

Chapter 1651: Intentionally Seeking Revenge

Upon hearing Han Xue Nai's words, Duan Ling Tian frowned. "So he's intentionally seeking revenge?" He said this because of Han Xin's identity.

Apart from being the Supreme Elder of Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Xin was also Han Jin Nian's grandfather. Han Jin Nian was killed by a mysterious powerhouse that was connected to Han Xue Nai's friend.

"Yes." Han Xue Nai nodded before she said with a grave expression, "When his grandson, Han Jin Nian, was still alive, Han Xin treated me quite well. It was as though I was his granddaughter. However, since Han Jin Nian died, his attitude toward me has changed. At that time, he had asked me who had brought Sister Fei'er away, but I said I don't know. Put aside the fact that I really didn't know, even if I knew, I wouldn't have told him! Ever since then, he had been cold toward me until that time when he asked me over to his place, and I met the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion." Han Xue Nai's expression turned even graver when she reached the end of his sentence.

"I really don't get it! It's obvious that Han Jin Nian was seeking death. How dare he plot to lay his hands on Sister Fei'er! He deserves to die. However, Han Xin acts as though Han Jin Nian is innocent. He keeps trying to find the mysterious powerhouse who rescued Sister Fei'er away to seek revenge." Until now, Han Xue Nai could not wrap her head around this.

"Xue Nai, you're too naive," Duan Ling Tian shook his head before he said, "No matter what, Han Jin Nian was his biological grandson, someone of utmost importance to him. It doesn't matter what Han Jin Nian had done, it doesn't change the fact that Han Xin is his grandfather. That's why no matter what evil deeds Han Jin Nian had done, he wouldn't think Han Jin Nian deserves to die. As the saying goes, 'Prioritizing righteousness over blood ties is easier said than done,'" Duan Ling Tian said.

"Even if he hates me, he can't do this! How's he so sure I'll agree to marry the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion? What if I'd rather die than submit? That would infuriate the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion and the Rising Sky Mansion. At that time, the Rising Sky Mansion wouldn't have let the Greenwave Han Mansion go. Don't tell me the Greenwave Han Mansion is not as important as his grandson?!" Han Xue Nai was indignant.

She could understand Han Xin's feelings after listening to Duan Ling Tian's explanation. However, the moment she thought of Han Xin's disregard of the Greenwave Han Mansion, she became furious.

"Xue Nai, the fact that you're able to think like this shows that you've matured," Duan Ling Tian nodded before he said, "Naturally, he has thought about all this. However, since things have already developed to this stage, it means Han Jin Nian's importance has long surpassed the Greenwave Han Mansion in his heart! Moreover, I'm certain he knows you won't selfishly abandon the Greenwave Han Mansion. You're the Eldest Young Miss after all. Moreover, your father is the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion! Although he's the Supreme Elder, the authority still lies in your father's hands. The person who's placed in the most difficult position in the matter of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion proposing to you is your father. On one hand, he's the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han

Mansion. He needs to consider the overall well-being of the Greenwave Han Mansion. On the other hand, he's your father. He obviously cares about your happiness. Asking you to marry the notorious Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion is no different from pushing you into a fire pit. From what I can see, he's a good father. He chose to stand on your side and not submit to the Rising Sky Mansion. For your happiness, he's willing to fall out with the Rising Sky Mansion!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was filled with admiration when he spoke.

Perhaps, Han Xue Nai's father might not be a good leader, but he was definitely a good father.

When Han Xue Nai heard Duan Ling Tian's words, her eyes brimmed with tears. "F-Father..."

Although she knew about the burden her father had to carry before this, she could feel the difficulties her father faced even more after Duan Ling Tian explained things to her in detail. Remorse immediately filled her heart, and she secretly made up her mind. Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of it.

"Brother Ling Tian, Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold are in the midst of closed-door cultivation. I'm sure they'll come out of closed-door cultivation if they know you're here. Do you want me to speak to them?" Han Xue Nai used her True Energy to dry her tears and forced a smile on her face.

"No, it's alright." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "I'll meet them eventually. It doesn't have to be now."

At this moment, all his thoughts were on Han Xue Nai.

As for Li Fei and his son who had just been born, he was certain they were safe since they were brought away by his cheapskate father's man. Li Fei and his son were probably reunited with his parents now.

Currently, he was focused on solving the crisis that Han Xue Nai and the Greenwave Han Mansion faced. It would be easy if he only had to help Han Xue Nai since he could just bring her away.

Duan Ling Tian believed the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion had already proposed this idea to Han Xue Nai but was rejected. The Xue Nai he knew was not someone who would abandon her family and the people of Greenwave Han Mansion for her own sake.

"Brother Ling Tian, previously, Little Gold, the others, and I returned to the Half Moon Island and Cloud Continent, but we couldn't find you at all... Based on the clues you left on Cloud Continent, we returned to the Dao Martial Saint Land and went to the Moon Illumination Sect. However, the sect has ceased to exist except in name. Where did you go after you left the Moon Illumination Sect?" Han Xue Nai asked.

"The Moon Illumination Sect has ceased to exist except in name?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He remembered when he left the Moon Illumination Sect, he had only killed a Saint Stage Supreme Elder.

How did the few other Saint Stage powerhouses in Moon Illumination Sect end up this way?

"Yes." Han Xue Nai nodded. "It's said that the few Saint Stage powerhouses in the Moon Illumination Sect had disappeared. When news of this spread out, it brought disaster upon the sect."

Duan Ling Tian finally understood. It was only natural for that to happen if this was the case.

The reason the Moon Illumination Sect could stand in the Nine Sect Alliances' district and become a seventh-rate sect was mainly due to the few Saint Stage powerhouses.

If the news of the disappearances of all the Saint Stage powerhouses spread out, even those forces who had a close relationship with the Moon Illumination Sect would turn against them to benefit from them, let alone those forces who were not on good terms with the sect.

Although the Saint Stage powerhouses in the Moon Illumination Sect were gone, the huge amount of cultivation resources still existed. This would, naturally, cause greed to rise in the others.

"I wonder why the Saint Stage powerhouses in Moon Illumination Sect would disappear." Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

"I wonder how they're doing now." After learning that the Moon Illumination Sect had ceased to exist except in name only, he could not help remember the few acquaintances he had made in the sect. He was worried about them.

He responded to Han Xue Nai's question and told her about how he had gone to Windfall Nation and what had happened there. This included how he had entered the Situ Clan, the conflict with the Dark Nether Sect, how King Qian had invited Lin Dong from the Lin Clan in the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion to kill him so that he could snatch the Devilseal Tablet away from him.

Xue Nai knew the Devilseal Tablet was in his possession. However, even if Xue Nai did not know, he did not plan to hide it from her any longer.

This was because news of the Devilseal Tablet being in his possession would reach the Greenwave Han Mansion soon enough. Xue Nai would find out about it one way or another.

"The Devilseal Tablet?" Han Xue Nai furrowed her delicate brows when she discovered this had something to do with the Devilseal Tablet.

In fact, the reason she went to Cloud Continent with Qing Nu previously was to search for the Devilseal Tablet. However, Qing Nu could not find it even after searching for it for so many years.

In the end, Han Xue Nai finally learned that the Devilseal Tablet was in her Brother Ling Tian's possession.

Although she knew about this, she did not reveal it to her father or Qing Nu since she could not guarantee her father and Qing Nu would be able to resist the temptation of the Devilseal Tablet and snatch the tablet from her Brother Ling Tian! If that happened, she would be placed in a difficult position.

One was her Brother Ling Tian, the other was her family.

In order to prevent conflict between her family and her Brother Ling Tian, she decided to hide this information.

"This means news of the Devilseal Tablet being in your possession will soon spread to Greenwave Han Mansion..." Han Xue Nai was worried.

Let alone the powerhouses outside, even their own Greenwave Han Mansion's people might become greedy if they found out Duan Ling Tian had the Devilseal Tablet with him.

"Don't worry, Xue Nai. I've disguised my appearance and changed my name when I came to the Greenwave Han Mansion." Duan Ling Tian smiled when he heard Han Xue Nai's words of concern.

At the same time, he activated the Disguising Secret Tactic, and in just an instant, the muscles on his face began to twitch. A few moments later, it changed into a completely different face. It was the face of an aloof young man.

"Right now, I'm Ling Tian, not Duan Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Brother Ling Tian, y-you... you..." Han Xue Nai was stunned when she saw the cold and unfamiliar face.

She was not unfamiliar to disguising oneself using props. However, it could be seen through by Spiritual Energy. Duan Ling Tian's disguise did not look like that kind of low-grade disguise.

She witnessed for herself the changes on her Brother Ling Tian's face. Her Brother Ling Tian's face changed in just a blink of an eye to a different and aloof face.

Han Xue Nai curiously reached out and touched Duan Ling Tian's face, and she could not find any flaws. She did not notice any flaws even when she used her Spiritual Energy.

"T-this is remarkable!" Han Xue Nai exclaimed.

Chapter 1652: An Imminent crisis

Duan Ling Tian's Disguising Secret Tactic greatly surprised Han Xue Nai.

"Xue Nai." Suddenly, an idea that could counter the proposal from the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "I can teach you the Disguising Secret Tactic, and you can make yourself look disfigured. At that time, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion might not want to marry you when he sees your appearance."

The moment his words left his mouth, Han Xue Nai's eyes lit up immediately. She felt that the idea might work.

However, when she thought about it carefully, her face darkened again. "Brother Ling Tian, it won't work. Let alone this is only a temporary solution, even if the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion cancels the marriage, the Greenwave Han Mansion would still receive backlash from the Rising Sky Mansion if my disguise is exposed. Moreover, the date of our marriage has already been set, and they've invited many honorable guests. Due to this reason, even if my face is disfigured, and the Young Mansion Master is no longer interested me, they might not even cancel the marriage. No matter how ugly I look, the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion will probably not cancel the marriage."

When Han Xue Nai reached the end of her sentence, her face was filled with helplessness and bitterness.

The Rising Sky Mansion was a fourth-rate force, and its power was far superior to the Greenwave Han Mansion.

The Greenwave Han Mansion would have to behave themselves before the Rising Sky Mansion.

“The marriage date is already set? The guests have already been invited?” Duan Ling Tian’s face turned grave as his eyes gleamed coldly. “Xue Nai, when’s the date?”

“In a year’s time,” Han Xue Nai replied.

“A year?” Duan Ling Tian nodded before saying, “So, unless something happens to the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, they would not let this matter go no matter what?”

