

SOVEREIGN 1891

Chapter 1891: Kill Them All!

The religion of the Fire Worship Sect was the fire that humans relied on to survive.

In the Western Region of the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Fire Worship Sect was the people's religion!

Every three years, the Fire Worship Sect would recruit elite disciples from outside and this had become a tradition in the Western Region.

When the Fire Worship Sect was recruiting elite disciples, it would be the busiest time in the Western Region.

This was because, during that time, all Martial, Dao, and Devil Cultivators who were confident in their own strength from every corner of the Western Region would swarm in great numbers and gather at the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctum to seek a chance to become a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect.

In their opinion, becoming a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect was the highest honor!

Naturally, the Fire Worship Sect only recruited elite disciples. They would not just simply recruit anyone! Only those who had passed the assessment by the Fire Worship Sect could enter the Fire Worship Sect and become a disciple.

The assessment for the recruitment of elite disciples from Fire Worship Sect was very tough as well. There were many who died during the assessment. Even so, many people still flocked there and took the chance as though they were not afraid of death at all.

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"Although they knew about the risk, they still march directly toward it... The people in the Western Region are crazy!"

In the sky above a mountain range, Gu Li watched the figures that entered the mountain before him in throngs. He could not help but clicked his tongue.

"Haven't you noticed the mindset of the people in the Western Region yet? More than 70% of the people here regard the Fire Worship Sect as their religion. If you dare to say anything bad about the Fire Worship Sect in front of these people, they would fight with you!" Zhu Lu Qi shook his head. During this one month, he had become accustomed to the unusual.

"Hurmph! What elite disciples do they want to recruit? What a good way to word it. They're merely recruiting outer disciples for the Four Symbols Sanctum. If you really want to enter the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land and become true elite disciples, you still need to rely on your own strength!" Gu Li snorted and grumbled with dissatisfaction.

The Fire Worship Sect's estate was divided into two great districts.

One of the districts was the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land that was located on a quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stone Reserve. It was surrounded by rich Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy all year round and was the best cultivation place in the Fire Worship Sect.

Even in the entire Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, it was considered a top-tier cultivation place! However, not everybody could enter the Fire Worship Sect.

If one wanted to enter the Saint Land, one must have the permit issued by the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctum.

Usually, those who obtained the permit were those who were unusually strong with high innate talent or outstanding Saint Refinement Masters, Dao Talisman Masters, and Saint Inscription Master!

Just like that Medicine King, Sun Ying, who had imprisoned Duan Ling Tian and his two companions. If he wanted to enter the Fire Worship Sect, not only would he immediately obtain the permit to enter the Saint Land, but he might even be summoned and welcomed by the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect.

Sun Ying's strength was nothing before the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect who was ranked in the top of the Supreme Saint Ranking. However, his achievement in the Medicine Dao was enough to garner respect from the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect.

In the history of Fire Worship Sect, there were many people who did not obtain the permit to enter the Saint Land in their entire lives even though they had successfully become outer disciples of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctum.

Based on this, one could tell how valuable the permit to the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land was.

"The Four Symbols Sanctum... Have both of you decided which Sanctum you're going to go to?" Duan Ling Tian asked Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi who were traveling next to him when he saw they were fast approaching the mountain range.

Upon hearing that, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi looked at each other before they shook their heads.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, why don't you decide?" Gu Li told Duan Ling Tian, "I'm not familiar with the Fire Worship Sect so I don't know which Sanctum to choose."

"Me too," Zhu Lu Qi chimed in.

"Well, I don't know much about the Fire Worship Sect as well!" Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly when he saw both of them were looking to him for directions.

Duan Ling Tian inwardly cursed them for being lazy when he saw Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi's anticipatory gazes. However, he still decided for them in the end. "Well then, let's randomly pick one then... How about the Azure Dragon Sanctum?"

Azure Dragon Sanctum!

It was one of the Four Symbols Sanctums in the outskirts of the Fire Worship Sect.

Other than the Azure Dragon Sanctum, there were also the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, the White Tiger Sanctum, and the Black Turtle Sanctum.

“Sure!”

“I have no objections!” Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s decision, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi nodded in agreement.

It did not matter to them which Sanctum of the Four Symbols Sanctums they entered. After all, they were all going to be Fire Worship Sect’s disciples.

“In that case, it’s decided then! Let’s head to the Azure Dragon Sanctum!” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

He had chosen the Azure Dragon Sanctum because he had an affinity with the word ‘dragon’.

Apart from the fact that people in his past lives were known as descendants of dragons, he could also transform into a Dragon Warrior. It seemed like he had fate with dragons. Due to this reason, he had chosen the Azure Dragon Sanctum.

“Hurmph! Three bumpkins!” As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, a condescending voice entered Duan Ling Tian’s ears. It was obvious the words were directed at them.

“What did you say?!” Gu Li said angrily as he instantly turned to look at the source of the voice.

Zhu Lu Qi shifted his attention there as well. Duan Ling Tian had a frown on his face as he shifted his attention over.

With just a glance, he saw a young man looking at them arrogantly. His gaze as he looked at them was filled with condescension as though he was superior to them. He was skinny and plain-looking. However, the look of superiority in his eyes and his fine clothing gave him the appearance of a good-for-nothing rich kid.

There was also an old man standing behind him. The old man had both his hands clasped behind him. From afar, he seemed ordinary. However, Duan Ling Tian knew it was impossible for this old man to be ordinary. He must be strong. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would have been able to see through him.

“What did I say?” The finely-dressed young man looked at Gu Li and sneered. “Are you deaf? Did you not hear me calling you a bumpkin earlier? I really wonder what bumpkins like all of you are doing here? If you really managed to enter the Fire Worship Sect, won’t you just be an embarrassment to the Fire Worship Sect? If I were you, I’d turn around and leave so I won’t embarrass myself!” When he reached the end of his sentence, his tone turned even more mocking as disdain filled his eyes.

Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave immediately.

Zhu Lu Qi’s expression turned grave as well!

“You’re seeking death!” As for Gu Li, he could not contain his anger. Various expressions fled across his face as he made his move.

Swoosh!

His displayed his strength that was almost at the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage as his energy swept toward the finely-dressed young man.

“You’re so weak, but you actually dare to make a move against me?” Faced with Gu Li who was charging toward him fiercely, the finely-dressed young man smiled disdainfully. He made his move as well as he flicked his hand.

Boom!

A loud explosion sounded as Gu Li and that finely-dressed young man collided. The result of their collision was clear.

Gu Li was sent flying. As for that finely-dressed young man, his body merely trembled for a moment before he managed to stabilize his body.

Barf!

Gu Li who was sent flying threw up blood immediately. He looked extremely wretched as he was sent flying. When he looked at the finely-dressed young man again, fear could be seen in his eyes.

He did not expect this young man who appeared like a good-for-nothing rich kid would be stronger than him.

“Is this what the Upper Province is like? I’m not even comparable to a good-for-nothing rich kid?” Bitterness rose in Gu Li’s heart as he questioned his decision of coming to the Upper Province.

“You’re seeking death!” Zhu Lu Qi’s expression turned grave when he saw Gu Li was injured. He instantly made his move.

Whoosh!

He charged toward the good-for-nothing rich kid.

Zhu Lu Qi was an Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse whose cultivation base was almost at the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage.

For this reason, the speed he currently displayed was not something Gu Li could compare to.

Not only that, faced with Zhu Lu Qi’s speed, even the finely-dressed young man did not have time to dodge. His expression changed dramatically.

‘An Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse!’ This was the only thought left in the good-for-nothing young man’s mind.

Although his expression had changed drastically, there was no hint of fear in his eyes at all. It was as though he knew he was protected.

Duan Ling Tian had already noticed this. ‘Don’t tell me he’s so fearless because of the old man standing behind him?’

“Hurmph!” Seeing how Zhu Lu Qi’s attack had almost landed on the good-for-nothing rich kid, a snort that contained a powerful energy sounded.

Although they were standing far apart, Duan Ling Tian was horrified by the pressure from the energy.

“Watch out!” Duan Ling Tian cried out at the critical moment. He had discovered that the old man who was standing behind the good-for-nothing rich kid had subtly made his move.

Duan Ling Tian instinctively cried out to warn Zhu Lu Qi. However, he was still too late.

Bang!

The old man seemed as though he did not make any move. However, Zhu Lu Qi’s attack that was about to land on the good-for-nothing rich kid was instantly nullified.

Not only that, but there was a crisp sound as Zhu Lu Qi’s body was also sent flying backward. Similar to Gu Li, he threw up blood as well.

“Q-Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse!” Zhu Lu Qi who was sent flying in a wretched manner was horrified when he was sent flying. It was impossible for a powerhouse at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage to injure him to such a state without any warning. There was only one possibility. His opponent was a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse.

Horror dawned on Gu Li as Duan Ling Tian’s expression changed dramatically.

“What? You’re finally afraid?” Upon seeing the expressions on their faces, the grave expression on the good-for-nothing rich kid disappeared as his eyes gleamed terrifyingly. He ordered the old man behind him, “Elder Deng, kill them!”

Chapter 1892: Black Turtle Sanctum

“Elder Deng, kill them!” Upon hearing the good-for-nothing rich kid’s words, Duan Ling Tian and his two companions’ expressions turned grave immediately. They did not expect this good-for-nothing rich kid would be so cruel. It was just a small dispute, and he did not suffer any losses, and yet, he still wanted to kill them.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the good-for-nothing rich kid as his eyes gleamed piercingly.

Currently, he had already begun to activate the Sun True Origin in his body. He was ready to activate his Dragon Energy and transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior! Not only that, but he planned to use his Jasper Celestial Sword as well.

Naturally, even if he used his Jasper Celestial Sword, he was not confident in going against the old man who was at the Quintessential Saint Stage.

After all, the Jasper Celestial Sword relied on the Sun True Origin in his body, and transforming into a Dragon Warrior did not give any boost to his Jasper Celestial Sword at all.

He could only rely on the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, at most!

'With the help of the Elementary Devouring Tactic, my Sun True Origin should be able to rise to a stage close to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage for a short time. If this old man is only an Early Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse, I'm confident I can kill him with the help of the Jasper Celestial Sword! However, if he's an Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse, I'm only 30% confident I can kill him. If he's a powerhouse at the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage or above, it'll be impossible for me to kill him!' At this moment, various thoughts ran through Duan Ling Tian's mind.

