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Chapter 1831: A Dumbfounded Gu Ci Yun

Zhao Deng continued to search for a few days, but he could not find any traces of Ling Tian at all.

In the end, he could only return in despair.

'I hope father doesn't return so soon. Otherwise, I really don't know how to inform him of this matter! His love for Ji'er has reached a state where he just spoils him all the time. If he learns of Ji'er's death, he won't be able to accept it all!' Zhao Ji thought to himself on his journey back.

However, he was destined to be disappointed. The moment he returned, he discovered his father had also returned.

"I heard Ji'er has finally come back? Where's he now?" These were the first words Zhao Jin said as soon as he saw Zhao Deng.

Thud!

The moment Zhao Deng heard his words, he immediately kneeled in front of Zhao Jin with an anguished expression before he lowered his head. "F-Father, Ji'er... Ji'er i-is dead!"

Boom!

Zhao Deng's words sounded as loud as a clap of thunder when it entered Zhao Jin's ears. Horror dawned on his face as his eyes widened.

Subsequently, he looked at Zhao Deng and asked loudly, "What happened? I've only left a while ago. How could this happen?"

"Father, it's like this..." Zhao Deng continued to recount what had happened to Zhao Jin. This included how Zhao Ji had obtained the Inheritance from a Prehistoric Devil Beast and how his cultivation base had entered the Early Divine Saint Stage.

Zhao Jin was supposed to feel overjoyed when he learned that his grandson who had yet to turn forty years old had already entered the Early Divine Saint Stage. However, he did not even have the chance to feel happy when he was told his grandson who had a fortuitous encounter had died. He was killed by having his soul destroyed by a Divine Consciousness attack.

Finally, Zhao Deng took Zhao Ji's body out from his Spatial Ring.

"Ji'er..." Upon seeing Zhao Ji's body, Zhao Jin's tears streamed down his face. He gently reached out to caress Zhao Ji's face before his gaze suddenly turned cold and piercing. "Does this mean Ling Tian is the indirect cause of Ji'er death?"

"Yes!" Zhao Deng nodded his head and said furiously, "If it wasn't for Ling Tian leaving the Mystical Sky Mansion, Ji'er wouldn't have left to chase after him. If Ji'er didn't leave to chase after him, he wouldn't have died! This is why Ling Tian is the indirect cause of Ji'er's death!"

“Is it possible that it’s Little Gu who has found a powerhouse who specializes in Divine Consciousness attack to protect Ling Tian when he left and that person killed Ji’er using the Divine Consciousness attack?” Zhao Jin speculated with a grave expression on his face.

“That’s possible!” If it was not Zhao Jin words, Zhao Deng would not have thought about this possibility.

“Let’s go! Follow me to look for Gu Li!” The moment Zhao Jin’s words left his mouth, he proceeded to bring Zhao Deng along to look for Gu Li.

Gu Li had gathered a group of powerhouses using Gu Ci Yun’s connection to restrict the Zhao Clan’s members who were at the Divine Saint Stage and above from leaving the estate!

Zhao Jin could not do anything to him since he was only protecting his friend. In regards to this, their Zhao Clan was in the wrong. However, if Gu Li had really asked someone to protect Duan Ling Tian during his journey and had killed his grandson, it was a completely different matter.

When they found Gu Li, he denied this. “I merely looked for people to monitor the Zhao Clan’s members at the Divine Saint Stage and above, and I didn’t ask for any powerhouse who specializes in the Divine Consciousness attack to protect Junior Brother Ling Tian... Junior Brother Ling Tian was alone when he left! I can swear on the lightning penalty oath if both of you don’t believe me!”

After Gu Li swore on the lightning penalty oath and nothing happened, Zhao Jin and his son, Zhao Deng, realized they had guessed wrongly. Gu Li did not look for anyone to protect Ling Tian at all.

Then, who was the person who killed their grandson — their son — then?

After Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng left, Gu Ci Yun could not help but sigh. “I can’t believe Zhao Ji died outside. However, he’s only a Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, so why did he go out for? To kill Little Tian?”

“Hurmph! He’s just seeking death by pursuing Junior Brother Ling Tian with his strength!” Gu Li snorted disdainfully. “In my opinion, Zhao Ji must have been killed by Junior Brother Ling Tian!”

“It can’t be Little Tian’s doing. Earlier, they said that Zhao Ji was killed by a powerhouse who specialized in Divine Consciousness attack. There’s no injury on his body at all! As far as I know, Little Tian doesn’t have the Divine Consciousness attack!” Gu Ci Yun said as he shook his head. He had a different opinion from his son.

“No matter what, Zhao Ji deserved to die! Now that he’s dead, there’s one less problem in the Mystical Sky Mansion,” Gu Li replied nonchalantly. Not only did he not feel sympathetic, but he was actually happy about Zhao Ji’s death.

“Li’er, you can only say these words here. If your words spread out, I’m afraid Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng won’t leave this matter alone! To them, Zhao Ji is their life. Even if Zhao Deng goes out to find a woman to bear him another son, it would take him several dozens of years to nurture that son to Zhao Ji’s level!” Gu Ci Yun could understand Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng’s feelings very well.

If Gu Li had died, he would react the same as Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng. Not only that, but he might be even worse than them. He might lose his sanity and go into a frenzy.

“Yes, father!” Gu Li knew Gu Ci Yun’s words were said for his benefit so he easily agreed to it.

“Li’er, where did Little Tian go? I thought he said he’ll go to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land with you after you’ve broken through to the Divine Saint Stage? Don’t tell me he has abandoned you and gone to the Upper Province on his own?” Gu Ci Yun asked curiously.

At this moment, Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng were not around so he could speak without holding back in front of his father. However, he did not intend to reveal Duan Ling Tian’s identity immediately. Instead, he decided to slowly ease his father into what he was about to tell him. “Father, Junior Brother Ling Tian’s surname is not Ling!”

“Isn’t he called Ling Tian? Why is his surname not Ling?” Gu Ci Yun was baffled.

“Ling Tian is his name. As for his surname... Father, can you guess what it is?” Gu Li said, and when he reached the end of his sentence, he dragged the words longer.

“The world’s so huge, and there are so many surnames! How can I possibly guess his surname!” Gu Ci Yun said in frustration, “Enough, stop teasing me. Tell me, what’s Ling Tian’s surname?”

“He shares the same surname with the current Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.” Gu Li smiled.

“The current Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion? Duan Ru Feng? Little Tian’s surname is Duan?” Gu Ci Yun was slightly stunned. “Then, this means his full name is not Ling Tian but Duan Ling Tian. Wait a minute! Duan Ling Tian... Duan Ling Tian... It seems like I’ve heard of this name somewhere. However, I can’t recall where I’ve heard it!”

“The Devilseal Tablet!” Gu Li reminded him.

The Devilseal Tablet!

The moment Gu Ci Yun heard Gu Li’s words, the fog in his mind cleared. “I remember now. He’s the lucky boy who caused a commotion and obtained the Devilseal Tablet. I can’t believe Little Tian shares the same name with that Duan Ling Tian! Duan Ling Tian... This name is not a common name after all.” Gu Ci Yun smiled.

The reason he did not think the Duan Ling Tian he knew was that Duan Ling Tian was because he was certain that Duan Ling Tian did not disguise his appearance. He had also seen the portrait of the other Duan Ling Tian before.

Although they were both handsome, they were completely different people.

Gu Li was momentarily speechless when he saw his father still could not piece the puzzle together after he had given him clues. He finally said, “Father, Junior Brother Ling Tian is that Duan Ling Tian who has obtained the Devilseal Tablet!”

“What?” Gu Ci Yun was, naturally, baffled. Soon after, he shook his head. “Impossible! I’ve personally seen the portrait of that Duan Ling Tian. He looks completely different from Little Tian! I’m also very certain Little Tian didn’t disguise his appearance. It’s impossible unless that portrait of Duan Ling Tian was drawn after Little Tian had changed his appearance!”

Gu Li sighed. He knew his father would not be able to connect the dots if he did not tell him about it in a direct manner.

He had already asked Duan Ling Tian's permission before he told Gu Ci Yun about this matter. Duan Ling Tian did not have any objection if he only told it to Gu Ci Yun.

Finally, Gu Li began to disclose what he found out from Duan Ling Tian. Gu Ci Yun was so shocked his mouth hung open for a very long time.

That monstrous genius Li Fei who had disappeared the moment he appeared in the Rising Sky Mansion's district previously was not Duan Ling Tian's senior brother but Duan Ling Tian himself who was in disguise. It was the same case with Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's original appearance was identical to the portrait that was being spread around previously.

Not only did Gu Ci Yun see that portrait before, but he currently even had that portrait with him.

Rustle!

Gu Ci Yun mused emotionally as he opened the portrait and looked at the handsome young man on it. "So this is actually Little Tian's true appearance. He's indeed very lucky. To think he managed to obtain the Super Saint Weapon, the Deviseal Tablet, one of the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking... The Deviseal Tablet is a Super Saint Weapon that could kill Devil Cultivators!"

"Li'er!" Gu Ci Yun's expression suddenly turned solemn as he looked at Gu Li. "You must never reveal Little Tian's real identity to anyone else. Once news of this spreads out, he'll become everyone's target! At that time, his enemies won't only be the people from Zhao Clan but the entire Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, possibly even in the entire Dao Martial Saint Land!"

Gu Ci Yun knew the temptation that the Deviseal Tablet possessed. If he did not treat Duan Ling Tian as his own, he would definitely think of killing him to obtain that treasure as well.

The temptation of the Deviseal Tablet was just too powerful!

"I know." Gu Li nodded. "I've asked for Junior Brother Ling Tian's permission before I told you about this matter. As for the others, I won't tell them unless I have his permission!"

"Good." Gu Ci Yun nodded his head in satisfaction before asking again, "You haven't told me yet... What was the reason Little Tian left in a haste without waiting for you? Has he gone to the Upper Province first?"

"No." Gu Li shook his head. "He has gone to the Azure Cloud Mansion. As for me, I stayed behind so I can tell you that I'll also be going to the Azure Cloud Mansion to look for Junior Brother Ling Tian in a few days before we leave the Lower Province for the Upper Province!"

"Azure Cloud Mansion? What's he doing in the Azure Cloud Mansion?" Gu Ci Yun frowned, "Could it be that he has been persuaded by someone from the Azure Cloud Mansion and decided to switch side?"

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“Father, Junior Brother Ling Tian has already planned to go to the Upper Province. Why would he switch side to the Azure Cloud Mansion at this time?” Gu Li was rendered speechless for a moment when he heard Gu Ci Yun’s words.

“You have a point. But why did he go to the Azure Cloud Mansion then?” Gu Ci Yun nodded his head.

Indeed, since he had already planned to go to the Upper Province, that little fellow had no reason to switch to the Azure Cloud Mansion since it would not benefit him.

“The Azure Cloud Mansion is his home. What else is there to do at home? It’s obvious he’s going to see his family!” Gu Li sighed emotionally.

“What?!” Gu Ci Yun’s eyes turned as wide as saucers. “The Azure Cloud Mansion is Little Tian’s home? What’re you trying to say? What kind of relationship does Little Tian have with the Azure Cloud Mansion? It doesn’t make sense! If he has something to do with the Azure Cloud Mansion, why did he come to the Mystical Sky Mansion? Moreover, if he’s from the Azure Cloud Mansion, he can’t be a simple person with his high innate talent. I’ve never heard of someone so powerful like Duan Ling Tian in the Azure Cloud Mansion before!” When Gu Ci Yun reached the end of his sentence, he shook his head.

“Father, do you still remember the origin of Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng of Azure Cloud Mansion?” Gu Li asked.

Although he had no idea why his son would ask this, Gu Ci Yun still nodded his head. “Of course! Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng of Azure Cloud Mansion is a Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent. He’s also the only one from the Mortal Continent who managed to rule a top-rated force in the history of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

“What if I say that Junior Brother Ling Tian is also a Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent?” Gu Li asked again.

