

Chapter 1881: Information About Ke'er

Although Duan Ling Tian was able to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, it did not mean that Xie Zong was afraid of him. He was only afraid of the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon supporting him.

Not only that, in Xie Zong's eyes, Duan Ling Tian was just like an ant even if he was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

In the history of Dao Martial Saint Land, there were many Seven-clawed Dragon Warriors and Eight-clawed Dragon Warriors that accomplished nothing. This was because being granted the ability to transform into a Dragon Warrior did not mean it would raise one's innate talent. They would still have to rely on themselves in regards to innate talent. The ability to transform into a Dragon Warrior would only grant them greater combat ability.

Take Duan Ling Tian for example. Although his strength was on par with a Divine Saint Stage powerhouse, it was impossible for him to fight a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse even if he could transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior and use all the techniques in his arsenal. Needless to say, it was completely impossible for him to fight Xie Zong who had already entered the Saint Celestial Stage.

In Xie Zong's opinion, Duan Ling Tian's innate talent in the Lower Province could be considered as not too bad, but it really did not amount to much.

Although there were not many young powerhouses in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land with high innate talent like Duan Ling Tian, they were not rare. Moreover, he was at the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage when he was Duan Ling Tian's age. Due to this reason, he did not think Duan Ling Tian would ever be able to catch up to him, let alone surpass him.

Since he could not chase up to him, naturally, he did not worry about it as well. He knew this very well when he spared Duan Ling Tian's life.

If he had thought Duan Ling Tian had the potential to catch up to him, he would not have shown any mercy and would have killed Duan Ling Tian even if meant risking the wrath of a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon.

One could say that it was because Xie Zong had underestimated Duan Ling Tian's innate talent that Duan Ling Tian was able to live.

"This is the Crouching Dragon Lake. The Azure Cloud Mansion's estate is inside." Ten days later, when Duan Ling Tian's family of three, Bai Li Hong, and the others arrived outside of the Azure Cloud Mansion's estate where the Crouching Dragon Lake could be seen, Duan Ling Tian explained this to Bai Li Hong and the others.

"Azure Cloud Mansion!" Whether it was Bai Li Hong, Feng Wu Dao, the Nangong Twins or Chen Shao Shuai, their eyes all lit up when they heard the Azure Cloud Mansion was near.

The Azure Cloud Mansion was one of the two most powerful forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

From today onward, they would become one of the members through the connections they had with Duan Ling Tian. They were all excited!

With Duan Ling Tian, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, leading the road, it was only natural that Bai Li Hong, Feng Wu Dao, and the others could enter the Crouching Dragon Lake as though it was uncharted territory.

Before heading to the Central Main Hall of the Azure Cloud Mansion's Main Mansion, Duan Ling Tian told Li Fei who stood next to him, "Little Fei'er, bring Nian'er back first."

Li Fei nodded her head obediently before she bade farewell to the others. She brought Duan Nian Tian and left.

Inside the Central Main Hall in the Azure Cloud Mansion's Main Mansion, Bai Li Hong and the others finally met Duan Ru Feng, Duan Ling Tian's father, for the first time.

Faced with the famous Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ru Feng, apart from Xiong Quan who had been following Duan Ling Tian for a long time, everyone else felt a little awkward.

However, as the saying went, 'The love for the house would extend even to the crows that perch on its roof,' Duan Ru Feng did not put on any arrogant air when he met Bai Li Hong and the others. He was friendly and easy to approach. It slowly put Bai Li Hong and the others at ease.

In the end, they were even talking and laughing like old friends who were reunited after many years apart.

"Master Bai Li, Brother Feng, and all of you, from today onward, you can regard this place as your home! As long as you stay in the Azure Cloud Mansion, the Azure Cloud Mansion will protect you! Not only that, but we'll also provide all of you with the best cultivation environment and resources as well," Duan Ru Feng told Bai Li Hong and the others. The group of people in front of him was his son's close friends. Naturally, he, as Duan Ling Tian's father, would not be negligent in his treatment of them.

"Thank you, Mansion Master Duan." Bai Li Hong and the others immediately expressed their gratitude when they heard Duan Ru Feng's words.

"Tian'er, after you've arranged accommodations for your Senior Brother, Uncle Feng, and the others, come and look for me." When Duan Ling Tian was about to send Bai Li Hong and the others to rest, his father's voice resonated in his ears the moment he stepped out of the great door of the Central Main Hall.

His father's voice sounded a little grim.

Duan Ling Tian's heart instantly jolted as an ominous feeling rose in his heart.

Although he was curious about the reason his father asked him to come back, he put everything aside to arrange accommodations for Bai Li Hong and the others.

When Duan Ling Tian entered the Central Main Hall again, he looked at his father instantly and asked anxiously, "Father, why did you ask me to come back?"

At this moment, only father and son were left in the Central Main Hall.

“Tian’er, there’s information about Ke’er and my granddaughter,” Duan Ru Feng answered with a grave expression.

“Ke’er?” Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed immediately. His breathing had also quickened. “Father, how is Ke’er and our daughter?”

Based on his father’s words, it was clear Ke’er had given birth to a daughter for him. However, this was not important for now. What he wanted to know most was how Ke’er and his daughter were doing!

“Ke’er and your child are safe for the time being,” Duan Ru Feng replied again.

“For the time being?” Duan Ling Tian frowned. “Father, what do you mean?”

Duan Ru Feng sighed. “According to the person I asked to enquire about the situation, both Ke’er and my granddaughter are imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall of the Fire Worship Sect. They’re currently waiting for the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect to come out of closed-door cultivation before they decide on what to do with Ke’er and her child. Based on the current situation, it’s difficult for them to survive.”

“What?!” Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian.

Ke’er and his daughter were imprisoned by the people from the Fire Worship Sect’s Enforcement Hall?

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath to calm down before he looked at Duan Ru Feng and asked, “Father, is this information reliable?”

“It 100% reliable!” Duan Ru Feng said confidently.

If this news was obtained by a Watcher, he would not have believed it 100%, but the problem was, this was information given to him by the elusive and mysterious Old Prophet.

The Old Prophet who had helped the Azure Cloud Mansion lure Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect away had returned to the Azure Cloud Mansion a few days after he had shaken Xie Zong off. Apart from informing him that Xie Zong had returned to the Upper Province, he had also informed him about Ke’er and her daughter’s situation.

“Father, can you tell me who told you about this?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Tian’er, the person who told me this is the Old Prophet who’s famous in the entire Upper and Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!” Duan Ru Feng replied.

“The Old Prophet?” Duan Ling Tian was astonished.

This was because he had heard about the Old Prophet and knew that he was famous in the Dao Martial Saint Land due to his fortune-telling ability. It was said that the Old Prophet’s predictions were always accurate.

The people in the Dao Martial Saint Land even called him the Living Immortal!

“Father, you know the Old Prophet?” Duan Ling Tian was astonished. It did not cross his mind that his father was acquainted with the Old Prophet.

The Old Prophet was famous in the Upper Province, let alone the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Even the leaders of the third-rate, second-rate, and first-rate forces in the Upper Province might not necessarily know him.

However, not only his father, a mere leader of a quasi third-rate force in the Lower Province, knew the Old Prophet, but they seemed to be well acquainted as well. Otherwise, why would he inform his father of this matter?

From what Duan Ling Tian had heard, the Old Prophet might not even move under the orders of leaders of first-rate forces and the three great sects.

“I became acquainted with him through an accident. After that, we’ve seen each other a few times so we can hardly be called acquaintances.” Although Duan Ru Feng had told Duan Ling Tian about the Old Prophet, he did not tell him the reason the Old Prophet had approached was due to Duan Ling Tian himself.

This was also the instruction left behind by the Old Prophet. For the time being, he did not want Duan Ru Feng to reveal this to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian finally understood the severity of the situation. At the same time, his expression turned grim. “Since the Old Prophet told you this, the information must be true. Father, did he say when the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect will come out of closed-door cultivation?” He asked anxiously.

“No, he didn’t.” Duan Ru Feng shook his head. Naturally, he also wanted to know about this. He had asked the Old Prophet about it, but the Old Prophet had said he did not know. There was nothing he could do at all.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath, he seemed determined as he told Duan Ru Feng, “Father, I’ll leave the Azure Cloud Mansion today and head to the Upper Province!”

Initially, he had planned to leave after a short while.

However, now that he learned about the situation his fiancée and daughter was in, his heart was filled with anxiety. He was desperate to go to the Upper Province to rescue his fiancée and daughter. He would not allow anybody to hurt them!

“Be careful.” Duan Ru Feng was not surprised with Duan Ling Tian’s decision. He would have made the same decision if he was in his son’s shoes.

If he was not the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion and had a family and a group of friends who needed his protection, he would have followed his son to the Upper Province.

“Sure.” Duan Ling Tian nodded solemnly before he went to meet his mother quickly to tell her about his decision to leave the Azure Cloud Mansion today to head to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

“You’re going to the Upper Province today? Tian’er, is it really that urgent?” Li Rou felt reluctant and was shocked by her son’s sudden decision. “What happened?”

“Mother, there’s information about Ke’er,” Duan Ling Tian answered anxiously with a bitter expression on his face, “Both mother and daughter are now imprisoned in the Fire Worship Sect’s Enforcement Hall. They’re only waiting for the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect to come out from closed-door cultivation before they decide on what to do with them! Mother, I must rescue both of them before the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect comes out of closed-door cultivation!”

“Ke’er? Mother and daughter?” Upon hearing his words, Li Rou became emotional. Apart from having a grandson, she had a granddaughter as well?

However, when she regained her senses, Duan Ling Tian’s words finally sank in. Horror dawned on her when she realized the situation Ke’er and her daughter was in.

Chapter 1882: The Former Palace Master of Heaven Palace

“Tian’er, please be careful! I know you need to rescue Ke’er and your daughter, but I don’t want any harm to come to you as well.” Once Li Rou found out the reason Duan Ling Tian was so eager to leave the Azure Cloud Mansion to head to the Upper Province, she no longer tried to dissuade him. She only reminded him to be careful.

“Mother, I know.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

He had already bid farewell to his parents. Next, he, naturally, went to look for his fiancée, Li Fei.

“Go! Please be careful! I hope you’ll rescue Sister Ke’er and her daughter as soon as you can!” When Li Fei learned that Ke’er and her daughter were imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall and were in danger, horror dawned on her face. Not only that, but she even urged Duan Ling Tian to leave as soon as he could.

“I will.” After he hugged Li Fei and spent some time with her, Duan Ling Tian finally let go of her. He turned around without looking back at all. He did not dare to turn back. He was afraid he would feel unwilling to leave.

Although he had returned to the Azure Cloud Mansion for quite some time now, he was usually cultivating and rarely accompanied his wife and son due to the five-year pact. He felt like he was an incompetent husband and father.

After parting ways with Li Fei, Duan Ling Tian proceeded to look for Xiao Lan and Bi Yao.

“Y-You’re going to leave so soon?” After learning that Duan Ling Tian was going to leave, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao were shocked. A hint of longing appeared in their autumn eyes.

“I must go to the Fire Worship Sect as soon as possible and come up with a way to rescue Ke’er and our daughter. Otherwise, something might happen to them!” Duan Ling Tian said. His voice was filled with worries.

“That’s right. Jing Ru is not back yet?” After he said goodbye to Xiao Lan and Bi Yao, Duan Ling Tian suddenly remembered Jing Ru when he was about to leave.

