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Chapter 1941: Zhu Lu Qi's Disbelief

There were three ways for disciples from the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums if they wanted to enter Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land to become a Saint Land disciple.

One, they had to be outstanding and had an extraordinarily high innate talent. Apart from that, they would also need the recommendation of one of the four Sanctum Leaders of the Four Symbols Sanctums.

The second way was to successfully comprehend and master the precious Divine Ability in the Sanctums they were in.

The third way was to participate in the assessment of the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land. Usually, only Four Symbols Sanctums' disciples at the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage or above would be given a chance to participate in the assessment to become a Saint Land disciple.

From what Duan Ling Tian knew, most of the disciples from the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctum at the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage were mostly able to successfully pass the Saint Land's assessment and become a disciple in there.

Those who failed the Saint Land assessment were usually those who had just broken through to the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage not too long ago either because their foundations were not stable yet or they made a mistake during the assessment.

"I've also made a breakthrough not too long ago. I'll definitely register for the next Saint Land assessment. My objective is to enter the Saint Land after all!" An eager expression appeared on Liu Mu's face when he finished speaking.

During the journey, Liu Mu laughed as he spoke to Duan Ling Tian. He did not act arrogantly just because he was a powerhouse at the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage. Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian had a good impression of him as well. At the very least, Senior Brother Liu Mu was not a snob.

It was only natural that most people in the White Tiger Sanctum had heard about Duan Ling Tian since his name had already spread here.

They knew he only possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. It was destined that his achievements would not be great. Moreover, it would be difficult for him to even break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage. However, Senior Brother Liu Mu did not look down on him. They felt that someone with this kind of attitude was rare!

"The residence of the White Tiger Sanctum's disciples is just upfront," Liu Mu said, snapping Duan Ling Tian out of his thoughts.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he took in the huge canyon before his eyes.

The huge canyon was surrounded by mountains on three sides. Huge and lush trees grew on top of the mountain. They grew so close to each other that they managed to block the sky and the clouds.

“No wonder I didn’t see this place when I passed by earlier. It’s hidden by all these big trees,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“It’s very easy for people to overlook the residence of the White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples.” Liu Mu nodded.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Mu entered the huge canyon together.

“Senior Brother Liu Mu!”

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During their journey, they encountered many White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples who were coming in and out of the residence. When most of the disciples from the White Tiger Sanctum saw Liu Mu, they all took the initiative and greeted him enthusiastically.

Liu Mu did not act arrogant and returned their greetings with a smile.

When they finally arrived in the canyon, Duan Ling Tian saw many White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples. “It’s exactly the same as the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples...”

Duan Ling Tian noticed that the residence of the White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples was an exact replica of the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples.

“Senior Brother Liu Mu, is the residence of the White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples separated into Primus houses, Secundus houses, Tertius houses, and the Quartus houses as well?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“Senior Junior Ling Tian, it’s not just the residence of the White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples, but even the residence of the Azure Dragon Sanctum and the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples are similar to the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples’ residence as well.” Liu Mu smiled.

Duan Ling Tian finally understood. At the same time, he scratched his nose in embarrassment. He felt ignorant due to his lack of knowledge.

“Senior Junior Ling Tian, what’s your friend’s name? Perhaps, I can help you. There are nearly 10,000 disciples in the White Tiger Sanctum, I’m afraid it won’t be easy for you to find your friend,” Liu Mu suddenly said.

“His name’s Zhu Lu Qi,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

“What’s his cultivation base?” Liu Mu asked again.

“He was at the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage several months ago, but at that time, he was on the verge of making a breakthrough. Perhaps, he has already broken through to the Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

He was not certain if Palace Master Zhu had successfully broken through or not.

“Based on his strength, he must be staying in a Tertius house. There are only 1,000 Tertius houses here, coupled with the fact that there are not many new disciples who could stay in the Tertius house so it won’t be difficult for us to find him,” Liu Mu remarked.

“Senior Brother Ling Tian, please wait here for a moment. I’ll need 15 minutes at most before I find your friend,” Liu Mu said to Duan Ling Tian before he flew off and descended in front of a Tertius house.

