#### SOVEREIGN 1851

#### Chapter 1851: He Doesn't Even Dare To Fart

Time continued to pass by. Soon after, there were only a few days left before the day of the five-year pact arrived.

A few seemingly travel-weary figures made their journey to dragon clan's lair. It was three young men and an old man. They were none other than the group of people from the Azure Cloud Mansion led by Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng. Apart from Duan Ru Feng, Ku Mi, the Revered Guardian of Azure Cloud Mansion was also there, along with Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li.

When Gu Li saw the dragon clan's lair was just right in front of them, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked solemnly, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, you really feel confident? The battle between you and that Five-clawed Golden Dragon isn't a joke! You might lose your life over a small mistake!"

"Senior Brother Gu Li," Duan Ling Tian said with a helpless expression on his face, "You seemed to have asked me the same question more than ten times throughout our journey, right? Don't worry! No matter what, I already have a solution. Even if I can't win him, I'm confident I can retreat in time to save my life. With my father here, don't tell me you're still worried something will happen to me?"

Gu Li turned around and glanced at Duan Ru Feng. He only felt at ease after Duan Ru Feng nodded at him.

A few days ago, Duan Ling Tian had left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and came out of closeddoor cultivation! After he came out, he accompanied his mother, his fiancee, and son for a few days before following his father to the dragon clan's lair.

They only had one purpose coming to the dragon clan's lair. It was to fulfill the five-year pact!

The five-year pact was a gamble Duan Ru Feng made with Di Shan, the Clan Leader of the dragon clan, five years ago.

Now that five years had gone by, his son, Duan Ling Tian, would fight Di Jue, the dragon clan's Fiveclawed Golden Dragon. Whoever won would be given the chance to enter the dragon clan's Saint land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

Five years ago, Duan Ru Feng had taken one of the keys to the Dragon Cleansing Pool from Di Shan so he was not worried the dragon clan would go back on their words and open the Dragon Cleansing Pool before their arrival.

The Dragon Cleansing Pool could only be opened when the two keys were together!

Soon after, under Duan Ru Feng's guidance, the group of people arrived at the forest where the dragon clan's lair was located. They charged into it without decreasing their speed.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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At the same time, a few figures shot out of the dragon clan's lair. They were the dragon clan's members who were in charge of patrolling the area.

"I'm Duan Ru Feng from the Azure Cloud Mansion. I brought my son here to fulfill the five-year pact!" Before the few dragon clan's members could speak, Duan Ru Feng's voice sounded thunderously through the dragon clan's lair. It took the few dragon clan's members by surprise as a look of horror and panic appeared in their eyes.

Duan Ru Feng?

Was this not the name of the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion?

"Please follow us, Mansion Master Duan." The few members from the dragon clan took a deep breath and welcomed them respectfully when they heard these group of people led by Duan Ru Feng was from the Azure Cloud Mansion, and they had come to fulfill the five-year pact.

The Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion had some disputes with their dragon clan's highranking officials five years ago, and their dragon clan's high-ranking officials had compromised with him and gave his son a chance to compete for the chance to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

Faced with Duan Ru Feng, even the dragon clan's high-ranking officials had to obediently compromise with him, let alone people like them!

If they angered Duan Ru Feng, the dragon clan might not even stand up for them if he killed them. They did not doubt this at all.

"Dragon clan?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow and glanced at the few dragon clan's members as he quietly activated his Divine Eye.

The Divine Eye was a secret tactic that Elder Huo had taught him. Not only was it able to probe someone's cultivation base, but it could also find out the true nature of a beast that had taken human form. In other words, it had some of the same functions as Sun Wu Kong's Fiery Golden Eyes! However, all in all, they were still far from being comparable to Sun Wu Kong's Fiery Golden Eyes!

After activating his Divine Eye, very faint images began to appear on the members of the dragon clan.

"Three-clawed Divine Dragon!" Duan Ling Tian clearly saw their true forms. They were all Three-clawed Divine Dragons that had a slightly lower position in the dragon clan.

Under the guidance of the dragon clan's members, when Duan Ling Tian and the group of people entered the dragon clan's lair, a voice resonated from afar. "Good day, Mansion Master Duan, Elder Ku."

The voice was accompanied by an old man who was dressed in green.

"Elder Qing Yan!" The few members from the dragon clan who were leading the way bowed respectfully when the green-clad old man appeared. At the same time, they moved to stand behind him.

"Young Mansion Master, he's a Five-clawed Green Dragon who was at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage five years ago. His strength was similar to Di Jue at that time. However, now that five years have passed,

he's probably no longer a match for Di Jue." An ancient voice sounded in Duan Ling Tian's ear in a timely manner.

The person who transmitted his voice to him was none other than Elder Ku Mi!

When he was in the Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian met Ku Mi and learned who he was through Duan Ru Feng. Now that he thought about it, it was not his first time meeting Elder Ku in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Previously, when he was still in the Mystical Sky Mansion, he had seen Elder Ku when he first came out of the Saint Martial Secret Zone.

After that, he finally learned the reason Elder Ku went to to the Mystical Sky Mansion was to verify his identity. Unfortunately, due to the disguising tactic that could not be seen through with Divine Consciousness, Elder Ku was also deceived by him.

Although Elder Ku seemed to perpetually have a long face and was taciturn, he was always smiling in front of his Young Mansion Master. It had to be said that his smile looked uglier than if he had cried.

"Five-clawed Green Dragon? Qing Yan?" Duan Ling Tian nodded. He did not expect to instantly encounter a Five-clawed Green Dragon as soon as he entered the dragon clan's lair.

Due to his curiosity, he activated his Divine Eye to try and see Qing Yan's true form.

"Hurmph!" However, before his Divine Consciousness could even get near Qing Yan, he had already been discovered. As Qing Yan snorted coldly, a vast Divine Consciousness swept out and shattered Duan Ling Tian's extended Divine Consciousness.

Barf!

Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian's face immediately. He became dizzy after he suffered from having his extended Divine Consciousness shattered. He could not help but throw up a mouthful of blood as his face turned pale.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

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At this moment, Duan Ru Feng, Ku Mi, and Gu Li's expressions turned grave in unison.

Bang!

Without seeing any movements from Ku Mi, a loud noise sounded as he disappeared from his spot. The Five-clawed Green Dragon, Elder Qing Yan, who was originally standing was sent flying in the next instant like an arrow that was shot out.

Barf!

Barf

Qing Yan who was sent flying, threw up mouthfuls of blood in the sky. It made it seem as though dark red roses were blooming in the sky.

In just a blink of an eye, Ku Mi had already reappeared next to Duan Ru Feng. It seemed as though he had teleported from one place to another. He spoke in an icy voice that sent shivers up the spines of people who heard it, "It's an honor being probed by our Young Mansion Master! If you act so foolishly again, you'll definitely die!"

The few dragon clan's members who stood not far away were so shocked that they began to tremble.

Let alone them, even their dragon clan's Five-clawed Green Dragon Elder was easily sent flying!

At this moment, they fervently prayed that the other party would not vent their anger on them.

"Ah, so it's your Young Mansion Master... I didn't know your identity earlier so I had acted a little rudely. Please forgive me, Young Mansion Master!" When Qing Yan returned with his injured body, not only was he not angry, but he even looked at Duan Ling Tian and apologized. His words were filled with sincerity.

Upon seeing this, the corner of Duan Ling Tian's mouth could not help but twitch for a moment. In the end, he finally nodded when faced with Qing Yan's anticipatory gaze.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Qing Yan sighed in relief as though a heavy burden had been lifted off his shoulders, a sense of guilt rose in his heart.

The conflict earlier had been caused by him probing Qing Yan with his Divine Eye so he could be considered as the one at fault.

He was still at fault even if someone shattered his Divine Consciousness since he had probed him without permission.

Although he felt he was at fault, Ku Mi had already made his move. Not only did he injure Qing Yan, but he even made Qing Yan obediently apologize to him.

What kind of logic was this?!

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, haven't you gotten used to it by now after we've come so far? This is a world where the strong ones are revered. It's because Uncle Duan and Elder Ku are here today... If they aren't here, and it's just the both of us, even if you didn't die, you'd be skinned alive!" Gu Li transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian as though he could read his mind.

"Look at this dragon clan's elder properly. He's suppressing the killing intent in the depths of his eyes..." Gu Li continued to transmit his voice through Voice Transmission.

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian looked at Qing Yan again. True enough, upon closer inspection, he saw hints of humiliation and wrath in the depths of his eyes. Not only that, but there was a hint of killing intent as well.

"It's said that Five-clawed Divine Dragons are all proud beings. I've learned something new today. This Five-clawed Divine Dragon's tolerance must be extremely high to endure such humiliation," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission. "Five-clawed Divine Dragon?!" When Gu Li heard his Voice Transmission, his tone was filled with confusion as he replied through Voice Transmission again, "J-Junior Brother Ling Tian, you said this dragon clan's elder is a Five-clawed Divine Dragon?"

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission, "Elder Ku told me earlier. His name seems to be Qing Yan, and he's a Five-clawed Green Dra..."

"Five-clawed Green Dragon!" Gu Li interrupted him before Duan Ling Tian could finish speaking. Shock could be heard in his voice. "I've heard of him before. He seems to be at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage! Due to the reason his true form is a Five-clawed Green Dragon, his strength is top-tier too among powerhouses at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage in the entire Lower Province! Even Zhu Lu Qi, the former Palace Master of Heaven Palace in the Mystical Sky Mansion, is far from being comparable to the dragon clan's Five-clawed Green Dragon, Elder Qing Yan, despite being known as the strongest person below the Exemplary Saint Stage in the Mystical Sky Mansion!" When Gu Li reached this part of the sentence, he sighed emotionally. "Today, I've finally witnessed how amazing the Azure Cloud Mansion is... This Five-clawed Green Dragon, Elder Qing Yan, doesn't even dare to fart in front of Uncle Duan and Elder Ku even though he had suffered such great humiliation and injustice! Not only that, but he even took the initiative to apologize to you!"

## Chapter 1852: Di Jue Comes Out Of Closed-door Cultivation!

Upon hearing Gu Li's words, Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, but he no longer said anything.

It was exactly like what Gu Li had said, if it was not for the fact that his father and Elder Ku were here, this dragon clan's Five-clawed Divine Dragon Elder would have long sliced him into pieces!

Naturally, he knew it was rude of him to randomly probe someone with his Divine Eye.

'Due to how extraordinary my Sun True Origin is, my current strength is at the Divine Saint Stage. However, the Sun True Origin doesn't influence the Spiritual Energy and the Divine Consciousness! My Divine Consciousness is still at the Eminent Saint Stage. I can only probe Eminent Saint Stage powerhouses and check their backgrounds using my Divine Eye without them noticing! As for those at the Divine Saint Stage and above, I won't be able to probe them without them discovering what I'm doing!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

No matter what, this little episode had also come to an end after the dragon clan's Five-clawed Divine Dragon Elder Qing Yan apologized.

Qing Yan took a deep breath as he forced a smile on his face and said to Duan Ling Tian and the others, "Mansion Master Duan, Young Mansion Master Duan, Elder Ku, and this little brother, this way please!" At the same time, he gestured for them to continue moving forward.

Under Qing Yan's guidance, Duan Ling Tian and the other three arrived at a little valley in the dragon clan's lair.

The little valley had an idyllic scene, it was like a beautiful landscape painting. Not only that, but there were ten little wooden houses erected there as well. Although they were not big, they were exquisitely built.

"Mansion Master Duan, the five-year pact is set to happen in three days. During the coming three days, you can rest here," Qing Yan told Duan Ru Feng with a smile before he left.

"Alright." Duan Ru Feng nodded his head indifferently and ignored him.

As soon as Qing Yan turned around to leave, his originally smiling face was instantly replaced with a gloomy expression.