“What? Little Tian is a Martial Cultivator from the Mortal Continent as well?” Gu Ci Yun was stunned. After a long while, he finally muttered in bewilderment, “Since when did Martial Cultivators from the Mortal Continent become so monstrously strong?”

“Father, Junior Brother Ling Tian is the son of the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. Moreover, he’s the only son!” Gu Li continued to add.

His words were like a heavy-loaded bomb that exploded. Gu Ci Yun was struck dumb. He only regained his senses after a long while before he looked at Gu Li in shock. “Li’er, is this true? Little Tian is actually the o-only son of the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion?”

“That’s right!” Gu Li nodded.

“B-But if he’s the only son of Mansion Master Duan from Azure Cloud Mansion, why did he join the Mystical Sky Mansion?” Gu Ci Yun could not understand this no matter how much he thought about it.

However, after Gu Li explained the entire thing to him, he finally understood.

As it turned out, Duan Ling Tian had damaged the clues his father had left behind for him. This was why he did not instantly go to the Azure Cloud Mansion when he arrived in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

It was only until when heard some of the information about Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng and his name that he was certain his father is the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion!

That was why he had gone to the Azure Cloud Mansion to reunite with his family immediately. "Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng are ignorant about Little Tian's background. Otherwise, even if their courage is multiplied by a hundred, they still would not dare to make a move on him!" Gu Ci Yun remarked with a gleam in his eyes.

"Father, Junior Brother Ling Tian's identity is special, but it's not convenient to reveal it. He's not only the son of the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, but he's also the person who has the Devilseal Tablet in his possession! Once the news of him possessing the Devilseal Tablet spreads out, even the Azure Cloud Mansion might not be able to protect him. Those powerhouses from the Upper Province might be interested in the Devilseal Tablet," Gu Li said with a worried expression on his face.

"That's right! The lure of the Devilseal Tablet is just too strong!" Gu Ci Yun strongly agreed with his son's words. He looked at his son before saying, "Due to this reason, it's even more important that we don't reveal Little Tian's identity. Otherwise, what awaits him and the Azure Cloud Mansion would definitely be a calamity! A man's wealth is his own ruin since it causes greed in others!"

"Understood," Gu Li replied with a solemn expression.

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Meanwhile, Zhao Jin and Zhao Deng's felt even more frustrated after they left. Until now, they still did not have any clue on the death of their grandson and son respectively.

They possessed a powerful force, however, they had nowhere to use it.

"There's only one way for us to look for Ji'er's killer..." Zhao Jin said in a deep voice.

"Father, are you talking about Ling Tian?" Zhao Deng asked.

"Exactly!" Zhao Jin nodded before adding, "As far as I know, Ling Tian had made a pact with Little Gu to go to the Upper Province together. However, he had suddenly left all on his own. Although Little Gu has already broken through to the Divine Saint Stage, he did not leave with Ling Tian! I have a feeling that Ling Tian hasn't gone to the Upper Province yet. Not only that, but the direction he's headed is not to the Upper Province as well!" Zhao Jin said in one breath.

"Father, why don't we just ask Gu Li and find out where Ling Tian went?" Zhao Deng said with a gleam in his eyes.

"Humph! Do you think Gu Li will tell you where Ling Tian went?" Zhao Jin snorted coldly and looked at Zhao Deng as though he was looking at an idiot.

Zhao Deng would have been furious and left immediately if another person had looked at him that way. However, since it was his father, he did not dare to show how upset he was.

“Father, what do you think we should do then?” Zhao Deng asked again.

“Keep a close eye on Little Gu. If we want to find Ling Tian, he’s our most important clue! It’ll be fine if he doesn’t leave the Mystical Sky Mansion. However, if he does, follow him and see if he’s meeting up with Ling Tian!” Zhao Ji ordered.

“Just like the saying goes, ‘The mantis who stalks the cicada is unaware of the oriole behind!’” Zhao Deng’s eyes lit up in admiration of his father. As expected, the older one was, the wiser one becomes.

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Duan Ling Tian was unaware of what was happening in the Mystical Sky Mansion.

Currently, he had successfully arrived in the vicinity of the Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate.

The Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate was situated at the south of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. It was located above a gigantic lake that stretched out as far as the eyes could see.

Standing by the bank of the lake, one would not be able to see across the lake with just a glance. It felt as though one was standing by the seaside, watching the sea that stretched out as far as the eyes could see.

This was the Crouching Dragon Lake that surrounded the Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate.

The entire lake was like a dragon that was curled up in a circle, surrounding the Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate tightly around it. This was also where the Crouching Dragon Lake got its name from!

“Azure Cloud Mansion... Mother, Tian’er will be able to see you soon! Little Fei’er, I’m coming... I’m coming to see you and our child! Father, I’m coming!”

Duan Ling Tian hovered in the sky near the Crouching Dragon Lake as he stared at the lake emotionally.

After a long while, he calmed himself down a little before stepping forward and entered the Crouching Dragon Lake.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian entered the Crouching Dragon Lake, the surface of the calm lake began to boil as ripples began to appear and spread out. Finally, there was even a sound of explosions.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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After the first sound of explosions, more sound of explosions continued to resonate in the air.

A group of gigantic figures rose from the Crouching Dragon Lake and destroyed the calmness of the lake.

“Who are you that you dare to trespass into our Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate!” At the same time, a thunderous voice reverberated in Duan Ling Tian’s ears.

When Duan Ling Tian had just stepped on the air above the Crouching Dragon Lake, then gigantic figures immediately rose from the Crouching Dragon Lake. They soared up into the sky and surrounded him.

“Wild beasts?” At the same time, Duan Ling Tian’s gaze landed on the ten gigantic figures, and he discovered they were all gigantic wild beasts.

A black figure stood on top of each of the wild beasts. It seemed like they were soldiers. They all had an emotionless expression and wore black armor.

Terrifying auras emanated from the bodies of these soldiers, sending chills up one’s spines.

“Black Armored Guards?” When Duan Ling Tian was making his way here, he had made enquiries about the Azure Cloud Mansion so he knew the ones protecting the Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate were the most elite guards, the Black Armored Guards, in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

The weakest member of the Black Armored Guards was also at the Early Eminent Saint Stage!

In the Azure Cloud Mansion, only a powerhouse at the Early Eminent Saint Stage or above was qualified to take the test to become a Black Armored Guard.

It was precisely because the Black Armored Guards were the elites of the Azure Cloud Mansion, they always maintained the number of 1,000 guards. Collectively, they were called the Black Armored Army.

It was said that the Black Armored Army of Azure Cloud Mansion had one Captain, ten Centurions, and 100 Decurions.

The Captain was also the Commander of the Black Armored Army. He was also one of the Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouses in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Almost all the ten Centurions, on the other hand, were at the Mastery or the peak of the Divine Saint Stage!

As for the 100 Decurions, the weakest among them was also at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage!

“No wonder it’s said that the Azure Cloud Mansion and Mountainshade Black Market are much more powerful than the other quasi third-rate forces... Put aside the Mountainshade Black Market, judging by the strength of the Azure Cloud Mansion on the surface, the Mystical Sky Mansion is far from being comparable to it! There are already ten people who’re at the Mastery and even the peak of the Divine Saint Stage in the Black Armored Army that consisted of 1,000 people! The Commander of the Black Armored Army is even an Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse!” Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel stunned.

This powerful force was under his father’s command.

“It hasn’t been more than twenty years since that cheapskate father of mine disappeared and reappeared again in the Cloud Continent. In just twenty years, not only did he make a name for himself in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land on his own, but he even became the new Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. He even led the Azure Cloud Mansion to the peak in the Lower Province and is on equal footing with the Mountainshade Black Market!” Duan Ling Tian really had no idea how his cheapskate father could achieve all this in such a short period of time.

If it was him, he knew that he would not be able to achieve all these.

When one of the guards from the Black Armored Army who rose up from the Crouching Dragon Lake riding on the gigantic wild beast saw how unbothered Duan Ling Tian was, he said, "Leave the Crouching Dragon Lake in the span of ten breaths. Otherwise, you'll die!"

It was apparent this person who warned him was the leader among the ten Black Armored Guards.

Duan Ling Tian activated his Divine Eye and instantly probed his cultivation base. He was at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage!

'Looks like he's a Decurion!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Decurion, the reason I came to the Azure Cloud Mansion is to look for Mansion Master Duan," Duan Ling Tian did not reveal his identity as their Young Mansion Master. Instead, he only said he was looking for the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion.

"Who are you, and why do you want to see our Lord Mansion Master?" The Decurion asked again. His tone seemed to have softened a little.

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"It'll only be convenient for me to state my reason after I meet with Mansion Master Duan." Duan Ling Tian smiled at the Decurion.

He was still being very careful and did not reveal his identity rashly before he reached the Azure Cloud Mansion's estate. Moreover, even if he revealed his identity, they might not even believe him! In fact, not many people in the Azure Cloud Mansion knew their Mansion Master had a son. If he said that he was the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, the others would probably think he was a liar and send him flying away from this place.

Duan Ling Tian who was eager to see his family did not want to meet any more obstacles. For this reason, he was being extremely careful.

"In that case, I'll get someone to report this. However, I'll need your name if I'm going to report this. Who are you and which force are you from?" The Decurion nodded and asked again.

The Decurion's expression turned grave immediately when he saw Duan Ling Tian did not respond for a long time. "Why? Don't tell me it's not convenient for you to reveal your identity as well?"

"Decurion, I have a keepsake here, and please ask your man to show it to your Mansion Master. If your Mansion Master still refuses to see me, you can throw me out. How about that?" Duan Ling Tian replied as he took out the exquisite jade box his cheapskate father left behind for him.

Naturally, the exquisite jade box had been empty since a long time ago.

The Decurion of the Black Armored Army and the other nine emotionless-looking Black Armored Guards could not help but feel stunned when they saw Duan Ling Tian taking out a keepsake.

Anyone who could produce a keepsake must have a close-knit relationship with the Mansion Master of their Azure Cloud Mansion if he was truly not playing around. Someone like that was not someone they could afford to offend.

The Decurion's tone was modest when he spoke again, "Please wait a moment, sir."

In his opinion, based on this person's actions from the beginning, it did not seem like he was trying to play a joke on them. Moreover, who would dare to come to the Azure Cloud Mansion to play a joke?

After politely taking the exquisite jade box with both of his hands, the Decurion carefully passed the jade box to one of the Black Armored Guards, "Go and bring this keepsake to the Lord Mansion Master immediately. Say it's from a guest who came from afar!"

"Yes, Lord Decurion!" The Black Armored Guard who took the jade box replied politely and quickly prompted the wild beast below him to head to the deeper part of the Crouching Dragon Lake.

At the same time, only Duan Ling Tian and the nine Black Armored Guards were left on the scene.

Duan Ling Tian stood at the same spot and shut his eyes to attain mental composure while waiting for the Black Armored Guard's messenger to return.

The Decurion and the other eight Black Armored Guards, on the other hand, stood by the side. They did not even dare to breathe loudly.

Based on how calm the person standing before them was, he appeared even more mysterious. They were quite certain he must have a close-knit relationship with the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion. For this reason, they had to be careful as well.

In their opinion, the Mansion Master of their Azure Cloud Mansion was someone that had their utmost respect! He was like their God.

Anybody who had a close-knit relationship with their Lord Mansion Master was not somebody they should treat rudely.

Meanwhile, the Black Armored Guard took Duan Ling Tian's exquisite jade box and requested to see the Lord Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. Everything went quite smoothly for him.

Naturally, he did not get to meet the Mansion Master. Not only that, but he had not even seen the Mansion Master of their Azure Cloud Mansion before.

In the Azure Cloud Mansion, only the group of high-ranking officials in the Azure Cloud Mansion had seen their Lord Mansion Master before.

Among the 1,000 people in the Black Armored Army, only eleven Centurions were qualified to meet their Lord Mansion Master.

To other people with lower ranks, their Lord Mansion Master was a mysterious person. Not only that, but even his whereabouts were a mystery.

