#### SOVEREIGN 1871

#### Chapter 1871: The Tragedy, Duan Ling Tian

The absence of the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon's force meant that Duan Ling Tian would not be forcefully sent out. Since that was the case, it was possible for Duan Ling Tian to completely absorb all the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy inside the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

At that time, who knew how much he would improve? However, it would certainly improve by more than two stages at least.

After all, the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in there had been accumulated for 5,000 years

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of all this. He did not know how long he had spent inside the Dragon Cleansing Pool. He opened his eyes and glanced at the water level in the Dragon Cleansing Pool. He discovered he had merely absorbed less than a tenth of the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy inside the Dragon Cleansing Pool!

'My cultivation base has progressed from the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage to the peak of the Divine Saint Stage after absorbing a tenth of the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Dragon Cleansing Pool! If I could absorb them all... Doesn't it mean I'll be able to break through from the Divine Stage to the Exemplary Saint Stage?' When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his breathing quickened immediately.

He did not expect the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy accumulated in the Dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool, would be so over the top. It made him feel surreal.

'However... With so much Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here, how long does it take to absorb them all before I can leave?' Duan Ling Tian thought about this soon after.

As soon as he thought about this, Duan Ling Tian saw a flash before his eyes. In the next instant, he felt as though he was suffocating.

Then, he felt his feet were back on dry land.

"Tian'Er!" Simultaneously, a familiar voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. He could tell it was the voice of his father, Duan Ru Feng.

Usually, Duan Ling Tian would be happy to hear Duan Ru Feng's voice.

However...

"I... Why am I here?!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he saw the valley before his eyes.

One should remember he had merely absorbed less than a tenth of the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy inside the Dragon Cleansing Pool!

"Why am I sent out when I've merely absorbed less than a tenth of the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy inside the Dragon Cleansing Pool... Could it be due to the thought I had earlier? My last thought seemed to be about exiting the place... Is that really the reason?" Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded. He was completely frozen.

## Rumble!

It was not until a loud noise sounded that Duan Ling Tian regained his senses. Then, he immediately rushed to the door that led to the Dragon Cleansing Pool that was closing before he even responded to his father's question.

## Sou!

Duan Ling Tian rushed through the door as quick as lightning before the door closed. However, even when he passed through the door, he was still in the valley. He was not transported back to the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

"I can no longer enter it?" Duan Ling Tian realized the futility of his action at this point.

When he looked up again, he instinctively looked at the door and saw that it was slowly disappearing after the door had closed. It slowly turned translucent before it completely disappeared before his eyes.

"Tian'Er, you're..." Duan Ru Feng was baffled. Since he had been outside the entire time, he did not know what was going on. He even felt glad when he saw his son had come out.

Who knew his son would not only ignore him, but his son even wanted to re-enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool... However, the Dragon Cleansing Pool only opened once every 5,000 years. Once someone entered it, no one else could enter for another 5,000 years!

After the person who went in came out, the door to the Dragon Cleansing Pool would be closed until it appeared again in another 5,000 years. At that time, they could open the door to the Dragon Cleansing Pool with the Sun key and Lunar Key again.

"Father, I..." Now that Duan Ling Tian had time to respond to Duan Ru Feng, he did not know what to say except to smile bitterly.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian!"

"Young Mansion Master."

Gu Li and Ku Mi who also sat cross-legged in the air had opened their eyes. As soon as they opened their eyes, they looked at Duan Ling Tian. An expression of surprise was on their faces.

They both sighed in relief when they saw Duan Ling Tian had come out safely.

Finally, under the watchful eyes of Duan Ru Feng and the others, Duan Ling Tian told them about his blunder. A blunder that cost him the chance to absorb more of the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy inside the Dragon Cleansing Pool and cultivate!

The chance was there for him to rapidly break through from the Divine Saint Stage to the Exemplary Saint Stage, but he did not cherish it properly. If Heaven gave him a chance to do things over, he would not think about leaving!

Damn it!

It was because he thought about leaving that he was sent out by the Dragon Cleansing Pool.

"Is... Is that possible?" Gu Li was dumbfounded.

He expected Duan Ling Tian to squeeze every last drop of benefit he could get before leaving. However, Duan Ling Tian had only absorbed less than a tenth of the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy inside Dragon Cleansing Pool. Moreover, he had personally sent himself out! Although it was unintentional, it was still a fact.

As for Duan Ru Feng and Ku Mi, they remained silent, feeling somewhat sorry for Duan Ling Tian. Indeed, Duan Ling Tian was quite pitiful.

"Nevermind... If it's meant to be, it will be! I'll just have to live with this. I'm fine." Duan Ling Tian quickly came to terms with this matter when he saw how concerned the other three were.

Even if it's the peak of the Divine Saint Stage, one should not be in a rush to break through. Sooner or later, one would still be able to break through. Moreover, his biggest gain was not the improvement to his cultivation base from the liquid Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, it was the fact that he was now a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior and the changes in the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique. Both were much more valuable than the improvement of his cultivation base.

"Moreover, I merely spent less than three months to break through to the Mastery Divine Saint Stage from the Intermediate Saint Stage. That itself is worthy of others' envy!"

Once Duan Ling Tian came to terms with this, he was able to let the matter go.

Having seen Duan Ling Tian was unaffected by the matter, Duan Ru Feng and the other two were no longer worried when they saw Duan Ling Tian was no longer affected by this matter. They were really worried Duan Ling Tian would not be able to let the matter go.

"Nothing's certain... I'll ask Di Shan again when we leave. We'll see if there's another way to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool." Duan Ru Feng comforted him.

"Father, that's not necessary." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. The door that led to the Dragon Cleansing Pool had disappeared. He was absolutely certain the final answer would be the same even if Duan Ru Feng spoke to Di Shan.

He believed his father knew that as well. His words were just to comfort him.

Although Duan Ling Tian said it was not necessary, Duan Ru Feng still casually asked Di Shan before they left the dragon clan and returned the Lunar Key.

"Clan Leader Di Shan, if someone was sent out by accident after entering the Dragon Cleansing Pool for less than a month, is it possible for them to re-enter it?"

"Impossible!" Di Shan shook his head. "For those who had entered the Dragon Cleansing Pool, no matter how long they were in it, there's no possibility of them re-entering it... The Dragon Cleansing Pool only opens once every 5,000 years, and only one person may enter every time!" Naturally, Di Shan did not think Duan Ru Feng was asking the question on his son's behalf. This was because he knew Duan Ling Tian was in the Dragon Cleansing Pool for more than two months... In his opinion, it was normal. There was no way an accidental departure could happen.

After hearing Di Shan's words, Duan Ling Tian completely let the matter go.

Although he previously felt that it was unlikely, he still had a small ray of hope in his heart when he heard his father's question to Di Shan. After listening to Di Shan's answer, he felt slightly disappointed. However, he put on an expression of realization when he heard Di Shan's reply.

Di Shan sighed as he watched Duan Ling Tian and the others leave. He seemed to have aged overnight.

The dragon clan had suffered double losses in the five-year pact they made! Not only did they lose the future Clan Leader of the dragon clan, but they had also lost the chance to enter the Dragon Cleansing Pool that would only appear once every 5,000 years.

If the matter was heard by the Upper Province's Dragon clan, he would inevitably suffer from rumors when he goes to the Upper Province's dragon clan in the future because the Lower Province's dragon clan had never had such a useless Clan Leader like him.

On the other hand, after Duan Ling Tian and the others left the Dragon clan, they immediately returned to the Azure Cloud Mansion.

"After I return to the Azure Cloud Mansion and accompany Mother, Little Fei'Er, and Nian'Er for a while, I'll go to the Upper Province to look for Ke'er."

During their journey back, Duan Ling Tian had already begun to make plans.

There was no benefit to him, his family or the Azure Cloud Mansion if he continued to stay at the Lower Province.

'Moreover, I have to return to Windfall Nation before leaving the Lower Province. I have to see if Tian Wu has returned and bring Senior Brother and Uncle Feng to the Azure Cloud Mansion. Staying at the Azure Cloud Mansion is much safer than staying in Windfall Nation.' Even as Duan Ling Tian prepared to head to the Upper Province, he did not forget about his family and friends.

Duan Ling Tian was unaware that during the three months he spent in the Dragon Cleansing Pool, news about him had spread everywhere.

Duan Ling Tian, the lucky guy who obtained the Devilseal Tablet several years ago, was the son of the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. He was the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.

Naturally, it caused a commotion among those who heard the news.

"It can't be! The person who obtained the Devilseal Tablet back then... He's actually the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion?"

"I originally thought that man had disappeared completely. As it turns out, he did not disappear. He's just at the Azure Cloud Mansion!"

"Incredible! Incredible!"

As the news spread, similar remarks were heard everywhere.

Outside the dragon clan's lair, the Five-clawed Green Dragon, Qing Yan, who was also one of the Fiveclawed Divine Dragon elders, stood in the air while he looked in the direction of the Azure Cloud Mansion. He muttered, "Duan Ling Tian, Azure Cloud Mansion… Prepare yourselves for the powerhouses from the Upper Province! I will now head to the Upper Province to spread the news about the Devilseal Tablet being in possession of the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion!"

As soon as Qing Yan finished speaking, he disappeared immediately.

He was heading to the passage that connected to the Upper Province at lightning speed.

## Chapter 1872: Xiao Lan? Bi Yao?

When they were about to reach the Azure Cloud Mansion's estate, Duan Ru Feng seemed to have recalled something and said to Duan Ling Tian, "Tian'er, judging by the time, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao should be back at the Azure Cloud Mansion now."

Xiao Lan?

Bi Yao?

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When Duan Ling Tian heard those names, he trembled a little before he came to a halt. His eyes were filled with anxiety when he looked at the Azure Cloud Mansion again.

Back then, when he first arrived at the Azure Cloud Mansion and learned that his father was the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, he had thought about the two girls whom his mother brought away from Cloud Continent, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao.

He had heard from his mother that Xiao Lan and Bi Yao had gone out to experience life, and it would take a while before they would return.

At that time, he had sighed in relief since he was not ready to face both of them.

When he heard his father mentioned their names, it was as though he had been struck by a bolt of lightning. He stood unmoving for a while.

"Ling..."

When Gu Li saw Duan Ling Tian had stopped moving, he followed suit as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a puzzled expression.

However, before he could speak, he was stopped by a look from Duan Ru Feng who had also stopped moving. He instantly swallowed the words he was about to say.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian seemed unaware of the three people who had also stopped at his side.

His thoughts had drifted to back when he was still in Aurora City and the Crimson Sky Kingdom. That was when he had met Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao.

He still remembered the first time he saw Xiao Lan. It was at the Xiao Clan in Aurora City. Back then, Xiao Clan was giving Hidden Dragon Invitations for the Hidden Dragon Ranking. He could still remember clearly when he first saw Xiao Lan.

The girl's long and soft hair was like a waterfall. Standing in the misty morning dew, she looked like a goddess who had fallen from Heaven. She was stunningly beautiful. Back then, she was also a famous beauty with countless admirers.

As for the first time he met Princess Bi Yao, it was at the Third Prince's mansion in the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

At that time, she was seated beside the Third Prince with her soft, flowing hair behind her. Her pretty cheeks could captivate people with just a glance, and her seductive cherry-like lips could make people lust over her.

From the very beginning, he had treated them as friends. Who knew when both girls had fallen for him. Xiao Lan had even left Aurora City to the Crimson Sky Kingdom's Imperial City to look for him.

Originally, Duan Ling Tian thought both of them would gradually forget about him after he had left the Crimson Sky Kingdom. However, who knew both girls did not forget about him after his departure, they had even accompanied his mother in his place and helped him fulfill his filial duties... Otherwise, his mother might not have brought them along and leave Cloud Continent.