Then, he quickly knocked on the door and a huge-built White Tiger Sanctum’s disciple walked out. When this disciple saw Liu Mu, he acted extremely polite. From the beginning until the end, Liu Mu did all of the talking while the disciple listened and nodded.

“Based on Senior Brother Liu Mu’s strength, he must be staying in a Primus house.” Duan Ling Tian inadvertently shifted his gaze to the ten Primus houses that were located at the highest level.

The Primus houses were mansions and occupied a large area. Moreover, the cultivation environment inside the house was two times better than it was in Secundus houses!

‘When my cultivation base has broken through to the peak of the Divine Saint Stage, I’ll be able to stay in a Primus house in the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples!’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes shone brightly when he thought about this.

“Duan Ling Tian!” A familiar voice called out to Duan Ling Tian when he was lost in his thoughts.

When he regained his senses, he discovered Liu Mu had returned with another person in tow. That person was none other than Zhu Lu Qi.

“Palace Master Zhu!” Duan Ling Tian greeted Zhu Lu Qi first before he turned to Liu Mu and said, “Thank you, Senior Brother Liu Mu!”

“There’s no need for that, Junior Brother Ling Tian.” Liu Mu smiled. “I’m happy I made friends with you today. Please come here and look for me often for a chat. I have no idea when we’ll be able to meet again after I enter the Saint Land.”

“Sure!” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“Senior Junior Ling Tian, would you like to catch up with your friend in my mansion?” Liu Mu asked as he pointed to one of the Primus houses.

“Thank you for your good intention, Senior Brother Liu Mu, but there’s no need for that. I’ll be leaving as soon as I have a short chat with my friend. I still have something I have to do after this.” Duan Ling Tian rejected Li Mu’s invitation because he did not want to trouble him further.

As the saying went, ‘A debt of gratitude is the hardest to be repaid.’ If it was possible, he really did not want to owe too many people favors.

“Alright then! Have a great chat!” Liu Mu did not insist on Duan Ling Tian coming over after he had rejected him. After he bade goodbye to Duan Ling Tian and Zhu Lu Qi, he returned to his residence immediately.

“Duan Ling Tian, how do you know him?” Zhu Lu Qi asked in shock after Liu Mu left. “He’s one of the few Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage disciples in our White Tiger Sanctum and is a top powerhouse among the White Tiger Sanctum’s disciples!”

“I got to know him when I was asking for directions to look for you,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

“You got to know him when you were asking for directions?” Zhu Lu Qi was momentarily speechless when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s answer.

He had become friends with an elite disciple of their White Tiger Sanctum just by asking for directions?

He really did not know what to say.

“Is there a reason you came looking for me?” Zhu Lu Qi asked bluntly as soon as he regained his senses.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave immediately. It instantly pressured Zhu Lu Qi.

After that, Duan Ling Tian began to tell him about how Yang Chong, the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, had come to look for him and threaten him.

“The reason I came to look for you is to pass on a Secret Tactic to you. As long as you master this Secret Tactic, there’s no need for you to worry about Yang Chong and Li An performing the Soul Searching Secret Tactic on you. This way, he won’t be able to pry into my background for the time being,” Duan Ling Tian said again after he told Zhu Lu Qi about what had happened.

“Yang Chong? The powerhouse who’s ranked number 146th of the Supreme Saint Rankings?” Zhu Lu Qi gasped as a fearful expression appeared on his face.

Meanwhile, he was receiving the Secret Tactic that could counter a Soul Searching Secret that Duan Ling Tian passed to him through his Divine Consciousness.

“With this Secret Tactic, whether it’s Yang Chong or Li An, none of them will be able to find out about your background for the time being. As long as we don’t leave the Fire Worship Sect, they won’t be able to do anything to us at all,” Zhu Lu Qi said. Soon after, he added, “However, Yang Chong is still the fifth elder of the Upper Land of Dao Martial Saint Land first-rate force, the Northern Plethora Sect. With their network of intelligence, I’m afraid he’ll eventually find out about your background.” He had a worried expression on his face when he finished speaking.