It was precisely because of this, the image of the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was mysterious and noble in the eyes of the people with lower ranks in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

“Elder Rong!” At the entrance to the Main Hall of a suspended island, the Black Armored Guard bowed to an old man respectfully.

This old man was the right arm of the Mansion Master of their Azure Cloud Mansion. His position was only inferior to the Mansion Master in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Even the Captain of their Black Armored Army, Lord Leader, would have to bow respectfully when he saw this old man.

Elder Rong was Rong Yuan. He looked at this Black Armored Guard and smiled as he asked, “Somebody wants to meet Lord Mansion Master?”

All Azure Cloud Mansion’s members knew Elder Rong was a friendly elder. He did not act arrogantly no matter who it was he met.

Even so, the Black Armored Guard was still a little overwhelmed by the unexpected kindness. “Elder Rong, there’s a young man who trespassed into the Crouching Dragon Lake, and it just so happened to be the area under our watch. For this reason, our Decurion brought us to stop him. He said he knows Lord Mansion Master and even took out a keepsake. He said Lord Mansion Master would want to see him after he has seen this,” the Black Armored Guard spoke and took out the exquisite jade box that Duan Ling Tian had given him.

Rong Yuan was baffled when he saw this ordinary exquisite jade box. After he took that jade box, he studied it again, but he could not see anything special about the jade box.

“Wait here for a moment while I take this jade box to the Lord Mansion Master,” Rong Yuan said to the Black Armored Guard before he brought the jade box into the Main Hall.

The Black Armored Guard stood ramrod straight outside and waited quietly.

Time continued to pass by quietly.

After about 15 minutes, Rong Yuan came out. However, his expression was a little grave.

Upon seeing his grave expression, the Black Armored Guard’s heart jolted as an ominous feeling rose in his heart. “Don’t tell me that... that person is actually toying us and the Lord Mansion Master of our Azure Cloud Mansion? Isn’t he afraid of death?!”

“Lord Mansion Master doesn’t recognize this old jade box. Not only that, but that person must be a liar who’s pretending to be Lord Mansion Master’s acquaintance! Tell this to your Decurion, and he’ll know what to do next!” Rong Yuan left angrily with a wave of his sleeve.

“That fellow... It’s still okay if he merely toys with us, but to think he actually dares to toy with Lord Mansion Master! Damn him!” The Black Armored Guard’s expression was extremely grim. When he made his way back, it was as though he was given a booster shot as flew as fast as he could. It did not take him long to reach the border of the Crouching Dragon Lake.

“You’re back.” Duan Ling Tian who sensed the movement opened his eyes immediately as a smile appeared on his face.

The moment he thought of how he would get to see his mother, fiancée, his child, and his cheapskate father soon, he was extremely happy.

However, when he saw the grave expression on the Black Armored Guard’s face and the angry gaze that was trained on him, his heart jolted. ‘There seems to be something wrong with the situation! It’s not possible! That exquisite jade box is left behind by my cheapskate father in the Cloud Continent. He should be able to recognize this with just a glance!’

At the same time, the Decurion also learned they had been deceived. His expression turned grim immediately.

“How dare you! To think that you actually dare to play around with our Azure Cloud Mansion! You’re seeking death!” When the Decurion looked at Duan Ling Tian once again, his gaze was piercing. The politeness from before had completely disappeared. He was eager to cut Duan Ling Tian into multiple pieces.

“Play around?” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned horrified.

He? Play around?

What was going on?

Duan Ling Tian explained to the Decurion and looked at the Black Armored Guard who went to report this at the same time as he asked, “Decurion, is there a misunderstanding? I’m very certain there’s no problem with my keepsake, and the Mansion Master of your Azure Cloud Mansion should be able to recognize it as well. I would like to ask this person, did you personally pass the jade box to the Mansion Master of your Azure Cloud Mansion?”

“Humph! I personally handed the jade box to Elder Rong, and he personally handed it over to Lord Mansion Master... Elder Rong has said that Lord Mansion Master doesn’t recognize this broken jade box at all! And you are just a liar who pretends that you know Lord Mansion Master at most!” The Black Armored Guard snorted coldly.

“Elder Rong?” Duan Ling Tian frowned before it eased up. “Then that’s right! The problem must lie with Elder Rong. How about this? Bring me to see the Mansion Master of your Azure Cloud Mansion. Once I see him, the truth will definitely come out. How about it? If I’m a liar, there’s no need for you to do anything since your Mansion Master will kill me immediately!”

“The problem must lie with Elder Rong?” Upon hearing his words, the ten Black Armored Guards, including the Decurion, looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze that turned even colder. It even contained a hint of terrifying killing intent.

In the Azure Cloud Mansion, who did not know that Elder Rong was the spokesperson for Mansion Master?

However, this person dared to say the problem lay with Elder Rong?

Would somebody who knew their Mansion Master even say such words?

“Kill!” The Decurion said coldly as the ever-ready nine Black Armored Guards began to move.

They were like wolves that had not eaten or drunk for ten days as they charged at him.

The nine black figures charged out in unison. From afar, it was like a flood of black current sweeping across the sky.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

As the sounds of air explosion resonated in the air, the nine Black Armored Guards left the wild beasts they were riding one by one and cast all sorts of attacks.

Energies with a myriad of colors fused together and charged toward Duan Ling Tian. Each and every strike was aimed at his vital points as though they were trying to kill him in a blow.

Duan Ling Tian did not expect these Black Armored Guards would be so barbaric. He had merely voiced out an assumption, and they had already pounded at him like rabid dogs. This rendered him speechless.

Was this Elder Rong their father? He could not even criticize him at all?

One must admit that this small team of ten Black Armored Guards was quite powerful.

Apart from the Decurion who did not make a move, the weakest among the nine people was at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage. Six of them were at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage while three of them were at the Mastery Eminent Saint Stage.

However, this was not enough to pose a threat to him. He could easily dodge all their attacks. His body moved gracefully. It was obvious he did not feel pressured at all.

“The peak of the Eminent Saint Stage?!” When the Decurion saw how Duan Ling Tian had easily dodged the joint attacks of his nine underlings, he narrowed his eyes immediately. Vast True Origin began to roil in his body, ready to surge out at any time.

Chapter 1834: Duan Ru Feng Appears

One had to admit that none of the Black Armored Guards were afraid of death! Although they knew the person before them was much stronger than them, they did not intend to retreat at all as they continued to surround him. Even Duan Ling Tian’s eyes held a hint of respect toward them.

If it were other people, they might have fled or begged for mercy when they discovered he was stronger than them. However, these nine Black Armored Guards continued to charge at him and fearlessly surround him as though they were not afraid of death although they knew they were no match for him.

When Duan Ling Tian saw how courageous they were, his blood began to boil with enthusiasm. It was as though he had returned to the past when he was involved in the illegal world that was filled with blood.

The nine Black Armored Guards had obtained his respect.

“As expected of the Black Armored Army of the Azure Cloud Mansion. They indeed live up to their reputation!” Duan Ling Tian could not help but praise them.

Finally, the Decurion made his move to kill him, and he directly charged at Duan Ling Tian who was trapped in the encirclement by the few Black Armored Guards. “You’re quite strong... However, not only did you deceive us, but you even tried to deceive our Lord Mansion Master. On top of that, you even suspect Elder Rong! Your sin is completely unforgivable! If we, the Black Armored Army, allow you to leave alive today, it means that we’re incompetent!”

The Decurion’s strength was, naturally, impressive since he was at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage.

At the instant when the Decurion charged toward Duan Ling Tian, he was certain the strength of the Decurion of the Black Armored Army was much stronger than Zhao Ding, the Mystical Sky Mansion’s disciple from the Zhao Clan whom he had previously killed. Moreover, the Decurion could even pressure him, forcing him to make his move!

Swish!

The Decurion’s weapon was a seven-foot-long spear. When it moved across the sky, it was like a Wyrm dragon that had come out of its lair. The air seemed to stagnate for a moment.

A Vast True Origin even formed a churning force around the seven-foot-long spear!

When the spear moved in his direction, it was similar to the churn drilling in Duan Ling Tian’s past life. It was as though it could pierce through anything!

At the same time, the Decurion shouted, “Earth Dragon Drill!” The energy around the seven-foot-long spear in his hand surged again and the churning force turned stronger!

The spear flew toward Duan Ling Tian at a speed faster than a bolt of lightning, aiming for the vital point of his heart.

When the Decurion shouted, Duan Ling Tian also shouted in reply, “Have a taste of my sword as well!”

Subsequently, a sword appeared in his hand. The sword was completely solidified by the Sun True Origin.

Swish!

Duan Ling Tian pointed the sword out. Although it looked simple, there was a sense of unexplainable complexity to it. Naturally, this was because it contained the profundity of the Sovereign Heart Sword’s second stage. Its speed was extremely fast. It was much faster than the seven-foot-long spear in the Decurion’s hand.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

The sword in Duan Ling Tian’s hand clashed with the tip of the seven-foot-long spear in the Decurion’s hand. The energies both of them infused into their weapons collided for the first time.

It could be seen that this was an explosive fight!

At this moment, when their weapons clashed against each other, the Decurion realized he was slightly inferior to Duan Ling Tian, causing him to mobilize the True Origin in his body instantly to further infuse it into the seven-foot-long spear in his hand. At once, the True Origin in the seven-foot-long spear surged again!

However, when it came to making a move at the last minute, how could the Decurion compare to Duan Ling Tian who possessed 99 Saint Veins?

With just a thought in his mind, the vast Sun True Origin in Duan Ling Tian's body immediately surged into the sword in his hands through the 99 Saint Veins, causing the sword to let out a humming noise.

"Don't complain that I'm bullying you! The True Origin I've just mobilized is on par with the True Origin you had just cast!" Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly.

The strength of the True Origin in the sword he was holding was indeed on equal footing with the True Origin in the Decurion's long spear.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's provocative words, the Decurion became furious immediately. He waved his arm and the seven-foot-long spear moved forward even faster, but the True Origin in the spear no longer increased.

As a member of the Black Armored Army, he was an unyielding man. Since Duan Ling Tian had said such provocative words, it would be embarrassing if he further used his True Origin. Apart from that, he could tell his opponent's speed of mobilizing his True Origin was much faster than him. Moreover, based on his opponent's calm demeanor, it was obvious he had more tricks up his sleeve.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

As the seven-foot-long spear moved, the True Origin churned around rapidly at its surrounding. The other nine Black Armored Guards at the side could not track the churning energy of the spear at all. Based on that alone, one could tell how swift its speed was.

Swish!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was still calmly pointing his sword out as though he was merely planning to thrust the sword forward. At the very least, this was what it looked like to the nine Black Armored Guards.

"How dare he looks down on Lord Decurion! He's just seeking death!"

"He's digging his own grave!"

All of the nine Black Armored Guards felt that Duan Ling Tian was too arrogant, and he would definitely be defeated.

Only the Decurion could sense an inexplicable threat from Duan Ling Tian's seemingly simple-looking sword. It felt as though an aura had locked on him, targeting him. His expression turned grave immediately.

History repeated itself as the sword clashed with the tip of the spear again.

The True Origins that were almost on equal footing collided with each other. If only True Origins were taken into consideration, they were indeed on the same level. However, True Origins were not the only things that were used in the battle. It contained the profundity of Martial Tactics as well.

The Decurion's Earth Dragon Drill clashed with Duan Ling Tian's profundity of the second stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword as well.

The result was way beyond the imaginations of the nine Black Armored Guards.

Bang!

As a loud sound resonated, the person whom they were certain would be defeated was still hovering in the air. He did not move an inch at all from his spot.

Their Decurion, on the other hand, was sent flying. His face was completely pale, and there was a trail of blood on the corner of his mouth.

"Lord Decurion!" Horror dawned on the nine Black Armored Guards when they saw this. They instantly flew out and shielded him.

Each of them looked at Duan Ling Tian guardedly as though they were afraid he would take advantage of his victory to attack again. However, they were baffled as well.

Earlier, he had simply thrust his sword forward. How could it possibly overpower and shatter their Decurion's Earth Dragon Drill?