"The Azure Cloud Mansion is really arrogant! If it's not for the fact that Clan Leader did not enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool previously, would the Azure Cloud Mansion dare to act so boldly in our dragon clan's lair?" His heart was filled with anger as he left.

'However...' Suddenly, as though he had thought of something, he narrowed his eyes. 'Earlier, when the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion used his Divine Consciousness to probe me, his Divine Consciousness... doesn't seem to be at the Divine Saint Stage or above! It seems to be only at the Eminent Saint Stage... In other words, he's only an Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator?'

The moment Qing Yan thought of this, he sneered immediately. "He wants to compete with Di Jue for a chance to enter our dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool with that weak power? What nonsense!"

He was very clear about Di Jue's strength. Five years ago, he was already at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage and was on par with him. Now that five years had passed, with Di Jue's innate talent, he must have already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage. Even if he did not break through, Di Jue was still a lot stronger than him.

'The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion couldn't even handle my Divine Consciousness, but he still dares to come to the dragon clan to fight Di Jue? He's seeking death!' The moment he thought of this, his eyes shone coldly.

As though he was reminded by something, Qing Yan frowned. "Somehow the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion seems a little familiar."

A few moments later, his gaze lit up immediately. "I remember now. He's Duan Ling Tian who possessed the Devilseal Tablet, right? They look identical. Not only that, according to Di Jue, the name of Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng's son is Duan Ling Tian as well. They must be the same person!"

Qing Yan's eyes shone even brighter like the sun.

After dealing with the group of people from Azure Cloud Mansion, he immediately went to look for the person involved in the five-year pact that would take place three days later. That person was none other than Di Jue, the Five-clawed Golden Dragon!

Unfortunately, when he arrived at Di Jue's residence that also served as his cultivation place, he discovered Di Jue was still in closed-door cultivation.

"There are only three days left, but he still hasn't come out of closed-door cultivation! The time has already been set. Not only that, but the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion had also been informed about this. Will he show up in time? Wait a minute! According to Clan Leader, he had set the time after discussing it with Di Jue!" Qing Yan muttered to himself as a frown appeared on his face, "What the hell is Di Jue doing?!"

"Elder Qing Yan!" Qing Yan was about to leave as he muttered to himself under his breath when a voice sounded from behind him, causing him to stop walking.

The moment he turned around, a sturdy middle-aged man appeared before his eyes.

The middle-aged man had an awe-inspiring look. As he stood there, his body subtly emitted a kind of pressure.

When Qing Yan sensed the intense pressure faintly exuding out of the middle-aged man's body, his eyes lit up as he asked in delight and surprise, "Di Jue, y-you've made a breakthrough?!"

"Elder Qing Yan, it seems like you've not broken through yet?" Di Jue asked in response as he smiled indifferently.

"I can't be compared to you. You're a Five-clawed Golden Dragon who has the Imperial Family's blood coursing through your veins. It's only natural your innate talent is higher than mine! I'll need 30 to 50 years before I'll be able to make a breakthrough," Qing Yan replied with a sigh.

"Elder Qing Yan, did you come here to look for me?" He had just come out of closed-door cultivation, but he had instantly met Qing Yan by the entrance of his cultivation place. Therefore, he assumed Elder Qing Yan was here to look for him.

"Yes." Qing Yan nodded he smiled. "Di Jue, you don't have to be worried at all over the five-year pact... Five years ago, when I saw how Duan Ru Feng took the initiative to suggest the five-year pact, I thought his son must be very strong. However, in hindsight, he was just looking for a way out for himself!"

"What do you mean?" Upon hearing Qing Yan's words, Di Jue was baffled. He knew Elder Qing Yan must have discovered something for him to say such words.

"Di Jue, Duan Ru Feng brought his son here today..." Qing Yan said.

Before he could finish his words, he saw Di Jue's expression turned grave as a terrifying killing intent glinted in his eyes.

"Duan! Ling! Tian!" Di Jue hissed out these three words as he gritted his teeth. He would never forget how he was fooled in the bottom of the sea by that ant who had not even entered the Saint Stage!

He had sworn to kill him if there was a chance. The chance had finally come now.

The five-year pact was the place for him and that person to fight, and he would kill him in the arena.

After a long while, Di Jue took a deep breath and suppressed his anger before he said to Qing Yan, "Elder Qing Yan, I lost my composure for a moment... Please continue."

Qing Yan nodded. "Duan Ru Feng brought his son here today. After I settled them in the place we've prepared, I instantly came to find you. Put aside the fact that you've broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage, even if you didn't break through, you'll definitely win. Although I've not fought Duan Ling

Tian before, I managed to confirm his cultivation base through his Divine Consciousness... His cultivation base is only at the Eminent Saint Stage!" Qing Yan said.

"What? Eminent Saint Stage?!" Upon hearing Qing Yan's words, Di Jue did not seem delighted as Qing Yan had expected. Instead, he had an astonished expression on his face. "He has already broken through to the Eminent Saint Stage in these five years? How does he cultivate?!"

It was only natural that Di Jue was shocked. When he first met Duan Ling Tian for the first time, he was merely at the Saint Rudiment Stage and had not even entered the Pristine Saint Stage yet.

However, he learned from Qing Yan today that Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the Eminent Saint Stage.

How could he not be shocked?

After a long while, Di Jue regained his senses. His eyes gleamed with terrifying killing intent as he slowly said in a sharp tone, "However, it doesn't matter how high his innate talent is, he's only at the Eminent Saint Stage. I'll definitely kill him in three days' time!"

"Di Jue, I know you really want to kill Duan Ling Tian, but don't you forget his father is Duan Ru Feng, the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion! Duan Ru Feng doesn't usually look for trouble with our dragon clan due to the support we have from the dragon clan in the Upper Province. However, if his son dies, I'm sure he'll go crazy over it. At that time, it's not impossible for him to use the might of the Azure Cloud Mansion against our dragon clan. Faced with an Azure Cloud Mansion that fears nothing, I'm afraid our dragon clan in the Lower Province would be annihilated!"

Although he was also eager to kill Duan Ru Feng and his son, he knew the five-year pact was not a good time to kill Duan Ling Tian.

"But... But I want to kill him!" Di Jue knew Qing Yan's words made sense, but he could not help but feel unwilling.

"Don't worry, it's just temporary. We can't kill Duan Ling Tian in front of Duan Ru Feng. However, don't tell me Duan Ling Tian is going to stay by Duan Ru Feng's side forever to be protected?" Qing Yan asked nonchalantly as his eyes gleamed.

Di Jue nodded his head upon hearing his words. He knew he had to wait for a good opportunity to kill Duan Ling Tian.

"Oh! Did you hear about the reemergence of the Devilseal Tablet?" Qing Yan suddenly asked Di Jue as though he just remembered something.

"The Devilseal Tablet? One of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking? The bane of Devil Cultivators?" Di Jue was astonished. "I've been in closed-door cultivation these five years so I've not heard anything about the Devilseal Tablet. Judging by your words, don't tell me the Devilseal Tablet has appeared?"

"Not only has it appeared, but it's even in the possession of someone you know." Qing Yan smiled wryly.

"Who?!" Di Jue was baffled. "Don't tell me some elder from our dragon clan has obtained it? Or did Clan Leader obtain it?"

"It's not anyone from our dragon clan. It's Duan Ling Tian! The Devilseal Tablet is with him!" When Qing Yan mentioned Duan Ling Tian, a murderous gleam appeared in his eyes again.

He would never forget the humiliation he had suffered today!

If it was possible, he wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian before Di Jue could.

"Duan Ling Tian?!" Di Jue's eyes narrowed and shone with greed. "The Devilseal Tablet is with him?"

### Chapter 1853: The Mountainshade Black Market's Members Are Here

The Devilseal Tablet was one of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking that even the Upper Province powerhouses would covet, let alone someone like Di Jue!

However, Di Jue also knew if he wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian, he could not do it during the five-year pact battle just as Elder Qing Yan had said.

It was not a joke if Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng was enraged!

At that time, let alone him or the entire dragon clan, even the Clan Leader might not be able to endure Duan Ru Feng's rage.

Dugu in the North, Ru Feng in the South, dominating the entire Lower Province.

In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, not taking the Watchers sent by the Upper Province's first-rate forces, the strongest people were none other than Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market and Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng of Azure Cloud Mansion.

It was due to these two people that the Mountainshade Black Market and Azure Cloud Mansion had an extraordinary status today.

If Duan Ru Feng led the Azure Cloud Mansion to kill the dragon clan at all cost, the dragon clan would definitely be annihilated!

"Duan Ling Tian..." Di Jue's eyes flashed brightly. "I'll find a chance to kill you and snatch the Devilseal Tablet from you. If I can get my hands on the Devilseal Tablet, even a Devil Cultivator who's a stage higher than me wouldn't be a match for me. This includes the Mountainshade Black Market's Leader Dugu and Azure Cloud Mansion's Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng!"

Both Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market and Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng of Azure Cloud Mansion were Devil Cultivators.

If Di Jue managed to obtain the Devilseal Tablet, he could even kill a Quintessential Saint Stage Devil Cultivator, let alone Dugu and Duan Ru Feng who were at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage.

Qing Yan stood by the side. Although he also coveted the Devilseal Tablet, he knew very well he did not have the capability to keep it in his possession. Due to this reason, he decided not to think about it and dismissed his thoughts.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was staying in one of the wooden houses in the little valley was still unaware that Di Jue had already come out of closed-door cultivation. Not only that, but he had also set his sights on the Devilseal Tablet. Naturally, he would not care even if he knew about it.

He knew his identity would be revealed the moment he decided to fulfill the five-year pact as Duan Ling Tian, son of Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng from the Azure Cloud Mansion. At some point, everyone would find out that Duan Ling Tian who possessed the Devilseal Tablet was actually the son of Duan Ru Feng of Azure Cloud Mansion.

"After the five-year pact is over, and I come out from the Dragon Cleansing Pool, I'll head to the Upper Province. I can no longer stay in the Lower Province!" This was also a way for Duan Ling Tian to solve the problem.

He would leave the Dragon Cleansing Pool and return to the Azure Cloud Mansion and immediately bid farewell to his mother and his fiancee before heading to the Upper Province to search for his other fiancée, Ke'er. This was because he knew that he would only bring calamity to the Azure Cloud Mansion if he continued to stay there!

This was not something he was willing to see. Due to this reason, he decided to leave as soon as he could.

Sitting cross-legged on the wooden bed in the wooden house, Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed coldly as he muttered to himself, "I'll be able to see Di Jue in three days' time. Di Jue, you annihilated my Ling Tian Sect and killed my Ling Tian Sect's Vice Sect Leaders, elders, and disciples. It's time for me to avenge them! This debt of blood will be repaid with blood!"

Then, he began to shut his eyes to attain mental composure. He did not enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He only stayed in the wooden house to wait for the day the five-year pact would arrive.

After the group of people from the Azure Cloud Mansion settled in, three more travel-weary figures appeared outside the dragon clan's lair.

The person in the lead was dressed in a black robe as his long hair fluttered even though there was no wind like poisonous snakes. It was as though they would attack at any given time.

Two old men followed behind him.

"Who are you? How dare you trespass into our dragon clan's lair?!" A few figures flew out from the dragon clan's lair and stopped the three travel-weary figures.

"I'm Dugu from the Mountainshade Black Market." The black-clad young man merely looked at the few dragon clan's members who blocked their path indifferently, but it was enough to send chills running up their spines. It was as though they were being targeted by snakes.

When they heard the black-clad young man's words, they regained their senses as horror dawned on them.

Dugu?

Was that not the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market?!

At once, the few dragon clan's members gasped before they welcomed Dugu and the other two respectfully. "Leader Dugu, two Seniors, this way please!" One of the dragon clan's members entered the dragon clan's lair first.

After Dugu and the other two entered the dragon clan's lair, a purple-clad old woman appeared in front of them. "Leader Dugu."

