but became even more ruthless inside! I won't let him go this time!" Bai Li Hong scoffed coldly as a cold killing intent appeared in his eyes.

Perhaps even Liu Huan did not expect Duan Ling Tian to have such a high place in Bai Li Hong's heart. It was to the point that Bai Li Hong wanted to kill Liu Huan just because he made an attempt on Fang Hui's life and suspected he was the culprit behind the Mountainshade Black Market trying to kill Duan Ling Tian.

If Liu Huan knew, he would not have returned to the Moon Illumination Sect after he left Mound Hill City.

"Senior Brother, I would like to deal with this myself," Duan Ling Tian said with his deep voice. His voice was cold and emotionless.

Liu Huan had crossed the line.

"I understand." Seeing the determination on Duan Ling Tian's face, Bai Li Hong knew he had made up his mind so he nodded.

"Also, Fang Hui is currently in the outer court. Do you want to see him?" Bai Li Hong said to Duan Ling Tian.

"Teacher's here?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up. He bade farewell to Bai Li Hong immediately and went to the outer court to look for Fang Hui.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Fang Hui once again, he addressed him as Teacher like he normally did.

"You're Elder Bai Li's junior brother now, you can't be calling me teacher anymore... People will think you're a good-for-nothing if they hear this." Fang Hui was smiling ear to ear when he saw Duan Ling Tian again.

"I don't care what they have to say about me. You're my teacher now, and you're my teacher forever," Duan Ling Tian said solemnly.

"The two things that I, Fang Hui, am most proud of is accepting you and Su Qi as disciples," Fang Hui said, happy.

"Su Qi?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He had a confused expression on his face.

Did Su Qi not betray his teacher? Why did he say accepting Su Qi as his disciple was something he was proud of?

Naturally, Fang Hui could guess what was going through Duan Ling Tian's mind when he frowned.

Subsequently, he recounted what happened with Su Qi, his fake betrayal, and his intention to avenge him. He also told him about Su Qi being killed by Liu Huan.

Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted when he heard Fang Hui's words. He had no idea Su Qi had done so much for his teacher. At this moment, he was gravely ashamed of himself.

Duan Ling Tian looked toward the west and muttered softly to himself, "Su Qi, please rest in peace in heaven... I'll avenge you!" He made this promise as a man.

"Teacher, maybe you shouldn't go back to Mound Hill City... I'll look for Elder Dong Fang and ask him to give an order for you to stay," Duan Ling Tian said to Fang Hui.

The Elder Dong Fang he mentioned was, naturally, the Moon Illumination Sect's Outer Court Grand Elder Dong Fang Quan.

"That's unnecessary." Fang Hui rejected Duan Ling Tian's kindness as he shook his head. "I've gotten used to Mound Hill City throughout these years... You don't have to worry about my safety. I'll be safe with the people that Elder Bai Li Hong sent to protect me." Duan Ling Tian nodded and asked subsequently, "Teacher, when do you plan to return to Mound Hill City? I plan to come along as well."

"I'm here mainly just to see you. I can go back now that we've met each other," Fang Hui said.

"Then let's leave tomorrow. I'll come with you," Duan Ling Tian said after thinking to himself for a moment.

Duan Ling Tian had a plan. He would return to Mound Hill City before going into closed-door cultivation to see the people he had not seen in a long time. He would then return here to go into closed-door cultivation to break through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage.

As soon he broke through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage, he would leave Moon Illumination Sect and head over to Half Moon Island.

"Alright." Fang Hui immediately agreed.

The next day, there was an extra person following Duan Ling Tian and Fang Hui back to Mound Hill City. It was none other than Bai Li Hong.

Naturally, Bai Li Hong only tagged along because he was concerned about Duan Ling Tian's safety.

With Bai Li Hong with them, it was only natural their journey was smooth-sailing without any obstacles.

While Duan Ling Tian and Fang Hui made their return to Mound Hill City, Liu Huan had a terrible expression on his face. "What's wrong with those people from the Mountainshade Black Market? How can they miss such a great opportunity during the Hunting Assessment!"

'I hope they won't disappoint me this time.' Liu Huan was under the impression the people from Mountainshade Black Market did not attack that was why Duan Ling Tian was still alive.

It made one wonder what kind of reaction Liu Huan would have if he found out the Mountainshade Black Market canceled the mission to kill Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian felt time flying by quickly during his journey back to Mound Hill City.

The reason for his trip back to Mound Hill City this time was mainly to see his Big Brother Hong Yu and the little girl, Sze Sze.

A few days later, Fang Hui brought Hong Yu and Sze Sze into the City Governor's Estate when Duan Ling Tian left. Hong Yu whose position had risen was now presented with an opportunity to meet the high officials in Mound Hill City.

He knew it was all due to Duan Ling Tian that he had received such a treatment. Otherwise, something like this would not happen to a city guard like him.

Meanwhile, the little girl, Sze Sze, had great talent in being a Beast Tamer so Duan Ling Tian had spoken to Fang Hui before he left. He wanted Fang Hui to train and cultivate her talent in that aspect.

Naturally, he agreed immediately. He was very fond of this adorable little girl too.

A silhouette appeared in Duan Ling Tian's head when he left Mound Hill City with Bai Li Hong. It was a young girl who entered the Latent Dragon Camp in the City Governor's Estate of Mound Hill City with him back then. She was heroic and more than a match for most men.

However, he did not look for her during this trip. All he did was speak to Fang Hui, asking him to take good care of her.

Duan Ling Tian was different now. Fang Hui did not dare to hesitate when responding to his request.

Although he was Duan Ling Tian's teacher on the surface, he knew very well of how important Duan Ling Tian was to him.

After returning to the sect with Bai Li Hong, Duan Ling Tian went into closed-door cultivation to break through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage!

Naturally, there were many obstacles on each level when it came to raising one's cultivation base. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian would pause to cultivate the Saint Grace Martial Tactic techniques whenever he encountered obstacles.

As time passed by, Duan Ling Tian who was cultivating on the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had already cultivated the Aerolite Shower technique from the Saint Grade Martial Tactic Colossal Aerolite Arrow to its highest level which was the Impeccable Stage.

"The Aerolite Shower is finally at the Impeccable Stage now... Since I've achieved this, it means I can officially begin cultivating the only defensive technique in the Colossal Aerolite Arrow, the Colossal Arrow Bell!" Duan Ling Tian was a little emotional. He had been waiting for this moment for a long time after all.

The Colossal Arrow Bell was superior to ordinary Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic's defensive technique since it was the only defensive technique in the Colossal Aerolite Arrow.

Naturally, it was difficult to cultivate.

After cultivating for a while, Duan Ling Tian finally understood why one must cultivate the Aerolite Shower to the highest level, the Impeccable Stage, before cultivating the Colossal Arrow Bell.

This was because the Colossal Arrow Bell was formed by the Aerolite Shower that had been cultivated to the highest level.

The arrows that were like aerolites would rotate around Duan Ling Tian's body continuously, creating a tough shield. Although he had just begun to cultivate it, its defensive strength was far superior from ordinary high-level Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

Since the Colossal Arrow Bell was the technique Duan Ling Tian had been waiting for a long time for, and its power was remarkable, he cultivated it diligently from the beginning until the end.

However, he did not forget to cultivate his cultivation base as well even though he was diligently cultivating the Colossal Arrow Bell.

Finally, after spending 20 months, which was equivalent to four months outside, on the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian finally got over the last obstacle of the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage and successfully broke through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage.

"I've broken through!" Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes after his breakthrough. There was a subtle smile on his face. "It's time to leave the sect and return to Half Moon Island."

Chapter 1524: He Must Die!

'I'll be able to use the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique since I've broken through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage.' Duan Ling Tian felt emotional again as he thought about this. He wanted to try the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique immediately.

However, nothing happened even after he tried for a long time.

'I almost forgot... Since the True Energy Consolidated Weapon can't work in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, it makes sense that the True Energy Consolidated Beast can't work as well. I'll have to try it outside,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

He left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and returned to his room as soon as he thought about it. However, he did not stay there and went out instead.

After he left, he arrived at the courtyard and attempted to cast the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique.

A surge of rumbling True Energy rushed out of Duan Ling Tian's body. It shot into the sky quickly, emitting an obvious blood energy and a terrifying aura.

After a while, the extended True Energy transformed into a majestic Divine Dragon that was tens of meters long.

Upon closer inspection, one would discover it had five sharp claws on each of its hands and legs.

It was a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon!

Moreover, the blood energy surrounding the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon's body was so clear because it was not consolidated through imagination. It was a True Energy Consolidated Beast formed using blood essence.

Such a True Energy Consolidated Beast was even more powerful.

To avoid creating massive commotion, Duan Ling Tian subsequently left after consolidating the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon with his True Energy.

"I should go outside and see how powerful it is." Although Duan Ling Tian consolidated a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon with the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique, he had no idea how strong it was.

What he knew was a True Energy Consolidated Beast consolidated from blood essence was more powerful than ordinary True Energy Consolidated Beasts. He had no idea how much more powerful it would be.

When Duan Ling Tian left, he did not notice someone hovering high above the sky. It was obvious the person had seen everything had just transpired. That person saw the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon Duan Ling Tian had consolidated with the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique. It was the Divine Dragon Phenomenon.