Jing Ru was the manager of the large mansion he had bought in the Crimson Sky Kingdom’s Imperial City who had also followed his mother and father to the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Duan Ling Tian had been in Azure Cloud Mansion for so long, but until now, he did not see her at all. Similar to Xiao Lan and Bi Yao, she had gone out to train and experience life. However, she had gone on her own. Up until now, there was no news about her at all.

“No.” Xiao Lan and Bi Yao shook their heads.

“If she comes back, send my greetings to her. Alright, I’ll take my leave now.” Duan Ling Tian left as soon as he finished speaking.

Staring at Duan Ling Tian’s silhouette from afar, Xiao Lan and Bi Yao were in a daze.

It was only until Duan Ling Tian’s silhouette had completely disappeared from their sight that they returned to their senses. They could only smile wryly at each other.

“If he treats me like how he treats Ke’er, I’ll die without any regrets,” Xiao Lan said faintly.

“Me, too.” Upon hearing that, Bi Yao nodded in agreement.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not hear the two women’s words.

After leaving Xiao Lan and Bi Yao’s residence, Duan Ling Tian went to the Azure Cloud Platform to look for Gu Li. From the beginning, he did not forget the promise he had made with Gu Li to go to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land together.

The Azure Cloud Platform was the place where the most outstanding Azure Cloud Mansion’s disciples gathered.

If it was before, perhaps Duan Ling Tian might be interested in the Azure Cloud Platform. However, his current strength had far surpassed those Azure Cloud Mansion’s disciples on the Azure Cloud Platform. It was only natural he was not interested.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian!” Gu Li was surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s sudden appearance. “What are you doing here?”

There must be a reason for Duan Ling Tian to personally come here to look for him.

However, he could not guess what it was.

“Senior Brother Gu Li, prepare yourself. I’ll find you again in an hour. Let’s leave the Azure Cloud Mansion and head to the Upper Province! I have to say goodbye to a few more people. After that, I’ll return to look for you.” Duan Ling Tian did not beat around the bush. He quickly left without waiting for Gu Li’s reply.

He still needed to say goodbye to Bai Li Hong, Feng Wu Dao, and the others.

“I’ll see you in an hour in the Central Main Hall.” Gu Li was still shocked when Duan Ling Tian’s voice resonated in his ears.

“There seems to be something wrong with Junior Brother Ling Tian. It’s fine! I’ll find out later why he’s in such a rush to go to the Upper Province,” Gu Li muttered to himself, the frown on his face gradually easing away.

“Junior Brother, you’re leaving today?” Bai Li Hong was not the only one who found it strange. Even Feng Wu Dao and the others thought it was strange when they learned that Duan Ling Tian was leaving the Azure Cloud Mansion and heading to the Upper Province today.

In fact, when they were returning to the Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ling Tian had mentioned several times that he would only leave the Azure Cloud Mansion and head to the Upper Province after a short time.

However, currently, it seemed like he had forgotten what he had said.

“The situation is urgent.” Faced with the confused expressions of Bai Li Hong and the others, Duan Ling Tian explained with a bitter expression, “I just received information about Ke’er so I need to look for her as soon as possible in the Upper Province.”

Upon hearing his words, Bai Li Hong and the others finally understood.

After saying goodbye to Bai Li Hong and the others, about 30 minutes had gone by. Duan Ling Tian made his way to the Central Main Hall immediately. He discovered that Gu Li was already waiting for him.

“Junior Brother, did something happen that you’re in such a rush to head to the Upper Province?”

Something was not right!

Gu Li felt that Duan Ling Tian was in such a rush to leave because something had happened.

He soon obtained the answer from Duan Ling Tian.

Once he discovered the reason, Gu Li urged Duan Ling Tian, “Let’s go, Junior Brother Ling Tian!”

Then, Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li left the Azure Cloud Mansion together and made their way north.

The passage leading to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was located there.

Gu Li broke the silence during their journey and pointed in the distance before he said to Duan Ling Tian, “The Mountainshade Black Market’s headquarter’s estate is right there.”

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian looked over as well. However, he only saw smoke in the distance.

Naturally, that was all Gu Li could see as well, but he roughly knew where the estate of the Mountainshade Black Market’s headquarter was located.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Suddenly, a deafening explosion resonated from the path ahead of Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li.

As they went closer, the sound became louder and louder.

“Is there a fight?” Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li exchanged glances. They were both surprised.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, shall we take a detour or should we just ignore them and continue forward?” Gu Li looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked.

“Let’s take a detour. These people don’t seem weak.” Duan Ling Tian was anxious to go to the Upper Province. He wanted to avoid trouble if possible.

Based on the huge commotion ahead of them, it was enough for him to tell that both parties were quite strong.

With Duan Ling Tian’s current strength, he was certain the two people who were fighting were at the Exemplary Saint Stage or above. Not only that, but they were not ordinary Early Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouses as well.

“Sure!” Gu Li did not object to Duan Ling Tian’s decision of taking a detour. Currently, Duan Ling Tian was like his guide.

Just as Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li were about to take a detour, a burst of loud laughter resonated ahead of them. “Feng Bu Yi, did you think this day will come when you humiliated me previously?”

“Zhu Lu Qi, even if you kill me today, it’ll be hard for you to escape death as well! Those who cultivate the Devouring Dark Devil Technique are destined to have a bad ending!” Another voice sounded.

However, compared to the former’s voice, the latter’s voice sounded a little dispirited.

When Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li heard the voices, they were dumbfounded. They could see the shock in each other’s eyes.

“It’s Zhu Lu Qi!” Gu Li gasped.

“It’s indeed Palace Master Zhu!” Duan Ling Tian nodded. He could also tell the voice belonged to the former Palace Master of Heaven Palace in Mystical Sky Mansion, Zhu Lu Qi.

Based on his words, it was obvious he was fighting with Feng Bu Yi. Moreover, based on Feng Bu Yi’s words, it seemed like he was no longer a match for Zhu Lu Qi.

“Let’s go!” Although Duan Ling Tian knew they people ahead of them, he still planned to take a detour.

After all, Zhu Lu Qi was no longer the Palace Master of Heaven Palace in the Mystical Sky Mansion. Who knew whether he would attack him and Gu Li since he had cultivated the Devouring Dark Devil Technique.

He was not sure how powerful Zhu Lu Qi was currently so he did not dare to take this risk.

“Alright.” Gu Li had the same thought with Duan Ling Tian. For this reason, he immediately agreed to take a detour.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

More loud explosions resonated in the air. They were deafeningly loud.

Suddenly, it came to a halt.

"It has ended," Gu Li remarked.

"Yeah." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Based on Zhu Lu Qi and Feng Bu Yi's words earlier, Feng Bu Yi doesn't seem to be a match for Zhu Lu Qi!" Gu Li added again.

"Do you think Palace Master Zhu would appear and fight with Feng Bu Yi if he isn't sure he can defeat Feng Bu Yi?" Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head. He felt Gu Li had just stated something obvious.

Upon hearing that, Gu Li also realized his words were redundant. He only laughed awkwardly.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian who had sharp hearing suddenly heard the faint sound of wind whistling as it turned louder and louder.

"Damn it!" Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, Gu Li also noticed the noise coming from behind them. He was horrified.

"Duan Ling Tian? Gu Li?" A gust of wind seemed to have blown past Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li.

In just an instant, a figure suddenly appeared in front of them. It was an old man.

This old man was no stranger to Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li. He was none other than Zhu Lu Qi, the former Palace Master of the Heaven Palace in Mystical Sky Mansion!

Currently, he was staring at them expressionlessly as he blocked their path.

"Palace Master Zhu, it has been a long time." Unlike Gu Li who still had a horrified expression on his face, Duan Ling Tian's expression had returned to normal. Moreover, he even took the initiative to greet Zhu Lu Qi.

Chapter 1883: Repentance

When Zhu Lu Qi encountered Duan Ling Tian, he did not address him as Ling Tian but as Duan Ling Tian instead. Although Duan Ling Tian looked completely different, he could tell from Gu Li's presence that the young man before him, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, was Ling Tian the former number one genius among the younger generation in the Mystical Sky Mansion!

Ever since Duan Ling Tian made his appearance in the dragon clan to fulfill the five-year pact, and Gu Li's presence next to the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion had been exposed, Duan Ling Tian's fake identity had also been exposed.

That genius whose innate talent had taken all quasi third-rate forces in the Lower Province by surprise had turned out to be the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.

This news had spread out quickly as soon as the five-year pact was over.

Perhaps, outsiders would only feel slightly shocked when they heard the news. However, when Zhu Lu Qi heard it, he felt differently from the others. This was because he was originally the Palace Master of the Heaven Palace in Mystical Sky Mansion, and Duan Ling Tian had joined the Heaven Palace. He had interacted with him a few times.

However, it did not cross his mind, even in his wildest dreams, that the monstrous genius, Ling Tian, would turn out to be the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion!

“What? You’re not afraid of me?” Zhu Lu Qi asked as he swung the bloody head in his hand when he saw how calm Duan Ling Tian was.

Although the head he held in his hand was mostly covered in blood, Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li could instantly tell it belonged to Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market.

Not only was Feng Bu Yi killed by Zhu Lu Qi, but he was even decapitated. It was a tragic sight!

“Why should I be scared?” Duan Ling Tian asked in response to Zhu Lu Qi’s question.

Zhu Lu Qi was rendered speechless by Duan Ling Tian’s answer. Duan Ling Tian no longer spoke, and they only stared at each other.

Both of them were calm, but Gu Li who was standing at the side became anxious. He quickly transmitted his voice using Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. “Junior Brother Ling Tian, this Zhu Lu Qi is no longer the former Palace Master Zhu of our Heaven Palace! He has cultivated the Devouring Dark Devil Technique. Currently, he’s a Devil Cultivator who kills people as though they’re flies! Don’t act recklessly. Otherwise, we’ll be doomed if we anger him!”

Gu Li was afraid Duan Ling Tian would anger Zhu Lu Qi.

Since Zhu Lu Qi could kill the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, Feng Bu Yi, this meant his cultivation base must have either entered the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage or the peak of the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage! Such a powerhouse was not someone he was a match for.

As for Duan Ling Tian, even if he unleashed all his techniques and used his movement Divine Ability, his speed was only at the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage.

His attacks were far from the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage.

All of this could be seen when Duan Ling Tian kept dodging Di Jue’s attack during the five-year pact. Due to this reason, Gu Li did not think Duan Ling Tian was a match for Zhu Lu Qi.

Zhu Lu Qi was not like Di Jue. He was a true powerhouse at the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage or above. Not only that, but he was not the kind of half-assed Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse transformed by the inherited Divine Ability like Di Jue.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian broke the silence first and asked, “Palace Master Zhu, the reason you beheaded Feng Bu Yi is to announce to everybody on the Dao Martial Saint Land that you’ve killed him, right?”

“That’s right!” Zhu Lu Qi nodded. “Duan Ling Tian, I must admit you’re indeed very smart. However, are you really not worried that I’ll kill you?” When Zhu Lu Qi reached the end of his sentence, his eyes flashed coldly.

“Will you?” Duan Ling Tian asked in return.

Zhu Lu Qi did not expect Duan Ling Tian would remain so calm. He was rendered speechless once again. After a while, he shook his head. “I won’t.”

“Then, there’s no problem at all.” Duan Ling Tian smiled indifferently.

“Are Fei Xuan and the others o-okay?” Zhu Lu Qi asked after taking a deep breath.

