

SOVEREIGN 1921

Chapter 1921: Counter Check

“Put aside my cultivation base that doesn’t allow me to use my Divine Consciousness to probe and locate the Innate Spiritual Root, even if I can locate and probe someone’s Innate Spiritual Root, do you really think that I can destroy Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root and leave him unharmed? As far as I know, even a Saint Celestial powerhouse at the Ninth Form won’t be able to guarantee he would be able to leave someone’s soul unharmed if he destroys that person’s Innate Spiritual Root!” Duan Ling Tian said confidently, leaving no room for doubts since his words were reasonable.

After he finished speaking, before Li An could speak, he continued to say with righteous indignation, “Elder Li An, I know you resent me and want to seek revenge from me for killing the son of your best friend, Fifth Elder Yang Chong of the Northern Plethora Sect... if you want to seek revenge from me, you can just kill me. Is there a need for you to come up with such an absurd story just to kill me?!”

Swoosh!

Li An’s expression turned grave immediately. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian would say such a thing in front of so many people.

Upon sensing the several thousands of eyes that were looking at him strangely, he discovered Duan Ling Tian had turned the situation around and now he was placed in a disadvantageous position.

“You...” Li An said with a grave expression on his face.

However, before he could finish his sentence, Duan Ling Tian interrupted him. “Although I don’t know if your direct disciple, Gu Chun, really lost his Innate Spiritual Root or not, you should have killed him first before you come here and accuse me of destroying his Innate Spiritual Root. Perhaps, people might be more inclined to believe your accusations, Elder Li An.”

Duan Ling Tian’s words seemed as though he was advising Li An, but in truth, he was mocking Li An.

Li An’s expression turned even graver when he heard this. His eyes that were staring at Duan Ling Tian looked as though they were about to shoot fire.

If looks could kill, Duan Ling Tian would have died several times over.

The thousands of Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene nodded when they heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

That was right!

If Li An had killed Gu Chun before looking for Duan Ling Tian and sought revenge from him by accusing him of this, perhaps, they would have believed Li An.

Li An accused Duan Ling Tian of destroying Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root, but Gu Chun was still alive. This was undoubtedly a terrible plan to deal with Duan Ling Tian. It would have been a better plan if he had killed Gu Chun before he accused Duan Ling Tian.

However, Li An did not think to use the better plan and chose the terrible plan instead. Was this not an insult to their intelligence?

Although they were merely bystanders, they were not dumb. They were still able to differentiate between lies and truths.

“Duan Ling Tian, what nonsense are you spouting?!” Gu Chun shouted as his expression turned grave when he saw Duan Ling Tian had taken the righteous route and turned the public’s opinion against his master. He was angry and humiliated. “You’re the one who destroyed my Innate Spiritual Root! If it’s not you, why did you use your Territory to block other people from seeing what you’re doing at that time? Doesn’t that show you’re guilty?!”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples were baffled when they heard Gu Chun’s words. Some of them had witnessed the fight between Duan Ling Tian and Gu Chun that day.

Duan Ling Tian did indeed blocked their sight using his Territory, causing them to be unable to see what was happening. All of them did not know what Duan Ling Tian was doing inside his Territory.

“Could it be that Duan Ling Tian really destroyed Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root?” Many of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples who were present at that time felt their hearts wavered again.

Before Duan Ling Tian could respond, Gu Chun continued saying, “Moreover, I dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath that my Innate Spiritual Root has been destroyed...”

As Gu Chun spoke, he pricked his finger as a drop of blood floated into the sky.

After that, he said loudly, “If my Innate Spiritual Root is not destroyed, I’m willing to be killed by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation!”

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

Nine claps of thunder reverberated in the air, completing the lightning penalty oath.

However, Gu Chun was not struck by lightning. It was proof that he was not lying when he said his Innate Spiritual Root had been destroyed!

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene no longer doubted him when they saw this.

“It’s really destroyed?” Many of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples were sure Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root had been destroyed. He and his master, Li An, were not lying after all.

“I’ve already sworn on the lightning penalty that my Innate Spiritual Root has been destroyed...” After swearing by the thunder penalty oath, Gu Chun shifted his sharp gaze to Duan Ling Tian before he said coldly, “Duan Ling Tian, do you dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath that you did not destroy my Innate Spiritual Root?!”

As soon as he finished speaking, he stepped forward and stood next to Li An as he stared coldly at Duan Ling Tian.

Do you dare?!

Everyone instantly shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian.

“Do you think Duan Ling Tian dares to swear on the lightning penalty oath?”

“I think he will. After all, it’s not possible for him to destroy Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root with his cultivation base!”

“What if he doesn’t dare to do it?”

“Well, doesn’t that mean he’s guilty?”

Although the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples found it hard to believe Duan Ling Tian was able to destroy Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root, they could not help but feel skeptical when they saw how sure Gu Chun was.

Under normal circumstances, if Gu Chun was so bold as to stand next to Li An in front of so many people, Li An would have gotten angry and scolded Gu Chun for not knowing his place!

However, at this moment, not only was Li An not angry, but he even secretly praised the direct disciple he was not fond of for being smart.

His disciple’s actions had made the public wavered. It had helped them escape from the disadvantageous position they were in.

This pleased him a lot. He felt the stifling feeling in heart disappearing. At this moment, he even felt this disciple of his was a lot more pleasing to his eyes.

“Swear on the lightning penalty oath that I didn’t cripple your Innate Spiritual Root?” Under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian smiled as he said, “Gu Chun, don’t you think it’s unnecessary for me to swear on the lightning penalty oath?”

“Why? Are you afraid?” Gu Chun smirked. “If you don’t dare to do it, doesn’t that mean you’re guilty? You’re indirectly admitting that you destroyed my Innate Spiritual Root... By destroying my Innate Spiritual Root, you’re essentially cutting off my cultivation path. What’s the difference from maiming me? According to the law of Fire Worship Sect, I’m sure you know what punishments would be given to those who maliciously harm the disciples of the sect, right?”

When Gu Chun was speaking, a terrifying aura rose up from Li An’s body. The aura quietly locked Duan Ling Tian in place. He was ready to punish Duan Ling Tian.

“I think you’re the one who doesn’t dare to?!” Duan Ling Tian’s words made the terrifying aura on from Li An’s body to disappear.

Li An stared at Duan Ling Tian intently. He did not understand what Duan Ling Tian meant.

“I don’t dare? What is it that I don’t dare to do? Duan Ling Tian, don’t even think of changing the topic with so many people watching,” Gu Chun said disdainfully.

“I’ve already said it’s unnecessary for me to swear on the lightning penalty oath. Since you keep insisting I’m the one who destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root, you can always swear on the lightning penalty

oath that I'm the one who destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root and you're willing to be struck by lightning. If you die, then it means I'm the one who destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root. If lightning did not strike you, then it means I did not destroy your Innate Spiritual Root, and you're just making baseless accusations!" Duan Ling Tian said with a calm expression and looked at Gu Chun as the thousands of Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples looked at him with confusion.

His statement was flawless!

Gu Chun told him to swear on the lightning penalty oath. It was within his right to ask Gu Chun to swear on the lightning penalty as well.

The oath they had to swear was the same. Both would be able to tell if Duan Ling Tian really did destroy Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root. The only difference was the person making the oath.

Swish!

Horror dawned on Gu Chun. He had used all means to turn things in his favor. It did not cross his mind that Duan Ling Tian would use such a method to counter his words.

Duan Ling Tian had asked him to swear on the lightning penalty oath! Although the oath's content was the same, he did not dare to swear on it at all!

This was because he had only assumed Duan Ling Tian was the one who destroyed his Innate Spiritual Root. Even if he was 99% certain Duan Ling Tian was the culprit, there was still that 1% of doubt.

This concerned his life. Even if it's just 1% of doubt, he did not dare to gamble his life at all! For this reason, he did not dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath.

"Duan Ling Tian, I've already sworn on the lightning penalty oath. It's your turn to swear on the lightning penalty oath!" Now that things had escalated to this point, Gu Chun could only continue on insisting that Duan Ling Tian swear on the lightning penalty oath.

"What a lame argument!" Duan Ling Tian smirked when Gu Chun finished speaking. "Gu Chun, from the beginning until the end, you're the one who brought up swearing on the lightning penalty oath. Now that the problem can be solved by one of us swearing on the lightning penalty oath, don't you think you should be the one to swear an oath since you brought it up first? Why should I swear an oath? It can't be that you don't dare to swear an oath because you know I didn't destroy your Innate Spiritual Root!" The smirk on Duan Ling Tian's face widened when he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian was gambling with his life when he told Gu Chun to swear on the lightning penalty oath.

If he lost the bet, he would die. If he won, he would live.

He bet that Gu Chun would not dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian only dared to make this bet because he was absolutely certain Gu Chun was unaware of him devouring his Innate Spiritual Root and was merely making an assumption. He did not have any proof at all.

He had nothing to his advantage when he told Gu Chun to swear on the lightning penalty oath!

Chapter 1922: Blue Spiritual Root, Gu Long!

“Duan Ling Tian’s right!”

“That’s right!”

“It doesn’t matter if it’s Duan Ling Tian or Gu Chun who swear on the lightning penalty oath. Both would yield the same result and prove if Duan Ling Tian destroyed Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root or not!”

“Based on the situation, it seems like Gu Chun doesn’t dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath!”

“Exactly!”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, his words caused many people to doubt Gu Chun.

They saw Gu Chun hesitating when Duan Ling Tian asked him to swear on the lightning penalty oath. Not only did Gu Chun hesitate, but he even unreasonably insisted that Duan Ling Tian swear on the lightning penalty oath.

From the beginning until now, he was the one who had brought up swearing on the lightning penalty oath. To think he wanted to change his mind at the last moment? Did this not mean he was guilty?

In the thousands of Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples’ opinion, it did not matter if Duan Ling Tian or Gu Chun swore on the lightning penalty oath since it would yield the same result. Since Gu Chun was the one who brought up the lightning penalty oath, they all felt that it was more appropriate for Gu Chun to swear on the lightning penalty oath like Duan Ling Tian had requested.

More and more people began to doubt Gu Chun. This was something he did not expect.

At this instant, he felt as though he was hoisted by his own petard!

“Gu Chun, do you hear them? All our fellow disciples feel that it’s more appropriate for you to swear on the lightning penalty oath...” Duan Ling Tian said mockingly as he looked at Gu Chun, “As long as you swear on the lightning penalty oath, everyone will know the truth! If you’re not killed by the lightning penalty, it would mean you’re lying, and I’m the one who destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root!”

Duan Ling Tian was delighted by his counter attack.

‘Didn’t you want to swear on the lightning penalty oath? Well, go ahead! Swear on your freaking oath!’

When Gu Chun heard the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples words, his face paled immediately. His heart was in turmoil.