"Blood Essence Consolidated Beast... And he consolidated a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon! Is he related to the dragon clan? Otherwise, how's it possible that he has the blood essence of a Five-Clawed Divine

Dragon." A hint of doubt and shock could be heard in the voice. The voice belonged to a purple bird perched on the shoulder of a black figure.

Blood Essence Consolidated Beast was the formation of a True Energy Consolidated Beast using blood essence as its foundation.

Although the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon Duan Ling Tian had consolidated earlier was also a True Energy Consolidated Beast, to be more precise, it was a Blood Essence Consolidated Beast.

"Maybe." The black figure was a woman completely garbed in black. She had a beautiful body that could arouse any man in the world.

The black-clad lady was none other than the assassin from Mountainshade Black Market, Chi Mei.

Apart from herself and the purple bird on her shoulder, the Mountainshade Black Market's branch's leader might be the only one who knew about her identity in the entire Nine Sect Alliance's area.

"Sister, when are we going to leave this place in the middle of nowhere? Apart from the leader of the Mountainshade Black Market's branch who's a little powerful, the others are too weak... The few Saint Stage powerhouses in the Moon Illumination Sect can't even endure three hits from me," the purple bird said, slightly upset.

"We'll definitely leave when we're done with our job," Chi Mei said.

"Let's go! Let's follow him!" Chi Mei said and went after Duan Ling Tian. She completely disregarded the Flight Prohibition Formation that covered the entire Moon Illumination Sect.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian left Bai Li Hong's mansion by foot. He left the inner court and the Moon Illumination Sect's estate.

Although he was alone when he left the Moon Illumination Sect's estate this time, he was not afraid at all.

With his current ability and techniques, he was not afraid even if he was to encounter people at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

Naturally, he did not dare to say he could defeat everyone at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage. After all, there were also people at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage who were on the verge of breaking through to the Saint Stage. Those people were at the peak of the Saint Rudiment Stage, and they were considered the best, Saint Stage powerhouses aside.

If they were to use the unpredictable territory, even Duan Ling Tian did not have the confidence to defeat them.

Duan Ling Tian had many things to rely on. He was even confident he can immediately get rid of people at the Imminent Saint Stage with his current ability.

Therefore, he was fearless when he left the Moon Illumination Sect.

Naturally, he was aware he would not know if a Saint Stage powerhouse was following him.

However, if a Saint Stage powerhouse really wanted him dead, there was no need to follow him. That person could just easily kill him in the Moon Illumination Sect.

After leaving the Moon Illumination Sect's estate, Duan Ling Tian went to the place where Bai Li Hong brought him to test the Three Saint Inscriptions. It was a vast mountain range with many powerful wild beasts.

Duan Ling Tian unleashed everything he had in the mountain range.

Instead of saying he unleashed everything he had, it was more accurate to say he fully unleashed the power of the Divine Dragon consolidated by his True Energy.

The Divine Dragon Phenomenon was formed from a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon's blood essence as its foundation. It possessed the dragon force causing fear in the wild beasts that passed by.

It killed every wild beast it encountered.

Duan Ling Tian noticed that even wild beasts at the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage could not endure the Divine Dragon Phenomenon's attacks.

The Divine Dragon Phenomenon was so powerful that it went beyond his imagination.

"My Five-Clawed Divine Dragon's Divine Dragon Phenomenon is more than a few folds more powerful than ordinary True Energy Consolidated Beasts!" Duan Ling Tian was able to confirm this very quickly.

At this moment, he was imagining how easily his Divine Dragon Phenomenon would defeat the other True Energy Consolidated Beasts.

"So powerful!" The purple bird high in the sky said in shock.

"How could it not be powerful? It's a Divine Dragon that's consolidated with a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon's blood essence as its foundation," Chi Mei replied calmly. She did not seem surprised at all.

"Sister, do we still follow him?" The purple bird asked.

"Hmm." Chi Mei nodded.

"So how much longer do we have to follow him?" The purple bird asked with a forced smile.

"Until we find the person I'm looking for," Chi Mei said bluntly as her eyes flashed.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware he was followed by two people at the Saint Stage. Otherwise, he would not be as excited as he was now.

The saying, 'Boundless is the sea for fish to dive at will, unlimited is the sky for birds to fly at ease' described Duan Ling Tian very well as he entered the mountain range teeming with wild beasts. The Divine Dragon Phenomenon would clear the path. It was invincible!

Naturally, this was because the most powerful beast that he had encountered so far was only at the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage.

"Why are there no Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage wild beasts?" Duan Ling Tian felt a little bored. He no longer felt it was fun killing Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage wild beasts with the Divine Dragon Phenomenon. He was eager to kill Perfection Saint Rudiment wild beasts with his Divine Dragon Phenomenon even though it was quite impossible.

Even a Divine Dragon Phenomenon that was consolidated with a Five-Clawed Dragon's blood essence as its foundation was a True Energy Consolidated Beast no matter how powerful it was.

There was a significant difference when compared to a real Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage wild beast.

Duan Ling Tian did not encounter any Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage wild beasts even after half a day had passed. He became more and more impatient as time passed.

"Nevermind, I'll have many opportunities in the future... It's time to prepare myself. I'll depart to Half Moon Island after a few days of preparation." Duan Ling Tian felt relieved. He made up his mind to return to Half Moon Island in a few days time.

Duan Ling Tian was eager to go home when he thought about his two fiancees who were pregnant with his children.

In reality, there was nothing much for him to prepare anyway.

What he wanted to do was to inform Bai Li Hong as well as bid farewell to the people he knew. Apart from that, he wanted to spend time cultivating the Colossal Arrow Bell in the Colossal Aerolite Arrow.

As a defensive technique of a Saint Grade Martial Tactic that was on par with an Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic, the Colossal Arrow Bell's power was superior to the defensive techniques of ordinary Saint Grade Martial Tactics.

Although Duan Ling Tian had only cultivated the Colossal Arrow Bell to the second level, the Elementary Stage, its defensive ability had far surpassed the Golden Shirt.

Naturally, there were differences between the Colossal Arrow Bell and the Golden Shirt although there were both defensive techniques.

The crucial part about the Colossal Arrow Bell was its coordination with the Aerolite Shower. The defense formed outside was like an eggshell.

Meanwhile, the Golden Shirt emphasized on one's flesh. Apart from forming a defensive layer over one's body, it also strengthened one's flesh.

Due to the major difference, they did not affect each other and could co-exist.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was preparing to return to Half Moon Island had no idea that Liu Huan had looked terrible since the day he returned from Han River City until now.

This was because he finally found out the Mountainshade Black Market had called off the mission to kill Duan Ling Tian!

He was furious when he heard about it.

Although Mountainshade Black Market had refunded him his payment ten folds, he was not happy at all. This was because he knew the Mountainshade Black Market would never accept missions to kill Duan Ling Tian from that day onward.

Naturally, Liu Huan had been thinking about why Mountainshade Black Market refused to take on the mission to kill Duan Ling Tian. Was there a secret behind Duan Ling Tian that he was unaware of?

In the end, he came to another conclusion.

Bai Li Hong must have some connections in the Mountainshade Black Market, and he had gotten them to cancel the mission to kill Duan Ling Tian.

"Do I really have to watch that brat grow just like that?" Liu Huan's face was pale. His eyes looked as though they would shoot fire as soon as he thought about Duan Ling Tian. "No! The brat must die... If he doesn't die, I won't even be able to do anything to Fang Hui! He must die! Fang Hui, too, must die!"

Liu Huan seemed to have lost his mind.

However, Liu Huan's eyes lit up when an inner court disciple came with news.

"Duan Ling Tian's leaving the Moon Illumination Sect alone and returning to his hometown? Are you sure this news is true?" Liu Huan looked at the inner court disciple before him solemnly.

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"It's absolutely true! It's Duan Ling Tian himself who told the outer disciples from Mound Hill City," the inner court disciple said as he nodded.

"Good! Good! Good!" When Liu Huan heard the inner court disciple's words, he said 'good' consecutively three times and dismissed the inner court disciple after saying, "Continue to observe Duan Ling Tian's whereabouts. Report to me as soon as something happens."

"Yes." Although the inner court disciple was not Liu Huan's disciple, he was an underling of Liu Huan and was loyal to him.

When Liu Huan heard the news from the inner court disciple, Duan Ling Tian was about the leave the sect and return to his hometown.

"It'll be a great opportunity for me if he really leaves alone..." Liu Huan muttered to himself as his eyes lit up.

"Elder Liu Huan!" At this moment, another inner court disciple who was also Liu Huan's underling came to him with news. "Elder Zhao Feng came out from his closed-door cultivation!"

Elder Zhao Feng?

Hearing the inner court disciple's report, Liu Huan's eyes lit up again. He dismissed the inner court and smiled to himself. "Elder Zhao Feng came out just in time... Could it be God is also helping me to kill that Duan Ling Tian?"

Zhao Feng was just like him. Both of them were Moon Illumination Sect's inner court elders. However, Zhao Feng's ability was much more powerful compared to him.

Zhao Feng's ability ranked in the top three among all the inner court elders of Moon Illumination Sect.

It was said he had gone into closed-door cultivation to break through to the Imminent Saint Stage. Whether he succeeded or not, his ability would definitely be raised.

Apart from that, Zhao Feng had another identity.

He was the master of the outer court disciple, Feng Fan, that Duan Ling Tian killed previously. He was ranked no. 99 in the Earth Ranking.

Feng Fan was persuaded by Liu Huan's direct disciple, Zhou Qi, and had sent a Death Duel invitation to Duan Ling Tian. He eventually died in Duan Ling Tian's hands.