'It has been so many years... Perhaps, their feelings toward me have changed. After all, they were still young then. It could be considered as puppy love,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he regained his senses.

Naturally, this was just his own assumption. This would be the best ending for him, his two fiancées, and Tian Wu.

He was willing to treat both girls as sisters. They had grown close to his mother over the years. It was not a big deal for him to treat them as family. Although Duan Ling Tian thought this way, he knew this was his own wish. He had no idea what Xiao Lan and Bi Yao's thoughts were. Their thoughts were the ones that mattered.

If they had let him go, it would certainly make things easier. Otherwise, he really did not know what to do. Naturally, he would not shirk his responsibility. If they had let go of him, then it would be easy. Otherwise, he really did not know what to do then.

"Father, they..." While they continued on their journey, Duan Ling Tian called out to his father but he could not finish his sentence.

"Tian'Er, how do you feel about Xiao Lan and Bi Yao?" Duan Ru Feng asked solemnly.

"Father, I merely treat them as close friends. I didn't have any other thoughts. I thought they would forget about me after I left the Crimson Sky Kingdom... Who would've known not only did they not forget about me, but they also treated mother so well and fulfilled my filial duties on my behalf in a way," Duan Ling Tian said with a bitter smile. "Don't blame your mother. She brought them to the Azure Cloud Mansion when she saw how determined both of them were. Moreover, both of them had a pleasant personality. She did it with good intentions," Duan Ru Feng said.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Although what his mother did was excessive, her intentions were not malicious. After all, both girls had spent days and nights with her. She would definitely want such daughter-in-laws. He understood his mother. However, he did not know how to face Xiao Lan and Bi Yao.

After taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask, "Father, I haven't met them for so many years... In your opinion, how do they feel about me now?"

"How do they feel about you? Who should I ask to give you an answer? When you return and see them, you'll naturally know how they feel about you." Duan Ru Feng was momentarily speechless before he burst out laughing when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question.

How would he, as the father, know the girls' feelings toward him.

"Mm." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Somethings were bound to happen. There were things he would have to face eventually.

"Tian'Er!"

Suddenly, Duan Ru Feng's face turned serious again as he said, "No matter if it's Xiao Lan or Bi Yao, your mother and I share the same sentiment. You must not mistreat the. Both of them are good girls. It wasn't easy for them to leave their hometown for you."

There was something that Duan Ru Feng did not tell Duan Ling Tian. After he brought his wife along with Xiao Lan and Bi Yao to the Azure Cloud Mansion, he and his wife had asked the girls' opinion before.

If they wanted to go back, they would be willing to send them home.

However, their repeated questioning would always lead to the same answer.

They wanted to stay!

Duan Ru Feng did not tell this to Duan Ling Tian was because he was worried Duan Ling Tian would feel pressured after hearing it.

He would have to face all of that on his own!

Naturally, even though he had to face certain things on his own, there were words Duan Ru Feng had to say in order to avoid hurting the two girls.

"Father, how could I mistreat them..." After hearing Duan Ru Feng's words, Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly.

"I have spoken to your mother about this. You've not seen each other for so many years, if there are no feelings, we won't force the matter as well. At that time, your mother and I will take them in as our

goddaughters. Naturally, your mother and I hope that you all would try and stay together. If it's not possible, then it just means there's no fate between all of you! " Duan Ru Feng continued saying.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

That was the only thing they could do.

Everything depended on Xiao Lan and Bi Yao's opinion.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian hoped they no longer have feelings for him. In that case, he would not have to hurt both girls' feelings and could still face his two fiancees and Tian Wu.

As a man, it would be a lie if he said he did not want many wives!

However, at this moment, Duan Ling Tian had to consider the feelings of both his fiancees and Tian Wu whose current whereabouts were unknown before he could even think of getting more wives. Especially when his fiancee, Ke'Er, was still waiting to be rescued at the Fire Worship Sect.

Was he still a man he got together with Xiao Lan and Bi Yao at such a time?

"If they still feel the same for me... I can only give them my words. They must wait until I bring Ke'er back and find Tian Wu. At that time, I'll have to ask for Ke'er, Little Fei'er, and Tian Wu's opinion and permission."

"If it works, then we can be together. If it's not possible, then father and mother will have to take them in as goddaughters. I'm willing to be their brother!" Soon after, he made up his mind.

At least, he could still handle it no matter what the situation was.

After some time, a vast lake appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian and the others. It was the Crouching Dragon Lake surrounding the Azure Cloud Mansion's estate! They knew they were home when they saw the Crouching Dragon Lake!

In the past, Duan Ling Tian was a wanderer without a home in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

After he discovered his father was the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion and arrived at the Azure Cloud Mansion, he had begun to treat it as his home in the Dao Martial Saint Land. This was because his father, mother, and family members were here. Home, to him, was where one's family was at!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian had immediately gone to see Li Fei.

The reason he did not see his mother immediately was not that he was unfilial. It was because his father had gone to see his mother. He would only be a nuisance if he went to see his mother now.

"Father!" Once he entered the door, Duan Ling Tian saw a small figure rushing up and jumping into his arms. It was his son, Duan Nian Tian.

Duan Ling Tian caressed his son's tiny head and asked with a smile, "Nian'Er, did you miss me?"

"Yes!" Duan Nian Tian nodded like a chick pecking grains on the ground as he looked around with his big round eyes. "Nian'er is not the only one who misses you. Mother misses you as well." "Mom, father's back! Father's back!" Following that, before Duan Ling Tian could react, Duan Nian Tian turned around and yelled excitedly while he looking toward the house.

A few moments later, a graceful and seductive figure walked out. Li Fei had a smile on her face. "You're back?"

"I'm back," Duan Ling Tian answered as he stepped forward. With one hand holding his son, he reached out with his other hand to pull Li Fei into his arms in a possessive manner.

He took a sniff of Li Fei's pleasant scent as he said, "Little Fei'er... I've missed you."

## **Chapter 1873: Reunion After Many Years**

Duan Ling Tian felt he was the luckiest man in the world with one arm wrapped around Li Fei and the other wrapped around his son.

"Little Fei'er... Look how big Nian'er has grown. Shall we hold our wedding ceremony?" Duan Ling Tian said to Li Fei softly. Li Fei is still his fiancée since they were not officially wedded. Li Fei would only be considered as his wife after they held a wedding ceremony.

"I'm waiting for younger sister Ke'er." Li Fei rejected Duan Ling Tian decisively after listening to his proposal. Li Fei continued to say, "Ke'er and I had an agreement to become your brides together in the past... How can I be at ease during our wedding when she's held captive in the Fire Worship Sect in the Upper Province? Can you please promise me this, scoundrel? I'll be upset if you don't."

"Why do you want to wait unnecessarily..." Duan Ling Tian laughed. However, when he saw how determined Li Fei was, he gave in to her. "Okay, I promise you. Although I've not had a wedding ceremony with you and Ke'er, both of you are already my wives in my heart!"

Li Fei did not say anything when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. She only hugged him tightly, enjoying the moment. It was as though she thought she was going to lose him in the next moment.

"Scoundrel... When do you plan to go to the Upper Province?" Li Fei asked after some time.

"Very soon," Duan Ling Tian said with a flash in his eyes.

"You must bring younger sister Ke'er back along with her child," Li Fei said, "Unfortunately, I'm useless and can't be of any help." There was a hint of self-blame when she spoke, and she had a sorry and ashamed expression on her face.

"How are you useless? Don't speak like this again in the future! Without you, would I have such an adorable son?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head before he shifted his gaze to his right arm that was holding his son. He found his son had already fallen asleep. Their son had fallen asleep as both of them spoke.

"During the three months you're not around, Nian'er has been looking for you since a month ago. He asked me if you've abandoned him... Although I've tried explaining it to him, he still frequently wakes up shouting 'Father!'"

Li Fei felt pleased when she noticed Duan Ling Tian's gaze on their son. Initially, she was worried her son would not be close to his father, Duan Ling Tian, since they had never met prior to this.

However, Li Fei did not expect Duan Nian Tian would grow so attached to Duan Ling Tian in such a short time. It was probably due to their blood connection.

"Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao have returned," Li Fei suddenly said to Duan Ling Tian.

"I've heard about this from father." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

As Li Fei leaned against Duan Ling Tian, she said, "I know currently you're not in the mood to accept other women into your life, but Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao are different. Since they came to Azure Cloud Mansion, they've been looking after your mother as if she's their own mother. I know they do this because of you."

"You should accept them after Ke'er's return... I have no objections," Li Fei took the lead and said as though she was not jealous. Naturally, Li Fei was jealous. However, she was a kind woman who understood Duan Ling Tian's mother, Li Rou. At the same time, she was also moved by Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao's affections toward Duan Ling Tian. Therefore, she had no objections.

"What are you saying? I have no such intentions!" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and denied while he tightened his hug on Li Fei. Li Fei's understanding character had melted his heart. He felt extremely lucky to have such a wife in this lifetime. It was a great blessing to him.

"They were young girls when they fell for me. It has been many years since then, they might have grown out of their feelings," Duan Ling Tian said. He did not notice the bitter smile on Li Fei's face when he spoke. She knew Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao still had affections toward her man. She did not tell Duan Ling Tian this.

Duan Ling Tian did not leave home for the next few days. He stayed home and accompanied Li Fei and his son since he would be leaving to the Upper Province soon. Therefore, he treasured all the time he had with his wife and son.

A few days later, Rong Yuan came looking for Duan Ling Tian. "Young Mansion Master, Mansion Master asked me to invite you over," Rong Yuan said, "Apart from Mansion Master and Madam, Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao are there as well."

You cannot avoid the unavoidable!

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and nodded before he said, "Please give me a moment, Elder Rong."

Duan Ling Tian left with Rong Yuan to the Mansion his father and mother was staying in after he spoke to Li Fei and patted his son on the head. He was rather nervous during his journey there even though he had already mentally prepared himself for this day.

In just a few moments, he would be seeing Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao. Duan Ling Tian knew he could not and should not avoid this matter any longer even if he was not fully prepared for it. There were certain things that one just had to face no matter what!

"Father! Mother!" Duan Ling Tian greeted Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou.

His gaze wandered to the two young women beside Li Rou after greeting his parents. These two young girls were both very charming. Duan Ling Tian recognized them immediately. They were none other than Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao!

Although many years had passed, Duan Ling Tian still managed to recognize them in an instant. Their appearance had changed, but apart from looking more mature, they still looked the same.

Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao looked at him as he looked at them. "Duan... Duan Ling Tian..." Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao paused for a moment before blushing.

Although many years had passed since they last met Duan Ling Tian, but to them, it seemed like yesterday when they last met.

This is due to the fact that since they arrived at Azure Cloud mansion, apart from the time they accompanied Li Rou, they spent the rest of their time focused on their cultivation. They did not notice the passage of time at all. Therefore, their feelings toward Duan Ling Tian was still like it was in the past.

'This is the worst-case scenario.'

When Duan Ling Tian saw Xiao Lan and Bi Yao's response when they saw him, he knew their feelings toward him were still the same. This was Duan Ling Tian's biggest fear. He had to admit that although he was not willing, he felt proud in the depth of his heart that Xiao Lan and Bi Yao were still in love with him. This was evidence of his charm.

Duan Ling Tian greeted them with a smile and said, "It has been a long time since we last met."

Both Xian Lan and Princess Bi Yao was so nervous that they could not even speak. In comparison to the calm Duan Ling Tian, they felt nervous when they see him.

"Father. Mother... I would like to talk to them in private." Duan Ling Tian transmitted his voice to Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou when he noticed Xiao Lan and Princess Bi Yao's discomfort.