'However, no matter what, this man needs to die!' When Duan Ling Tian looked at the finely-dressed young man, killing intent shone in his eyes.

Even if the old man made his move to kill them, whether he was able to kill the old man with the Jasper Celestial Sword or not, he would use this good-for-nothing young man as his shield!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's merciless side began to show itself!

"Second Young Master, we're right outside of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums." When the old man heard the good-for-nothing rich kid's order, he frowned a little. He did not make a move. Instead, he transmitted his voice to the young man.

As a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse, he had good eyesight so he already noticed the Four Symbols Sanctums' disciples who were patrolling around the area. Not only that, it seemed like the disciples had already noticed the commotion and were making their way over.

The Four Symbols Sanctums of the Fire Worship Sect!

Upon hearing the old man's words, a hint of dread could be seen in the good-for-nothing rich kid's eyes. He immediately looked at Duan Ling Tian and his two companions before he mocked them with a nasty expression on his face, "You three bumpkins, count yourself lucky! If this isn't the territory of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums, all of you would've died today! Not only that, but let me warn you. It's better for you if you give up on joining the Fire Worship Sect. Otherwise, I, Yang Wu, will definitely torment all of you until you die!"

After saying such fierce words, the good-for-nothing rich kid called Yang Wu brought the old man away and entered the estate of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums.

At the same time, other than Duan Ling Tian, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi sighed in relief at surviving the disaster.

However, Gu Li's expression quickly turned grim as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and smiled wryly. "Junior Brother Ling Tian, do you think I should've just obediently stayed in the Lower Province?"

"Huh?" Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze from Yang Wu and that old man to Gu Li. "Why?"

"Initially, I thought my innate talent and strength are not too bad. However, after we arrived in the Upper Province, we were imprisoned. And now, I can't even compare to a good-for-nothing rich kid. Should I have just stayed obediently in the Lower Province and compete to become the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion instead?" Gu Li smiled bitterly. He felt the Upper Province was filled with danger.

“Senior Brother Gu Li, I’m sure Yang Wu must have an extraordinary background for daring to act so arrogantly in the Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums. For this reason, you don’t have to compare the current you to him. After all, the cultivation resources you’ve enjoyed previously are not comparable to his. On the other hand, he’s actually not much stronger than you are.” Duan Ling Tian consoled Gu Li as he shook his head.

“Little brother, you’re right. Yang Wu is the second son of the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect, a first-rate sect in the north of the Western Region. From young, he grew up with a silver spoon in his mouth. It’s impossible for people with ordinary background to compare to him.” At this moment, one of the few people who was standing in the distance reminded them with good intention.

“If I were you, I’d give up on entering the Fire Worship Sect just as Yang Wu has said. After he has entered the Fire Worship Sect, in addition to having a powerhouse protecting him, his elder brother is also a Fire Worship Sect’s disciple. It’s said that his elder brother has already entered the Saint Land and became a true elite disciple of the Fire Worship Sect! His elder brother must be even stronger than the powerhouse protecting him.” Soon after, another person warned Duan Ling Tian and his two companions.

“Not only that, but when all of you reached the Four Symbols Sanctums, it’s not like you’ll get to pick the Sanctum you like. Everyone will be split up. You’ll have to go to whichever Sanctum you’re sent to. Perhaps, all of you will be lucky enough to have all three or two of you sent to the same Sanctum. However, there’s also a possibility of the three of you being sent to three different Sanctums.” Duan Ling Tian and his two companions finally learned why Yang Wu had called them bumpkins earlier.

However, since the situation had escalated to this extent, this was no longer important.

After a while, the few spectators left. Only Duan Ling Tian and his two companions were left in this area.

In the sky far away, the patrolling disciples from the Four Symbols Sanctums had left as well when they saw the commotion had died down.

“So he’s actually the son of an elder from an Upper Province’s first-rate force. To think I doubted myself because of him. Come to think of it, I was really behaving ridiculously!” Gu Li mocked himself. Even so, his eyes gleamed confidently.

As long as he managed to enter the Fire Worship Sect, he was confident he would be able to defeat Yang Wu and trample on him in the near future! After all, Yang Wu grew up with a silver spoon in his mouth, but he was not much stronger than him.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, Palace Master Zhu, let’s go to the Four Symbols Sanctums!” Gu Li motioned to Duan Ling Tian and Palace Master Zhu to leave. He took the lead and leaped across the range of mountains as though he had been injected with a boost.

At this moment, he was eager to join the Fire Worship Sect as soon as possible and use the Fire Worship Sect’s resources to quickly raise his strength. Only then would he be able to catch up to Yang Wu and surpass him!

Currently, his number one goal was to work hard and surpass Yang Wu.

Duan Ling Tian understood how he felt. However, before he chased up to Gu Li, he first looked at Zhu Lu Qi and said, "Palace Master Zhu, the Fire Worship Sect seems to be more dangerous than what we've imagined. Perhaps, you..."

"What? Both of you young men are not afraid, don't tell me this old man is afraid?" Zhu Lu Qi interrupted Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, he knew what Duan Ling Tian wanted to say. He was going to advise Zhu Lu Qi and ask him to leave.

The moment Zhu Lu Qi finished speaking, he did not wait for Duan Ling Tian's response as he flew away to chase after Gu Li.

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. He knew that he had wasted his breath. He instantly chased after them as well.

"Is this the Black Turtle Sanctum of the Four Symbols Sanctums?" After going through the range of mountains, the first thing that entered Duan Ling Tian's sight was a stretch of buildings.

As he looked down on these buildings, he discovered a fire was lit on top of all of the buildings. Not only that, but it was apparent these flames were specially arranged to form the shape of a gigantic Black Turtle!

The Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctum would recruit a group of disciples every three years. As it turned out, it was the Black Turtle Sanctum's turn to host the people who came to participate in the recruitment.

After everyone who came to participate in the recruitment gathered at the Black Turtle Sanctum, the people from the Azure Dragon Sanctum, White Tiger Sanctum, and Vermilion Bird Sanctum would also come to recruit some of the participants. They would pick the recruits and bring them back to their Sanctums to undergo the assessment. Only those who passed the assessment would become the Sanctum's disciples.

This was the reason all the participants were gathered at the Black Turtle Sanctum.

"So many people!" After Duan Ling Tian and his two companions had arrived at the Black Turtle Sanctum, they saw the sea of people before them. There were at least several thousands of people. Duan Ling Tian and his two companions were inconspicuous in the midst of the sea of people. However, there were still some people who noticed them.

"Tsk tsk... Looks like three of you bumpkins won't give up until all hope is lost! I hope three of you will put on a good show and pass the assessment of the Four Symbols Sanctums so you can become my playthings! At that time, I'll play with you and slowly torment all of you to death!" Yang Wu said with a sneer as he brought the old man with him and appeared before Duan Ling Tian and his two companions. His tone was filled with condescension and arrogance. When he finished speaking, his eyes even gleamed with killing intent.

Gu Li's expression turned grave.

Zhu Lu Qi's eyes shone coldly.

“Idiot!” Duan Ling Tian spat out a word indifferently in a neither hurried nor slow manner.

His word was sharp.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s word, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi felt a sense of joy and satisfaction. However, they felt a little worried for his safety as well. Both of them instantly moved closer to Duan Ling Tian as they looked at the old man standing behind Yang Wu with a hint of dread in their eyes.

As expected, the moment Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, the old man’s expression turned grave while his gaze became as sharp as a knife.

“Y-You actually dare to call me an idiot?” At the same time, Yang Wu who was stunned by Duan Ling Tian’s insult regained his senses. He stared at Duan Ling Tian as though he was seeing a ghost.

He had lived for so long, but this was his first time being called an idiot to his face!

“Y-you’re seeking death!” Yang Wu became furious after a moment of speechlessness. A terrifying killing intent flashed in his eyes as his body moved forward to charge at Duan Ling Tian like a gust of wind.

The old man behind him immediately used his energy to lock Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi in place to prevent them from helping Duan Ling Tian.

As for Duan Ling Tian, since he looked so young, the old man did not think he was a match for his young master.

Duan Ling Tian smirked coldly and was about to make a move against Yang Wu when a thunderous voice sounded above the Black Turtle Sanctum, causing the entire place to fall silent.

“How dare you?!”

At the same time, a horrifying energy appeared in between Duan Ling Tian and Yang Wu out of nowhere and exploded without warning.

Chapter 1893: Silver Flame Elder

Boom!

Although the energy that exploded in between Duan Ling Tian and Yang Wu was terrifying, it was extremely gentle, particularly toward Duan Ling Tian who had yet to make his move.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian was merely sent stumbling backward a few steps without suffering any injuries.

On the other hand, Yang Wu’s energy that was sweeping at Duan Ling Tian, collided with that terrifying energy, causing him to suffer a huge injury from the backlash. He was sent flying into the distance.

Barf!

As he was sent flying, Yang Wu’s internal organs quivered as he threw up a mouthful of blood. It splattered in the sky like dark red roses. quavered as he threw out a huge mouthful of blood.

“Second Young Master!” The old man who was following Yang Wu no longer bothered with Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi. He instantly flew out and helped Yang Wu to stabilize his body.

Whoosh!

At the same time, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, an old man with a huge build appeared nearby. He was dressed in a white long robe embroidered with a flaming Black Turtle. His body was sturdy and tall. He looked like a sturdy tower as he stood there.

At the same time, many people gasped while others exclaimed, “It’s a Silver Flame Elder!”

The white robe the sturdy old man was wearing was embroidered with flames and a Black Turtle that was silver in color. It appeared particularly eye-catching. This was also the trademark of the Fire Worship Sect’s Silver Flame Elder!

The elders in the Fire Worship Sect were divided into three different ranks, they were Bronze Flame Elders, Silver Flame Elders, and Golden Flame Elders.

Among these three, the Golden Flame Elders had the highest position and were the elite high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect.

In the Black Turtle Sanctum, only the Sanctum Leader of the Black Turtle Sanctum was a Golden Flame Elder. Based on this, one could see how rare a Golden Flame Elder was. This proved how extraordinary the position was in the Fire Worship Sect.

The Silver Flame Elder came after the Golden Flame Elder.

In the Black Turtle Sanctum, there was a total of five Silver Flame Elders, and each of them was an elite powerhouse in the Black Turtle Sanctum. They were all strong powerhouses who had already entered the Saint Celestial Stage and were ranked in the top 300 of the Supreme Saint Ranking.