However, everything became a mystery since Zhou Qi's death.

Nevertheless, Feng Fan being killed by Duan Ling Tian was the cold, hard truth.

Therefore, Liu Huan went to look for Zhao Feng when he found out he had come out from his closed-door cultivation.

"Elder Zhao Feng, congratulations... I supposed you've gained a lot this time?" Liu Huan greeted Zhao Feng enthusiastically as soon as he met him at his mansion.

Zhao Feng was an old man with white hair and ruddy cheeks. He had the aura of a saint, it was as though he was from another world.

However, contrary to Liu Huan's enthusiasm, Zhao Feng was calm, emitting a cold and intimidating aura. "Elder Liu Huan, you're here as soon as I came out of closed-door cultivation. You're quick with the news."

Sigh.

After hearing Zhao Feng's words, the smile on Liu Huan's face vanished, and he let out a long sigh. "Elder Zhao Feng, I've been looking for you for the past half a year... However, you're in closed-door cultivation whenever I visited."

"Is there something I can do for you?" Zhao Feng looked at Liu Huan. Although his tone was still calm, it contained a hint of curiosity.

"Elder Zhao Feng, since you just came out of closed-door cultivation, I assume you're unaware that Feng Fan was killed?" Liu Huan sighed again.

"What did you say?!" Liu Huan's words caused Zhao Feng's calm expression to change dramatically. "Did you say... that Feng Fan was killed?"

"Yes." Liu Huan nodded.

"Who? Who did it?!" Zhao Feng asked in his deep voice as waves of cold aura emitted out of his body.

Liu Huan was inwardly happy when he noticed Zhao Feng's rage. The more Zhao Feng cared about Feng Fan, the happier he was.

"It's a sect disciple called Duan Ling Tian. He has just entered the sect a year ago," Liu Huan said.

"So he's new to the sect?" Hearing Liu Huan's words, Zhao Feng's face turned even more solemn. He turned to look at Liu Huan and asked coldly, "Tell me everything about it, I want to know what exactly happened."

Liu Huan nodded and subsequently began to recount the story about the Death Duel Invitation Feng Fan sent to Duan Ling Tian.

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During the process, Zhao Feng became even more furious as he listened to Feng Fan. His body began to tremble violently from his stirred emotion.

"Where did he come from?" Zhao Feng was an inner court elder well-known in the Moon Illumination Sect for many years so he soon calmed himself down. When he spoke, his voice was so deep it sounded like the rumbling of thunder.

"He's from Mound Hill City. He's a disciple of Fang Hui, the City Governor of Mound Hill City," Liu Huan said.

"Mound Hill City? Fang Hui?" Zhao Feng looked deeply into Liu Huan's eyes after he heard his words. "Liu Huan, if I remember it correctly... Fang Hui seems to be your enemy?"

"Yes," Liu Huan nodded and said regretfully, "Elder Zhao Feng, I'm the one to blame as well... If I didn't allow that Fang Hui to live until today, he wouldn't have been able to take that Duan Ling Tian as his disciple, and he wouldn't have been able to recommend Duan Ling Tian to the Moon Illumination Sect."

"If Duan Ling Tian didn't come to the Moon Illumination Sect, Feng Fan wouldn't die." Although Liu Huan's words came too late, it seemed as though he really meant it.

"It's over now. There's no need for you to say all these..." A hint of killing intent sparkled in Zhao Feng's eyes. It was as though he would tear Duan Ling Tian apart if he was in front of him right now.

Liu Huan felt relieved when he saw that.

He was worried Zhao Feng would only be interested in Duan Ling Tian and forgot about avenging Feng Fan after finding out about this.

It seemed like he was just overthinking things.

"Elder Zhao Feng, I know you're eager to kill Duan Ling Tian to avenge Feng Fan... However, he's different now. Apart from you, I'm afraid that even the Sect Leader has to be courteous to him when they meet," Liu Huan said.

"Even the Sect Leader has to courteous to him when they meet?" Zhao Feng's expression changed and asked in his deep voice, "Could it be one of the grand elders accepted him as a disciple?" That was the first thought that popped into Zhao Feng's mind.

"That's not it." Liu Huan shook his head.

"If that's not it, what does he have for the Sect Leader to be courteous to him?" Zhao Feng asked with a frown.

"I've no idea what Duan Ling Tian did to gain Elder Bai Li's favor," Liu Huan said with a sigh, "Otherwise, I would've killed him earlier and avenged Feng Fan without having to wait for Elder Zhao Feng to come out of closed-door cultivation."

"Avenge Feng Fan?" Zhao Feng stared at Liu Huan and said coldly, "I supposed you're worried he would grow strong and help Fang Hui to attack you so you're eager to kill him to avoid troubles in the future?" He knew a little about what happened between Liu Huan and Fang Hui.

Liu Huan smiled in embarrassment but did not deny it. He knew it was useless for him to deny it.

"So that means Elder Bai Li took accepted him as his disciple? Seems like he's really remarkable to earn Elder Bai Li's favor." Among the inner court elders in Moon Illumination Sect, Bai Li Hong was the only one who carried the Bai Li family name. Therefore, he knew Duan Ling Tian must have a connection with Bai Li Hong as soon as he heard Liu Huan's words.

Naturally, the first thought that occurred to him was Bai Li Hong accepting Duan Ling Tian as his disciple.

He was afraid of Bai Li Hong too.

"Elder Bai Li didn't take him as a disciple." Liu Huan shook his head.

"He didn't take him as his disciple?" Zhao Feng could not help but feel relieved when he heard that. He did not have the courage to go against Bai Li Hong.

Although his ability ranked top three among the inner court elders, Bai Li Hong ranked No.1 after all.

Although his strength had grown since he went into closed-door cultivation, he only dared to challenge the person who was ranked no. 2.

He did not think about challenging Bai Li Hong at all.

He might be able to fight Bai Li Hong if they fought bare-handed without any Saint Weapons.

However, he would definitely not be a match for Bai Li Hong if they used Saint Weapons. This was because Bai Li Hong had a Saint Weapon with three Three Star Saint Inscriptions inscribed on it. That alone could completely oppress his Saint Weapon.

When he saw the relieved expression on Zhao Feng's face, Liu Huan, feeling bitter inwardly, dropped a big bomb. "Although Elder Bai Li did not take him as his disciple, he accepted him as a disciple on his teacher's behalf... That's how Duan Ling Tian became his junior brother!"

One had to say the bomb Liu Huan had dropped was a powerful one. It shocked Zhao Feng for a while before he finally regained his senses.

Duan Ling Tian who had killed Feng Fan became Elder Bai Li's junior brother?

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that Liu Huan was meeting with another inner court elder, scheming about killing him.

He would be surprised at how highly thought of he was if he found out about this. He was just an inner court disciple, but he was being discussed by two inner court elders. Although he might not be the last one in the Moon Illumination Sect to be such a legend, he was definitely the first one.

A few days before his departure, Duan Ling Tian dropped by the outer court to speak to Ling Yun and Xiong Hu. He then returned to the inner court and spoke to Elder Fang Gan. He told him he was leaving the sect to return to his hometown to deal with some matter.

Elder Fang Gan was the inner court elder he met at the Merit Pavilion back then.

It was Elder Fang Gan who took him to Bai Li Hong.

Elder Fang Gan was one of the few people in the Moon Illumination Sect he was familiar with.

"Junior Brother, I'll go with you." However, Bai Li Hong was the last to find out about his plan among all the people he was familiar with.

He planned to leave with Duan Ling Tian as soon as he found out about the plan because he was worried to let Duan Ling Tian go alone.

"Senior Brother, there's no need to trouble you. I'll return on my own," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"No! It's too dangerous! I must go with you." Bai Li Hong shook his head, he was determined.

Although he was determined, he was convinced by Duan Ling Tian eventually.

This was because Duan Ling Tian showed him his cultivation base at the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage and a little of his True Energy Consolidated Beast technique.

Chapter 1526: The Person Tailing Him

The Five-Clawed Divine Dragon Phenomenon that Duan Ling Tian consolidated with the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique defeated Bai Li Hong's True Energy Consolidated Beast destructively with merely one blow.

Naturally, Bai Li Hong was stunned.

Initially, he was already shocked when he found out Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage.

He was completely dumbstruck now that he had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's True Energy Consolidated Beast defeating his in one blow.

It would still be alright if his True Energy Consolidated Beast was consolidated by imagination... Unfortunately, his True Energy Consolidated Beast was the same as Duan Ling Tian. It was also consolidated by his True Energy and a Saint Beast's blood essence.

As a Saint Inscription Master, it was only natural he was able to obtain a Saint Beast's blood essence above the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage before he broke through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage.

"Junior Brother, is your True Energy Consolidated Beast the legendary Divine Dragon?" Bai Li Hong asked in shock after taking a deep breath.

He had only heard of Divine Dragons, but he had never seen one.

Initially, when Duan Ling Tian performed the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique and consolidated the Divine Dragon Phenomenon, he had already noticed how extraordinary Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon was.

Very quickly, a thought popped up in his mind, and he remembered reading about Divine Dragons.

Seeing the beast Duan Ling Tian formed with his True Energy Consolidated Beast technique, he realized that it has similar characteristics to the Divine Dragons he had read about.

"That's right." Duan Ling Tian nodded with a smile.