“I know. I’ll definitely get stronger so I can kill him and get rid of this threat before he finds out about my background!” Duan Ling Tian nodded. When he spoke, his eyes shone with cold killing intent.

“I heard you have a yellow Innate Spiritual Root?” Zhu Lu Qi asked with a wry smile.

He had also heard about how Duan Ling Tian possessed the yellow Innate Spiritual Root. For this reason, he found it hard to believe Duan Ling Tian’s words.

With the Northern Plethora Sect’s network of intelligence, no matter how inept they were, it would be easy for them to find out about Duan Ling Tian’s background in ten years.

It was easier for Duan Ling Tian to ascend to Heaven than to grow strong enough to kill Yang Chong in less than ten years since he possessed the yellow Innate Spiritual Root!

As someone who was ranked at the 146th place on the Supreme Saint Rankings, naturally, Yang Chong was not a simple person.

“Palace Master, everything will be fine as long as you comprehend and master the Secret Tactic I just passed to you. As for other matters, you can just leave it to me!” Duan Ling Tian did not explain much to Zhu Lu Qi even after he heard his question. After Duan Ling Tian finished speaking confidently, he bade farewell to Zhu Lu Qi. “It’s time for me to head to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum to look for Senior Brother Gu Li. Be careful, Palace Master Zhu!”

As soon as he finished speaking, he left like so quickly as though he had turned into a gust of wind.

“Be careful,” Zhu Lu Qi muttered under his breath as he looked at Duan Ling Tian’s disappearing silhouette.

Chapter 1942: The Yuan Brothers

Although Zhu Lu Qi had heard about Duan Ling Tian killing a genius Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage ten days ago, he did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to grow strong enough to kill Yang Chong before Yang Chong found out about his background.

He only learned that everyone had Innate Spiritual Roots that represented their innate talent when he came to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land! The higher one’s innate talent was, the higher the grade of the Innate Spiritual Root would be.

Zhu Lu Qi only had a yellow Innate Spiritual Root so he knew that his future was bleak.

Initially, he had thought Duan Ling Tian would at least have a green Innate Spiritual Root or a blue one.

He was surprised when words spread out from the Black Turtle Sanctum that Duan Ling Tian possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root just like him.

For those who possessed yellow Innate Spiritual Roots, it would be difficult for them to break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage, let alone the Saint Celestial Stage!

As someone who was ranked 146th of the Supreme Saint Rankings, Yang Chong must be at least at the Third Form or Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Duan Ling Tian was merely an ordinary Martial Cultivator with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root so how was he planning to become stronger than Yang Chong?

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“I wonder how Senior Brother Gu Li is doing?” After parting ways with Zhu Lu Qi, Duan Ling Tian made his way north. After he left the White Tiger Sanctum’s central altar, he headed straight to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum that was located in the north.

When he arrived at the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, he asked for direction and headed to the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples immediately.

“It’s just as Senior Brother Liu Mu has said, the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples is indeed similar to the residence in the Black Turtle Sanctum and the White Tiger Sanctum,” Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he hovered in the sky and watched the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples.

The residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples was separated into four grades as well.

Duan Ling Tian stopped a Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple who was leaving the residence and asked politely, “Senior Brother, good day to you. May I ask if you know Gu Li?”

“Gu Li? No, I don’t!” The Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple looked at Duan Ling Tian indifferently before he walked away without even turning back to look at Duan Ling Tian.

“It seems like not everyone I meet is going to be as nice as Senior Brother Liu Mu.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he watched the disappearing figure of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple before he looked away.

“Excuse me, do you know Gu Li?”

“Senior Sister, do you know Gu Li?”

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Duan Ling Tian stopped a few Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples who were either returning or leaving the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples to ask them if they knew Gu Li.

At one point, he even thought of shouting Gu Li’s name on the top of his lungs.

However, this was the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples after all. If he shouted randomly, he would definitely offend many Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples. He could just leave, but it would definitely affect Gu Li. Gu Li definitely would not have good days in the Sanctum if Duan Ling Tian had done that.