“They’re doing well,” Gu Li replied before Duan Ling Tian could answer him, “Before this, the Zhao Clan had intentionally made things difficult for them after you left the Mystical Sky Mansion. It was Junior Brother Ling Tian who stood up for them and even signed the Death Pact with a member from the Zhao Clan and killed him! Ever since then, although everyone knows they no longer have you to rely on, nobody dares to make things difficult for them.”

Gu Li was trying to fish for compliments. In his opinion, if Zhu Lu Qi felt grateful to Duan Ling Tian, he would not attack them. He had no choice but to be on guard!

After all, as the saying went, ‘Caution is the parent of safety!’

“Thank you.” After hearing Gu Li’s words, various expressions fled across Zhu Lu Qi’s face before it returned to normal. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and bowed slightly to express his gratitude.

“There’s no need to thank me, Palace Master Zhu... Wang Fei Xuan is my friend, and even if she’s not your disciple, I won’t stand idly at the side,” Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head.

“No matter what, I still need to thank you. I, Zhu Lu Qi, have always known how to distinguish between kindness and ill-will!” Zhu Lu Qi replied solemnly.

“I can see that.” Duan Ling Tian nodded his head solemnly as he glanced at the bloody head in Zhu Lu Qi’s hand.

If it was not for the fact that he could clearly distinguish kindness and ill-will, why would he abandon himself and succumb to cultivating the Devil Dao Cultivation Method, the Devouring Dark Devil Technique that everybody hated in order to kill Feng Bu Yi?

“However, it really did not cross my mind that you’re the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. Duan Ling Tian, you’ve deceived everyone, including me.” Suddenly, as though he was reminded of something, Zhu Lu Qi looked at Duan Ling Tian and changed the topic as he sighed.

Based on the expression on his face, it was clear he did not blame Duan Ling Tian.

“Palace Master Zhu, I’m afraid you have misunderstood. I didn’t deceive all of you.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “When I was at the Mystical Sky Mansion, although I knew my father is in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, I didn’t know he’s the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. I

only left the Mystical Sky Mansion and went to the Azure Cloud Mansion to reunite with my family after I found out that I'm the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion."

"That's indeed the case." Gu Li nodded in support of Duan Ling Tian's words.

"I see." Zhu Lu Qi finally understood. "Then, in that case, it's me who've misunderstood you."

It was apparent that Zhu Lu Qi did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words. Duan Ling Tian did not have to deceive him.

"Palace Master Zhu, the reason you cultivated the Devouring Dark Devil Technique is to seek revenge, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Zhu Lu Qi.

Zhu Lu Qi did not expect Duan Ling Tian to ask about this suddenly so his eyes narrowed instinctively.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian!" Gu Li panicked and asked anxiously through Voice Transmission, "Why did you ask him about this?"

In Gu Li's opinion, the Devouring Dark Devil Technique was like a scar on Zhu Lu Qi's body. It was okay if nobody prodded it. However, if someone prodded it, he would definitely be enraged out of humiliation.

Duan Ling Tian's action was akin to pouring salt on Zhu Lu Qi's wound!

"Yes." However, to Gu Li's surprise, faced with Duan Ling Tian's question, Zhu Lu Qi thought about it for a moment before he nodded.

"Do you regret it?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"I didn't in the beginning. However, now that I killed him, I'm beginning to regret it." Zhu Lu Qi sighed as he glanced Feng Bu Yi's head that he held in his hand.

"What can you do now even if you regret it? Don't tell me you can stop absorbing young women's vital blood and essence to cultivate?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

"Of course, I can." To Duan Ling Tian's surprise, Zhu Lu Qi nodded. "The Devouring Dark Devil Technique was first cultivated using the negative Lunar Force at night and was an orthodox top-tier Devil Dao Cultivation Method! However, somebody eventually created a shortcut to cultivate by absorbing young women's vital essence and blood. The cultivation speed is much faster and far surpasses the speed of ordinary cultivation by several times! Since I've avenged myself, there's no longer any need for me to use the shortcut!" Zhu Lu Qi muttered as he stared at Feng Bu Yi's head.

"I hope you mean what you said, Palace Master Zhu." Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhu Lu Qi meaningfully before motioning to Gu Li to leave. Without bidding goodbye to Zhu Lu Qi, they proceeded to leave.

There was no need for them to take a detour so they continued to make their way north.

Staring at Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li's silhouettes that were disappearing before his eyes, Zhu Lu Qi finally made his move.

He brought Feng Bu Yi's head and made his way to the estate of the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter.

Thud!

A faint sound resonated and shocked the few guards in front of the great entrance of the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter. "What's this?!"

When they shifted their eyes to the source of the sound, they noticed a head on the ground. They were immediately shocked again!

Before the few guards at the great entrance of the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter could see the face of the head clearly, a boisterous voice resonated in a timely manner, "Please pass a message to Leader Dugu and say this is a huge present from Zhu Lu Qi to the Mountainshade Black Market!"

Upon hearing this voice, horror dawned on the few guards.

At this moment, they would have lived their lives in vain if they still could not tell that somebody had come to provoke their Mountainshade Black Market.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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The sounds of wind whistling could be heard as the few disciples who were patrolling the area above the sky of the estate of the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter charged toward the source of the voice, trying to find the person who dared to provoke their Mountainshade Black Market.

Unfortunately, that person seemed to have left the moment he finished speaking. The disciples on patrol from the Mountainshade Black Market could not find him at all.

"Lord Deputy Leader?" At this moment, the few guards who remained at the great entrance of the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter had also finally seen the face of the head.

Was that not Feng Bu Yi, the First Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market?

"Deputy Leader has been killed?"

"Not only was he killed, but he was decapitated as well!"

"Just how strong is his enemy?!"

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Each of the guards was terrified and alarmed. They did not expect there was someone so bold in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land that he dared to provoke their Mountainshade Black Market in such a brazen manner.

Was that person not afraid of death?

"That's right! Earlier, didn't the voice said his name's Zhu Lu Qi?" One of the guards quickly regained his senses.

Chapter 1884: Heading To The Upper Province

Zhu Lu Qi!

This name could be considered as well known in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Earlier, the guards at the great entrance of the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter did not realize what was going on. However, now that they had regained their senses, they looked at each other in shock and disbelief.

"Zhu Lu Qi, the former Palace Master of Heaven Palace in the Mystical Sky Mansion? The person who cultivates the Devouring Dark Devil Technique?"

"There seems to be a rumor that says the reason Zhu Lu Qi began to cultivate the Devouring Dark Devil Technique is to seek revenge from Deputy Leader Feng! Initially, I didn't think it's true. However, it seems like it's true!"

"Deputy Leader Feng has really been killed by Zhu Lu Qi!"

Soon after, news of Deputy Leader Feng Bu Yi's death spread in the entire Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter.

Due to this reason, a group of Mountainshade Black Market's high-ranking officials gathered with Mountainshade Black Market's Leader Dugu as they discussed how to catch Zhu Lu Qi and kill him in order to seek revenge for Feng Bu Yi.

At the same time, Zhu Lu Qi who left the Mountainshade Black Market's headquarter had returned to the place where he was currently staying.

The place where he was staying was located in a valley in a remote mountain range with two simple wooden houses. Judging by the wood used to build the wooden houses, they were recently built.

He occupied one of the wooden houses while the other wooden house was occupied by the former Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, Xu Jing.

Currently, Xu Jing's soul was almost completely healed, and it was trying to merge with his body. As soon as it was completely merged with his body, he would gain a new life and see the light of day again.

Creak!

The door to Xu Jing's wooden house opened without warning.

"You're back?" Although Xu Jing's soul had not completely merged with his body, he could already use his Divine Consciousness as he pleased. Due to this reason, he could easily identify the person who just came in.

"Yes." The person who entered was none other than Zhu Lu Qi.

At this moment, Zhu Lu Qi's eyes that were trained on Xu Jing were gleaming coldly.

"Didn't you go out to seek revenge from Feng Bu Yi? How did it go?" Xu Jing asked.

“Very smoothly. He’s dead,” Zhu Lu Qi replied indifferently.

“Good! Once I’m completely healed, I’ll disclose the final part of the Devouring Dark Devil Technique to you! In the future, we’ll be able to roam wherever we like if both of us join forces!” Xu Jing said excitedly.

“I’m afraid you won’t have the chance to do that,” Zhu Lu Qi replied suddenly.

“Stop joking!” Xu Jing thought that he was joking.

“I’m not joking.” Zhu Lu Qi’s voice gradually turned colder.

“Don’t forget that you and Zhao Ji have sworn on the lightning penalty oath before I disclosed the Devouring Dark Devil Technique to both of you. Unless I take the initiative to go against both of you, you can’t kill me at all! If you kill me, you’ll die!” Xu Jing did not seem worried at all.

“Don’t worry. I won’t kill you! I’ve thought about it. Even if I don’t kill you, I can still make you unable to see the light of day again for eternity!” Zhu Lu Qi spoke in an even more carefree tone.

“W-What are you trying to do?” Finally, Xu Jing began to panic. Judging by Zhu Lu Qi’s voice, it did not seem like he was joking.

“Tell me, if you lose all your limbs, what use is there even if your soul returns to your body?” Zhu Lu Qi seemed to be talking to Xu Jing, but at the same time, he seemed to be talking to himself.

“NO! NO! You can’t do that! You can’t! You can’t! You can’t!” Xu Jing was panicking now. When he transmitted his voice to Zhu Lu Qi it sounded as though he had lost his mind.

However, Zhu Lu Qi merely ignored him. With a raise of his hand, he cut off one of Xu Jing’s limbs.

“D-don’t you want the final part of the Devouring Dark Devil Technique?” Xu Jing’s Voice Transmission roared in Zhu Lu Qi’s ears.

Although his soul had yet to completely return to his body, and he was unable to feel pain, through his Divine Consciousness, he could tell one of his limbs had been severed.

“I plan to cultivate the Devouring Dark Devil Technique normally by devouring the Lunar Force in the future. Do you think I still need the final part of the technique?” Zhu Lu Qi asked nonchalantly. At the same time, he severed another one of Xu Jing’s limbs.

In the end, under Xu Jing’s shout of despair, Zhu Lu Qi severed all his limbs and threw him into a hidden cave that he had long prepared.

Then, he proceeded to fill the hole of the entrance and imprisoned Xu Jing inside forever.

As for Xu Jing’s soul that was almost fully healed, it was injured again by Zhu Lu Qi.

Not only that, but he had even left behind a powerful corrosive Devil Qi that would corrode Xu Jing’s soul constantly, stopping him from fully recovering.

He could not kill Xu Jing due to the lightning penalty oath so he could only do this much.

After Zhu Lu Qi dealt with everything, he rose into the sky and looked in the direction where the Mystical Sky Mansion's estate was located and muttered to himself, "Mansion Master, although I can't kill him due to the lightning penalty oath, he can no longer cause trouble for the Mystical Sky Mansion! This will be my parting gift to the Mystical Sky Mansion before I leave the Lower Province."

As soon as he finished speaking, he began to make his way north.

Before he killed Feng Bu Yi, he had already come up with a plan. He would remove the threat that Xu Jing posed to the Mystical Sky Mansion and leave the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land for the Upper Province after he had killed Feng Bu Yi.

He wanted to start a new life in the Upper Province.

With the Devouring Dark Devil Technique, he believed that he would be able to forge his own way even if he did not use any shortcut!