In fact, the Earth Dragon Drill's spear technique that their Decurion cast earlier was an offensive technique in the Earth Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic. Not only that, but their Decurion had also almost cultivated it to the highest stage. Even then, their Decurion was still defeated!

"You're really strong! However, nobody who deceives the Azure Cloud Mansion will be able to leave here alive!" The Decurion healed his injury a little before he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a piercing gaze. He lifted his hand, and a jade token appeared and soared up into the air before it exploded.

A shrill noise instantly reverberated in the air. As soon as the shrill noise sounded, a series of commotion broke out on the surface of the lake in the distance.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Figure after figures who were riding on wild beasts rose up from the water and began to surround Duan Ling Tian. It was obvious these people riding on the wild beasts were all Black Armored Guards as well.

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Meanwhile, two figures stood hidden behind the clouds high in the sky where nobody noticed them. One was standing in front and the other stood at the back.

They could easily see through the clouds, and their eyes were trained on the surface of the lake.

“Lord Mansion Master, could he be the Young Mansion Master?” The old man standing at the back was none other than Elder Rong Yuan, the instigator of the fight that was happening below.

Naturally, the truth was he was only carrying out an order.

“The silhouette’s similar but the face is not! However, the aura on his body is undoubtedly my son’s aura!” The person standing in front was none other than the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ru Feng!

“How weird... He’s not wearing a disguise!” Rong Yuan found this strange.

Whether it Duan Ru Feng or Rong Yuan, both of them had never heard of any Secret Tactic that could allow one to change their appearance without being detected by Divine Consciousness. This was why they could not piece the puzzle together.

“However, this little fellow is indeed strong. He could be considered as one of the very best among all Martial Cultivators at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage! I’m afraid there are not many people under the Divine Saint Stage who can defeat him!” Rong Yuan continued saying again. He was not stingy with his praise when he spoke.

“Elder Rong, bring him to the Main Hall. He should be my son, Duan Ling Tian!” Duan Ru Feng told Rong Yuan and instantly vanished into thin air as though he was not there just a moment ago.

“However, it doesn’t seem like he’s wearing a disguise at all!” Rong Yuan smiled wryly. He had also seen the portrait of his Young Mansion Master. This ordinary-looking young man looked nothing like his Young Mansion Master.

Why did Lord Mansion Master say he was the Young Mansion Master?

Rong Yuan had no idea why, but no matter what, Duan Ru Feng was still Duan Ling Tian’s father.

Although Duan Ru Feng and Duan Ling Tian did not manage to spend much time together, as a powerhouse at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, he was particularly adept at sensing auras. Despite the fact that Duan Ling Tian had changed his appearance, Duan Ru Feng was extremely confident the young man was his son.

Three more small teams of the Black Armored Army appeared above the Crouching Dragon Lake. Currently, there was a total of 40 people, in addition to the original small team of Black Armored Army.

“Feng Ping, someone actually managed to injure you? This is rare.” The leader of one of the small teams, who was also a Decurion, laughed out loud when he saw the Decurion who was injured by Duan Ling Tian. It was obvious he was pleased by the other person’s misfortune.

“Humph! Why don’t you go and have a try?!” Feng Ping snorted as his expression turned grave when he heard these words.

At the moment when everyone from the three small teams shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian and a fight was about to break out —

Whoosh!

A gust of wind blew past as an old figure appeared before everyone's eyes.

Upon seeing this figure, every single one of the 40 Black Armored Guards bowed respectfully. "Elder Rong!"

"Hmm." He merely nodded his head indifferently before he shifted his attention to Duan Ling Tian.

"You're the one who wants to meet our Lord Mansion Master?"

When Duan Ling Tian discovered the old man standing before him was Elder Rong, he asked furiously, "Geezer, you didn't hand my jade box to your Mansion Master, right?!"

Chapter 1835: The Meeting Between Father and Son

Geezer?

When the 40 Black Armored Guards present on the scene heard the way Duan Ling Tian addressed Rong Yuan in an accusatory tone, they felt chills running up their spines.

This fellow actually addressed called Elder Rong as geezer?

Not only that, but he even spoke in an accusatory tone! Did he think his life was too long?

In the Azure Cloud Mansion, Rong Yuan was known as an amiable and kind person but this only applied to the people in the mansion.

He would become an Asura when faced with enemies!

In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, Rong Yuan was known as the Smiling Asura!

"This fellow is going to die!" The 40 Black Armored Guards looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he was a dead man.

"I've already handed the jade box over to the Lord Mansion Master. If you don't believe me, you can personally ask him when you meet him later!" At this moment, Rong Yuan still found it hard to believe the young man before him was his Young Mansion Master. Due to this reason, although he was not offended by Duan Ling Tian's rudeness, he was not particularly courteous just because this person might be his Young Mansion Master. He would have his confirmation first!

Upon hearing Rong Yuan's words, Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up!

He could meet the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion?

The 40 Black Armored Guards who were prepared to watch a good show were all dumbfounded. Not only did the person they think was going to die was alive, but he was even given the opportunity to meet the Lord Mansion Master. They found it hard to accept this turn of events.

The entire scene was silent as they watched Rong Yuan brought Duan Ling Tian into the distance before an uproar broke out.

"My goodness! What's really going on?"

“Who’s that fellow? Although he addressed Elder Rong as a geezer, Elder Rong did not get angry. Instead, he even brought him to meet Lord Mansion Master immediately. Even our Lord Decurion has yet to meet Lord Mansion Master!”

“Could it be that the fellow actually has some connections with Lord Mansion Master?”

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The three small Black Armored Army teams that arrived later on discussed among themselves. They were all baffled and had many questions.

Soon after, they shifted their attention to the original small Black Armored Army’s team of ten that was led by Decurion Feng Ping.

“Feng Ping, what happened?”

“That’s right! You sent out the emergency signal, and I thought there’s an invasion by our enemies. In the end, it seems like that person is Lord Mansion Master’s guest! If Lord Mansion Master decides to investigate this matter, you’ll never hear the last of it from me!”

“Feng Ping, who’s that young man? I can see that Elder Rong is quite polite to him!”

The other Decurions from the three other small teams questioned Feng Ping one after another with a grave expression.

How could their expressions not be grave?

Although none of them had acted against that person, they were in the midst of surrounding him when Elder Rong appeared, catching them red-handed.

Based on Elder Rong’s words, that person seemed to be able to meet their Lord Mansion Master as well! Would such a person be someone they could afford to offend?

In truth, when Feng Ping saw how polite Elder Rong was to the young man earlier, he was also as dumbfounded as the others. He had even made a move against that person due to Elder Rong’s instigation although he was not aware of it. He was made to believe that young man was a liar!

However, judging from Elder Rong’s attitude earlier, it seemed like the young man did know their Lord Mansion Master!

Soon after, Feng Ping looked at the Black Armored Guard who was sent to hand Duan Ling Tian’s token over and asked in his deep voice, “Are you sure you’re not exaggerating?”

“Lord Decurion, even if my courage is multiplied, I won’t dare to joke about a matter like this...” The Black Armored Guard who was stared at by Feng Ping felt a little wronged.

If he could reverse time, he would have rejected the mission from the Decurion. There would definitely be somebody else who was willing to bring the keepsake over, but he was definitely unwilling.

Feng Ping believed this Black Armored Guard's words since he had known this subordinate of his for a few years now. He knew this person very well. Due to this reason, Feng Ping felt a little wronged when faced with the questions from the other three Decurions. Although that was the case, he still told three of them the truth about what had transpired.

"That man is here to see Lord Mansion Master? Moreover, he even brought a keepsake with him?"

"Elder Rong said that Lord Mansion Master doesn't recognize the keepsake, and he's a liar?"

"Are you certain Elder Rong said that he's a liar? If he's a liar, would Elder Rong even personally bring him to meet Lord Mansion Master?"

The Decurions' expressions turned graver.

The fact that that person had a keepsake from the Lord Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion meant that he had a close relationship with their Lord Mansion Master.

They had even tried to trap that person by surrounding him. All of them felt chills running up their spines as they broke out in cold sweat.

"This is the truth! All of you can be rest assured. I was the one who attacked that person. If anything happens, I'll assume responsibility for it!" Feng Ping told the other three Decurions.

"You'll assume responsibility? Are you sure you'll be able to bear it? What bad luck!" The Decurion who mocked Feng Ping as soon as he appeared earlier mocked him again before he brought his men and left.

The other two Decurions looked at Feng Ping for a long while before they brought their men away as well.

In the end, only the small team of Black Armored Guards that was led by Decurion Feng Ping was left on the scene.

"Lord Decurion, I really didn't exaggerate nor did I lie! I'm willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath!" That Black Armored Guard who took Duan Ling Tian's keepsake to report to the Mansion Master immediately swore on the lightning penalty oath when he saw that Feng Ping's expression was a little grave.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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As nine claps of thunder resonated in the air, the lightning penalty oath was completed. It was proven the Black Armored Guard did not lie through the oath he had sworn.

"What are you doing?!" Feng Ping's expression turned even graver as he glared at the Black Armored Guard who swore on the lightning penalty oath. "You're my subordinate, how could I not believe you? It's akin to you slapping me by swearing on the lightning penalty oath in front of me."

"Lord Decurion, I..." The latter had a remorseful expression on his face.

“Enough! There’s no need for you to think about it so much! We have nothing to hide, and we did nothing wrong. There’s no reason for us to be afraid of being punished!” Feng Ping waved his hand and immediately brought everybody back to the Crouching Dragon Lake again.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian followed behind Rong Yuan as they headed deeper into the Crouching Dragon Lake.

There were many vast islands located deep inside the Crouching Dragon Lake. These islands were all shrouded by fog. If one were not close enough, one would not notice there was something hidden behind the fog.

However, Rong Yuan did not bring Duan Ling Tian to any of the islands in front. Instead, Rong Yuan brought him to the sky above the islands. He feet trembled slightly before he soared straight up into the sky like a rocket.

Duan Ling Tian followed suit and soared up into the sky as well. After passing through the fog, he saw a gigantic island suspended in the air.

The suspended island was among the clouds and fog, making it appear like the jade halls in the heavenly paradise. It was astoundingly magnificent.

Compared to the Main Mansion of the Mystical Sky Mansion, this suspended island was undoubtedly a lot bigger.

“Elder Rong!”

“Elder Rong!”

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Along their journey, Duan Ling Tian saw many Black Armored Guards who were hidden in the dark revealed themselves as they bowed respectfully at Rong Yuan who was leading the way.

Some of the Black Armored Guards’ eyes were filled with confusion and questions when they saw Duan Ling Tian.

‘This old man seems to have quite a high position in the Azure Cloud Mansion.’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he saw this, ‘No wonder when I called him geezer and questioned him earlier, the Black Armored Guards looked at me as though they were staring at a dead man. However, I wonder what’s his intention? One moment, he called me a liar, but in the next moment, he’s bringing me to meet the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion!’

Although Duan Ling Tian was 100% certain the current Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was his cheapskate father, he could not help but feel baffled.

As they rose up to the suspended island, Rong Yuan finally asked without turning his head, “Do you think... there’s any way to disguise oneself in the world without being detected by Divine Consciousness?” It seemed as though he was talking to himself and Duan Ling Tian at the same time.

“The world is so huge, it contains all sorts of wonders!” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently as he ignored Rong Yuan’s probing.

Rong Yuan no longer said anything as he continued to bring him deeper into the suspended island. In the end, they arrived at the central area of the suspended island.

The area was heavily patrolled by Black Armored Guards.

Soon after, a standalone palace appeared before Duan Ling Tian’s eyes.

This palace was situated in the center of the suspended island’s central area. It occupied a vast area. From afar, it looked like a gigantic beast. This was the Central Main Hall of the Azure Cloud Mansion’s estate!

The suspended island that Duan Ling Tian was currently on was also the Main Mansion of the Azure Cloud Mansion.

The great doors of the Central Main Hall were tightly closed. After Rong Yuan brought Duan Ling Tian to the front doors, he reported politely, “Lord Mansion Master, I’ve brought him here!”

Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian’s breathing began to quicken as he stared at the great doors of the Central Main Hall intently.

How he itched to kick them open immediately to see who was inside. At the same, he also looked forward to listening to the voice of the person inside.

Although he did not spend too much time with his father, he could still remember the voice of his cheapskate father.

“Come in.” At the same time, an awe-inspiring and majestic voice reverberated from inside.

Although the voice sounded majestic and awe-inspiring, Duan Ling Tian could instantly tell it belonged to his cheapskate father, Duan Ru Feng.

The anxiety in his heart was immediately washed away. The Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was indeed his cheapskate father!

No matter how certain he was that his cheapskate father was the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, it was still not as persuasive as hearing his voice.

Rumble!

After the person had spoken, the great and heavy doors of the Central Main Hall began to open. Everything inside was laid bare before Duan Ling Tian’s eyes.

With just one glance, Duan Ling Tian could see four people standing inside.

One of the people standing inside was none other than his cheapskate father, Duan Ru Feng! At this moment, Duan Ru Feng was looking at him with a smile. A cute little boy was also in his embrace, and he was looking at Duan Ling Tian with his huge and round eyes.

Two women stood on either side of Duan Ru Feng.

Chapter 1836: Reunion

When Duan Ling Tian saw the two women standing at either side of Duan Ru Feng, his eyes widened as his body trembled in excitement.

It was his mother, Li Rou, and his fiancée, Li Fei! These two women were two of the few important women in his life.

“Huh?” However, Duan Ling Tian quickly realized, whether it was his mother, Li Rou or his fiancée, Li Fei, both of them had an expression of hesitation when they saw him. There was no sense of joy of a reunion after a long time.

‘Oh, I almost forgot. I haven’t returned to my original appearance yet.’ At the same time, Duan Ling Tian finally remembered that he was still in his disguise. It was no wonder his mother and his fiancée showed signs of hesitation.

Swish!

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian made his move and arrived like a gust of wind in front of the four people.

When Duan Ling Tian stood before them, the muscles on his face began to shift. Only when it stopped that he finally regained his original appearance.

“Mother!” After he returned to his original appearance, he kneeled with a thud with a remorseful expression.

As a son, not only was he unable to be by his parents’ side all the time, but he had even disappeared for so many years. This could be considered as being unfilial!

Naturally, he only felt remorseful toward his mother, Li Rou, since she had sacrificed so much for him compared to his cheapskate father, Duan Ru Feng. His father who only appeared later on could not compare to his mother at all.

“Tian’er... Tian’er! My Tian’er... I’m not dreaming, right?” When Duan Ling Tian revealed his true appearance, the hesitation in Li Rou’s eyes disappeared immediately. It was replaced with all sorts of emotions instead. At the same time, she went to pull Duan Ling Tian up and hugged him tightly. She did not let go for a long time. It was though she feared her son would leave again if she released him.

Two streaks of tears streamed down her face in excitement and happiness.

“Mother, you’re not dreaming! It’s me!” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes welled up with tears as well. He hugged his mother tightly as he was washed with a sense of calm that he had never felt before.

His mother’s embrace was like a sanctuary to him. It allowed his heart to calm down immediately.

“You scoundrel...” A familiar yet beautiful voice resonated in the air, causing Duan Ling Tian to snap back into reality.

Another person had appeared next to him. It was none other than his fiancée, Li Fei!

Although Li Rou was reluctant to let go of her son, she knew it was time to give some time to the pair of lovers.

Due to this reason, she released Duan Ling Tian immediately and signaled Duan Ru Feng with her eyes to leave the Main Hall with her and the little boy.

Upon seeing this, Elder Rong followed suit.

At once, the Central Main Hall became a world that existed only for Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei.

Outside the Main Hall, the little boy in Duan Ru Feng's embrace blinked his huge eyes and looked at Li Rou as he asked, "Grandmother, is he that very powerful father of mine that mother always tells me about?"

"That's right! Nian'er, he's your father! You must remember to call him father when he comes out later, alright?" Li Rou replied with a smile as she stroked the little boy's head.

The little boy nodded his head. "Alright. I'll listen to you, Grandmother!"

"That boy... He didn't even greet his father, but he has already gone to talk about love with Fei'er. What an unfilial son!" Duan Ru Feng muttered in a tone that contained a hint of jealousy as he feigned anger.

"It's all because you left for so many years. Otherwise, why would Tian'er treat you this way?" Li Rou snapped.

Upon hearing that, Duan Ru Feng no longer said anything. There was no point for him to continue the topic since he knew he was wrong. After all, he did leave for many years with no news at all.

It was obvious he was just feigning anger and was not really upset.

When Rong Yuan saw Duan Ru Feng and his wife were no longer talking, he chimed in emotionally, "Lord Mansion Master, Young Mansion Master's disguising tactic is really brilliant!"

"Exactly! Even my Divine Consciousness couldn't sense his disguise... I wonder where he learned such a disguising tactic from! To think that it's so amazing!" Duan Ru Feng strongly agreed with Rong Yuan's words.

No matter what, he was still a hugely important figure in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. However, even he had not heard nor seen Duan Ling Tian's disguising tactic before. "It seems like Tian'er had quite a huge fortuitous encounter during these years!"

"Young Mansion Master is so young, but his cultivation base is already at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage! How marvelous!" Rong Yuan sighed emotionally.

"The peak of the Eminent Saint Stage?" When Duan Ru Feng heard his words, he merely shook his head as a grave and anxious expression appeared on his face.

If he did not remember wrongly, the five years' pact he had made with the dragon clan would arrive in ten months' time. At that time, his son would have to fight the Five-clawed Golden Dragon. If he won, he would be able to enter the dragon clan's Dragon Cleansing Pool.

All of these were done according to the instructions of that Old Prophet.

However, now that there were only ten months left, his son was only at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage. It was undoubtedly going to be like a fairy tale for him to defeat Five-clawed Golden Dragon, Di Jue.

Even if that Di Jue did not make any progress in these five years, he was still at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage.

How could someone at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage fight someone at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage in ten months' time? Now that almost five years had gone by, Di Jue might have even broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage!

"Does Tian'er stand a chance in winning?" Before he was reunited with his son, Duan Ling Tian, he did not have such doubts due to the trust he had in the Old Prophet.

However, now that he had reunited with his son and discovered his son was only at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage, he could not help but have doubts that appeared in his mind.

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In the Main Hall, Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei were hugging each other. Both of them did not speak and hugged each other quietly.

At this moment, it seemed like both of them had merged together as though there was no distinction between both of them.

How Duan Ling Tian wished this moment would last forever as he hugged Li Fei without any worries or troubles. Just quietly hugging the person he loved until the end of time, until the ocean runs dry, and the rocks crumble.

However, he knew this was just his own wishful thinking.

He still had many things that he needed to do!

Meanwhile, as Li Fei hugged Duan Ling Tian, she had the same thoughts as him as well. How she wished she could hug her man quietly forever without the need to worry about anything.

Finally, after about half an hour, Duan Ling Tian was the first to speak. "Little Fei'er. Is that boy father was carrying our child?"

"Yes." Li Fei smiled as she nodded. "He's called Nian Tian He's our son!"

"Nian Tian?" Upon hearing his son's name, Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel his heart tightened. At the same time, his hands that were embracing Li Fei tightened as well.

Naturally, he knew what his son's name meant.

"If Sister Ke'er and her child are safe, I'm sure her child should be as old as Nian'er too... I just wonder if it's a boy or a girl." When Li Fei spoke about Ke'er, her voice began to tremble a little. She had long regarded that kind girl as her sister.

"They're definitely safe and sound! They have to be!" Duan Ling Tian replied confidently with a glint in his eyes. He would not allow harm to come to his woman and his child.

After coming to the Azure Cloud Mansion and reuniting with his family, one of his wishes had finally come true. It was time for him to go to the Upper Province to look for Ke'er.

After embracing Li Fei for a while more, she slowly pushed Duan Ling Tian away. "Scoundrel, shouldn't you go greet father? I know that you still hold grudges over the fact that he left you and your mother for so many years. However, he's still your father no matter what. Not only that, but he has been very nice to Nian'er during these few years as well. He dotes on him so much that even I, as his mother, feel ashamed. I know he's trying to make up for all the time he lost with you that's why he's giving all the love he couldn't give to you to Nian'er," Li Fei remarked softly.

She was a smart woman and knew she could only gently give a suggestion instead of making the decision for her man.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded before walking out of the Main Hall with Li Fei.

"Father, thank you for taking care of Little Fei'er and Nian'er during these few years," Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Duan Ru Feng.

"Tian'er, remember, I'm your father. There's no need to thank me when it comes to matters that concern you. Moreover, Fei'er is my daughter-in-law, and Nian'er is my grandson. This is what I should do!" Duan Ru Feng replied as he shook his head.

"I really didn't expect you to be the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, father." Duan Ling Tian still could not believe this matter.

"Well, it's quite a lucky accident actually. If you're willing to listen, I'll tell you more about it later. Speaking of it, it's all thanks to you that I managed to become the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion," Duan Ru Feng said as he stared at Duan Ling Tian intently.

"Me?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled. He did not know what his father meant by this.

"There's no rush so I'll explain it to you later," Duan Ru Feng said with a smile as he shook his head before he looked at the little boy in his embrace, "Nian'er, have you forgotten what your grandmother told you earlier?"

Duan Nian Tian looked at Duan Ling Tian with his big eyes. He was not shy with strangers. Instead, he studied Duan Ling Tian from head to toe for a long time before he finally said, "You're my father? The extremely strong father that mother told me about?"

Extremely strong father?

Upon hearing his words, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, laughed out loud.

Duan Ling Tian raised his hand to pull Duan Nian Tian into his embrace and smiled. "That's right! I'm your extremely strong father! You're called Nian'er?"

"I'm called Duan Nian Tian! Nian'er is only my pet name," Duan Nian Tian said solemnly as he corrected Duan Ling Tian.

His serious manner amused Duan Ling Tian. He only felt that his heart was filled with warmth. It was a nice feeling.

'I, Duan Ling Tian, have a son now!'

From today onward, there was another additional life in this world that he would protect with his life.

Chapter 1837: The Five Years' Pact

For the next few days, apart from visiting his mother's, Li Rou, residence every morning for some time, Duan Ling Tian spent his remaining time with his wife.

Sometimes, Duan Ling Tian felt like the happiest person in the world when he was carrying Duan Nian Tian as he accompanied Li Fei. Naturally, it would be even better if Ke'er and their child were here as well.

'Currently, I've found father, mother, and Little Fei'er. The only regret I have left in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land is that I still can't find Tian Wu. By right, if she's still in the Lower Province and is not in closed-door cultivation, she should've heard of a genius Martial Cultivator called Ling Tian in the Mystical Sky Mansion. At the very least, she should've come to the Mystical Sky Mansion to make sure if it's me or not. However, there's no news about her at all!' Although Duan Ling Tian had already decided to go to the Upper Province to look for Ke'er and their child, he still could not help but worry about Feng Tian Wu.

He realized that although there were no promises of marriage between him and Tian Wu yet nor did they have any children together, his longing for her was in no way inferior to his longing for Ke'er.

Previously, he was only touched by the sacrifices Tian Wu made for him. However, currently, everything had turned into love.

"It's time for me to inform father about this." When Duan Ling Tian felt that it was possible that Tian Wu was still in the Lower Province, he accompanied his fiance and his son for a moment before he went to look for his father, Duan Ru Feng.

"Father, I hope you can help me to look for someone," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly upon seeing Duan Ru Feng.

"Oh? Who is it?" Duan Ru Feng asked.

"Feng Tian Wu," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"Tian Wu? I've heard Fei'er mentioning that girl before. She's a good, loyal, and affectionate kid. Moreover, she did not even think twice to sacrifice her life for your sake. Such love is extremely rare. As

far as I know, both of you got separated in the Mortal Continent... could it be that you've not found her yet?" Duan Ru Feng had heard Li Fei mentioning Feng Tian Wu's matter before so he instantly knew what was going on when he heard her name.