"Tian'er, don't you dare bully Lan'er and Yao'er... Or else I'll punish you!" Li Rou warned Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission.

"Take your time." Duan Ru Feng's response is short and simple compared to Li Rou's Voice Transmission.

Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou made an excuse to leave after a while, leaving Duan Ling Tian alone with Xiao Lan and Bi Yao in the room. However, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao did not relax after Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou left. Instead, they became even more tensed.

"I understand your affections toward me," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly when he saw both of them keeping quiet. It made both of them even more nervous.

"I think both of you know it's impossible for me to accept you in such a short time... Additionally, I will be leaving for the Upper Province soon. You must have heard that my fiancée, Ke'er, has been taken by the Fire Worship Sect in the Upper Province," Duan Ling Tian said, "It is impossible for me to accept another woman before rescuing Ke'er since it's disrespectful to her and both of you. I think you'll also be disgusted with me if I did that."

Xiao Lan and Bi Yao both nodded in agreement as Duan Ling Tian spoke. They were not surprised by Duan Ling Tian's words. They knew he would not develop a relationship with them before he successfully rescued Ke'er.

It was just like he said. If he was able to accept them at such a time, they would only look down on him and think of him as irresponsible.

"Apart from that, I have another soulmate..." Duan Ling Tian continued as he thought of Tian Wu.

"Is she Tian Wu?" Xiao Lan asked.

"You've heard of Tian Wu?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned by that question.

"We've heard about Tian Wu from elder sister Fei'er... We know that Tian Wu had sacrificed her life for you in the past!" Bi Yao said.

Bi Yao and Xiao Lan admired Feng Tian Wu very much when they heard about what she had done from Li Fei. This was also due to both Li Fei and Ke'er's recognition of Feng Tian Wu and Duan Ling Tian's affection toward her. Furthermore, both Bi Yao and Xiao Lan admired Feng Tian Wu because she was a girl that was true to herself. She was even willing to sacrifice her life for the person she loved. It was no ordinary feat.

"What you said is true." Duan Ling Tian nodded as he recalled the events that happened in the past.

### Chapter 1874: The Powerhouse from the Upper Province

'Tian Wu, are you doing well?' When Duan Ling Tian recalled Feng Tian Wu and their past, he became even more worried about her since her location was still unknown to him.

However, he quickly regained his senses when he discovered that Xiao Lan and Bi Yao were still standing in front of him.

"Not only do I have to find Ke'er, but I have to find Tian Wu as well. I'm not in the mood to get into any relationship with any women before I find them. Even when I find them, I'll still have to ask for Little Fei'er and the others' opinion about the matter regarding both of you and me," Duan Ling Tian said. When he reached the end of his sentence, he found it difficult to look them in the eyes.

When Xiao Lan and Bi Yao heard his words, they exchanged a look. They could see the bitterness in each other's eyes. However, this was their own choice so they did not regret it! Whether it was the current Duan Ling Tian or the Duan Ling Tian from the past, he was the man they had set their hearts on. They would not marry anyone else but him in this lifetime! They would rather remain alone for the rest of their lives if they could not marry him.

"I still have some matters to attend to so I'll take my leave first." Duan Ling Tian knew his words were harsh. When he felt the tense atmosphere, he looked for an excuse to leave.

At the same time, regrets filled his heart. He felt sorry toward Xiao Lan and Bi Yao. He did not wish for things to end up like this! However, this was the only option he could think of. Both of them were equally important to him. It was a difficult decision for him.

'If we're destined to be together, I'll make it up to both of you in the future,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after he left.

During the next few days, Duan Ling Tian accompanied his wife and son until he was interrupted by someone coming to challenge him!

"Young Mansion Master, I heard you've defeated the Five-clawed Golden Dragon, Di Jue, who was at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage, even though your cultivation base is at the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage? I'd like to have a friendly match with you. I wonder if it's convenient for you?" The person who came to look for Duan Ling Tian was none other than the Leader of the Black Armored Army, Centurion Tong Zhong. Apart from being the Centurion of the Black Armored Army, he was also Ku Mi's direct disciple and was widely acknowledged as the strongest person below the Exemplary Saint Stage in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land before Duan Ling Tian defeated Di Jue with his cultivation base at the Divine Saint Stage!

As news of Duan Ling Tian's victory spread, the title of being the strongest person below the Exemplary Saint Stage had shifted to Duan Ling Tian instead.

"Centurion Tong, you would like to have a friendly match with me?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard Tong Zhong's words.

In his opinion, although Tong Zhong was powerful, he was only at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage.

Perhaps, Tong Zhong was a lot stronger than all the Martial Cultivators and member of the dragon clan at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. However, he did not stand a chance in winning at all if he were to fight someone at the Exemplary Saint Stage or above! Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian did not think Tong Zhong was a match for him.

"I know I'm not your match, Young Mansion Master. However, after I heard about how you defeated Di Jue from Master, I feel really eager to have a match with you. Currently, I only lack a chance of breaking through to the Exemplary Saint Stage. Perhaps, the chance might come from our match, Young Mansion Master," Tong Zhong said, explaining the reason he came to challenge Duan Ling Tian.

Although nothing was certain, he still wanted to give it a try. He did not want to miss even the smallest chance to make a breakthrough.

"Since you're so eager, I'll, naturally, agree to Centurion Tong's request!" Duan Ling Tian immediately agreed to Tong Zhong's request when he heard his explanation.

Since the other person was not an outsider, he would, naturally, help if it was within his capability. He was not so petty as to reject such a small request.

"Thank you, Young Mansion Master!" Tong Zhong was delighted when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Pick a place," Duan Ling Tian said to Tong Zhong.

Tong Zhong nodded before he set the venue on the surface of the Crouching Dragon Lake that was situated ten miles away to the north of the Main Mansion.

Although Duan Ling Tian and Tong Zhong did not speak about their friendly match to anyone, the Black Armored Guards stationed at the Crouching Dragon Lake had spread the news about it. Therefore, a large group of people was already there before they even began their match.

The majority of the spectators from the Black Armored Army.

"He's the Young Mansion Master of our Azure Cloud Mansion?" Many eyes were looking at Duan Ling Tian. Some of them contained shock, but most of them contained respect.

Although Duan Ling Tian had been in the Azure Cloud Mansion for quite some time, in order to avoid trouble due to the Devilseal Tablet in his possession, not many people knew he was the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.

However, when news of Duan Ling Tian going to the dragon clan to fulfill the five-year pact spread, the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion were shocked. It was only then they realized the Azure Cloud Mansion had a Young Mansion Master. Not only that, but their Young Mansion Master had inherited their Mansion Master's innate talent. He was only so young, but his cultivation base was already at the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage.

Moreover, they even heard their Young Mansion Master had killed Di Jue, the Five-clawed Golden Dragon from the dragon clan, even though his cultivation base was only at the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage. They even heard Di Jue's cultivation base was at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage!

Defeating someone at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage with just a cultivation base at the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage was so far-fetched that they would not have believed it if it did not happen.

Since this news was spread by the dragon clan and the person involved was their Young Mansion Master, they did not doubt the authenticity of the news at all. They were just shocked. After all, not everyone would be able to do this!

"Young Mansion Master is someone who could even kill a Five-clawed Golden Dragon at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage! Isn't Centurion Tong just looking for trouble by challenging him?"

"That's right! Centurion Tong is widely acknowledged as the strongest person below the Exemplary Saint Stage prior to this. Currently, the title has been given to Young Mansion Master. Is this the reason why Centurion Tong challenged Young Mansion Master? Could he be unhappy about this matter?"

"Hurmph! So what if he challenges Young Mansion Master? He'd only humiliate himself in the end!"

"I can't believe our Azure Cloud Mansion would have such an outstanding Young Mansion Master! With him around, Azure Cloud Mansion will still have its glory for several hundred more years!"

The crowd of Black Armored Guards and some ordinary Azure Cloud Mansion's elders and disciples discussed among themselves. They were filled with confidence toward Duan Ling Tian. As for Tong Zhong, he no longer seemed to shine as brightly as before.

"I heard our Azure Cloud Mansion's Young Mansion Master is that young man called Duan Ling Tian who possesses the Devilseal Tablet!"

"The Devilseal Tablet is an item everyone covets. If news of this spread out, I'm afraid the Azure Cloud Mansion wouldn't be peaceful anymore."

"That's right! Even powerhouses from the Upper Province will definitely make their moves to snatch it when they learn that our Young Mansion Master possesses the Devilseal Tablet. For this reason, it's not a good thing for the Azure Cloud Mansion that Young Mansion Master has the Devilseal Tablet in his possession."

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Many people's expressions contained a hint of dread. They were all eager to persuade Duan Ling Tian to throw the Devilseal Tablet away!

After all, the Devilseal Tablet was one of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking and was extremely valuable. It was due to this reason that many people coveted it, and this included powerhouses from the Upper Province as well.

Many people from the Azure Cloud Mansion felt a sense of danger as though they had a bullseye painted on their backs!

Soon after, the crowd's attention shifted back to the two people. This was because one of them had finally begun to make his move.

# Whoosh!

It was Tong Zhong, the Centurion of the Black Armored Army, who made the first move. He charged toward Duan Ling Tian like a bolt of lightning.

Put everything else aside, based on the speed he displayed, nobody at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage was a match for him.

"As expected of someone widely acknowledged as the strongest person below the Exemplary Saint Stage. I think nobody below the Exemplary Saint Stage can compare to his speed!" A hint of admiration appeared in Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he saw Tong Zhong's speed. Then, in a manner that was neither hurried nor slow, he made his move as well.

# Bang!

Duan Ling Tian clenched his right hand and threw a punch that contained Sun True Origin without any fancy moves. His speed was lightning fast as it charged directly at Tong Zhong who was flying rapidly in his direction.

Tong Zhong did not choose to evade the attack. Instead, he chose to meet Duan Ling Tian's punch directly.

Bam!

Although Tong Zhong had used all his strength, the moment his fist collided with Duan Ling Tian's fist, whether it was his punch or the energy contained in his punch, they were all mercilessly overpowered by Duan Ling Tian.

Tong Zhong's body trembled before he was sent flying, throwing up a mouthful of blood, as his energy was suppressed. He appeared extremely wretched.

With just one blow, fist versus fist, Tong Zhong had already fallen into a disadvantageous position. Tong Zhong then made his move again, but he did not dare to be arrogant or reckless.

He used his Territory, martial tactics, and a medium-grade Divine Ability that he had just mastered no too long ago. Indeed, at this moment, Tong Zhong was fighting with all his might.

However, in front of Duan Ling Tian, he was still weak. Although Duan Ling Tian showed mercy, he still defeated Tong Zhong in within ten moves. After all, his strength was no longer like before.

Just his Sun True Origin alone that was at the Eminent Saint Stage was comparable to the strength of a powerhouse at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage. Coupled with Duan Ling Tian's superior physique without even transforming into a Dragon Warrior and his other techniques, it was impossible that Tong Zhong was a match for him. Moreover, he did not use any of his Divine Abilities. If he used his Divine Abilities, it would only take him a move to defeat Tong Zhong.

While Duan Ling Tian was engaged in a friendly match with Tong Zhong, in the frontier land to the east of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, in a restaurant in a town of moderate size, news about the Young Mansion Master Young of Azure Cloud Mansion possessing the Devilseal Tablet began to spread.

"The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian? I've waited several years, I finally found a clue. Looks like my trip to the Lower Province is not in vain..." At a table in the corner of the restaurant, a middle-aged man who was dressed in a grayish-white long robe stood up.

This man had crossed-eyes and appeared fierce. With just a glance, one could tell he was not a friendly person.

In the next instant, he vanished from the restaurant. Nobody saw how he left. In fact, nobody had noticed his departure at all.