If one wanted to become a Silver Flame Elder in the Fire Worship Sect, one must fulfill two conditions.

First, one must be loyal to the Fire Worship Sect.

Second, one must be ranked in the top 300 of the Supreme Saint Ranking.

The most important condition was the second one.

Based on this, one could tell how powerful a Silver Flame Elder was.

Among the crowd, a middle-aged man who was dressed like a scholar said solemnly, “Judging by his huge build, if I’m not mistaken, this Silver Flame Elder must be Elder Teng Shan from the Black Turtle Sanctum!”

“Elder Teng Shan?” Many people instantly began to discuss in a low voice, “Elder Teng Shan is ranked at the 173rd place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Even among the five Silver Flame Elders in the Black Turtle Sanctum, his strength is ranked in the top three!”

“I can’t believe Elder Teng Shan actually personally came out. It seems like these two people are in trouble now!”

“Elder Teng Shan is famous for having a hot temper! To think they actually dared to fight in the Black Turtle Sanctum! This is like asking for trouble!”

As the people discussed among themselves, many of them looked at Duan Ling Tian and Yang Wu with a hint of pity in their eyes.

“Huh? That person seems a little familiar. Isn’t he the second son of the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect?” Soon after, someone recognized Yang Wu.

The second son of the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect!

Many people instantly shifted their attention to Yang Wu. Some of them who had seen him before immediately recognized who he was. “It’s really him! Yang Wu, the second son of the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect!”

“It’s said that Yang Chong, the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, is best friends with Li An, the first Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum. Elder Li An is a Silver Flame Elder who is even more powerful than Elder Teng Shan! Looks like the person who fought with Yang Wu is doomed!” More and more people began to look at Duan Ling Tian sympathetically.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian also heard the discussion. It caused him to frown a little as his heart jolted.

The expressions on Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi’s faces, on the other hand, turned completely grave.

In their opinion, as a Silver Flame Elder from the Black Turtle Sanctum, Elder Teng Shan must be on the same side with Elder Li An. Coupled with the fact that Li An was stronger than him, he had to consider Li An’s reputation as well. Not to mention Li An and Yang Wu’s father were best friends! Elder Teng Shan was most likely on Yang Wu’s side!

Everyone present on the scene, including Yang Wu, thought this Silver Flame Elder, Teng Shan, would take his side, but to everyone’s surprise, he glared at Yang Wu and said angrily, “To think you actually dare to make a move in the Black Turtle Sanctum! How bold of you!”

As his voice sounded, a wave of awe-inspiring soundwave and aura shrouded Yang Wu, causing him to be even more injured. Once again, he threw up a mouthful of blood as his face turned pale.

A hint of horror immediately appeared in Yang Wu’s eyes.

This Teng Shan actually did not show any consideration for Elder Li An at all?

Perhaps, he did not hear the discussion in the surroundings and did not know who he was.

At the same time, an uproar broke out immediately.

Nobody expected Teng Shan to make a move against Yang Wu. This was completely beyond their expectations. “What’s going on? Elder Teng Shan actually punished Yang Wu? Does he not know who Yang Wu is?”

“Elder Teng Shan must not have heard our discussion and doesn’t know who Yang Wu is. Otherwise, even if he doesn’t care for Yang Wu’s father, he would still have to take Elder Li An into consideration.”

“I think so as well!”

The crowd discussed among themselves and reached their own conclusion.

Duan Ling Tian, Gu Li, and Zhu Lu Qi shared the same thought as the others as well.

The old man beside Yang Wu had the same thought with everyone else. He thought Teng Shan was unaware of Yang Wu’s identity so he immediately reminded him by saying, “Elder Teng Shan, this is Second Young Master Yang Wu, the second son of the fifth elder, Yang Chong, of the Northern Plethora Sect.” He continued to say in case Teng Shan was unaware of the relationship between Elder Li An and their fifth elder, “Elder Li An from the Sanctum of your sect is our fifth elder’s best friend. I’m sure you must have heard about it as well, Elder Teng Shan.”

“So what?” However, to everyone’s surprise, Teng Shan’s expression remained unchanged even when he heard the old man’s words. He said indifferently, “No matter who you are, you still need to obey the Black Turtle Sanctum’s rules. Even if it’s Elder Li An’s biological son, I won’t show any mercy as well if he breaks the rules of the Black Turtle Sanctum, let alone the son of Elder Li An’s friend! I believe that if Elder Li An is present on the scene, he’ll agree with me as well.”

Teng Shan’s righteousness had taken many people by surprise.

“Elder Teng Shan seems like a good person,” Gu Li whispered as he sighed in relief.

Zhu Lu Qi nodded.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Teng Shan. The hints of dread in his eyes had vanished, and it was replaced with admiration.

Put everything else aside, just Elder Teng Shan’s righteousness alone had already earned his respect.

“Elder Teng Shan’s right!” At this moment, another ancient-sounding voice reverberated in the air and attracted the crowd’s attention.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, a skinny old man appeared. This old man was wearing the same robe as Teng Shan. He was also a Silver Flame Elder.

Upon seeing this person, Yang Wu’s eyes lit up as he called out, clearly pleasantly surprised, “Uncle Li An!”

Everyone present on the scene instantly regained their senses.

This Silver Flame Elder was none other than Li An from the Fire Worship Sect’s Black Turtle Sanctum.

Li An was also the most powerful Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum!

Ever since Li An appeared, his expression remained neutral. There was no expression of joy nor anger. Although he had heard Yang Wu’s greeting, he only looked at him indifferently and ignored him.

Yang Wu frowned upon seeing this. Previously, Uncle Li An had never been so cold to him!

“Little Wu, don’t worry. Uncle Li An will make sure you’re satisfied with the outcome of today’s incident.” Yang Wu was feeling a little unhappy in his heart when a voice rang in his ear. He could tell the voice belonged to Li An.

The dark clouds in his heart vanished immediately and were replaced with a sense of excitement instead. Uncle Li An was on his side no matter what.

“Elder Teng Shan, just as the saying goes, ‘It takes two to quarrel.’ You’ve punished Yang Wu, isn’t it time for you to punish the other party?” Li An asked as he looked at Teng Shan. As soon as he finished speaking, he immediately turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. His eyes were filled with killing intent when he looked at Duan Ling Tian, causing him to feel as though he had been targeted by a poisonous snake. At the same time, horror dawned him.

‘Li An wants to kill me?’ At this instant, Duan Ling Tian had also realized how naive he was. He had thought Li An was as righteous as Teng Shan was when he heard Li An’s words earlier.

However, judging by the current situation, it was apparent Li An was different from Teng Shan.

“Elder Li An, Yang Wu was the only one who made a move.” Teng Shan frowned. He did not make a move against Duan Ling Tian even though Li An told him to.

The energy he had unleashed earlier in between Duan Ling Tian and Yang Wu just now had another use apart from stopping the fight. It proved who made a move first. Whoever activated their energies would be injured by his wave of energy instead!

Earlier, Yang Wu was the only one who was injured. Duan Ling Tian remained unharmed. This meant Yang Wu was the only one who violated the Black Turtle Sanctum’s rules. Due to this reason, he did not plan to punish Duan Ling Tian.

“Elder Teng Shan, I’ve just said that it takes two to quarrel! Since you’re not going to punish him, leave this matter to me then!” Li An’s expression turned grim when he heard Teng Shan’s words. He raised his hand and slapped it in Duan Ling Tian’s direction.

Boom!

The air instantly trembled a vast and terrifying energy rushed toward Duan Ling Tian.

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian felt as though he was being suffocated. The energy that had charged toward him was extremely terrifying. It locked him in place. He could not move at all.

“NO!” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed as an expression of unwillingness appeared on his face.

He was 100% certain he would die if this wave of energy landed on him.

Chapter 1894: Another Death Duel!

Everything happened in just a blink of an eye!

Nobody expected Li An would make a killing move against Duan Ling Tian.

“Elder Li An!” It did not cross Teng Shan’s mind as well that Li An would make such a vicious move. Horror dawned on him as he instantly moved to stop Li An. However, his strength was slightly weaker than Li An, coupled with the fact that Li An made the first move, he only managed to block half of Li An’s energy while the other half landed on Duan Ling Tian.

Bang!

Despite the force of the energy being reduced by half, it was still a critical hit to Duan Ling Tian. When it landed on him, he instantly felt a heart-wrenching pain. It was so painful he almost lost consciousness!

“No! I can’t pass out... I-I can’t pass out!” Duan Ling Tian used all his might to stay conscious. It was only when the pain numbed a little that he managed to overcome it by force.

After he used the Sun True Origin to heal his wound a little, Duan Ling Tian finally relaxed. At the same time, he looked at Teng Shan and said with gratitude, “Thank you, Elder Teng Shan, for saving me!”

“He’s still alive?!” Whether it was Li An who had attacked Duan Ling Tian or Teng Shan who had saved him, they were both shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian had survived.

“How’s this possible?!” Li An had an expression of disbelief on his face. He knew clearly how much force he had used.

His strike earlier, despite its force being reduced to half, was enough to kill any human Martial, Dao, and Devil Cultivators below the Saint Celestial Stage. However, the purple-clad young man before him did not die!

He was filled with disbelief and so was Teng Shan.

Although he managed to block half of Li An’s strike, the remaining half of the force was enough to kill a human Martial, Dao, and Devil Cultivator below the Saint Celestial Stage.

“Don’t tell me he’s not human?” Li An and Teng Shan immediately extended their Divine Consciousness and probed Duan Ling Tian’s entire body, making sure he was human. It was impossible for a human below the Saint Celestial Stage to withstand the strike earlier and survive! However, after they finished probing, it was clear that Duan Ling Tian was human.

“He’s indeed human, but why’s his body so strong?”

Both of them also noticed how abnormally strong Duan Ling Tian’s body was. It was to the point that it was comparable to the body of an ordinary Divine Saint Stage wild beast or the true form of a Divine Saint Stage Saint Body!

In their opinion, this was something unbelievable.

However, the truth was laid bare in front of their eyes. They could not refute the truth.

They could only conclude that Duan Ling Tian had a fortuitous encounter. Otherwise, it would be impossible for his body to be so strong!

'If my body was slightly weaker, I would've died from that strike.' Duan Ling Tian knew this very well. He had survived solely because of his tough body.