At this instant, he felt the righteous blood that had been hibernating for many years in his body began to boil again. It was as though he had returned to when he was young, burning with righteousness!

"Huh?" A few days into his journey, when he was about to reach the passage connecting the Lower Province to the Upper Province, two familiar silhouettes appeared in Zhu Lu Qi's eyes.

"It's them! A-Are they planning to go to the Upper Province as well?" Zhu Lu Qi muttered to himself. He was able to figure out that much at least.

The two silhouettes that he saw belonged to Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li whom he had encountered not too long ago.

Whoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, Zhu Lu Qi overtook Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li and appeared in front of them.

"Palace Master Zhu?" Duan Ling Tian had long noticed the movement behind them. However, he did not sense any hostility from the person behind them so he was not bothered about it.

At this moment, he was shocked by the person who had appeared before them.

"W-What are you trying to do?!" Unlike Duan Ling Tian's surprise, horror dawned on Gu Li as soon as he saw Zhu Lu Qi again.

He thought Zhu Lu Qi regretted letting him and Duan Ling Tian go, and he was here to kill them!

"Duan Ling Tian, are both of you heading to the Upper Province?" Zhu Lu Qi asked.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded before he asked in a slightly shocked voice, "Are you planning to go to the Upper Province as well, Palace Master Zhu?"

"Yes." Zhu Lu Qi nodded. "Now that I've avenged myself, I have no more ties in the Lower Province. For this reason, I plan to go to the Upper Province to start a new life. If both of you don't mind, why don't we travel together for the time being?"

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian did not reply Zhu Lu Qi immediately, He looked at Gu Li to see what his opinion was. This was because respected Gu Li's opinion as well.

After all, he was not alone.

If he was all alone, he would not have minded traveling with Zhu Lu Qi. After all, since he had gotten his revenge, he no longer planned to cultivate the Devouring Dark Devil Technique using the shortcut. Since he would be cultivating an orthodox Devouring Dark Devil Technique, it could be considered as him returning to the right path.

As the saying went, 'A criminal who changes his way is more precious than gold!'

Now that Zhu Lu Qi no longer carried out deeds that were beyond evil, he did not feel repelled by Zhu Lu Qi.

The fact that Duan Ling Tian asked for Gu Li's opinion made him feel warm inside.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you decide." However, Gu Li still let Duan Ling Tian have the final say.

"Palace Master Zhu, let's travel together then," Duan Ling Tian told Zhu Lu Qi.

It was obvious Zhu Lu Qi was excited upon hearing his answer. After all, if he headed to the Upper Province alone, he would be alone when he arrived at the Upper Province. He did not know anybody there and would have to start from scratch.

However, if his fellow companions were also strong, things would be different. At the very least, the journey would be slightly smoother.

Although Gu Li kept quiet, he still kept his guard up against Zhu Lu Qi.

Zhu Lu Qi, naturally, noticed this. However, he acted as though he was not bothered by it. Inwardly, he felt bitter.

Compared to Duan Ling Tian, the relationship between him and Gu Li when they were in the Mystical Sky Mansion was quite good.

Duan Ling Tian was just an ordinary Heaven Palace's disciples while the former, strictly speaking, was still his Junior Nephew.

The three of them traveled together and soon arrived near the passage that connected the Lower Province to the Upper Province.

A towering snowy mountain appeared before three of them. Due to the geographical location, this area was covered in snow all year round. It was even snowing heavily at this moment.

"Elder Liu." Duan Ling Tian encountered a Watcher on the summit of the snowy mountain. It was Elder Liu whom he had met in Azure Cloud Mansion not too long ago.

When Duan Ling Tian took the initiative to greet Elder Liu, he instantly recognized him as the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, the son of Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng.

"Heading to the Upper Province?" Elder Liu asked.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “Elder Liu, although we know the passage is somewhere here, we still can’t find it despite searching for a long time. Can you point us in the right direction please?”

After Elder Liu glanced at Zhu Lu Qi and Gu Li who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian indifferently, he said to Duan Ling Tian, “Follow me.”

At the same time, he rose up into the air and brought Duan Ling Tian and the other two to the middle of the towering snowy mountain. It was snowing heavily where he brought them. Everything was covered by the snow.

Whoosh!

Under Duan Ling Tian and the other two’s watchful eyes, Elder Liu raised his hand. A vast energy appeared in his hand. As he waved it across the sky, an invisible energy swept out and swept off a fraction of snow that was gathered at the waist of the mountain, revealing an entrance to a cave.

With just one glance, the cave was completely dark and nothing could be seen at all.

“This is the passage leading to the Upper Province?” Looking at the entrance to the cave that was completely ordinary, Gu Li was slightly disappointed.

Chapter 1885: Inter-Province Transportation Formation

Gu Li was not the only one who felt disappointed. Even Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Lu Qi could not help but feel a hint of disappointment and confusion when they saw the entrance to the cave. In fact, it was not only Gu Li who was disappointed.

This was the passage that connected the Lower Province to the Upper Province? It was completely different from what they had expected.

Although they did not think it would be fancy, they thought it would be at least better than this shabby state.

‘Perhaps, there’s a different world inside,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Watcher, Elder Liu, did not notice Duan Ling Tian and the other two’s disappointment. After removing the snow to the entrance of the cave, he continued to make his move. In just a blink of an eye, eight cave entrances appeared before Duan Ling Tian and his two companions’ eyes.

In total, there were nine cave entrances at the waist of the towering snowy mountain. If one were to look at it from a distance, one would be able to see the entrances formed a circle.

“Elder Liu, which one of these entrances lead to the Upper Province?” Gu Li asked Elder Liu as he looked at him after he regained his senses.

He could roughly guess things were not as he had assumed.

“These nine cave entrances have Saint Stones that support the Inter-Province Transportation Formation. Each of these nine caves has a standalone secondary Formation. Once the Transportation Formation is activated, the nine secondary Formations will be activated as well. They will then deplete the Saint Stones and turn into the Inter-Province Transformation Formation. After that, you’ll be able to enter the passage that leads to the Upper Province,” Elder Liu answered Gu Li’s question indifferently.

Meanwhile, he began to make his move again.

Whoosh!

A solidified beam of light shot out from his fingertip like an electrical snake that soared across the sky.

“How fast!” Duan Ling Tian could only catch the faint trace in the wake of the beam of light. In just a blink of an eye, it had disappeared.

When Zhu Lu Qi sensed the energy from this beam of light, chills ran up his spine. He could sense this beam of light was consolidated by a terrifying energy.

If it was not aimed at the towering mountain, but at him, he would not have been able to stop it at all despite the fact that his cultivation base was close to breaking through to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage!

‘Quintessential Saint Stage! Is this the energy of a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse?’ Although Zhu Lu Qi felt wary, a hint of feverish passion could be seen in his eyes as well.

He had heard that Watchers of the Dao Martial Saint Land were Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses.

Currently, he was no longer the same as he was previously. Although he did not plan to cultivate the Devouring Dark Devil Technique by absorbing young women’s vital blood and essence, he was 100% confident he would be able to catch up to the Watcher and break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage in the future.

Unlike Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Lu Qi who was stunned, due to his weaker cultivation base, Gu Li did not notice the beam of light at all. Due to this reason, he was not confused nor stunned.

Boom!

When Zhu Lu Qi and Duan Ling Tian’s eyes shifted to the heart of the circle formed by the nine caves where the beam of light landed, the snow which lay above it exploded. Subsequently, the nine caves that were pitch-black inside began to light up immediately.

Nine waves of powerful aura swept out of the nine caves, pressuring Duan Ling Tian and his two companions.

“What a powerful energy! The Saint Stones inside must be higher than third-grade Saint Stones!” In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the quasi third-rate forces monopolized the quasi third-grade Saint Stone reserves. The quasi third-grade Saint Stone reserves were the best in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

The best Saint Stones that were produced by these reserves were only third-grade Saint Stones. Moreover, it did not produce many third-grade Saint Stones as well.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions saw something flashed across their eyes. They discovered it was nine beams of light of different colors shooting out from the nine caves into the sky at a very fast speed.

Among the nine colors, seven of them were the colors of the rainbow. It was red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. The remaining two colors were white and black.

Boom!

Under Duan Ling Tian and his two companions' watchful eyes, the nine energies collided and set off a thunderous noise. Then, the nine waves of energy began to fuse together.

In the end, the black and white energies were the most prominent. They formed a pattern that Duan Ling Tian was familiar with.

Taichii!

The Yin Yang Diagram!

The Yin Yang Diagram hovered in the air. A translucent and mysterious energy gathered above it.

From afar, with the Yin Yang Diagram as the background, one could see the translucent energy seemed to have formed into a cylindrical shape.

"This is the Inter-Province Transportation Formation... Once you step inside, you'll be able to enter the passage that connects the Lower Province to the Upper Province!" At the same time, Elder Liu's voice resonated, "The passage is neither long nor short. However, there are dangers lurking in there. It'll only be dangerous to those who are below the Eminent Saint Stage. An Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse would be able to protect himself, but those with a higher cultivation base can protect himself and his companions if he chooses to."

Duan Ling Tian and his two companions instantly shifted their attention to the Inter-Province Transportation Formation.

As for the things Elder Liu mentioned like how those who were at the Eminent Saint Stage and above could rely on their strength to cross the passage leading to the Upper Province, they had all heard it before so it did not surprise them. They were more interested in the Transportation Formation!

'Apart from energy from the Saint Inscription, there seems to be energy from Dao Talisman as well in the Transportation Formation!' Although the Formation was quite a distance away, Duan Ling Tian could feel the aura of the Transportation Formation. Moreover, after he had secretly activated his Strange Pupil, he could also see the partly-hidden amulet inside the Transportation Formation. It was a Dao Talisman.

One could say that this Inter-Province Transportation Formation was formed from a combination of energies of the Saint Inscription and the Dao Talisman.

“Elder Liu!” Taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian looked at Elder Liu and voiced out the question in his heart, “Who was the one who built this Transportation Formation? Moreover, the Saint Stones in the nine caves are not third-grade Saint Stones, right?”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian spoke, he instantly voiced out the two biggest questions he had in his mind. He was very curious about the person who built this Transportation Formation. Apart from that, he was also curious about how many Saint Stones and what grade they were to support the Transportation Formation.

He had a feeling the Saint Stones supporting the Transportation Formation did not come from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Just a mere third-grade and quasi third-grade Saint Stones would not be able to support this Transportation Formation.

“This Transportation Formation has been here ever since the Dao Martial Saint Land split into two. At that time, this Transportation Formation was built under the leadership of a reclusive senior who was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Those who were involved were above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Not only that, but there were more than ten of them as well.” When Elder Liu spoke, his voice was filled with veneration.

“The Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?” Whether it was Duan Ling Tian, Gu Li or Zhu Lu Qi, they could not help but gasp when they heard his words.

What was the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Such a powerhouse already had one of his feet in the Devata Realm!

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, those who were at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were also known as Half-Celestial by the commoners because they already had one foot in the Devata Realm.

It was said that once the powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage managed to survive the Celestial Ascension Calamity and ascended to the Devata Realm, they would become a true Celestial being and overlook the commoners!

Just by hearing about the people involved in the building of the Inter-Province Transportation Formation from Elder Liu, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions could just imagine how huge the scale of the project was.

It was due to the combined hard work of the predecessors that brought about the convenience for the later generations.

Just as the saying went, ‘A generation plants a tree where the later generations would be able to rest under.’