Meanwhile, at the frontier to the east of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, a streak of light moved in the direction of the Azure Cloud Mansion at lightning speed.

### Chapter 1875: Calamity

The fact that a Young Mansion Master with a monstrously high innate talent had suddenly appeared in the Azure Cloud Mansion was supposed to be a joyous matter. However, when they learned the Young Mansion Master was Duan Ling Tian who possessed the Devilseal Tablet, many people found it difficult to feel happy. In their opinion, the Devilseal Tablet was similar to a time bomb! If it exploded, they would undoubtedly be injured!

Although they found it difficult to feel happy, they did not dare to verbalize it since the person in question was their Mansion Master's son!

In the Azure Cloud Mansion, Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng reigned supreme. No one dared to provoke him at all. However, there was no wall in this world that did not have a crack. Soon after, Duan Ling Tian learned about this matter. He was not upset since it was the truth!

The Devilseal Tablet was indeed like a time bomb in the Azure Cloud Mansion. Due to this reason, after he discussed the matter with Gu Li, they decided they would leave the Lower Province to the Upper Province after two weeks. The existence of the Devilseal Tablet was indeed a time bomb for the Azure Cloud Mansion.

After Duan Ling Tian left Gu Li's residence, he went to look for his parents. "Father, mother, I'll be leaving the Azure Cloud Mansion in two weeks with Gu Li!"

Duan Ru Feng nodded his head when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He had been prepared for this since a long time ago so he was not surprised.

Although Li Rou had prepared herself for this as well, she could not conceal the longing expression on her face. "Are you sure?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Li Rou took a deep breath before she could finally calm down. Then, she said, "Since you've already made up your mind, make sure you accompany Fei'er and Nian'er more in the next two weeks. They must feel reluctant to part with you as well. However, since you have to rescue Ke'er, you have no choice but to leave!" A worried expression appeared on her face when she finished speaking.

### Ke'er!

In the past, not only was she Duan Ling Tian's childhood playmate, but that young girl was also the daughter-in-law she knew the longest. Her love toward that daughter-in-law was in no way inferior to her love for her son. She was very worried as well when she learned her daughter-in-law was trapped in the Fire Worship Sect in the Upper Province.

Duan Ling Tian nodded immediately upon hearing Li Rou's words.

In the next two weeks, he would not leave his wife and son's side. Even if he had to return to Windfall Nation to bring his senior brother, Bai Li Hong, and the others, he would bring his wife and son along as well.

In the coming days, a day spent together would be a day earned since he did not know how long it would take him to return to the Lower Province after going to the Upper Province.

"Go... Go accompany Fei'er and Nian'er," Li Rou advised him.

Duan Ling Tian nodded his head again. After he bade his parents farewell, he turned around and left. He did not see the tears streaming down Li Rou's face when he turned to leave.

A mother would always be worried about her child all the time. In this world where the strong ones were revered, she could not help but feel worried when she thought about the danger lurking in the world!

After Duan Ling Tian parted ways with Duan Ru Feng and Li Rou, he made his way to his wife and son's residence. It was not too long before he came to a halt. A hint of a bitter expression appeared on his face as he greeted Xiao Lan and Bi Yao who were making their way toward him.

Xiao Lan and Bi Yao did not expect to meet Duan Ling Tian as well. They were originally chatting happily among themselves, but they immediately fell silent as colors crept on to their cheeks when they saw him.

"Both of you..." Duan Ling Tian began to say something to the two girls when he was interrupted by a sinister-sounding voice.

"If I'm not mistaken, you must be the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian, right?" Duan Ling Tian had never heard this voice before so he was certain this person was a stranger.

Before Duan Ling Tian could react, a gust of wind blew in front of him before a figure suddenly appeared. It was a middle-aged man wearing a grayish-white long robe. He had crossed-eyes and looked fierce. With just a look, one could tell he was not a friendly person.

Duan Ling Tian could sense this man who had suddenly appeared did not come with good intentions. With a hint of dread on his face, he asked, "Who are you?"

"You don't have to know nor do you have any right to know who I am. All you have to know is the reason I came today is for the Devilseal Tablet," the middle-aged man replied nonchalantly. His tone was arrogant and domineering.

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned slightly grave when heard the man had come for the Devilseal Tablet. He knew he had guessed correctly. This man indeed did not come with good intentions.

Moreover, the fact that the man had managed to appear without being detected meant that he was strong as well!

"The Devilseal Tablet is not something that trash from the Lower Province should possess! I'll give you a span of three breaths to hand over the Devilseal Tablet to me. Otherwise, you'll die!" The moment these words left the middle-aged man's mouth, a terrifying killing intent appeared in his eyes.

### Trash?

When Duan Ling Tian heard his words, his expression turned grim. He did not expect the man would speak so rudely.

Duan Ling Tian subtly took a deep breath to suppress the flames of wrath in his heart as he said, "I don't have the Devilseal Tablet."

Meanwhile, he had also figured out the man was not from the Lower Province based on his words.

Earlier, he had referred to him as trash from the Lower Province. He would not have used the word Lower Province with the word trash if he was from the Lower Province as well.

The span of three breaths soon passed by. However, Duan Ling Tian still did not make any move.

"Looks like you don't have any regard for my word!" The middle-aged man became furious immediately when he saw Duan Ling Tian ignoring him. His crossed-eyes gleamed fiercely as his body emitted a murderous intent. "In that case, I'll grant you your death wish! After I kill you, not only will the Devilseal Tablet belong to me, but everything in your Spatial will belong to me as well!" The moment these words left his mouth, he strode forward.

It did not seem like he made any moves. However, as soon as he placed one of his feet down, a vast and powerful energy swept down from the sky toward Duan Ling Tian. It made Duan Ling Tian feel as though a gigantic hammer had landed on him.

"Watch out!" At the moment the middle-aged man strode forward, both Xiao Lan and Bi Yao instinctively flew in front of Duan Ling Tian to shield him.

At this moment, not only did the two women looked fearless, but they even looked determined. They had no regrets if they could use their lives to protect the person they loved!

Perhaps, this might even be the best ending for them!

"Move!" Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grave as soon as the middle-aged man's foot landed on the ground. He quickly activated the Dragon Energy using his Sun True Origin. In just a blink of an eye, he turned into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior.

### Golden Crow's Wings!

At the same time, a pair of golden wings abruptly appeared on Duan Ling Tian's back after he had transformed into a Dragon Warrior. The wings were from the Divine Ability, the Golden Crow's Wings!

### Whoosh!

In the next instant, Duan Ling Tian flew in between Xiao Lan and Bi Yao at the speed of light. He extended his hands and pushed both of them away.

Previously, Tian Wu had almost died because of him! At that time, he had sworn he would not allow anyone to risk their lives for him. He would not allow another woman to die for him!

Due to this reason, when he saw Xiao Lan and Bi Yao intended to use their bodies to shield him, his mind went blank. He could not think of anything but to use all his techniques and charge toward them at the fastest speed to push them away.

### Bang!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian pushed Xiao Lan and Bi Yao away, before he could even react, he felt a terrifying energy had landed on his body. A loud noise reverberated in the air. Apart from feeling dizzy, he felt as though he was flying in the air!

### Boom!

It was only when his body landed on the ground violently that he regained his senses.

Although Duan Ling Tian had transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior and his body was ridiculously powerful, he felt as though every bone in his body was broken. He could not move at all as he lay on the ground.

The wave of energy that had landed on him was just too powerful!

'Wait a minute! He seemed to have withdrawn his energy earlier. Otherwise, based on the terrifying aura he emitted when he released his energy, I would've died even if I've transformed into a Nineclawed Dragon Warrior! But... Why did he show mercy at the critical moment?' Duan Ling Tian was curious as he struggled to get up. However, he discovered he could not get up at all.

The injuries in his body were just too serious. His muscles were torn, and his bones were broken. It would take some time for him to heal himself.

"Are you okay?" Two voices sounded in unison. In the next instant, a nice fragrance wafted into his nose as two beautiful figures appeared next to him. They were none other than Xiao Lan and Bi Yao who were so anxious that tears were streaming down their faces.

When they saw Duan Ling Tian struggling to get up, they anxiously lifted him up. They did not seem bothered by the dragon scales covering his skin.

Bitterness filled their hearts as they lifted Duan Ling Tian up. Although they knew Duan Ling Tian had pushed them away for their own good, they did not feel happy at all. Instead, they felt bitter. Tian Wu was allowed to risk her life for him, but they did not even have the right to risk their lives for him?

It was good that Duan Ling Tian was unaware of their thoughts. Otherwise, he would only be rendered speechless.

After the two girls lifted Duan Ling Tian up, he looked at the middle-aged man standing in the distance. He noticed a hint of dread in the middle-aged man's eyes as he looked at him.

"Didn't you want to kill me? Why did you show mercy?" Duan Ling Tian asked in his deep voice as he took a deep breath and healed his injuries slightly.

"I'm giving you another chance. You've seen my strength. I can kill you easily if I want to. Hurry up and hand over the Devilseal Tablet now. Stop testing my patience!" The middle-aged man snarled as his eyes shone coldly.

### Chapter 1876: Duan Ling Tian's Wrath

However, Duan Ling Tian saw through the ferocious facade the middle-aged man had put on.

'It seems like he's afraid of something? However, what's there for him to be afraid of? If I have to guess, the only possible thing is my dragon scales. Could it be that he knows that I'm a Dragon Warrior?' After Duan Ling Tian thought about it, he could only come up with this conclusion.

If the other party recognized his dragon scales, he must know that he had transformed into a Dragon Warrior. To be more accurate, he had transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

According to Elder Huo, the Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior was as rare as a phoenix's hair even in the Devata Realm. One would need a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon to bestow one the gift of Dragonization in order to become a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior.

'Could it be that he thinks I have a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon supporting me?' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, even he felt it was far-fetched.

If he really had the support of a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon, would he still need to go to the Upper Province to rescue Ke'er? He would have asked the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon to speak to the Fire Worship Sect. Would the Fire Worship Sect dare to disobey and not send Ke'er back to him?

However, Duan Ling Tian knew he was the only one who thought like that. Other people might not share the same thought as him. It was apparent that the powerhouse who seemed to have come from the Upper Province had become wary of him. Otherwise, he would not have put on such a fierce facade.

"Tian'er!" As soon as the middle-aged man's words left his mouth, an anxious voice resonated in the air. As it turned out, it was Duan Ru Feng, accompanied by Ku Mi and Rong Yuan. They very quickly arrived next to Duan Ling Tian, Xiao Lan, and Bi Yao.

"Tian'er, are you alright?" Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's pale face, Duan Ru Feng did not even bother to ask about the dragon scales covering his skin. He only cared about his son's safety at this moment.

"Father, I'm fine.' Duan Ling Tian shook his head. He only suffered from internal injuries, and he would recover quickly if he was given some time.

Whoosh!

At the same time, a gust of wind blew past Duan Ling Tian. Ku Mi who was originally standing next to Duan Ru Feng had made his move. It seemed as though he had turned into a gust of wind as he charged toward the middle-aged man standing in the distance.

"The Azure Cloud Mansion is not a place you can act as you like!" Ku Mi snarled as he made his move.

"Stop, Elder Ku!" Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian as he said in panic. He did not expect Elder Ku would immediately make a move on that middle-aged man.

Since Duan Ling Tian was injured by the middle-aged man, he was very clear about the middle-aged man's strength. His cultivation base had to be above the Quintessential Saint Stage!

Let alone Ku Mi, even his father Duan Ru Feng, was no match for middle-aged man!

Bang!

As a loud bang reverberated in the sky, Elder Ku's body mysteriously came to a halt before it exploded into a bloody mist that fell like rain.