“Yes.” Han Xue Nai nodded. As a disgusted look flashed across her eyes, she said in a voice filled with hate, “I’ve long heard about the infamous Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. He’s basically the same as Han Jin Nian! How good would it be if something happens to him, and he dies within this one year period!”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian kept quiet. His eyes gleamed brilliantly, nobody knew what he was thinking about.

Suddenly, as though she had recalled something, Han Xue Nai asked Duan Ling Tian with a grave expression, “Brother Ling Tian, the message you left behind on Cloud Continent stated that Sister Ke’er has been taken away by somebody from the Fire Worship Sect?”

“Why? Do you know about the Fire Worship Sect, Xue Nai?” When Duan Ling Tian saw the grave expression on Xue Nai’s face, he faintly felt that she knew something about the Fire Worship Sect.

“Before this, I really didn’t know about the Fire Worship Sect. However, I asked Qing Nu about it when I returned, and she found a book that contained some information about the Fire Worship Sect,” Han Xue Nai said. She raised her hand and an ancient looking book appeared out of thin air. She passed the book to Duan Ling Tian.

“I’ve already marked the few pages that contained information about the Fire Worship Sect,” Han Xue Nai added.

Duan Ling Tian instantly turned to the pages that Han Xue Nai had marked. His expression turned graver as time continued to pass.

“The Fire Worship Sect is one of the top three religions in the Dao Martial Saint Land, and it’s an extremely famous force? After the Dao Martial Saint Land had split into two, it moved to the Upper Province?” Duan Ling Tian had already known the Dao Martial Saint Land was separated into the Upper and Lower Province. He also suspected the Fire Worship Sect was from the Upper Province. He was already mentally prepared for this.

This was because Ke’er’s sister had revealed her own identity when she brought her away. Moreover, Di Jue, the Five-clawed Golden Dragon, had never heard of the Fire Worship Sect before.

Previously, although Duan Ling Tian knew the dragon clan was powerful, he did not know much about it. It was only after he had gone to Windfall Nation and settled down in the Situ Clan that he read the records that had been in the Situ Clan since ancient times regarding the dragon clan.

The dragon clan was a fourth-rate force and was also one of the quasi third-rate forces in the Dao Martial Saint Land's Lower Province.

Although quasi third-rate forces were still fourth rate forces, their power was far superior to ordinary fourth-rate forces. It might be weaker than third-rate forces, but it was definitely stronger than ordinary fourth-rate forces.

However, such an important person from such a force had never heard of the Fire Worship Sect before.

At that time, Duan Ling Tian had already begun to suspect the Fire Worship Sect was not from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, but from the Upper Province.

Although he suspected the Fire Worship Sect was from the Upper Province, he did not think it would be one of the most famous forces in the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land.

Among the three religions and nine forces, the three great religions had been unmovable colossuses in the Dao Martial Saint Land since ancient times.

The Fire Worship Sect was one of them.

Duan Ling Tian's feelings hit rock bottom when he found out what kind of sect the Fire Worship Sect was.

A powerful force that stood on the summit of the Dao Martial Saint Land?

"How did Ke'er have a connection with someone from the Fire Worship Sect? Moreover, it's her sister!" Duan Ling Tian could not understand this at all.

The Fire Worship Sect was one of the most famous forces in the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land. Ke'er, on the other hand, had grown up in his hometown, Fresh Breeze Town.

Even on the Mortal Continent, Fresh Breeze Town was an unknown and isolated place, let alone the Dao Martial Saint Land.

The Fire Worship Sect and Fresh Breeze Town were poles apart!

However, the fact remained that Ke'er who had come from Fresh Breeze Town like him had something to do with the Fire Worship Sect. The woman who looked identical to Ke'er claimed she was her sister, and she was from the Fire Worship Sect!

When Han Xue Nai saw the changes on Duan Ling Tian's face, she remained silent.

She understood how Duan Ling Tian felt.

Initially, before she learned about the Fire Worship Sect, she was indifferent. However, after she read the book and learned about the origin and the strength of the Fire Worship Sect, she was stunned as well. It was only then she knew such a powerful force existed in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

It was one of the three oldest and greatest religions in the Dao Martial Saint Land. It was a colossal force in the Dao Martial Saint Land!

At that time, she had thought to herself if her Brother Ling Tian found out the woman who took Sister Ke'er away came from such a force, he would definitely be unable to accept it.

As it turned out, she was right.

Earlier, she was considering if she should disclose the information she had regarding the Fire Worship Sect to Duan Ling Tian. In the end, she did not think it was right to hide it from him. Her Brother Ling Tian would find out about it eventually, and he had a right to know about it.

"Brother Ling Tian..." At this moment, it was Han Xue Nai's turn to reassure Duan Ling Tian.

"I'm alright," Duan Ling Tian shook his head before he said to Han Xue Nai, "Xue Nai, please arrange a room for me. I want to rest."

"Alright." Han Xue Nai nodded before she personally brought Duan Ling Tian to a vacant room.

Han Xue Nai sensibly bade farewell to Duan Ling Tian since she knew he was in a bad mood. When she left, she had a bitter expression on her face. She was just as distressed as her Brother Ling Tian.

When she thought of her current situation, she could not help but feel extremely glum.

She knew she could run away from the Greenwave Han Mansion if she wanted to since her father had asked her to leave as well. However, she had rejected that idea. If she were to leave, it would implicate the Greenwave Han Mansion.

She did not care about Han Xin and the others. However, she could not leave her father and Uncle Mu. Due to this reason, she rejected her father's suggestion and chose to stay behind.

"I can't believe that I, Han Xue Nai, would have a day like this as well. If I had known Han Xin is a merciless wolf, I would have ignored him that day. If I didn't go over to his place that day, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion would not have seen me." Every time she recalled the incident that day, her heart would be filled with great regrets.

However, as the saying went, 'It's hard to stay objective when one is personally involved in the situation.' Even if she did not go over that day, Han Xin would have thought of another way to raise the interest of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion in her.

For example, he could have just asked somebody to draw a portrait of her.

After Han Xue Nai left, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed in a daze. His thoughts were only filled with Ke'er.

After some time had passed, he realized it would be useless for him to sit in a daze, and he regained his senses. 'Ke'er was brought away by her sister. It didn't seem like her sister would harm her. I can only hope she doesn't hurt the child in Ke'er's belly for Ke'er's sake.'

Until now, Duan Ling Tian could still remember the woman's anger when she found out Ke'er was pregnant with his child. At that time, it seemed as though the woman had wanted to kill him on the spot.

'Cultivate! Cultivate!' When he thought about how Ke'er might have been brought to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, his mind was only filled with thoughts of cultivating.

As far as he knew, his cultivation base would need to be at the Eminent Saint Stage at the very least to cross to the Upper Province from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Only a powerhouse at the Early Eminent Saint Stage or above could freely travel between the Upper and Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

"Ke'er, wait for me... I'll definitely rescue you and our child." Duan Ling Tian's gaze was burning as he entered the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda with just a thought.

"I hope that I'll benefit from the closed-door cultivation this time. If I still can't make a breakthrough to the Saint Stage, I won't be of any help to Xue Nai at all." Duan Ling Tian felt greatly pressured during the closed-door cultivation this time.

It would take a while before he could rescue Ke'er. Han Xue Nai's current situation was extremely urgent.

Chapter 1653: Ling Tian?

Although Han Xue Nai was the Eldest Miss of Greenwave Han Mansion, she was currently under surveillance from a group of people under the Supreme Elder of Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Xin's command.

The news that someone had appeared in Han Xue Nai mansion and did not leave for a month quickly spread to Han Xin's ears.

"Even if that girl's not worried about damaging her reputation, is she not worried about angering the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion if news of this spread out?" Han Xin's expression was extremely grave.

He had intentionally let the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion see Han Xue Nai because she had refused to cooperate with him to find out who killed his grandson.

Previously, he was indeed very kind to Han Xue Nai. However, after he discovered his grandson's death had something to do with Duan Ling Tian to a certain extent, he had long thrown their relationship to the back of his mind.

Since Han Xue Nai refused to cooperate with him, he would destroy her! Naturally, he only wanted to destroy her, not the Greenwave Han Mansion.

No matter what, the Greenwave Han Mansion was a force that had nurtured him. It was all thanks to Greenwave Han Mansion that he managed to achieve his current cultivation base. Without the Greenwave Han Mansion, there would be no Han Xin.

Moreover, he owed his current position to the Greenwave Han Mansion as well. Without it, he was no different from an abandoned dog.

Due to this reason, he did not think of destroying the Greenwave Han Mansion. He only wanted to destroy Han Xue Nai for refusing to disclose the identity of his grandson's killer.

The moment Han Xin heard a stranger had come to Han Xue Nai's mansion and that it was a young man who had been staying for a month now, he wanted to go to Han Xue Nai's mansion and grab that young man and kill him to prevent him from destroying Han Xue Nai's reputation.

Naturally, he was not really concerned about Han Xue Nai's reputation. He was concerned about the safety of Greenwave Han Mansion. If this news spread to the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, it might infuriate him, and he might vent his anger on the Greenwave Han Mansion.

At that time, it would be dangerous since the Greenwave Han Mansion might fall out with the Rising Sky Mansion.

If something happened to the Greenwave Han Mansion, he would not be able to escape as well since he was the Supreme Elder.

"Go! Go warn that girl and tell her to ask the man to leave... If the news spread to the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, she won't be the only one who's implicated. The entire Greenwave Han Mansion would be implicated as well!" He ordered as he looked at a green-clad old man standing on his right.

The green-clad old man was an inner mansion elder, and he was usually at Han Xin's beck and call. He worshiped Han Xian as though he was a god.

He responded when he heard Han Xin's words before he turned to leave and look for Han Xue Nai.

"Eldest Miss, you must know that you're not only the Eldest Miss of Greenwave Han Mansion. Currently, you're also the fiancée of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion... If people find out that you allowed an unfamiliar young man to stay at your residence, they would definitely talk about it. If this news is heard by the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, I'm afraid he won't let the matter go," the green-clad old man said bluntly when he saw Han Xue Nai.

"The reason you came here is to tell me this?" Faced with the lackey who was always by Han Xin's side, Han Xue Nai snorted coldly. "If that's the case, Elder Ke, please return."

This inner mansion elder of Greenwave Han Mansion was called Han Ke.