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian was filled with great admiration when he thought about those powerhouses.

“As for the Saint Stones needed to support the Inter-Province Transportation Formation, all of them are the responsibility of all first-rate forces in the Upper Province, including the first-rate force I’m from.

90% of the Saint Stones inside are first-grade Saint Stones while the remaining 10% are quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stones!” Elder Liu continued to add.

“90% of them are first-grade Saint Stones?” Duan Ling Tian gasped.

Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi were stunned as well.

“Elder Liu, are the quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stones more valuable than the first-grade Saint Stones?” Duan Ling Tian asked solemnly.

“Yes.” Elder Liu nodded before continuing to say, “The quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stones usually comes from quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stone reserves. Naturally, first-grade Saint Stone reserves would sometimes produce some of them. The first-rate forces in the Upper Province usually control one to two first-grade Saint Stone reserves.”

“How about the three great sects then?” Duan Ling Tian asked as his eyes flashed.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, the three great sects stood above the first-rate forces. They were the strongest forces in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

“The three great sects?” Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s question, a hint of anger momentarily flashed across Elder Liu’s eyes. “The three great sects have already monopolized the only three quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stone reserves in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Moreover, they even monopolize no fewer than twenty first-grade Saint Stone reserves! Although that’s the case, they still demand first-rate forces to supply the Saint Stones needed to support the Inter-Province Transportation Formation. They refuse to contribute even a single Saint Stone!” Elder Liu became angrier and angrier as he spoke.

This could also be considered as his true thoughts as a member of a first-rate force in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land! It was only natural for him to be angry.

The three great sects had been exploiting others all these while, but people from the first-rate forces did not dare to speak up and show their anger at all.

As a member of a first-rate force, Elder Liu took this chance and vented the accumulated anger in his heart!

Duan Ling Tian, Gu Li, and Zhu Lu Qi frowned upon hearing his words.

“The three great sects have gone too far! They have so many first-grade Saint Stone reserves and even the quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stone reserves, but to think they’re not even willing to part with a single Saint Stone to support the Inter-Province Transportation Formation. What? Do they want to keep their Saint Stones so that it can be buried with them when they die?” Gu Li was burning with righteous indignant.

Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Lu Qi, on the other hand, remained calm.

Although they also felt the three great sects had gone too far, who could they blame since the great sects were stronger than the first-rate forces? This was a world where the strong ruled.

If those first-rate forces were in the great sects’ shoes, they would also exploit those weaker than them.

Chapter 1886: First Time Stepping Into The Upper Province

No matter how many grudges Elder Liu had because of the injustice done to the first-rate force he was from, he could only vent his anger in front of Duan Ling Tian and his two companions at most. Although it would not change the situation, he felt much better after venting because he had finally released all his pent-up frustrations.

“Go. Be careful when you arrive at the Upper Province for it’s far crueller than what you’ve imagined! It’s best for all of you to look for sect join and rely on. The death rate of sectless cultivators are the highest in the Upper Province,” Elder Liu reminded them solemnly as Duan Ling and his two companions stepped into the Inter-Province Transportation Formation.

Many years ago, when the Dao Martial Saint Land had not split into two, the overall strength of the Dao Martial Saint Land was not as powerful as it currently was. Then, when it was split into two, the Upper Province, a pseudo standalone realm, had better a better cultivation environment and cultivation resources in comparison to the Lower Province.

Due to the limitation of cultivation resources, the powerhouses in the Dao Martial Saint Land at that time had competed to enter the Upper Province. The forces above third-rate forces also began to enter one after another. Due to this reason, the Upper Province flourished and was filled with strong people!

Duan Ling Tian’s father, Duan Ru Feng, the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, had a cultivation base at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. When he cast some of his techniques, his strength was comparable to a powerhouse at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage. Moreover, he was also widely acknowledged as one of the two strongest men in the Lower Province. Such a person could be considered as remarkable.

However, if such a person lived in the Upper Province, he would not be considered as remarkable at all even though he would not be considered as too bad.

In the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the rankings of Martial, Dao, and Devil Cultivators were directly ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

The Supreme Saint Ranking was already a well-established ranking before the Dao Martial Saint Land was split into the Upper Province and Lower Province.

Duan Ling Tian’s master, the person known as the Sword Saint by the commoners, the successor of the Seven Absolutes Sect’s First Absolute, Fog Rain, Feng Qing Yang, was once ranked first on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

The person ranked first on the Supreme Saint Ranking was widely acknowledged as the strongest person in the entire Dao Martial Saint Land. It was the highest honor one could get.

Ever since the Dao Martial Saint Land was split into two, the powerhouses ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking had always been powerhouses from the Upper Province.

None of the powerhouses in the Lower Province, even Duan Ru Feng or Dugu, managed to place in the ranking, not even in the last place.

Even that person, Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect, who was a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse was not even in the top 500 of the Supreme Saint Ranking.

One could see just how many undiscovered talents were hidden in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

No matter what, Xie Zong was still a Black Kshetra Sect's elder! However, it was still difficult for him to enter the top 500 in the Supreme Saint Ranking!

There were many powerhouses in the Dao Martial Saint Land, that was why it was so dangerous.

"Thank you for your reminder, Elder Liu." Duan Ling Tian and his two companions knew a little about the situation in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. When they heard Elder Liu's reminder, their expressions turned grave immediately.

"Go." Elder Liu glanced at the Inter-Province Transportation Formation and told Duan Ling Tian and his two companions, "Every time the Inter-Province Transportation Formation is activated, it'll only last for 15 minutes at most."

The three of them nodded their heads before flying in, entering the Inter-Province Transportation Formation almost at the same time.

The moment they entered the Inter-Province Transportation Formation, Duan Ling Tian felt as though a gentle energy had enveloped him. As soon as this energy enveloped him completely, everything turned dark without warning.

When light reappeared again, he discovered he was standing on a passage formed by a translucent barrier. The passage was long and stretched out as far as the eyes could see.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At the same time, a piercing noise resonated in Duan Ling Tian's ears.

As it turned out, there were electrical snake-like energies that were running amok outside of the translucent barrier that formed the passage. Occasionally, some of the energies managed to bypass the barrier. However, as soon as they entered the barrier, their forces were greatly reduced.

Even then, in its weakened state, it would still be impossible for those below the Eminent Saint Stage to survive. Only those at the Eminent Saint Stage or above could deal with this.

Duan Ling Tian dodged the energy that managed to sneak past the barrier as he thought to himself, 'Is this the spatial turbulence that we have to go through when we're traveling between realms?'

The reason he knew about this was due to Elder Huo explaining to him about traveling between realms and spatial turbulence prior to this.

According to Elder Huo, the spatial turbulence one encountered while traveling between low-level realms in the mundane realms would not be too powerful. Strong powerhouses could easily dismiss these energies.

If some measures were put in place, for example, the Transportation Formation, it would weaken the energy from the spatial turbulence that managed to enter the spatial transfer passage that even an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse could easily deal with it.

The place Duan Ling Tian was at now was a spatial transfer passage from the Lower Province to the Upper Province.

The tunnel-like passage that was formed by a translucent barrier had blocked most of the energies from the spatial turbulence.

Although Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage, due to the existence of the Sun True Origin, based on the energy on his body alone, he was in no way inferior to a powerhouse at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage. For this reason, it was easy for him to travel through the spatial transfer passage.

Gu Li was an Early Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. He followed closely next to Duan Ling Tian, he was as relaxed as Duan Ling Tian. There was no need to mention Zhu Lu Qi whose cultivation base was higher than theirs.

He already had one foot in the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage so the weakened energy from the spatial turbulence did not bother him at all.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The three of them looked at each other without saying anything and came to a tacit agreement. In the next moment, they charged to the other end of the passage at their fastest speed.

Nobody knew how much time had passed. It felt like seconds, but at the same time, it felt like a century had passed.

While they were flying forward, Duan Ling Tian discovered his body was enveloped by the gentle energy again. Just like before, everything before his eyes turned dark.

When light reappeared again, he discovered he was standing in a huge garden of herbs.

The reason he knew he was in a herb garden was due to the fresh and pleasant smell of herbs.

As he studied his surroundings, he noticed a lot of Spirit Medicines planted in every corner of the garden.

Whoosh! whoosh!

When Duan Ling Tian was still studying his surroundings, he heard two sounds of wind whistling next to him. As it turned out, it was Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi. Both of them were stunned when they discovered they were standing in a garden of herbs.

"So many Spirit Medicines! The Upper Province is really amazing." Zhu Lu Qi was astonished.

In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the place where Spirit Medicine grew was very harsh. Even if one wanted to plant it, the soil needed to be suitable for it to grow. That kind of soil was very rare and valuable in the Lower Province!

For this reason, they knew the soil here was the very valuable Spirit Soil.

“So much Spirit Soil! And so many Spirit Medicines! We’re rich! We’re rich! We’re going to be rich!” At the same time, Gu Li regained his senses and stared at the vast expanse of Spirit Soil and Spirit Medicines with shining eyes. It was as though he was about to gain possession of all these.

Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Lu Qi, on the other hand, turned solemn instead as they looked at each other. There were hints of anxiety and worries in their eyes.

“Senior Brother Gu Li, these Spirit Soil and Spirit Medicines must have an owner. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have grown in such an orderly fashion! Not only that, someone who owns such a huge garden of herbs in the Upper Province is not someone we can easily offend!” Duan Ling Tian reminded Gu Li in a faint voice.

Upon hearing that, Gu Li began to study the Spirit Medicines in the surroundings carefully. Soon after, he discovered the Spirit Medicines were indeed planted in an orderly manner. Moreover, the gap between each Spirit Medicine was precise as well.

Gu Li’s expression immediately turned solemn as well. “Indeed, there really is an owner... Damn it! Where did we teleport to?”

The Inter-Province Transportation Formation in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was fixed at one place but the ones in the Upper Province were fixed at various places. Nobody could be sure where they would be transported to in the Upper Province. The only thing that was certain was those who stepped into the Transportation Formation together would be sent to the same place.

“Let’s go!” Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian quickly rose up into the air and motioned to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi to leave.

He feared that if they continued to stay here, the owner would be furious when he found them there.

No matter if the herb garden belonged to a single person or a sect, they could not afford to offend anyone at all.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s light order, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi who knew this place was like a time bomb also instantly rose into the air without any hesitation.

Just as their energies surged from their bodies, and they were about to leave the herb garden at their fastest speed...

“Since you’re all here, there’s no need for you leave!” A voice resonated in the air suddenly. The voice sounded old, and its tone brooked no arguments.

In the next instant, Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of energy that landed on him like a mountain.

Boom!

At this moment, the horrifying energy also suppressed the Sun True Origine that was surging out of Duan Ling Tian's body, sending him crashing down to the ground violently.

Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi were in a similar situation as well.

Chapter 1887: The Workers in the Herb Garden

After they crashed to the ground, horror dawned on Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi.

Before the owner of the voice had even shown himself, he had already made them fall in such a wretched manner. Even a powerhouse at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage might not be able to do so! It was very likely the person who had spoken was a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse!

When both of them thought about how they had offended a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse the moment they arrived in the Upper Province, terror rose in their hearts as horror filled their eyes.

"Senior, we didn't mean to offend you... We didn't mean to trespass into your garden as well," Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and calmed the chaotic vital energy and blood in his body before said to the air politely, "We've just arrived from the Lower Province. After we enter the Inter-Province Transportation Formation, we were sent here. I swear that we didn't touch a single plant at all since we got here."