"Ku Mi!" Horror dawned on Rong Yuan's face. He did not expect his long-time friend would die in front of him.

"Elder Ku!" Duan Ru Feng's expression turned grim as well.

Ever since he became the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, Ku Mi and Rong Yuan had always been his right and left hand. After all this time, he no longer treated the two old men as his subordinates.

However, Ku Mi had been killed right in front of his eyes. He immediately began to see red!

In just a blink of an eye, a great and terrifying Devil Qi surged out of Duan Ru Feng's body and began to spread out. Although it was not aimed at Duan Ling Tian, Xiao Lan, and Bi Yao, they found it hard to breathe and felt unwell.

Meanwhile, the Devil Qi continued to increase quickly. Duan Ru Feng's aura became even more terrifying as time passed.

"Father, no!" When Duan Ling Tian discovered Duan Ru Feng had disappeared from his side, horror dawned on him. He did not think his father would be able to successfully seek revenge for Elder Ku. The middle-aged man was just too strong!

"Although your cultivation base is at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, your strength's comparable to an Early Quintessential Saint Stage Devil Cultivator... Not bad! Unfortunately, even if your strength is at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage, you're no match for me!" The middle-aged man's cold voice resonated in the air. Based on his words, his cultivation base was even higher than the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage!

At the same time, he began to make his move.

"NOOOO!" Duan Ling Tian felt as though his head was going to explode when he saw the middle-aged man was about to make his move again. He was horrified.

"NOOOO!" Similarly, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao had a horrified expression on their faces as well. Terror could be seen in their eyes.

Meanwhile, Rong Yuan had also flown out to aid Duan Ru Feng. Although he knew he was no match for the middle-aged man, he did not hesitate at all. He had no regrets if he could die for his Lord Mansion Master!

### Bang! Bang!

As two loud noises sounded in the air, Duan Ru Feng and Rong Yuan were sent flying by that middleaged man in unison like arrows that had been shot out. They were sent flying for quite a distance before Duan Ru Feng finally managed to come to a halt in a wretched manner.

Rong Yuan, on the other hand, crashed violently on the ground. His face was pale. It was apparent he suffered greater injury compared to Duan Ru Feng. This was not unexpected since he was much weaker than Duan Ru Feng.

However, this time, it was apparent the middle-aged man had shown mercy and did not kill them as he had killed Ku Mi. Otherwise, whether it was Duan Ru Feng or Rong Yuan, it would have been impossible for them to survive.

## Whoosh!

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian only heard the short-lived sound of wind whistling. In the next instant, a person had appeared in his sight. That person was just a foot away from him. It was none other than the middle-aged man!

The middle-aged man pushed Xiao Lan and Bi Yao away before he lifted his leg and stomped on Duan Ling Tian's body, sending him crashing to the ground.

Duan Ling Tian who was originally injured could not even get up after he had fallen to the ground.

Upon seeing this, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao, naturally, could not hold back. Despite knowing they were no match for the middle-aged man, they still made their moves.

"Both of you are just like a mantis trying to block a chariot!" The middle-aged man said indifferently as he sent Xiao Lan and Bi Yao flying without so much as moving a finger.

### Bang!

The middle-aged man lifted his feet again and stomped on the dragon scales on Duan Ling Tian's chest. He looked down on Duan Ling Tian domineeringly as he said coldly, "I told you not to test my patience!"

"You're scared!" Duan Ling Tian who was being stomped by the middle-aged man felt extremely humiliated. At the same time, his cracked lips that were dyed with blood began to form a peculiar smile.

"Scared?" When the middle-aged man heard his words, his heart jolted. However, his expression remained fierce. "Me? Scared? How ludicrous! What's there for me to be afraid of?!"

Duan Ling Tian stared into the middle-aged man's eyes as his eyes shone brightly before he answered with a smile, "A Nine-clawed Divine Dragon!"

### Nine-clawed Divine Dragon!

When Duan Ling Tian's words entered the middle-aged man's ears, it was as though he had been struck by a bolt of lightning. This was because Duan Ling Tian had guessed correctly!

Initially, the middle-aged man planned to kill Duan Ling Tian as quickly as possible to obtain the Devilseal Tablet. However, when he saw Duan Ling Tian transformed into Dragon Warrior, he discovered that not only was Duan Ling Tian a Dragon Warrior, but he had nine claws. He was not as simple as a Seven or Eight-clawed Dragon Warrior!

### Duan Ling Tian was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

To become a Dragon Warrior, one had to receive the gift of Dragonization from a dragon with at least seven claws. A person that was bestowed the gift of Dragonization by a Seven-clawed Divine Dragon

would become a Seven-clawed Dragon Warrior. Similarly, someone who was bestowed the gift of Dragonization from an Eight-clawed Divine Dragon would become an Eight-clawed Dragon Warrior.

In the history of the Dao Martial Saint Land, he had only heard of Eight-clawed Dragon Warriors. Eightclawed Dragon Warriors were considered legendary beings in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

However, today, he had encountered a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

Usually, a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior was someone who was bestowed the gift of Dragonization by a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon. However, he had never heard of such things in the history of the Dao Martial Saint Land. At the very least, there were no Nine-clawed Dragon Warriors that had appeared in the history of Dao Martial Saint Land as far as he knew, let alone a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon.

The Dragon Warrior usually had a close relationship with the dragon clan's member who had bestowed the gift of Dragonization to him.

The middle-aged man did not dare to risk offending the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon if it found out about today's matter. He was deeply afraid therefore he had shown mercy earlier and spared Duan Ling Tian's life. If he did not show any mercy, it would have been difficult for Duan Ling Tian to escape death even after he transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

"You're smart." Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian mentioning the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon, various expressions fleeted across the middle-aged man's face. In the end, he did not deny it. Instead, he praised Duan Ling Tian.

"However, my words still hold true. I admit I don't dare to kill you and those close to you out of fear of the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon supporting you. However, it'll be easy for me to kill the others!" The middle-aged man said coldly, "If you don't wish to see the Azure Cloud Mansion turn into a river of blood, you better hand the Devilseal Tablet over to me!"

"Y-You dare?!" When Duan Ling Tian heard the middle-aged man admitting that he feared the Nineclawed Divine Dragon supporting him, he thought the middle-aged man would not dare to act recklessly. He did not expect the middle-aged man to threaten him.

Turn the Azure Cloud Mansion into a river of blood?

"Don't doubt my determination. I'm a man of my words!" The middle-aged man said coldly. His crossedeyes glinted sinisterly!

As long as he did not kill the Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior and those close to him, the arrogant Nineclawed Divine Dragon would not seek revenge from him for snatching a Super Saint Weapon away from Duan Ling Tian.

Faced with the middle-aged man who was like a cold-blooded animal, although Duan Ling Tian was unwilling, he could only obediently hand over the Devilseal Tablet. This was because he did not wish to implicate the Azure Cloud Mansion!

After obtaining the Devilseal Tablet, the middle-aged man clicked his tongue and smiled. "How naive! I daren't kill you and those close to you due to my fear of the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon doesn't mean

that I daren't kill those who're not close to you. Those words earlier were just said to make you give in. You actually believed me? You've angered me, and it can only be washed away with fresh blood!"

The moment the middle-aged man finished speaking, he left with the Devilseal Tablet as murderous intent surged out of his body.

"You dare?!" Duan Ling Tian was so furious that his eyes almost popped out of its sockets. He did not expect the middle-aged man would go back on his words after obtaining the Devilseal Tablet!

He instantly felt the flames of wrath in his heart was on the brink of exploding.

"In this life, if I, Duan Ling Tian, don't kill you, I'm not a human!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned red as killing intent rose from his body.

It had been such a long time since he felt such wrath!

It had been such a long time since he felt so eager to kill somebody!

#### Chapter 1877: Black Kshetra Sect, Xie Zong

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Dragon Warriors had always been an extraordinary existence.

This was because every Dragon Warrior would have the support of a Divine Dragon that had seven claws or more behind them.

Each Divine Dragon with seven claws or more could only bestow the gift of Dragonization once in its entire life! Due to this reason, every Dragon Warrior usually had the support of the Divine Dragon that had bestowed the gift of Dragonization on him.

A Seven-clawed Dragon Warrior would have a Seven-clawed Divine Dragon supporting him.

An Eight-clawed Dragon Warrior would have an Eight-clawed Divine Dragon supporting him.

A Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior would have an Nine-clawed Divine Dragon supporting him.

In the long history of Dao Martial Saint Land, there were many Seven-clawed Dragon Warriors that had appeared, including a few Eight-clawed Dragon Warriors.

Once, somebody had killed a Seven-clawed Dragon Warrior. In the end, that person was killed by the Seven-clawed Divine Dragon!

Once, somebody had killed a close relative of an Eight-clawed Dragon Warrior. Due to this reason, that person was killed by an Eight-clawed Divine Dragon!

Somebody had also annihilated the entire sect that an Eight-clawed Dragon Warrior was in except for the Eight-clawed Dragon Warrior, his family, and close friends. However, the Eight-clawed Divine Dragon did not seek revenge from the person when it found out about it.

Somebody had also snatched a Super Saint Weapon from a Dragon Warrior, and the Divine Dragon did not seek revenge on behalf of that Dragon Warrior.

These incidents that happened in the past were proofs that the protection from the Divine Dragons with seven claws or more was limited.

Due to this reason, the powerhouse from the Upper Province who came to the Azure Cloud Mansion with the intention to snatch the Devilseal Tablet had shown mercy and did not kill Duan Ling Tian after he had transformed into a Dragon Warrior!

The middle-aged man, Xie Zong, who had flown away and was prepared to slaughter the people in the Azure Cloud Mansion after snatching the Devilseal Tablet away muttered to himself with a grim expression, "Damn it! Why must that fellow be a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior?! If he's only a Seven-clawed Dragon Warrior, I can still kill him! I, Xie Zong, am not afraid of those few Seven-clawed Divine Dragons in the Upper Province anyway!"

Based on his words, he was bold enough to kill a Seven-clawed Dragon Warrior and was not afraid of a Seven-clawed Divine Dragon at all!

"Currently, there are no Eight-clawed Divine Dragons in the Dao Martial Saint Land, so where did this Nine-clawed Divine Dragon come from? Looks like the reason Duan Ling Tian is able to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior must be due to him obtaining the gift of Dragonization left behind by a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon a long, long time ago! That Nine-clawed Divine Dragon must have risen to the Devata Realm and must be extremely powerful!" Xie Zong was uncertain if the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon paid any attention to Duan Ling Tian or not so he did not dare to take the risk and act recklessly.

If he was wrong, he would die!

After all, even a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon would only be able to grant Dragonization to a person once in his entire life. It was impossible that the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon did not have high regard of Duan Ling Tian.

Due to this reason, he did not dare to kill Duan Ling Tian and those close to him.

Naturally, he felt very stifled because of this.

"Huh?" Suddenly, a group of Black Armored Guards appeared in Xie Zong's sight, causing his eyes to lit up immediately.

As soon as Xie Zong saw the group of patrolling Black Armored Guards, they noticed him as well. They surrounded him and asked, "Who are you?!"

However, they soon realized that as the middle-aged man standing nearby lifted his hand and fisted his hand, the air in their surroundings seemed to grow heavy. It pressed down on them until it was difficult for them to move.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

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A series of loud explosions resonated in the air as the Black Armored Guards exploded one by one, leaving behind a bloody rain.

After killing the group of Black Armored Guards, Xie Zong's heart felt less stifled.

Xie Zong narrowed his crossed-eyes and smiled sinisterly as he muttered, "This is only the beginning!"

"Stop!" At this moment, a voice rang out. As it turned out, it was Duan Ru Feng who had been following Xie Zong to stop him.