When the green-clad old man heard Han Xue Nai's words, a hint of anger flashed across his eyes. However, he did not dare to show too much of his anger due to Han Xue Nai's identity. Instead, he merely said in a low voice, "Eldest Miss, I know you won't listen to me. Even if you don't want him to leave the Greenwave Han Mansion, you should at least make him leave your mansion to avoid arousing suspicion. You should know what consequences it would bring if news of this spread out. Don't tell me you intend to let the Rising Sky Mansion vent their anger on the Greenwave Han Mansion, Eldest Miss?" Han Ke used his trump card.

It was not only him, but Han Xian and the other high-ranking officials on his side knew how Han Xue Nai cared about the safety of Greenwave Han Mansion. Otherwise, she would have long fled from the Greenwave Han Mansion with the help of the Mansion Master. They would not have been able to stop her if she really wanted to leave.

Put everyone else aside, just the strength of the Mansion Master alone was not inferior to Han Xin. Coupled with the Beast Tamer Mu Yi by the side of the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion, nobody would be able to stop her at all.

In regards to the situation Han Xue Nai was in, the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion would have taught a lesson to those who dared to defy him if it did not concern the survival of the Greenwave Han Mansion.

“Scram!” Han Xue Nai snarled as she furrowed her delicate brows.

Han Ke’s expression turned grave immediately when he saw how impolite she was. He did not speak anymore and left with a wave of his sleeves.

After Han Ke left, Qing Nu appeared and sighed. “Young Miss, he has a point... Maybe we can arrange for him to stay in another place?”

“I won’t let Brother Ling Tian leave.” Usually, Han Xue Nai would consider Qing Nu’s suggestion. However, she rejected it at this moment without considering it at all.

Even if he was not her Brother Ling Tian, since Han Ke had interfered, she would not let him go. Let alone the fact that he was her Brother Ling Tian, how could she bear to ask him to leave.

She knew very well whose side Han Ke was on. She also knew he came under whose instruction.

“You’re finally feeling anxious, huh? You’re worried this news would spread out, and it would infuriate the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, causing them to vent their anger on Greenwave Han Mansion?” A cold sneer appeared on Han Xue Nai’s face.

There was a cold light gleaming brilliantly in the depth of her eyes. The person who caused the look in her eyes was none other than the Supreme Elder of Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Xin.

Meanwhile, Han Xin was furious after he listened to Han Ke’s report about Han Xue Nai.

“Don’t tell me that girl’s trying to rebel now?” Han Xin’s expression was extremely grave. His eyes gleamed coldly as he exuded a terrifying and piercing aura that felt as sharp as knives. It felt as though it could cut through anything.

“Supreme Elder, what should we do now? We can’t let her act so unrestrained. If this continues, even if she doesn’t run away from the marriage, she would drag the Greenwave Han Mansion down,” Han Ke said anxiously.

“Go and investigate the identity of the man and how he came to the Greenwave Han Mansion,” he ordered.

Han Ke responded before he left.

As Han Xin's man and an inner mansion elder of the Greenwave Han Mansion, he, naturally, had his ways to investigate Duan Ling Tian's background. However, the information he obtained was only limited to after Duan Ling Tian had arrived in Greenwave City.

Prior to this, everything was blank according to his investigation. It was as though Duan Ling Tian had appeared out of nowhere in Greenwave City before he appeared at the City Governor's estate in Greenwave City.

"Ling Tian?" Through Han Ke's report, Han Xin learned Duan Ling Tian's name. Naturally, it was not his real name. It was a name he began using when he arrived in Greenwave City.

"Outsider? That girl's friend?" Han Xin's eyes brightened. "As far as I know, apart from following Qing Nu to the Mortal Continent a few years ago, she mostly stays in the mansion and rarely goes out. Even when she went out, it was only for a short while, and she did not make any friends! Since that young man is staying at her place, it means they're quite close. Don't tell me this young man is a friend she made when she went to the Mortal Continent?" Han Xin speculated.

Unfortunately, no matter how much he speculated, he would never be able to guess that the young man, Ling Tian, was the fiancé of the woman his grandson had wanted to lay his hands on. Moreover, the person who killed his grandson was this young man's father's subordinate.

He would feel restless if he was aware of this.

"That should be the case." Han Ke agreed with Han Xin.

"No matter what, we have to make him leave! At the very least, he needs to leave her mansion! Apart from that, make sure to send some men to keep an eye on the maids in that girl's mansion. Don't let them talk about this. Whoever dares to speak about this has to die!" Han Xin looked at Han Ke.

"Yes, Supreme Elder," Han Ke replied respectfully, "I guarantee that those maids won't dare to spread this news out."

"Other than that, contact all the other elders and ask them to gather so we can pressure the Mansion Master. The fact that the girl is keeping a strange man in her mansion puts the Greenwave Han Mansion in a precarious situation. Naturally, don't pressure him too much. We're not asking the strange man to leave the Greenwave Han Mansion, we just want him to leave the girl's mansion," Han Xin continued to tell Han Ke, "At this moment, that girl hates us to the core, who knows if she'll run away. That's not something you and I want to see happening."

"Don't worry, Supreme Elder. I'll contact the other elders immediately to pressure the Mansion Master... I believe the Mansion Master will prioritize the safety of Greenwave Han Mansion since this is an important matter," Han Ke said.

"Prioritizing the safety of our Greenwave Han Mansion?" Han Xin smiled disdainfully. "If he really cares about the safety of our Greenwave Han Mansion, he would not have thought of sending that girl away. In his heart, the Greenwave Han Mansion may not be as important as her."

“In Eldest Miss’ heart, her father is also the most important to her, more than her own happiness.” Han Ke smiled. “Due to this reason, we don’t have to worry about her rejecting the marriage. All we have to do is wait for the Young Mansion Master to marry her, and our Greenwave Han Mansion will be related to the Rising Sky Mansion in the future. Although the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion is a rich man’s playboy son, he’s a giant among men. Who knows if he’ll become the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion in the future.”

When Han Ke reached the end of his sentence, his eyes lit up as though he could see the infinitely bright future of Greenwave Han Mansion.

Chapter 1654: Han Zheng Tian, The Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion!

After the elders of Greenwave Han Mansion on Han Xin’s side gathered, they went to see the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion after half an hour.

The Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion was a well-built middle-aged man. His face was jade-like, and he wore a silver robe. His dignified aura as he stood there emitted a tremendous pressure.

Even the elders like Han Ke felt his eminence when they stood in front of him. For a moment, none of them dared to breathe too heavily.

The Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Zheng Tian, glanced at Han Ke and the others coldly before he asked, “Elders, what brought all of you here?”

At this moment, Han Ke and the others finally regained their senses.

Han Ke was the first to step forward and said, “Lord Mansion Master, since the Young Mansion Master has proposed marriage to the Eldest Miss...”

“Why? Did all of you come to persuade me to agree to the marriage?” Han Zheng Tian sneered.

“Lord Mansion Master, this is not the reason we’re here this time,” Han Ke said. His heart was filled with disdain.

This marriage was no longer a matter that Han Zheng Tian could decide on alone even if Han Xue Nai was his daughter. The Rising Sky Mansion had already confirmed the marriage. Moreover, they had also set the date and sent out invitations to many honorable guests.

The Rising Sky Mansion did not think the Greenwave Han Mansion would reject this proposal nor did they think the Greenwave Han Mansion would dare to reject it.

Han Ke thought the same.

This marriage was not something Han Zheng Tian could change. Unless the people from Rising Sky Mansion broke their promise, the Eldest Miss of Greenwave Han Mansion would have to marry the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

“This is not the reason you’re here?” Han Zheng Tian was curious.

“Lord Mansion Master, there’s a stranger staying in the Eldest Miss’ mansion recently. The young man has been staying there for a month... We’re afraid this matter will affect Eldest Miss’ reputation, that’s why we came here today to ask Lord Mansion Master to persuade Young Miss to ask the young man to leave her mansion and arrange another place for him to stay in,” Han Ke said without beating around the bush.

“Hm?” When Han Ke finished speaking, Han Zheng Tian was stunned. He was not aware there was a strange young man living in his daughter’s mansion.

However, after hearing Han Ke’s words, he sneered. “I know my daughter very well. As for her reputation, I believe in my daughter. The truth will speak for itself!”

“All of you want me to persuade her to ask her friend to leave because you’re worried the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion will feel displeased, right?” Han Zheng Tian said as his sneer widened.

If it was before, he would have slapped Han Ke and the others for speaking about his daughter in such a way.

However, currently, the Greenwave Han Mansion was in a precarious situation, he did not dare to act recklessly even though he was the Mansion Master.

Han Ke and the others did not say anything, but their expressions spoke for them.

“I’ll repeat it again... Although the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion came to Greenwave Han Mansion to propose marriage, I haven’t promised him anything. As a father, I have the right to choose my son-in-law!” Han Zheng Tian glared at them like an angry guardian. As his eyes swept past Han Ke and the others, they all felt the pressure increasing.

“Scram!” Han Zheng Tian shouted as the air stirred and became distorted.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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At the same time, a rolling energy came out from Han Zheng Tian’s mouth and shrouded Han Ke and the others in just a blink of an eye, causing them to stagger a few steps backward.

Han Ke and the others’ expressions changed multiple times. However, in the end, they left without saying a word.

They had completed what they came to do. As for Han Zheng Tian’s next course of action, it was not something they could control.

“Han Xin!” Han Zheng Tian’s eyes gleamed coldly as though he wanted to devour someone.

Previously, Han Xin was the one who received the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion when he came to propose. Moreover, Han Xin was the one who had agreed to their request.

After learning about the matter, he went to look for Han Xin immediately. He managed to injure Han Xin during the battle because he was slightly stronger than him.

At that time, almost 80% of the high-ranking officials in Greenwave Han Mansion had sided with Han Xin and supported his decision. Due to this reason, he could not attack Han Xin again.

He was angry at Han Xin for acting on his own accord since he knew his daughter's fate was connected to the fate of the Greenwave Han Mansion. If his daughter refused to get married, it would probably bring disaster to the Greenwave Han Mansion. However, if his daughter chose to get married, her life would be destroyed. As her father, he would live the rest of his life in regret for not being able to protect his own daughter.

Due to Han Xin's action and the behavior of nearly 80% of the high-ranking officials of Greenwave Han Mansion, he made a decision then. He would not allow his daughter's happiness to be ruined. He wanted his daughter to run away!

As for the disaster that Greenwave Han Mansion would face, he would take responsibility for it as the Mansion Master. He did not think he would survive once his daughter had left. Nevertheless, he would still forfeit his life for his daughter's sake!