Earlier, when Li An locked his body in place with his aura, not only could he not move, but it was difficult for him to mobilize the Sun True Origin in his body as well. Under such circumstances, it was impossible for him to transform into a Dragon Warrior!

Although Duan Ling Tian did not die, he suffered quite a heavy injury. At the very least, his injury was heavier than Yang Wu's injury.

"Elder Li An's strike earlier was too vicious. If Elder Teng Shan didn't make a move earlier, this young man would've died!"

"That's right! Judging by his injury, you can see how terrifying Elder Li An's strike was! Although Elder Teng Shan managed to block half of the strike, the remaining force almost killed him as well."

"I guess Elder Li An is on Yang Wu's side after all. It's to be expected. After all, Yang Wu is his best friend's son!"

The crowd regained their senses as the atmosphere began to buzz again.

When they looked at Li An, there was a hint of dread in their eyes. When he had appeared earlier, he acted magnanimous and impartial. However, his action made them realize that not every Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum was like Teng Shan!

'I almost died earlier! I've no enmity with Li An, but due to the small dispute I had with Li An, he actually wanted to kill me?' Duan Ling Tian raised his head and looked at Li An who was standing in the distance. Rage could be seen burning in his eyes.

Sensing Duan Ling Tian's gaze, Li An merely glanced at him indifferently before he turned away and ignored him.

Although Duan Ling Tian's body was abnormally strong, in Li An's eyes, he was just like an ant that he could easily step on.

If Teng Shan did not intervene earlier, Duan Ling Tian would have died.

"Li An..." When Duan Ling Tian saw Li An ignoring him, the flames of fury rose up in his heart even more. He hated Li An to the core. If he was stronger than Li An, he would have killed him at this instant even if it meant offending the Fire Worship Sect and being pursued by them!

Unfortunately, even if he used the Jasper Celestial Sword and unleashed all his strength, it would be impossible for him to kill Li An now.

For this reason, he could only endure it. He would endure this and seek revenge in the future!

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, are you alright?" At this moment, Gu Li who had regained his senses looked at Duan Ling Tian with a worried expression.

He did not expect Li An to be this shameless. He actually wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian, someone who had yet to enter the Fire Worship Sect.

Zhu Lu Qi also looked at Duan Ling Tian. Although he did not say anything, a hint of concern could be seen in his eyes.

“Elder Li An, even if he’s at fault, it’s not to the point where he deserves to die, right?” Teng Shan asked coldly as he looked at Li An with a grim expression as everyone looked on.

“Of course, he doesn’t deserve to die... Earlier, I had accidentally used too much force. It was not my intention to do so. Moreover, he’s alive, right?” Li An replied indifferently faced with Teng Shan’s question.

When Teng Shan heard Li An’s shameless words, he was rendered speechless.

Teng Shan was not the only one. Everyone present on the scene was speechless as well. It did not cross their minds that Elder Li An could speak so confidently even though it was clear he was telling a blatant lie!

“His accidentally used too much force? I’m still alive?” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave again. He did not expect Li An to be this shameless. It was obvious Li An wanted to kill him, and yet, he refused to admit it.

“Since both of you have been punished, this matter can be considered as resolved!” Li An glanced at Duan Ling Tian indifferently before looking at Yang Wu who frowned upon hearing his words.

In the next instant, he transmitted his voice to Yang Wu. When Yang Wu heard his Voice Transmission, his frown disappeared immediately. He quickly looked at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent in his eyes.

“Elder Teng Shan, you don’t have any objections, right?” Li An asked as he looked at Teng Shan.

Teng Shan shook his head. Since the matter had already escalated to this stage. What else could he say? Moreover, he had already punished the one who truly deserved it.

“Elder Li An!” When Teng Shan shook his head, Yang Wu looked at Li An before he said solemnly, “Today, I’d like to issue a Death Duel! I hope you’ll be the witness to this Death Duel between me and him!”

Death Duel!

Upon hearing Yang Wu’s words, everyone instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian before they looked at Yang Wu.

They could see Yang Wu’s injury was almost completely healed while Duan Ling Tian was still severely injured to the point where his face was still pale.

“Yang Wu is really shameless!” Many people began to rebuke in a low voice.

At this moment, they all knew who Yang Wu wanted to issue a Death Duel to. He even asked Li An to become his witness. They did not even need to use their brain to figure out his target was Duan Ling Tian who only had half his life left after being injured by Li An.

“Shameless! How shameless!”

“Don’t tell me Yang Wu wants to have an unfair fight?”

“Calm down! It’s not set in stone! Even if Yang Wu issues a Death Duel, he still needs the consent of his opponent! If his opponent declines, put aside Yang Wu, even Li An could not touch this young man at all!”

The crowd discussed among themselves. They did not think Duan Ling Tian would accept Yang Wu’s Death Duel Invitation.

In their opinion, put aside whether Duan Ling Tian was a match for Yang Wu when he was uninjured, unless he wanted to die, it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian who was currently severely injured to accept Yang Wu’s Death Duel Invitation.

“You want me to become the witness? Of course, I can!” Li An agreed to it immediately before he asked, “Who do you want to issue the Death Duel to?”

Faced with Li An’s question, Yang Wu shifted his eyes to Duan Ling Tian immediately. “You trash! Do you dare to have a Death Duel with me?”

Although everyone present had already expected Yang Wu to issue the Death Duel to Duan Ling Tian, when they saw him issuing the Death Duel and calling him trash, they could not help but inwardly cursed him for being shameless.

There were also people who cursed out loud. “How can there be such a shameless person in this world?” And this included Gu Li.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, ignore him! That idiot only dare to issue a Death Duel when you’re injured!” Gu Li said to Duan Ling Tian. He was worried Duan Ling Tian would accept the Death Duel Invitation.

“Heal your wound properly. You don’t have to completely heal your injuries, but heal it a little more. Then it would be easy for you to kill him!” Zhu Lu Qi said.

In the next instant, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes at Yang Wu as he asked in a slightly hoarse voice, “Did you just issue a Death Duel Invitation to me?”

Chapter 1895: Lunatic Among All Lunatics

“That’s right!” Yang Wu nodded stubbornly. His eyes were filled with condescension as he looked at Duan Ling Tian like a senior looking down at a junior.

“Naturally, you can decline. After all, you and your two companions are just like trash!” Yang Wu sneered as he shifted his attention to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi.

Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi’s expressions turned grim immediately. However, they knew that Yang Wu was intentionally provoking Duan Ling Tian so they remained quiet. They were worried they would further enrage Duan Ling Tian if they spoke.

If Duan Ling Tian was not so heavily injured, naturally, they had no doubts that Duan Ling Tian would be able to kill Yang Wu. Although Duan Ling Tian was no longer on the brink of death like he was earlier,

judging by his current situation, it was obvious he was still severely injured. Even Gu Li felt as though he could defeat the current Duan Ling Tian, let alone Yang Wu who was much stronger than him.

“Death Duel...” Duan Ling Tian was very familiar with Death Duels. Not only that, but if he did not take a moment to think about it, he would not remember the number of times he was engaged in a Death Duel.

However, the fact that Duan Ling Tian was still standing here meant that all his opponents had died!

Today, Yang Wu, the son of the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect, a first-rate force in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, had issued a Death Duel Invitation to him and even asked Elder Li An, the strongest Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum, to become his witness!

“As expected, you’re indeed trash! Just tell me directly if you’re afraid to accept it. Why are you hesitating for?” Yang Wu continued to look at Duan Ling Tian condescendingly as he said arrogantly, “Don’t tell me by hesitating, you’ll be able to muster your courage? Coward! Trash!”

“Faced with something that can’t even compare to trash, do you think I’ll decline the challenge?” Duan Ling Tian finally spoke.

Something that was not even comparable to trash?

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, everybody’s hearts jolted.

Based on Duan Ling Tian’s word, he was planning to accept Yang Wu’s Death Duel Invitation?

“He’s crazy!” Many people gasped. They felt that Duan Ling Tian had lost his mind.

“Don’t tell me he’s so strong that he can still defeat Yang Wu even though he’s heavily injured?” Some people who were quite strong were curious so they extended their Divine Consciousness and probed Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base.

However, in the next instant, their expressions changed drastically. “T-The peak of the Eminent Saint Stage? H-How is this possible?!”

“My Divine Consciousness also detects that his cultivation base is at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage! My goodness! Is he seeking death?!”

“A person at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage who’s severely injured is planning to accept the Death Duel Invitation issued by a Mastery Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator who’s at almost the peak of his health? Is he even sane?”

“He’s seeking death!”

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When Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was exposed, a commotion broke out.

Naturally, there were also people who remained calm as though they had already known Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage.

Apart from Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi, these few people were Yang Wu, Li An, and Teng Shan!

No explanation was needed for Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi since they were Duan Ling Tian's companions. They already knew about this since a long time ago.

As for Yang Wu, he had heard about it from Li An. When Li An and Teng Shan were probing Duan Ling Tian using their Divine Consciousness to check if he was human, they also discovered his cultivation base.

For this reason, Li An had transmitted his voice to Yang Wu, suggesting that he humiliate Duan Ling Tian by issuing a Death Duel Invitation. As long as Duan Ling Tian accepted the challenge, the incident today would definitely have a happy ending for Yang Wu and Li An. With this, Li An would have an explanation for his best friend when they meet in the future.

It was all due to Li An's manipulation that things had escalated to this extent.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian!"

Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi were horrified as they turned to look at Duan Ling Tian in panic. As soon as they were going to open their mouths to dissuade him, Duan Ling Tian instantly interrupted them. "Don't worry, I'm confident. Senior Brother Gu Li, it's not like you've not seen me engage in Death Duels with other people. When we were still in the Mystical Sky Mansion, didn't I kill Zhao Kun from the Zhao Clan as well? How many people thought I would lose at that time?" Duan Ling Tian spoke very confidently.

"But now, you're..." Gu Li was about to remind Duan Ling Tian he was injured and not at his best condition, Duan Ling Tian interrupted him again.

"It's enough to kill Yang Wu."

In the end, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi chose to believe in Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, this was also their only option.

They could see that Duan Ling Tian was determined and there was no changing his mind.

"Elder Teng Shan, I hope you'll also be a witness to the Death Duel between Yang Wu and I. Otherwise, I'm afraid some old dog wouldn't be able to control himself and intervene when he sees that thing that's not even comparable to trash being killed by me~" Duan Ling Tian said to Teng Shan when everyone thought he had lost his mind.