He wanted his master, Li An, to kill Duan Ling Tian. He was not 100% certain Duan Ling Tian had destroyed his Innate Spiritual Root or not

This was a strange world after all. Unexplainable things happened all the time. It might be a coincidence that his Innate Spiritual Root disappeared, and it had nothing to do with Duan Ling Tian. If that was really the case, he would be committing suicide if he swore on the lightning penalty oath.

Although he no longer had his Innate Spiritual Root, and his cultivation base would stay the same, it did not mean he no longer valued his life. On the contrary, he valued his life even more than before. This was because now that his cultivation base could no longer be raised, his life span was fixed. He would not be able to extend his lifespan. In other words, a day gone by is a day less in his life!

Due to this reason, he did not dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath like Duan Ling Tian asked him to. He did not dare to gamble with his life.

What if the disappearance of his Innate Spiritual Root had nothing to do with Duan Ling Tian? Would he not die a wrongful death if he did that?

“Gu Chun’s feeling guilty now!”

“Tsk tsk... It seems like he was just baselessly accusing Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian probably didn’t destroy his Innate Spiritual Talent at all.”

“To think I almost believed him!”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene began to whisper among themselves again. When Gu Chun heard their words, he turned pale, and he was rendered speechless.

“Didn’t you say you’re 90% certain Duan Ling Tian was the one who destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root? Why are you changing your mind at the critical moment?” When Li An saw Gu Chun making a mess out of the situation, his expression turned grave. He continued to transmit his voice to Gu Chun. “Don’t tell me 90% is not enough for you to take a leap of faith? Duan Ling Tian’s probably calling your bluff. He’s trying to scare you so you won’t swear on the lightning penalty oath. You have a 90% success rate! If you’re right, Duan Ling Tian will die!” Li An instigated the matter.

90% success rate!

A leap of faith!

If he won, he would live and Duan Ling Tian would die!

After listening to Li An, Gu Chun’s eyes brightened. He gritted his teeth and made up his mind.

However, as soon as Gu Chun made up his mind and looked at Duan Ling Tian determinedly, Duan Ling Tian said indifferently before Gu Chun could swear on the lightning penalty oath, “How boring! Gu Chun, if you think you’re at a disadvantage for being the only one to swear on the lightning penalty oath, I’ll swear on the lightning penalty oath at the same time with you. Are you satisfied with this?”

Boom!

Gu Chun who was about to swear on the lightning penalty oath after listening to Li An felt as though he had been struck by lightning when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He quickly swallowed the words he was about to say.

Duan Ling Tian’s confidence and nonchalance had completely destroyed his hard-earned confidence.

In his opinion, if Duan Ling Tian really destroyed his Innate Spiritual Root, he would not agree to swear on the lightning penalty oath with Gu Chun! The fact that Duan Ling Tian was so bold to agree to swear on the lightning penalty oath meant that he was not afraid.

Gu Chun lost all his confidence at this moment.

“He must have known you’re going to swear on the lightning penalty oath, that’s why he struck first to make you doubt yourself. Don’t be afraid. Agree with him! Swear on the lightning penalty oath with him!” Li An saw through what Duan Ling Tian was planning and advised Gu Chun.

However, Gu Chun felt Li An was only using him. If he won, Duan Ling Tian would die. If he lost, he would die! He only felt that Li An was trying to use him to take this gamble. No matter what the outcome was, Li An would not be affected at all.

Now that he had thought of this, how could he possibly agree to Duan Ling Tian’s request?

“Fine! My Innate Spiritual Root is not destroyed by you. I’m the one who accidentally destroyed it when I was cultivating!” Gu Chun said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Clamor!

His words caused an uproar among the people. Nobody expected he would just tell the truth.

“Ah, Gu Chun is the one who wants to frame Duan Ling Tian!”

“Hurmph! I knew it! Gu Chun is not a good person after all!”

“He really caused a lot of trouble for Elder Li An this time!”

The thousands of Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples whispered among themselves, raising another commotion.

Some of them even felt Li An had ordered Gu Chun to frame Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, they only thought about it. They did not dare to speak their minds.

Duan Ling Tian smiled. He knew he had successfully called Gu Chun’s bluff.

He had suddenly said he was going to swear on the lightning penalty oath with Gu Chun because he had been studying Gu Chun’s expression all this while.

When he saw the determined expression on Gu Chun’s face as though he was throwing caution to the wind, he knew Gu Chun was going to swear on the lightning penalty oath. For this reason, he decided to strike first to gain the upper hand and completely shatter Gu Chun’s determination!

Naturally, if it really came down to it, he did not dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath with Gu Chun since he really did destroy Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root! To be more precise, he had devoured it.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Gu Chun’s words, he could not help but sigh in relief inwardly. His gamble had paid off, and he had won.

On the other hand, Li An's expression turned grave when he heard Gu Chun's words. He already knew the outcome of today's incident. His plan of getting rid of Duan Ling Tian had failed because of his lousy teammate, Gu Chun

"Hurmph!" Li An snorted after he glanced at Gu Chun. He turned around and left. From the beginning until the end, he did not say anything to Gu Chun at all. It was apparent he was furious.

"Gu Chun, if you and your master want to frame me next time, make sure you come up with a better story. This story is full of flaws!" Duan Ling Tian who had won was in high spirits. After he had spoken to Gu Chun, he returned to his house.

As Gu Chun watched Duan Ling Tian's silhouette disappearing before his eyes, his body began to tremble in anger as he clenched his teeth. His hands were so tightly fisted that his nails dug into his skin, causing blood to flow.

The thousands of eyes that were looking at him almost made him go insane!

"Duan Ling Tian... Duan Ling Tian! You'll definitely die when my cousin comes! You'll definitely die!" Gu Chun knew he was no longer a match for Duan Ling Tian now that his Innate Spiritual Root had been destroyed. He would no longer be able to seek revenge. He could only put his hopes on his cousin who would be coming soon. At this moment, his cousin was his life savior.

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A month passed by peacefully before a guest appeared in the Black Turtle Sanctum of Fire Worship Sect.

It was a travel-weary middle-aged man. When he appeared, he was stopped by the patrolling team from the Black Turtle Sanctum that was led by a Bronze Flame Elder.

"Who are you to trespass into the Black Turtle Sanctum of the Fire Worship Sect?!" The Bronze Flame Elder asked in a low voice.

The middle-aged man had a huge-built and an ordinary appearance. He carried a sheathed long saber. He seemed like a tower, firm and awe-inspiring.

"I'm Gu Long. I came here to join the Fire Worship Sect!" He replied indifferently. His expression remained calm even when he was faced with the Bronze Flame Elder.

Then, the Bronze Flame Elder took out a Spiritual Pearl to assess his Innate Spiritual Root.

After the test, they discovered the middle-aged man possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root!

The Bronze Flame Elder became much more polite when he discovered the middle-aged man possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root!

Chapter 1923: Seeking Revenge For Me!

In the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, there was an iron-clad law that everyone knew about. Those with blue Innate Spiritual Roots or higher would be able to enter the Saint Celestial Stage as long as they were determined enough!

The Saint Celestial Stage was the highest stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

A Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse would stand on the summit of the Dao Martial Saint Land, looking down on the entire world!

“Brother Gu Long, according to our Fire Worship Sect’s rule, those who possess blue Innate Spiritual Root or higher will be able to enter the sect without any assessment. You’ll have to stay in one of the Four Symbols Sanctum for the time being!” The Bronze Flame Elder became a lot friendlier when he discovered Gu Long had a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

He even said, “Our Black Turtle Sanctum is one of the Four Symbols Sanctums. The number one defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, is located in our Black Turtle Sanctum! Why don’t you stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum for now, Brother Gu Long?” He looked at Gu Long anticipatorily when he finished speaking. He hoped Gu Long would stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

If Gu Long stayed in the Black Turtle Sanctum, he could then recommend this genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root to the Sanctum Leader of Black Turtle Sanctum.

He believed the Sanctum Leader of Black Turtle Sanctum would be interested to take Gu Long as his direct disciple! He would receive many benefits if the Sanctum Leader was happy with him.

“I’ll stay in whichever Sanctum my cousin is staying in!” Gu Long said indifferently and ignored the Bronze Flame Elder’s words.

He was a genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root and had great potential. His achievement in the future would surpass this Bronze Flame Elder. For this reason, he acted very casually in front of the Bronze Flame Elder.

The Bronze Flame Elder thought Gu Long would agree to his suggestions when he heard Gu Long’s words. He was puzzled. Then, he asked, “May I know who your cousin is, Brother Gu Long?”

“He’s called Gu Chun and has a green Innate Spiritual Root. He came to participate in the assessment to enter the Four Symbols Sanctums in the Fire Worship Sect about two months ago. If everything went well, he should be a disciple of one of your Silver Flame Elder. The reason I came to the Fire Worship Sect is also to become a disciple of the Silver Flame Elder,” Gu Long said. When he spoke about Gu Chun, there was a hint of affection in his eyes.

Several months ago, Gu Long and Gu Chun had made a pact to be disciples under the same master before they came to the Fire Worship Sect.

In order to take care of his cousin, Gu Chun, Gu Long was even willing to give up the chance of becoming a disciple of a Golden Flame Elder.

He had told Gu Chun to look for a Silver Flame Elder to become his master after he entered the Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums. If that Silver Flame Elder did not want to accept him as a disciple, he could use his name instead.

Gu Long believed that as long as he was willing to become the disciple of any Fire Worship Sect’s Silver Flame Elder, that Silver Flame Elder would definitely take Gu Chun in as a disciple for his sake.

He was confident because of the blue Innate Spiritual Root he possessed!

His blue Innate Spiritual Root was his trump card. No Silver Flame Elder would be able to reject it.

“Y-You are Gu Chun’s cousin?” Upon hearing Gu Long’s words, the Bronze Flame Elder could not help but stare at him. He had a shocked expression on his face as though there was something he knew.

Naturally, he had heard of Gu Chun. Their Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums would recruit disciples from outside every three years. The recent one was held less than two months ago.

Among all the Silver Flame Elders in the Black Turtle Sanctum, Li An was the only one who accepted a disciple.

All the Bronze Flame Elders found this strange. Elder Li An was the First Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum, and he had very high standards. He had accepted three disciples before, and they all had blue Innate Spiritual Roots.

When they learned that Li An had taken Gu Chun who had a green Innate Spiritual Root as a disciple, they were confused. They could not figure out why Li An’s requirement seemed to have dropped.

Now that he had met Gu Long and heard his words, he finally figured out the answer.

‘No wonder, no wonder... No wonder Elder Li An took Gu Chun as his disciple! As it turns out, it’s all because of Gu Long,’ the Bronze Flame Elder thought to himself.

Gu Long was a martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root. If he was willing to become Li An’s disciple, Li An would definitely not hesitate to take Gu Chun as his disciple as well.

The Bronze Flame Elder sighed softly in disappointment. It seemed like there was no way for him to recommend this person to the Sanctum Leader of Black Turtle Sanctum.