However, it did not cross his mind that his precious daughter would refuse to leave. For his sake, his daughter could also give up everything, including her happiness.

Ever since then, he had been worried, trying to think of a countermeasure. No matter what, he would not let his daughter live a life in hell.

He had long heard about the character of the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion. If his daughter married him, her life would be ruined.

'It seems like that's the only way...' Han Zheng Tian thought to himself. He meant to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. He believed it would be easy considering his strength.

'If he dies, the Rising Sky Mansion will, naturally, cancel the marriage. However, there's a lot I need to prepare for if I'm going to kill him without leaving a trace that leads back to the Greenwave Han Mansion,' Han Zheng Tian thought to himself.

"A strange young man is living in Xue Nai's mansion? Not everyone is allowed to enter her mansion, let alone stay there... Who's that young man?" Driven by his curiosity, Han Zheng Tian went over to Xue Nai's mansion.

"Father."

Han Xue Nai did not seem surprised by Han Zheng Tian's presence. "Han Ke and the others went to see you?"

"Girl, you're really smart. It seems like before they came to see me, they've already come to you." Affection could be seen in Han Zheng Tian's eyes when he looked at his daughter. He figured out Han Ke and the others must have been rejected by his daughter.

“Father, you didn’t come here to persuade me on this matter, right?” Han Xue Nai chided. However, she regretted her words as soon as she was done speaking.

It was impossible for her father to do that. He was even willing to sacrifice his life for her, how could he come here to persuade her to ask Brother Ling Tian to leave just because of Han Ke’s words?

“You...” Han Zheng Tian shook his head. Naturally, he knew that his daughter often spoke rashly so he did not mind it.

“Father, I’m sorry.” Han Xue Nai took the initiative and apologized.

“We’re father and daughter, you don’t have to apologize... However, I’m still curious. Who’s staying in my precious daughter’s mansion? As far as I know, this is the first young man who has ever stayed in your mansion. Moreover, he has even stayed for a month now,” Han Zheng Tian said as his eyes gleamed with curiosity.

“Father, he’s the Brother Ling Tian I’ve mentioned before,” Han Xue Nai said with a smile.

“Brother Ling Tian? The one you mentioned previously... The young talent from the Mortal Continent, Duan Ling Tian?” Han Zheng Tian said. He was slightly taken aback.

“Yes, it’s him.” Han Xue Nai nodded.

“But didn’t he disappear after leaving the Moon Illumination Sect? How did he appear here?” Han Zheng Tian knew a little about Duan Ling Tian. He knew he was a talented person who rose to the top in the Mortal Continent before he decided to venture out. He made his way to the Dao Martial Saint Land after leaving the Mortal Continent. In fact, he was very interested in Duan Ling Tian. He had even thought about asking him to join the Greenwave Han Mansion. Unfortunately, his daughter did not bring him back the last time she went out.

“Father, promise me, no matter what happens, you won’t make things difficult for Brother Ling Tian,” Han Xue Nai said to Han Zheng Tian as her expression turned solemn.

“Girl, why are you being so serious?” Han Zheng Tian shook his head and smiled.

“Father, I won’t tell you if you don’t promise me,” Han Xue Nai said solemnly.

It was the first time Han Zheng Tian had seen his daughter so serious. His smile faded as he nodded.

“Alright, I promise you. No matter what happens, I won’t make things difficult for your Brother Ling Tian.”

“You can’t take away any of his possession as well!” Han Xue Nai added.

“Girl, you are showing less and less respect for your elders... What would someone from the Mortal Continent have that I, the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion, would want?” Han Zheng Tian shook his head helplessly.

“You must promise me!” Han Xue Nai remained as solemn as ever.

“Alright, I promise you that I won’t take away any of your Brother Ling Tian’s possession... Okay?” Although Han Zheng Tian’s voice contained a hint of helplessness, his gaze toward Han Xue Nai was filled with love.

Han Xue Nai sighed in relief when Han Zheng Tian gave his promise. Then, she told him about Duan Ling Tian and the Devilseal Tablet.

“The Devilseal Tablet?!” Han Zheng Tian’s eyes widened immediately.

Although Han Zheng Tian was surprised by the other things mentioned by his daughter, it was all overshadowed by the Devilseal Tablet.

Chapter 1655: Duan Ling Tian Comes Out From His Closed-door Cultivation

Han Zheng Tian was no stranger to the Devilseal Tablet.

The Devilseal Tablet was one of the Ten Great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Moreover, it was ranked at the upper part of the Ten Great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking.

The reason it was ranked at the top was not due to its strength. It was because of its function. The Devilseal Tablet could suppress Devil Cultivators.

Due to this reason, when he learned the Devilseal Tablet was on the Mortal Continent, south of the Dao Martial Saint Land, through certain means, he ordered Qing Nu to go there and search for it. However, her search did not produce any result. In the end, he could only give up.

He did not expect the Devilseal Tablet that he had ordered Qing Nu to search for would be in Duan Ling Tian’s hands. He was someone his daughter had met when she followed Qing Nu to the Mortal Continent. In other words, the news he had received was accurate, the Devilseal Tablet was indeed on the Mortal Continent.

However, Qing Nu had failed to obtain it, and it was obtained by Duan Ling Tian.

He finally understood why his daughter had vehemently asked him to promise her. This was because she knew how appealing the Devilseal Tablet was to him. However, the Devilseal Tablet was nothing compared to his daughter.

His daughter was the most important person in his heart. Her importance surpassed everything including his own life.

“You’re afraid I would snatch away your Brother Ling Tian’s Devilseal Tablet, aren’t you?”

Han Zheng Tian shook his head and continued to say, “Your Brother Ling Tian has a surprisingly high innate talent. Previously, I thought he was comparable to the young talents in our Greenwave Han Mansion. However, it seems like I’ve underestimated him! I heard about what happened with the strongest person on the Heaven Ranking of Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion, Lin Dong! His strength shouldn’t be any weaker than the strongest person on the Heaven Ranking of Greenwave Han Mansion.”

“More importantly, he actually managed to kill Lin Dong who had broken through to the Saint Stage... Let alone the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion, everyone in the Greenwave Han Mansion, and possibly in the entire Upper and Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land, who’s below the Saint Stage probably won’t be a match for him!”

Han Zheng Tian’s eyes were bright as he said, “Girl, I’m extremely interested in your Brother Ling Tian... Won’t you introduce him to me?”

“Father, Brother Ling Tian went into closed-door cultivation the moment he arrived, I’m afraid he’s still...”

Han Xue Nai was shaking her head and was about to tell her father Duan Ling Tian had not come out of closed-door cultivation when a voice from outside interrupted her. “Miss, Young Master Ling Tian wants to see you.” It was one of the servant girls in Han Xue Nai’s mansion.

“Brother Ling Tian came out from his closed-door cultivation?” Han Xue Nai’s eyes brightened immediately when she heard the servant girl’s words. “Hurry up and bring him here.”

“As it turns out, I’m pretty lucky,” Han Zheng Tian said with a smile. At the same time, a hint of profundity could be seen in the depth of his eyes. It was obvious he was mulling over something.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived, he discovered another person next to Han Xue Nai.

That middle-aged man had a dignified aura that slightly pressured him. If Duan Ling Tian had faced him a month ago, he would have been suppressed to point of suffocating.

Even Qing Nu and the City Governor of Greenwave City could not compare to him. Di Jue, the Five-clawed Golden Dragon, would lose to him if he was here.

With a second glance, he could faintly see the resemblance between him and Han Xue Nai. Duan Ling Tian immediately guessed his identity.

Han Zheng Tian, the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion!

“Brother Ling Tian, you came out from your closed-door cultivation!” Joy was written on Han Xue Nai’s face when she saw Duan Ling Tian. Her mood seemed to have improved significantly.

A knowing smile appeared on Han Zheng Tian’s face when he saw this.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded at Han Xue Nai. After he smiled, he looked at Han Zheng Tian and greeted him with a slight bow, “I’m Duan Ling Tian. Greetings to Mansion Master Han.”

Duan Ling Tian did not conceal his identity in front of Han Zheng Tian.

“Haha... Well, well! Duan Ling Tian, I’ve long heard about you from Xue Nai. From your meteoric rise in the Mortal Continent until now. Your future is boundless!” Han Zheng Tian laughed and said, “However, since you’re a friend of Xue Nai, there’s no need for you to be so polite. If you don’t mind, you can address me as Uncle Han.”

Han Zheng Tian could not help but admire Duan Ling Tian’s achievements.

“Brother Ling Tian, this face of yours is too aloof. It’s better to revert to your original appearance. I’m not used to this,” Han Xue Nai said cheekily before she stuck her tongue out.

“Disguise?” Han Zheng Tian was stunned when he heard this.

When Duan Ling Tian had entered the room, he had extended his Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian. It surprised him that he could not see through Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base. Every time he tried to probe him, it seemed as though he had transformed into a bottomless pit. No matter far he extended his Divine Consciousness, there was no end to it. Although he was surprised, he did not pay much attention to it.

The Dao Martial Saint Land was big, there were some Secret Techniques that could hide one’s cultivation base. These Secret Techniques might not even be able to be seen through by a powerful Saint Stage powerhouse.

Han Zheng Tian was not shocked because of that. He was shocked because of Duan Ling Tian’s face. This was because he had checked Duan Ling Tian’s face with his Divine Consciousness earlier, but he did not find any trace of a disguise.

Nevertheless, when he saw Duan Ling Tian’s appearance change into a young man with dashing eyebrows and bright eyes in just a short while, he was stunned again. “T-this...”

He had never seen or heard of such an amazing disguise technique.

Without any external help, he forced the facial muscles on his face to change with his own strength.

Han Zheng Tian’s eyes lit up immediately as though he just recalled something.

“Uncle Han.” Duan Ling Tian smiled and greeted Han Zheng Tian. He was still very impressed with Han Zheng Tian.

At least, he was a responsible man and a responsible father. He did not agree to the proposal from the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion even though Rising Sky Mansion was pressuring the Greenwave Han Mansion.

He was a good father, and someone worthy of his respect.

Following that, Han Zheng Tian began to chat with Duan Ling Tian.

Han Zheng Tian began by telling stories about Han Xue Nai being mischievous when she was young. She was even more mischievous than when she met Duan Ling Tian. She had pulled a lot of pranks and caused a lot of trouble.