The moment she appeared, she looked at Dugu and bowed respectfully

Faced with the old woman, Dugu merely nodded as a greeting. He was not interested in talking to her.

"Tsk tsk... Elder Zhi Jing, it has been such a long time since I last saw you." A short and fat old man, one of the two old men standing behind Dugu, clicked his tongue and chuckled as he took the initiative to greet Zhi Jing.

"Fatty Zhong, I can't believe you're still alive." The old woman was the Five-clawed Divine Dragon, Elder Zhi Jing. She was a Five-clawed Purple Dragon. She had only noticed the short fatty after hearing his voice. She greeted him with a slight frown.

There was a hint of dread in the depths of Zhi Jing's eyes against the short fatty.

This short fatty was known as Zhong Qi Shan. He was one of the Deputy Leaders of the Mountainshade Black Market, and he was a lot more powerful than her.

Soon after, her gaze shifted to the other old man behind Dugu and greeted him, "Deputy Leader Feng is here as well."

This old man was none other than Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market!

"Elder Zhi Jing, I'm sure you can guess the reason why we're here. When will the five-year pact take place?" Zhong Qi Shan asked without beating around the bush.

"The five-year pact is set to happen in three days' time," Zhi Jing replied.

"Has Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng from Azure Cloud Mansion arrive yet?" Zhong Qi Shan asked again.

"He arrived this morning," Zhi Jing replied.

Feng Bu Yi could not help but ask, "How about his son?"

"He's here as well," Zhi Jing replied.

Upon hearing her words, Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan stood gazing at each other. They could see the shock in each other's eyes. Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng had actually shown up with his son?

"How did Duan Ru Feng find his son?"

"The people our Mountainshade Black Market sent out are stationed near the Crouching Dragon Lake where the Azure Cloud Mansion's estate is located. It's impossible for them not to inform us if Duan Ru Feng's son has appeared!" "What's actually going on?"

Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan transmitted their voices to each other. Their voices were filled with confusion and disbelief.

However, it did not cross their minds, even in their wildest dreams, that Duan Ru Feng and his son could reunite without alerting their Mountainshade Black Market's powerhouses was due to Duan Ling Tian's amazing disguise tactic.

When he used the Disguising Secret Tactic, nobody could sense a trace of disguise no matter how powerful their Divine Consciousness was.

Naturally, they did not know Duan Ling Tian had returned to the Azure Cloud Mansion because he was in disguise.

When Duan Ling Tian left the Azure Cloud Mansion's estate a few days ago, he was not in disguise. The Mountainshade Black Market's powerhouses lurking in the dark had also noticed him immediately, however, they did not dare to make a move since Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng of Azure Cloud Mansion was next to him.

They only dared to reveal themselves and return to the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarters to report this after Duan Ru Feng and the others had gone far away.

However, when they returned, Leader Dugu had already brought two men with him, leaving the headquarters of Mountainshade Black Market. Similar to Duan Ru Feng and the others, they were headed to the dragon clan's lair.

Unlike Duan Ru Feng and the others who came to the dragon clan to fulfill their five-year pact, they only came to watch the show and join in the fun.

Due to this reason, Dugu and the other two missed the people who returned to report this matter. That was why they did not know Duan Ru Feng's son had appeared.

It was also why they were so shocked.

"Interesting." Unlike Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan who lost their composure, Dugu, the Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, merely smiled indifferently, seemingly lost in his own thoughts when he heard Zhi Jing's words.

As expected from the Leader of Mountainshade Black Market. When it came to remaining calm at all times, even Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan who were much older than him were no match for him!

The reason Zhi Jing showed herself was, naturally, to welcome the group of people from the Mountainshade Black Market.

It was a mystery whether the dragon clan did it on purpose or not, but Zhi Jing actually brought the three men and Leader Dugu to the little valley where Qing Yan had arranged for the group of people from the Azure Cloud Mansion to stay in.

There were about ten wooden houses in the little valley. Four of them had been occupied by the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion. Moreover, their locations were strategic as well.

The remaining ones were slightly further away.

"Leader Dugu, Vice Deputy Leaders, I'll see all of you again in three days." After bidding farewell to Dugu and the other two, Zhi Jing hurriedly left.

As she turned around, a sneer appeared on her face. "When two dogs fight with each other, they'll only end up with a mouthful of fur!"

Based on her words, it was clear she knew the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion was staying here. Moreover, it seemed as though she wished for the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion and the Mountainshade Black Market to fight.

"Are there other people here?" After Zhi Jing left, Dugu and the other two instantly discovered the four most strategically placed wooden houses were already occupied.

Zhong Qi Shan's expression turned grave as he walked to the most strategically placed wooden house.

The wooden house was located close to a waterfall in the little valley where there were a lot of vegetations. The air was fresh as well. It was a pleasant place to stay in.

Zhong Qi Shan stood in front of the wooden house and shouted as his eyes gleamed murderously, "Get your ass out here!"

The powerful energy contained in his voice caused the door of the wooden house to tremble for a moment before it traveled inside the house.

"How noisy!" As soon as Zhong Qi Shan's words left his mouth, a glum voice resonated from inside the house.

What followed next was the sound of the wooden house's door quickly being opened before it was closed again.

Naturally, the sound of the latter was very faint.

"Go away!" The instant the glum voice sounded, another solemn voice sounded as well, shocking Zhong Qi Shan as horror dawned on him.

#### Chapter 1854: Dugu Is Not Afraid Of The Devilseal Tablet?

Zhong Qi Shan could tell the voice behind him belonged to Dugu, the Leader of their Mountainshade Black Market.

Based on Dugu's tone, it was a warning.

However, when he was still in shock and before he could even react, he sensed a suffocating pressure bearing down on him. At this moment, he felt like he could not breathe at all.

Bang!

In the next moment, a loud noise reverberated in the air. Zhong Qi Shan felt as though he had been hit by a huge hammer so violently that he was sent flying.

## Whoosh!

Zhong Qi Shan was sent flying like an arrow that had been shot out, and he was about to crash against the mountain on the side of the valley when a figure appeared like a ghost behind him in a timely manner. A palm gently pushed out like God's hand as it stopped Zhong Qi Shan's fat and short body from crashing against the mountain. Although he would not die even if he crashed against the mountain, he would still be heavily injured.

"Mansion Master Duan, my subordinate has been rude. Please forgive us." Dugu's voice resonated by Zhong Qi Shan's ears as he stabilized himself. He still had not regained his senses. Apart from that, the tone their Leader used was very polite as well.

There was only one person in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land who could make his Leader speak in such a tone. It was none other than Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng from the Azure Cloud Mansion!

When Zhong Qi Shan raised his head, his face turned green and paled when he saw the young man standing in front of the wooden house. Just as expected, it was indeed Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng from the Azure Cloud Mansion!

Before he saw Duan Ru Feng, he had fervently wished it was not Duan Ru Feng even though he already knew the answer in the depth of his heart. When he saw with his own eyes it was really Duan Ru Feng, a sense of despair washed over him.

With Duan Ru Feng's innate talent and strength that was not inferior to their Leader, it was impossible for him to seek revenge!

"Leader Dugu." Duan Ru Feng walked out of the wooden house and nodded his head indifferently in response to Dugu's greeting.

Creak!

Creak!

Creak!

At this moment, the doors of the three other wooden houses opened one after another. Three figures walked out and stood next to Duan Ru Feng. Naturally, it was Duan Ling Tian, Ku Mi, and Gu Li.

When the three of them made their appearance, Zhong Qi Shan and Feng Bu Yi shifted their attention to Ku Mi. A hint of dread instantly appeared in their eyes. "Ku Mi!"

Even if they joined forces, they were not entirely certain they could defeat Ku Mi!

Unlike Zhong Qi Shan and Feng Bu Yi, after Duan Ling Tian and the other two appeared, Dugu did not look at Ku Mi. Instead, his attention was on Duan Ling Tian.

He had seen this face more than once even though it was only on a portrait.

Although it was just a portrait, it was quite vividly drawn and life-like. With just one glance, he could immediately tell this person was the person in the portrait.

'He's Duan Ru Feng's son, Duan Ling Tian?' Dugu recognized the young man who resembled his old rival, Duan Ru Feng, a little.

Zhong Qi Shan and Feng Bu Yi soon noticed Dugu's attention was on Duan Ling Tian when they regained their senses. Their attention immediately shifted to Duan Ling Tian as well.

They were shocked when they first saw him as their breathing quickened. They exchanged a look and could see the surprise and confusion in each other's eyes.

"Isn't this person Duan Ling Tian who possesses the Devilseal Tablet?"

"I can't believe we actually encountered Duan Ling Tian here. The Devilseal Tablet is with him!"

There was nothing but greed in Zhong Qi Shan and Feng Bu Yi's eyes as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Wait a minute!" Feng Bu Yi was the first to regain his senses. "According to the news leaked by the dragon clan, Duan Ru Feng's son's name also seems to be Duan Ling Tian... Don't tell me they're the same person?!"

"The person who has the Devilseal Tablet is Duan Ru Feng's son?" Zhong Qi Shan was stunned. At the same time, a hint of dread appeared in his eyes again when he thought of Duan Ru Feng.

Duan Ru Feng was someone who was on par with their Leader. If Duan Ru Feng wanted to kill them, it would be as easy as killing a chicken.

Although they coveted the Devilseal Tablet, they forcefully suppressed their greed and chose life over death. If they died, was there any meaning in obtaining the Devilseal Tablet?

Their lives were the most important. Everything else was ever-changing.

After a long while, Dugu finally shifted his gaze away from Duan Ling Tian to Duan Ru Feng and asked, "Mansion Master Duan, aren't you going to make introductions?"

If it was not for the fact that Duan Ling Tian had known earlier that this black-robed young man was Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market, he might even misunderstand and think he was a friend of his father.

This was because there was no hostility emitting from that person at all. He did not seem like his father's enemy at all.

'The Leader of Mountainshade Black Market is truly not a simple person!' Duan Ling Tian instantly put up a guard against Dugu!

Someone adept in concealing their intention was the scariest! Someone who was obviously malicious was not terrifying at all in comparison!

"You know Ku Mi so there's no need for me to introduce him." When Duan Ru Feng heard Dugu's words, he nodded before he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Dugu expected Duan Ru Feng would introduce Duan Ling Tian to him, but Duan Ru Feng shifted his gaze to Gu Li immediately. "This is Gu Li! I'm sure you must have heard of this name before. He's a Mystical Sky Mansion's disciple and the strongest person on the Mystical Sky Mansion's Mystical Sky Ranking!"

"Gu Li?" Dugu looked at Gu Li and nodded his head. "I've heard of you before, you must be the son of Guardian Gu Ci Yun of Mystical Sky Mansion."

Earlier, when Gu Li saw Dugu who was equally as famous as Duan Ru Feng, his heart began to beat rapidly.

Now that he heard Dugu's words, he was so excited that his face even flushed red. He was too excited until he was rendered momentarily speechless.

"Good day, Leader Dugu." Gu Li nodded at Dugu after he took a deep breath.

After Dugu nodded his head, he proceeded to ignore him and shifted his gaze back to Duan Ling Tian, "If I'm not mistaken, this person must be your son, Duan Ling Tian, right? Mansion Master Duan, you're really lucky to possess the Devilseal Tablet. It's indeed a good item!" When he spoke, he did not beat around the bush and brought up the Devilseal Tablet.

The atmosphere in the air immediately turned tense.

Everyone present on the scene, including the two Deputy Leaders from the Mountainshade Black Market, did not expect Dugu to casually bring up the Devilseal Tablet immediately. It was undoubtedly a sensitive time to mention the Devilseal Tablet at this moment.

Whoosh!

As soon as Dugu's words left his mouth, the Devilseal Tablet appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

Duan Ling Tian who was holding onto the Devilseal Tablet stared at Dugu intently.