"That means Junior Brother obtained a Divine Dragon's blood essence before this?" Envy flashed in Bai Li Hong's eyes. Naturally, he was not really jealous. In fact, he was sincerely happy for Duan Ling Tian. "Junior Brother, you're really a remarkable person. You even managed to obtain a Divine Dragon's blood essence... I heard Divine Dragons are the King of Saint Beasts in a way."

Although he was curious about how Duan Ling Tian managed to obtain a Divine Dragon's blood essence, he did not ask about it.

Everyone had their own secrets.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Bai Li Hong's words, he only smiled without saying anything.

He noticed that Bai Li Hong did not seem to recognize the Divine Dragon Phenomenon he had consolidated with his True Energy Consolidated Beast was actually a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon.

'Perhaps Senior Brother has no idea that Divine Dragons are categorized into three classes,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Since Duan Ling Tian had bid farewell to everyone he wanted to, he left the Moon Illumination Sect's estate two days later, ready to return to Half Moon Island.

Bai Li Hong sent Duan Ling Tian off at the Moon Illumination Sect's estate, "Junior Brother, I'll wait for your return... At that time, bring your two fiancees as well. Ladies who deserve such a heroic figure like you must be extraordinary."

"Then Senior Brother you must prepare gifts for them," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"I just need to prepare two gifts right? That's nothing," Bai Li Hong said generously.

"Senior Brother, I'm afraid you'll need to prepare more than two gifts. You'll need to prepare four gifts." Duan Ling Tian's smile turned even more charming at this moment.

"Four gifts?" Bai Li Hong's eyes widened. "Don't you only have two fiancees?"

"I forgot to tell you my two fiancees are pregnant. I'm returning to be there with them when they give birth," Duan Ling Tian said, smiling.

"It's such important news, why did you only tell me now?" Bai Li Hong said, feeling a little upset, "Maybe I should go with you. Not only can I protect you during your journey, but I can meet my two nephews."

"There's no rush, Senior Brother. I'll definitely bring them here when I return," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

He did not bring Ke'er and Li Fei here previously because he was unfamiliar with the Dao Martial Saint Land then. He did not have anywhere to settle down previously.

Now that he was with the Moon Illumination Sect, he could bring the two ladies here without having to worry about anything

With Bai Li Hong here, they would definitely be safe in the Moon Illumination Sect.

"Then please hurry back. I want to see my two nephews who are yet to be born," Bai Li Hong said.

"Don't worry, Senior Brother. I'll bring them here as soon as the children are born." Duan Ling Tian nodded and left after bidding farewell to Bai Li Hong again.

After Duan Ling Tian left his sight, Bai Li Hong turned to return to the Moon Illumination Sect with a gleam in his eyes.

After returning to the inner court, the first thing he did was to enter a huge mansion. It was not his mansion, but he entered the place as though the place had no owner.

The people in the mansion did not dare to stop him at all.

"Elder Bai Li, I wonder what brings you here?" At this moment, a person walked out of the mansion, welcoming Bai Li Hong enthusiastically.

The person was none other than Liu Huan.

Liu Huan seemed enthusiastic on the surface, but there was a gleam in his eyes that indicated he was not surprised by Bai Li Hong's visit.

"Naturally, I came for a reason," Bai Li Hong said calmly. It was just an excuse he made up.

The main reason he came was to keep an eye on Liu Huan to make sure he would not leave his sight during this period of time.

He would not have to worry Liu Huan would try and harm his junior brother, Duan Ling Tian, if he did this.

However, Bai Li Hong did not expect Liu Huan was not the only person who wanted to take Duan Ling Tian's life now.

Although the Mountainshade Black Market had called off the mission to kill Duan Ling Tian and declined missions to kill him, there was someone else who wanted to kill him.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian headed south after bidding farewell to Bai Li Hong.

With his current cultivation base, there was no need for him to hide. He could travel around fearlessly.

Naturally, this was because the south was close to the Dao Martial Saint Land's border. Let alone Saint Stage powerhouses, there was hardly anyone above the Saint Rudiment Stage at the Dao Martial Saint Land's border. Naturally, just because it was rare, it did not mean there was none at all.

However, there were not many Martial and Dao Cultivators at the Saint Rudiment Stage who could threaten him so there was no need for him to be afraid.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian who was initially traveling at an average speed suddenly flew at full speed, heading far away.

Soon after, he arrived above a vast beach.

The beach was the Dao Martial Saint Land's border. He would leave the Dao Martial Saint Land once he crossed the sea.

However, Duan Ling Tian paused as he hovered above the beach. At the same time, he turned around, remaining still.

"You've been tailing me for such a long time. Don't you think it's about time you show yourself?" Duan Ling Tian said calmly as he looked at the sky in the distance. His voice was not loud, but it was extremely clear. It overwhelmed the noise of the waves easily.

However, nobody responded to him. It was as though nobody was there.

Duan Ling Tian remained patient nonetheless. He eyes were focused in one direction. To be more precise, his eyes were trained on a cloud far away as though there was someone hiding behind it.

A silhouette finally came out from behind the cloud after fifteen minutes.

"How did you find out?" The person came out from behind the cloud was an old man. He had white hair, and his cheeks were ruddy. He had the appearance of a saint.

A hint of suspicion flashed through his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Did you think it's difficult to discover you?" Duan Ling Tian said coldly, "Tell me. Who are you, and why are you following me?"

He would not be surprised if the person who followed him was Liu Huan because he was already mentally prepared for that... When he was still at the Moon Illumination Sect, he had purposely announced he would leave the Moon Illumination Sect alone and return to his hometown.

It was actually a bait.

The purpose of the bait was to lure the big fish in, and the big fish was Liu Huan.

He planned to lure Liu Huan out to kill him so that Liu Huan would not be able to return to the Moon Illumination Sect!

With his current ability, he was confident he could kill Liu Huan.

Liu Huan was just an ordinary Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator. He was not at the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage nor was he at the Imminent Saint Stage. He was 90% certain he could defeat Liu Huan.

He even thought he could kill Liu Huan this time to avenge his teacher Fang Hui.

However, what surprised him was Liu Huan did not follow him.

Although somebody else followed him, this person was not Liu Huan. However, he was certain this person's cultivation base was not any lower than Liu Huan's.

The old man glared at Duan Ling Tian and said with a grin, "How dare you ask me who I am after killing my disciple?"

"Kill your disciple?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned at first. However, something popped up in his mind when he thought about it.

The only Moon Illumination Sect's disciple he had killed was Feng Fan.

Based on what he knew, Feng Fan had a master who was a Moon Illumination Sect's inner court elder, Zhao Feng. His ability ranked in the top three among all the inner court elders in the Moon Illumination Sect.

"Are you Zhao Feng? Feng Fan's master?" Duan Ling Tian was almost certain the old man with white hair and ruddy cheeks was Zhao Feng, Feng Fan's master.

"That's right, I'm Zhao Feng!" Zhao Feng said bluntly.

"I supposed Elder Zhao Feng isn't here for a chat since you've been following me for such a long time?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhao Feng with an odd smile.

Although he had no idea why Duan Ling Tian was so calm, he did not think much of him.

Naturally, he was not worried someone was secretly protecting Duan Ling Tian.

With his ability, unless there was a Saint Stage powerhouse hiding, it was impossible for him to not notice someone else's presence.

He would definitely be able to tell even if it was Bai Li Hong hiding.

"You're so calm even when you're going to die... Everything aside, your courage is rare among the younger generation. Unfortunately, I can't let you live since you killed my disciple," Zhao Feng said righteously.

"Elder Zhao Feng!" Duan Ling Tian mocked as he spoke, "It was your disciple Feng Fan who sent me the Death Duel invitation previously. It was he who wanted to kill me. It wasn't me who wanted to kill him.

Do you think I should just stand there and let him kill me in that situation just because was your, Zhao Feng, disciple?"

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"Hmph! You're good with words." Zhao Feng scoffed coldly as his eyes turned dark. "However, no matter how good you are with words, you won't be able to escape death today!"

The aura on Zhao Feng's body changed as soon as he was done speaking.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian felt a slight sense of oppression, causing him to feel slightly pressured.

Duan Ling Tian was certain it was Zhao Feng's True Energy Consolidated Territory.

Although Duan Ling Tian had no idea what Zhao Feng's territory was, he was not afraid at all.

Zhao Feng continued to cast the True Energy Consolidated Weapon and True Energy Consolidated Beast techniques, he consolidated a gigantic saber with his True Energy Consolidated Weapon technique.

Looking at how Zhao Feng was unleashing all his power, apart from proving he was a cautious person, it showed that he really wanted Duan Ling Tian to die here.

"True Energy Consolidated Weapon... You're a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator?" Zhao Feng's pupils widened when he found out Duan Ling Tian could cast the True Energy Consolidated Weapon technique.

"So what if I'm a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator? It seems like I'm nothing compared to you, Elder Zhao Feng." Duan Ling Tian smirked.

"Of course!" Zhao Feng's tone was filled with arrogance. "I'm a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator. Killing a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator like you is as easy as killing chickens and trimming grass!"

Although that was what Zhao Feng said, he was still shocked at Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base.

Duan Ling Tian was just an outer court disciple who had yet to break through to the Saint Rudiment Stage less than a year ago when he entered a death duel with his disciple, Feng Fan.

However, he was a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator now!

"Seems like Elder Zhao Feng's very confident about his ability." Duan Ling Tian's smirk widened.