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Gu Li quickly said, "That's right, Senior! After we realized this herb garden has an owner, we immediately decided to leave this place since we didn't want to cause any trouble. Since we didn't mean to offend you, could you please let us leave, Senior?"

Although Zhu Lu Qi remained quiet, a hint of anticipation could be seen in his eyes. It was not that he was unwilling to speak. However, the words he wanted to say had been said by Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li.

Although they had spoken, they did not receive a response.

Three of them immediately looked at each other with a wry smile and anxiety in their hearts.

The powerhouse was able to cause them to fall in such a wretched manner without even revealing himself. This was enough to prove his strength was not something they could fight.

'Even if I unleash all my techniques and use the Jasper Celestial Sword, it'll still be impossible for me to be a match for this powerhouse!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"From the Lower Province?" After a long while, the ancient-sounding voice sounded again. It sounded as though he was interrogating them.

"Senior, we're really from the Lower Province. If we didn't suddenly appear in your herb garden but came in from outside, you would've discovered us based on your ability," Gu Li said as he tried to flatter the owner of the voice.

“Since all of you trespassed into this place by accident, I can’t blame you for it so I’ll spare your lives!” The ancient-sounding voice said again. Duan Ling Tian and the other two sighed in relief when they realized their lives were safe.

The other person could have easily killed them with his strength.

“In that case, we bid goodbye to you, Senior!” Duan Ling Tian and his two companions stood up. Gu Li even respectfully cupped his hands together in front of his chest. Without waiting for the powerhouse to respond, he rose into the air.

Boom!

However, the moment Gu Li rose into the air, he was sent crashing down again by the same energy that had appeared out of nowhere. It angered him a little. “Senior, didn’t you say that you don’t blame us and will spare our lives? With your strength and identity, you won’t go as far as to joke with us, right?” It seemed as though Gu Li was complaining when he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Lu Qi could not help but frown as well. The powerhouse who was concealing himself would not go back on his words, right? However, they were powerless to do anything even if the powerhouses decided to go back on his words.

After all, even if three of them joined forces, it was not even enough to leave a scratch on the powerhouse.

“I said that I don’t blame you, and I’ll spare your lives. However, since you’re sent here by the Inter-Province Transportation Formation, this means that you’re fated to meet me. As it happens, a few workers who tend to this garden for me had died sudden unexplained deaths a few days ago. For this reason, all of you will help me tend to this garden for the time being. You can leave as you like after I find new workers,” the ancient-sounding voice said.

Duan Ling Tian and his two companions were horrified when they heard the powerhouse’s words.

He wanted them to stay back and tend to his garden? Not only that, but his workers had died sudden unexplained deaths? From his tone, it seemed like he wanted them to remain behind to become his workers?

“What? You’re unwilling? If you’re unwilling, I’ll send you to the otherworld right now!” The voice said coldly. Then, he changed his tone and said, “Don’t be so ungrateful! You’ve just arrived at the Upper Province, if you stroll about casually outside, nobody knows when you’ll be killed. If you stay in my herb garden, apart from being safe, the cultivation environment here is much better than it is outside. Many people want to cultivate here, but I’ve rejected them!”

It seemed like the powerhouse decided to use the ‘Carrot and Stick’ approach.

When they heard the first half of the sentence, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions were horrified. They knew it was impossible to leave even if they were unwilling to tend to the garden.

When they heard the second half of his words, they instinctively sensed the Heaven and Spirit Energy here. They quickly discovered that the Heaven and Earth Energy here was indeed very rich. It was far richer than it could not compare to the Lower Province at all.

However, since they had not gone anywhere else in the Upper Province, they did not know whether the cultivation environment here was better than it was outside.

“Huh?” Duan Ling Tian who was sensing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy soon discovered that the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here resonated with the Spirit Medicines in the herb garden.

The aura that was occasionally released by the Spirit Medicines also fused with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, making it even richer.

‘It seems like he didn’t lie to us,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Even if that was the case, Duan Ling Tian did not intend to remain here to cultivate even if the cultivation environment here was the best in the Upper Province. He did not want to stay here for a second longer if possible.

The reason he had left the Lower Province and came to the Upper Province was to look for his fiancée and daughter who were imprisoned in the Fire Worship Sect.

What he wanted to do was to go to the Fire Worship Sect to save his fiancée and daughter.

Although with his current strength it was impossible for him to charge into the Fire Worship Sect to save his fiancée and daughter, he planned to sneak into the Fire Worship Sect and plan from there. He believed with his current strength, it would not be difficult for him to join the Fire Worship Sect.

However, if he was imprisoned here, he would not be able to go to the Fire Worship Sect for the time being. Not only that, but he might even die here. How could he go to Ke’er and his daughter’s rescue if he died? After all, according to the owner of the herb garden, the previous workers had died suddenly without any explanation.

If one worker died without any explanation, it might just be a coincidence. However, a few workers had died abruptly without any explanation. It made one wonder if the problem lay with the herb garden or its owner.

“Senior!” Duan Ling Tian spoke to the air after he took a deep breath, “The reason I came to the Upper Province is due to an urgent business I have here. If you’re willing to let us leave, I, Duan Ling Tian, will be forever grateful and return this favor in the future!”

“We’ll owe you a favor as well, Senior,” Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi chimed in. Although they had no particularly urgent business here, they knew it would not be good for them to work here and tend to the garden. If it was possible, they wanted to leave as soon as they could.

For some odd reason, they felt that the owner of the herb garden was a little strange. Especially when he spoke about his previous workers who had died sudden unexplained deaths. Chills ran up their spines immediately when they thought about how they might follow in those workers’ footsteps.

“I know what you’re thinking. The previous workers haven’t even entered the Eminent Saint Stage yet, they couldn’t endure the rich Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the herb garden after spending some time here. In the end, all of them exploded and died after staying here for ten years.” The herb garden’s owner still did not reveal himself, but his voice resonated clearly in Duan Ling Tian and his two companions’ ears. “With your cultivation base, it won’t be a problem for you to stay for ten years! After ten years, I’ll naturally let all of you leave! Alright, it’s decided then! If I find out any of you dare to escape before ten years are over, don’t blame me for not showing any mercy!”

After that, the voice no longer spoke.

No matter how loud Gu Li yelled, the herb garden’s owner no longer responded. It was as though he had gone away.

In the end, Gu Li could only look at Duan Ling Tian helplessly and ask, “Junior Brother Ling Tian, what should we do now?”

“What else can we do? Since he has already said such words, we can only obediently remain here for the time being.” Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

Among the three of them, he was definitely the most eager to leave this place. He was desperate to go to the Fire Worship Sect to rescue his fiancée and daughter.

Who knew when the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect would come out of closed-door cultivation? At that time, his fiancée and daughter’s lives would be in danger.

The moment he thought of this, his heart burned with anxiety! However, in this current situation, what use was there even if his heart burned with anxiety?

The strength of the herb garden’s owner was not something they could go against. It was impossible for them to leave by force.

For this reason, they could only go with the flow and see if they could find a chance to leave.

“Let’s stay for now. Who knows, we might find a chance to leave in a few days’ time,” Zhu Lu Qi transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li’s ears, and they nodded.

Currently, this was all they could do. They had no choice at all.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian and the other two remained in the herb garden.

Initially, they thought nothing of the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the herb garden, but after staying for some time, they realized that these Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines were not low-grade ones.

In fact, even Elder Huo said if these Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines were given to him, he would be able to completely repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Even with the help of the entire Azure Cloud Mansion, he only managed to restore a small fraction of the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

“Elder Huo, you’re not mistaken, right? These Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines are not in the list of materials you told me before,” Duan Ling Tian grumbled to Elder Huo.

This was because he felt as though Elder Huo was trying to get him to steal all of the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the herb garden.

“My strength has recovered a little more now. If these Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines are refined by my Sun True Origin, they can be transformed into the purest state of energy and be used to repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!” Elder Huo replied.

When Duan Ling Tian heard this, he only smiled wryly. “Even so, I can’t touch even one plant here at all. If I did, I’ll definitely die without a doubt! Even Senior Brother Gu Li and Palace Master Zhu would be implicated as well!”

Chapter 1888: Elder Huo’s Plan

Duan Ling Tian had long noticed that the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the herb garden was not simple.

However, even so, he did not dare to have any covetous thoughts toward the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the herb garden at all.

This was because the owner of the herb garden was a powerful being who seemed to be at the Saint Celestial Stage! Although it was impossible for him to keep an eye on the herb garden at all times, with Duan Ling Tian’s current strength, it was impossible for him to tell when the owner of the herb garden was watching them.

It would just be like playing with fire if he coveted the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine in the herb garden. It was fine if he was lucky and did not get caught. However, he would definitely die if he was caught. Moreover, it might even implicate Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi as well.

“I’m sure you know about the benefits the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda will bring you, right? Aren’t you tempted?” Elder Huo’s voice resonated again.

If he was subtly egging Duan Ling Tian on earlier, currently, he was directly egging him on.

Upon hearing Elder Huo’s words, Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. “Elder Huo, naturally, I know the benefits the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda will bring me. I’ve dreamed about restoring the fourth level as well. However, I really can’t touch the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in this herb garden at all!” Duan Ling Tian’s voice was tinged with a sense of helplessness when he spoke.

“Why?” Elder Huo asked.

Duan Ling Tian said, “Although I’ve not seen the owner of the herb garden until now, based on the technique he cast previously, I can tell he’s most likely at the Saint Celestial Stage or above! With his strength, I won’t be able to tell when he’s watching us. Who knows when he’s watching us? If I take this risk and lose, not only would I die, but it might even implicate Senior Brother Gu Li and Palace Master Zhu. Even if he didn’t catch me stealing the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines, he’ll definitely suspect us when he finds them missing.” He shook his head when he reached the end of his sentence.

“It’s not difficult to solve the problems you just mentioned,” Elder Huo said after a moment of silence, “You can do this...”

Then, Elder Huo told Duan Ling Tian about his plan.

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed immediately. His expression was grave as he asked, “Elder Huo, isn’t this too risky? If he didn’t fall for our trick, not only would Senior Brother Gu Li, Palace Master Zhu, and me fail to escape, but we would be killed for angering him!”

“Don’t worry! This plan is foolproof with me around!” Elder Huo replied determinedly.

Duan Ling Tian did not respond for a long time so Elder Huo knew he still felt skeptical. “Think about this carefully. This chance is hard to come by! If you miss it, it’ll be impossible for you to find another chance to repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda in such a short period of time in the future. Besides, if this plan is a success, apart from having the whole garden of Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine to yourself, you and your companions would be able to escape from this place as well! Don’t tell me you plan on staying here for ten years? You might be able to wait, but will your fiancée and daughter be able to wait that long?” Elder Huo further tempted Duan Ling Tian with his words, causing Duan Ling Tian’s mind to be in chaos.

He had mentioned Ke’er’s situation to Elder Huo before so Elder Huo knew about the matter.

“Elder Huo, I believe in you!” After listening to Elder Huo, Duan Ling Tian who felt skeptical could only clench his teeth as he decided to go with Elder Huo’s plan to steal all the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the herb garden. Not only that, but they could seize this opportunity to escape the evil grasp of this person who seemed to be at the Saint Celestial Stage.

As the saying went, ‘Fortune favors the bold!’

Along with Elder Huo’s help, Duan Ling Tian felt their success rate was quite high.