“Father, how can you say that? I heard from grandpa that you were also quite a handful when you were young,” Han Xue Nai said in defense.

“Okay, okay... I’ll stop.” Han Zheng Tian shook his head and turned to look at Duan Ling Tian as he said, “Since you’re Xue Nai’s friend, and you’ve agreed to address me as Uncle Han, allow me to address you as Little Tian if you don’t mind.”

Duan Ling Tian smiled and nodded. Naturally, he did not mind.

“Little Tian, Xue Nai told me about the incident in the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion’s district... Did you really kill Lin Dong, the strongest person on the Heaven Ranking in Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion? Moreover, you killed him after he had broken through to the Saint Stage?” Han Zheng Tian asked curiously as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

He did not mention the Devilseal Tablet because it was a sensitive matter. He was afraid Duan Ling Tian would overthink things.

He asked the question that was burning in his mind the most, apart from the Devilseal Tablet.

As a Saint Stage powerhouse, he knew what it meant to break through to the Saint Stage. It was not just a quantitative improvement, but it was a qualitative transformation as well!

A Saint Stage powerhouse, even if it was someone who had just broken through, possessed strength that Saint Rudiment Stage Martial and Dao Cultivators could not compare to.

The strongest person on the Heaven Ranking in Greenwave Han Mansion was not inferior to Lin Dong. He was widely acknowledged as the strongest person below the Saint Stage in Greenwave Han Mansion. However, he would still be easily defeated if his opponent whom he had previously defeated suddenly broke through to the Saint Stage!

That was the difference between a non-Saint Stage and Saint Stage powerhouse.

The Saint Stage was a different world.

Due to this reason, he still doubted Duan Ling Tian had killed Lin Dong who had broken through to the Saint Stage since his cultivation base was only at the Saint Rudiment Stage. It was just too outrageous.

“I just got lucky.” Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by Han Zheng Tian’s curiosity, and he smiled in response to his question.

As the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Zheng Tian was incredibly perceptive. He could tell from Duan Ling Tian’s body language that he was not lying.

As such, he felt more and more impressed.

“Although I don’t know how you did it, you still managed to do it. I’m afraid not a single person below the Saint Stage in the entire Dao Martial Saint Land is a match for you!” Han Zheng Tian exclaimed.

‘Below the Saint Stage?’ Duan Ling Tian was moved, but he was not affected.

A month ago, he might be elated receiving such praise from Han Zheng Tian. However, he was quite indifferent now. This was because those below the Saint Stage were no longer in his league.

“Brother Ling Tian, I told father about the Devilseal Tablet being in your possession... You don’t blame, right?” At this moment, Han Xue Nai sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. She had been feeling uneasy.

"It's alright." Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission with a smile. "Since your father knows about my real identity, it wouldn't have taken him long to discover the Devilseal Tablet is in my possession even if you didn't tell him."

Han Xue Nai sighed in relief when she heard his words.

"Girl, excuse yourself for a moment. I want to speak to Little Tian for a bit." Han Zheng Tian suddenly looked at Han Xue Nai and asked her to leave.

"Father." Han Xue Nai could not help but frown when she heard this. She thought her father was going to break his promise and attack Brother Ling Tian to take possession of the Devilseal Tablet.

"Don't worry." As Han Xue Nai's father, Han Zheng Tian, naturally, knew his daughter's thoughts. He shook his head to indicate he was not planning to snatch the Devilseal Tablet away from Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 1656: The Rising Sky Rankings Battle

Han Xue Nai left feeling at ease when she saw Han Zheng Tian understood what she had meant and promised to not break his promise.

Although she was curious why her father wanted to speak to her Brother Ling Tian privately, it was obvious from her father's attitude that he did not want her to know about it.

After Han Xue Nai left the room, Han Zheng Tian looked at Duan Ling Tian with a solemn expression on his face.

"Uncle Han." Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Zheng Tian in confusion. He did not know why Han Zheng Tian wanted to speak to him alone.

"Little Tian, I realized that your disguising technique is extremely impressive... It should be a very unique Disguising Technique, right?" Han Zhen Tian asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He had thought Han Zheng Tian had wanted to speak to him alone because of the Devilseal Tablet, but as it turned out, it had nothing to do with it at all. He could tell Han Zheng Tian was interested in his Disguising Secret Tactic.

"I wonder if you're willing to teach me your Disguising Secret Tactic?" Han Zheng Tian asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian eagerly.

Han Zheng Tian saw Duan Ling Tian was stunned for a moment, and he continued to say, "Naturally, it won't be for free. In exchange, I'll give you something else. You definitely won't suffer a loss."

Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he said solemnly, "Uncle Han, there's no need for you to give me something in return. You're Xue Nai's father. Naturally, you're also my elder. This is my first time visiting, and yet, I didn't bring any gift. It's not a big issue for me to teach you the Disguising Secret Tactic. However, I hope you can keep the Disguising Secret Tactic a secret. This means you're not allowed to pass this on. As for Xue Nai, I'll personally teach it to her."

Previously, when Elder Huo taught him the Disguising Secret Tactic, he had told him the Secret Tactic was extremely powerful even in the Devata Realm. It was something he had obtained by chance.

The Disguising Secret Tactic could fool everyone in terms of appearance. Naturally, it did not grant one the memories or mannerism of the person they were disguised as. One would be easily found out if one had used the Secret Tactic in front of someone who had a close relationship with the person one was disguised as.

“You don’t have to worry in this regard. I’m willing to swear an oath.” When Han Zheng Tian heard Duan Ling Tian was willing to teach him the Disguising Secret Tactic, his eyes brightened. As he spoke, he was prepared to prick his finger and swear on the lightning penalty oath with the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation as a witness.

“Wait a minute!” At this moment, Duan Ling Tian stopped Han Zheng Tian.

“Hm?” Han Zheng Tian could not help but frown. He thought Duan Ling Tian was going to go back on his words.

“Uncle Han, may I ask why you’re so keen on learning my Disguising Secret Tactic? What are you planning to do with it?” Duan Ling Tian asked Han Zheng Tian with a solemn expression.

Han Zheng Tian fell silent when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s question.

“You’re not thinking of killing the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, are you?” Duan Ling Tian asked again.

When Han Zheng Tian heard Duan Ling Tian’s question, although his expression remained calm, his eyebrows twitched a little. Duan Ling Tian did not fail to notice this. He realized his suspicion was not wrong. He had stopped Han Zheng Tian earlier because he had thought of this.

Han Zheng Tian knew he was exposed as soon as he saw the changes in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes.

“I don’t want Xue Nai to marry that playboy... Based on the current situation, that’s the only solution,” Han Zheng Tian said solemnly.

Based on Han Zheng Tian’s words, it was obvious he was admitting that he planned to disguise himself and kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

“Uncle Han, I really admire you for the lengths you’ll go to for Xue Nai,” Duan Ling Tian said somberly, “However, there’s something I would like to ask you. Even if you disguise yourself flawlessly and manage to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, are you certain the Rising Sky wouldn’t suspect the Greenwave Han Mansion and retaliate?”

“If you’re 100% certain it won’t bring danger to you and the Greenwave Han Mansion, I’m more than willing to teach you the Disguising Secret Tactic. However, if you’re not 100% certain, I’m afraid I can’t teach you the Secret Tactic,” Duan Ling Tian continued to say.

He did not mind teaching the Disguising Secret Tactic to Han Zheng Tian. Han Zheng Tian was Xue Nai's father after all. As the saying went, 'When you love someone, you'll love their dog as well.' It was only natural that Duan Ling Tian did not treat Han Zheng Tian like an outsider.

Han Zheng Tian could not help but frown when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

100% confident? He was certainly not 100% confident.

Even if he disguised himself as someone that did not have any link with the Greenwave Han Mansion to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, he could not guarantee the Rising Sky Mansion would let the Greenwave Han Mansion go. They would rather kill the wrong person and err on the side of caution.

To the Rising Sky Mansion, the Greenwave Han Mansion was just a fifth-rate force. They were nothing. It was a small issue if they had wanted to annihilate the Greenwave Han Mansion.

"No." Han Zheng Tian shook his head with a bitter smile on his face in response to Duan Ling Tian's question. He did not bother to lie because he knew he would not be able to fool the young man in front of him. The young man might not be old, but his wise eyes seemed capable of seeing his inner thoughts.

"Then you'll have to forgive me. I can't teach you the Disguising Secret Tactic, Uncle Han," Duan Ling Tian said apologetically.

"Little Tian, I know you're being considerate... However, there's no room for discussion in regards to this matter!" Han Zheng Tian said solemnly, "Han Xin had taken the initiative to represent the Greenwave Han Mansion and accepted the proposal from the Rising Sky Mansion. Apart from that, the Rising Sky Mansion had even set a date and sent out invitations to guests from afar... There's only one way to stop this wedding and that's to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion!"

"Originally, this could be solved if Xue Nai agrees to leave. However, that girl is too sensible. She's unwilling to abandon me and watch as calamity falls on the Greenwave Han Mansion. I can't even persuade her to leave now that she has decided to stay," Han Zheng Tian said with a bitter smile.

"I've even thought of another method. I thought about using a special method to render her unconscious before bringing her away. However, that girl is very smart. She seemed to know I would do that. She swore on the lightning penalty oath that if I did that, she wouldn't live even if she manages to escape," Han Zheng Tian said. There was an odd mixture of helplessness and happiness in his eyes.

He felt helpless because his daughter refused to listen to him and cooperate with him. On the other hand, he was happy because his daughter had matured and had a sense of responsibility although it was not her responsibility to begin with.

Duan Ling Tian was moved when he heard Han Zheng Tian's words. Although he had known Xue Nai for many years, in his memory, Xue Nai had always been a child. He did not know when she became so responsible. Due to this reason, he felt even more sorry for Han Xue Nai.

"Rising Sky Mansion..." Anger burned hot in Duan Ling Tian's eyes as though it was able to burn anything.

"I've given this some thought," Han Zheng Tian looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "After I kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, Xue Nai still has a chance of surviving even if the Rising Sky Mansion insists on blaming the Greenwave Han Mansion. At that time, if you bring her away, she won't be considered as breaking her oath. That's why I hope you'll teach me the Disguising Secret Tactic.."

"No way!" Duan Ling Tian rejected him directly.

Was he joking?

Han Zheng Tian was planning to give up the Greenwave Han Mansion and sacrifice himself. There was no way he would agree to Han Zheng Tian's plan. Otherwise, how would he be able to face Han Xue Nai in the future?