At this moment, he could feel the usual movements from the Devilseal Tablet that was eager to rush out and kill Dugu.

Dugu, the Mountainshade Black Market's Leader, was a Devil Cultivator. Moreover, he was a Devil Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, just like his father!

However, with the Sun True Origin in his body that was equivalent to a powerhouse at the Divine Saint Stage, theoretically, he would be able to kill Devil Cultivators below the Quintessential Saint Stage once he activated the Devilseal Tablet, this included Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market as well!

Between the two Deputy Leaders of the Mountainshade Black Market, Zhong Qi Shan was not a Devil Cultivator. He did not fear the Devilseal Tablet. Instead, he felt a little curious. "This is the Devilseal Tablet?"

Feng Bu Yi was standing next to him. As a Devil Cultivator, he seemed to have sensed the deathly aura the moment Duan Ling Tian took out the Devilseal Tablet.

His expression turned grim immediately as though he was faced with a formidable enemy!

"As expected of the Devilseal Tablet. To think it would make me feel threatened..." Unlike Feng Bu Yi who on guard against possible danger, Dugu did not even flinch when faced with Duan Ling Tian who was holding the Devilseal Tablet. He said indifferently, "This means the person holding onto the Devilseal Tablet is at the Divine Saint Stage or above since I feel this way. As expected of Duan Ru Feng's son, your innate talent is indeed remarkable!"

"You're not afraid of death?" Duan Ling Tian frowned when he saw Dugu was so calm.

This Dugu, the Mountainshade Black Market's Leader, was only a Devil Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage so he was confident he could kill him since theoretically he could kill all Devil Cultivators below the Quintessential Saint Stage.

"Everyone is afraid of death, including me. However, do you really think you'll be able to kill me if you use the Devilseal Tablet with your current strength?" When Dugu reached the end of his sentence, he had a carefree expression on his face. It was as though he was not afraid the Devilseal Tablet in Duan Ling Tian's hand would be able to kill him.

When Dugu saw Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grave and his eyes gleamed coldly, he said without waiting for Duan Ling Tian's response, "If you don't believe me, you can ask your father. Let alone me, you can't even kill your father with the Devilseal Tablet if you use it with your current strength! Your cultivation base has to be at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage at least if you want to kill us using the Devilseal Tablet."

Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian looked at his father Duan Ru Feng.

Duan Ru Feng nodded and explained to him, "Usually, a Devilseal Tablet can kill someone who is a stage higher than yourself in theory. Even a person at the Early Divine Saint Stage would be able to kill a Devil Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage when he activates the Devilseal Tablet! However, Leader Dugu and my strength are not at the ordinary peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. If we want to, we can break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage at any time!"

When Duan Ru Feng reached this part of his sentence, he glanced at Dugu before he continued to say, "Put aside the fact that we can break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage if we want to, even if we can't, we don't fear the Devilseal Tablet at all unless it's used by someone at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage and above. This is because we have mastered a high-grade Divine Ability!"

High-grade Divine Ability!

This was Duan Ru Feng and Dugu's strength.

With the help of the high-grade Divine Ability, even if the Devilseal Tablet was activated by somebody at the Early, Intermediate or Mastery Divine Saint Stage, they were not afraid at all even though they were cultivators at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage.

"I see." Upon hearing Duan Ru Feng's words, Duan Ling Tian finally understood. No wonder Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market was so calm in front of the Devilseal Tablet.

As it turned out, he was not afraid of the Devilseal Tablet at all. To be more precise, he was not afraid of Duan Ling Tian using the Devilseal Tablet on him.

## Chapter 1855: 10,000 Devil Invasion

"Why? Do you want to give it a try?" Dugu asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with narrowed eyes.

"Since you're so interested, I'll, naturally, be happy to indulge you, Leader Dugu!" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow upon hearing Dugu's words.

The instant Duan Ling Tian's words left his mouth, he raised the Devilseal Tablet in his hand and threw it toward Dugu.

Swish!

The Devilseal Tablet that was thrown out charged at Dugu like a cannonball.

The terrifying aura around the Devilseal Tablet put Deputy Leader Feng Bu Yi of Mountainshade Black Market on guard as though he was facing great danger. Even Dugu's expression gradually turned grave as well.

Although Dugu was confident he would not be killed by the Devilseal Tablet, no matter what, it was still the Devilseal Tablet after all. It was the bane of all Devil Cultivators so he did not dare to be reckless.

Bang!

The Devilseal Tablet soon arrived near Dugu. The Devil Qi around it seemed to have transformed into a mountain as it bore down on Dugu.

Dugu finally made his move when faced with the Devilseal Tablet that was charging at him with full power.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

He gently took a stride forward. At this instant, Devil Qi began to surge out of his body. In the next moment, many clone-like Devil shadows emerged from his body rapidly. The number was extremely terrifying. In just a blink of an eye, they had covered the entire sky above the little valley.

"10,000 Devil Invasion!" Dugu hissed softly as the 10,000 Devil shadows that burst out of his body began to make their moves. One after another, they charged at the Devilseal Tablet that was about to land on him.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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The sound of air detonation sounded continuously in the wake of the Devilseal Tablet. It was deafeningly loud.

The Devil Qi was everywhere. It was like dark clouds that hung over a city.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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The 10,000 Devil shadows continued to charge at the Devilseal Tablet one after another accompanied with dreadful cries and howls. They sounded like ghosts that had crept up from hell.

The Devilseal Tablet originally had the power to destroy the Devil. Faced with these Devil shadows, it killed them one after another!

If these were Devil Cultivators made of flesh and blood, perhaps they would have long fled when faced with the Devilseal Tablet's killing spree. However, the Devil shadows were fearless.

After ten were annihilated, another hundred would charge out.

After a hundred was annihilated, another 1,000 would charge out.

"Huh?" Just as the 1,000 Devil shadows had been annihilated, Duan Ling Tian discovered the remaining Devil shadows had begun to form a Formation.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian even thought the Devil shadows that were charging at the Devilseal Tablet one after another were not as disorganized as they seemed. It seemed as though they were an entity.

Boom!

The Devilseal Tablet continued to fall downward.

At this moment, a scene that unfolded before Duan Ling Tian's eyes took him by surprise.

Currently, faced with the 10,000 Devil Shadows that were charging at the Devilseal Tablet, it could not even kill one Devil shadow at all. Moreover, it seemed to be restrained by the Devil shadows.

These Devil shadows seemed to have joined forces to form a gigantic net, restraining the Devilseal Tablet.

"This is the high-grade Divine Ability that Dugu mastered? The 10,000 Devil Invasion?" Duan Ling Tian gasped. Duan Ling Tian did not expect Dugu to be so powerful. With just one Divine Ability, he managed to stop his Devilseal Tablet.

No wonder Dugu dared to boast that only a powerhouse at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage and above could kill him using the Devilseal Tablet! Dugu was indeed qualified to say such words.

Duan Ling Tian became bored when he saw the Devilseal Tablet could not do anything to Dugu at all.

Initially, he thought he could use the Devilseal Tablet to kill Dugu and help his father to get rid of trouble. However, it did not cross his mind that Dugu did not fear the Devilseal Tablet when it was used by him.

With just a thought, Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and withdrew the Devilseal Tablet.

"Dugu in the North, your reputation is indeed well deserved!" Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Dugu.

"As expected from Duan Ru Feng's son, you're so young, but you're already at the Divine Saint Stage. Perhaps you may even surpass your father in the future." Dugu looked at Duan Ling Tian as well. Dugu's eyes contained a hint of sincere admiration when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Although he previously wanted to capture Duan Ling Tian, he did not intend to use him to threaten Duan Ru Feng. He merely wanted to break Duan Ru Feng's spirit a little.

He would never stoop so low as to use a dirty trick in his rivalry with Duan Ru Feng!

For this reason, from the beginning until the end, he had never had any enmity with Duan Ling Tian at all. Instead, he admired Duan Ling Tian's innate talent!

"Thank you for the compliment, Leader Dugu." Duan Ling Tian nodded his head nonchalantly.

As though Dugu was reminded of something, he stared at Duan Ling Tian intently before asking, "If I'm not mistaken, that genius Ling Tian who appeared in the Mystical Sky Mansion must be you, right?"

"What makes you say so?" Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, shocked when he heard Dugu's words. Not many people knew about this.

Even the two Deputy Leaders of Mountainshade Black Market, Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan, were looking at each other. "This Young Mansion Master Duan Ling Tian from the Azure Cloud Mansion is the genius disciple, Ling Tian, in Mystical Sky Mansion?"

How was it possible? Both of them felt skeptical.

Zhong Qi Shan looked at Feng Bu Yi and asked through Voice Transmission, "Old Feng, you've been to the Mystical Sky Mansion before and have also seen that genius disciple, Ling Tian. Does that person look like this Young Mansion Master from the Azure Cloud Mansion? Or perhaps, he was in disguise?"

After all, Feng Bu Yi had once followed the order given to him and went to the Mystical Sky Mansion to persuade Ling Tian to join them. Nobody else in the Mountainshade Black Market knew Ling Tian better than him.

"I'm certain Ling Tian from the Mystical Sky Mansion did not disguise himself. As for whether Duan Ling Tian is in disguise now, I'm sure you can tell by yourself. Although their physiques and names are similar, they have a completely different appearance. It's really hard for me to believe they're the same person since both of them have no signs of disguise on their faces at all." Feng Bu Yi replied through Voice Transmission. His voice was filled with confusion and questions.

"Ling Tian from the Mystical Sky Mansion was not in disguise? This is weird. How can two people who are not in disguise be the same person? What's going through Lord Leader's mind, I wonder," Zhong Qi Shan replied through Voice Transmission. He was baffled as well. "What makes me say so?" Dugu said unhurriedly with narrowed eyes when faced with Duan Ling Tian's calm expression, "Simple... Your name and him!" When he spoke, he looked at Gu Li who was standing next to Duan Ru Feng.

"If I'm not mistaken, Gu Li, the son of Guardian Gu Ci Yun from the Mystical Sky Mansion, has very few friends due to his personality. He doesn't even have ordinary friends, let alone a good friend!" Dugu continued to speak slowly.

His words made Gu Li's heart jolt. He was not surprised Dugu knew this about him. If Dugu did not even know this, then he was not qualified to be the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market.

"Gu Li finally made a good friend when Ling Tian appeared in the Mystical Sky Mansion. I just recalled Ling Tian and Gu Li had left the Mystical Sky Mansion about half a year ago or so and seemingly went to the Upper Province. However, Gu Li's presence here today, coupled with your name, made it easy for me to figure out that you're Ling Tian!" Dugu explained the reason behind his words.

In the end, he even said, "Naturally, there's something I still haven't figured out. I don't know what technique you used to cover all signs of disguise on your face!"

It must be said that Duan Ling Tian's view of Dugu had changed after listening to him speak. Not only was Leader Dugu of the Mountainshade Black Market terrifyingly strong, but he was also extremely intelligent.

It made him feel uneasy. In front of Dugu, he felt as though he was seen through by him. This feeling made him extremely uncomfortable.

When Gu Li heard Dugu's words, his eyes were as wide as saucers. He even had a look of admiration when he looked at Dugu! He did not expect Dugu would be able to figure this out!

As for Duan Ru Feng and Ku Mi, they were not surprised at all. After all, this was not their first encounter with Dugu.

"So? Am I right?" Dugu asked even though he already knew the answer when he saw Duan Ling Tian looking at him guardedly and remaining silent for a long time.

"As expected from the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market, it'd be hard for the Mountainshade Black Market to fall with you around!" Duan Ling Tian answered sincerely after taking a deep breath.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Dugu was delighted. He immediately looked at Duan Ru Feng and asked teasingly, "Mansion Master Duan, do you feel irritated listening to your son praising me?"

"It's well-known in the Lower Province that you're intelligent, Leader Dugu. Why should I feel irritated?" Duan Ru Feng replied indifferently.