"I've found her in the Windfall Nation, a sixth-rate Saint Nation in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. However, after the news about the Devilseal Tablet was exposed, I left the Windfall Nation, and she had also left to look for me because she was worried about my safety," Duan Ling Tian said with a grave expression on his face.

"After that, I made a trip back to the Windfall Nation, but she didn't return to the Windfall Nation. Ever since then, I've not heard any news about her at all," Duan Ling Tian said with a heavy heart.

"What a sentimental girl..." Duan Ru Feng sighed. At the same time, he looked at Duan Ling Tian solemnly and said, "Tian'er, there are things that we should and shouldn't do living in this world. Since this Feng girl is so loyal to you, you should never let her down! In this world where the strong ones are revered, it's not easy to meet someone who would sacrifice so much for you!"

"Father, I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded his head. Ever since the day he realized he had feelings for Tian Wu, he had already made up his mind to be with her forever. He would never let her down in this life!

"Alright... Draw a portrait of that Feng girl for me, and I'll pass down an order so that every Azure Cloud Mansion's operation point can look for her!" Duan Ru Feng added again.

Duan Ling Tian instantly drew a portrait of Feng Tian Wu upon hearing his father's words.

His understanding of Feng Tian Wu was in no way inferior to that of Ke'er and Li Fei.

For this reason, not only was the portrait he drew identical to Tian Wu, but even the look in her eyes and the aura she emitted was exactly the same.

When Duan Ru Feng saw the portrait, he could not help but sigh emotionally as he shook his head. "I really wonder where you get your charm from. Such an outstanding woman actually fell for you and was even willing to sacrifice her life for you! You're even more powerful than me in this regards!"

When Duan Ling Tian heard the first half of his father's words, he did not think too much of it. However, when he heard the latter part of the sentence, he could sense a hint of jealousy in his father's tone. For a moment, he could not help but feel amused by it.

"Father, could it be that you want another girlfriend? Should I tell mother so she can look for one for you?" Duan Ling Tian asked after he chuckled.

"Do you want to be spanked?!" Upon hearing his words, Duan Ru Feng's expression changed a little as he snapped and glared at Duan Ling Tian.

After some time, he coughed twice awkwardly. "I was merely joking earlier. There's no need to tell your mother about it."

Just as Duan Ru Feng's words left his mouth, Li Rou had arrived in a timely manner. The moment she entered, she heard the second half of Duan Ru Feng's words so she instantly looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "There's no need to tell me about what? Tian'er, what's going on?"

When Duan Ling Tian saw his father looking at him anxiously, he felt amused inwardly. However, he decided not to expose him. "Mother, it's nothing. I merely asked father to help me look for Tian Wu, and he felt there's no need to inform you about this since he doesn't want you to worry."

"Why can't he tell me about it? I really like that Tian Wu girl as well. Such a loyal and affectionate girl is very rare!" Li Rou had long heard about Feng Tian Wu from Li Fei. She had even intentionally asked Duan Ling Tian about her during these past few days since she liked Feng Tian Wu a lot as well.

In this world, the men she cared about the most were her husband, Duan Ru Feng, and her son, Duan Ling Tian. She was also willing to sacrifice her life for her husband and son. For this reason, she liked that woman who was also willing to sacrifice her life for his son.

"This is Tian Wu?" Soon after, Li Rou also saw the portrait in Duan Ru Feng's hand. Her gaze was instantly attracted to the woman in the portrait. After a long while, she could not help but praise, "What a beauty who could topple a nation! How pretty! If she gives birth to a granddaughter for me, I'm sure she'll also be a beauty that could topple a nation when she grows up!"

Now that Li Rou had a grandson, she really wanted a granddaughter too.

Although Li Rou knew Ke'er was also pregnant with her son's child, she was unaware of her grandchild's gender.

Upon hearing Li Rou's words, Duan Ling Tian felt a little embarrassed. He had not even found Feng Tian Wu yet, everything was still up in the air!

However, since the old fellow was happy, he did not say anything after that.

"Tian'er, now that you asked your father to help look for Tian Wu, are you planning to leave for the Upper Province?" Li Rou asked with a longing look in her eyes.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "However, I'll be staying in the Lower Province for a period of time. I'll only make my way to the Upper Province once my cultivation base has made a breakthrough."

Before he could leave for the Upper Province, he must first strengthen the second form of the Golden Crow's Wings and raise his cultivation base to the Early Eminent Saint Stage! At that time, not only would his strength be on par with someone at the Divine Saint Stage, but he could also finally cultivate and master the various Divine Abilities he had obtained.

He had several top-tier Divine Abilities in his possession. Put aside the Golden Crow's Wings, the other three extraordinary Divine Abilities were the Elementary Devouring Tactic, Otherworldly Celestial, and the Six Harmonies Golden Body.

He had an offensive Divine Ability, a defensive Divine Ability, a movement Divine Ability, and an assist Divine Ability. Everything was finally in place.

Naturally, in comparison, the defensive Divine Ability, the Six Harmonies Golden Body, was slightly inferior since it was a medium-grade Divine Ability. 'I guess I'll just make do with it for now. If I can obtain a higher grade defensive Divine Ability in the future, I'll change it!'

If someone could read Duan Ling Tian's mind, they would be so furious they would probably throw up three liters of blood.

If somebody else obtained a medium-grade Divine Ability, they would be delighted for a long time. However, for Duan Ling Tian, a medium-grade Divine Ability was only something for him to make do with before he could find something better.

After hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Li Rou still felt the time her son would be staying in the Lower Province was not long. The longing in her eyes became even more intense.

If it was possible, she wished for her son to stay by her side. Naturally, she knew this was just her own wishful thinking!

His son was a man with many responsibilities, and there were many things he had to do.

"Rou'er, please leave for a moment. There's something I need to speak to Tian'er about personally," Duan Ru Feng said as he looked at Li Rou.

When she heard her husband's words, she instantly knew she would not want to know the things her husband was going to say to her son. For this reason, she turned around and left immediately.

She knew her son would have to risk his life again. Her husband would only ask her to leave when it came to this matter since he did not want her to worry.

"Father, what's the matter? Even mother isn't allowed to know about it?" Duan Ling Tian frowned.

"Your mother hates hearing about you going out and risking your life the most! The matter I'm about to tell you is something risky that you must do!" Duan Ru Feng sighed.

"What's the matter?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

"Do you still remember that Five-clawed Golden Dragon who annihilated Half Moon Island and destroyed your Ling Tian Sect?" Duan Ru Feng asked.

"Di Jue?!" Upon hearing his father's words, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes. Killing intent instantly emitted out of his body uncontrollably.

Although this incident happened a long time ago, he still could not get over this incident. So many people in his Ling Tian Sect had all died in Di Jue's hand so he had always kept this grudge in his heart. He did not forget about it at all!

Not only that, but he even dreamed about many of those familiar faces in the past asking him to kill Di Jue to avenge them!

"That's right! It's that Di Jue!" Duan Ru Feng nodded before proceeding to tell Duan Ling Tian about the five-year pact he had made with the dragon clan when he went to the dragon clan's lair previously. "The

five-year pact is due in ten months' time. At that time, you'll have to battle with Di Jue to compete for the opportunity to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool!"

"The Dragon Cleansing Pool?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened immediately. This was his first time hearing about the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

"The Dragon Cleansing Pool is the Saint Land of the dragon clan in the Lower Province. It only opens every 5,000 years. It contains the Heaven and Earth's Essence that the Dragon Cleansing Pool accumulated in 5,000 years. Whichever young dragon that enters it would have a monstrous elevation in strength!" Duan Ru Feng continued to explain, "If it wasn't for the fact the current clan leader of the dragon clan did not enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool, the dragon clan wouldn't be inferior to our Azure Cloud Mansion and the Mountainshade Black Market!"

Chapter 1838: Unprecedented Pressure

The dragon clan was one of the quasi third-rate forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Previously, when he was in the Mystical Sky Mansion, Duan Ling Tian had learned about this. He also knew that Di Jue, the Five-clawed Golden Dragon, who annihilated his Ling Tian Sect was the successor of the clan leader of the dragon clan.

There were only two Five-clawed Golden Dragons currently in the dragon clan. One of them was the current clan leader of the dragon clan while the other one was Di Jue.

Initially, when Duan Ling Tian learned about this, he knew if he wanted to avenge the group of high-ranking officials and disciples of Ling Tian Sect, he would have to go against the entire dragon clan. This was because the dragon clan would go all out to protect Di Jue since he was a Five-clawed Golden Dragon.

At that time, Duan Ling Tian knew he would have to wait for a period of time to avenge the group of high-ranking officials and disciples of Ling Tian Sect. At the very least, he needed to raise his strength to the level where he could fight the entire dragon clan.

"The five-year pact, Dragon Cleansing Pool, Di Jue..." At this moment, Duan Ling Tian finally found out that his father had made a five-year pact on his behalf with the dragon clan. If he could defeat Di Jue in ten months' time, he would be able to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool!

As the dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool was a very remarkable place. At the very least, it was not something that the Mystical Sky Mansion's Spirit Pools could compare to.

After all, the few Spirit Pools in the Mystical Sky Mansion would open after a relatively short period of time. The Dragon Cleansing Pool, on the other hand, would only open every 5,000 years!

How long were 5,000 years? 5,000 years were equal to 50 times of an ordinary person's lifespan. Take generations into consideration, that number of time could produce 10,000 generations!

The reason the Dragon Cleansing Pool gathered the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy at once every 5,000 years was to help the young dragons to soar up into the sky!

“Father, you mean if the current leader of the dragon clan managed to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool previously, the dragon clan’s position in the Lower Province would have been on par with the Azure Cloud Mansion and the Mountainshade Black Market? Is that Dragon Cleansing Pool really that remarkable?” Duan Ling Tian was greatly shocked when he heard Duan Ru Feng’s words.

“It’s indeed remarkable!” Duan Ru Feng nodded his head confidently. “You should know that before the clan leader of the dragon clan assumed his position, the dragon clan was in no way inferior to the Mountainshade Black Market in terms of strength even though they have always been reclusive. Not only that, but even the Mountainshade Black Market didn’t dare find faults with the dragon clan at that time! As for now, whether it’s the Mountainshade Black Market or our Azure Cloud Mansion, although we would have to expend a lot of effort to annihilate the dragon clan, it’s not completely impossible! However, there’s no reason for us to annihilate the dragon clan since there’s no enmity between us that can’t be resolved! In the Dao Martial Saint Land, not only are there dragon clans in the Lower Province, but there are even dragon clans in the Upper Province. The Upper Province’s dragon clans are where the true terror lies! If we annihilate the Lower Province’s dragon clan, the Upper Province’s dragon clan would definitely learn about it. At that time, it’ll be difficult for us to avoid being annihilated as well!”

Although he had said so much, there were only two points that he wanted to convey.

One, the Dragon Cleansing Pool was remarkable and could affect the rise and decline of the Lower Province’s dragon clan.

Second, the Lower Province’s dragon clan had an uncommon background since it had the Upper Province’s dragon clan backing them.

“How powerful is the Upper Province’s dragon clan?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“I don’t really know how powerful they are. However, I’ve heard from the Watchers monitoring the Lower Province that unless it’s completely necessary, even the three great sects in the Upper Province aren’t willing to offend the dragon clan in the Upper Province!” When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, a hint of dread could be seen in his eyes.

“They’re so strong?!” Duan Ling Tian was greatly astonished.

Naturally, he knew about the three great sects in the Upper Province and what it represented.

From the information he gathered, before the Dao Martial Saint Land was separated into the Lower Province and the Upper Province, the three great sects were already the three great colossuses in the Dao Martial Saint Land. They were the elites among all the powerful sects.

After the Dao Martial Saint Land was split into two, the group of powerful sects with the three great sects as the leader had all gone to the Upper Province.

In the Upper Province, not only did the three great sects prospered, but they had become legends and still retain their statuses as the three most powerful sects in the Upper Province.