However, Zhao Feng did not respond to his statement and continued to speak, "Seems like you've broken through to the Mortal Shedding Stage when you killed my disciple Feng Fan... However, I'm really curious. How did you manage to hide your cultivation base and led everyone to believe you were just a Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator!"

Based on Zhao Feng's words, it was obvious he was certain Duan Ling Tian was already a Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator when he entered the Moon Illumination Sect.

He was wondering what kind of technique Duan Ling Tian used to hide his cultivation base that led people to believe he was just a Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator when they checked him out using their Spiritual Energy.

He did not believe Duan Ling Tian managed to break through to the Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage from the Mastery Mortal Shedding Stage within a year. He would never believe that.

Their Nine Sect Alliance aside, there was nobody like Duan Ling Tian even in the Dao Martial Saint Land's central area where all the powerhouses and geniuses gathered.

Therefore, he was certain his theory was correct.

He believed Duan Ling Tian had killed his disciple Feng Fan by playing dumb and playing dirty.

Zhao Feng's rage was boiling when he thought about this.

"Know-it-all!" Hearing what Zhao Feng's words, Duan Ling Tian thought it was hilarious and revealed a mocking expression on his face. It seemed as though he was mocking him for being naive.

"No matter what kind of technique you used to hide your cultivation base, you're destined to die today!" Zhao Feng took a step forward while the air in a hundred-meter radius stopped in time with him at the center. It was the territory he had activated earlier.

At the same time, the gigantic saber formed from his True Energy Consolidated Weapon technique above his head exuded a ferocious aura that was targeted at Duan Ling Tian. Meanwhile, the giant beast that was formed from his True Energy Consolidated Beast technique was glaring at Duan Ling Tian.

The giant beast looked like a lion but not completely so. It had a sharp horn on its head. There was a layer of blood energy surrounding the giant beast. It was the symbol of a Blood Energy Consolidated Beast!

Zhao Feng's Blood Energy Consolidated Beast was also consolidated with True Energy and a Saint Beast's blood essence as its foundation. True Energy Consolidated Beasts could not compare to it.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised at all.

With Zhao Feng's current achievement, he must be a remarkable person since he was young at the Moon Illumination Sect. It was easy for him to obtain the blood essence of a Saint Beast above the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage with the help of Moon Illumination Sect's powerhouse.

This alone was incomparable to the Devilseal Tablet he used to kill that Mountainshade Black Market's assassin back then

When Zhao Feng spread the Territory Force by activating his territory, Duan Ling Tian felt an intense pressure pressing on him. He felt a little suffocated since he did not see it coming.

Suddenly, his face turned as pale as paper.

"You're just a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator, you're destined to be the fish on my chopping board since you're in my Gravitational Territory!" Zhao Feng grinned when he looked at Duan Ling Tian's pale face.

"Gravitational Territory?" Duan Ling Tian came to a realization after hearing Zhao Feng's words. It finally made sense why he felt an intense pressure pressing down on him. It was caused by the Gravitational Territory that was consolidated by Zhao Feng's True Energy Consolidated Territory.

Gravitational Territory was a rather common territory where the gravity within territory could be increased to a certain level.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Zhao Feng did not notice there was a lady covered completely in black hovering high above the sky. One could tell that it was a lady from her great figure.

The purple bird perched on the lady's shoulder said, "Sister, do you want me to help? I'm afraid he's no match for that old fellow."

"No need." The lady shook her head as her eyes gleamed. "Didn't you notice... He's calm since the beginning. That shows he's confident."

"Confident?" The purple bird shook its head. "He's just a Perfection Saint Rudiment Martial Cultivator while that old fellow is at the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage, and he also masters Gravitational Territory... It's difficult for him to walk within the Gravitational Territory so it'll be difficult for him to fight back." It was clear that the purple bird looked down on Duan Ling Tian.

"Just watch... It's not too late for you to help if he's really no match for him in the end," the lady said.

The purple bird nodded as it looked down, excited.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian seemed to be the only thing that existed in the lady's eyes. She could tell Duan Ling Tian was calm from the beginning until the end. It was not a front.

She could not help but feel skeptical. Where did he get his confidence from?

Did he notice their presence and knew they would protect him during the critical moment?

However, she thought it was impossible the more she thought about it.

"Does your body feel restricted, and you're not able to defend against the gravity in my territory even though you still have all your True Energy?" Zhao Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian in a manner as though he had everything under control. He even had an arrogant smirk on his lips.

However, Duan Ling Tian's response completely froze the smirk on his face.

"So this is all the gravity your Gravitational Territory has?" Duan Ling Tian's face that was initially as pale as a paper regained its rosiness suddenly. His face was calm, and he had a mocking smile on his face when he looked at Zhao Feng again.

"You're going to die, but you're still so stubborn!" Zhao Feng laughed out of anger.

Subsequently, Zhao Feng remained motionless. However, the gigantic saber he had consolidated with the True Energy Consolidated Weapon technique charged toward Duan Ling Tian as though it was going to cut Duan Ling Tian into two.

Roar!

Meanwhile, the giant beast Zhao Feng had consolidated with his Blood Energy Consolidated Beast technique pounced at Duan Ling Tian as well. Its mouth was wide open as though it was going to devour him.

Duan Ling Tian's expression remained the same while he faced the gigantic saber and giant beast.

Suddenly, True Energy shot out at lightning speed above his head. It grew in just a blink of an eye before it eventually turned into the Divine Dragon Phenomenon. To be exact, it was a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon Phenomenon.

The Divine Dragon Phenomenon that was shrouded in blood energy released its dragon force as soon as it appeared.

At this moment, the giant beast Zhao Feng consolidated with the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique stopped moving halfway. It was terrified facing Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon.

If it was just a Beast Phenomenon consolidated by True Energy through imagination, it would definitely not be able to feel afraid.

However, the Giant Beast Phenomenon was consolidated with True Energy and a giant beast's blood essence. It had intelligence that was why it was afraid of the King of Saint Beasts, the dragon clan.

Moreover, Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon was a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon Phenomenon!

Five-Clawed Divine Dragons were ranked the highest in the dragon clan in the Dao Martial Saint Land. The dragon clan's patriarch was a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon as well.

Furthermore, the blood essence Duan Ling Tian used belonged to a Five-Clawed Devil Dragon.

The Five-Clawed Devil Dragon ranked first among the Five-Clawed Divine Dragons. In fact, it ranked even higher than Five-Clawed Golden Dragons.

"What's happening?" This scene shocked Zhao Feng. It was his first time seeing such a thing despite having lived for so many years.

While Zhao Feng was shocked, the Divine Dragon Phenomenon that Duan Ling Tian had consolidated with his True Energy Consolidated Beast technique swung its tail and smashed Zhao Feng's True Energy Consolidated Beast against the Relic Phenomenon Duan Ling Tian had consolidated with his True Energy Consolidated Weapon before he could even react.

At the same time, Zhao Feng's Gigantic Saber Phenomenon was crushed by the Divine Dragon Phenomenon.

After the Divine Dragon Phenomenon crushed both of Zhao Feng's phenomenons consecutively, it hovered in the air arrogantly, looking down at the world from above.

"Dragon! It's a dragon... A real dragon!" Meanwhile, a memory appeared in Zhao Feng's mind when he regained his senses from the shock of seeing Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon. It was a memory about Divine Dragons.

Naturally, he was just like Bai Li Hong. Everything he knew about Divine Dragons was limited to the recordings in the scrolls.

When Zhao Feng was still shocked at how Duan Ling Tian managed to consolidate a Divine Dragon Phenomenon, Duan Ling Tian spoke, "Elder Zhao Feng, your Gravitational Territory isn't that great."

In the next second, Zhao Feng was shocked again when he saw Duan Ling Tian moving like the wind, unaffected by his Gravitational Territory at all.

Chapter 1528: Fighting Zhao Feng!

The True Energy Consolidated Beast technique Duan Ling Tian performed had already shocked Zhao Feng, and now he found out Duan Ling Tian was not just a Mastery Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator but a Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator!

That aside, what shocked him more was the Giant Beast Phenomenon Duan Ling Tian consolidated with his True Energy Consolidated Beast technique was a Divine Dragon Phenomenon!

Moreover, the Divine Dragon Phenomenon easily crushed his True Energy Consolidated Weapon and True Energy Consolidated Beast.

One must know different cultivation base would consolidate different Divine Dragon Phenomenon and Giant Beast Phenomenon. The higher one's cultivation base was, the more powerful the phenomenon that would be consolidated.

There were only two possibilities for Duan Ling Tian to be able to defeat his two phenomenons easily with the Divine Dragon Phenomenon he consolidated with his Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage cultivation base... One, Duan Ling Tian might not be as simple as a Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator. The other was Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon was too powerful that was why it easily defeated his phenomenons.

Between the two, Zhao Feng thought the latter was more likely the case.

If the former was the truth, would that not mean Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was on par with him?

If Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was on par with him, that would mean he was at least at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage. He would be able to perform the True Energy Consolidated Territory technique.

That was something he was unwilling to see.

At this very moment, Zhao Feng panicked when he saw that Duan Ling Tian was moving unaffectedly as he pleased in his Gravitational Territory.

Could Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base really be on par with his?

That was the only reason that could explain how Duan Ling Tian managed to move within the coverage of his Gravitational Territory easily. He could not think of anything else.