After taking a good look at Duan Ru Feng and nodding at Duan Ling Tian, Dugu looked at Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan as he said, "Alright, then. Since it's just for a few nights, let's just make do with what's available.."

As soon as Dugu finished speaking, he walked into one of the wooden houses without waiting for Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan's response. His silhouette from the back looked elegant. 'Leader Dugu is quite unpredictable,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

If he was initially a little prejudiced toward Dugu for being the Leader of Mountainshade Black Market and for being his father's rival, at this moment, all the prejudice had disappeared.

Naturally, this did not mean he was going to stay neutral in the rivalry between his father and Dugu. If his father fought with Dugu, he would, naturally, stand on his father side due to their blood relations.

"He's actually Ling Tian! Since when did such an amazing disguising tactic appear in the Dao Martial Saint Land?" The most confused person on the scene was undoubtedly Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, who had once seen the genius disciple, Ling Tian, in the Mystical Sky Mansion. It was because of this he was stunned by such an amazing disguising tactic.

Although Zhong Qi Shan was also shocked and confused, it was nothing compared to what Feng Bu Yi felt.

Feng Bu Yi had seen Duan Ling Tian twice. During these two times, not only did he have a different appearance, but it was completely undetectable by his Divine Consciousness.

## **Chapter 1856: When Enemies Meet**

Zhong Qi Shan had only seen Duan Ling Tian for the first time today. Naturally, he was not as confused as Feng Bu Yi was.

When they saw their Leader had no intention of competing for a better accommodation in the little valley with the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion, Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan turned around obediently and entered the vacant wooden houses one after another.

The little valley instantly regained its tranquility.

"Lord Mansion Master, the dragon clan must have intentionally arranged for the people from the Mountainshade Black Market to stay with us! Shall we ask for an explanation from them? They really have gone too far by doing this!" Ku Mi said with a cold gleam in his eyes.

"There's no need for that." Duan Ru Feng shook his head. "The reason we came here is to fulfill the fiveyears pact, not to create conflict with the dragon clan. Now that the five-year pact is just around the corner, it's better for us not to raise more trouble. Moreover, there was no conflict between us and the people from the Mountainshade Black Market like they wished for."

Although Duan Ru Feng said this, a terrifyingly cold light flashed in the depths of his eyes.

"The dragon clan really did go overboard," Gu Li chimed in.

"The dragon clan!" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as his eyes glinted.

Initially, he only had enmity with Di Jue. His hatred toward Di Jue did not affect his opinion of the dragon clan. However, he no longer had any good opinion of the dragon clan now.

'Three days later, I must snatch the opportunity to enter the dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool from Di Jue during the battle of the five-year pact. At that time, I'd like to see what kind of expressions the members of the clan would be like,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He was determined to snatch the chance to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

To Duan Ling Tian and the others, three days passed by in just a blink of an eye.

When Duan Ling Tian walked out of the wooden house on the third day, he discovered his father, Elder Ku, and Gu Li were already waiting for him outside.

On the other side, the three people from the Mountainshade Black Market had also risen in the air with Leader Dugu in the lead. They all made their way to the venue to watch the show.

When Duan Ling Tian came out, Dugu immediately noticed him. Not only that, but Dugu stared at him intently before he brought the two Deputy Leaders from the Mountainshade Black Market away, disappearing in the sky above the little valley in just a blink of an eye.

The direction they were heading in was in the east. It was where the dragon clan had decided to hold the battle for the five-year pact

"Let's go!" Duan Ling Tian was unwilling to be left behind when he saw Dugu who had come to watch the show had left before them. He motioned to Duan Ru Feng and the other two before they left the little valley together and made their way east.

The venue the dragon clan had arranged for the battle of the five-year pact was a huge valley situated at the east of the dragon clan's lair.

This valley was extremely vast, but there were no signs of greeneries at all. It was a barren land, and it looked as though an earth-shattering war had taken place here. This was also the place where members of the dragon clan would have friendly matches.

Although it was a friendly match, due to the strength of the members of the dragon clan, they would destroy the valley and cause a huge commotion even if they only used a little of their power. This was also why there were no signs of greeneries in this valley. Since it was destroyed so often, it was almost impossible for anything to grow here.

"So many people?" When Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived after Dugu and the other two, they discovered many people in the sky above the valley. Naturally, most of these people were from the dragon clan. The remaining people were from other quasi third-rate forces who also came to watch the show after they heard the news.

Unlike Azure Cloud Mansion and Mountainshade Black Market, these people from the quasi third-rate forces who came to watch the show were not led by any high-ranking officials.

"Good day, Mansion Master Duan!" Due to this reason, each of them politely greeted and respectfully bowed at Duan Ru Feng. After that, they began to shift their attention behind Duan Ru Feng to look at Duan Ling Tian.

With just one glance, they could see the slight resemblance between this young man and Duan Ru Feng. For this reason, they could tell he was the Duan Ru Feng's son, Young Mansion Master Duan Ling Tian of Azure Cloud Mansion! "It's him!" At the same time, many people began to recall the portraits they had previously seen. One after another, they narrowed their eyes. The person on the portrait was identical to the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. Moreover, the person on the portrait was also called Duan Ling Tian.

He was the lucky person who obtained the Devilseal Tablet, one of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking despite not being that strong.

He had seemingly vanished into thin air when everyone in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was searching for him to snatch the Devilseal Tablet away. The moment he disappeared, he was gone for several years. Due to this reason, they had gradually forgotten about this matter as well.

If they had not seen him in person this time, perhaps, they would have completely forgotten the appearance of the young man in the portrait after another few years.

"Previously, I did find it quite coincidental when I heard the name of the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion since he has the same name as the person who possesses the Devilseal Tablet. It's not only the name, but even their appearances are the same. It so obvious they're the same person!"

"God is really unfair! It's acceptable that he possesses the Devilseal Tablet, but to think he's also the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. How's this fair?"

"I can't believe the young man who obtained the Devilseal Tablet and disappeared is the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion!"

Many people whispered among themselves. They were shocked by the fact that the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was also the one who possessed the Devilseal Tablet.

Duan Ling Tian was already mentally prepared for his identity to be exposed so he was not surprised.

"Rumor has it that the five-year pact was proposed by Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion to Clan Leader Di Shan of the dragon clan. They'll be represented by Young Mansion Master Duan Ling Tian of Azure Cloud Mansion and Di Jue, the successor of the Clan Leader of the dragon clan!"

"I remember when the Devilseal Tablet appeared, it was said that it was obtained by a young man who didn't even break through to the Pristine Saint Stage yet. Speaking of that, that young man must be the Young Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian!"

"In other words, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was only a Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator a few years ago?"

"The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was a Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator who didn't even break through to the Saint Stage a few years ago? Di Jue was already at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage at that time! He was also merely a step away from breaking through to the Exemplary Saint Stage!"

"Two people with such a huge gap in strength is going to fight today? Are you sure this isn't a joke?"

"How could the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion propose the five-year pact? Isn't he just looking for trouble for his son?"

The discussion in the surroundings continued. Nobody had any good opinion about Duan Ling Tian.

However, Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged faced with everyone's doubt.

He had always been like that. He would let people talk as much as they liked. Nobody knew what the outcome would be until the end!

Currently, it would be useless even if he was eloquent and said that he could defeat Di Jue. Only the result would shut their mouths!

When the members of the Mountainshade Black Market and the Azure Cloud Mansion revealed themselves with their leaders in the lead, it, naturally, attracted a lot of attention from the crowd.

"I can understand the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion's presence here since he's involved in the five-year pact. However, why is Leader Dugu of the Mountainshade Black Market here as well? Don't tell me there's something special about the five-year pact?"

"If our Pavilion Master knew Leader Dugu would be here, he would've come as well!"

"How could we have known before we came that Leader Dugu would be here to watch the show as well?"

The moment Leader Dugu of the Mountainshade Black Market appeared, it caused a commotion since nobody expected him to be here.

"It must be because the pact was made by the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion and the dragon clan. As Mansion Master Duan's rival, it's only natural that he would come to join in the fun. If Mansion Master Duan's son is defeated, he could even mock Mansion Master Duan a little." Many people began to speculate.

"The dragon clan's members are here!" Somebody said. Although his voice was not loud, many people heard his words. His words began to spread like wildfire.

Everyone, including the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion and the Mountainshade Black Market, shifted their attention to the distant sky.

Five figures were making their way over here.

The person in the lead wore a long golden robe. It was an old man that looked as sturdy and large as a pagoda.

The moment he appeared, the members of the dragon clan present on the scene immediately bowed respectfully. "Clan Leader!"

Due to this reason, the old man's identity became obvious to everyone. He was none other than Di Shan, the current Clan Leader of the dragon clan.

Di Shan was in the lead while four people walked next to each other behind him. There were two old men, one old woman, and one middle-aged man. All five of them were Five-clawed Divine Dragons!

As the Clan Leader of the dragon clan, Di Shan was a Five-clawed Golden Dragon!

As for the two old men behind him, one wore a long red robe. He was the Five-clawed Blood Dragon, Xue Chan. He was also the dragon clan's Enforcement Elder.

The other old man was Qing Yan, the Five-clawed Green Dragon, who welcomed Duan Ling Tian and the others three days ago.

As for the old woman, it was none other than Zhi Jing the Five-clawed Purple Dragon who had welcomed the people from the Mountainshade Black Market three days ago.

The middle-aged man was none other than one of the leads for today, Di Jue!

Just like Di Shan, Di Jue was a Five-clawed Golden Dragon. They belonged to the dragon clan's Imperial Clan!

As Di Shan and the other four made their way over, not only the members of the dragon clan present on the scene bowed at Di Shan to show their respects, but they even bowed at the two old men and the old woman behind him as well.

As for Di Jue, one of the leads for today, very few people bowed at him since he did not have a strong sense of presence.

Naturally, this did not mean anything. One could only say he was still too young.

"Di Jue!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze landed on Di Jue from afar. His calm expression had been replaced with a grim expression as terrifying killing intent flashed in his eyes.

Di Jue had also noticed Duan Ling Tian's gaze.

Faced with the murderous gleam in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, Di Jue slowly pointed his thumb up before he pointed it to the ground, provoking him.

# Chapter 1857: Duan Ling Tian's Request

It was only natural that Duan Ling Tian's expression turned even grimmer when he saw Di Jue provoking him.

A rare unrestrained killing intent had also risen in his eyes.

"Leader Dugu, Mansion Master Duan!" At the same time, Clan Leader Di Shan of the dragon clan had also noticed Leader Dugu of the Mountainshade Black Market and Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng of the Azure Cloud Mansion in the distance. He smiled as he went up to them and took the initiative to greet them.

Although Duan Ru Feng was the one who proposed the five-year pact, he did not treat him too differently.

Just two days ago, he had learned from Elder Qing Yan, the Five-clawed Divine Dragon, that Duan Ru Feng's son, Duan Ling Tian, the lucky fellow who possessed the Devilseal Tablet, was only an Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator!

If a Martial Cultivator who had not entered the Divine Saint Stage were to fight Di Jue who did not break through to the Exemplary Saint Stage, he still would not stand a chance in winning, let alone fighting Di Jue who had already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage already.

For this reason, in his opinion, the five-year pact that Duan Ru Feng proposed five years ago was merely a way out for him. After all, Duan Ru Feng had gotten into a huge dispute with their dragon clan at that time.

As for why Duan Ru Feng needed a reason to retreat, it must be because he was wary of the dragon clan in the Upper Province that supported them. He must not have dared to cause a huge uproar in their dragon clan.

"Clan Leader Di Shan." Dugu nodded his head at Di Shan and greeted him in a slightly cold manner as though he did not think very highly of him. It was a fact that he did not think very highly of Di Shan!

Di Shan was merely a Five-clawed Golden Dragon who did not enter the dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool. He could not even compare to Dugu in terms of innate talent and strength!