Perhaps, Lord Sanctum Leader would be interested in a martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root. However, he would not stoop so low as to fight over someone with his subordinate. Not unless it was some monstrous genius with an indigo Innate Spiritual Root!

However, a monstrous genius with an indigo Innate Spiritual Root was someone that even the people in the Fire Worship Sect’s Saint Land would be interested in. For that reason, he would not be so presumptuous to take him as a disciple.

“Why? Do you know my cousin, Elder?” Gu Long asked with a glint in his eyes when he heard the Bronze Flame Elder’s words and saw the shocked expression on his face.

“Yes.” The Bronze Flame Elder nodded. “Your cousin is under the command of First Silver Flame Elder Li An of our Black Turtle Sanctum.”

“Elder Li An? The First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum?” Gu Li nodded in approval when he heard this.

It seemed like his cousin had quite good judgment. He managed to become the disciple of the First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum.

“However, your cousin’s current condition is not very good...” The Bronze Flame Elder added. When he reached the end of his sentence, he cast a wary glance at Gu Long.

The incident that happened a month ago did not only spread in the Black Turtle Sanctum, but it had spread to the other Sanctums and the Saint Land as well!

The news of Gu Chun, the recent disciple that First Silver Flame Elder Li An had accepted, losing his Innate Spiritual Root had spread. Mysteriously, although his Innate Spiritual Root had vanished, his soul was perfectly well.

This was a feat that even a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse at the Ninth Form could not do.

For this reason, ever since a month ago, this incident remained unsolved, and Gu Chun’s name had spread far and wide in the Fire Worship Sect.

Naturally, if Gu Chun had a choice, he did not want this fame at all. The cost of fame was too steep.

Now that he no longer had an Innate Spiritual Root, it was impossible for his cultivation base to progress. It would remain stagnant for the rest of his life. His life was ruined.

“What happened to my cousin?!” Gu Long knew something had happened to his cousin when he heard the Bronze Flame Elder’s words. Horror dawned on him immediately.

Gu Chun might only be his cousin, but to Gu Long, he was even more important than his own brother.

He had lost his parents when he was young. It was Gu Chun’s parents who had taken him in and raised him. Moreover, Gu Chun’s father had died to save him from an accident.

Ever since then, he had become a father and brother to Gu Chun. It was only natural for him to panic when he found out that something had happened to Gu Chun.

“I’ll send you to the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples. I’ll tell you about what happened to Gu Chun as we make our way there.” The Bronze Flame Elder dismissed the others as he brought Gu Long to the east of the Black Turtle Sanctum where the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples lived.

“This is the uniform of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples.” During their journey, the Bronze Flame Elder gave Gu Long the exclusive uniform of a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple.

“Elder, what happened to my cousin?” Gu Long’s eyes did not leave the Bronze Flame Elder even when he took the uniform. A worried expression could be seen on his face.

“His Innate Spiritual Root is gone!” The Bronze Flame Elder answered with a sigh.

His Innate Spiritual Root was gone!

When Gu Long heard the Bronze Flame Elder’s words, he felt as though he had been struck by lightning. His expression turned grave immediately, and his eyes turned red. An oppressive aura began to rise from his body.

“His Innate Spiritual Root is gone?” After a long while, Gu Long asked in a hoarse voice. His tone was cold. “What is going on? How can his Innate Spiritual Root disappear just like that? Who did it?!”

Gu Long knew very well what it meant to lose one’s Innate Spiritual Root. He could imagine his cousin’s despair.

“I don’t know the details of what happened. Even Gu Chun isn’t sure,” the Bronze Flame Elder said wryly when he heard Gu Long’s words.

“He’s not sure as well?” Gu Long was baffled. The oppressive aura began to dissipate as well.

Initially, he thought someone had destroyed his cousin’s Innate Spiritual Root. That was why he was so furious. However, now that he heard even his cousin was not sure of what had happened, he felt a sense of helplessness.

Under the guidance of the Bronze Flame Elder, Gu Long finally arrived at the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples.

After he located the Tertius house Gu Chun was staying in with the help of a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple, the Bronze Flame Elder left after bidding goodbye to Gu Long.

Meanwhile, Gu Long descended from the sky and made his way to the Tertius house.

“Who’s he?”

“He looks unfamiliar... The Bronze Flame Elder just brought him here.”

“It seems like he’s looking for Gu Chun.”

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Gu Long’s appearance naturally attracted many of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

Gu Long knocked on the door before it finally opened.

“Brother!” When Gu Chun opened the door and saw Gu Long, his originally pale face brightened immediately. It was as though he had just seen his life savior. He jumped forward excitedly and hugged Gu Long. He did not let go for a long time.

“Brother! You must help me! You must seek revenge for me!” Before Gu Long could say anything, Gu Chun had already spoken. His voice was agitated when he spoke.

Chapter 1924: There’s No Need For That!

“Seek revenge?” Gu Long was stunned when he heard Gu Chun’s words. He pushed Gu Chun away before he asked in his deep voice, “Little Chun, what happened? Is your Innate Spiritual Root really gone?”

“Brother, it’s true... My Innate Spiritual Root is really gone!” Gu Chun said with a sorrowful expression. Gu Long felt his heart ached when he heard this.

“How can an Innate Spiritual Root disappear just like that? You even told me to seek revenge for you? Seek revenge from who?” Gu Long asked with a frown. He was puzzled.

According to the Bronze Flame Elder, even his cousin did not know why or how his Innate Spiritual Root had disappeared. If that was the case, who did Gu Chun want him to seek revenge from?

“Brother, I suspect my Innate Spiritual Root is destroyed by Duan Ling Tian! However I have no proof, and I’m not completely sure that he’s the culprit! If it’s not him, then I don’t know why my Innate Spiritual Root would disappear for no reason!” Gu Chun said in response to Gu Long’s questions. He told Gu Long about his dispute with Duan Ling Tian and all the things that had happened whenever he encountered him.

“I think he’s the biggest suspect. I have a strong feeling he has something to do with the disappearance of my Innate Spiritual Root!” Gu Chun said through clenched teeth. His expression was fierce as he fisted his hands tightly.

“He cast his Territory and blocked everyone’s sights? Based on what you said, it seems highly likely that he has something to do with the disappearance of your Innate Spiritual Root!” Gu Long’s eyes flashed coldly. After he thought about it for a while, he said, “He must have mastered some secret technique that can destroy someone’s Innate Spiritual Root without harming that person’s soul. However, in everyone’s opinion, it’s impossible for a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse to destroy a person’s Innate without harming that person’s soul, let alone someone like Duan Ling Tian. This is why nobody suspects him at all!” A terrifying killing intent rose from Gu Long’s body when he finished speaking.

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would have been shocked by Gu Long’s words. Although Gu Long’s words were not entirely correct, it was still quite close to the truth.

“It’s highly likely that’s what had happened. However, a month ago, I didn’t dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath because I’m not 100% certain. I didn’t dare to take the risk. I was afraid I would be killed by the lightning penalty if he really has nothing to do with the disappearance of my Innate Spiritual Root. Brother. Am I weak? Are you disappointed in me?” Gu Chun was like a child in front of Gu Long.

“No! You’re not weak, Little Chun. You’re just being careful. You did well, Little Chun!” Gu Long shook his head when he heard Gu Chun’s words.

His eyes flashed fiercely as though he was about to kill someone. Naturally, it was not directed at Gu Chun. It was directed at Duan Ling Tian whom he had not even met yet.

“Brother, I want Duan Ling Tian dead!” Gu Long’s arrival had pulled Gu Chun out of his despair. His eyes glinted with killing intent. His expression turned ugly when he thought about Duan Ling Tian whom he regarded as his mortal enemy.

“Don’t worry, I won’t let him live!” Gu Long said as he changed into the exclusive uniform of Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple that the Bronze Flame Elder had given him.

Now that he had worn the uniform, he had officially become a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect. To be more precise, he had become a Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple in the Fire Worship Sect.

"Brother, the rules in the Fire Worship Sect are very strict so we must come up with a method that won't violate the rules when we deal with Duan Ling Tian. It's not worth it to sacrifice ourselves just to seek revenge from him," Gu Chun said coldly after he took a deep breath.

"There's no need for that!" Gu Long rejected his words immediately in a tone that brooked no argument when he heard Gu Chun's words.

When Gu Long saw Gu Chun had fallen into a daze when he saw how vehemently he had refused him, he explained, "Little Chun, don't forget that I have a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Even if I break the rules and kill Duan Ling Tian, do you really think the sect is going to punish me for the sake of an ordinary disciple with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root?"

"Of course not!" Gu Chun shook his head without any hesitation.

What a joke!

A genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root was not someone with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root could compare to. Even if the former killed the latter, the Fire Worship Sect would not harshly punish the former since they needed more geniuses in the sect.

A genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root would definitely become a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse in the future. It would be easy for him to become a Silver Flame Elder or even a Golden Flame Elder.

Among the Golden Flame Elders in the Fire Worship Sect, there were currently three Golden Flame Elders who possessed blue Innate Spiritual Roots.

Would the Fire Worship Sect kill a soon-to-be Silver Flame Elder or possibly a Golden Flame Elder for the sake of an ordinary disciple with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root?

Of course not.

"If I kill Duan Ling Tian without wearing the uniform of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples, it would be different since it can be considered as an outsider provoking the Fire Worship Sect. They'll definitely not let me go. However, now that I'm a disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum, I'll just be killing a fellow disciple. At the most, they'll give me a slap on the wrist. If I show them my strength, it's certain that they wouldn't do anything to me. Especially not for someone like Duan Ling Tian!" Gu Long said confidently.

"Little Chun, which Tertius house is Duan Ling Tian staying in?!" Gu Long said he rose up into the air. His eyes looked fierce as he looked at the thousands of Tertius houses in the surroundings.

"He's also a Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple?" Although some of the Black Turtle Sanctum did not hear Gu Chun and Gu Long's conversation, they could tell they had a close relationship. Moreover, they could see Gu Long was also dressed in the Black Turtle Sanctum's uniform.

"I've never seen him before!"

“Don’t tell me he has just arrived in the Fire Worship Sect?”

“He just arrived? Then he must be a martial genius. Only geniuses with blue Innate Spiritual Roots or higher are allowed to enter the Fire Worship Sect at any time!”

“Could it be that this person possesses the blue Innate Spiritual Root?”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple began to discuss among themselves as they trained their burning gazes on Gu Long who was hovering in the air.

They could clearly sense the killing intent Gu Long emitted.

“What’s he trying to do?!” Many of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples shuddered when they felt his killing intent.

“Brother, it’s that one!” The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene heard Gu Chun’s voice. They saw him rising up into the air as well as he pointed a finger at a Tertius house in the distance.

“Doesn’t that Tertius house belong to Duan Ling Tian?” Many people knew the Tertius house Gu Chun was pointing at belonged to Duan Ling Tian. They instantly figured out what was going on. It was obvious Gu Long’s killing intent was directed at Duan Ling Tian.