In front of a Quartus house that slipped Duan Ling Tian’s notice, three Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples were talking and laughing among themselves.

Suddenly, one of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples raised his head, causing him to notice Duan Ling Tian whom he found familiar.

When the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple reached the end of his sentence, he asked his two companions, “Huh? This person seems familiar. He’s a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple on top of that! Guys, look over there, doesn’t he look like one of the people who entered the Four Symbols Sanctum together with us?”

At once, the other two Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples instantly looked at Duan Ling Tian as well.

“Isn’t this Duan Ling Tian?” One of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples narrowed his eyes. “I remember him! At that time, he killed Yang Wu, the son of the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect. That’s how he offended First Silver Flame Elder Li An of the Black Turtle Sanctum!”

“Duan Ling Tian!” When the other Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple ascertained this person was indeed Duan Ling Tian, his eyes brightened as he instantly flew out.

“What’s he doing?”

“I think he must have gone to look for Yuan Kuang!”

“Yuan Kuang? Oh, yeah, I’ve almost forgotten! Yuan Kuang’s older brother tried to make Duan Ling Tian come to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum. Duan Ling Tian’s companion, Gu Li, has suffered quite a lot because of this matter.”

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The two Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples whispered among themselves. Naturally, Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance did not hear their conversation.

Meanwhile, the other Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple had already flown up into the sky and arrived at a Tertius house. He quickly knocked on the door.

The door opened and a young man walked out. As he looked at the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple who knocked on his door, he asked slightly impatiently with a frown, “Yes?”

When the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple saw the young man who was also wearing the uniform exclusive to disciples from the Vermillion Bird Sanctum, he pointed at Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance, and said excitedly, “Senior Brother Yuan Hong, it’s Duan Ling Tian! Duan Ling Tian is here!”

“Duan Ling Tian?” Upon hearing that, Yuan Hong’s eyes brightened and he instantly looked in the direction the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple was pointing at.

With just one glance, he immediately recognized Duan Ling Tian. “It’s really him! Why did he come to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum? Is it possible that stubborn Gu Li has finally asked him to come?”

“It doesn’t seem like it.” The other Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple shook his head. “Senior Brother Yuan Kuang, it’s not like you don’t know how stubborn Gu Li is! I don’t think he’ll ask Duan Ling Tian to come even if we kill him. I think Duan Ling Tian came on his own accord.”

“It seems like he’s stopping people and asking them something. It seems like he’s really here to look for Gu Li. Not only that, it seems like he doesn’t know which Quartus house Gu Li is staying in,” Yuan Kuang muttered to himself as his eyes shone coldly. Then, he flew out to where the 100 Secundus houses were located before he descended in front of a Secundus house.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Yuan Kuang raised his hand and knocked on the door quickly. It did not seem like he was afraid the owner of the house would be angry.

Creak!

Soon after, the door opened and someone with an annoyed expression peered out.

When the person inside saw Yuan Kuang, his annoyed expression vanished immediately and was replaced with an expression of affection. "Little Kuang, why are you looking for me?"

The person standing in the house was also a young man whose eyes bore some resemblance to Yuan Kuang's eyes.

"Big Brother, Duan Ling Tian is here," Yuan Kuang replied as he glanced at Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance.

This young man was none other than Yuan Hong, Yuan Kuang's older brother.

When Yuan Hong heard Yuan Kuang's words, his eyes brightened up as well. He instantly looked at the direction where Yuan Kuang was staring at. "The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple? Little Kuang, are you certain he's Duan Ling Tian?"

"Big Brother, don't forget that I was there when he and Yang Wu engaged in a Death Duel. I know he's Duan Ling Tian!" Yuan Kuang answered with certainty.

"However, I don't think that stubborn Gu Li asked him to come. Duan Ling Tian's currently asking around looking for Gu Li. It's obvious he doesn't even know which Quartus house Gu Li is staying in," Yuan Kuang added again.