As for the dragon clan behind Di Shan and the dragon clan in the Upper Province, he was not bothered with them at all.

This was because his Mountainshade Black Market was also a very powerful sect in the Upper Province. It was not inferior to the dragon clan in the Upper Province!

As for Duan Ru Feng, he did not speak at all. He merely glanced at Di Shan indifferently and nodded.

Di Shan was not angry at all as he remained smiling.

One could see just how powerful the Clan Leader of the dragon clan was and how magnanimous he was. At the very least, this was the case on the surface of things.

As for what truly lay in his heart, nobody had a clue at all.

Unlike Di Shan's calm demeanor, Xue Chan, Zhi Jing, and Qing Yan who were standing behind Di Shan were furious. It was as though they were going spout flames of wrath at any given time when they saw they way Duan Ru Feng treated their Clan Leader!

Naturally, they had to endure and suppress their anger. What could they even do anyway?

Could they attack Duan Ru Feng to teach him a lesson? Even if they had the courage to do that, would they be a match for him?

Three of them knew this very well. It could be seen from the way they had endured everything.

Di Shan shifted his attention to Duan Ling Tian who was next to Duan Ru Feng. He smiled at Duan Ling Tian before he asked Duan Ru Feng politely, "Mansion Master Duan, is this the Young Mansion Master?"

Duan Ru Feng merely nodded in response to Di Shan's question.

Di Shan seemed accustomed to his behavior and did not show any signs of displeasure. Instead, he turned to Duan Ling Tian and smiled. "Young Mansion Master, you're really a fine-looking man. Not only that, but I've heard you're the lucky young man who possesses the Devilseal Tablet, one of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking. In fact, that Devilseal Tablet is a Super Saint Weapon that even an Upper Province powerhouse would covet!" There was an underlying meaning in his words.

Although the dragon clan had searched for Duan Ling Tian upon Di Jue's request, most of them only knew he was called Duan Ling Tian. They did not know how he looked like. Due to this reason, although they had seen Duan Ling Tian's portrait who was said to possess the Devilseal Tablet, they did not make the connection that the Duan Ling Tian they were searching for was the same person.

They only discovered this when the Five-clawed Divine Dragon, Elder Qing Yan, saw Duan Ling Tian three days ago.

Naturally, if Di Jue was not in closed-door cultivation during the past five years, he would have found out about the Devilseal Tablet. If he had found out about the Devilseal Tablet, he would have seen Duan Ling Tian's portrait. At that time, he would be able to confirm this was the same Duan Ling Tian whom he hated and was searching for.

Among the people present on the scene today, nobody knew the Duan Ling Tian who possessed the Devilseal Tablet was the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion except for Leader Dugu and Duan Ling Tian.

Although Dugu knew about it, he did not spread the news. However, he did personally try to look for Duan Ling Tian to snatch the Devilseal Tablet away from him.

As a Devil Cultivator, he, naturally, would not be able to use it. However, he did not wish for a weapon that could kill him to fall into someone else's hands.

"Clan Leader Di Shan, you flatter me. I was just lucky," Duan Ling Tian replied without changing his expression when he heard Di Shan's 'praise'.

As eyes that were filled with greed and heat in the surroundings shifted to him, Duan Ling Tian said to Di Shan again, "Clan Leader Di Shan, if it's possible. I'd like to proceed to the battle of the five-year pact with Di Jue, the next Clan Leader of the dragon clan, as soon as possible!" Duan Ling Tian did not beat around the bush and went straight to the main topic!

"Since you've asked, Young Mansion Master, I, naturally, have no objections. I'm sure Mansion Master Duan and Di Jue won't object to it as well." From the beginning until the end, the smile remained on Di Shan's face.

In his opinion, the outcome of the five-year pact had already been decided. Di Jue would definitely win.

As for the reason the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion wanted to start the fight as soon as possible was so that he could go home quickly after he was defeated. All this was merely a formality.

"Then..." Just as Di Shan was about to announce the start of the battle between Duan Ling Tian and Di Jue, Duan Ling Tian interrupted him. "Clan Leader Di Shan, before we begin the battle of the five-year pact, I'd like to issue a Death Duel Invitation to Di Jue. The battle today will be a battle of life and death. It won't end until one of us dies!"

The moment his words left his mouth, he shifted his gaze to Di Jue. The killing intent in his eyes was extremely obvious.

Five years ago, he had annihilated Ling Tian Sect! There were less than twenty survivors from the Ling Tian Sect!

Due to Di Jue's strength, he could only suppress his hatred at that time.

Today, at this moment, during the battle of the five-year pact, he no longer had to suppress the hatred he had buried in the bottom of his heart. Instead, he let them rise and burst out. Once he let his hatred out, it was similar to a dam that was broken by a flood.

'Di Jue must die!' This was the only thought left in Duan Ling Tian's mind at this moment.

Only by killing Di Jue could he avenge the Vice Sect Leaders, Elders, and disciples of the Ling Tian Sect!

A battle of life and death?

Would not rest until one of them died?

Di Shan's smile dimmed a little when he was interrupted. However, his heart jolted when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

There was a hint of confusion in Di Shan's eyes as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He was stunned as well. 'Where did Duan Ling Tian get his confidence from? To think he wants to issue a Death Duel Invitation? Don't tell me he's not afraid of death or he's confident he can kill Di Jue?" The moment he thought of this, his heartbeat increased by a few beats. At the same time, he slightly regretted agreeing to the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion's proposal.

An ominous feeling rose up in his heart at this moment. He felt that it was a trap that Duan Ru Feng had laid out. A trap that had been five years coming!

It was only natural for Di Shan to be filled with these thoughts. After all, not everybody had the courage to issue a Death Duel invitation.

Whoever dared to issue a Death Duel invitation was usually confident in killing their opponents.

Due to this reason, Di Shan had momentarily forgotten that Duan Ling Tian was merely an Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

"A battle of life and death? Won't end until one of us dies?" Di Jue was not the only one who was surprised. Everyone, including Duan Ru Feng, Ku Mi, and Gu Li, was also shocked when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

They did not expect Duan Ling Tian to request for this!

"Interesting." Dugu who was also shocked by Duan Ling Tian's request immediately regained his senses. When he looked at Duan Ling Tian again, his eyes shone brightly with a hint of approval.

Regardless if Duan Ling Tian really possessed the strength to kill Di Jue, his courage alone was enough to impress Dugu.

"Tian'er!" Duan Ru Feng was the second person who regained his senses. His expression had turned solemn. He instantly transmitted his voice to his son to warn him. "Di Jue has already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage. I can deal with this matter if you want to take back your words."

There were two reasons for Duan Ru Feng's words.

First, he wanted to know if his son was really confident he could kill Di Jue. Second, he meant what he said about helping his son to get out of this mess.

He trusted Duan Ling Tian and the Old Prophet who was mysterious and elusive.

It was the Old Prophet who instructed him to make the five-year pact with the dragon clan after all.

According to the Old Prophet, if his son was able to enter the dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool, it would greatly impact his son's future.

Due to this reason, although he did not have much confidence in his son, he chose to trust in his son and the Old Prophet.

Upon hearing Duan Ru Feng's Voice Transmission, Duan Ling Tian felt a sense of warmth enveloping his heart. He replied through Voice Transmission confidently, "Father, don't worry. I'm confident about this!"

In truth, when Duan Ling Tian heard from Duan Ru Feng that Di Jue had already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage, his heart sank a little.

#### Chapter 1858: Seeking Death?

Di Jue had already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage? This was not good news for Duan Ling Tian.

Although he had thought of this possibility, he could not believe it actually happened and had taken him by surprise.

Di Jue was the dragon clan's Five-clawed Golden Dragon from the Imperial Family. His cultivation base was at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage.

If he used his Jasper Celestial Sword, he could instantly kill Di Jue with his current cultivation base! However, how could he casually use the Jasper Celestial Sword?

Put aside the amount of Sun True Origin that had to be infused into the Jasper Celestial Sword to kill Di Jue, just the matter of the Jasper Celestial Sword being exposed would endanger his family and friends!

The Jasper Celestial Sword was a Celestial Supreme Treasure!

Perhaps, nobody in the Dao Martial Saint Land understood this, but when someone at the Divine Saint Stage managed to kill a Five-clawed Golden Dragon at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage instantly with just a sword, it was no different from announcing to the world how extraordinary the sword was.

In fact, even the famous Nine Cloud Sword on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking was not as monstrous as this!

The Nine Cloud Sword was more than enough to cause powerhouses in the Upper and Lower Province to fight to death, let alone a sword that was even more powerful than the Nine Cloud Sword.

'If I activate the Jasper Celestial Sword, Di Shan and Leader Dugu would definitely notice how extraordinary the sword is. When news of this spread out, not only will I be a target, but even my parents and the others will be affected as well. At that time, they won't be able to stay in the Azure Cloud Mansion and can only run away with me!' The moment he thought of this, he shook his head.

The temptation of the Devilseal Tablet could not compare to the Jasper Celestial Sword at all.

Perhaps, some powerhouses from the Upper Province might not be interested in the Devilseal Tablet. However, even powerhouses standing at the top of the Upper Province would covet the Jasper Celestial Sword.

'I can't use the Jasper Celestial Sword!' Duan Ling Tian quickly made up his mind. 'With my current strength, I'll be on par with Di Jue even if I don't use the Jasper Celestial Sword. If I'm really unable to defeat him, I can't risk using the Jasper Celestial Sword unless I'm on the brink of death! Otherwise, I'll just have to accept defeat and gain a bad reputation when father rescues me!' Duan Ling Tian finally calmed down a little after he took a deep breath.

In Duan Ling Tian's eyes, between reputation and life, he would undoubtedly choose the latter.

Currently, his life did not only belong to him. Only if he stayed alive would he be able to go to the Upper Province to look for Ke'er and their child.

To him, some people were more important than his own life.

"As long as you're confident." Although Duan Ru Feng did not know where his son got his confidence from, he chose to believe in him.

After a while, as though he just remembered something, Duan Ru Feng said again through Voice Transmission, "Tian'er, if... I'm saying if... If you really..."

Duan Ling Tian interrupted his father's Voice Transmission and asked, "If I really can't defeat him, you'll rescue me, right?"

"That's right!" Duan Ru Feng nodded. "You're my only son. Even if I gain a bad reputation for not keeping my words, I'll definitely save you. Di Shan will definitely intervene if I make a move, but I'm capable of saving you even if he intervenes," Duan Ru Feng said confidently as though the Clan Leader of the dragon clan was nothing in his eyes and that was indeed the case.

In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, only he and Mountainshade Black Market's Leader Dugu's strength was on par with each other.

As for the other leaders from the quasi third-rate forces, including the Clan Leader of the dragon clan, they could not compare to him at all.

If they fought, he was confident he could kill Di Shan in ten moves! Although Di Shan was a Five-clawed Golden Dragon from the Imperial Family, he did not reach his full potential because he did not enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

There was nothing for him to be worried about!

Duan Ling Tian smiled before he asked through Voice Transmission, "Father, the reason you intentionally told me this... Could it be that you're afraid I wouldn't want you to rescue me?"

"Yes." Duan Ru Feng responded. He was indeed worried about this. He feared his son would be stubborn and adhere to traditional rules. He was afraid his son would decide to die once he issued a Death Duel Invitation and could not defeat Di Jue, putting more importance on his reputation rather than his life.

Duan Ling Tian chuckled as he replied through Voice Transmission, "Father, I still want to find Ke'er so I value my life more than you value mine!"

Upon hearing his words, Duan Ru Feng sighed in relief. It was fortunate his son was not a pedantic person. Instead, he knew how to analyze a situation before making a decision.

Meanwhile, everyone regained their senses as well.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you're too rash! How could you recklessly issue a Death Duel Invitation to Di Jue? This is too risky!" Gu Li immediately transmitted his voice to dissuade Duan Ling Tian. His tone was filled with anxiety.