“I heard Gu Chun calling him brother.”

“He’s Gu Chun’s brother?”

Many people began to focus on the way Gu Chun addressed Gu Long. It caused an uproar among the disciples. It did not occur to them that this newcomer was Gu Chun’s brother.

No matter how they guessed earlier, it did not occur to any of them that this person was actually Gu Chun’s brother.

At the same time, a figure appeared inside the Tertius house that Gu Chun was pointing at. Duan Ling Tian had just exited the Seven Treasures Pagoda.

“Elder Huo said that somebody has malicious intent toward me outside?” Duan Ling Tian had stopped cultivating and left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda because Elder Huo had alerted him of someone who was coming with malicious intent.

He left the Tertius house immediately after he put away the Seven Treasure Exquisite Pagoda.

The instant he went out, he instantly felt two fierce gazes filled with killing intent that was trained on him.

‘Is it Gu Chun and Li An again?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself before he turned to look at them.

When he raised his head to look at the owners of the eyes, he discovered that apart of Gu Chun, there was another person whom he did not recognize standing next to him. It was clearly not Li An. It was a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple who carried a long saber behind him.

At this moment, he could feel the killing intent from that person. It was obvious that person's target was him.

"Who's he?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled when he saw the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple standing next to Gu Chun.

"Brother, that's him!" At the same time, Duan Ling Tian heard Gu Chun's furious voice as he spoke to the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple who was carrying a long saber.

"Gu Chun's Brother?" Duan Ling Tian finally figured out what was happening.

As it turned out, this Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple was Gu Chun's brother. No wonder he was targeted by him.

"I didn't know Gu Chun's brother is also in the Black Turtle Sanctum?" Duan Ling Tian thought Gu Chun's brother had been in the Black Turtle Sanctum for some time. It did not occur to him that Gu Long had only just arrived at the Black Turtle Sanctum today.

It did not even cross his mind that Gu Long was a genius who possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

"You're Duan Ling Tian?" Gu Long asked in a cold voice as soon as Gu Chun finished speaking.

"So what if I am?" Duan Ling Tian did not bother with being polite since he knew they came with ill intention.

"You're really impudent!" Gu Long said with a grave expression. At the same time, he raised his hand and unsheathed the long saber behind him. "I'd like to see if you have to ability to act so impudent!"

Chapter 1925: Gu Long's Key Advantage

Swish!

The sound of saber whistled in the air. As soon as Gu Long drew his long saber out, he instantly struck at Duan Ling Tian. The saber ray that was like a crescent moon and a hundred meters wide swept toward Duan Ling Tian. In its wake, the air seemed to have gone still. Only the sound of saber whistling in the air could be heard.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples present on the scene were horrified. They did not expect Gu Chun's brother would be so daring. He actually attacked Duan Ling Tian, completely disregarding the Fire Worship Sect's rules. Most of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples felt that he was seeking death. Killing a fellow disciple was a serious crime after all.

Whoosh!

At this moment, not only were the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples horrified, but even Duan Ling Tian was horrified. He did not expect Gu Chun's brother to attack him as well. Moreover, based on his actions, it was obvious he was trying to kill him.

“Golden Crow’s Wings!” Duan Ling Tian called out when faced with the saber ray that was sweeping toward him from the sky. The Sun Saint Energy in his 99 Saint Veins began to circulate.

In just a blink of an eye, the Sun Saint Energy covered Duan Ling Tian’s body and a pair of huge wings that seemed as though they were made from flames appeared on his back.

This was the Golden Crow’s Wings, the high-grade movement Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian had mastered!

Boom!

Duan Ling Tian flapped the Golden Crow’s Wings, setting off a thunderous sound and causing the air to violently stir. His body shot out like a cannonball as he brushed past the saber ray that swept down from the sky.

Whoosh!

The speed of the saber ray and the vast Saint Energy contained in the saber ray sent fear into Duan Ling Tian’s heart. He was certain of one thing. Gu Chun’s brother had to be an elite powerhouse at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage if he was not at the Quintessential Saint Stage. Otherwise, his casual slash of sword would not be so terrifying.

Boom!

Duan Ling Tian was still in fear thinking about Gu Chun’s brother’s cultivation base when a loud noise sounded by his ear. It sounded as though something had collapsed. As it turned out, it was the sound of Duan Ling Tian’s Tertius house being destroyed by the saber ray. It collapsed, raising dust around it.

From the moment Gu Long pulled out his saber to Duan Ling Tian evading his attack and the fall of his Tertius house, everything happened at lightning speed.

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples on regained their senses when the Tertius house collapsed.

“What happened?”

“What happened?”

Gu Long had created a huge commotion, surprising many Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene.

Some disciples who were in their houses even walked out with a confused expression on their faces. After they came out, they learned about what was happening from the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples who were present since the beginning.

“Gu Chun’s brother? He’s also a disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum?”

“He immediately attacked Duan Ling Tian as soon as he saw him, disregarding the Fire Worship Sect’s rules?”

“Isn’t he afraid of death? According to our Fire Worship Sect’s rules, he’ll die if he kills Duan Ling Tian!”

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who just came out were shocked. They kept talking about the rules in the Fire Worship Sect. They were shocked by Gu Chun's brother's disregard for the sect's rules.

"Is Gu Chun's brother really not afraid of death?" Even the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who were present since the beginning was baffled. Gu Long did not seem like someone who did not fear death.

What made him decide to disregard the rules in the Fire Worship Sect?

Under the watchful eyes of the others, Gu Long looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly as he said indifferently, "No wonder my cousin couldn't do anything to you. You're quite strong! Unfortunately for you, your strength is nothing to me, Gu Long. My earlier attack is just a casual strike! You won't be so lucky the next time"

"Gu Long?"

"His name's Gu Long? I've never heard of him before!"

"Since when does the Black Turtle Sanctum has such an amazing person?"

"Earlier, I saw a Bronze Flame Elder personally escorting him here. Not only that, but the Bronze Flame Elder seems very courteous to him as well!"

"Don't tell me he's a new disciple who only arrived today?!"

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples whispered among each other as they stared at Gu Long.

Some of them had a solemn expression on their faces as they said, "If Gu Long has only arrived today, does this mean he's a martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root or higher?"

"That's possible!"

"In the Fire Worship Sect, only geniuses with blue Innate Spiritual Roots or above are allowed to enter the sect at any time. It's very likely that Gu Long has a blue Innate Spiritual Root!"

"Blue Spiritual Root! That means it's certain he'll be able to break through to the Saint Celestial Stage! If Gu Long really has a blue Innate Spiritual Root, no matter how bad his performance is, he'll still be able to become a Silver Flame Elder in the Fire Worship Sect!"

"That's right! If he really has a blue Innate Spiritual Root, it might even be possible for him to become a Golden Flame Elder if he works hard!"

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples began to whisper among themselves again. They concluded that Gu Long must be a martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root!

"If he really has a blue Innate Spiritual Root, then his actions make sense. That's probably why he dares to disregard the rules of our sect! With his Innate Spiritual Root, the sect won't kill him even if he kills Duan Ling Tian!" One Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple suddenly said.

The moment his words left his mouth, the other Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were hit with a pang of realization.

“That’s right! A martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root is worth nurturing in the Fire Worship Sect. Duan Ling Tian only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. Even if he dies, the sect won’t sentence someone who has a blue Innate Spiritual Root to death. At most, they would put on a show and punish him without harming him!”

“Then, this means nothing’s going to happen to Gu Long even if he kills Duan Ling Tian?”

“Hypothetically, yes!”

“It seems like Duan Ling Tian is doomed!”

Duan Ling Tian naturally heard the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples discussion. It caused his expression to change. He was shocked.

“You have a blue Innate Spiritual Root?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he stared at Gu Long intently.

If one paid closer attention, one would be able to see Duan Ling Tian’s eyes had brightened subtly as though he had just seen a treasure.

“Duan Ling Tian, are you scared now that you find out my cousin has a blue Innate Spiritual Root?” Gu Chun asked after he laughed. He did not give Gu Long a chance to reply first. He had a delighted expression on his face.

After that, he transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian and said some things that could not be said out loud. “Duan Ling Tian! Even if my brother violates the rules and kills you, the sect will only give him a slap on the wrist at most because he has a blue Innate Spiritual Root! They won’t harm him at all. Don’t you regret offending me? Unfortunately, there’s no cure for regret in this world. You can only blame yourself for not being discerning enough and offending me!” He had a smug smile on his face when he finished transmitting his voice.

However, the smug smile soon disappeared when he discovered that Duan Ling Tian had ignored him. He did not even bother to look at him. His gaze was trained on Gu Long from the beginning until now.

“Blue Spiritual Root? Good... That’s great!!” Nobody understood Duan Ling Tian’s current emotion. He was extremely excited when he found out Gu Long possessed the medium-grade blue Innate Spiritual Root!

“If I can devour his blue Innate Spiritual Root, I’ll be able to turn my Innate Spiritual Root green even if I can’t devour all of the energy!” This was why Duan Ling Tian was looking at Gu Long as though he was a treasure. As it turned out, he coveted Gu Long’s Innate Spiritual Root!

The moment Gu Long decided to kill Duan Ling Tian, it was obvious neither of them would be able to rest until one of them died. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian did not think he would feel guilty if he devoured Gu Long’s Innate Spiritual Root. At this moment, he only felt extremely excited!

‘Judging by the current situation, Gu Long must only be a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!’ Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief when he thought of this.

He was confident he could kill someone at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage if he used all his strength unreservedly with the Jasper Celestial Sword. However, if that person was at the Intermediate

Quintessential Saint Stage or above, he would not be able to kill him even if he used everything in his arsenal!

“Little Chun, why are you wasting your saliva on him!” Gu Long smirked. His gaze turned colder as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. “Duan Ling Tian, I don’t know how you destroyed my brother’s Innate Spiritual Root, but it’s no longer important! You’ll definitely die today!”

He charged toward Duan Ling Tian like an arrow as soon as he finished speaking.

The force from the Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber was far superior compared to his earlier strike.

“Duan Ling Tian destroyed Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root?” Gu Long’s words shocked everyone.

Based on what they knew, Duan Ling Tian did not destroy Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root. This matter had been solved when Gu Chun and Li An came looking for an answer from Duan Ling Tian a month ago.

Chapter 1926: Unleashing All Techniques

The crowd did not have time to think as they watched Gu Long charge toward Duan Ling Tian like a bolt of lightning.

“Gu Long’s a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!” Many disciples from the Black Turtle Sanctum were able to tell Gu Long’s cultivation base.

“The peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage? Duan Ling Tian seems to only be at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage... Although he has mastered extraordinary Divine Abilities, how can his strength compare to a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage?”

“If the elders don’t intervene, Duan Ling Tian will surely die!”

“With Gu Long’s strength, it would be very easy for him to kill Duan Ling Tian quickly... Even if the elders rush over, I’m afraid they won’t be able to arrive in time.”