"If it isn't for the fact that you're Duan Ling Tian's father, I would've killed you! The Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion... Tsk tsk... Just a mere leader of a quasi third-rate force, and you actually dare to make so much noise in front of me, Xie Zong!" Xie Zong glanced at Duan Ru Feng coldly and casually push one of his hand out.

At once, the air vibrated and a vast and invisible energy swept out, sending Duan Ru Feng flying again.

Even someone as strong as Duan Ru Feng could barely endure a blow from him.

"Hurmph!" At the same time, as though Xie Zong had sensed something, his eyes turned cold as he pushed with the back of his hand.

As a loud bang reverberated, the air trembled. A wretched figure was sent flying backward suddenly.

It was a black-clad man. Due to the reason he was dressed entirely in black from head to toe, one could not see his appearance clearly.

Barf!

As he was sent flying, he threw up a mouthful of blood.

"Wu Ying!" Horror dawned on Duan Ru Feng who was sent flying into the distance when he saw this.

The person tried to sneak an attack on Xie Zong was none other than Yue Wu Ying! Yue Wu Ying was a mysterious and elusive person in the Azure Cloud Mansion. He was even more mysterious than Duan Ru Feng the Mansion Master.

However, every member of the Azure Cloud Mansion knew Yue Wu Ying was like their Mansion Master's shadow.

Most importantly, he excelled in sneak attacks similar to a ghost.

Although his strength was weaker than Duan Ru Feng, Duan Ru Feng might not be able to kill someone as easily as he could due to his stealthiness.

However, today, even he had missed his mark.

Based on this, one could tell Xie Zong's strength was far superior to Yue Wu Ying!

'With Wu Ying's sneak attack, even an ordinary Early Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse would be taken by surprise and be killed. However, this person called Xie Zong actually detected him when he was about to make his move! Even a powerhouse at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage might not be able to do this!' There was a hint of dread in Duan Ru Feng's eyes when he looked at Xie Zong again. 'It's very likely that his cultivation base is above the Quintessential Saint Stage!"

"Lord Xie Zong!" Xie Zong's eyes turned cold as he was about to kill Yue Wu Ying when a voice resonated in the distance. An ancient figure appeared, accompanied by that voice.

With just a glance, Xie Zong could tell it was one of the Watchers in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. He was a Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator sent by a first-rate force from the Upper Province.

"Yes?" Faced with this Watcher, Xie Zhong had an indifferent expression on his face. In fact, upon closer inspection, one could see a hint of irritation as well. It was clear he did not have high regard for the other person.

The Watcher was an old man. It was clear he felt awkward when faced with Xie Zong.

How could he not feel awkward?

Not only was Xie Zong stronger than him, but even his background was not something he could compare to!

Although the force the Watcher was from was a first-rate force in the Upper Province, he was merely an ordinary elder. Otherwise, he would not have been sent to the awful Lower Province!

However, Xie Zong was someone from one of the three great sects, the Black Kshetra Sect. Not only that, but he had a high position in the Black Kshetra Sect too.

Even the Leader of the Upper Province's first-rate force behind him would have to treat him with respect, let alone someone like him.

"Lord Xie Zong, the rules prohibiting powerhouses above the Quintessential Saint Stage from coming to the Lower Province and killing indiscriminately is agreed upon by the three great sects, including your sect. Is it okay for you to kill as few people as possible? Otherwise, it'll be difficult for me to come up with an explanation to my superiors if news of this spread out," the Watcher said humbly to Xie Zong with a wry smile.

"Hurmph!" Upon hearing the Watcher's words, Xie Zong snorted coldly in disdain. "If somebody blames you for neglecting your duty because of this incident, you can always ask him to come to the Black Kshetra Sect to look for me, Xie Zong, for an explanation!"

Go to the Black Kshetra Sect to look for him for an explanation?

The Watcher smiled wryly. It was very likely that the Leader from the first-rate force he was from would not dare to go to the Black Kshetra Sect to look for Xie Zong to ask for an explanation.

Put aside the fact that Xie Zong was an elder in the Black Kshetra Sect, his father was one of the four great Karmapas in the Black Kshetra Sect!

In the Black Kshetra Sect, when the four great Karmapas joined forces, they could even defeat the Sect Leader! Based on that, one could see how strong they were and how high their positions were!

Xie Zong glanced at the Watcher disdainfully before he shifted his gaze back to Yue Wu Ying. He smirked coldly. "You must be unrelated to Duan Ling Tian. In that case, I'll send you to hell!"

The moment his words left his mouth, horror dawned on Duan Ru Feng's face. The expression of the face hidden underneath the black cloth turned grim.

"Why would a mighty Black Kshetra Sect's elder come to the Lower Province to flaunt his strength?" At the moment Xie Zong was about to make his move, an indifferent voice sounded. It seemed as though the voice came from every direction. At the very least, it sounded that way to everyone present on the scene except for Xie Zong.

However, upon hearing that voice, Xie Zong immediately shifted his attention to the north as he said in a deep voice, "Who are you?!"

Duan Ru Feng was originally worried about Yue Wu Ying and had a grave expression on his face. However, his eyes lit up immediately when he heard this voice. At the same time, his eyes were also trained in the same direction as Xie Zong.

Upon hearing this voice, although Yue Wu Ying's face could not be seen, one could see his body trembling slightly for a moment.

As the Watcher also turned his attention north, a figure stepped out from behind the clouds in a manner that was neither hurried nor slow.

It was an old man dressed in a long gray robe! As he hovered in the sky, he looked like a great sage.

"The Old Prophet!" As soon as Xie Zong saw the old man, his eyes lit up immediately. At this moment, his heartbeat increased and his breathing quickened.

The Old Prophet was the current successor of the Seven Absolutes Sect's Second Absolute, the Prophet Progeny. Not only that, but he was a pest and a thorn in the sides of the three great sects, including the Black Kshetra Sect.

'If I can kill the Old Prophet and bring his head back, my chances of becoming the next Sect Leader will increase!' Xie Zong's heart continued to beat rapidly.

"Old Prophet, I can't believe you're also tempted by the Devilseal Tablet. Unfortunately, the Devilseal Tablet has already fallen into my hands! As for you, since you're here, there's no need for you to leave. You can just stay back!" Xie Zong disappeared as soon as he finished speaking.

At the very least, among the people present on the scene, whether it was Duan Ru Feng or Yue Wu Ying, both of them could hardly see his movements.

Even the Watcher whose cultivation base was at the Quintessential Saint Stage could barely catch Xie Zong's movements as well.

# **Chapter 1878: Saint Celestial Nine Forms**

"Well, we'll have to see then if you have the capability to make me stay!" His words turned fainter when he reached the end of his sentence. As the Old Prophet spoke, he had already turned to leave, getting further and further away.

As for Xie Zong, since he was desperate to kill the Old Prophet, he, naturally, chased after the Old Prophet when he saw him leaving.

At this moment, he had already forgotten about Yue Wu Ying and the Azure Cloud Mansion!

The Old Prophet and Xie Zong vanished into thin air in just a blink of an eye!

At once, only Duan Ru Feng, Yue Wu Ying, and the Watcher were left on the scene.

"Lord Mansion Master, what's going on? Why did Lord Xie Zong come to your Azure Cloud Mansion to kill people?" The Watcher looked at Duan Ru Feng with a puzzled expression.

The reason he had come here was due to a report someone made about a powerhouse from the Upper Province had violated the rules in the Azure Cloud Mansion. It prompted him to rush here immediately.

In the end, he was still too late. Many people had died in the hands of that powerhouse from the Upper Province.

Initially, he was unaware of who the powerhouse from the Upper Province was. It was only when he arrived at the Azure Cloud Mansion that he discovered the powerhouse was Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect!

If he had known beforehand the powerhouse was Xie Zong, he would not have come.

"He was here for the Devilseal Tablet," Duan Ru Feng answered in a grim voice.

"The Devilseal Tablet?" Upon hearing Duan Ru Feng's words, the Watcher said, "Didn't the Devilseal Tablet disappeared a few years back? It's said that the Devilseal Tablet is in a young man called Duan Ling Tian's possession. Ever since then, the young man has disappeared along with the Devilseal Tablet."

"Elder Liu, you rarely leave your station. Perhaps, you might not have heard that Duan Ling Tian who possesses the Devilseal Tablet is actually my son. Today, Xie Zong came to my Azure Cloud Mansion and had killed Elder Ku before snatching the Devilseal Tablet away from my son!" Duan Ru Feng's eyes shone with killing intent when he reached the end of his sentence.

"Duan Ling Tian is your son, Mansion Master Duan?" The Watcher was shocked.

"Elder Liu, based on your conversation with Xie Zong, he's a member of one of the three great sects in the Upper Province, the Black Kshetra Sect? I could see that you seem to fear him a little," Duan Ru Feng asked.

Earlier, Duan Ru Feng had overheard that Xie Zong was a member of the Black Kshetra Sect.

The Black Kshetra Sect was one of the three great sects in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

The Upper Province's three great sects were the Fire Worship Sect, the Heaven Divination Sect, and the Black Kshetra Sect. They were listed in no particular order.

Duan Ru Feng knew this much at least.

"Lord Xie Zong is an elder in the Black Kshetra Sect and is a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse! Other than this, his father is also one of the four Karmapas in the Black Kshetra Sect who's known as the Golden Lion King!" When the Watcher reached the end of his sentence, his expression turned glum. "In the Black Kshetra Sect, any one of the four great Karmapas is not inferior to the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect. If the four great Karmapas wanted to, they could even strip the Sect Leader of his title and elect a new Sect Leader."

Duan Ru Feng's expression turned grim. He did not expect Xie Zong would have such an important background.

Not only was he an elder of the Black Kshetra Sect, but he was also the son of the Golden Lion King, one of the four great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect!

As for the fact that Xie Zong was a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse, Duan Ru Feng was not surprised at all. This was because he could tell even a powerhouse at the Quintessential Saint Stage could not compare to him at all! If that was the case, there was only one possibility left. Xie Zong's cultivation base was higher than the Quintessential Saint Stage!

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, there was one more stage after the Quintessential Saint Stage. That stage was the Saint Celestial Stage!

The Saint Celestial Stage was further divided into nine minor stages. They were collectively referred to as the Saint Celestial Nine Forms!

Once one had cultivated to the last form, the Celestial Ascension Form, one would then be able to draw upon the Heaven and Earth Energy to summon the Celestial Ascension Calamity.

Once one had successfully passed the Celestial Ascension Calamity, one would be able to undergo Transcendence and rise to the Devata Realm and become a true Celestial being!

"Father!" Duan Ling Tian who had recovered a little made his way here with Xiao Lan and Bi Yao's help.

Currently, he had reverted to his human form.

"Father, how many members of our Azure Cloud Mansion did that fellow kill?" Duan Ling Tian asked grimly when he reached Duan Ru Feng's side. His eyes shone with killing intent.

"Ten people." Duan Ru Feng sighed.

"Ten?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He could not believe it.

Only ten?

"Father, what happened?" Duan Ling Tian asked again. He did not think the middle-aged man was a good person. If it was not for the fact that he had seen him transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior and feared the wrath of the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon, the middle-aged man would have killed him along with everyone in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian felt that something must have happened for that fellow to kill so few people.

"Another powerhouse from the Upper Province came and mocked him when he saw him. When the other powerhouse from the Upper Province turned to leave, he chased after him immediately!" Although Duan Ru Feng knew it was the Old Prophet, he pretended he did not know who it was.

Before he received permission from the Old Prophet, he would not reveal that he knew him.

"Another powerhouse from the Upper Province?" Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He instantly turned to look around his surroundings.

After a few glances, he discovered only an old man was left on the scene apart from his father. Yue Wu Ying had quietly left a while ago.