"Young Mansion Master, you're too rash!" Even Ku Mi who was usually taciturn could not help but transmit his voice to Duan Ling Tian, "Young Mansion Master, Di Jue has already broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage. If you regret your decision, I'll deal with the mess on your behalf!"

Ku Mi's words were similar to Duan Ru Feng's words. It was only natural for Duan Ling Tian to feel a sense of warmth when he heard Gu Li and Ku Mi's words. He could tell both of them sincerely cared about him and worried about his safety.

"Don't worry," Duan Ling Tian replied using Voice Transmission.

"Death Duel? Won't rest until one of us dies?" At the same time, everyone, including Di Jue who was one of the leads today, shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian. It was apparent that he was not very strong to begin with. They did not think he would seek death on his own accord.

"Does the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion want to die?"

"It seems like it. Otherwise, why would he do that?"

"You can't be sure of this. Maybe the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion is really confident he could kill Di Jue?"

"Indeed! There are usually only two types of people who dare to issue the Death Duel Invitation. The first type is those who are confident in winning while the second type is the type that seeks death! The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion doesn't seem like someone who's seeking death!"

The people from the other quasi third-rate forces discussed among themselves. Their eyes did not leave Duan Ling Tian and Di Jue from the beginning until the end.

"The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion is daring enough to issue a Death Duel Invitation to Di Jue?" The dragon clan's members present on the scene exchanged glances with each other. All of them could see the astonishment in each other's eyes.

The news about Duan Ling Tian's current cultivation base had also spread through the dragon clan during these three days.

According to their dragon clan's Five-clawed Divine Dragon, Elder Qing Yan, Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness was merely the Divine Consciousness of an Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

As the successor of their Clan Leader, Di Jue was a Five-clawed Golden Dragon with high innate talent. Coupled with his cultivation base that had broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage, would it not be easy as killing an ant for him to kill an Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator?

In their opinion, there was no suspense at all in the battle today. Everything was merely a formality.

However, when they were feeling at ease and certain the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion would take the initiative to admit defeat, he announced that he wanted to issue a Death Duel Invitation to their dragon clan's Five-clawed Golden Dragon, Di Jue!

Was he not seeking death?

This was the thought on the minds of every member from the dragon clan.

The few Five-clawed Divine Dragon elders present on the scene such as Xue Chan, Zhi Jing, and Qing Yan were standing and looking at each other with a dumbfounded expression.

"Qing Yan, are you certain his Divine Consciousness is only at the Eminent Saint Stage?" Xue Chan asked in a deep voice.

"I'm certain!" Qing Yan answered confidently.

Three days ago, Duan Ling Tian had tried to probe him but his Divine Consciousness was shattered by him instead.

At that time, he discovered that Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness was merely at the Eminent Saint Stage. Moreover, it was not even at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage.

This meant that Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was only at the Mastery Eminent Saint Stage at most! Not only that, but his cultivation base might be even lower than the Mastery Eminent Saint Stage! "In that case, why would he take the initiative to issue the Death Duel Invitation? He's Duan Ru Feng's son! Not only that, but look at how he's acting. It doesn't seem like he's seeking death!" Zhi Jing frowned. She was baffled.

Di Jue who was standing near the three Five-clawed Divine Dragon elders had also regained his senses. He was shocked. He did not expect this ant would issue a Death Duel Invitation to him!

Was he not just seeking death?

Faced with Duan Ling Tian's Death Duel invitation, Di Jue sneered as he muttered under his breath, "Since you're seeking death, you can't blame me then!"

Whoosh!

Without warning, Di Jue took a step forward in the air and looked at Duan Ling Tian before he said, "I agree..."

When Di Jue was about to accept Duan Ling Tian's challenge, he was interrupted.

"Wait a minute!"

Di Jue was naturally angry at being interrupted. He frowned immediately.

However, he regained his senses when he realized the voice sounded familiar. He looked in the direction of the voice and saw a tall and sturdily built old man. It was none other than Clan Leader Di Shan!

Although Di Jue did not manage to finish speaking, as soon as he stepped forward, everyone knew he was going to accept the Death Duel Invitation issued by Duan Ling Tian.

However, he was interrupted by Di Shan at the critical moment!

Everyone immediately shifted their attention to Di Shan. They did not know why Di Shan would choose to interrupt Di Jue at this moment.

Was he worried that Di Jue would be killed by Duan Ling Tian? Or did he have something to tell Di Jue at the last minute?

"Clan Leader?" Di Jue could act arrogantly in front of the others, but he could never be arrogant in front of Clan Leader Di Shan.

However, his eyes were filled with confusion. He did not understand why Di Shan would interrupt him.

#### Chapter 1859: There's No Need For That!

Di Shan who interrupted and stopped Di Jue ignored his questioning looks.

Di Shan's eyes immediately shifted to Duan Ling Tian. "Young Mansion Master, are you certain you want to have a Death Duel with Di Jue? This isn't a joke. Once Di Jue officially accepts your Death Duel invitation, it won't stop until one of you dies! He won't show you any mercy even if you're the Young Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion. Have you thought about this thoroughly?" Di Shan asked. "What? Do you think I'm joking, Clan Leader Di Shan?" Duan Ling Tian asked nonchalantly with narrowed eyes when he heard Di Shan's words.

"I just wanted to give you a reminder," Di Shan replied.

"Thank you for your concern, Clan Leader Di Shan. However, I won't go back on my words. For the fiveyear pact, let's turn it into a Death Duel. If Di Jue and the dragon clan don't dare to accept the challenge, please admit defeat as soon as possible! I'm waiting to enter your dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool, to have a bath..." Duan Ling Tian sounded a little impatient when he reached the end of his sentence.

He wanted to enter the dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool, to have a bath?

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, every member from the dragon clan who was present was infuriated that they felt like throwing up blood. Duan Ling Tian's words clearly insulted their dragon clan's Saint Land!

All the members of the dragon clan present instantly glared at Duan Ling Tian.

"Accept it!"

"Accept it! Let it be a Death Duel!"

They were ablazed with indignation, and many of them spoke up one after another, asking Di Jue to accept Duan Ling Tian's Death Duel Invitation.

They could not endure this anger at all.

The people from the other quasi third-rate forces were dumbfounded as well. They did not expect the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion to be this arrogant. It was as though he did not take the dragon seriously at all.

The two Deputy Leaders of Mountainshade Black Market looked at each other while Leader Dugu's gaze was filled with a little admiration.

"Tian'er..." Duan Ru Feng appeared calm when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. However, the truth was he was not calm at all.

Gu Li and Ku Mi felt the same way as well.

Truthfully speaking, they did not think Duan Ling Tian's chances of winning was high. However, the situation had gone beyond their control.

"Clan Leader!" Di Jue looked at Di Shan. He could no longer tolerate Duan Ling Tian's arrogance.

However, currently, the right to decide was not in his hands. Since the Clan Leader had intervened, he did not dare to accept the invitation no matter how furious he was until he obtained his Clan Leader's permission.

"It seems like you're very confident, Young Mansion Master." Di Shan continued to ignore Di Jue. His gaze was still firmly trained on Duan Ling Tian.

As soon as Di Shan finished speaking, a powerful Divine Consciousness swept out at Duan Ling Tian like a torrential flood and shrouded him.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt as though he had been completely seen through!

"You probed my cultivation base?" When Duan Ling Tian discovered Di Shan had probed his cultivation base, not only was he not angry, but he seemed even happier instead.

There was no need to guess, he was certain Di Shan would no longer suspect he would be able to kill Di Jue after probing his cultivation base. After all, his cultivation base was only at the Eminent Saint Stage. It was not worth mentioning at all in front of Di Jue.

No matter how careful Di Shan was, it was impossible for him to think that an Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator would be a match for Di Jue.

"Di Shan, how dare you!" Duan Ru Feng was furious when Di Shan extended his Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base. A much stronger Divine Consciousness surged out of his body and slammed violently against Di Shan's Divine Consciousness.

Di Shan's Divine Consciousness felt very powerful to Duan Ling Tian. However, in front of Duan Ru Feng's Divine Consciousness, it was nothing at all. In just a moment, it was already shattered by Duan Ru Feng's Divine Consciousness.

Di Shan turned dizzy when he suffered the attack on his Divine Consciousness. Colors instantly drained from his face. Although his soul suffered a certain amount of injury, he was not bothered by it at all. In fact, he even had a smile on his slightly pale face.

'Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage! The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion is only at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage!" All the doubts and hesitation in his heart vanished immediately.

How could an Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator possibly be a match for Di Jue?

Di Shan immediately felt he had been too cautious. However, he did not regret his actions at all.

As the saying went, 'Caution is the parent of safety!'

As the Clan Leader of the dragon clan, he must consider every decision he made.

He had stopped Di Jue earlier because he was worried Duan Ling Tian was really capable of killing Di Jue!

Due to this reason, he risked the chance of having his Divine Consciousness being shattered by Duan Ru Feng to probe Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base. Only then could he make the best decision!

Di Shan finally made up his mind.

"Di Jue, his cultivation base is only at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage," Di Shan instantly transmitted his voice to Di Jue and nodded at him as a sign of approval.

Naturally, Di Jue had seen Di Shan's earlier action. He knew Di Shan was probing Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base with his Divine Consciousness in order to confirm the risk involved if he were to accept Duan Ling Tian's Death Duel Invitation.

"Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage?" Di Jue was slightly stunned when he heard Di Shan's words.

Although he had already heard from Elder Qing Yan that Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was at the Mastery Eminent Saint Stage at most and possibly lower, he was delighted when he got this confirmation from Di Shan!

A person at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage wanted to have a Death Duel with him? It was apparent Duan Ling Tian came here to seek death!

A surge of confidence rose in Di Jue's heart. He instantly looked at Duan Ling Tian and announced in a slightly happy voice, "Duan Ling Tian, I accept your challenge. The dragon clan has also accepted the challenge!"

Upon hearing Di Jue's answer, the member of the dragon clan broke out in an uproar immediately!

"Kill!"

"Kill him!"

Many young members of the dragon clan chanted loudly. They had been waiting for this moment for a long time. The suppressed emotions in their hearts had also vanished without a trace.

"Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage?" At the same time, the three dragon clan's Five-clawed Divine Dragon elders who were present on the scene also relaxed when they learned of Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base from Di Shan.

"Is Duan Ling Tian a fool? His cultivation base is only at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage, but he actually dared to issue a Death Duel Invitation to Di Jue!"

"I think he's just seeking death!"

Whether it was Qing Yan, Zhi Jing, or Xue Chan, all of them were certain Duan Ling Tian would definitely die today!

An Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse was going to fight an Early Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse!

There was no suspense in this battle at all.

"Di Jue, after you kill him, take his Spatial Ring! The Devilseal Tablet must be in his Spatial Ring. If you obtain the Devilseal Tablet and hand it over to the dragon clan in the Upper Province, it would be a great merit for both of us. In the future, when we leave for the Upper Province, we'll have special privileges in the dragon clan!" Di Shan transmitted his voice to Di Jue. There was a hint of excitement in his voice when he spoke.

Di Jue's heart sank upon hearing his words. Initially, he planned to keep the Devilseal Tablet after killing Duan Ling Tian. However, it seemed like it was not possible now.

'Forget it! The Devilseal Tablet isn't something that originally belongs to me anyway. Just like the Clan Leader said, once I obtain the Devilseal Tablet and hand it over to the dragon clan in the Upper Province, I'll definitely receive special treatment when I go to the Upper Province in the future.' The moment Di Jue thought of this, he was able to let go of his greed.

Whether it was him or Di Shan, although they were both Five-clawed Golden Dragons from the Imperial Clan of the dragon clan, it was only limited to the Lower Province.

In the dragon clan in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, a Five-clawed Golden Dragon was nothing. Their position was equal to an ordinary Six-clawed Divine Dragon.