“Duan Ling Tian’s going to die in vain! Gu Long has a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Even if he violates the sect’s rules, he won’t be seriously punished!”

“Of course! There are less than 100 geniuses in the Fire Worship Sect who have blue Innate Spiritual Roots. Someone like that is obviously worth nurturing. How can they kill him for the sake of a disciple who only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root?”

As the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples whispered among themselves, they looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of pity in their eyes.

Swish!

Perhaps, Gu Long was afraid the elders would rush over and stop him so he instantly consolidated his Territory.

A Territory consolidated from Saint Energy was naturally superior to a Territory consolidated from True Origin.

A piercing aura appeared the moment Gu Long's Territory was consolidated. Upon closer inspection, one would be able to see various images in his Territory.

There were various images of sabers in the Territory. Some were stuck on the ground and some were floating in the air. There were long and short sabers. Some of them were new and some of them were old.

It looked like a mountain of sabers.

This was Gu Long's Thousand Sabers Territory!

"This Territory is slightly similar to my 10,000 Swords Territory... I'm 100% certain now that Gu Long is only a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!" The Sun Saint Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body began to circulate as he prepared to cast the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, when he saw Gu Long charging at him.

If Duan Ling Tian did not use the Elementary Devouring Tactic, he was not Gu Long's match at all! After all, his current cultivation base was only at the Early Divine Saint Stage. Even if the Sun Saint Energy was extraordinary, his strength was only equivalent to an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

Compared to Gu Long who was at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, he was indeed inferior.

The gap between him and Gu Long could only be filled by the Elementary Devouring Tactic.

'However, I must end this quickly. If those Black Turtle Sanctum's elders come here, I won't be able to kill him. I must kill him before the elders arrive!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he immediately cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic using the Sun Saint Energy.

At once, the air around Duan Ling Tian began to stir as whirlpools began to appear. The force from the whirlpools was extremely strong. To be more precise, it was the force of the Elementary Devouring Tactic!

The moment he cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy around him surged into his body at a ridiculously fast speed.

"This is the Divine Ability you used to overpower my brother? You'll find out soon enough that it's futile to struggle when faced with my strength!" Gu Long only smiled disdainfully when he saw Duan Ling Tian casting the Elementary Devouring Tactic.

Duan Ling Tian was just an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator! On the other hand, he was a powerhouse at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!

Leaving aside the fact that the Divine Ability Duan Ling Tian mastered might not even be a high-grade Divine Ability, even if it was, it would still be useless when faced with a stronger opponent.

After all, even high-grade Divine Abilities relied on its user's strength. If the user was weak, the power of the Divine Ability would naturally be weak as well. For this reason, Gu Long did not fear the Elementary Devouring Tactic that Duan Ling Tian had cast.

“Duan Ling Tian, remember this when you’re in the other world. The person who kills you is me, Gu Long!” Gu Long said loudly under the watchful eyes of the others as he unleashed the Saint Energy in his body without any reservation.

His speed instantly increased. At the same time, the Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber in his hand had also transformed into a light that moved around him in an orderly manner. The speed of the light turned faster as time passed.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Upon closer inspection, one would be able to see that whenever the Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber moved around Gu Long, the force of the saber would rise higher.

In the end, the Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber was filled to the brim with explosive energy.

“This... This seems to be the Divine Ability, the Nine Heaps Spirit Infusion!” A Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple recognized the Divine Ability that Gu Long had cast.

“The Nine Heaps Spirit Infusion? I’ve heard of it before. It’s a medium-grade Divine Ability! However, it’s said that this medium-grade Divine Ability could be considered as the top medium-grade Divine Abilities. It’s almost as powerful as a high-grade Divine Ability!”

“Gu Long has almost fully mastered the Nine Heaps Spirit Infusion. He has already reached the Eighth Heaps stage!”

“His innate talent is high and so is his comprehension ability. He’s really a rare genius!”

Many Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples praised Gu Long.

The Nine Heaps Spirit Infusion was a medium-grade Divine Ability that infused nine layers of energy into a Saint Weapon.

Currently, one could see that Gu Long’s Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber had eight layers of energy on it. It was none other than the Eight Heaps Energies. It was only a step away from the Nine Heaps Energies.

“A powerhouse at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage cast the Nine Heaps Spirit Infusion to deal with an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. It seems like Gu Long’s worried the elders will intervene, and he wants to kill Duan Ling Tian as fast as he can!”

“Although the Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian cast is extraordinary and hard to understand, his cultivation base is too low. Even if it’s a high-grade Divine Ability, he’s not a match for Gu Long!”

“That’s right! His cultivation base is only at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage!”

Nobody thought highly of Duan Ling Tian. All of them were certain he was going to die!

However, based on their words, they seemed to think Duan Ling Tian was an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. What would their expressions be like if they knew Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was only at the Early Divine Saint Stage.

They were unaware that the Divine Ability Duan Ling Tian had cast was not just a high-grade Divine Ability. It could be considered as a heaven-defying high-grade Divine Ability.

The Elementary Devouring Tactic devoured all types of energies in one's surroundings in a short time.

Although Duan Ling Tian had not mastered the Elementary Devouring Tactic as well as the old man he encountered in the Divine Ability Relic, he was close to reaching the old man's level.

Currently, with his Sun Saint Energy that was equivalent to an Early Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse's Saint Energy, he could raise his strength to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage after he devoured the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings.

That was merely a step away from Gu Long who was at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!

"What a powerful energy!" As Gu Long drew closer to Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian finally finished absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings and raised the force of his Sun Saint Energy to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian felt as though he was going to explode from the energy in his body. This was his first time experiencing such power!

"This is..." The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were shocked when they sensed the change in the aura that was surging out of Duan Ling Tian's body.

"This Saint Energy feels like it belongs to someone at the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage, right?"

"It doesn't seem like the Saint Energy of someone at the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage, but its strength is certainly similar!"

"My goodness! What Divine Ability did Duan Ling Tian cast that can raise his strength two levels higher?!"

"The Divine Ability he cast must be an assist-type Divine Ability! It's slightly similar to the assist-type Divine Ability in the Azure Dragon Sanctum that's derived from the dragon clan's inherited Divine Ability, the True Form Beserkfication. I think it won't last long, and there'll be a huge aftereffect!"

"This rise in strength won't last long. After a while, not only will he return to normal, but he would be in a weakened state as well!"

Many people could tell Duan Ling Tian had cast an assist-type Divine Ability that could raise one's strength in a short time. It seems like his Divine Ability is somewhat similar to the Divine Ability in the Azure Dragon Sanctum.

Due to the reason that the assist-type Divine Ability in the Azure Dragon Sanctum had a great aftereffect, all the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples unanimously concluded that Duan Ling Tian's Divine Ability would have a great aftereffect as well.

"Assist-type Divine Ability that can raise his strength to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage in a short time?" Gu Long had a disdainful expression on his face.

So what if Duan Ling Tian had raised his strength to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage?

He was a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!

“Die!” Gu Long snarled loudly. Many Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples with lower cultivation base felt as though their eardrums were going to burst.

Meanwhile, the thousands of sabers in Gu Long’s Territory flew toward Duan Ling Tian along with his Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber that had been strengthened by the Divine Ability, the Nine Heaps Spirit Infusion.

It was like a shower of sabers, only it did not fall vertically. It moved horizontally instead.

Other than Gu Long’s Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber and the thousands of sabers in his Territory, his Hundred Inscriptions Spirit Saber also released a saber ray.

This was none other than the saber-type martial tactic that Gu Long had mastered!

Chapter 1927: Let’s End This Game

“Die!” As Gu Long shouted loudly, the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene held their breath unconsciously as they watched the scene in front quietly.

There stood a lonely young man at the place where the saber rain was headed.

His silhouette appeared to be so fragile, as though he would collapse anytime soon.

“Golden Crow’s Wings!” seeing how the saber rain was charging towards him in an exceedingly fast speed, vigilance rose in Duan Ling Tian’s heart. At the same time, he muttered to himself.

At once, the Sun Saint Energy that was strengthened by his Elementary Devouring Tactic transformed into a pair of ultimately huge wings. They were much larger than the wings that he had launched previously. Not only that, the scorching flame on them was burning even more torridly.

The most ridiculous thing took place next.

as the pair of enormous wings that was burning with scorching flame flapped at either sides abruptly, right away —

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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At that instant, the air by the surrounding was constricted to the extreme point. As the air clashed onto each other, it set off a series of thunderous loud sound that was deafening to the ear.

At the same time, under the gaze of the others, Duan Ling Tian’s body flew out to the distant in a speed that was even faster than the saber rain, easily dodging away from all of the techniques that Gu Long unleashed with all his might and caused the saber rain transformed from Gu Long’s entire might to fall through.

The saber rain fell through but its force did not decrease as it continued to swept out to the distant.

Hundreds of Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were standing at that direction.

At that instant when Gu Long made his move, these Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were already horrified and immediately fled away.

However, due to the reason that Duan Ling Tian had dodged the saber rain and did not block it, it had swept out towards them earlier than they had thought.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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At the place where the saber rain swept across, more than ten Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples whose cultivation base was slightly weaker could not dodge in time and were all killed by the saber rain.

Bloody rain fell blotting the sky. It was a startling and ghastly sight.

Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp!

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Upon seeing this, the group of Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples present on the scene could not help but gasped. Many of them even counted themselves lucky for not standing right there from the beginning.

"It's a good thing I've moved from there to here since just now. Otherwise, I'd have died too!" Some of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples whose cultivation base was weaker counted themselves lucky in their hearts.

"Impossible!" The next moment, a voice that was in disbelief resonated loudly.

That was Gu Long's voice!

Right now, Gu Long stared at Duan Ling Tian who easily dodged his attack and was standing faraway before focusing his gaze onto the pair of wings behind Duan Ling Tian. His face was extremely grave, "High-grade movement Divine Ability?"

If he still could not tell that Duan Ling Tian had casted a very powerful high-grade movement Divine Ability now, his life would have been in vain already!

Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp!

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When all of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples shifted their gaze onto Duan Ling Tian too, another round of gasping sound reverberated in the air.

Before this, they gasped for the over ten Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who died in Gu Long's hands.

Right now, they were astounded by the moment Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian casted!

"What a horrifying movement Divine Ability!"

“He dodged Gu Long’s mighty strike easily by casting a movement Divine Ability using a force that is equivalent to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage... This movement Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian casted is 100% a high-grade movement Divine Ability! Not only that, he must have fully mastered this high-grade movement Divine Ability already, or otherwise, it would have been impossible for his speed to be this fast!”

“I think this high-grade movement Divine Ability should not be inferior to that Divine Ability in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum!”

“That pair of wings that are burning with scorching flame look like real wings! The wings transformed by the movement Divine Ability of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum are just like a pheasant’s wings in front of them!”

“That’s right! Just from the appearance, the pair of wings behind Duan Ling Tian already look more powerful than the wings transformed by the moment Divine Ability of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum.”