"Your Gravitational Territory is nothing!" Duan Ling Tian was calm even though he was in Zhao Feng's Gravitational Territory. He was no longer as pale as a paper. He moved at ease in Zhao Feng's Gravitational Territory as though it did not affect him.

In fact, that was really not the case.

Zhao Feng's Gravitational Territory was extremely terrifying. It was so powerful that it was difficult even for an ordinary Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator to walk within it.

The reason Duan Ling Tian managed to move easily was due to his body.

He had gone through cleansing twice, especially the second time where it happened in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. It changed his body so drastically that his body was even more powerful than a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon from the dragon clan.

Moreover, the strength of his body increased again after he refined it using the Five-Clawed Devil Dragon's blood essence.

According to Elder Huo, his current body was more powerful than a Six-Clawed Divine Dragon at the same level. In fact, his body was even more powerful than a Seven-Clawed Divine Dragon at the same level.

Naturally, there was no Six-Clawed Divine Dragon or Seven-Clawed Divine Dragon in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

The Five-Clawed Divine Dragons' bloodline was the purest and the noblest one in the Dao Martial Saint Land's dragon clans.

This was how Duan Ling Tian discovered his body was not affected much by Zhao Feng's gravity after adapting to the Gravitational Territory.

'It seems like a powerful body doesn't only boost battle ability and defense, it also allows me to defend against the gravity in this Gravitational Territory,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Naturally, although Duan Ling Tian could move as he wished in Zhao Feng's Gravitational Territory due to his powerful body, the insane pressure was exhausting his strength with every passing minute and second.

No matter how powerful his body was, he would not be able to endure for long.

'I must end this quickly!' Therefore, Duan Ling Tian made up his mind to kill Zhao Feng before he exhausted his body.

With the presence of a Five-Clawed Divine Dragon, he was not afraid of Zhao Feng's True Energy Consolidated Weapon and True Energy Consolidated Beast at all. Moreover, with his powerful body, he

was not afraid of Zhao Feng's True Energy Consolidated Territory, the Gravitational Territory, within a short period of time.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to underestimate Zhao Feng at all.

No matter what, Zhao Feng was at the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage. Even without relying on True Energy Consolidated Weapon, True Energy Consolidated Beast, and True Energy Consolidated Territory, the True Energy he possessed was majestic and endless.

Moreover, he had been cultivating years of Martial Tactic techniques, he must have cultivated all of them to the highest level which was the Impeccable Stage.

"Zhao Feng, I would like to see how you're going to kill me today!" Duan Ling Tian smirked and took out his Sun Shooting Bow immediately as he lifted his arms. He then consolidated an arrow with his True Energy and placed it on the bow.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian pulled the bowstring made of the Five-Clawed Devil Dragon's dragon tendon.

Although Duan Ling Tian was a Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator now, he only managed to pull the bowstring back a little further. He was still pretty far away from pulling it into the shape of a full moon.

It also proved how tough the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon's dragon tendon was.

"Duan Ling Tian, I must admit that I've underestimated you... Not only me, but even Liu Huan underestimated you as well," Zhao Feng said as he glared at Duan Ling Tian in his deep voice. At the same time, a hint of fear fleeted through the depth of his eyes.

"Seems like it was Liu Huan who told you about my departure." Duan Ling Tian smiled. "I thought the bait I put out would lure Liu Huan here... I didn't expect Liu Huan wouldn't come. As it turns out, it's you who came. However, whether it's you or him, the results will be the same."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's tone was filled with confidence.

"Also, I have a really bad habit... I don't usually let people who want to kill me to live!" Duan Ling Tian said as killing intent filled his eyes.

"How boastful! I would like to see how you're going to kill me." Although he was afraid Duan Ling Tian might be a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator, he had yet to confirm that. Therefore, he was not afraid of Duan Ling Tian at all as he faced him.

Naturally, he had a plan of his own.

He would run as soon as he confirmed that Duan Ling Tian was a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator and if his ability surpassed his.

Since he came out of closed-door cultivation, he was sure that the few Saint Stage powerhouses including the Sect Leader, a few Vice Sect Leaders, and Inner Court Elder Bai Li Hong were the only ones more powerful than him in the Moon Illumination Sect. The others were nothing to him.

He was even confident he could defeat the inner court elder who ranked second in the Moon Illumination Sect.

Zhao Feng lifted his arms and took out his Saint Weapon as soon as he was done speaking.

Zhao Feng's Saint Weapon was a staff that was over a foot long. The staff was thick with significant patterns around it.

'Three Saint Inscriptions?' A glance was sufficient for Duan Ling Tian to see there were three Saint Inscriptions inscribed on Zhao Feng's Saint Weapon.

Since it was far away, it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to really see so he could not tell what kind of inscriptions the three Saint Inscriptions were.

However, he was sure that there was only one Three Star Saint Inscription at the most among the three Saint Inscriptions.

It was the standard Saint Weapon a Moon Illumination Sect's inner court elder would have. Only the few Saint Stage powerhouses, including the Moon Illumination Sect's Sect Leader, would have a Saint Weapon with two Three Star Saint Inscriptions inscribed on it.

Meanwhile, Bai Li Hong was the only one who had a Saint Weapon with three Three Star Saint Inscriptions inscribed on it.

Naturally, there was another person who owned a Saint Weapon with three Three Star Saint Inscriptions. It was Duan Ling Tian, Bai Li Hong's junior brother.

"Duan Ling Tian, here comes my staff!" Zhao Feng did not hesitate as soon as he took out his Saint Weapon. He moved as though he had turned into a bolt of lightning as he dashed toward Duan Ling Tian.

He swung the staff in his hand agilely. The air seemed to stop as it turned into a wave of strong, rumbling, and majestic airwave in his wake. Moreover, it was accompanied by the sound of air explosions.

The strong wind created by Zhao Feng's staff swept over Duan Ling Tian.

Whoosh!

Whoosh!

While Zhao Feng charged at Duan Ling Tian, the two True Energies in Zhao Feng's body that had turned into a giant beast and saber were also headed in the direction of Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon.

Naturally, the giant beast was trembling as it charged at him.

However, since it was created by Zhao Feng's True Energy Consolidated Beast technique, it had no choice but to attack Duan Ling Tian's phenomenon no matter how scared it was.

Meanwhile, the air around the Divine Dragon Phenomenon shook.

This was due to Zhao Feng controlling his Gravitational Territory. He quickly focused on the gravity around the Divine Dragon Phenomenon in an attempt to suppress it. Soon after, he succeeded. The Divine Dragon Phenomenon was pressed down by gravity.

His huge saber and giant beast arrived at the same time.

Roar!

At this very moment, the Divine Dragon Phenomenon that was being pressed down lifted its head arrogantly and roared at the sky.

As the dragon roared, the air trembled, creating ripples that began to spread.

No one should go against the dragon's scales!

No one should go against the dragon's force!

The Divine Dragon Phenomenon Duan Ling Tian had consolidated with the True Energy Consolidated Beast technique seemed to have turned into a real dragon at this very moment. It was arrogant, naturally, it would not like being restricted Zhao Feng's Gravitational Territory.

Suddenly, the Divine Dragon Phenomenon vanished due to the gravity Zhao Fen had cast on it.

Everything happened in a blink of an eye. He did not even have time to react.

Although he was shocked by the Divine Dragon Phenomenon's existence, he was secretly relieved when he saw it fading away due to his Gravitational Territory, Relic Phenomenon, and Giant Beast Phenomenon.

He had achieved his goal.

His goal was to make the Divine Dragon Phenomenon vanish. He planned to kill Duan Ling Tian before he could consolidate another Divine Dragon Phenomenon.

Although he was not afraid of Duan Ling Tian's Divine Dragon Phenomenon, he must admit the Divine Dragon Phenomenon did pose a certain level of threat.

Whoosh!

When faced with Zhao Feng who was charging toward him fiercely, Duan Ling Tian immediately charged out with his Gigantic Sword Phenomenon that he had consolidated with True Energy Consolidated Weapon technique. He was going for the foot-long staff in Zhao Feng's hand.

Just as he expected, his Gigantic Sword Phenomenon was easily defeated by the staff in Zhao Feng's hand.

The staff that had defeated the Gigantic Sword Phenomenon slashed at Duan Ling Tian at lightning speed.

Chapter 1529: The Sect Leader of the Moon Illumination Sect

'Thousand Mass Saint Inscription, Destruction Saint Inscription, and there's also an Overlapping Saint Inscription!' Duan Ling Tian saw the Saint Inscriptions inscribed on the staff in Zhao Feng's hand when it crushed his Gigantic Sword Phenomenon.

The strength came from the two Two Star Saint Inscriptions and a Three Star Saint Inscription.

The Thousand Mass Saint Inscription and Destruction Saint Inscription were Two Star Saint Inscriptions while the Overlapping Saint Inscription was a Three Star Saint Inscription.

The Thousand Mass Saint Inscription was the same Saint Inscription on the broadsword Feng Fan had used back then. The broadsword came into Duan Ling Tian's possession after Feng Fan died.

Meanwhile, the Two Star Saint Inscription, the Destruction Saint Inscription, could break air resistance to a certain level.

Lastly, the Overlapping Saint Inscription, a Three Star Saint Inscription, could overcome strength to a certain level, granting one more strength. Although the strength granted was not much, it was still a significant boost.

Duan Ling Tian learned about these two Saint Inscriptions from his senior brother, Bai Li Hong.