The entire place fell silent immediately.

Some old dog?

That thing that was not even comparable to trash?

Many people looked at Li An and Yang Wu strangely when they heard this. Many of them also secretly gave Duan Ling Tian a thumbs-up.

It was nothing special if Duan Ling Tian had cursed Yang Wu, but Duan Ling Tian actually cursed Li An, the number one Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum as well. Not only was it shocking, they

felt that Duan Ling Tian had given up and decided to leave everything up to fate since things had already escalated to this stage. That was probably the reason why he was acting so recklessly.

Li An's expression turned cold. Although he knew Duan Ling Tian was cursing him, he could not say anything since Duan Ling Tian did not mention his name. If he had spoken up, would that not be akin to him admitting that he was an old dog?

"I'll definitely tear you into a thousand pieces!" Yang Wu looked at Duan Ling Tian with terrifyingly cold eyes that were filled with killing intent!

"You've already made up your mind?" Teng Shan asked in a deep voice.

He did not think that this purple-clad young man was Yang Wu's match. Even if he was not injured, he was merely at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage.

Yang Wu, on the other hand, was a Mastery Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator!

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I hope that you can become my witness and ensure the Death Duel is fair, Elder Teng Shan!"

"Don't worry about this. No third person is allowed to intervene in a Death Duel that's carried out in the Black Turtle Sanctum unless he wants to go against the entire Four Symbols Sanctums and the Fire Worship Sect!" Teng Shan said as he looked at Li An.

He still took to heart that Li An had doubted his judgment and punished Duan Ling Tian.

In the Black Turtle Sanctum, nobody was allowed to cause trouble or else they would be punished just like Yang Wu was punished earlier.

However, if it was a Death Duel, then the Black Turtle Sanctum would ensure its fairness.

"What's your name?" Teng Shan asked Duan Ling Tian as he looked at him before the Death Duel started.

Although he did not think this young man was particularly strong, his courage, actions, and how he called Li An an old dog made him like Duan Ling Tian.

If it was possible, he really did not want this young man to die. However, since things had already escalated to this stage, it was already out of his control.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Duan Ling Tian responded with a smile.

"Good name!" Teng Shan praised as his eyes shone brightly.

Although news about the Devilseal Tablet appearing again had reached the Upper Province and many learned that the Devilseal Tablet was in the possession of a Lower Province's Martial Cultivator called Duan Ling Tian, the Dao Martial Saint Land was so big, it was normal for people to share the same name. Due to this reason, when Duan Ling Tian revealed his name, it did not cause a commotion.

Even if they learned Duan Ling Tian was the one who used to possess the Devilseal Tablet, it would not cause a commotion since they all knew the Devilseal Tablet was currently in the possession of Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect.

Before Duan Ling Tian came to the Fire Worship Sect, he had already changed his look using the Disguising Secret Tactic. Although the changes were small, he looked like a completely different person. At the very least, it would be difficult for even his close friends and family to recognize him with just a glance. He did not plan to change his name even if he had changed his appearance. For this reason, when Teng Shan asked for his name, he immediately told him his real name!

“I’ve come across quite a lot of lunatics in my life, but this is my first time seeing such a lunatic!”

“That’s right! Duan Ling Tian is THE lunatic among all lunatics! Everyone can see he’ll definitely die if he accepts Yang Wu’s Death Duel Invitation. Even then, he still has the mood to ask Elder Teng Shan to be a witness!”

“Perhaps, he just did not want to lose to Yang Wu in terms of being domineering?”

The people present on the scene discussed heatedly among themselves.

Although Duan Ling Tian asked Teng Shan to be his witness and looked confident, nobody thought he could kill Yang Wu. It was the same for Li An and Yang Wu.

Even if a person who was at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage was at his peak, it was still impossible for him to be a match for a Mastery Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, let alone the fact that he was severely injured.

“Trash is trash! Things have already escalated to this stage, but you still want to act mysterious!” Yang Wu smirked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian disdainfully.

Faced with Yang Wu’s disdain, Duan Ling Tian no longer bothered with him. He only looked at him calmly and said, “Let’s begin.”

“Since you’re seeking death, I’ll fulfill your wish!” Yang Wu was infuriated when he saw how calm Duan Ling Tian was. It was different from what he had imagined. He had imagined seeing Duan Ling Tian afraid. He charged toward Duan Ling Tian as soon as he finished speaking.

“You’re merely at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage, but you dare to accept the Death Duel Invitation my Second Young Master issued?! You’re seeking death!” The old man following Yang Wu stood at the side and watched. He looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he was a dead man.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian!”

“Duan Ling Tian!”

Although Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi could tell Duan Ling Tian was confident, when they saw how pale he was and how his unsteady his body was, they were filled with anxiety.

Chapter 1897: Yang Wu’s Death

Li An knew very well if he intervened in the Death Duel between Duan Ling Tian and Yang Wu, he would definitely be expelled by the Fire Worship Sect!

Would he risk he getting expelled from the Fire Worship Sect for Yang Wu? Of course not!

Even if it was his biological son, he would not do anything to break the Fire Worship Sect's rules, let alone for his friend's son.

Publicly intervening in a Death Duel and bringing shame to the Fire Worship Sect was one of Fire Worship Sect's taboos.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Although he did not dare to outwardly intervene, he still secretly transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian, "Let him go! Otherwise, you'll definitely regret it!"

The moment he opened his mouth, he threatened Duan Ling Tian in a near-commanding tone as he told him to let go of Yang Wu.

"Regret it?" Upon hearing Li An's Voice Transmission, Duan Ling Tian turned his head and shifted his gaze in a neither hurried nor slow manner to Li An.

Duan Ling Tian sneered as he said loudly, "Elder Li An, if I'm not mistaken, the Death Duel is between me and Yang Wu! I wonder what you're trying to do by transmitting your voice to me and asking me to let Yang Wu go? You said I'll regret it if I don't let go... I wonder, Elder Li An, how am I going to regret it?" When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he stared at Li An.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, a commotion instantly broke out.

Many people turned to look at Li An. Their eyes were filled with contempt, hatred, and rage. At this instant, Li An was the target of everyone's hate. This was because he had threatened Duan Ling Tian.

"Is he really the strongest Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum of the Fire Worship Sect?"

"To think that he actually dares to intervene in this matter in the Fire Worship Sect. He's really a disgrace to the Black Turtle Sanctum and the Fire Worship Sect!"

"If Duan Ling Tian did not reveal this, I would be unaware that a supposedly awe-inspiring Silver Flame Elder of the Fire Worship Sect would have such a character. How revolting!"

After a while, many of those who were brave began to rebuke Li An loudly and expressed their dissatisfaction with him.

Li An had enraged the crowd!

"Elder Li An, it's a little inappropriate for you to do this, right?" Teng Shan asked in his deep voice as he looked at Li An with a frown on his face.

"Elder Teng Shan, he's merely slandering me! You actually fell for it?" Li An asked in return, unwilling to admit he had been outdone by Duan Ling Tian.

At the same time, Li An looked at Duan Ling Tian and snorted coldly. "Duan Ling Tian, do you know what punishment comes with the crime of slandering a Fire Worship Sect's elder? If you don't want to die,

you better obediently shut your mouth!” Li An said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent in his eyes.

He wanted to scare Duan Ling Tian because it did not cross his mind that Duan Ling Tian would reveal his words through Voice Transmission. It felt as though Duan Ling Tian had torn down the mask he had put on.

“Duan Ling Tian, if you don’t want to die, you better obediently shut your mouth!” At the same time, Li An did not forget to threaten Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission again. “Don’t think I’m joking! If you don’t keep quiet, you’ll definitely die even if you enter the Fire Worship Sect! I, Li An, am the First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum of the Fire Worship Sect, it would be easy for me to kill you!” Li An’s voice turned colder and colder as he spoke.

When Li An thought Duan Ling Tian would be cowed by his threats, Duan Ling Tian laughed out loud.

Then, Duan Ling Tian looked at Li An whose expression was grave and said, “Elder Li An, you keep saying that I’m slandering you. Why don’t we swear on the lightning penalty oath so everyone can see who’s telling the truth and who’s lying?”

Lightning penalty oath!

The moment Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, Li An’s expression turned even graver.

Everyone turned to look at Li An to see if he dared to swear on the lightning penalty oath to prove his innocence. If he did not dare to do it, it would mean he was guilty!

Under the watchful eyes of the others, Li An looked at Duan Ling Tian in disdain and said scornfully, “Who are you to think that you’re worthy for me to swear on the lightning penalty oath for?”

The moment his words left his mouth, the people began to boo Li An.

Although Li An put on a dignified air when he spoke, most people knew Li An must be afraid to swear on the lightning penalty oath because he was guilty. He only said such words as an excuse.

The instant Li An heard the commotion, he no longer dared to threaten Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission.

However, he was standing from afar and was staring at Duan Ling Tian with a cold gaze that was filled with hatred that seemed like it would never go away until the day he died.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian noticed Li An’s gaze, but he was not bothered by it. This was because he already knew very well when he called Li An an old dog, he had already offended Li An to the point of no return.

He did not regret this.

If Teng Shan did not make a move to block Li An’s attack, he would have been killed by Li An.

At that time, Li An did not show any mercy at all. It was obvious he intended to kill him.

He had never met Li An before this, and yet, Li An still wanted to kill him.

How could he not be furious?

For this reason, from that moment onward, he had regarded Li An as his enemy.

Why would he care about Li An's threats?

"D-Duan Ling Tian... P-Please... Let m-me go.... I-I b-beg you..." At the same time, Yang Wu whose neck was gripped by Duan Ling Tian coughed and spluttered as he begged Duan Ling Tian to spare his life when he realized it was impossible for Li An to save him.

Where did his arrogance go at this moment?

"I can't believe it would end this way. If you didn't witness it personally, you wouldn't have believed it!"

"That's right! At the start of the Death Duel, almost everybody felt that Duan Ling Tian would definitely die... Who would expect that he managed to turn the situation around? Not only did he easily defeat Yang Wu and overpower him, but he even holds Yang Wu's life in his hands!"

"It's completely unbelievable that Duan Ling Tian is only a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage!"

"Nonsense! From the current strength he demonstrates, how can he possibly be a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage? He's more like a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Divine Saint Stage!"

Everyone gasped when they heard Yang Wu begging forgiveness from Duan Ling Tian when they recalled how arrogantly he had acted earlier.