“This movement Divine Ability could even be more high-grade than the Divine Ability in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum!”

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One by one, the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples snapped back into reality. All of them were astounded by the high-grade Divine Ability Golden Crow’s Wings that Duan Ling Tian casted.

This was because the Golden Crow’s Wings’ speed was just too fast!

“With the help of this high-grade movement Divine Ability, Duan Ling Tian’s speed is already faster than Gu Long already. He is already at an undefeated stage in this battle already!”

“At an undefeated stage? Are you dreaming? Don’t forget that the reason Duan Ling Tian is able to possess such force that is equivalent to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage Saint Energy is all because he has casted an assistive Divine Ability that is similar to that Azure Dragon Sanctum’s Divine Ability. Such a Divine Ability would not be able to last long and would cause the energy in his body to return to its normal state very soon!”

“If I were him, I’d definitely run away with my current speed and get far away from Gu Long. Right now, it’s completely impossible for Gu Long to chase up to him!”

“If he wants to live, he has no other option but do this.”

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Very soon, the group of Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples unanimously agreed that Duan Ling Tian would rely on his high-grade movement Divine Ability to flee and get far away from Gu Long next.

Gu Long had also realized this, causing his face to turn grave right away.

If this was the case, he would not be able to kill Duan Ling Tian today!

“How could this happen?” somehow, Gu Chun who was hovering in the sky in the distant had a very grave expression on. Unwillingness filled his eyes completely.

“To think that he actually masters a high-grade movement Divine Ability! He’s just an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator so how is this possible?” Gu Chun continued to roar in his heart. As he roared till the end, jealousy filled his face.

“Don’t tell me that we really won’t be able to kill him today?” Gu Chun was very unsatisfied.

“Run away?” Naturally, Duan Ling Tian had also heard the whispers of the group of Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples.

He just scoffed at this.

Did he, Duan Ling Tian, need to run away?

Even if his current prowess could not last for too long, he still had the confidence in getting rid of Gu Long in a short period of time!

“The blue Spiritual Root is mine!” As Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Long, greediness rose in his eyes.

To him, Gu Long’s blue innate talent Spiritual Root would be able to bring a whole new transformation to him!

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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As a series of air detonation sound took place, Duan Ling Tian whom everybody thought would run away did not flee but instead, he pounced towards Gu Long in an exceedingly rapid speed.

“He didn’t run?” Upon seeing this, the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene were all dumbfounded.

“Hurmph! He didn’t even want to flee though he has such a good opportunity? He’s merely looking for his own death!

“Didn’t you see how he has pounced towards Gu Long? The reason he didn’t flee must be because he wants to kill Gu Long!”

“Kill Gu Long? Him? Gu Long’s current speed might not be able to be faster than his but he merely wins in terms of speed. Unless he has boost from other high-grade offensive Divine Ability, his attack may not be able to break through Gu Long’s defense!”

“Even if the defensive Divine Ability that Gu Long masters is only a medium-grade defensive Divine Ability, Duan Ling Tian may not be able to break through Gu Long’s defense too even if he masters a high-grade offensive Divine Ability!”

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The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples started to discuss again. All of them felt that Duan Ling Tian was merely looking fro his own death by staying behind!

After all, his prowess would return to its original state after a while more.

By that time, even if he had a high-grade movement Divine Ability as his reliance, he would still end up being the meat on Gu Long's chopper board and would just be slaughtered by Gu Long!

"He didn't flee? Don't tell me that he has even mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability?" Seeing how Duan Ling Tian was charging towards him, Gu Long's face turned grave right away.

He did not master any defensive Divine Ability.

If Duan Ling Tian really had mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability, then he might have won and came back shorn. He might be killed by Duan Ling Tian instead!

"Impossible! With his cultivation base and that low innate talent of his, it's already super lucky of him to be able to succeed in comprehending a high-grade movement Divine Ability. Not only that, the assistive Divine Ability that he casted previously is most likely a high-grade Divine Ability too! If it's really so, it's already impossible for him to comprehend a third high-grade Divine Ability!" the moment Gu Long thought of this, he breathed a sigh of relief.

"I'll just play defense for a little. As long as the effect of his assistive Divine Ability is gone, it'd be as easy as killing an ant for me to kill him!" The moment Gu Long thought of this, his confidence was greatly boosted.

Very soon, Duan Ling Tian came near to Gu Long's proximity.

Gu Long did not stay idle too. Even though he knew that his attack could not touch Duan Ling Tian, he still launched his attack one after another.

Of course, all of his attacks was easily dodged by Duan Ling Tian.

Right now, Duan Ling Tian's prowess was equivalent to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage Saint Energy. When such a prowess was used to cast the Divine Ability Golden Crow's Wings, his speed was even equivalent to an Early Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse!

Right now, nobody would object too if his speed was said as the fastest speed below the Quintessential Saint Stage.

This was because it was indeed very swift. It was a speed that overpowered all powerhouses at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage completely.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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As Duan Ling Tian dodged Gu Long's attack, he also launched his attacks in a succession. The instant he made his attack, he immediately launched the sword technique of the profoundness of the Sovereign Heart Sword's second stage. It could even be mentioned in the same breath with an ordinary Heaven Rank Primitive Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

However, the sword technique at this stage was not worth mentioning at all in front of Gu Long.

Gu Long's defensive tactic was at the Heaven Rank Mediocre Saint Grade Martial Tactic. Even though he had not cultivated it to the highest stage, the Impeccable Stage, due to the reason that it was supported

by the Saint Energy that was at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, it was not something that could be slice through by the sword technique casted by Duan Ling Tian now.

Upon seeing this, the dread in Gu Long's heart disappeared without a trace and was replaced with excitement instead.

A while more and the effect of the assistive Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian casted would then disappear. By that time, he would be able to kill Duan Ling Tian easily.

"This Duan Ling Tian is just seeking for his own death!" In the distant, a merciless smile crept upon Gu Chun's face.

"Let's end this game," just as everybody present on the scene though that Duan Ling Tian would not be able to kill Gu Long, Duan Ling Tian opened his mouth nonchalantly and said with a voice that was loud enough for Gu Long to hear.

It was mentioned casually but it was like a thunder when it entered Gu Long's ears, causing horror to dawn on his face.

"H-He has concealed his prowess?!" A thought formed in his mind abruptly.

The next instant, he could see that in the 100 meter radius around Duan Ling Tian, the sky vibrated as a dazzling golden Territory started to consolidate.

As it blocked everybody else's vision, it enveloped him inside too.

"With just this Territory?" As Duan Ling Tian's 10,000 Sword Territory consolidated into form, the terror in Gu Long's heart vanished without a trace and was replaced with disdain instead.

Chapter 1928: Devouring The Blue Innate Spiritual Root!

When Duan Ling Tian's 10,000 Swords Territory appeared, Gu Long discovered something. Although Duan Ling Tian's Territory was more powerful than his, due to his strength that was only at the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage, it was evenly matched with his Thousand Sabers Territory.

"Do you think that you can breach my defense by consolidating your Territory! How naive!" Gu Long looked at Duan Ling Tian disdainfully.

Gu Long was confident Duan Ling Tian would not be able to breach his defense even though he had consolidated his Territory.

"I don't plan on using my Territory against you," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently to Gu Long. He relaxed once he saw the 10,000 Swords Territory had blocked everyone's sights.

When Gu Long heard his words, he felt as though he had been struck by lightning. A hint of fear appeared in his eyes.

"Stop trying to act strong!" Gu Long shouted as he suppressed the fear that had suddenly appeared in his heart.

“Acting strong?” When Duan Ling Tian heard his words, he merely shook his head and smiled. This caused the fear in Gu Long’s heart to intensify.

Out of humiliation, he flew into a rage and attacked Duan Ling Tian again.

“Otherworldly Celestial!” Duan Ling Tian muttered under his breath as he soared up into the sky. With his speed, he soon disappeared from Gu Long’s sight. It seemed as though he had vanished into thin air.

“Huh?” Gu Long was baffled when he saw this. He did not know what Duan Ling Tian was trying to do.

As Duan Ling Tian soared up into the sky, the 10,000 Swords Territory followed in his wake. When he disappeared into the horizon, the 10,000 Swords Territory vanished as well.

Gu Long’s figure instantly appeared before everyone’s eyes again.

“Duan Ling Tian seems to have flown up into the sky?”

“Don’t tell me the effect of the assist-type Divine Ability he had cast is going to disappear soon?”

“It’s possible!”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene fell silent for a moment before they began to discuss among themselves again.

“The effect of the assist-type Divine Ability is going to vanish soon?” Gu Long who was originally on tenterhooks was hit with a pang of realization when he heard the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples words. “It seems like he really was just acting strong earlier. Damn it! To think I was momentarily frightened by him!”

When Gu Long recalled how he was momentarily frightened, he flew into a rage again out of humiliation. In the next moment, he stomped both his feet and soared up into the air like an arrow that had been shot.

“Duan Ling Tian, your speed might be faster than mine now. However, once the effect of your assist-type Divine Ability is gone, what are you going to use to fight me? You’re going to die!” Gu Long was delighted as he flew up into the air. If one did not know better, one would think he had already killed Duan Ling Tian.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

However, at the instant when Gu Long flew up into the air, a cacophonous sound of swords whistling rang in the air.

At the moment when the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples heard the noise, an enormous golden light shield with a hundred-meter radius had enveloped Gu Long.

“Stop!” A loud voice filled with anger reverberated in the air before the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples could even figure out what was going on.

It seemed like the owner of the voice was still a distance away.

'A Black Turtle Sanctum's elder?' Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grave as he stood in the 10,000 Swords Territory. He instantly called out to Elder Huo, "Elder Huo, help me devour his Innate Spiritual Root!"

10,000 golden swords had gathered in front of Duan Ling Tian and formed a platform that held Gu Long's body. To be more precise, it was holding Gu Long's corpse.

Gu Long's eyes were wide open as he died with a belly full of regrets. The three vital points on his body were pierced, and blood was flowing out continuously. These were the marks left behind by the high-grade offensive Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial, that Duan Ling Tian had cast.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian could only produce two clones when he cast the Otherworldly Celestial. Even then, with the combination of the Otherworldly Celestial and the profundity of the second stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, Duan Ling Tian had easily breached Gu Long's defense and killed him before he even realized what was going on. The entire process went smoothly.

Unfortunately, due to the 10,000 Swords Territory, none of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples saw the final and critical scene when Gu Long was killed by Duan Ling Tian's three swords in just a blink of an eye.

"He has a blue Innate Spiritual Root!" When Duan Ling Tian called out to Elder Huo, he had already extended his Divine Consciousness and probed Gu Long's soul, trying to locate his Innate Spiritual Root.