He knew the three great sects so well was because he had intentionally read up on them. After all, his fiancée, Ke’er, was taken by the member of one of the three great sects, the Fire Worship Sect!

"If the opportunity to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool is obtained by Di Jue that Five-clawed Golden Dragon, he would definitely be able to lead the dragon clan to glory after he has grown stronger. At that time, even our Azure Cloud Mansion and the Mountainshade Black Market may be trampled by them!" Duan Ru Feng said with a solemn expression.

"I think you must not want Di Jue to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool, whether it's for the sake of revenge for the Ling Tian Sect's high-ranking officials and the disciples or for the benefits of the Dragon Cleansing Pool," Duan Ru Feng added.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. It was indeed so. He really did not wish to see Di Jue entering the Dragon Cleansing Pool from the bottom of his heart.

"Father, based on what you said earlier, only young dragons have entered the Dragon Cleansing Pool. Are there any precedents of a human entering it?" Duan Ling Tian asked as this question popped up in his mind.

"As far as I know, there's no precedent of a human entering the Dragon Cleansing Pool. However, my knowledge is limited to a certain period of time in the past. As for the history a long time ago, I've no idea whether a human had ever entered the Dragon Cleansing Pool or not," Duan Ru Feng replied.

"Doesn't this mean that it's uncertain a human would obtain the same benefits that young dragons obtain when they enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

"That seems to be the case." Duan Ru Feng hesitated for a second before he nodded his head.

"However, regardless if it's beneficial for a human to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool or not, if you can snatch the opportunity to enter it, it means that you'll be able to stop Di Jue, that Five-clawed Golden Dragon, from getting stronger. All in all, put aside the Dragon Cleansing Pool will be beneficial to you, if you can defeat Di Jue in the five-year pact and obtain the opportunity to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool, it'll be beneficial to you and harm that dragon!" Duan Ru Feng explained.

"That's true." Duan Ling Tian nodded before smiling nonchalantly. "Looks like I must fulfill this five-year pact then! However, father, why did you make this pact in the first place? Don't tell me you have so much faith in me?" Duan Ling Tian changed the topic and asked Duan Ru Feng curiously.

"Of course! Don't you know whose son you are?!" Although Duan Ru Feng felt a little guilty, it was difficult for him to say kinder words.

The truth was, whether it was in the past or present, he did not have faith in his son at all.

Now that only ten months were left, his son's cultivation base was still only at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage.

Although it was rare for someone at his son age to have such a cultivation base, he was still far from being comparable to Di Jue. In fact, when he made the five-year pact with the dragon clan, Di Jue was already at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage!

Perhaps, he might have even broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage after five years.

'Right now, I can only hope that Old Prophet didn't simply speak without reason. After all, it was him who asked me to request for this five-year pact with the dragon clan. However, why does Senior Prophet has so much faith in Tian'er? Isn't he worried Tian'er is not a match for Di Jue at all?' Naturally, these were all thoughts that Duan Ru Feng did not voice out.

Due to the Old Prophet's instructions, he did not tell Duan Ling Tian about the Old Prophet.

"What's Di Jue's cultivation base?" Although Duan Ling Tian had encountered Di Jue once, he could not see through Di Jue's cultivation base since his cultivation base was too low at that time.

However, he knew that Di Jue's cultivation base would not be low! At the very least, he must be at the Divine Saint Stage or above.

"When I made the five-year pact with the dragon clan, he was at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage," Duan Ru Feng answered.

"Five years ago, he was at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage?" Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched upon hearing his father's words.

Although he had suspected that Di Jue's cultivation base would not be lower than the Divine Saint Stage, it did not cross his mind that it would be at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage!

Even in all the quasi third-rate forces, powerhouses at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage were considered as first-rate elite powerhouses!

"I really can't believe that Di Jue who was fooled by me at that time has such a terrifying cultivation base..." The moment he recalled how he had fooled Di Jue into the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and seized the chance to escape, he could not help but shudder in fear.

As it turned out, Di Jue was actually a powerhouse at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage!

'Since Di Jue's cultivation base is at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage, then just how high is Chi Mei's cultivation base when she brought Ke'er away? A person like her who could make Di Jue dread her must be someone even more powerful than him! Could she be at the Exemplary Saint Stage?' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he could not help but gasp.

Chi Mei claimed she was Ke'er twin sister, this meant she was the same age with Ke'er. Her cultivation base had already reached the Exemplary Saint Stage at such an age?

"Do all the people in the Upper Province's Fire Worship Sect have such horrifying innate talent?" Duan Ling Tian realized his heart was beating extremely fast. He was really shocked by Chi Mei's innate talent.

Compared to Chi Mei, even the most elite young geniuses in the Lower Province were like trash.

'Chi Mei is the disciple among the younger generation in the Fire Worship Sect and her strength is already so terrifying. Just how strong are the high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect?' When he thought of this, his heart sank.

The reason he wanted to go to the Upper Province was to save his fiancée and child so that they could escape from the evil grasp of the Fire Worship Sect!

However, he finally realized he had underestimated how strong the Fire Worship Sect was!

Duan Ling Tian instantly felt an immense pressure.

“Tian’er, if you’re not confident, you can back out of the five-year pact.” When Duan Ru Feng saw Duan Ling Tian’s grave expression, Duan Ru Feng thought he was shocked by Di Jue’s cultivation base.

In his opinion, he did not think it would be embarrassing if his son backed out of the five-year pact!

Chapter 1839: Duan Ling Tian’s Confidence

After all, Di Jue the Five-clawed Golden Dragon had been alive for how long and just how old was his son?

Previously, when Duan Ru Feng learned that Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was only at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage, he had already thought about asking his son to forfeit the five-year pact. This was because the difference between Duan Ling Tian and Di Jue’s cultivation bases was just too wide!

He had only mentioned the five-year pact to Duan Ling Tian earlier as a formality to carry out the Old Prophet’s instructions. If his son wanted to forfeit the five-year pact, he would not object to it! Moreover, deep in his heart, he did not want his son to accept the five-year pact as well.

Naturally, this was because he was worried if his son fought Di Jue, and Di Jue had already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage, he could not guarantee with 100% certainty that he would be able to keep his son safe even if he was there. If something were to happen to his son, let alone his wife blaming him, he would not be able to forgive himself as well!

“Father, I don’t intend on forfeiting the five-year pact!” Duan Ling Tian regained his senses when he heard his father’s words. He knew his father had misunderstood him so he quickly explained, “I was merely thinking about some other things earlier. As for the five-year pact, I’m going to accept it! Even if Di Jue has broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage, I’ll still accept it, let alone if he’s still at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage!” When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, his eyes gleamed with determination.

“But... You’re currently only at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage!” Duan Ru Feng shook his head. “I’m afraid it would be extremely difficult for you to raise your strength to a level where you’ll be able to fight with Di Jue in just ten months, let alone defeating him!”

“Father, didn’t you say you have faith in me earlier? Why are you changing your words now?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly baffled when he saw how Duan Ru Feng’s attitude had suddenly undergone a 180 degrees change. He felt his father’s change was too quick. It was so quick that he had a hard time adapting to it.

When Duan Ru Feng heard this, naturally, he felt slightly embarrassed. The reason he had faith in Duan Ling Tian was due to his faith in the Old Prophet. However, when he saw his son’s grave expression earlier, his faith in the Old Prophet began to waver, causing his attitude to undergo a quick change.

“Tian’er, are you really confident?” Duan Ru Feng asked solemnly, “This is not a joke. You might not recover if something goes wrong!”

“Don’t worry, Father,” Duan Ling Tian said, reassuring his father. His entire being emitted an aura of confidence.

After ten months, he would have long cultivated the Golden Crow’s Wings to the second form and his cultivation base to the Early Eminent Saint Stage. Not only that, but with the help from the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he had a high chance of breaking through to the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage!

Once he had entered the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage, his strength would be comparable to an Intermediate Divine Saint Stage powerhouse. At the very least, the Sun True Origin in his body at that time would be in no way weaker than the strength of an Intermediate Divine Saint Stage powerhouse! On top of that, he could also comprehend the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, during this time as well.

He had personally witnessed the power of the Elementary Devouring Tactic before.

He could still remember when he was in the Divine Ability Relic where he obtained the Elementary Devouring Tactic. The old man’s cultivation base remained at the Early Refined Saint Stage in the final test, but yet, he had displayed strength at the peak of the Refined Saint Stage with the help of the Elementary Devouring Tactic. Although it did not last for a long time, it was more than enough to help!

‘If I can comprehend the Elementary Devouring Tactic, I’ll be able to possess strength at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage for a short time even if I’m only at the Early Eminent Saint Stage after ten months. After ten months, my strength will be comparable to that of a powerhouse at the Early Divine Saint Stage! If I can’t enter the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage in ten months, it doesn’t mean that I don’t stand a chance fighting against Di Jue too since I have the Elementary Devouring Tactic even if he has already entered the Early Exemplary Saint Stage!’ Duan Ling Tian felt extremely confident when he thought about this.

‘Moreover, I have the Divine Ability, the Golden Crow’s Wings, as well! As long as I break through to the Early Eminent Saint Stage, I can immediately cultivate and master the Golden Crow’s Wings! The second form of the Golden Crow’s Wings, coupled with the Elementary Devouring Tactic... I might stand a chance fighting Di Jue even if I’m only at the Early Eminent Saint Stage!’ Duan Ling Tian did not fear Di Jue even if he did not have the Divine Abilities.

He still had his biggest trump card after all. He had the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Jasper Celestial Sword. He had witnessed how powerful the Jasper Celestial Sword was previously.

For example, put aside all the older incidents, just the recent incident of him blocking the unreserved attack from a Mastery Divine Saint Stage Devil Cultivator with the Jasper Celestial Sword was more than enough to show its might!

Although he had almost exhausted all of his Sun True Origin in his body, he had only 60% of the Sun True Origin in his body at that time before he used the sword. When he used the Devilseal Tablet, the Devilseal Tablet had already absorbed a part of the Sun True Origin in his body.

The activation of the Devilseal Tablet needed support from the True Origin as well.

'With my current Sun True Origin that's equivalent to the True Origin of a powerhouse at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage, I still stand a chance of killing a powerhouse at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage with the help of the Jasper Celestial Sword if I'm at my peak and use all my Sun True Origin. If I can break through to the Early Eminent Saint Stage, the Sun True Origin would transform. At that time, I might even be able to kill a powerhouse at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage if I deplete all my Sun True Origin at its peak.' Since the Jasper Celestial Sword was Duan Ling Tian's biggest trump card, he would not use it unless it was completely necessary.

Moreover, if he had immediately used the Jasper Celestial Sword, it might be a hindrance to his cultivation. Relying on the Jasper Celestial Sword too much would only be harmful to his future cultivation!

It was for this reason he did not and would not use the Jasper Celestial Sword unless it was absolutely necessary.

"Although I've no idea where you get your confidence from, I believe in you. Just let me know if you need anything in the coming ten months. All resources in the Azure Cloud Mansion will be yours without any conditions!" Duan Ru Feng said to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ru Feng was affected by Duan Ling Tian's confidence, and he had decided to believe in his son.

"Father, I don't need anything else, but I would like to ask for your help to search for some materials." After Duan Ling Tian discovered his cheapskate father was the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, he had already decided to ask for his father's help to look for materials to repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

With how influential the Azure Cloud Mansion was in the Lower Province, it would be even more efficient than the Mystical Sky Mansion in searching for the materials he needed.

"What materials?" Duan Ru Feng asked.

When Duan Ru Feng took the drawing paper from Duan Ling Tian and looked at the materials on it, he was momentarily stunned. "Wasn't the Mystical Sky Mansion frantically searching for these materials a few years ago?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I was the one who asked the Mansion Master of the Mystical Sky Mansion to help me search for these materials."