"He actually came on his own accord? Good, very good!" Yuan Hong looked at Duan Ling Tian with cold eyes as a fierce expression appeared on his face.

"Big Brother, according to the news that came from the Black Turtle Sanctum during these two days, Duan Ling Tian seems to have mastered two Divine Abilities. Although his cultivation base is only at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage, his strength is at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. Moreover, he even killed another Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple who was at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage ten days ago!" Yuan Kuang said, "It's said that this Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple was a martial genius who possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Elder Li An even planned to accept him as a disciple. If he did not die, he would've become your Junior Uncle, big brother!"

"Master is still unaware of this matter. Otherwise, he would've been furious!" Yuan Hong stared at Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance with a cold gaze. "Grand Master has finally found a suitable direct disciple. To think he has been killed by Duan Ling Tian! It's obvious that Duan Ling Tian is opposing Grand Master on purpose! In order to seek revenge for Grand Master, I'm going to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson today!"

"Big Brother, his strength doesn't seem to be simple," Yuan Kuang reminded.

"So what if it's not simple? He's only at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage at most. Your big brother, on the other hand, has long broken through to the Early Quintessential Saint Stage a year ago!" Yuan Hong said disdainfully as a contemptuous expression appeared on his face.

Yuan Hong was a Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciple whose cultivation base was at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage. Apart from this, he was also the direct disciple of the Great Disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An.

In terms of seniority, Li An was his Grand Master.

Although Li An's Great Direct Disciple had a Blue Innate Spiritual Root, due to the fact that he was relatively young, he was only a Bronze Flame Elder in the Fire Worship Sect for the time being.

With his blue Innate Spiritual Root, he would definitely become a Silver Flame Elder in the future. In fact, it was not impossible for him to become a Golden Flame Elder as well!

Yuan Hong was very clear about his master's prospect!

As someone who had a green Innate Spiritual Root, he knew he was lucky that his master accepted him as a disciple. For this reason, he wanted to please his master so that his master would think highly of him and pay more attention to him.

It was a coincidence that his brother, Yuan Kuang, had also come to the Fire Worship Sect. He had used his master's name and requested a Silver Flame Elder in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum to select his brother to join the Vermilion Bird Sanctum.

It was through this that Yuan Hong learned from Yuan Kuang how Duan Ling Tian had offended his Grand Master!

Yuan Hong knew this was a good opportunity for him to impress his Grand Master.

His master would definitely be happy, and he would be able to win his Grand Master's heart if he managed to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson.

Chapter 1943: The Two Of You... Deserve To Die!

Prior to this, Yuan Hong had even thought of heading to the Black Turtle Sanctum to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson so he could seek revenge for his Grand Master! However, he quickly dismissed this idea. He was a Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciple, if he entered the Black Turtle Sanctum and beat a Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple, he would definitely cause the other Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples to be furious. If a Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple who was stronger than him stood up for Duan Ling Tian, he would be the one who was beaten up instead!

Even if his Grand Master was Li An, it did not mean that all Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples would not do anything out of respect for his Grand Master. There were a few martial geniuses with blue Innate Spiritual Roots in the Black Turtle Sanctum. All of them were direct disciples of the few Silver Flame Elders in the Saint Land. Each of them was arrogant so they might think nothing of his Grand Master. For this reason, Yuan Hong had dismissed the idea of going to the Black Turtle Sanctum to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson.

"Big Brother, it just so happens that Duan Ling Tian's companion entered the Vermilion Bird Sanctum with my group of companions." Previously, when he heard Yuan Kuang's words, he seemed to have suddenly seen a ray of hope in the dark.

From that moment onward, Gu Li had been living a miserable life.

Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang would find Gu Li every few days and torture him. Naturally, they did not kill nor maim him. They tortured him in hopes of breaking his will. Their objective was to break his spirit so that he would lure Duan Ling Tian over to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum! In Yuan Hong's opinion, as long

as Duan Ling Tian came to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, he could then teach him a lesson however he liked.

Unfortunately, no matter how badly they tortured Gu Li, Gu Li just gritted his teeth and endured it all. From the beginning until the end, he had no intention of betraying Duan Ling Tian at all. This made Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang feel extremely frustrated.