Elder Huo rarely paid attention to the situation outside so he had only just found out that Gu Long possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

"Elder Huo, please guide my Divine Consciousness to locate his Innate Spiritual Root. I want to devour it before the Black Turtle Sanctum's elder arrives. He's dead so his soul is going to vanish soon. When that happens, his Innate Spiritual Root is going to disappear as well. This is my last chance to devour his Innate Spiritual Root!" Duan Ling Tian urged Elder Huo as his Divine Consciousness entered Gu Long's soul.

As he was urging Elder Huo, he had already placed his hand on top of Gu Long's head and cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic. He was ready to make his move!

"Alright!"

Elder Huo did not dally when he sensed how anxious Duan Ling Tian was. He quickly used his Divine Consciousness to guide Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness to locate Gu Long's Innate Spiritual Root. "His Innate Spiritual Root is a grade higher than the Innate Spiritual Root you devoured previously. The energy is far richer so it should be easier for you to detect its presence."

"I found it!" As soon as Elder Huo finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian found Gu Long's Innate Spiritual Root.

Just like Elder Huo had said, because Gu Long possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root, its presence was stronger than Gu Chun's green Innate Spiritual Root that Duan Ling Tian had previously devoured.

After Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness locked onto Gu Long's Innate Spiritual Root, it was easy for him to devour it without any further help from Elder Huo.

As the saying went, 'Unfamiliar at first, skillful later.' This was Duan Ling Tian's second time devouring an Innate Spiritual Root. It was much easier this time around.

He controlled the Devouring Energy and devoured Gu Long's Innate Spiritual Root as he fused it with his own Innate Spiritual Root!

"I can't believe that despite how fast I was, the energy from Gu Long's Innate Spiritual Root still leaked a lot." Duan Ling Tian sighed.

He could clearly sense the changes in his Innate Spiritual Root. His speed of sensing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was several times faster than before!

"Your Innate Spiritual Root has changed from dark yellow to dark green!" Elder Huo's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Just as I expected..." Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this outcome.

No matter what, Gu Long possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Even if Duan Ling Tian could not absorb all the energy, it was still easy for it to turn his yellow Innate Spiritual Root green.

"Stop it!" The loud voice rang in the air again, causing Duan Ling Tian to regain his senses. He instantly withdrew his 10,000 Swords Territory.

As soon as he withdrew his 10,000 Swords Territory, he saw two old figures making their way over to the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples. One flew in front, while the other followed from behind.

Based on the robes they wore, it was obvious they were the Black Turtle Sanctum's Silver Flame Elders!

Duan Ling Tian was familiar with one of them.

Under normal circumstances, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples present on the scene would have bowed to pay respect to these two men. However, currently, their eyes were trained on the distant sky.

As the Territory that was like a golden light shield disappeared, a young man hovered in the air, unharmed.

Not far away, a corpse fell from the sky and crashed heavily on the ground with a loud noise.

Thud!

This noise shocked the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples. When they regained their senses, all of them had an expression of disbelief on their faces.

"H-how's this possible?!"

"G-Gu Long is dead? He's a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!"

"A Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage is killed by an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator? Can anybody tell me what the hell happened?"

“I’m not dreaming, right?”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene fell silent before they burst into an uproar.

Lord!

What did they just witness?

A genius Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage with a blue Innate Spiritual Root was killed by an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator who only possessed a yellow Spiritual Root!

If they did not witness this with their own eyes, they would not have believed this even if they were beaten to death.

“Brother!” As a sorrow-filled shout reverberated in the air. Gu Chun’s face turned pale as he looked at Gu Long’s body.

He did not expect the cousin whom he regarded as his life savior would be killed by the person he hated the most!

“How’s this possible? Impossible...” Gu Chun continued shaking his head as he looked at Gu Long’s body. He had an expression of disbelief on his face as he muttered, “You’re not my brother! You’re not my brother! My brother is not this useless! My brother is not this useless!”

“He’s your cousin that had a blue Innate Spiritual Root?” An old figure asked in a deep voice as he appeared next to Gu Chun and looked at Gu Long’s body as well.

This made Gu Chun regain his senses immediately.

“Master!” Gu Chun instantly kneeled down and lowered his head as he said sadly, “My cousin has no fate with you, Master!”

Chapter 1929: The Enforcement Elder’s Verdict!

The old man who appeared next to Gu Chun was none other than First Silver Flame Elder Li An from the Black Turtle Sanctum. He was also Gu Chun’s master. He had only accepted Gu Chun as his disciple because Gu Chun had promised him that his cousin who had a blue Innate Spiritual Root would become his disciple as well.

Earlier, when Li An received the report from a Bronze Flame Elder that Gu Chun’s cousin had arrived at the Black Turtle Sanctum in the Fire Worship Sect, he was beside himself with joy. He had planned to ask Gu Chun’s cousin over to his place to formally accept him as a disciple.

Who would have thought he would receive shocking news before he even met him?

Gu Long, Gu Chun’s cousin, disregarded the Fire Worship Sect’s rules and attacked Duan Ling Tian with the intention of killing him in the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples. Although Li An was shocked when he heard this news, he was not worried at all.

Gu Long was a martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Even if he killed Duan Ling Tian in the Fire Worship Sect, he would just be given a slap on the wrist as punishment.

Duan Ling Tian was merely a commoner who possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. How could he compare to Gu Long?

Although Li An also possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root, he could not directly make a move on Duan Ling Tian like Gu Long did since he was a Silver Flame Elder. If he had acted out of turn, it would tarnish the reputation of the Fire Worship Sect. He would not be able to clear the reputation of the sect even if he paid for it with his life.

For this reason, he did not recklessly make a move on Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he would have killed him a long time ago.

Although Li An was not worried about Gu Long, he had personally come over just in case. With him around, the other Silver Flame Elder who was also the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder would naturally be more careful and treat Gu Long nicely even if he had killed Duan Ling Tian.

From the beginning until the end, he did not doubt Gu Long's ability to kill Duan Ling Tian!

Gu Chun had long told him that Gu Long was a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. Would it not be easy for him to kill an Early Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator?

"Dead... he's actually dead..." Li An did not expect that he would see the corpse of Gu Long who was going to be his disciple instead of Duan Ling Tian's corpse when he came to the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples.

Gu Long was a martial genius who possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Due to this reason, Gu Long was much more important to him than Gu Chun even though he had not met Gu Long before.

It was only natural he was furious when he found out a disciple with a blue Innate Spiritual Root had been killed.

"Duan Ling Tian! How dare you kill a fellow disciple from the same sect?!" Li An snarled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian who was hovering in the distant sky coldly.

At this moment, he really wanted to tear Duan Ling Tian apart. However, he knew he could not act as he pleased.

Duan Ling Tian was currently a disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum in the Fire Worship Sect. Although there was no doubt he was guilty of killing a fellow disciple, only the Fire Worship Sect's Enforcement Elder could punish him.

Despite being the First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum, Li An did not have the authority to punish him! However, this did not mean he could not push the blame to Duan Ling Tian.

"Killing a fellow disciple?" Upon hearing Li An's words, Duan Ling Tian fell silent before he laughed as though he had just heard the funniest joke in the world.

“Why are you laughing?!” Li An’s expression was grave, and his eyes glinted with killing intent.

“I’m laughing at a certain person who lies despite being a Silver Flame Elder!” Duan Ling Tian said mockingly after he stopped laughing. He looked at Li An indifferently.

“YOU!” Naturally, Li An knew Duan Ling Tian was referring to him. However, since Duan Ling Tian did not mention his name, there was nothing he could do regardless of how furious he was.

If Duan Ling Tian had mentioned his name, he could accuse him of disrespecting a Silver Flame Elder and teach him a lesson. Even if he could not kill Duan Ling Tian, he could at least vent his anger.

Duan Ling Tian seemed to be able to guess his thoughts and did not give him a chance to retaliate at all.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the other Silver Flame Elder standing in the distance before he said in a neither arrogant nor servile tone, “All of the senior brothers and senior sisters present here can be witnesses to what happened today. I killed Gu Long because he attacked me with the intention of killing me first. According to the sect’s rules, I’m not guilty of killing him under such circumstances! However, I’ve always been a merciful person. Even if he wanted to kill me, I did not intend to kill him. It was only when he involved innocent people and killed more than ten seniors that I became furious and killed him! It’s my way of seeking revenge for my seniors!” Duan Ling Tian said righteously.

“He killed more than ten fellow disciples?” The expression of the Silver Flame Elder who came together with Li An to the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples turned grave immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

In the next instant, he looked at Gu Long’s body that was lying on the ground with a terrifying glint in his eyes as though he wanted to flog his body.

“Elder Guo, don’t listen to his lies!” Li An shouted at this moment.

The Silver Flame Elder who appeared together at the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples was none other than Silver Flame Elder Guo Xiong who was in charge of enforcing punishment in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

Other than being an Enforcement Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum, Guo Xiong was also the second strongest Silver Flame Elder in the Sanctum! However, due to his identity as an Enforcement Elder, Li An was wary of him as well.

Apart from that, if they really fought, Li An would have to pay a steep price as well even if he managed to defeat Guo Xiong.

“Do you think I’m a muddle-headed old man, Elder Li An? There are so many people present on the scene, I can naturally find out for myself if he is lying or not!” Guo Xiong said he looked at Li An coldly.

Put everything else aside, Guo Xiong managed to become the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder because nobody doubted his fairness.

He, Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong, had always acted based on evidence and would never wrongly accuse an innocent person. At the same time, he would not let go of someone who was guilty as well!

His expression turned grim immediately when he learned about what happened from the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples present on the scene.

More than ten Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples had died just like that!

If this news spread out, what would happen to his honor as the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder?

Finally, Guo Xiong, the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder, finally came to a decision. "Gu Long made a move to kill a fellow disciple first. In the process, he even brutally killed 17 fellow disciples. His crimes deserve more than death itself. Duan Ling Tian had acted in self-defense, and therefore, is found not guilty of killing Gu Long. In view of Duan Ling Tian killing Gu Long to prevent him from killing more people, not only is he not guilty, but he deserves to be rewarded as well. In the Black Turtle Sanctum and the Fire Worship Sect, we have always placed an emphasis on rewarding those who deserve it and punishing those who are guilty. As for Duan Ling Tian's reward, I'll inform Lord Sanctum Leader about this so he can make a decision."

Gu Chun's verdict was simple.

Gu Long's crime deserved more than death while Duan Ling Tian deserved to be rewarded!

Upon hearing Guo Xiong's verdict, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples present on the scene instinctively looked at Duan Ling Tian with admiration in their eyes.

A reward from Lord Sanctum Leader would not be simple!

Although Li An was dissatisfied with Guo Xiong's decision, he could not object at all. He could only sulk in the distance.

"Elder Guo, I'm not satisfied with this verdict!" Gu Chun said in a vexed tone as he stood up, "My brother didn't intend to kill the disciples in the sect. He accidentally killed them while he fought Duan Ling Tian. Even if Duan Ling Tian did not kill him, he wouldn't have killed more people. I agree with you that my brother's crime deserves more than death. However, I disagree that Duan Ling Tian deserves to be rewarded!"