As for how Elder Huo said that the plan was completely foolproof, he did not really believe it at all. After all, nobody could tell what would happen in the future. If they made a mistake during the critical moment, they would lose everything!

“Although I believe in you, Elder Huo, it doesn’t mean Senior Brother Gu Li and Palace Master Zhu will believe me! After all, this matter is related to our lives so we can’t afford to be careless!” Duan Ling Tian said.

“I’m sure they won’t reject you if you’re confident enough,” Elder Huo replied. He had faith in Duan Ling Tian.

“I don’t want to make any promises, but I’ll try my best.” Just because Elder Huo was confident in Duan Ling Tian, it did not mean Duan Ling Tian felt confident. Due to this reason, he did not promise Elder Huo anything.

However, to Duan Ling Tian’s surprise, after he told Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi about Elder Huo’s plan, both of them instantly agreed to it.

“As long as you can find out when he’s not watching us, this plan will work,” Zhu Lu Qi replied.

“I think it’ll work as well,” Gu Li chimed in.

“There are no plans that are completely foolproof. Although the plan seems to have no flaws, who can guarantee there won’t be any problem that arises later? Both of you must think about this carefully,” Duan Ling Tian responded.

“I’ve thought this through. Rather than being imprisoned here for ten years, I’d rather take this risk! Not only that, but if you know when he’s not monitoring us, then our chances of escaping will be high!” Zhu Lu Qi added again.

“That’s right! Although it’s risky, I still want to take this risk!” Gu Li agreed with Zhu Lu Qi.

“Since both of you agree to it, we’ll carry out our plan tomorrow,” Duan Ling Tian said without beating around the bush when he saw Zhu Lu Qi and Gu Li’s determination despite his warning.

“Sure!”

“Alright.”

Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi nodded in agreement. They did not have any objections.

Not only that, but there was a hint of excitement in the depths of their eyes as they looked forward to tomorrow’s plan.

That night, Duan Ling Tian discussed the details with Elder Huo and finalized every step of the plan.

“No mistake is allowed in tomorrow’s plan!” Only when midnight arrived did Duan Ling Tian stopped his discussion with Elder Huo. He was determined to give it his all tomorrow to avoid any mistakes.

When the sky turned bright, the day had finally arrived!

“He has withdrawn his Divine Consciousness! The plan starts now!” Duan Ling Tian who was originally tending to the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine obediently suddenly heard an ancient voice resonating in his ears.

It was Elder Huo’s voice!

“Now!” Upon hearing Elder Huo’s words, Duan Ling Tian immediately transmitted his voice to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi, ordering both of them to make their moves.

Soon after, three of them made their moves and disappeared from their spots.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

In the next moment, gusts of cold wind blew across the herb garden. It was Duan Ling Tian and his two companions moving around in the herb garden.

The Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines were all rooted from the ground in their wake. They were like a swarm of locusts. ,

Every once in a while, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi would pass all the 'war trophies' in their hands to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian had suggested this since he had a method of storing the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine into a place that was not a Spatial Ring. It was the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!

Naturally, he did not tell Gu Li or Zhu Lu Qi anything about the Seven Treasures Exquisite nor did he mention that he could hide those Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines without being found out.

He merely said he had a way to destroy all the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the herb garden without the owner of the herb garden discovering anything.

This was the first step of the plan. If they did not complete the first step, they would not be able to proceed to the second step.

With their strength, it only took them 15 minutes to uproot all the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in the huge herb garden. The herb garden was in a mess when they were done.

"Senior! It's a disaster! The Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine have all been stolen!" After Duan Ling Tian and the two others looked at each other, Gu Li called out loudly to the owner of the herb garden. His tone was filled with anxiety. One had to say he put on a good show.

Gu Li's voice was originally loud, coupled with the Divine Saint Stage energy, it immediately alerted the herb garden's owner.

It was at this moment that Duan Ling Tian and his two companions finally saw the owner of the herb garden.

The herb garden's owner was a plain-looking old man who looked slightly like a sage from afar.

However, at this moment, the old man's eyes were red as he stared at the mess in his herb garden. His face began to twitch. It was clear he was furious.

"Senior, that person has escaped to the south!"

"Perhaps you'll be able to catch him if you go after him now!"

Duan Ling Tian, Gu Li, and Zhu Lu Qi looked at the old man anxiously and urged him on.

At this moment, they were covered in dust and dirt as though they had been attacked.

After the old man took a deep breath, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and his two companions.

"Remove the ownership of your Spatial Ring and hand it over!" The old man did not listen to Duan Ling Tian and his two companion's urgings. Instead, he ordered them to hand their Spatial Rings over. He spoke hurriedly as though he was anxious to get his hands on their Spatial Rings

Naturally, this was because he wanted to make sure the disappearance of the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine had nothing to do with Duan Ling Tian and his two companions before he chased after the culprit who had stolen his Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines.

Upon hearing the old man's words, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions frowned.

However, the old man's gaze was as sharp as knives. They had no choice but to remove their ownerships off their Spatial Rings before handing it over to the old man.

After receiving the Spatial Rings, the old man extended his powerful Divine Consciousness and began to search Duan Ling Tian and his two companions to make sure they did not have any other Spatial Rings on them. Then, he proceeded to perform Blood Ownership Claim on the three Spatial Rings.

When he discovered there were no Spirit Grasses or Spirit Medicines from his herb garden in the Spatial Rings, his expression turned grim immediately.

"Hurmph!" As he snorted coldly, the old man removed the ownership from the three Spatial Rings and handed it back to them before he immediately flew toward the south.

In just a blink of an eye, the old man disappeared before their eyes. However, he suddenly appeared at a corner where he was hidden from three of them as he stared at them coldly.

Chapter 1889: Sun Ying The Medicine King

"He's hiding and watching the three of you!" As the old man hid himself and watched Duan Ling Tian and his two companions, Elder Huo's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ear in a timely manner.

Duan Ling Tian instantly transmitted his voice to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi. "Start acting now!"

Acting!

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission, whether it was Gu Li or Zhu Lu Qi, both of them were momentarily stunned.

"The powerhouse who stole the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines earlier really possesses a very fast speed! From the beginning until the end, I didn't even realize what was happening, and he has already stolen all the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicine," Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi with an expression of disbelief and confusion on his face. It was as though someone had really stolen the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines.

"It's a good thing we didn't try to stop or him or else we would've been sent flying. Judging by his expression, I'm afraid he would've killed us if we tried to stop him!" Gu Li said with a fearful expression on his face.

"He's really strong! I wonder if the owner of this herb garden is a match for him. If he can't catch up to him, I'm afraid all of the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines will be gone!" Zhu Lu Qi chimed in.

Duan Ling Tian and his two companions continued talking as though they did not know someone was eavesdropping on them. Their words sounded so genuine that the old man who was hiding believed their words and finally felt at ease. In the next instant, he instantly flew in the south direction.

Whoosh!

The old man's figure flew out and left a 'heavenly trail' in the sky. His speed was terrifyingly fast.

“How many years has it been since someone dare to anger me, Sun Ying? No matter who you are, you’ll die for touching my things!” The old man’s eye shone coldly.

Sun Ying!

If someone from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land heard this name, they would be shocked.

The Medicine King, Sun Ying, was a famous powerful sectless cultivator in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Apart from being a Quasi Celestial Grade Saint Refinement Master who specialized in Medicine Dao, he was also a sectless cultivator who was ranked in the top 300 on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

Although that was the case, it did not cross Sun Ying’s mind that he had been fooled by the three fellows who came from the Lower Province! He was fooled because he did not expect Duan Ling Tian and his two companions could sense his Divine Consciousness and knew he was hiding.

Sun Ying was very confident of his own strength. Naturally, this was because it did not cross Sun Ying’s mind that Duan Ling Tian had someone like Elder Huo helping him.

If he had known about Elder Huo, he would have made Duan Ling Tian and his two companions swear on the lightning penalty oath instead of simply monitoring them on his own to see if they would steal things that had been entrusted to them. When one’s strength had reached Sun Ying’s stage, it would be a habit for them to do things on their own. The lightning penalty oath would not be the first thing to come to their minds unless they had no other choice.

Duan Ling Tian would have been caught if this was not the case.

The instant Sun Ying left, Elder Huo informed Duan Ling Tian about it. Duan Ling Tian instantly gestured to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi to leave. “He has already left to the south. He won’t be back for the time being. Let’s head west at our fastest speed. Let’s travel for a month before we decide what to do next.”

“Sure!” At this moment, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi both looked to Duan Ling Tian and waited for his instruction.

After three of them rose into the air, they flew west without even looking back. They did not dare to stop even for a moment.

“It’s a good thing the old fellow only checked our Spatial Rings and hid in the dark to eavesdrop on us. If he had asked us to swear on the lightning penalty oath, all of us would have died!” Gu Li said while they were traveling. He felt really lucky.

“Indeed.” Zhu Lu Qi expressed his agreement. After listening to Gu Li’s words, he broke out in cold sweat. It was indeed a close call.

“However, I think it did not even cross his mind that we would uproot all the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines in his herb garden when he wasn’t watching us. I’m sure he didn’t expect Junior Brother Ling Tian is able to tell that he was hiding or that we were acting,” Gu Li said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with admiration in his eyes.

“That’s right.” Zhu Lu Qi also nodded.

Up until now, Zhu Lu Qi still could not figure out how Duan Ling Tian was able to find out when the owner of the herb garden was not watching them. He did not think Duan Ling Tian was able to sense the Divine Consciousness of the herb garden’s owner.

His cultivation base and Divine Consciousness were stronger than Duan Ling Tian, but even he could not detect the Divine Consciousness of the owner of the herb garden at all.

However, since Duan Ling Tian did not say anything about it, he and Gu Li were sensible enough to not question him about it. Everyone had their secrets after all.

Duan Ling Tian did not speak at all as he listened to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi’s exchange. Their words made him break out in cold sweat since he was also worried about this matter before this.

“Elder Huo, why are you so certain he wouldn’t make us swear on the lightning penalty oath?” Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask Elder Huo.

Previously, he had voiced his concern to Elder Huo. He was worried the owner of the herb garden would make them swear on the lightning penalty oath. However, Elder Huo was confident the owner of the herb garden would not make them swear on the lightning penalty oath. He had reassured Duan Ling Tian so that he would go ahead with the plan.

Although Duan Ling Tian felt slightly anxious, he decided to take the risk. In the end, it had paid off. He had successfully escaped from the owner of the herb garden.

Earlier, he was too happy that he had momentarily forgotten about this. When he heard Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi’s words, he was reminded about his earlier concern which prompted him to question Elder Huo.

“It’s because of the mindset of a strong powerhouse,” Elder Huo replied.

“The mindset of a strong powerhouse?” Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

“To the owner of the herb garden, three of you are merely ants to him. If he wants information from three of you, there’s no need for him to rely on the lightning penalty oath,” Elder Huo said before he asked, “Try to imagine this. If you’re in his shoes, would you even think of asking three people whom you think of as ants to swear on the lightning penalty oath?”

Duan Ling Tian fell silent for a moment when heard this.

He tried putting himself in the position of the owner of the herb garden. He discovered he would also rely on his own strength and would not rely on the lightning penalty oath!

“He did not expect I’ll have someone like Elder Huo to help me. He’ll definitely regret his decision!” When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he understood what Elder Huo meant by the mindset of a strong powerhouse. They were arrogant and looked down on others due to their confidence in their own strength!