"Little Tian, you should know the Disguising Secret Tactic is just like the icing on the cake in my plan... Even without the Disguising Secret Tactic, I would still do it," Han Zheng Tian said as he shook his head. He looked determined as though he had already made up his mind.

"Uncle Han, this matter isn't that simple. Please don't make rash decisions." Duan Ling Tian smile bitterly.

Actually, a month ago, he had also thought of killing the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion to spare Han Xue Nai from a life no different from hell. However, while he was in closed-door cultivation, he had thought about it carefully and felt it was not the right thing to do.

The news of Xue Nai's father falling out with the Supreme Elder of Greenwave Han Mansion due to the marriage must have already spread to the Rising Sky Mansion. The Rising Sky Mansion might let the matter go if the wedding was not affected. However, if the wedding was affected, the Rising Sky Mansion would not let go of Han Zheng Tian.

If the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion was killed during this period of time, the people from Rising Sky Mansion would definitely suspect Han Zheng Tian. At that time, not only Han Zheng Tian, but the entire Greenwave Han Mansion would suffer the wrath of Rising Sky Mansion.

Duan Ling Tian knew it would not be difficult to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, but the consequences were not something the Greenwave Han Mansion would be able to bear.

"If it's possible, I don't want to do this either. However, this is the only option," Han Zheng Tian said.

"There's really no other way around it?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. "Is there any other way to kill the Young Master of Rising Sky Mansion without implicating the Greenwave Han Mansion?"

"There is only one way to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion without the Greenwave Han Mansion incurring the wrath of Rising Sky Mansion... However, it's still not possible." Han Zheng Tian sighed while shaking his head.

"What's it?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"In a year's time, in the Rising Sky Mansion's district, there'll be a Rising Sky Ranking battle that's held once every fifty years... As far as I know, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion will also be joining the battle since he's aiming for the first place. The wedding date is set a month after the end of

the Rising Sky Ranking battle.” Han Zheng Tian’s eyes flashed coldly when he spoke as though he wanted to devour the others.

“The Rising Sky Ranking that’s held once every fifty years?” This was the first time Duan Ling Tian had heard of the Rising Sky Ranking, he had a skeptical expression on his face.

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“Yes.” Han Zheng Tian nodded, “The Rising Sky Ranking is extremely important in the Rising Sky Mansion’s district. Only Martial and Dao Cultivators below the age of fifty can participate... Hence, everyone only has one chance in their lives to take part in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle.”

“There are only 10 places in the Rising Sky Ranking... Participants will be ranked according to their performance during the battle, and the results will be set for the next 50 years. That’s why the Rising Sky Ranking is especially meaningful to the Rising Sky Mansion,” Han Zheng Tian continued saying.

Duan Ling Tian finally understood the importance of the Rising Sky Ranking after listening to Han Zheng Tian’s explanation. He knew it would be an extreme honor to be able to rank in the Rising Sky Ranking in the Rising Sky Mansion’s district.

“It’s because the Rising Sky Ranking represents the strongest people in the Rising Sky Mansion generations after generations. That’s why even a fourth-rate force like the Rising Sky Mansion values the Rising Sky Ranking so much. It’s to the extent that only disciples who managed to rank in the Rising Sky Ranking are qualified to compete for the position of Mansion Master in the Rising Sky Mansion,” Han Zheng Tian said, “The current Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion is keen to pass his position to his son, the Young Mansion Master... That’s why he has to rank in the top ten of the Rising Sky Ranking. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to inherit the position of Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.”

“Although the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion is a playboy and fools around a lot, I have to admit he’s a Martial Dao prodigy! It might be difficult for him to rank first on the Rising Sky Ranking, but it won’t be difficult for him to rank in the top three based on his strength,” Han Zheng Tian added.

“Uncle Han, you mentioned the Rising Sky Ranking so suddenly... Could it be the Rising Sky Ranking is a Death Duel?” Duan Ling Tian asked without beating around the bush as his eyes glinted.

He believed Han Zheng Tian would not have mentioned the Rising Sky Ranking for no reason after he asked if there were other ways to help Xue Nai avoid this disaster without implicating the Greenwave Han Mansion.

“That’s right.” Han Zheng Tian nodded. “The Rising Sky Ranking battle is a Death Duel. This rule has been passed down in the Rising Sky Mansion’s district since ancient times... This rule was made to ensure the people at their prime would do their best in the battle.”

“So as long as someone manages to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, it wouldn’t implicate the Greenwave Han Mansion? Moreover, the promised marriage between him and Xue Nai would also be canceled?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes suddenly lit up.

“That’s right.” Han Zheng Tian nodded again. However, he had a bitter expression on his face when he said again, “However, even if there are one or two participants who are stronger than the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, they probably wouldn’t kill him as a favor to the Rising Sky Mansion. As for the others, they’re probably not a match for the Young Mansion Master.”

Due to this reason, Han Zheng Tian did not think the Young Mansion Master would be killed during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. He had only brought this up to show Duan Ling Tian there was no other way to save his daughter apart from him killing the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

“Uncle Han, do you know how strong is the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“He’s at the Refined Saint Stage,” Han Zheng Tian said solemnly, “A few years ago, I heard he has broken through to the Refined Saint Stage... Due to the upcoming Rising Sky Ranking Battle, the Rising Sky Mansion would most definitely be giving their best cultivation resources to him. That’s why it’s not impossible for him to break through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage by the time the Rising Sky Ranking Battle begins.”

“Intermediate Refined Saint Stage?” Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes. As far as he knew, the strongest person in a sixth-rate force was not stronger than a Refined Saint Stage powerhouse.

A Young Master from a fourth-rate force whose age was under fifty years old possessed a cultivation base at the Refined Saint Stage?

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian finally understood how terrifying a fourth-rate force was!

“Yes. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have said he’ll be able to rank in the top three of the Rising Sky Ranking.” Han Zheng Tian smiled bitterly.

“Uncle Han, are there any other restrictions to participate in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle apart from the age restriction? For example, are people who are not from Rising Sky Mansion’s district allowed to participate?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Theoretically, anyone can join as long as they’re not older than fifty years old... The fact is those people who are not from the Rising Sky Mansion’s district wouldn’t participate since every fourth-rate force has their own ranking battle every fifty years. It’s just held at a different time,” Han Zheng Tian said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. There was an unnoticeable glint in the depth of his eyes.

“Uncle Han, do you trust me?” Duan Ling Tian suddenly asked as he looked at Han Zhen Tian.

Han Zheng Tian was stunned. He did not know why Duan Ling Tian would ask such a question. However, he still nodded as Duan Ling Tian stared at him. “Although this is the first time we met, I’ve heard Xue Nai spoke about you more than once. I know you’re a trustworthy person so I trust you.”

“Thank you, Uncle Han.” Duan Ling Tian thanked him and said, “Uncle Han, I made a friend not long after I arrived at the Dao Martial Saint Land. He’s not much older than I am, but he’s far stronger than I am. When I met him a few years ago, he was already at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage. Currently, he must have broken through to the Refined Saint Stage!”

Duan Ling Tian said with a burning gaze, "I plan to look for him and ask him to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle!"

Boom!

Duan Ling Tian's words were like a bolt of lightning on a sunny day. It stunned Han Zheng Tian.

"Are you sure?" He did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words. He was just concerned if Duan Ling Tian's friend was stronger than the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

"Uncle Han, he's only a few months older than me... A few years have passed since then, he must have broken through to the Refined Saint Stage. It's not unlikely that he has broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage or even the Mastery Refined Saint Stage." Duan Ling Tian nodded with certainty.

His words made Han Zheng Tian's eyes lit up. He began to feel a sliver of hope. Although he had decided to personally kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, it was only a last resort. If there was another way to resolve his daughter's problem without implicating the Greenwave Han Mansion, he was, naturally, willing to try it. Moreover, this was a method proposed by Duan Ling Tian.

Just like he had said earlier, although it was his first time meeting Duan Ling Tian, he could tell Duan Ling Tian was a trustworthy person. Therefore, he did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Moreover..." Duan Ling Tian spoke again. However, he did not continue speaking immediately, keeping Han Zheng Tian in suspense. When he saw the curiosity in Han Zheng Tian's eyes, he finally said, "I suspect he might be the disciple of a quasi third-rate force in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land... It's not a problem for him to get grade three Saint Stones."

Quasi third-rate force!

Duan Ling Tian's words shocked Han Zheng Tian again.

A quasi third-rate force was still a fourth-rate force, but they were superior compared to ordinary fourth-rate forces.

Although the Rising Sky Mansion was strong, they were merely an ordinary fourth-rate force. They were inferior compared to a quasi third-rate force.

Moreover, the cultivation resource controlled by a quasi third-rate force was better than an ordinary fourth-rate force. Their Saint Stone reserve was one of the best in the Lower Province. It produced a large number of grade three Saint Stones.

"Can you really find him and ask for his help?" Han Zheng Tian asked, slightly losing his composure, as he stared at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze.

One could imagine how shocking Duan Ling Tian's words were for it to be able to shock a leader of a fifth-rate force like him.

“Uncle Han, this matter concerns Xue Nai’s happiness. I wouldn’t dare to joke about it,” Duan Ling Tian said solemnly, “Besides, there no harm for you to believe me now. It’s not too late for you to kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion at the end of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, right?” Duan Ling Tian said again.

“Little Tian, if you’re able to invite your friend over and kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, Uncle Han will really owe you a big one!” Han Zheng Tian said with a serious expression.

“Uncle Han, your words are too polite. It’s only natural for me to help. Previously, Xue Nai had helped me a lot, and I’ve long treated her as my sister. I’m not looking to be rewarded for helping my sister,” Duan Ling Tian said seriously.

“I was being too polite.” Han Zheng Tian nodded.

After Han Zheng Tian left, Han Xue Nai immediately appeared before Duan Ling Tian and asked curiously, “Brother Ling Tian, what did my father say to you? How mysterious!”

“Nothing much! We were just discussing ways to help you out of this problem” Duan Ling Tian said as he glanced at Han Xue Nai with brotherly affection.

“Brother Ling Tian, it’s not that simple,” Han Xue Nai said with a bitter smile. In fact, she had already resigned herself to her fate to a certain extent.

For her father and the Greenwave Han Mansion, she was already prepared to sacrifice herself.

“We’ll have to wait and see if it’s simple or not... Xue Nai, Brother Ling Tian has to leave for some time. Take good care of yourself. Perhaps, when we meet again, we’ll have a solution for this problem,” Duan Ling Tian said to Han Xue Nai.