The Saint Inscriptions on the Saint Weapon in Zhao Feng's hand were inscribed by Bai Li Hong himself. If Bai Li Hong discovered that Zhao Feng had used the Saint Inscriptions he had inscribed to fight his junior brother, he would be enraged to the point of no return.

Colossal Arrow Bell!

Faced with Zhao Feng's staff that was coming at him ferociously, Duan Ling Tian did not dodge since he knew it would be futile. He quickly cast the only defensive technique in the Colossal Aerolite Arrow that he had successfully cultivated.

At this moment, the Aerolite Shower turned into tens of thousands of arrow rays as though they were alive. They were rotating around Duan Ling Tian's body, forming a layer of defense like an eggshell.

The eggshell had the shape of a giant bell. Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was in within the giant bell.

"You think you can defend against the full force of my attack? You must be dreaming!" Zhao Feng's face was filled with mockery when he saw Duan Ling Tian choose to defend against his attack.

At this moment, he was almost certain Duan Ling Tian was just a Perfection Saint Rudiment Martial Cultivator.

If Duan Ling Tian was a Martial Cultivator above the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage, it was impossible he would not cast the True Energy Consolidated Territory under such circumstances.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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The staff in Zhao Feng's hand produced thunderous explosions in its wake.

It arrived close to the giant bell Duan Ling Tian was in very quickly.

Bang!

A loud explosion reverberated in the air as the staff landed on the giant bell. It began to shake as though it might collapse anytime.

Meanwhile, the air around the staff was turbulent. Rumbling airwaves swept out rampantly with the staff at the center.

At this moment, even the ocean in the distance was affected. It caused the waves to undulate for a long time.

"Such a powerful defensive technique!" The purple bird high in the sky exclaimed softly, "This defensive technique has surpassed the Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic... It seems like the Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic he's cultivating isn't simple."

"It's the top Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic," Chi Mei, the black-clad lady who was a Black Market's assassin, mumbled, "Who is he? Let alone a seventh-rate sect like the Moon Illumination Sect, even a sixth-rate force might not be able to obtain such a Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic."

"Even a fifth-rate force doesn't have many Human Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactics like this," the purple bird said.

"That's impossible!" Zhao Feng who was initially filled with confidence had disbelief written all over his face when he realized he had exhausted 80% to 90% of his strength just to break Duan Ling Tian's defense.

He could not figure out how a Perfection Saint Rudiment Martial Cultivator had such a powerful defense!

Unfortunately, it was destined that he would never figure it out.

Aerolite Strike!

As Zhao Feng crushed the bell formed by Duan Ling Tian's Colossal Arrow Bell, Duan Ling Tian charged out from the arrow bell before it collapsed and shot a powerful arrow out.

His True Energy surged out of his Qi Sea and gathered in both his hands through the 99 Saint Veins in his body.

The world turned still when the arrow shot out as though it was the only thing left in the world.

Meanwhile, the arrow landed between Zhao Feng's eyebrows, and he died just as he regained his senses.

At the moment of death, Zhao Feng still could not figure out how Duan Ling Tian had such a powerful defense.

He did not think it would be difficult to break Duan Ling Tian's defense so he did not hold back. He was killed by Duan Ling Tian's arrow because he was caught off guard.

As a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage, he died with a lot of grievances.

However, there was no sympathy in a world where the strong ruled. A dead person was just a pile of bones while the winner would be crowned.

"Nothing's impossible," Duan Ling Tian said calmly in response to Zhao Feng's words before he died. He calmly took away his Spatial Ring and destroyed his body.

Naturally, there was no way Zhao Feng could have heard his response.

'Colossal Arrow Bell is worthy of being called the defensive technique that's on par with an Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic... The True Energy transferred through my 99 Saint Veins provided an endless stream for the arrow bell to nullify more than 80% of Zhao Feng's force!' Although he knew the Colossal Arrow Bell's defense was powerful, it was Duan Ling Tian's first time using it in a fight. It was his first time witnessing how terrifying it was.

Who was Zhao Feng?

He was a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator. If he unleashed his full strength with his Saint Weapon that was inscribed with two Two Star Saint Inscriptions and a Three Star Saint Inscription, even an Imminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator might not dare to fight with him with just a defensive technique.

However, Duan Ling Tian did just that.

Although it did not manage to completely endure the hit, it nullified most of it, causing Zhao Feng to lose the ability to avoid his arrow.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian knew very well the reason he managed to successfully kill Zhao Feng was because Zhao Feng had underestimated him from the very beginning. To be more precise, he had underestimated the Colossal Arrow Bell.

Otherwise, it was impossible for him to kill Zhao Feng so easily although he would still be able to kill him eventually.

'Unfortunately, Liu Huan didn't come along... Seems like I can only kill that Liu Huan when I return,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

He thought it was unfortunate. However, he let the thought go in the end.

With his current ability, it was not difficult for him to kill Liu Huan as long as he had the chance.

Duan Ling Tian continued on his journey to Half Moon Island after killing Zhao Feng. It did not take him long to arrive at Half Moon Island with his current ability.

Previously, it had taken him a long time to get to the Dao Martial Saint Land from Half Moon Island because he was not familiar with the way. He had gotten lost and spent a long time taking the wrong path. However, he was certain of the direction this time.

What Duan Ling Tian did not notice was a person and a bird following him closely.

"A person with a Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage cultivation base killed a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator... I didn't expect him to be so capable," the purple bird exclaimed. One could tell it was a little upset from its tone.

Naturally, it was upset because Duan Ling Tian had unintentionally denied him a chance to fight.

Although Chi Mei was quiet, the way she looked at Duan Ling Tian now was different.

She muttered, "I hope you and her don't have a close relationship... Otherwise, I'll have to kill you even if I'm unwilling."

While Duan Ling Tian went on his way after killing Zhao Feng, chaos had descended in the Moon Illumination Sect.

There was a forbidden area in the Moon Illumination Sect's inner court.

Apart from people with a higher status than an inner court elder, the others were forbidden to even step a foot inside. Those who violated the rule would be expelled from the sect, and that was the lightest sentence. It was punishable by death.

The Moon Illumination Sect's forbidden area was the cultivation place for the few Saint Stage powerhouses including the Sect Leader.

At this moment, a sudden wail resounded from one of the Saint Stage powerhouses' mansion in the cultivation place. The wail was filled with rage.

In the mansion, a short old man's eyes turned red as he looked at the crushed Soul Pearl on the table before him.

"Zhao Feng's dead? Who... Who did it?!" The old man's voice was deep, and it was filled with fury.

"Junior Uncle Qian." At this moment, an exuberant voice came from outside.

"Sect Leader." The old man left his mansion in just a blink of an eye. He arrived outside of the mansion when he finally reappeared. He greeted a tall middle-aged man with a face as clear as jade.

Although the tall middle-aged man was just standing there, each of his movement was majestic. It was obvious he held a high position in the sect.

Based on the way the old man addressed him, it was obvious he was the Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect, Jiang Wei.

"Junior Uncle Qian, what happened?" Jiang Wei asked. His mansion was situated close to the old man's mansion so he had heard the commotion earlier.

"Sect Leader, Zhao Feng's dead," the old man said in his deep voice.

"Zhao Feng's dead?!" Jiang Wei was shocked when he heard the old man's words.

Although Zhao Feng was just an inner court elder, Jiang Wei knew very well of the relationship between Zhao Feng and the old man.

The old man had secretly taken Zhao Feng as his direct disciple.

Nobody knew why the old man did not announce their relationship later nor why he did not officially make Zhao Feng his disciple. Zhao Feng was not considered a real disciple of his. Therefore, not many people in the Moon Illumination Sect knew about the relationship between Zhao Feng and the old man.

However, Jiang Wei heard about Zhao Feng and the old man from his master previously. His master was the former Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect. He had disclosed to Jiang Wei that Zhao Feng might be the old man's illegitimate son. Apparently, that was the reason he did not officially take Zhao Feng in as his direct disciple.

"No matter who it was that killed Zhao Feng, I'll find him even if I have to dig deep!" The old man said, clenching his teeth.

The old man's face was fierce. For a moment, even Jiang Wei thought he was looking at a different person.

"Junior Uncle Qian, I'll get someone to investigate this... Just wait for the news," Jiang Wei said to the old man.

He did not dare to slack when the matter was related to the old man.

Not only was the old man his senior, but he was a guardian of the Moon Illumination Sect.

Chapter 1530: Liu Huan's Shock

After leaving the forbidden land of the Moon Illumination Sect, Jiang Wei went to Zhao Feng's mansion in the inner court area immediately to speak to the people from the mansion.

Soon, he found out that Zhao Feng had spoken to the inner court elder, Liu Huan, after he got out of his closed-door cultivation earlier. He then left his mansion yesterday and had yet to return until now.

Jiang Wei knew very well that Zhao Feng would never return; the reason being that he was already dead!

"Liu Huan!" Jiang Wei went for Liu Huan after leaving Zhao Feng's mansion. He happened to see a familiar silhouette when he arrived outside Liu Huan's mansion.

"Elder Bai Li?" Jiang Wei was rather surprised to see Bai Li Hong walk out of Liu Huan's mansion.

Were Bai Li Hong and Liu Huan not as incompatible as water and fire now?

After all, Bai Li Hong's junior brother had come from Mound Hill City. He was the disciple of the Mound Hill City Governor, Fang Hui.