“Moreover, who would ever expect that you possess the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and can store the stolen goods in there?” Elder Huo smiled.

“No matter what, it’s all thanks to you that we managed to get out of trouble, Elder Huo. Thank you.” Duan Ling Tian sincerely expressed his gratitude to Elder Huo.

Although he was the owner of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, and he could be considered as Elder Huo’s master since he was the pagoda spirit of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he had never regarded Elder Huo as his subordinate. From the beginning until the end, he had always treated Elder Huo as his senior.

As it turned out, he had made the right decision. Due to this reason, Elder Huo had always helped him unreservedly and did not keep things to himself.

During the tenth day when Duan Ling Tian and his two companions were traveling west, Sun Ying who made his way south still did not catch the person who had looted from his herb garden. Moreover, he did not find any traces of the person at all.

“Don’t tell me this person’s strength is not inferior to mine?” Sun Ying stood in the air and looked below him with a terrifyingly grave expression on his face.

As he thought more about it, he felt that it was impossible. There were only about 200 people in the entire Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land whose strength was not inferior to his strength. Apart from that, they were all famous powerhouses on the Supreme Saint Ranking! It was impossible for those people to stoop so low and commit such a sneaky act!

Moreover, in the eyes of these powerhouses, although the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines that he planted were good, it was not enough for them to risk offending him.

In the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, he was ranked 300th in terms of strength. However, in regards to Medicine Dao, as a Quasi Celestial Grade Saint Refinement Master, he could be considered to be in the top three among all Medicine Dao Saint Refinement Masters in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

It was not worth it for anybody to offend him just for Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines.

“Could it be that fellow who had done this?” Sun Ying’s gaze suddenly turned cold. Among his many rivals, there was only one man who was stronger than him.

However, Sun Ying soon dismissed this possibility. ‘Wait a minute! There are not more than five people in the entire Upper Province who are privy to the location of my herb garden. It’s impossible for that person to do this. There only one possibility left, something’s not right with those three ants from the Lower Province!’ Sun Ying immediately turned around the moment he thought of this.

When he returned to his herb garden, he discovered the three people whom he had regarded as ants had long left the herb garden. Moreover, despite his thorough search in the north, east, and west, he could not find any traces of the three men.

At this moment, he was certain those three men from the Lower Province had escaped a long time ago.

“They actually ran away! Could they have done this as well?” Killing intent appeared in Sun Ying eyes.

However, up until now, Sun Ying only knew three of them had escaped. He was uncertain if they were the ones who had stolen the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines from his herb garden.

First of all, he did not think the three of them would dare to do so under his watch since they could not sense when he was monitoring them.

Secondly, he did not think they were acting when he had hidden himself and watched them since he did not think they could sense his presence.

“However, even if they did not steal the Spirit Grasses and Spirit Medicines, to think they actually dare to defy my order and run away. They’ll definitely die if I encounter them in the future!” Sun Ying sentenced three of them to death in his heart.

Chapter 1890: The Western Region

“Who’s it? To think that person actually dares to loot from my, Sun Ying, herb garden! Damn it! Damn it!” Sun Ying still could not figure out who had looted from his herb garden even after he thought about it for a long time. His heart was filled with pent up anger and frustration. He could only stomp his feet in anger in the end.

He felt as though he was slapped by someone in the dark. He did not know how the one who slapped him was. He felt as though he had swallowed a bitter pill.

The amazing Medicine King, Sun Ying, had to suffer this humiliation in silence. If news of this spread out, it would cause an uproar in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions who had escaped from the herb garden was unaware that the old man who had imprisoned them was a famous person in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

If it was not for the fact that Sun Ying did not like to be restrained by rules, he would be able to obtain an extraordinary position if he went to one of the three great sects. He would even be greatly respected there.

Perhaps, his strength would not benefit any of the three sects much. However, his achievement in the Medicine Dao was something nobody could compare to.

Duan Ling Tian, Gu Li, and Zhu Lu Qi continued making their way west and only stopped after they had traveled for a month.

During this one month, they had encountered many people who had wanted to kill them. There were many powerhouses in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land and these included the ruffians as well.

In order to gain more wealth, these ruffians hid themselves to ambush and kill passersby, looting the belongings of passersby.

However, most of the ruffians they encountered were dealt with easily by Duan Ling Tian and his two companions since their strength was only ordinary.

There was only once when they encountered two troublesome ruffians who were Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivators!

One of the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivators even had one foot in the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage. His strength was on par with Zhu Lu Qi. When they fought, they had come to a draw. Neither one of them could get the upper hand.

When Zhu Lu Qi discovered he could not distract his opponent to deal with the other Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, Zhu Lu Qi's expression turned grave immediately.

It was only when he saw Duan Ling Tian had transformed into the legendary Dragon Warrior and killed the other Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator in just a few moves that his expression brightened.

Due to the fact that Duan Ling Tian had killed one of the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivators, his partner was distracted. Due to a moment of distraction, he was killed by Zhu Lu Qi whose strength was on par with him.

It could be considered that he had died in vain! His strength was on par with Zhu Lu Qi! However, due to being distracted by his partner's death, he was killed by Zhu Lu Qi.

"Duan Ling Tian's actually so strong?" At that moment, Zhu Lu Qi realized he was not the strongest in their little group of three. The strongest person was Duan Ling Tian, a Martial Cultivator whose cultivation base was at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage. It was two stages lower than his cultivation base.

He was unaware that Duan Ling Tian's true cultivation base was actually not at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage but at the Eminent Saint Stage instead!

'With my current strength, coupled with my ability when I transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior and all my other techniques, even an Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator wouldn't be able to withstand more than a few moves from me. Compared to most Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouses, I'm stronger as well. It's as though my strength is at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!' Duan Ling Tian understood more of the strength he possessed after that battle.

In an old city to the west of the Upper Province that had experienced the vicissitudes of life, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions found an inn to stay in for the time being. After that, they looked for a restaurant to have a meal and drink. Naturally, their main intention was not to eat and drink. When one's strength had reached Duan Ling Tian and his two companions' stage, it would not affect one too greatly if one did not drink or eat.

The reason they went to a restaurant was to find out where they were at. During this one month, they did not dare to rest at all. Due to this reason, they did not know where they were at this moment.

Four rough-looking middle-aged men were sitting near their table as they chatted. One of them suddenly said, "Hey! Did you hear? The Devilseal Tablet has appeared again!"

“The Devilseal Tablet? Didn’t it appear five years ago in the Lower Province? Many people from the Upper Province had gone to the Lower Province, but they all came back empty-handed,” another one of the men chimed in.

“I’ve heard this news as well. Rumor has it that the Devilseal Tablet is in the possession of a young man. However, he seems to have disappeared without a trace,” another man said.

“Your news is outdated... Not too long ago, the young man who possessed the Devilseal Tablet reappeared in the Lower Province! As it turns out, he’s the Young Mansion Master of a quasi third-rate force, the Azure Cloud Mansion,” the fourth man in that group said.

“Azure Cloud Mansion? I’ve heard of it before. It’s a top-tier force in the Lower Province and Mansion Master Duan Ru Feng is also a rare genius! However, I can’t believe the young man who possessed the Devilseal Tablet previously is the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion.”

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised when he heard their discussion. He did not expect that people from the Upper Province knew who his father was.

“The Azure Cloud Mansion is a top-tier force in the Lower Province, but it is nothing in the Upper Province! Since the young man’s identity has been exposed, I’m sure he won’t be able to hold on to the Devilseal Tablet for long.”

“You’re right! That Devilseal Tablet has been snatched by Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect!”

“Xie Zong? Wow, he really acted fast! Then, this means the Devilseal Tablet is in the Black Kshetra Sect’s possession now?”

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When Duan Ling Tian listened to the four men’s discussion, he was reminded of the incident that had taken place in the Azure Cloud Mansion.

He remembered vividly how bloodthirsty and arrogant Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra was.

Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave immediately.

Upon seeing this, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi looked at each other. However, they remained silent. They knew it would be pointless for them to say anything. It was better for them to remain silent. Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian would return to normal faster that way.

As the topic of discussion changed, Duan Ling Tian’s expression gradually relaxed.

“I heard the Saint Girl who was lost after she was appointed by the Saint Sect has been found?” A faint voice entered Duan Ling Tian’s ears and attracted his attention. This was because he knew the Saint Sect the person was talking about was the Fire Worship Sect.

The Fire Worship Sect was referred to as a Saint Sect because this was the western region of the Upper Province, and the western region was the territory of the Fire Worship Sect!

Due to this reason, the Fire Worship Sect was also referred to as a Saint Sect in the western region. Whoever came to the Western Region would refer the Fire Worship Sect as a Saint Sect.

After Duan Ling Tian learned that he was in the Fire Worship Sect's territory, he could not help but sigh emotionally.

He did not expect he would arrive in the western region, the Fire Worship Sect's territory, so soon after he had arrived in the Upper Province.

'The Saint Sect's Saint Girl who was lost?' Duan Ling Tian raised a brow as his heart jolted. 'Ke'er?'

When he was still in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, he had heard from his father that Ke'er seemed to have been appointed as a Saint Girl by the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect a long time ago. Nobody knew how she appeared in the Cloud Continent.

Ever since then, the Fire Worship Sect had sent their men out to look for Ke'er everywhere, including the Lower Province, but it resulted in nothing.

Ke'er was only found when her twin sister found her in the Cloud Continent and took her back.

"Yes, she has been found. However, I heard that because she had been raised outside, she had acted immorally and given birth to a daughter. Currently, the Enforcement Hall is waiting for the Sect Leader to come out from closed-door cultivation before they decide what to do with the mother and daughter!"

"Acted immorally? Aren't your words a little harsh? As far as I know, the Saint Girl was an infant when the sect lost her. In other words, she didn't know she's the Saint Girl of the Saint Sect. How's it possible for her to know that she had to keep her chastity intact?"

"Shhh... Don't be so loud! If the Saint Sect's Enforcement Hall finds out you've spoken such words, they won't let you off!"

"Hurmph! I'm merely stating the truth!"

The faint voices entered Duan Ling Tian's ears and made his expression turn grave again as a hint of concern appeared in his eyes.

He was still worrying about the safety of both mother and daughter when he heard the following words.

"The Saint Sect will start recruiting elite disciples in a month. This only happens once every three years. I wonder what kind of reclusive genius the Saint Sect is going to discover this time around." A voice reverberated from afar, causing Duan Ling Tian to be stunned before an idea appeared in his mind!

The Fire Worship Sect would recruit for elite disciples a month later? And it only happened once every three years?

Duan Ling Tian's breathing quickened immediately. His eyes gleamed as though he was a starving wolf that had found its prey.

"Senior Brother Gu Li!" Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Li.

Just as he was about to say something, Gu Li interrupted him. "I'll accompany you!"

“What are you two talking about?” Zhu Lu Qi was baffled when he heard Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li’s words. Soon after, he learned from Gu Li that the Saint Girl who was lost was Duan Ling Tian’s fiancée, and her daughter was Duan Ling Tian’s daughter!

He was stunned, and he finally understood what Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li’s words meant. It was clear Duan Ling Tian was going to use this opportunity to enter the Fire Worship Sect, and Gu Li planned to accompany him.

“Since both of you are going, I’ll go as well,” Zhu Lu Qi said to Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li after a moment of silence.

Previously, he might have traveled with Duan Ling Tian and Gu Li for safety reasons. However, after everything they had gone through together in the herb garden, he had already regarded himself as a member of this small team.