"Second Young Master!" The old man who was severely injured by Teng Shan was standing in the distance with a pale face. A hint of helplessness could be seen in his eyes.

He was heavily injured, and it was impossible for him to save another person. Moreover, even if he was not injured, he would not be able to rescue Yang Wu.

This was because Teng Shan, the witness whom Duan Ling Tian had invited to oversee the Death Duel, was present on the scene.

It was impossible that Teng Shan would let him save Yang Wu.

"Forgive you?" Duan Ling Tian was indifferent faced with Yang Wu who was begging for forgiveness. "I'm very curious though, if my life is in your hands, would you have let me go?"

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Yang Wu's eyes widened. Then, his body tensed as though he was afraid Duan Ling Tian would see through him.

"I know the answer even if you don't tell me." Duan Ling Tian's gaze turned colder and colder as it gleamed with killing intent. "Then, my answer is the same as yours."

“N-No... No... N-No! N-No... No!” Sensing Duan Ling Tian’s murderous intent, Yang Wu struggled violently as he shouted and coughed. Horror and despair had completely filled his eyes.

Before killing Yang Wu, Duan Ling Tian looked at Li An and asked indifferently, “Elder Li An, do you still have anything to say to him? You won’t have any chance again after this.”

Provocation! That was a blatant provocation!

At this moment, everyone could sense the tension between both of them.

When Li An heard Duan Ling Tian’s provocative words, he felt his lungs were going to burst out of anger. However, it was inappropriate for him to show his emotions in front of so many people. After all, every single one of his actions represented the Black Turtle Sanctum and the Fire Worship Sect!

“Little Wu, die in peace! Uncle Li will send him to meet you soon!” In the end, Li An glanced at Yang Wu before he transmitted his voice Voice Transmission. His voice sounded grim as well when he spoke.

No matter what, Yang Wu was his best friend’s son. Now that he was going to die here, he did not know how to face his best friend in the future.

However, there was nothing he could do now. He could only watch as Yang Wu dies!

‘Duan Ling Tian, if you kill him, not only will you have to face my wrath, but you’ll have to face Fifth Elder Yang Chong’s wrath from the Northern Plethora Sect as well. You’re going to die!’ Li An stared at Duan Ling Tian coldly and sentenced Duan Ling Tian to death in his heart.

Snap!

A crisp sound could be heard as Duan Ling Tian tightened his grip and killed Yang Wu.

Until the moment Yang Wu died, his eyes were still wide open. He died with a belly full of regrets.

After killing Yang Wu and keeping the Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword and his Spatial Ring, Duan Ling Tian released his grip on Yang Wu’s neck, causing Yang Wu to drop from the sky.

At the same time, his expression changed as colors drained from his face.

At this moment, the energy absorbed by the high-grade Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was completely depleted. His Spiritual Energy was depleted as well. He decided to kill Yang Wu instantly due to this reason. He was afraid the situation would change again.

“He’s dead?”

“The awe-inspiring son of the Northern Plethora Sect’s fifth elder is dead? I wonder how angry the fifth elder will be when finds out about this.”

“Humph! Yang Wu deserves to die! If he didn’t provoke other people, he wouldn’t have been killed! Hurmph!!”

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After Yang Wu was killed, the scene that was silent broke out in an uproar again.

Chapter 1898: Pressure

Soon after, everyone shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian. The purple-clad young man whom they did not regard highly in the beginning managed to turn the situation around at the most critical moment when he fought against Yang Wu who was at the Mastery Divine Saint Stage and killed him!

Such an unexpected outcome had also given them a fright that they only regained their senses after a long time. After all, all of them were certain the purple-clad young man would be killed by Yang Wu.

“Duan Ling Tian must know some secret tactic that can conceal his cultivation base!” Somebody said loudly.

“This must be the case!” Many people agreed with him.

Although they had never heard of any secret tactic that could conceal one’s cultivation base in the Dao Martial Saint Land, they were even more convinced that such a tactic existed after they witnessed Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

What a joke!

Based on their probing using their Divine Consciousness, Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was only at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage.

However, the person whom they discovered to only have a cultivation base at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage could actually destroy the Territory of a Mastery Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator in just one blow while he was heavily injured. Not only that, but he had even forcefully endured the Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword that was wielded unreservedly by a Mastery Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. He even overpowered the other party in just a blink of an eye and grasped the other party’s life in his hands!

Was this something a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Eminent Saint Stage could do?

“Just now when Yang Wu made his move, he looked half dead. As soon as Yang Wu approached him, he cast a terrifying technique that seemed to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings!”

“I saw that as well! At that time, a whirlpool appeared, and the energy in the surrounding was absorbed by the whirlpool at an extremely fast speed. Standing in the center of the whirlpool was none other than Duan Ling Tian!”

“It’s obvious the energy that absorbed into the whirlpool was controlled by Duan Ling Tian. That’s the reason why he’s still so strong despite being heavily injured. Not only that, but the whirlpool even destroyed Yang Wu’s Territory!”

“Such a horrifying technique must be a Divine Ability! Moreover, it must not be a simple Divine Ability! It’s most likely a high-grade Divine Ability!”

The crowd discussed among themselves. Their eyes were filled with confusion and shock when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Moreover, the thing he used to block Yang Wu’s Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword seemed to be a claw-shaped Saint Weapon!”

“I’m sure that Saint Weapon must be a Hundred Inscriptions Saint Weapon as well since it was able to withstand the Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword!”

Many people began discussing Duan Ling Tian’s Dragonized right hand.

Naturally, they did not know Duan Ling Tian had Dragonized his right hand. They thought he had reacted quickly and took out a Saint Weapon and quickly put it away after he was done with it.

“Dragon Warrior?” If there were people who knew the technique Duan Ling Tian had used was Dragonization that allowed him to transform into a Dragon Warrior, it was Teng Shan and Li An.

As the Fire Worship Sect’s Silver Flame Elders and the powerhouses who were ranked at the top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking, they were strong and possessed eyesight that others could not compare to.

Although it only took Duan Ling Tian a second to Dragonize his right hand before reverting it back to normal, they could tell it was a dragon’s hand. As for how many claws his hand had, they did not see it clearly. This was because Duan Ling Tian had quickly reverted his hands back to normal. However, they were certain Duan Ling Tian was a Dragon Warrior!

“I can’t believe this little fellow is actually a Dragon Warrior.” Teng Shan was happy for Duan Ling Tian when he saw him killing Yang Wu and winning the Death Duel. However, he was still shocked by the fact that Duan Ling Tian’s a Dragon Warrior. “It seems like he has some connections with the Seven-clawed Divine Dragons in the dragon clan.”

Naturally, he thought Duan Ling Tian was a Seven-clawed Dragon Warrior because he did not see the nine claws on Duan Ling Tian’s Dragonized hand! If he found out Duan Ling Tian was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, he would be even more shocked.

“So what if he’s a Dragon Warrior? It just so happens that I haven’t killed a Dragon Warrior before. It’s just the right time for me to try now!” Li An’s gaze was cold and filled with killing intent as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Thank you, Elder Teng Shan, for maintaining the fairness of the Death Duel!” After killing Yang Wu, Duan Ling Tian ignored the gazes in the surrounding. The first thing he did was to cup both his hands together and expressed his gratitude to Teng Shan.

“You don’t have to thank me. As an elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum in the Fire Worship Sect, this is part of my responsibility!” Teng Shan said as he shook his head.

Just like that, it seemed like the incident had finally ended. Naturally, it only seemed as though it had ended. In truth, everything would begin with Yang Wu’s death. By killing Yang Wu, Duan Ling Tian had offended many people.

First, he had offended the First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum in the Fire Worship Sect. Second, he had offended Yang Chong, the fifth elder of Northern Plethora Sect!

Although the Northern Plethora Sect's elder seemed like he was in a lower position compared to an elder from the Fire Worship Sect, as the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, Yang Chong's influence was in no way inferior to the Silver Flame Elder, Li An, from the Fire Worship Sect. Otherwise, they would not have become good friends.

Due to their status and strength being on par and sharing the same interests, they became good friends.

In addition, as the Northern Plethora Sect's fifth elder, Yang Chong's influence in the Northern Plethora Sect was far superior to Li An's influence in the Fire Worship Sect. In the Fire Worship Sect, Li An was merely one of the many Silver Flames Elders. He only had some influence in the Black Turtle Sanctum, one of the Four Symbols Sanctums, that was in charge of the affairs in the outer ring of the Fire Worship Sect. There was a total of five Silver Flame Elders in the Black Turtle Sanctum, and he was the strongest among them.

"I can't believe I've already offended two Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses so soon after I arrived in the Upper Province..." Duan Ling Tian knew what the consequences were for killing Yang Wu, but he still killed him anyway.

Being overly cautious was not Duan Ling Tian's style!

Not only that, but he also knew very well that even if he did not kill Yang Wu, Li An would not let him go. By killing Yang Wu, he merely offended another Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse who was more or less the same as Li An.

To him, there was not much difference in offending one or two Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses!

"Tsk tsk... Two Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses! What a huge pressure! It's been a while since I last felt such an enormous pressure! Looks like after I've wormed my way into the Fire Worship Sect and become one of their members, I'll have to make use of my time to raise my strength." Although Duan Ling Tian was not afraid, he had offended two Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses so he still felt pressured by it.

'Currently, Elder Huo must be almost done with repairing the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. As long as the fourth level is repaired, not only will I have a better cultivation environment, but I'll have a place to hide as well!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he became slightly excited.

At this moment, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had only been repaired up to the third level.

Although the cultivation environment on the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite was quite good, it was more or less similar to the cultivation environment in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. The only advantage he had was the time flow inside was five times slower than it was outside. Five days inside was equivalent to only one day outside.

However, once the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was repaired, in addition to having a better cultivation environment, the time flow would be even slower inside.

According to Elder Huo, the time flow inside the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite was eight times slower than it was outside! Eight days inside was equivalent to only one day outside.

Just this alone was enough to fill Duan Ling Tian with determination to repair it no matter what it took.

Apart from that, there was another thing that Duan Ling Tian was looking forward to as well.

According to Elder Huo, once the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was repaired, the space inside would stabilize. No matter how huge the commotion outside was, he would not be impacted by it if he hid inside. It was different from how it was now where he would be sent out immediately if there was even the slightest movement outside.

'If the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda has been repaired, if I encounter a situation where I'm unable to fight, I can at least hide myself! As long as I hide in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and transform the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda into a speck of dust, the other party won't be able to find me!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he felt another rush of excitement.