"You asked the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion to search for these materials?" Duan Ru Feng was astonished. "Based on what I know, Mansion Master Meng Qing of Mystical Sky Mansion spared no efforts in searching for these materials. Not only that, but he had given out many rewards as well. You actually managed to make him expend so much effort? Don't tell me it's because he owed you a favor?"

"It can be considered as so." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"There was a genius called Ling Tian with monstrous innate talent in the Mystical Sky Mansion a few years back. Tian'er, don't tell me that's you?" Duan Ru Feng asked.

If it was before, he would have never made the connection that the genius Ling Tian from the Mystical Sky Mansion was his son. This was because he had asked Elder Ku to make a trip to the Mystical Sky Mansion. Elder Ku had confirmed that Ling Tian was not in disguise, and he looked completely different from his son.

However, after he had seen his son's amazing disguising tactic, he finally pieced the puzzle together.

"That's right. It's me." Duan Ling Tian smiled as he nodded. "Before I came to the Azure Cloud Mansion, I had been staying in the Mystical Sky Mansion. Oh, father! If someone named Gu Li comes, please send your man to bring him to the Main Mansion. He's a disciple from the Mystical Sky Mansion, and he's the only friend of mine that knows about my true identity!"

When Duan Ling Tian spoke about the Mystical Sky Mansion, he could not help but be reminded of Gu Li.

He had already told Gu Li to come to the Azure Cloud Mansion to look for him after he had dealt with his matters in the Mystical Sky Mansion so that they could go to the Upper Province together.

Based on the time that had passed, Gu Li should be arriving soon.

"Gu Li? The son of the Mystical Sky Mansion's Guardian Gu Ci Yun, the number one person on the Mystical Sky Ranking?" Duan Ru Feng raised his brow. It was apparent he had heard of this genius disciple from the Mystical Sky Mansion as well.

"That's right!" Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"He must be a trustworthy person since you revealed your true identity to him. Since he's your friend, he's, naturally, a friend of our Azure Cloud Mansion. Don't worry, I'll personally welcome him when he comes!" Duan Ru Feng said, "That's not the only thing. I heard the genius Li Feng who appeared in the Rising Sky Mansion's district was Ling Tian's senior brother..."

Duan Ru Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian once again with a knowing glint in his eyes. "If I'm not mistaken, Li Feng must be you in disguise, right? The surname Li just so happens to be your mother's surname, and Feng is one of the words from my name... It's not a coincidence, right?"

"That's right. Li Feng was me in disguise." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He had nothing to hide in front of his father.

"To think that I was wondering since when did such a young genius appear in the Lower Province. I even thought of convincing him to join our Azure Cloud Mansion. I can't believe he actually turns out to be my son!" Duan Ru Feng threw his head back and laughed. His laughter was filled with pride.

Since his, Duan Ru Feng, son was so successful, it was only natural for him to feel proud of his son!

After glancing at the drawings on the paper, Duan Ru Feng said sincerely, "Alright! I'll pass my orders to Elder Rong later to arrange for our men to search for these materials... Even if I need to ransack the entire Lower Province, I'll do my best in gathering these materials from the Lower Province and give them to you."

Duan Ling Tian suddenly remembered the words Duan Ru Feng had said previously, and he could not help but ask, "Father, you said before that it was all thanks to me that you became the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion... What do you mean by that?"

"If I'm not mistaken, you must have obtained the Devilseal Tablet from the Swamp of Death in our hometown, right?" Duan Ru Feng asked in response to Duan Ling Tian's question. He did not immediately answer his son's question.

Chapter 1840: Heaven Divination Sect

Upon hearing Duan Ru Feng's words, Duan Ling Tian looked in the distance as his mind began to wander into the past.

Initially, when he was still on Cloud Continent in the Mortal Continents, he had entered the Swamp of Death and found the Devilseal Tablet in an underground palace.

At first, an extremely powerful soul had crept out of the Devilseal Tablet and tried to possess his body! Fortunately, the soul shattered at a critical moment. That situation was similar to when the Rebirth Martial Emperor tried to possess his body as well. The Rebirth Martial Emperor's soul had also shattered!

"You're not from this world!" He could still remember the words the Rebirth Martial Emperor had shouted before his soul shattered.

When the soul that was a few times more powerful than the Rebirth Martial Emperor crept out of the Devilseal Tablet and shattered as it tried to possess his soul, he knew then that his soul that originated from earth was protected by some rules that had something to do with souls clashing. However, up until now, he still had no idea why it was like that.

"Elder Huo!" When he had a problem, he would look for Elder Huo. This had already become a habit whenever he was faced with a conundrum.

"Elder Huo, after my soul came to this world and attached itself to my current body, a strong powerhouse from the Mortal Continent in this world had tried to possess my current body. Moreover, when he used his powerful soul to attack my soul, his soul ended up shattering while I ended up fine. What's the reason for that?" Duan Ling Tian asked without beating around the bush.

Before Elder Huo could reply, Duan Ling Tian continued saying, "That's right! Before his soul shattered, he even shouted that I'm not from this world!"

"This is the restriction and rules of the mundane realms!" Elder Huo replied, "Two different mundane realms have different sets of rules. The souls born in this mundane realm naturally have the auras from this mundane realm. On the other hand, souls born in other mundane realms will also have auras from their own mundane realms. Based on your words, I'm almost certain that Planet Yan Huang is earth. It's obviously a different mundane realm from where we are now."

Elder Huo added again, "It's precisely because your soul possesses the aura of Planet Yan Huang that a pure soul from this mundane realm can't occupy your body. Naturally, this doesn't mean your soul can't

be obliterated in this mundane realm. If your soul isn't attacked by souls and is attacked by ordinary people with their souls and bodies intact with a soul technique, your soul can still be destroyed."

Although Elder Huo had spoken so much, Duan Ling Tian still could not quite understand everything. However, he came to two conclusions.

One, no matter how powerful a soul was, it would be impossible for it to destroy his soul and occupy his body if that soul was from this mundane realm.

Two, if an ordinary person with his soul and body intact tried to attack him with a soul technique, his soul would not be immune to its attack.

"Tian'er, what are you thinking about?" Duan Ru Feng asked curiously at this moment when he saw Duan Ling Tian's mind had begun to wander again.

"Father!" Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and asked his father, "What were we talking about earlier?"

If another person became distracted while speaking to Duan Ru Feng, he would definitely be very unhappy. However, this person was Duan Ling Tian, his son. Naturally, the situation was not the same.

Duan Ru Feng repeated his question patiently, "I was asking if you found the Devilseal Tablet in the Swamp of Death in our hometown?"

"Yes!" Duan Ling Tian nodded. There was nothing for him to hide.

He was not surprised his father knew about him possessing the Devilseal Tablet. After all, news of him possessing the Devilseal Tablet had already spread out in the entire Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Up until now, people were still looking for him so they could snatch the Devilseal Tablet away from him.

"When you first obtained the Devilseal Tablet, did you encounter any strange incident? For instance, did a powerful soul from the Devilseal Tablet try to possess your body?" Duan Ru Feng asked again.

He was curious about this matter as well.

If he was not mistaken, the main soul of Black Nether had always been in the Devilseal Tablet. If one wanted to the Devilseal Tablet, one must get past Black Nether first.

"Yes!" Duan Ling Tian nodded. "At that time, a powerful soul tried to possess my body, but due to some unknown reason, a powerful energy suddenly surged out from the Devilseal Tablet and destroyed the soul!"

"Did the soul say anything when it was trying to possess your body?" Duan Ru Feng asked again.

"It seems like it said I'm unlucky or something. Moreover, it even said as long as it could destroy my soul, it would be able to occupy my body. After that, he even said he would look for his secondary soul or something. It also said once its main soul returned, it would kill some stupid fellow!" Duan Ling Tian said after he took a moment to recall what the soul had said.

Apart from the reason the soul was destroyed, he revealed everything he knew.

After all, the truth was related to his former life, and he did not know whether his cheapskate father would be able to accept it or not. Not only that, but he also did not know whether his mother would be able to accept it or not.

In his opinion, it was a white lie, and it was better to keep it a secret.

“Stupid? Stupid, huh?!” To Duan Ling Tian’s surprise, the moment his words left his mouth, Duan Ru Feng smirked instead. It seemed as though he was talking to himself as he muttered, “Black Nether, I bet it didn’t even cross your mind that your main soul would be destroyed by my son! Your secondary soul had been trying to possess my body for twenty years. However, in the end, I’m the one who won!”

“Father, what do you mean? Don’t tell me the stupid fellow the soul mentioned is you?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Was there even such a coincidence in this world?

After Duan Ru Feng explained everything to him, Duan Ling Tian realized there could also be a coincidence like that in this world!

As it turned out, his father’s body was temporarily possessed by Black Nether’s secondary soul. That was why he left the Mortal Continent and traveled to the Dao Martial Saint Land.

As for the rapid rise of his cultivation base, it was all Black Nether’s doing.

From the very beginning, although his father’s soul was not destroyed, he was only an audience in his own body.

In the end, due to Black Nether’s greed, he damaged his secondary soul by accident, giving Duan Ru Feng a chance to regain control of his body for a time before Black Nether’s soul finally possessed his body again.

Ever since then, Duan Ru Feng and Black Nether had been fighting for control of the body.

When his strength made a spurt of progress, the body that was controlled by Black Nether had killed the original Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion and took his place like a pigeon that usurped the sparrow’s nest!

Initially, voices of discontent were heard everywhere in the Azure Cloud Mansion. Although they feared Black Nether’s strength, not many people acknowledged him as the Mansion Master.

It was only until Duan Ru Feng regained control of his body and showed mercy to people from the Azure Cloud Mansion that he began to win over the people’s hearts.

As Duan Ru Feng took turns with Black Nether controlling and fighting over the body, they led the Azure Cloud Mansion higher and higher with their strength and became a top quasi third-rate force that was on par with the Mountainshade Black Market!

It was at that time that everybody in the Azure Cloud Mansion began to acknowledge him as the Mansion Master!

Finally, when Black Nether's main soul was destroyed, it caused his secondary soul to be destroyed as well. Only then did Duan Ru Feng regained full control of his body.

It was also at that time that he returned to his hometown in the Mortal Continent immediately. After all, the wife and son he loved the most were still in the Mortal Continent!

"I can't believe the soul that tried to possess my body was actually the main soul of that Devil Cultivator that was possessing your body, father. In the end, it turns out that it's actually all thanks to me that you're able to return to Cloud Continent to look for mother and me!" Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh emotionally when he looked at Duan Ru Feng.

"Father, although Black Nether did not manage to possess my body, I could sense his soul was extremely powerful? Do you know his background?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"I only know he was a powerhouse with a distinguished reputation in the Upper Province in his prime. As for other things, he did not mention anything. However, from some of his ridiculous mutterings, it seems he has something to do with the Heaven Divination Sect. It's one of the three great sects in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. I suspect he must have come from the Heaven Divination Sect!" Duan Ru Feng revealed everything he knew to Duan Ling Tian.

The Heaven Divination Sect? One of the three great sects in the Upper Province?

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed when he heard this.

Since the Heaven Divination Sect was one of the three great sects in the Upper Province, it must be on par with the Fire Worship Sect!

That powerful soul that tried to possess his body but was destroyed due to the rules of the mundane realms seemed to be a Devil Cultivator from the Heaven Divination Sect, one of the three great sects in the Upper Province!

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While Duan Ling Tian and Duan Ru Feng were talking, Gu Li had finally dealt with all the matters he had in the faraway Mystical Sky Mansion's estate.

After bidding his father, Gu Ci Yun, farewell, he proceeded to leave the Mystical Sky Mansion's estate and made his way south.

"It's the same direction as where Ling Tian went when he left. This direction doesn't lead to the Upper Province!"

Not long after Gu Li left the Mystical Sky Mansion's estate, a figure materialized swiftly in his wake as the air stirred.

In the eyes of those with lower cultivation base, it would seem as though this figure had appeared out of thin air.

“It seems like he’s going to look for Ling Tian!” If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would be able to recognize the person tailing Gu Li. It was none other than Zhao Deng, one of the Vice Mansion Masters of Mystical Sky Mansion!