However, after he heard that the middle-aged man who snatched his Devilseal Tablet had left, Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief.

Put everything else aside, the fact that the middle-aged man had left meant that everyone in the Azure Cloud Mansion had escaped this calamity.

As for seeking revenge, he still did not possess the capability for now. Despite the wrath in his heart, he could only bury it in the deepest part of his heart for now.

"Mansion Master Duan, is this your son?" The Watcher asked Duan Ru Feng as he shifted his attention to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ru Feng nodded before introducing to Duan Ling Tian. "Tian'er, this is one of the Watchers in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, Elder Liu."

### Watcher?

Duan Ling Tian was surprised when he heard his father's words. He did not expect one of the Watchers of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Lan would show up here.

"Elder Liu," Duan Ling Tian greeted the Watcher first out of courtesy.

"You're quite lucky, little fellow. To think that you got your hands on a Super Saint Weapon such as the Devilseal Tablet. However, since the Devilseal Tablet is a Super Saint Weapon on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking, it may not be the best for you to have it in your possession. Now that it's no longer in your possession, there's no need for you to hide yourself like how you did before. There's some good and some bad in this incident." The Watcher's words were still acceptable in the beginning. However, as he continued to speak, Duan Ling Tian had a complicated expression on his face.

Indeed.

It was not necessarily a bad thing that the Devilseal Tablet was no longer in his possession. Naturally, although Duan Ling Tian felt this way, it did not lessen his hatred toward that middle-aged man.

Not only did he stomp on him repeatedly and humiliate him, but he even killed Elder Ku and ten disciples from the Azure Cloud Mansion.

He would eventually seek revenge from him. He knew his current strength very well!

"Mansion Master Duan, since there's no longer any matter, I'll take my leave now." The Watcher bade Duan Ru Feng farewell before he left.

At once, only Duan Ru Feng, Duan Ling Tian, Xiao Lan, and Bi Yao remained on the scene.

As for Rong Yuan, he had already gone to calm the Azure Cloud Mansion's disciples who were affected by the commotion.

Duan Ru Feng broke the silence first and said, "That man is called Xie Zong. He's an elder from one of the three great sects in the Upper Province, the Black Kshetra Sect. His cultivation base is higher than the Quintessential Saint Stage. He's a powerhouse who has already entered the Saint Celestial Stage!"

When Duan Ru Feng spoke about Xie Zong, his eyes gleamed murderously. The anger he felt was in no way inferior to what Duan Ling Tian felt!

"A member of one of the three great sects?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed. He did not expect that before he could even rescue Ke'er from the evil grasp of the Fire Worship Sect, he already had enmity with another sect, the Black Kshetra Sect.

As for the Saint Celestial Stage, Duan Ling Tian was familiar with it. When he was in the quasi third-rate force, the Mystical Sky Mansion, he had read many books in the library in the Mystical Sky Mansion's Main Mansion.

Among them, there were some books that contained information about the stages of the cultivation base in the Dao Martial Saint Land. The Saint Celestial Stage was included in it!

The Saint Celestial Stage was the cultivation base after the Quintessential Saint Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land. It was also the last cultivation base in the Dao Martial Saint Land!

When one had cultivated to the ninth form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form, one would have to undergo the Celestial Ascension Calamity.

If one managed to overcome the calamity, one would be able to undergo Transcendence and rise to the Devata Realm!

His master whom he had never seen before, Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, had cultivated to the ninth form of the Saint Celestial Stage and successfully overcome the calamity. In the end, he had risen to the Devata Realm.

'The Saint Celestial Stage... I wonder what form Xie Zong has cultivated to?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. At the same time, he felt pressured.

As it turned out, Xie Zong who had killed Elder Ku and ten Azure Cloud Mansion's disciples was actually a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse. He was someone he had no choice but to look up to at this moment.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not feel discouraged because of this.

So what if he was at the Saint Celestial Stage?

Eventually, he would make his way to the Black Kshetra Sect and kill Xie Zong to seek revenge for Elder Ku and the ten Azure Cloud Mansion's disciples.

It was because of the Devilseal Tablet that Xie Zong appeared in the Azure Cloud Mansion. The Devilseal Tablet had belonged to him. For this reason, whether it was Elder Ku or the ten disciples' death, Duan Ling Tian felt that it was his fault and shouldered the burden of revenge.

Perhaps, this burden would be lifted one day after he had killed Xie Zong to avenge Elder Ku and the ten disciples from Azure Cloud Mansion.

Such a huge commotion had taken place in the Azure Cloud Mansion. It was only natural for news of it to spread. In truth, the Azure Cloud Mansion did not do much to conceal the matter. They were honest with what had happened.

"Young Mansion Master Duan Ling Tian of the Azure Cloud Mansion was the lucky person who obtained the Devilseal Tablet. After his identity was exposed, he was instantly targeted by a powerhouse from the Upper Province. That Devilseal Tablet has also been snatched away by that powerhouse from the Upper Province!"

"The powerhouse from the Upper Province who snatched the Devilseal Tablet is an elder from the Black Kshetra Sect, one of the three great sects in the Upper Province!"

After the news spread out, similar discussions could be heard everywhere.

### **Chapter 1879: Family And Friends From Afar**

The people in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land did not expect the Devilseal Tablet in Duan Ling Tian's possession would be snatched away by a powerhouse from the Upper Province so soon after they learned he was the one who possessed the Devilseal Tablet and was also the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.

"If the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion did not reveal his identity, he wouldn't be targeted by the powerhouse from the Upper Province and the Devilseal Tablet would still remain in his possession," many people mused.

"His identity was bound to be exposed the moment he decided to fulfill the five-year pact with the dragon clan. However, the chance to enter the dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool, doesn't seem worth it in exchange for losing the Devilseal Tablet!"

"That's right! If I were him, I'd rather forfeit the five-year pact and keep the Devilseal Tablet!"

"Who knows? The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion might be regretting his decision as well!"

Almost the entire Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was in a commotion. Their discussions were all about Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, the Mountainshade Black Market and dragon clan had also received news of this as well.

"It's snatched away so quickly?" When Leader Dugu from Mountainshade Black Market heard about this, he was a little surprised. He was not surprised it was snatched away, but he was surprised by how quickly it was snatched away.

At that time, when Duan Ling Tian fulfilled the five-year pact and revealed his identity, he knew the Devilseal Tablet would not remain in Duan Ling Tian's possession for long. Due to this reason, he did not covet the Devilseal Tablet since he knew very well he would not be able to protect it!

Faced with those powerhouses from the Upper Province, even he, the Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, who was widely acknowledged as one of the two strongest men in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, was not worthy in comparison.

"He deserves it!" In the dragon clan, apart from Clan Leader Di Shan who remained quiet, the group of Five-clawed Divine Dragons, including the Enforcement Elder Xue Chan, took pleasure in Duan Ling Tian's misfortune.

They hated the young man who had killed the future Clan Leader of their dragon clan and obtained the chance to enter their dragon clan's Saint Land, the Dragon Cleansing Pool. How they wished he would be killed when the Devilseal Tablet was taken away from him!

"Duan Ling Tian had met with a kind powerhouse from the Upper Province!"

"That's right! Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to live!"

"Perhaps, he lowered himself and begged for forgiveness from the powerhouse from the Upper Province before he handed the Devilseal Tablet over with both his hands?"

The group of Five-clawed Divine Dragon's elders discussed among themselves, mocking Duan Ling Tian.

The news continued to spread further and further away before almost the entire Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land had heard about the matter.

In the far away sixth-rate Saint Nation, the Windfall Nation, it had been a while since news of Duan Ling Tian being the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion and the Devilseal Tablet being in his possession had spread there. However, visitors still swarmed to the courtyard of the Situ Clan.

Everyone, including the members of the Windfall Nation's Imperial Family, had come to visit one after another.

Naturally, they were not there to visit the Clan Leader of Situ Clan or the high-ranking officials there. Instead, they came to visit Duan Ling Tian's family and friends such as Bai Li Hong, Feng Wu Dao, and the others.

They had spent the entire day entertaining visitors that they were only free when evening came. All of them were extremely tired. They had been entertaining visitors for several days now.

Nangong Yi stretched his limbs. After a while, he could not help but complain, "Duan Ling Tian is really something! He always surprises us in different ways! Not only did his cultivation base enter the Divine Saint Stage, but even news of him killing Di Jue who was at the Exemplary Saint Stage and him being the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion had spread here."

"We should be happy for Duan Ling Tian that his cultivation base has broken through to the Divine Saint Stage and he's the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion," Nangong Chen said as he glanced at Nangong Yi indifferently.

Currently, Nangong Chen had changed. He was no longer aloof and unapproachable. At the very least, he would not have said such words in the past.

"Nangong Chen is right! We should be happy for Duan Ling Tian! Nangong Yi, if you think this is too tiring, you can always excuse yourself from entertaining the guest from tomorrow onward," Chen Shao Shuai told Nangong Yi.

"I merely blurted out whatever was on my mind." Nangong Yi shot Chen Shao Shuai a dirty look before he sighed again. "Until now, I still feel a little surreal. I can accept the breakthrough in his cultivation base since he's originally a monstrous freak. I don't find it shocking that he has entered the Divine Saint Stage. However, how did his identity undergo such a big change? The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion? What kind of force is the Azure Cloud Mansion? It's one of the two strongest forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!" When Nangong Yi reached the end of his sentence, his voice even trembled a little. Up until now, he felt as though everything was a dream.

In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was just too ridiculous to the point he did not dare to believe some of the things he heard.

"I've not heard him say his father is the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion." Chen Shao Shuai smiled wryly.

"Perhaps, he didn't even know his father is the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion previously. Didn't you hear him say that one of the reasons he came to the Dao Martial Saint Land was to look for his parents?" Nangong Yi added again, "I'm really curious what kind of expression he had when he discovered his father is the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. The Azure Cloud Mansion is not an ordinary force but one of the two strongest forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

"Now that Little Tian has killed Di Jue, it can be considered that he has avenged the members of Ling Tian Sect who had died. They can finally rest in peace." Feng Wu Dao sighed.

The moment these words left his mouth, the place fell silent.

Di Jue whom Duan Ling Tian had killed during the five-year pact was the Five-clawed Dragon who had annihilated Ling Tian Sect on Half Moon Island! At that time, Di Jue had almost killed them as well.

"Perhaps, it didn't even cross Di Jue's mind that the young man whom he regarded as an ant would kill be able to kill him after only five years!" Xiong Quan said as his eyes shone.

When he spoke, an expression of admiration appeared on his face.

"Duan Ling Tian's innate talent can't be deduced by normal logic. However, it's indeed amazing that he killed Di Jue!" Nangong Yi chuckled.

"What? You're not going to complain anymore about having to entertain guests due to Duan Ling Tian?" Chen Shao Shuai said mockingly.

Nangong Yi only rolled his eyes in response.

"Will Junior Brother be in danger?" Unlike Chen Shao Shuai and the others, Bai Li Hong had given more thought to the matter. "After all, since he has fulfilled the five-year pact, his identity has been exposed! I'm afraid, as of this moment, most people from the Lower Province have already learned that the Devilseal Tablet is in his possession. The Devilseal Tablet is a famous Super Saint Weapon on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking. Even powerhouses from the Upper Province would covet it. Even the Azure Cloud Mansion might not be able to protect the Devilseal Tablet in his possession!"

His expression was grave when he spoke. Feng Wu Dao and the others found it a little strange.

However, when Bai Li Hong finished speaking, they all gasped one after another. "I didn't think of this at all. Now that you mentioned it, Elder Bai Li, Duan Ling Tian might be in danger!"