Although Gu Chun knew Duan Ling Tian would not be punished for his actions, when he heard that Duan Ling Tian would be rewarded by the Sanctum Leader, he was filled with jealousy. For this reason, he quickly voiced his dissatisfaction in hopes that Elder Guo would rescind the reward that would be given to Duan Ling Tian.

"Oh. I would have forgotten about you if you didn't speak up!" Guo Xiong turned to look at Gu Chun with a cold gleam in his eyes when he heard Gu Chun speaking.

"Elder Guo, what do you mean? I don't think I've broken any of the sect's rules, right?" Horror dawned on Gu Chun immediately.

"Are you certain you didn't break any of the sect's rules?" Guo Xiong asked mockingly, "Then, I'd like to ask you, why did Gu Long attack Duan Ling Tian? Do you dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath that

you didn't instigate Gu Long to attack Duan Ling Tian? I won't make things difficult for you if you swear on the lightning penalty oath!"

Terror filled Gu Chun's eyes when he heard Guo Xiong's words.

In the next instant, he hurriedly looked at Li An who was standing nearby and transmitted his voice to him. "Master, save me!"

However, Li An only looked at him indifferently before he left in just a blink of an eye.

When he left, he said emotionlessly, "Gu Chun has violated the sect's rules. From now on, he's no longer my disciple!"

With just this statement, he cut off the master-disciple relationship between him and Gu Chun.

To Li An, Gu Chun no longer had any value now that Gu Long was gone. Since he was presented with an opportunity to dismiss Gu Chun, he naturally would not pass it up.

"No! Master, you can't do this! You can't do this!" Colors drained from Gu Chun's face when he heard this. He quickly chased after Li An.

"Hurmph!" Guo Xiong snorted coldly. Nobody saw him make a move, but Gu Chun who was rushing forward was sent flying with a blast.

Chapter 1930: Green Innate Spiritual Root!

"Gu Chun instigated Gu Long to kill Duan Ling Tian and caused a great calamity that resulted in the deaths of 17 fellow disciples. Since he did not personally make a move, He'll be exempted from the death sentence, but he'll still be punished! Gu Chun will be expelled from the Black Turtle Sanctum and Fire Worship Sect. He's not allowed to ever join the Fire Worship Sect ever again!" Guo Xiong announced Gu Chun's punishment as he stopped him from chasing after Li An.

Expelled from the Fire Worship Sect!

Horror dawned on Gu Chun as an expression of despair appeared on his face when heard Guo Xiong's verdict.

After a while, as though he just remembered something, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian with a cold and hate-filled gaze. In his opinion, if it was not for Duan Ling Tian, he would not have ended up in this state!

Although his cultivation base would no longer be able to progress, he would not let this matter between him and Duan Ling Tian go!

He was not Duan Ling Tian's match so he would make his move on Duan Ling Tian's companions. After he left the Fire Worship Sect, he would investigate Duan Ling Tian's background. He did not think Duan Ling Tian's family and friends are more powerful than him.

Duan Ling Tian frowned when he saw the look in Gu Chun's eyes. However, Gu Chun was as good as crippled now so he was not worried about it. Even then, he felt slightly uneasy leaving someone who hated him so much alive.

"Perhaps, I'll follow him when he leaves the Black Turtle Sanctum and kill him to avoid future troubles?" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself.

However, he soon dismissed this idea. "It's too dangerous. Li An might follow me and ambush me while I follow Gu Chun out.

When Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Chun again, his eyes suddenly brightened as though he had just thought of something.

"Elder Guo!" Duan Ling Tian called out to Guo Xiong.

"Huh?" Guo Xiong regained his senses when he heard Duan Ling Tian calling him. He looked at him and asked, "Is there anything else?"

"Elder Guo, since Gu Chun is no longer a disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum and Fire Worship Sect, can I ask that you kill him as my reward? Is that okay? If that's okay, you won't have to trouble Lord Sanctum Leader about my reward, Elder Guo," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly and told him what reward he wanted.

To get rid of Gu Chun, Duan Ling Tian was willing to let go of the reward from the Sanctum Leader of the Black Turtle Sanctum.

Swoosh!

Horror dawned on Gu Chun when he heard Duan Ling Tian's request.

Not even in his wildest dreams did he imagine that Duan Ling Tian wanted to kill him so badly. To think he was even willing to give up the reward from the Sanctum Leader just to have him killed.

Clamor!

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples burst into an uproar again when they heard Duan Ling Tian's request.

"Duan Ling Tian is willing to give up the reward from Lord Sanctum Leader in order to kill Gu Chun?"

"Is he crazy? With his strength, he could just follow Gu Chun when he left the Fire Worship Sect and kill him. Does he need to give up the reward from Lord Sanctum Leader just to get Elder Guo to kill Gu Chun??"

"Crazy! He's absolutely crazy!"

Most of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples felt that Duan Ling Tian was crazy for making such a decision.

Naturally, there was a small number of people who could see the bigger picture. “Due to the enmity between Duan Ling Tian and Elder Li An, I don’t think it’s wise for him to follow Gu Chun out. If Elder Li An follows him out as well, he would definitely die!”

“That’s true! As long as Elder Li An gets rid of the evidence, nobody will know he’s the one who killed Duan Ling Tian!”

“Apart from being careful, Duan Ling Tian is really bold and wise for being able to think so far ahead. After all, not anyone could easily give up a reward from Lord Sanctum Leader!”

“Put everything else aside, just this alone is enough for me to admire him!”

These Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples who were more astute knew what was running through Duan Ling Tian’s mind.

Guo Xiong naturally knew what Duan Ling Tian was thinking. After he looked at Duan Ling Tian for a moment, he asked, “Are you sure this is what you want and you’re willing to give up the reward from Lord Sanctum Leader?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded his head confidently.

The reward from the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Sanctum Leader?

To be honest, he really did not think the Sanctum Leader of Black Turtle Sanctum would give him anything of value.

Perhaps, he would give him a Divine Ability? However, he did not need one for now.

Martial tactic?

He already had the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword.

A Hundred Inscriptions Saint Weapon?

He already had one as well.

As for pills and Dao Talisman? There was nothing in particular that he wanted now.

After taking all these into consideration, he decided to give up the reward from the Sanctum Leader of Black Turtle Sanctum in exchange for Gu Chun’s life.

“Elder Guo, you can’t do this! Y-You can’t! Y-You...” Gu Chun was horrified and terror and despair could be seen in his eyes when he saw Guo Xiong shifted his attention to him after Duan Ling Tian nodded his head determinedly.

His voice was suddenly cut off.

Gu Xiong had lifted his hand and slapped them at Gu Chun, causing Gu Chun’s body to explode with a thunderous noise. A shower of blood fell from the sky, fertilizing the ground below.

“How powerful! So this is the strength of a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse?” Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes in shock when he saw this.

All of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples' expressions had turned grave as well. When they looked at Gu Xiong again, their eyes were filled with respect.

After solving the problem and removing Gu Long's corpse, Guo Xiong left the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples in a flash. He left as quickly as he came.

As soon as Guo Xiong left, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples shifted their attention back to Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian finally had their full attention.

"Duan Ling Tian has actually mastered a high-grade movement Divine Ability that's even more powerful than the Divine Ability in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum!"

"Although he only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root, his luck is really good! Not only did he encounter a high-grade movement Divine Ability, but he even successfully comprehended and mastered it! I feel so envious!"

"He must have had a fortuitous encounter! Moreover, the assist-type Divine Ability he comprehended that can raise his strength two levels higher must also be a high-grade Divine Ability as well!"

"An ordinary Martial Cultivator with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root managed to successfully comprehend two high-grade Divine Abilities. This is really too heaven-defying!"

"Although his luck is extremely good for being able to comprehend two high-grade Divine Abilities, he's still slightly lacking when it comes to innate talent. However, it doesn't mean he's weak. At the very least, he seems to show great aptitude in comprehending Divine Abilities!"

"Since he's so good at comprehending Divine Abilities, I wonder if he'll be able to successfully comprehend the most precious Divine Ability in the Black Turtle Sanctum, the Black Turtle Barrier!"

"That's unlikely. The Black Turtle's Barrier is the number one defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect. Even among the current generation in the Fire Worship Sect, there are less than ten people who have successfully comprehended it!"

"It's hard to say."

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples began to discuss among themselves again. Based on their discussion, they were more interested in the high-grade Divine Abilities Duan Ling Tian had cast earlier.

Due to the 10,000 Swords Territory blocking their visions, they did not see the other high-grade Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial. Otherwise, they would be even more shocked.

Although they did not see the high-grade offensive Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial, that Duan Ling Tian cast, some people still remembered the sounds of sword whistling in the air that disappeared as soon as it appeared before Duan Ling Tian killed Gu Long.

"I remember at the second before Gu Long died, I heard three sounds of sword whistling in the air. There are three holes on Gu Long's body. It must have been caused by the three swords!"

“That must be a sword-type martial tactic that Duan Ling Tian cast. However, based on the fact that he managed to breach Gu Long’s defense, it’s obvious that his sword-type martial tactic is outstanding as well!”

“It’s indeed not simple! Not only that, but it might even be a sword-type martial tactic that’s a Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic. Moreover, he must have cultivated it to the highest stage”

“It’s unfortunate that Duan Ling Tian’s Territory blocked us from seeing an amazing scene!”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples quickly shifted their discussion to the technique Duan Ling Tian used to kill Gu Long.

They became more excited the more they discussed this. It seemed like they were not tired at all.

Duan Ling Tian saw this and shook his head before he turned to return to his Tertius house.

However, when he turned around, he saw his Tertius house had been destroyed Gu Long.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head again and moved quickly to enter a nearby Tertius house with its door wide open. He shut the door as soon as he entered the house, not bothering about the person who was originally staying here,

If that person had any objection, he could always come to challenge him!

If Duan Ling Tian was defeated, he would give up this Tertius house.

The original owner of this Tertius house was a Mastery Exemplary Saint disciple in the Black Turtle Sanctum. He could only smile wryly when he saw Duan Ling Tian entered his Tertius house. However, he did not dare to do or say anything.

“It’s a good thing that the Tertius house that Gu Chun formerly stayed in is empty...” He muttered under his breath as his eyes landed on the Tertius house Gu Chun previously lived in,

After Duan Ling Tian entered the new Tertius house, he immediately took out the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and after asked Elder Huo’s help to guard it. Then, he entered the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to cultivate.

He could not wait to test Innate Spiritual Root that had transformed!

According to Elder Huo, he currently has the green Innate Spiritual Root. Moreover, it was a dark green Innate Spiritual Root!

“I’ve roughly experienced the transformation of the Innate Spiritual Root earlier. My speed and sense of absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is several times faster than before! According to this speed, I’d only need three months at most to break through to the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage!”

Naturally, three months referred to the time inside of the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Three months in there was equivalent to ten days outside!