If he encountered a difficult situation, this could be considered as having a protective talisman that could be used over and over again.

More and more people gathered in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

After Duan Ling Tian returned to Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi's side, other people also began to disperse.

They did not forget the purpose they had come here today. It was to participate in the selection of elite disciples by the Four Symbols Sanctum, including the Black Turtle Sanctum!

Those who came today were mostly natives of the Western Region who regarded the Fire Worship Sect as their religion. They wanted to become a member of the Fire Worship Sect.

To them, it was the highest honor!

Gu Li looked at the ancient figure that was getting smaller and smaller in the distance. He said to Duan Ling Tian, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, the old man who followed behind Yang Wu has left with Yang Wu's body. He must be returning to the Northern Plethora Sect to report this incident."

"Let him be," Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly. That old man was a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse. With his current strength, it was impossible for him to stop the old man. Even if he could stop him, news of him killing Yang Wu would eventually reach the Northern Plethora Sect.

As the number of people increased, noon had finally arrived.

Behind the range of mountains where the Black Turtle Sanctum's estate was situated, a group of people had gathered in the sky in a formidable formation. From afar, they looked like black clouds that hung above a city.

Currently, everyone's attention was directed at the people standing high up in the sky.

There were eight people. Among the eight people, there were old men, old women, middle-aged men, young men, and young women. Teng Shan and Li An were among these people.

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The other six people were also wearing the same white robes embroidered with silver flames like Teng Shan and Li An. The only difference they had from Teng Shan and Li An's white robes was the pattern that was embroidered on it.

A Black Turtle was embroidered on Teng Shan and Li An's white robes. On the other hand, among the six people, two of them had a Divine Dragon on their white robes, another two had an enormous tiger, and the remaining two had a humongous firebird.

"It's the elders from the Azure Dragon Sanctum, White Tiger Sanctum, and the Vermilion Bird Sanctum!" Someone exclaimed when Duan Ling Tian noticed the differences of the pattern on the white robes that the six people wore. He had also guessed they were the elders from the other three Sanctums of the Four Symbols Sanctums.

"I've heard that among the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums, only the Divine Ability from the White Tiger Sanctum is an offensive Divine Ability. I hope I'll be selected by the two elders from the White Tiger Sanctum!" A young man standing nearby said hopefully as he looked at the two elders from the White Tiger Sanctum.

"On the other hand, I hope the two elders from the Vermilion Bird Sanctum will pick me. The Divine Ability that the Vermilion Bird Sanctum let its disciples comprehend is a movement Divine Ability! As the saying goes, 'Speed is the only impenetrable martial technique in the world!' The same applies to Divine Abilities! Only speed is invincible!" Somebody said with a hopeful expression on his face. Unlike the young man who wanted to go to the White Tiger Sanctum, he wanted to go to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum instead.

"Actually, it's not that bad to go to the Azure Dragon Sanctum. The Divine Ability that the Azure Dragon Sanctum let its disciples comprehend is an assist type Divine Ability. It's said that it's created based on the dragon clan's inherited Divine Ability, the True Form Beserkfication. As the saying goes, 'Indigo came from the color blue, but it's bluer than the latter!'" Somebody chimed in.

"Tsk tsks... Compared to the Divine Abilities from the Azure Dragon Sanctum, White Tiger Sanctum, and the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, I still prefer the defensive Divine Ability in the Black Turtle Sanctum! It's said that although all the Divine Abilities from the Four Symbols Sanctums are high-grade Divine Abilities, the Black Turtle's Barrier from the Black Turtle Sanctum is of a slightly higher grade compared to the others!" A middle-aged man said with a chuckle.

Black Turtle's Barrier!

High-grade defensive Divine Ability?

The moment these words left the middle-aged man's mouth, Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed immediately.

He had also heard about how every Sanctum would let their disciples comprehend a Divine Ability, but he was not particularly interested in it. This was because he had thought the Divine Abilities from the four Sanctums were merely medium-grade Divine Abilities. He had only realized he had guessed wrongly

when he heard the middle-aged man's words. More importantly, the high-grade Divine Ability from the Black Turtle Sanctum was actually the defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier!

'It seems like I have fate with the Black Turtle Sanctum.' Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly as he shifted his gaze to Teng Shan and Li An.

Currently, he had mastered the offensive Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial, the assist type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, and the movement Divine Ability, the Golden Crow's Wings. He had not mastered any high-grade defensive Divine Ability!

However, he did comprehend a medium-grade defensive Divine Ability. It was none other than the Six Harmonies Golden Body that he had obtained from the Mystical Sky Mansion's Saint Martial Secret Zone.

However, for the reason that all the Divine Abilities he had comprehended were high-grade Divine Abilities, Duan Ling Tian instinctively looked down on the Six Harmonies Golden Body and did not bother to cultivate it. It was also because he did not want to waste his time and Spiritual Energy on a medium-grade Divine Ability.

He was desperate to get stronger so he could save Ke'er and their daughter. He had no time to waste at all.

If the disciples from the Mystical Sky Mansion who had entered the Saint Martial Secret Zone with Duan Ling Tian previously heard his thoughts, they would be angered to the point of throwing up blood!

He did not want to waste his time and Spiritual Energy on a medium-grade Divine Ability?

This statement alone made it sound like he was blatantly showing off!

"I've finally encountered a high-grade defensive Divine Ability. For the sake of the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier, I must stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum!" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as his eyes were filled with determination.

Prior to learning the Divine Abilities from the Four Symbols Sanctum were high-grade Divine Abilities, Duan Ling Tian was not bothered with which Sanctum he would be sent to. He felt they were all the same. However, now that he learned that the Four Symbols Sanctums would provide a high-grade Divine Ability for their disciples to cultivate, he was intent on remaining in the Black Turtle Sanctum since the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier, that he desperately wanted was in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

Naturally, now that he had encountered a high-grade defensive Divine Ability, he would not let the opportunity slip through his hands.

Duan Ling Tian had asked Elder Huo for a defensive Divine Ability before. However, Elder Huo had told him that apart from the Golden Crow's Wings that he had passed to him, the other Divine Abilities he was familiar with could only be used when one had the strength of a Celestial Being. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian knew he had to rely on himself if he wanted to cultivate a high-grade defensive Divine Ability!

At the same time, Silver Flame Elder Teng Shan from the Black Turtle Sanctum finally opened his mouth. "Everyone!"

Teng Shan's voice sounded coarse. Along with the vast energy in his voice, it resonated in the ears of everyone present on the scene.

"Your presence here is enough to show your intention. All of you must want to become a disciple of our Fire Worship Sect!" Teng Shan voice had a hint of exaltation as he spoke. "Now, tell me, am I right?!" Teng Shan's voice suddenly turned as loud as a clap of thunder.

"Yes!"

"Yes!"

As soon as Teng Shan finished speaking, almost everyone around Duan Ling Tian answered in excitement. All of them wanted to become a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect. At this moment, the atmosphere was charged!

"I find it hard to believe that someone like Elder Teng Shan who appears crude is actually so eloquent with his words. With just a few sentences, he managed to bring up the atmosphere!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he saw how excited everyone had become.

"I'm sure all of you have noticed the other people with me. Apart from Elder Li An who's also a Black Turtle Sanctum's elder like me, these six people standing with me are from the Azure Dragon Sanctum, the White Tiger Sanctum, and the Vermilion Bird Sanctum," Teng Shan continued to speak, "They had come here today to select some of you to enter their Sanctums. No matter which Sanctum you end up in, you'll successfully become the disciple of that Sanctum if you manage to pass the assessment of that Sanctum! Once you've become a disciple of the Four Symbols Sanctum, it would also mean that you've officially joined the Fire Worship Sect and become a Fire Worship Sect's disciple!" Most people's eyes lit up immediately when Teng Shan reached this part of his speech.

"What you need to do next is to stay still. Whoever is selected, please stand behind the elder who has selected you. You'll then follow the elder back to the Sanctum," Teng Shan said.

"Elder Teng Shan!" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian transmitted his voice to Teng Shan. "I wish to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum. Please help me fulfill my wish, Elder Teng Shan."

Teng Shan was momentarily stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission.

If Li An was not in the Black Turtle Sanctum, he would definitely do everything within his power to make Duan Ling Tian stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum. He was impressed by the strength and innate talent Duan Ling Tian had demonstrated earlier. However, he had dismissed that idea since Li An was also in the Black Turtle Sanctum. If Duan Ling Tian remained in the Black Turtle Sanctum, he would not be able to live in peace since Li An would make sure he would not be able to live well.

It did not cross Teng Shan's mind that not only did Duan Ling Tian wish to remain in the Black Turtle Sanctum that Li An was from, but he would take the initiative to transmit his voice to him and ask for his help to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

“Duan Ling Tian, the Black Turtle Sanctum may not be the best place for you. With Elder Li An here, there’s no benefit for you in staying in the Black Turtle Sanctum! He’s a vengeful person, and he won’t let this matter go,” Teng Shan warned him through Voice Transmission.

Duan Ling Tian felt a sense of warmth in his heart when he heard Teng Shan’s words. He did not know Teng Shan, there was no need for him to say these words to him.

“Elder Teng Shan, I want to remain in the Black Turtle Sanctum because I want to comprehend the high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier. As for Li An, I’m not afraid of him. Moreover, as long as I stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum and in the Fire Worship Sect, he shouldn’t be so brave as to make a move against me!” Duan Ling Tian stated his purpose bluntly. Not only that, but he also said he was not afraid of Li An.

“If you stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum, even if he doesn’t personally make a move against you, he still has other ways to make things difficult for you. Moreover, although our Black Turtle Sanctum’s high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, is impressive, it’s not something everyone would be able to comprehend,” Teng Shan continued saying, “It’s unwise to risk your life for a Divine Ability you’re not certain you’ll be able to successfully comprehend!”

It was apparent Teng Shan had said this to dissuade Duan Ling Tian.

“Elder Teng Shan, you don’t have to dissuade me. I’ve already made up my mind! Besides, I really wish you’ll do me this favor. If I can stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum, I’ll owe you a favor!” Duan Ling Tian said determinedly. He was a little anxious when he finished speaking.

“Since you’re already made up your mind, I won’t dissuade you anymore. Don’t worry, I’ll do everything I can to help you stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum!” Teng Shan instantly agreed to Duan Ling Tian’s request.