In the dragon clan in the Upper Province, there were even Seven-clawed Divine Dragons, let alone a Sixclawed Divine Dragon!

With his birthright, he would be able to become the Clan Leader in the Lower Province's dragon clan, but he would be nothing in the Upper Province's dragon clan!

If he could present them with the Devilseal Tablet, things would be different.

In order to reward him, the powerhouses from the dragon clan in the Upper Province would definitely treat him well when he went there. In his opinion, this was something good!

"Don't worry, Clan Leader. I'll definitely get my hands on the Devilseal Tablet!" Di Jue transmitted his voice to Di Shan.

"I believe in you," Di Shan responded. He was confident in Di Jue's strength.

Moreover, Di Jue's cultivation was already at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage, and his opponent's cultivation base was only at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage. A whole Divine Saint Stage stood in the gap between their strength! Duan Ling Tian could not possible be a match for Di Jue!

When everyone from the other quasi third-rate forces heard Di Jue's answer and shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian said, "In that case, let's sign a Death Pact!"

His expression and his voice were calm. At this moment, it seemed as though Duan Ling Tian would remain unaffected even if a mountain collapsed in front of him.

"Alright..." Di Jue began to say before he suddenly changed his tone and said, "Wait! There's no need for that!" This was after he received a Voice Transmission from Di Shan.

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, looked at Di Jue.

"For the Death Duel between you and I, let's swear on the lightning penalty oath that we'll fight for our life by relying on our strength. Moreover, nobody is allowed to intervene in this matter. If anyone tries to intervene, the person who's rescued will have to die!" Di Jue said every word clearly as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a cold gaze.

Upon hearing his words, everyone could not help but gasp.

If they really swore on the lightning penalty oath, then this meant that even Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng would not be able to rescue his son at the critical moment?

Many people instantly turned to look at Duan Ru Feng just in time to see the slight change of expression on his face.

When Di Jue saw Duan Ru Feng's slight change of expression, he smiled brilliantly. He could tell even Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng did not have much confidence in his son. Otherwise, his expression would not have changed when he heard Di Jue's words!

Di Shan had also noticed Duan Ru Feng's slight change of expression. Not only that, but he had also seen the horror on Gu Li and Ku Mi's faces.

## Chapter 1860: The Ten Inscriptions Saint Weapon

When Di Shan saw the changes of expressions on Duan Ru Feng, Gu Li, and Ku Mi's faces, he began to feel at ease.

"I really wonder where did the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion get his courage from? Things have already escalated to this stage, and yet, he still looks unfazed!" Di Shan looked at Duan Ling Tian, baffled.

"Huh?" Di Shan stared intently at Duan Ling Tian's eyes. Suddenly, at this moment, he managed to glimpse a hint of dread flashing through Duan Ling Tian's eyes. Although it was just a moment, it was still seen by him.

'It seems like the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion is not as calm as he looks. However, if he dares to swear on the lightning penalty oath as suggested by Di Jue, he'll definitely die today!' Di Shan thought to himself.

Earlier, he was the one who had transmitted his voice to Di Jue and suggested they swear on the lightning penalty oath. He was worried Duan Ru Feng would intervene during the critical moment. He knew if Duan Ru Feng chose to intervene in the matter, he would not be able to stop him from saving Duan Ling. That was why he thought this would be a good idea to nip this possibility in the bud.

If Duan Ling Tian swore on the lightning penalty oath as suggested by Di Jue, he would still die even if Duan Ru Feng rescued him. The Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation would definitely kill him.

Di Shan was obviously not a simple person since he was the Clan Leader of the dragon clan. He was even able to slightly change the expression on Duan Ru Feng's face by suggesting this.

"Tian'er, if you're not confident, you can just admit defeat for this five-year pact!" Duan Ru Feng immediately told Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission.

In his heart, his son's safety was the most important.

Meanwhile, Di Jue had already sworn on the lightning penalty oath and the Tribulation Oath had also resonated accordingly as nine claps of thunder sounded.

"Duan Ling Tian, it's your turn!" After Di Jue swore on the lightning penalty oath, he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "You won't change your mind at this moment, right?" When he spoke, he looked at Duan Ling Tian mockingly.

Faced with Di Jue's provocation, Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed fiercely. In the end, he also swore on the lightning penalty oath.

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

Nine claps of thunder sounded again after Duan Ling Tian swore on the lightning penalty oath.

At this moment, whether it was Di Jue or Duan Ling Tian, none of them could go back on their words. Otherwise, even if they did not kill themselves if someone rescued them, the lightning penalty oath would kill them!

Swearing on the lightning penalty oath was also Duan Ling Tian's way of responding to Duan Ru Feng.

"Tian'er, be careful!" At this moment, Duan Ru Feng knew it was useless to say any more words. Since his son had already agreed to Di Jue's suggestion and swore on the lightning penalty oath, it was apparent he was quite confident. For this reason, he continued to choose to believe in his son.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, all the best! Kill Di Jue!" Although Gu Li did not think Duan Ling Tian's chance of winning was very high, he could only hope for the best and cheer for Duan Ling Tian.

Ku Mi remained silent. However, his gaze was enough to show the concern he had for his Young Mansion Master.

"Good, good... Very good! Duan Ling Tian, you didn't let me down." Di Jue's heart was at ease when he saw Duan Ling Tian had sworn on the lightning penalty oath. He chuckled before smiling brilliantly.

"You fooled me that time, and you're going to pay for it with your death today!" Di Jue looked at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent shining in his eyes.

At that time, for the sake of his dead son, Di Yong, he had gone to Half Moon Island to investigate, but he was deceived by Duan Ling Tian. Until now, when he recalled that incident, he still felt greatly humiliated!

Currently, it did not seem important for him to avenge Di Yong anymore. He only wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian and wash away the humiliation. Not only that, but he also wanted to snatch the Devilseal Tablet and hand it over to the Upper Province's dragon clan to perform a meritorious deed.

In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was as good as dead.

"You have to possess that capability if you want to kill me!" Duan Ling Tian sneered when he heard Di Jue's words as his expression turned solemn immediately. Hints of killing intent shone in his eyes as well.

"What? Do you doubt my ability?" Di Jue laughed out loud as though he had heard the funniest joke in the world.

After a long while, his laughter finally died down. "I truly wonder where you get your courage from. You're merely at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage, but you actually dare to issue a Death Duel Invitation to me, an Early Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse! Soon you'll see that killing you is akin to stepping on an ant for me!"

The moment Di Jue's words left his mouth, the entire place was in an uproar.

"Duan Ling Tian is at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage? He's joking, right?!"

"Impossible!"

Everybody shook their heads when they heard Di Jue's words. Not many people believed him.

Naturally, there was a small number of people who was daring enough to probe Duan Ling Tian using their Divine Consciousness.

"He's really at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage!"

"My goodness! The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion's cultivation base is really at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage. What's going through his mind?"

"Crazy! He must be crazy!"

When almost everyone probed Duan Ling Tian's true cultivation base, the entire scene burst into another commotion because they discovered Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was truly at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage!

"Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage?" Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market was curious and could not help but extend his Divine Consciousness toward Duan Ling Tian as well. Soon after, he also discovered Duan Ling Tian's true cultivation base.

"He's really at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage!" Dugu who was experienced and intelligent was also shocked after discovering Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base.

At the same time, the two Deputy Leaders of Mountainshade Black Market standing behind him, Feng Bu Yi and Zhong Qi Shan, had also probed Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base and were dumbfounded as well.

"How's this possible?! If this Duan Ling Tian is Ling Tian from Mystical Sky Mansion, he should possess strength that's not inferior to a powerhouse at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage and that was a year ago!"

With Mountainshade Black Market's network, they knew very well how Duan Ling Tian had killed the group of Mastery Eminent Saint Stage powerhouses. He even killed a powerhouse at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage from the Zhao Clan in Mystical Sky Mansion!

Due to this reason, they found it hard to believe that Duan Ling Tian was just an Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator!

"Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base can decline?" Zhong Qi Shan was astounded.

"It's indeed very peculiar." Feng Bu Yi also nodded his head. He had a baffled expression on his face.

"There are many outstanding powerhouses in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land who possess strength that's far stronger than their cultivation base. Such a situation is only rare in the Lower Province," Dugu who regained his senses said nonchalantly, "Just wait and see. Duan Ling Tian's strength must not be any weaker than Di Jue!"

Based on his words, it was apparent he had confidence in Duan Ling Tian.

His strength must not be any weaker than Di Jue? Just with his cultivation base at the Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage alone?

Whether it was Zhong Qi Shan or Feng Bu Yi, both of them did not believe Dugu's words even though they did not dare to voice it out. If they had done that, it would be equal to contradicting their Leader. They did not have the courage to do that.

"He's just a mere Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, but he actually dares to issue a Death Duel Invitation to our dragon clan's future Clan Leader? What a fool!"

"That's right! The future Clan Leader of our dragon clan is a powerhouse at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage. Just like he said, it would be as easy as killing an ant for him to kill an Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage Martial Cultivator!"

"He's destined to die for provoking and humiliating a member of our dragon clan!"

Most of the members from the dragon clan present on the scene were extremely excited as they looked at Di Jue and Duan Ling Tian stand opposite each other.

"Kill!"

"Kill him!"

"Kill him!"

Many dragon clan's members who were more hot-tempered chanted loudly for Di Jue to kill Duan Ling Tian.

"No different from killing an ant?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze turned colder, and he smirked when he heard Di Jue's remark that was filled with ridicule and disdain. "I'd like to see how you, the future Clan Leader of the dragon clan, are going to kill me like how one would kill an ant!"

"Your wish is my command!" Di Jue smirked coldly before he began to make his move under the watchful eyes of the others.

#### Swoosh!

Di Jue's figure moved as it seemed to transform into a bolt of lightning that soared in the sky as he made his way to Duan Ling Tian. He did not use his full strength, his speed now was on par with a powerhouse at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage.

In his opinion, there was no way Duan Ling Tian would be able to match this speed!

Duan Ling Tian only chuckled when he saw Di Jue charging at him.

Did he really look down on him so much?

At lightning speed, the 99 Saint Veins inside Duan Ling Tian's body began to churn in a frenzy as he muttered to himself, "Since you've presented me with this chance, I'd let you down if I don't cherish this chance." Meanwhile, his Sun True Origin surged out as well.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

In just an instant, a pair of huge golden wings appeared on his back! It was the Golden Crow's Wings! At the same time, an all black three-foot long-spear appeared in his hand as well.

Despite its ordinary appearance, if one paid closer attention, one would be able to see ten obvious signs of Saint Inscriptions.

It was a Ten Inscription Saint Weapon!

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, other than the Super Saint Weapon, the Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Weapon was the highest grade of a Saint Weapon.

If one wanted to further enhance this Saint Weapon that had reached its limit, there was only one method and that was to inscribe Saint Inscriptions.

The force of a single Saint Inscription was greatly helpful to those below the Divine Saint Stage, but it could only be used against a powerhouse below the Divine Saint Stage.

To those at the Divine Saint Stage and above, no matter how high the grade of the Saint Inscription was, it would only be a Saint Inscription that boosted the Saint Weapon.

Naturally, the higher the grade of the Saint Inscription, the greater the boost would be!

The Ten Inscription Saint Weapon was a Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Weapon that was inscribed with ten Saint Inscriptions. Usually, such a weapon would only be able to be inscribed by a Seven Star Saint Inscription Master or above!

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Ten Inscription Saint Weapon could be considered as a rare Saint Weapon. There were not many of them even in quasi third-rate forces.

This Ten Inscription Saint Weapon in Duan Ling Tian's hand was given to him by his father when they left the Azure Cloud Mansion during their journey to the dragon clan's lair.

Swoosh!

At the instant when the golden wings appeared behind Duan Ling Tian's back, golden flames appeared and surged up from the Ten Inscription Saint Weapon as well. It emitted a terrifying aura like the sun.