“Brother Ling Tian, you’re leaving?” Han Xue Nai’s expression changed slightly. She bit her lips before she muttered, “Brother Ling Tian, can’t you stay a little longer? I... I...”

Chapter 1658: Duan Ling Tian, Saint Stage !

Han Xue Nai really wanted to say that she hoped Duan Ling Tian would accompany her here before she married into the Rising Sky Mansion. However, she could not verbalize her thoughts.

How could she tell her Brother Ling Tian she had resigned to her fate?

“Xue Nai, I’m leaving because I really have something to do... Don’t worry, Brother Ling Tian will be back to see you sooner or later,” Duan Ling Tian explained to Han Xue Nai with a smile before he left.

Naturally, he asked Han Xue Nai to pass on his greetings to Little Black, Little Gold, and Little White before he left. After all, he had failed to meet them this time around.

He came in a hurry, and he also left in a hurry.

Duan Ling Tian's departure made Han Xue Nai depressed. Originally, she thought her Brother Ling Tian would be able to accompany her through this difficult year. She did not expect her Brother Ling Tian would have to leave.

Naturally, she did not blame her Brother Ling Tian. She believed if it was not urgent, her Brother Ling Tian would not have left during this time. She trusted Duan Ling Tian unconditionally.

Duan Ling Tian's departure allowed the group of people from Greenwave Han Mansion who was led by the Supreme Elder, Han Xin, sighed in relief. They no longer had to worry about Han Xue Nai's reputation being tarnished or incurring the wrath and blame from the Rising Sky Mansion.

"That person left after the Mansion Master visited the Eldest Young Miss... As it turns out, the Mansion Master is still worried about implicating the Greenwave Han Mansion," Han Ke said as he looked at Han Xin with a smile.

"No matter what, he's still the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion. He wouldn't risk angering the Rising Sky Mansion for a young man whom he's not familiar with." Han Xin did not seem surprised.

"Supreme Elder, since that person has left the Greenwave Han Mansion... should we..." When Han Ke spoke, he made the 'kill' gesture. It was obvious he wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian.

"Since he left, there's no need to complicate things," Han Xin said with a wave of his hand, "He's just an insignificant person."

Naturally, Han Xin only said that because he was unaware that the person who killed his grandson was this young man's father's subordinate. Otherwise, he would not have spared Duan Ling Tian's life. In fact, he might even personally make a move.

On the other hand, when the Mansion Master of Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Zheng Tian, learned that Duan Ling Tian had left the Greenwave Han Mansion, he felt quite excited.

'I hope Little Tian's friend is powerful enough to defeat the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion and kill him. If that happens, I won't have to personally kill him and possibly implicate the Greenwave Han Mansion,' Han Zheng Tian thought to himself.

That would be the best outcome. Naturally, he was also prepared for the worst case scenario. He would kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion if Duan Ling Tian's friend was unable to do so. At that time, he would no longer care about his own safety or the safety of the Greenwave Han Mansion. He only wished his daughter would be able to live a happy and carefree life.

It did not cross Han Zheng Tian's mind that the friend Duan Ling Tian had mentioned was purely created by Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, he was not lying when he said he wanted the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion to die during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. However, the person who would kill him was not his friend, but himself!

He did not reveal this because he felt Han Zheng Tian would not believe him if he said he was confident he could kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion in a year's time.

After all, Han Zheng Tian thought he was just a Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator. Even if he managed to kill a Saint Stage powerhouse, the one he killed was a Pristine Saint Stage powerhouse who had just broken through to the Saint Stage. The difference between a Pristine Saint Stage powerhouse and a Refined Saint Stage powerhouse was worlds apart.

Therefore, it was unlikely Han Zheng Tian would believe him if he had told him he could kill the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion in a year's time. Let alone Han Zheng Tian, even Duan Ling Tian was not 100% confident he would be able to do it.

During his conversation with Han Zheng Tian, he also learned about some of the rules of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle.

The Rising Sky Ranking Battle forbade the use of Saint Weapons, Dao Talismans, and other external forces. This meant Saint Inscriptions were forbidden as well.

Duan Ling Tian would not be allowed to use the Jasper Celestial Sword in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle that was going to be held in a year's time.

Ever since Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the Saint Stage a few days ago, he was confident he could kill a Saint Stage powerhouse if he used the Jasper Celestial Sword... If he unleashed all his power and channeled them into the Jasper Celestial Sword, he was confident he could kill a powerhouse at the peak of the Refined Saint Stage, let alone the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion who was only at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage.

With the Jasper Celestial Sword, Duan Ling Tian only needed to insert 20% of his True Origin to be able to kill Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial or Dao Cultivators. To be more precise, he needed to use 20% of the Sun True Origin.

In the past few days, after he managed to break through the final barrier to the Saint Stage, the True Energy in his body had undergone an earth-shattering change.

The benefits of Elder Huo's previous enlightenment began to show itself.

First, his True Origin transformed into the Sun True Origin that was much stronger than ordinary True Origins. In fact, it might be a level higher than the True Origin of an ordinary Martial or Dao Cultivator.

Currently, he could easily defeat an ordinary Pristine Saint Stage Martial or Dao Cultivator by just relying on his Sun True Origin. Even if they were at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage, he was confident he could defeat them without using the Jasper Celestial Sword.

Naturally, he still could not defeat an Early Refined Saint Stage powerhouse without using the Jasper Celestial Sword because he had just broken through to the Saint Stage.

He was still unfamiliar with the Sun True Origin in his body. Once he had familiarized himself with the Sun True Origin in his body, he would naturally gain the confidence to defeat an Early Refined Saint Stage powerhouse without the Jasper Celestial Sword. At that time, those weaker Early Refined Saint Stage Martial and Dao Cultivators might not even be a match for him.

After all, his advantages were not limited to only the Sun True Origin. He still had his powerful physical body, the Strange Pupil, and the Sovereign Heart Sword.

However, due to the progress of the Sovereign Heart Sword being stuck at the first stage, it did not have much use against Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactics that were cultivated by Saint Stage powerhouses.

'I still have a year... No, I should say I still have five years! Even after deducting the time I need to travel to Rising Sky Mansion, I'll still have more than four years,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes gleamed.

Although the Rising Sky Ranking Battle was set to take place in a year's time, Duan Ling Tian who owned the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had five years in the third level of the pagoda.

He had confidently made Han Zheng Tian a promise because he thought he had plenty of time. However, he did not dare to be careless even though he had plenty of time.

Regardless, his opponent was still the Young Master of a fourth-rate force. He would definitely be stronger than ordinary Martial and Dao Cultivators at the same level even without relying on Saint Inscriptions or Dao Talismans. Duan Ling Tian was almost certain of this.

Chapter 1659: The News Has Spread

Right now, it would never have crossed Duan Ling Tian's mind that the lies that he told Han Zheng Tian, saying that he had a friend whom he suspected coming from a quasi-third-rated force, was actually not quite fiction at all.

This was because the Azure Cloud Mansion that his father ruled was one of the quasi-third-rated forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. The Azure Cloud Mansion was even more powerful than the Rising Sky Mansion. The two of them were on completely different levels.

Of course, it was also because Duan Ling Tian had not known that his father was the leader of a quasi-third-rated force yet.

Otherwise, he only needed to tell his father. It would only be a matter of a string of words from his father to call the marriage between Han Xue Nai and the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion off.

After Duan Ling Tian had left the Greenwave Han Mansion district, a piece of shocking news reached the Greenwave Han Mansion from the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion and took everybody in the district by surprise.

The Devilseal Tablet, one of the Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Rankings, had actually manifested in this world!

Apart from that, it was in the hands of an Imminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator called Duan Ling Tian.

At once, Duan Ling Tian's name swept the entire Greenwave Han Mansion together with the Devilseal Tablet, making everyone in the district familiar with it.

“The legendary Devilseal Tablet has actually appeared?”

“That’s right! It’s said to have appeared in the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion, in the hands of an Imminent Saint Stage Dao Cultivator. With the help of this Devilseal Tablet, he can even kill a Pristine Saint Stage Devil Cultivator instantly!”

“An Imminent Saint Stage killing a Pristine Saint Stage Devil Cultivator instantly? Looks like this rumor is not groundless. That Devilseal Tablet does indeed possess shocking restraining strength against a Devil Cultivator.”

“If I could get my hands on the Devilseal Tablet, even a Refined Saint Stage Devil Cultivator would be no match for me!”

“Hmph! How can a mere Imminent Saint Stage fellow get the Devilseal Tablet!? If I know where he is, I’ll instantly rush over and kill him so that I can snatch that Devilseal Tablet away!”

“Dream on! It’s not even your turn to kill him!”

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Similar remarks had been raging on in the Greenwave Han Mansion district. Anyone who knew about the meaning of the Devilseal Tablet itched to get their hands on it.

Some of them knew their own limitations and merely watched on in amusement.

Others, on the other hand, overestimated themselves and kept clamoring about how they wanted to search for Duan Ling Tian and snatch the Devilseal Tablet from him.

At the same time, most people started to pay attention to the Imminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator who was called Duan Ling Tian.

As each of the news slowly spread out from the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion, the Greenwave Han Mansion was stormed by commotion again.

Duan Ling Tian was a young genius Martial Cultivator who was not even 40 years old yet. With his Imminent Saint Stage cultivation base, he managed to kill the strongest person in the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion’s Heaven Rankings who had already made a breakthrough to the Saint Stage. Later, with the mysterious means of the Devilseal Tablet, he deceived everybody and successfully fled the scene.

“What? Duan Ling Tian isn’t even 40 years old yet?”

“He isn’t even 40 years old yet and he’s already obtained the Devilseal Tablet. And his own strength is actually this mighty! To think that he could actually kill a Saint Stage powerhouse with the cultivation base of an Imminent Saint Stage!”

“Even though the strongest person on the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion’s Heaven Rankings just made a breakthrough to the Saint Stage, he still reached the Saint Stage. A Saint Stage and a non-Saint Stage are worlds apart! This is the ultimate rule in the Dao Martial Saint Land! Still, he could kill a Saint Stage powerhouse with his Imminent Saint Stage cultivation base! And it was an instant kill on top of that!”

“Impossible!”

“I think that he must’ve used some very high-grade Dao Talisman. That Dao Talisman could’ve corresponded with his True Energy and formed a sword technique that killed Lin Dong.”