"It might be fine if he hands over the Devilseal Tablet in exchange for his life if a powerhouse from the Upper Province comes. However, with Duan Ling Tian's personality, I'm worried he won't give in easily and he might anger the powerhouse from the Upper Province and get killed!"

"Duan Ling Tian is wise. I'm sure he has already thought about this. I only hope he can escape in time before the powerhouses from the Upper Province arrive."

At once, everyone, including Bai Li Hong, began to worry about Duan Ling Tian. When they thought about Duan Ling Tian's situation, they felt afraid for him.

In the next two days, they continued to entertain visitors as usual.

However, on the third day, they received news about what had happened. All of them were horrified.

"A powerhouse from the Upper Province went to the Azure Cloud Mansion and forcefully snatched the Devilseal Tablet away from Duan Ling Tian? Is he alright?"

What they were worried about had finally happened.

"He's okay? It's fine as long as he's okay! It's good enough that he's fine." However, when they learned that Duan Ling Tian was unharmed, they sighed in relief.

Compared to the Devilseal Tablet, they were, naturally, worried about Duan Ling Tian's safety.

"What are you guys talking about?" At that moment when Bai Li Hong and the others sighed in relief, a voice suddenly sounded. It seemed as though it came from every direction, causing them to be unable to pinpoint where the voice came from.

However, they found the voice to be familiar.

Before they could react, three people had appeared before their eyes. Two people were standing side by side with a little boy in tow.

They were very familiar with the two people standing next to each other.

"Junior Brother!"

"Little Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian!"

"Young Master!"

"Master!"

When they saw the appearance of the young man, everyone's eyes lit up immediately. They were all pleasantly surprised.

They did not expect the young man they were worrying over just a moment ago would appear before them, causing them to sigh in relief all over again.

Hearing that Duan Ling Tian was unharmed and seeing with their own eyes that he was unharmed were two different matters!

"Is everyone fine?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile.

Meanwhile, Li Fei who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian and holding a six or seven-year-old little boy nodded at Bai Li Hong and the others as a greeting.

She knew all of them except for Bai Li Hong.

"Duan Ling Tian, how did you find Miss Fei'er?" When Nangong Yi saw Li Fei standing by Duan Ling Tian's side, he could not help but feel shocked.

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"Initially, she went to the Greenwave Han Mansion to look for Xue Nai. However, my father sent someone to bring her to the Azure Cloud Mansion," Duan Ling Tian answered Nangong Yi's question.

However, when he reached the end of his sentence, his expression instantly turned grim as his eyes glinted murderously. He had unknowingly clenched both his hands. The person whom his father had sent to fetch Li Fei was Elder Ku! The way he was killed was still vivid in his mind!

Although Elder Ku's death was not directly related to him, to a certain extent it was still because of him!

After all, it was because of the Devilseal Tablet in his possession that Xie Zong, the powerhouse from the Upper Province's Black Kshetra Sect, had come. If it was not because of the Devilseal Tablet, Xie Zong would not have come to the Azure Cloud Mansion, and Elder Ku would not have died! Not only that, but the ten Azure Cloud Mansion's disciples would not have died as well!

Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian felt guilty and blamed himself for the deaths of Elder Ku and the ten disciples. Whether it was to wash away the humiliation he had suffered or to seek revenge for Elder Ku and the ten disciples, he swore that he would not let Xie Zong go.

Even if Xie Zong was an elder from the Black Kshetra Sect and had the sect's support, he, Duan Ling Tian, would kill him no matter what!

When it came to pride and dignity, Duan Ling Tian was in no way inferior to Zhu Lu Qi, the former Palace Master of Heaven Palace in the Mystical Sky Mansion.

Although he would not forsake his humanity and cultivate a Devil Dao Cultivation Method like the Devouring Dark Devil Technique in order to seek revenge, it did not mean that he would let his enemy go.

He, Duan Ling Tian, had his own method of seeking revenge!

Compared to Zhu Lu Qi, the biggest advantage he had was that he was young. As long as he was given time, he believed he would be able to chase up to or even surpass Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect. At that time, it would be the day Xie Zong would die!

"What? Did I say something wrong?" Nangong Yi asked anxiously when he saw that something was not right with Duan Ling Tian's expression.

"No, it has nothing to do with you." Duan Ling Tian regained his senses upon hearing Nangong Yi's words and shook his head.

Then, he looked at Bai Li Hong and introduced Li Fei to him. "Senior Brother, this is my fiancee, Li Fei. I've told you about her previously."

"Nice to meet you, sister-in-law." Bai Li Hong greeted Li Fei with a smile as he thought to himself, 'You really have a good eye, Junior Brother.'

"Senior Brother," Li Fei quickly responded. She knew the position Senior Brother Bai Li had in her man's heart so she did not dare to be discourteous.

Then, Bai Li Hong shifted his gaze to the little boy who was holding on to Li Fei's hands. "This child belongs to both of you? What's his name?"

"Nian Tian. Duan Nian Tian." Li Fei smiled in response.

"Duan Ling Tian, I really admire you more and more," Nangong Yi looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Not only is your innate talent heaven-defying, but your background is powerful as well. Apart from that, you have a fiancee as beautiful as a fairy and a child as well. You're really a winner in life! We're all human, but why do I feel as though God favors you more?" His tone was a little bitter when he spoke. Naturally, he was mostly joking.

Nangong Yi's words also made everybody present chuckled, causing the atmosphere to turn warm immediately.

"Senior Brother, Uncle Feng, I'm sure all of you must have heard the news about me by now. The reason I came this time is to bring all of you back to the Azure Cloud Mansion. Compared to the Situ Clan, the Azure Cloud Mansion is far better in every aspect," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly. He told them the purpose of his visit without beating around the bush.

"To the Azure Cloud Mansion?" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, whether it was the Nangong Twins or Chen Shao Shuai, their eyes lit up immediately.

Just as the saying went, 'Man endeavors to rise while water flows downward.' Naturally, they did not wish to stay in the same place forever, especially if there was a better place to improve themselves. It was undoubtedly better for them to go to the Azure Cloud Mansion.

When Duan Ling Tian saw the Nangong Twins and Chen Shao Shuai's reactions, he knew they were willing to go to the Azure Cloud Mansion. Therefore, he turned to Bai Li Hong and Feng Wu Dao and asked, "Senior Brother, Uncle Feng, what about both of you?"

"I'm fine with it," Bai Li Hong answered with a smile. He was fine with staying anywhere. However, there was no doubt it would be the best to stay in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

"I don't have any objections, but what if Tian Wu comes back..." Feng Wu Dao was a little hesitant.

"Uncle Feng, now that news of me had spread in the entire Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, if you're Tian Wu, what would you do after receiving the news?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Naturally, I'll look for you in the Azure Cloud Mansion. You're right! I'll follow you to the Azure Cloud Mansion as well!" Feng Wu Dao was a little blunt in this matter that concerned himself. When he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he was immediately enlightened.

As for Xiong Quan and Gold Thug, Duan Ling Tian did not ask them anything at all. This was because he knew what their answers would be. They would definitely follow him.

"Since everyone agrees to leave, I'll follow all of you to bid farewell to the Clan Leader of Situ Clan."

After everyone agreed to leave with him, he immediately went with the others to look for the Clan Leader of Situ Clan.

They spoke for a while before they finally bade farewell to the Clan Leader. Duan Ling Tian felt very grateful to the Situ Clan.

However, the Clan Leader of Situ Clan seemed to have changed into a different person. Although previously he was very polite to Duan Ling Tian, it was even more exaggerated now. Duan Ling Tian, naturally, knew the reason why. Previously, he was only slightly more powerful in regards to innate talent and strength. Currently, he was not only a Divine Saint Stage powerhouse, but he was also the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.

The Azure Cloud Mansion was a quasi third-rate force!

As the leader of a seventh-rate force, the Clan Leader of Situ Clan had to pay the same respect as he would God. He even treated Duan Ling Tian as though he was God.

"Junior Brother, you're leaving the Lower Province?" After leaving Windfall Nation, during their journey back to the Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian told them about his plan of going to the Upper Province. Bai Li Hong frowned immediately.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded before looking toward the distant with a determined expression. "Somebody's waiting for me there..."

At the same time, a beautiful figure appeared in his mind. It was his other fiancee, Ke'er!

Bai Li Hong and the others could roughly guess who he was talking about.

When Bai Li Hong heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he no longer commented on his plans on going to the Upper Province.

While Duan Ling Tian was bringing Bai Li Hong and the others back to the Azure Cloud Mansion, Xie Zong, the Black Kshetra Sect's elder who had just passed the passage that connected the Lower Province to the Upper Province, had successfully arrived at the Upper Province. However, he discovered the Old Prophet had disappeared under his nose.

"Damn it!" Naturally, Xie Zong knew this meant he could no longer chase after the Old Prophet.

'I can't believe the Old Prophet's speed is not any slower than mine. To think he's only the successor of the Prophet Progeny, the Second Absolute in the Seven Absolutes Sect. He's supposed to be the least adept in combat! If he's the successor of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, who would be able to stop him then?' Xie Zong's expression turned grave immediately the moment he thought of this.

Although the three great sects were not willing to mention that period of time, there was no doubt it was real.

At that time, the three great sects had to join forces just so they could drag out their ignoble existence. The reason the Seven Absolutes Sect was so powerful during that era was all due to the heaven-defying successor of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny.

That heaven-defying successor was also someone who had grasped an entire era in his hands!

He was known as Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang!

During that era, even when the strongest powerhouse from each of the three great sects joined forces, they were no match for him!

'It's fortunate that the requirement for the successor of the Seven Absolutes Sect's First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, is extremely high! Ever since that time until now, nobody has heard of the appearance of the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny.' Xie Zong sighed in relief when he thought of this.

Naturally, it did not cross his mind, even in his wildest dreams, that the person he snatched the Devilseal Tablet from not too long ago was the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny of this era.

"Apart from the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, there are three other Absolutes in the Seven Absolutes Sect that excel in combat. Kratos, Blazing Phoenix, and Didymus! Not only that, but there's one Absolute that excels in stealth. He's the king in the dark!" Xie Zong muttered.

Based on his words, it was clear he had certain knowledge of the Seven Absolutes Sect:

The Seven Absolutes Sect was separated into seven Absolutes.

First Absolute — Fog Rain.

Second Absolute — Prophet

Third Absolute — Kratos.

Fourth Absolute — Dark Shadow.

Fifth Absolute — Blazing Phoenix.

Sixth Absolute — Didymus.

Seventh Absolute — Red Dust.

The First Absolute, Fog Rain, had always been the soul leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. The Second Absolute, the Prophet, was like a sage or a military counselor who excelled in fortune-telling. The Seventh Absolute, Red Dust, specialized in collecting intelligence. It was the anchor and the core progeny of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

The Third Absolute, Kratos, the Fifth Absolute, Blazing Phoenix, and the Sixth Absolute, Didymus, were the three Absolutes that were most adept in combat in the Seven Absolutes Sect apart from the First Absolute, Fog Rain.

As for the Fourth Absolute, Dark Shadow, just like its name, it lurked in the darkness like the shadow of a Grim Reaper. He was the king of stealth and assassination!

Until now, this sect would still cause a frenzy in the three great sects of the Upper Province if there was even a slight trace of them.

"Since I've returned to the Upper Province, I might as well return to the Black Kshetra Sect and claim ownership of the Devilseal Tablet. Once the Devilseal Tablet recognizes me as its master, there would be less than 100 Devil Cultivators who are able to stand against me in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!" Xie Zong muttered to himself as he returned to the Black Kshetra Sect.

As for the Azure Cloud Mansion and Duan Ling Tian, he had long forgotten about them. He had chased the Old Prophet for such a long time that the anger he felt in the Azure Cloud Mansion had long disappeared.