“Thank you, Elder Teng Shan,” Duan Ling Tian was delighted when he heard Teng Shan had agreed to his request. He quickly expressed his gratitude.

“Everyone, the rules are the same as before... Starting from now, we’ll pick our candidates after the span of ten breaths,” Teng Shan said to the other Four Symbols Sanctums’ elders.

They nodded.

“There are eight more breaths left!” Many people around Duan Ling Tian held their breaths immediately.

The span of ten breaths passed in just a blink of an eye.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Under the crowd’s anticipatory gazes, eight streaks of light that did not contain offensive force shot out one after another, locking on their targets.

Six streaks of light landed on different people, but two streaks of light landed on the same person!

Among these two streaks of light, one of them was from Teng Shan whom Duan Ling Tian had requested a favor from. The other light came from none other than Li An!

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The streaks of light that did not contain any offensive force came from the eight elders of the Four Symbols Sanctums and landed on a group of people who came to participate in the assessment of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums.

For example, the person selected by the Azure Dragon Sanctum's elder would have to follow the Azure Dragon Sanctum's elder to the Azure Dragon Sanctum to participate in the Azure Dragon Sanctum's assessment. Only after passing the assessment he would become the disciple of the Azure Dragon Sanctum! Although he would only be an outer disciple of the Fire Worship Sect, he was still a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect nonetheless!

After becoming a disciple of the Azure Dragon Sanctum, he would be eligible to comprehend the high-grade assist type Divine Ability in the Azure Dragon Sanctum that had existed since ancient times.

It was the same with the other three Sanctums.

In the history of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums, it was not that there were no occasions when two Four Symbols Sanctum's elders had selected the same participant. However, it was rare for two elders from the same Sanctum to select the same person.

Generally, before the elders from the same Sanctum selected participants, they would discuss with one another first.

For this reason, when the six elders from the other three Sanctums saw Teng Shan and Li An, the two Black Turtle Sanctum's elders, had selected the same young man, they were slightly taken aback. "Elder Li An, Elder Teng Shan, didn't both of you discuss who you're going to select prior to this?"

"If Sanctum Leader Qiu finds out both of you made such a mistake, I'm sure he would reproach both of you for not being united."

"Elder Li An, Elder Teng Shan, is there any misunderstandings between both of you?"

The six elders from the other three Sanctums commented one after another. They had just arrived so they were unaware of what had happened. Although that was the case, they could still sense the tension between Teng Shan and Li An.

Upon hearing that, Teng Shan and Li An looked at one another before snorting coldly.

Teng Shan was not surprised that Li An had selected Duan Ling Tian to remain in the Black Turtle Sanctum since he knew Li An was a vengeful person. He would use all sorts of tricks to make Duan Ling Tian stay. To Li An, as long as Duan Ling Tian stayed in the Black Turtle Sanctum, he would not be able to escape from Li An!

Unlike Teng Shan who maintained his composure, Li An was greatly taken aback when he saw Teng Shan had chosen Duan Ling Tian as well. Based on his understanding of Teng Shan, if Teng Shan had taken a

liking to Duan Ling Tian, he would be eager to get Duan Ling Tian to leave the Black Turtle Sanctum. After all, Teng Shan knew he would not Duan Ling Tian go.

'Could it that Teng Shan is impressed by Duan Ling Tian's innate talent and wants to take him in as a disciple?' Li An thought to himself, coming up with a conclusion that made the most sense to him.

However, he felt that Teng Shan was too naive. If he, Li An, wanted to kill someone, that someone would not be able to live! Even if Duan Ling Tian had Teng Shan's support, the outcome would still be the same. If they fought, he would be able to defeat Teng Shan as well! After all, he was ranked at the 139th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking while Teng Shan was only ranked at the 173rd place.

The smaller the gap on the Supreme Saint Ranking meant that the disparity between each participant's strength was even bigger.

Although Teng Shan was only ranked 30 places behind Li An, if they fought, he was confident he could kill Teng Shan in within ten moves!

When the elders from the three Sanctums looked at Li An and Teng Shan, the people standing nearby broke into a commotion as they expressed their bewilderment.

"Both of the Black Turtle Sanctum's elders, Elder Li An and Elder Teng Shan, selected Duan Ling Tian! What's going on?"

"I'm not surprised that Elder Li An selected Duan Ling Tian to remain in the Black Turtle Sanctum because it would be much easier for him to seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian if he's in the Black Turtle Sanctum."

"Duan Ling Tian has killed Yang Wu, the second son of the Northern Plethora Sect's fifth elder, Yang Chong, in front of Elder Li An. He's Elder Yang Chong's best friend, I'm sure he won't let the matter go!"

"Elder Teng Shan seems to have taken a liking to Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he wouldn't have helped Duan Ling Tian earlier. In that case, shouldn't he advise Duan Ling Tian to go to one of the other three Sanctums?"

"I really don't know why Elder Teng Shan wants Duan Ling Tian to remain in the Black Turtle Sanctum. If Duan Ling Tian stays here, it's no different from throwing a goat to the wolves!"

The people present on the scene discussed among themselves as their eyes shifted between Li An and Duan Ling Tian.

At the same time, the elders from the other three Sanctums finally understood what was going on.

As it turned out, Li An and Teng Shan seemed to be in discord because of the purple-clad young man named Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian had killed Yang Wu, the son of the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect, before they arrived. His action was akin to slapping Li An. After all, the fifth elder from the Northern Plethora Sect was Li An's best friend. Since Li An was unable to protect Yang Wu, everyone would think he was useless! It was only natural for Li An to hate Duan Ling Tian to the core and wanted to kill him.

"I can understand why Li An selected Duan Ling Tian to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum. However, if Teng Shan has truly taken a liking to Duan Ling Tian, why would he want Duan Ling Tian to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum?" The six elders of the three Sanctums were puzzled over this.

Two elders who were closest to Teng Shan even questioned his action through Voice Transmission, and they soon obtained the answer.

"I intended to send him to one of the other three Sanctums, but he seems determined to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum. He told me that he wanted to comprehend the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier in the Black Turtle Sanctum," Teng Shan replied through Voice Transmission as he smiled wryly.

"I see. However, this little fellow is being too reckless. Doesn't he know that the defensive Divine Ability from the Black Turtle Sanctum is the hardest to comprehend among all four high-grade Divine Abilities in the Four Symbols Sanctums?"

"To think he would risk his own life for a Divine Ability when nobody can be certain if he would be able to successfully comprehend it. Even if this little fellow has a high innate talent, he would eventually die on the vine!"

The two elders shook their heads. They were not impressed by Duan Ling Tian due to how impulsive he was acting.

Although Duan Ling Tian was strong and had a high innate talent, it was not to the point where the six elders from the other three Sanctums would compete with the Black Turtle Sanctum for him. Moreover, they did not want to offend Li An. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian's future whereabouts had been determined. He was to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum!

When Gu Li saw how Duan Ling Tian had gone to stand behind Teng Shan, his expression turned solemn as he said to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, if you have to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum, why don't you leave the Fire Worship Sect instead?"

"Leave the Fire Worship Sect?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Even if I don't stay here, do you think I'll be able to leave the Black Turtle Sanctum alive, Senior Brother Gu Li? Li An doesn't dare to violate the Fire Worship Sect's rules in the Black Turtle Sanctum so he wouldn't touch me. However, once I leave the Black Turtle Sanctum, he's no longer restrained by the Fire Worship Sect's rules. At that time, do you think I'll be able to stay alive?"

Duan Ling Tian did not tell him that he also wanted to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum for the time being. Instead, he analyzed the situation that he was in to Gu Li.

Since he had thoroughly offended Li An, he no longer had the option of leaving the Fire Worship Sect.

Duan Ling Tian also said the same thing to Zhu Lu Qi through Voice Transmission. He replied with a glum expression, "Duan Ling Tian is right. He might survive if he stays in the Fire Worship Sect... He'll definitely die if he leaves!" At the same time, a hint of concern could be seen in his eyes. "However, if you remain in the Black Turtle Sanctum, even if Li An can't openly make a move, he would still use all sorts of methods to deal with you! Naturally, he won't be able to kill you due to the rules in the Fire

Worship Sect. However, the people he sends out to deal with you will definitely be stronger than you. You'll have to learn to be patient when you face them. You must not impulsively accept Death Duel Invitations that they issue you!" Zhu Lu Qi's expression turned even glummer when he reached the end of his sentence.

"Don't worry. I won't go so far as to endanger my own life! There are still many things I must do so I have to live on!" Duan Ling Tian nodded.

He had reincarnated twice. Coupled with the hardships he had been through, he had long suppressed the urge to act impulsively.

If he encountered someone he could not defeat, he would endure it silently for the time being even if he was humiliated. He would wait until he had grown strong in the future before he sought revenge in a domineering manner. Seeking death recklessly was not his style.

"I really didn't expect Elder Teng Shan would help you stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum. I thought he has a good impression of you. Shouldn't he advise you to leave the Black Turtle Sanctum for your own safety?" Gu Li looked at Duan Ling Tian. Similar to most people present on the scene, he was confused by Teng Shan's action.

Zhu Lu Qi also looked at Duan Ling Tian. He found it strange as well.

"Naturally, Elder Teng Shan doesn't want me to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum. I was the one who asked him to let me stay here," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"Why?" Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi frowned. They had no idea why Duan Ling Tian would do such a thing since it was no different from risking his own life.

"It's because I want to comprehend the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier in the Black Turtle Sanctum!" Duan Ling Tian replied with a gleam in his eyes.

Upon hearing his reply, Gu Li and Zhu Lu Qi were speechless. Perhaps, only Duan Ling Tian would risk his own life for a Divine Ability that nobody knew for certain if he could successfully comprehend. They knew if they were in his shoes, they would not have made the same decision.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian!" Suddenly, as though he was reminded by something, Gu Li's eyes lit up before he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Hurry up and tell Elder Teng Shan to let me stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum as well! In this case, you don't have to face Li An alone!"

"That's right!" Zhu Lu Qi agreed as well. "Please tell Elder Teng Shan to let me stay here as well. The more people you have with you, the more help you'll have. With me and Gu Li around, we can help share the burden."

It was only natural Duan Ling Tian felt a sense of warmth in his heart when he heard their words. He was particularly surprised that Zhu Lu Qi, whom he was not as close to compared to Gu Li, would make such a decision.