Jiang Wei was well aware of the rivalry between Fang Hui and Liu Huan.

He would not be surprised if Bai Li Hong came to him to inform him that he would kill Liu Huan. After all, he would not be able to reject him if Bai Li Hong really came to him to tell him that.

Although Liu Huan was also the inner court elder of the Moon Illumination Sect, he was nothing compared to Bai Li Hong.

To put it directly, Liu Huan was not even worthy of cleaning Bai Li Hong's shoes if one were to compare their positions in the Moon Illumination Sect.

Who was Bai Li Hong?

He was a Three-Star Saint Inscription Master!

Apart from the Saint Inscription Masters in the Mountainshade Black Market, there were only two Three-Star Saint Inscription Masters in the entire Nine Sect Alliance's area.

Therefore, regardless of he or the other few Moon Illumination Sect's grand elders, they were polite whenever they faced Bai Li Hong because they were afraid that they might upset him in any way possible.

One must know that Bai Li Hong was highly sought after in the other eight sects even to the Mountainshade Black Market.

Throughout these years, the eight sects and the Mountainshade Black Market had been inviting Bai Li Hong to join their sects by offering him great benefits, but he always rejected them. This was because he had established a sense of belonging in the Moon Illumination Sect. He was also grateful toward the Moon Illumination Sect for taking care of him for so many years.

Thus, all of the higher management in the Moon Illumination Sect, even Jiang Wei, the Moon Illumination Sect Leader, would behave themselves whenever they saw each other.

Just like now, Jiang Wei was smiling widely when he greeted Bai Li Hong. He had a rare warm smile on his face.

"Sect Leader." Bai Li Hong was slightly surprised to see Jiang Wei when he got out of there too. "Sect Leader, are you here for Elder Liu Huan too?"

"That's right." Jiang Wei nodded while smiling.

"Then, I won't be bothering you, Sect Leader." Bai Li Hong left after greeting Jiang Wei. Since it had been half a day, he was not worried about Liu Huan going after his junior brother who was on his way back to his hometown.

Meanwhile in Liu Huan's mansion, as Liu Huan turned around after sending Bai Li Hong off, he heard a stammer coming from behind. "S-sect... Sect Leader!"

The stammer came from an inner court disciple guarding the entrance of Liu Huan's mansion. He was Liu Huan's nominal disciple.

Naturally, a nominal disciple was just a person who did miscellaneous chores. He was incomparable with a direct disciple at all.

"Sect Leader?" Liu Huan was shocked to hear the stammer coming from behind, so he then spun around immediately.

He saw a tall and majestic middle-aged man standing not far away as soon as he turned around. The man was looking at him calmly. "Elder Liu Huan."

"Sect Leader, you... are you looking for me?" Liu Huan could not help to have shock written on his face when he saw Jiang Wei who had never been to his mansion before.

Although he was an inner court elder, he was the lowest one among the bunch of inner court elders in the Moon Illumination Sect. He could not even attend the sect's decision-making meetings, so he hardly had the opportunity to have alone time with the sect leader, let alone have the sect leader come to his mansion.

While feeling overwhelmed by the unexpected visit, Liu Huan greeted Jiang Wei respectfully, "Please come in, Sect Leader."

Liu Huan was bending and nodding along the way. He looked like an obedient dog who would allow anyone to bite him.

The current him looked like a completely different person compared to the version of him boasting at Han River City back then. The difference was like heaven and earth!

In Liu Huan's mansion's main hall, Liu Huan welcomed Jiang Wei to sit on the main seat while he stood aside.

Jiang Wei did not show any politeness at all as he proceeded to sit. He regaled his majesty as sect leader.

"Sect Leader, is there anything that I can help you with?" Liu Huan stood there and asked while feeling a little anxious.

He was happy that the Sect Leader came for him, but after the excitement, he realized that the situation should not be as simple as he thought. There had to be something important that the sect leader came for.

It was impossible for him to be here just for a friendly chat.

Liu Huan thought of Duan Ling Tian and Bai Li Hong at that moment. 'Could Bai Li Hong have asked the Sect Leader to get rid of me?' Liu Huan's heart jolted when he thought about this.

He had thought of that possibility before, but what could he do about it? Should he leave the Moon Illumination Sect?

He, Liu Huan, had been in the Moon Illumination Sect all his life and had rooted himself there. He was gravely unwilling to live outside on his own.

Therefore, he had always thought he was fortunate that Bai Li Hong had never been so cruel to him. After all, he behaved himself when Bai Li Hong confronted him and did not show any signs of rejection at all.

'He should be here for something else.' Liu Huan who was anxious took a deep breath in and began to console himself.

"Did you look for Elder Zhao Feng after he got out of his closed-door cultivation?" Jiang Wei asked calmly while looking at Liu Huan.

"Yes." Although he no idea why Jiang Wei asked that, Liu Huan nodded anyway. It was not a secret after all. Many people at Zhao Feng's mansion knew that Liu Huan had gone looking for Zhao Feng.

'Didn't Zhao Feng leave to kill Duan Ling Tian? It's such a coincidence that Sect Leader is here asking about Zhao Feng...' Liu Huan thought it was odd.

"Did you know that Elder Zhao Feng already left yesterday?" Jiang Wei asked again.

"I've no idea," Liu Huan shook his head while looking lost, "Sect Leader, did something happen to Elder Zhao Feng?" Naturally, he knew Zhao Feng left the sect yesterday and waited for Duan Ling Tian out there.

However, it was impossible for him to admit that he knew that.

After all, he could not bring up the plan he had made with Zhao Feng to kill Duan Ling Tian.

Jiang Wei looked at Liu Huan and said calmly, "Elder Zhao Feng's dead."

Elder Zhao Feng was dead!

Meanwhile, Jiang Wei's words were a clap of thunder to Liu Huan's ears. He could not snap back to his senses for a long time.

"Elder Zhao Feng... is dead?" Liu Huan looked lost when he came back to his senses. There was shock in his eyes as he did not know what to do.

Naturally, that was Liu Huan's instinctive reaction.

Seeing that, Jiang Wei realized that Zhao Feng's death might not have anything to do with Liu Huan. Judging by his expression, Liu Huan did not look like he was faking it.

However, he would never figure that the reason why Liu Huan was shocked was that Liu Huan himself never thought this would happen.

Zhao Feng was dead!

He knew very well what Zhao Feng had done. Initially, he thought Zhao Feng would definitely achieve his goal, which was to kill his foe, Duan Ling Tian. He was already waiting for Zhao Feng to come back for a celebratory feast.

However, the sect leader came to him before Zhao Feng returned and brought him such shocking news.

'Zhao Feng went to kill Duan Ling Tian... Bai Li Hong was with me all this time, so it's impossible that it was he who killed Zhao Feng. That being said, did someone else kill Elder Zhao Feng?' Liu Huan was terrified as he thought about this.

Naturally, he had never thought it was Duan Ling Tian who killed Zhao Feng.

Duan Ling Tian was nothing to him even though he had great talent and had already broken through to Saint Rudiment Stage. He treated Duan Ling Tian as an ant from the beginning until the end.

Duan Ling Tian would have been dead if not for Bai Li Hong. If Liu Huan had not killed him, Duan Ling Tian would have definitely been killed by the assassin from Mountainshade Black Market.

'Zhao Feng's dead... He must have offended some powerhouse along the way and was killed by that powerhouse! I wonder if he killed Duan Ling Tian before being killed by the powerhouse.' At that moment, Liu Huan was not thinking of Liu Huan's death. He wanted to know if Duan Ling Tian was dead or not.

Zhao Feng's death was none of his business. It was none of his concern at all.

Duan Ling Tian's death was all that mattered to him. He would not be able to eat and sleep well as long as Duan Ling Tian was still alive.

From the beginning until the end, Liu Huan did not only not suspect that Duan Ling Tian was the one who killed Zhao Feng, but he had also never thought that the 'powerhouse' who killed Zhao Feng was related to Duan Ling Tian.

To him, Duan Ling Tian was just a bumpkin.

If he was not a bumpkin, he would not become his nemesis. As he thought about it, he sneered inwardly at the thought of the lowly position as the disciple of the Mound Hill City Governor Fang Hui.

It was impossible that a bumpkin like Duan Ling Tian would have such a powerhouse to protect him on his way.

Naturally, he thought it might be Bai Li Hong who gotten a powerhouse to protect Duan Ling Tian. However, he thought it should not be the case as he thought further.

If Bai Li Hong really got a powerhouse who had the ability to kill Zhao Feng to protect Duan Ling Tian, why would he stay at Liu Huan's mansion for such a long time, watching him and not let him sneak out of the sect to kill Duan Ling Tian?

Therefore, he eliminated the possibility.

Thus, he thought the only possibility was a powerhouse that was unrelated to Duan Ling Tian at all who had killed Zhao Feng.

"Just keep it to yourself. Don't tell anyone." Jiang Wei glanced at Liu Huan calmly and vanished without a trace after Liu Huan responded.

Liu Huan was secretly relieved at that moment.

"Hopefully, Zhao Feng killed Duan Ling Tian before getting himself killed. Otherwise, I'll have to do it myself in the future," Liu Huan mumbled.

"Poor Zhao Feng was in such bad luck. He was in closed-door cultivation for such a long time but got killed as soon as he went out. Fortunately, it wasn't me who went after that Duan Ling Tian this time. Otherwise, I might've been the one killed.' Liu Huan's heart was racing as he thought about this.