“That’s a possibility too. However, he’s from the mere sixth-rated Saint Nation from the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion, so how could he have gotten such a high-grade Dao Talisman?”

“Hmph! Don’t forget that he even has the Deviseal Tablet with him! The Deviseal Tablet is an item that even powerhouses who have exceeded the Eminent Saint Stage yearn for!”

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As time continued to go by, some of the matters regarding Duan Ling Tian that had taken place in the Southern Ridge Yuan Mansion of the Windfall Nation had also been dug out.

At once, Duan Ling Tian’s fame spread out everywhere at an alarming speed.

In the Greenwave Han Mansion estate, Han Zheng Tian, who had found out about the bustling news outside, could not help but be washed by a sense of bafflement even though he was already mentally prepared.

Despite already believing Duan Ling Tian before this, hearing this news from the outside world gave him a completely different sense of feeling.

“Perhaps he can really help our Greenwave Han Mansion go through this difficult time,” Han Zheng Tian muttered to himself.

Now that Han Zheng Tian had heard about the bustling news outside, it was natural for Han Xue Nai to pick it up too. After she did, she became very moody.

It had been quite some time since Duan Ling Tian left. Because of his departure, she had been in a bad mood but recently, her spirits had lifted a little. Now that she heard about his news again, she could not help but think of her Brother Ling Tian again involuntarily.

“Brother Ling Tian, you must come back to visit me before I get married. Otherwise, I might not stand a chance to see you anymore,” Han Xue Nai muttered to herself with tears in her eyes.

She had long heard about the infamy of the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion before and knew that he was a complete dandy, good-for-nothing, rich kid. Other than enjoying his promiscuous lifestyle, he had an extremely strong possessive desire. Usually, he would use house arrest to prevent his wives from leaving his mansion, let alone leave the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate.

Therefore, once she was married, leaving might not be possible for her anymore.

If she could not leave, then it would no doubt mean that she would not be able to see her Brother Ling Tian anymore.

Right now, Han Xue Nai did not know that her Brother Ling Tian had already entered the district surrounding the Rising Sky Mansion and was soon entering the vicinity.

As a fourth-rated force in the Dao Martial Saint Land, the strength of the Rising Sky Mansion was merely inferior to those few quasi-third-rated forces.

Even though such a force did not deliberately expand its territory, the fifth-rated forces in the large district around it would automatically present a huge amount of Saint Stones every decade to please it.

Consequently, with Rising Sky Mansion as the center, the surrounding expanse, including the vast land where three fifth-rated forces were situated, was known as the Rising Sky Mansion district.

Of course, the Greenwave Han Mansion did not fall under the Rising Sky Mansion district. Instead, it was in the district of another fourth-rated force.

However, even though the Greenwave Han Mansion would present Saint Stones to the fourth-rated forces every decade as well, the latter would not give a damn about whether the Greenwave Han Mansion survived or perished. It simply would not touch the Greenwave Han Mansion.

As for whether the Greenwave Han Mansion would be annihilated or not, it did not give a damn at all.

If the Greenwave Han Mansion fell, another Greenwave Han Mansion would automatically rise. In this realistic world, the strong ruled ruthlessly.

Casting a glance at the mountain range in front, Duan Ling Tian who was flying in the sky with the flying sword underneath his feet muttered to himself, "The Rising Sky Mansion district is in front."

After the mountain range would be the Rising Sky Mansion district.

The Rising Sky Mansion district was adjacent to the district of the fourth-rated force that the Greenwave Han Mansion was in. However, the district that Duan Ling Tian was in currently did not belong to the Greenwave Han Mansion but to another fifth-rate force instead which belonged to the district of the same fourth-rated force as the Greenwave Han Mansion

Chapter 1660: Benefactor

"The Rising Sky Mansion!" After Duan Ling Tian entered the Rising Sky Mansion district by stepping on the flying sword to zoom across the mountain range, his expression turned grave at once.

Due to the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion, he did not have any good impression of the Rising Sky Mansion at all.

If he had sufficient strength, he would have rushed up to annihilate the Rising Sky Mansion and create an earth-shattering commotion by now before killing the Young Mansion Master in front of everybody in the Rising Sky Mansion.

'Strength... Ugh, my strength is just too weak in the Dao Martial Saint Land's Lower Province, let alone in the Upper Province,' Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart, feeling somewhat helpless.

With his cultivation base now, even if he strengthened his Sun True Origin and used his Jasper Celestial Sword, he would only be able to kill a powerhouse who was at the peak of the Refined Saint Stage at the most.

He would be no match for an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse even if he used his Jasper Celestial Sword.

As a fourth-rated force, not only did the Rising Sky Mansion have Eminent Saint Stage powerhouses, but they also had powerhouses who had already exceeded the Eminent Saint Stage as well.

Right now, even if he rushed into the Rising Sky Mansion brandishing the Jasper Celestial Sword, he would most likely be killed before he managed to destroy more than a few people.

After entering the Rising Sky Mansion district and inquiring about some information regarding the Rising Sky Rankings' Battle, he went to find a quiet, deserted and secluded valley and dug out a cave before staying in there.

Of course, it was the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda that he placed there. He then proceeded to enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda instead.

After some inquiries, he learned that although the Rising Sky Rankings would only be officially held a year later, the most talked about news since six months ago in the Rising Sky Mansion district was this topic.

The Rising Sky Rankings would be refreshed every fifty years. Being able to enter the Rising Sky Rankings would also be an inexplicable great honor.

Once you made it into the Rising Sky Rankings, no matter much of a nobody you were before this, your name would automatically spread out to every corner of the Rising Sky Mansion district. Even the few great fourth-rated forces beside the Rising Sky Mansion would know your name too.

Therefore, the Rising Sky Rankings was an outlet for anyone to make it big.

In addition to that, once you made it into the Rising Sky Rankings and proved your strength, you would also be invited to the Rising Sky Mansion. If you were willing, you would be able to enter the Rising Sky Mansion and become a genius disciple there. Furthermore, you would be nurtured by the Rising Sky Mansion and rise to the top from then on.

In history, 90% of the powerhouses who walked out of the Rising Sky Mansion had all been listed in the Rising Sky Rankings before.

It was exactly because of this that the Rising Sky Rankings was the most divine rankings in the Rising Sky Mansion district.

Even though there was still more than a year to go before the Rising Sky Rankings' Battle would be held, a bustling commotion that heralded the Rising Sky Rankings' Battle had already erupted in the district.

'I can't believe that the people in the Rising Sky Mansion district would place such a great emphasis on the Rising Sky Rankings! No wonder the Rising Sky Mansion would set a rule that only disciples who have entered the Rising Sky Rankings before standing a chance in becoming the Rising Sky Mansion Master! The Rising Sky Rankings are, without a doubt, the best touchstone. Only by successfully passing the test set by this touchstone can one be considered as a qualified genius!' Duan Ling Tian mused to himself.

On the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged in the air and had his eyes shut, completely immersing his heart and mind in cultivating.

Somehow, gushes of dazzling golden brilliance rose from his body. As time continued to go by, it became even more intense, as though it transformed into a bright sun that was hanging on the lower sky.

The reason such an effect was taking place was that Duan Ling Tian was activating the Sun True Origin in his body.

Once the Sun True Origin was released, it would display some of the characteristics solely possessed by the bright sun.

When Duan Ling Tian was strengthening his Early Pristine Saint Stage cultivation base and the Sun True Origin in his body, Duan Ru Feng had also obtained the news regarding Duan Ling Tian in the faraway Azure Cloud Mansion.

“The Devilseal Tablet?” After learning that his son had obtained the Devilseal Tablet, even Duan Ru Feng could not help but narrow his eyes right away.

He was extremely familiar with the Devilseal Tablet. The reason he had left and never returned at that time, even to the extent of being separated from his wife and son ever since... It was all because of that Devilseal Tablet, and the powerful soul sealed inside it. That owner of the powerful soul was an extremely horrifying Devil Cultivator.

It was him who had made Duan Ru Feng the man he was today.

However, Duan Ru Feng did not feel grateful towards him but felt only hatred instead because he had tried to possess Duan Ru Feng’s body. Had it not been for his own strong determination, his body would have long been snatched away by the other party.

“In that case, it was also Tian’er who caused the Black Nether’s main soul to be annihilated then, wasn’t it?” Duan Ru Feng’s eyes lit up right away. He did not know about this at all before.

Even though he knew where the Devilseal Tablet was, due to the reason that he was also a Devil Cultivator himself, he did not dare easily go near the Devilseal Tablet if he did not have 100% confidence. Who knew whether the Devilseal Tablet would try to seal him or not?

At that time, he was very clear about just how powerful that Black Nether who had tried to snatch his body was.

Only a fragment of the soul remnant of the Black Nether had made him who he was today.

‘If the Black Nether that had escaped was not the split soul but the main soul at that time, I’m afraid my soul would’ve most likely been destroyed by him then. My body would’ve also become his already.’ The moment Duan Ru Feng thought about this, he counted himself lucky.

Because the Black Nether’s main soul was still being sealed by the Devilseal Tablet then, he was able to live by sheer luck and live to see today.

The Black Nether's main soul had been destroyed and the soul remnants were affected in turn, which allowed him to completely snatch back the authority of his body. That time, he already knew that something must have happened to the Devilseal Tablet. Somebody might have touched the Devilseal Tablet, activated its energy and killed that Black Nether completely before the Black Nether's main soul managed to attack him.

However, it had never crossed his mind that that person would be his own son, Duan Ling Tian!

'That Black Nether's strength was completely invincible and the main soul was extremely tyrannical. That time, I still recall wondering who was it who was able to block the Black Nether's main soul and use the Devilseal Tablet to kill it. I can't believe that it would actually turn out to be my own son!' Duan Ru Feng mused in his heart.

One could say that whoever obtained the Devilseal Tablet had rescued him.

Otherwise, he might still be fighting for authority over his body with the Black Nether's split soul now and would be unable to return to the Cloud Continent to be reunited with his wife and son.

He always wondered who his benefactor was, but he never expected to be his own son.

'However, Tian'er's current situation is a little troublesome now.' The moment he recalled the situation that his son Tian'er was facing now, Duan Ru Feng could not help but frown. "Not long after that, I'm afraid the entire Dao Martial Saint Land's Lower Province will want to look for him and snatch that Devilseal Tablet from him."

When he learned that his son had obtained the Devilseal Tablet, he also knew that he was now being targeted by all sorts of powerhouses.

If his son dared to show himself, he would definitely be targeted by everyone!