For this reason, when they saw Duan Ling Tian came to the Vermillion Bird Sanctum on his own accord, they became extremely excited. It was as though they were two stray dogs who had just seen a bone that they could not wait to sink their teeth into.

“That Quartus house? Thank you, Senior Brother.” Heaven would always reward people who were hard-working and faithful. After Duan Ling Tian had asked several dozens of Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples, he finally found out which Quartus house Gu Li was living in.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Li’s Quartus house and was about to make his way there when Yuan Hong noticed this. He instantly said to Yuan Kuang, “He seems to have found Gu Li’s Quartus house. Go lure Gu Li out, and I’ll go and meet Duan Ling Tian!”

Yuan Kuang made his move as quick as a bolt of lightning as he made his way to Gu Li’s Quartus house.

“Huh?” Yuan Kuang’s action naturally caught Duan Ling Tian’s attention and made him come to a sudden halt.

At this moment, he figured out what was going on when Yuan Hong sneaked an attack and slapped him.

Bang!

At the moment when Duan Ling Tian noticed Yuan Hong’s sneak attack, it was already too late for him to evade the attack. All he could do was mobilize the Sun Saint Energy through his 99 Saint Veins to protect his body and to prevent himself from being sent flying from Yuan Hong’s slap.

Since Yuan Hong did not use his full force, coupled with the fact that Duan Ling Tian’s Sun Saint Energy had formed a protective layer around his body, he only suffered minor injuries.

Although Duan Ling Tian’s injuries were minor, it upset his internal organs causing him to throw up a mouthful of blood.

“Who are you? Why did you sneak an attack from me?” Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and wiped the blood off the corner of his mouth as he stared coldly at the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple standing nearby.

Duan Ling Tian was certain he had not met this person before, therefore, he was certain he had not offended this person as well. Why would this person attack him for no reason?

Duan Ling Tian could not figure it out at all.

“It’s Senior Brother Yuan Hong!”

“Why would Senior Brother Yuan Hong attack a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple? Don’t tell me this Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple has offended Senior Brother Yuan Hong?”

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When Yuan Hong attacked Duan Ling Tian, it had attracted the attention of many Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples.

Soon after, more and more Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples walked out of their residences to watch the show.

“Yuan Hong?” Duan Ling Tian’s frown deepened when he heard the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples’ words.

Not only had he not seen the other person prior to this, but he had not even heard of his name before.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian!” A familiar voice suddenly rang in Duan Ling Tian’s voice, causing him to be pleasantly surprised.

“Senior Brother Gu Li?”

However, when he turned to look at the source of the voice, his expression turned grave immediately.

In the near distance, he saw the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple who was heading to Gu Li’s Quartus house earlier carrying Gu Li in the air as though he was carrying a potato sack as he made his way over.

Both of Gu Li’s cheeks were swollen as fresh blood covered his face. With just a glance, one could tell he was just recently given a beating.

“Leave now! Yuan Hong’s planning to beat you up! He’s Li An’s grand disciple! He’s a Martial Cultivator at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage!” Gu Li roared out loud with his red and swollen face.

If he did not hear Duan Ling Tian’s voice and worried about Duan Ling Tian being put in a disadvantageous position, he would not be lured out by Yuan Kuang.

The numerous beatings he had endured had taught him to protect himself better now.

Li An’s grand disciple?

At this moment, the questions in Duan Ling Tian’s head vanished immediately. Since the other party was Li An’s grand disciple, everything made sense now.

Slap!

At this moment, the crisp sound of a slap rang in the air. Yuan Kuang who was carrying Gu Li slapped him before he scolded him loudly, “Trash! Did I give you permission to speak?”

“You’re seeking death!” When Duan Ling Tian saw this, his expression turned grim immediately. He quickly mobilized his Sun Saint Energy and cast his Golden Crow’s Wings. With just a flash, he charged toward Gu Li and Yuan Kuang. His speed was so fast it was like a bolt of lightning.

“You’re the one that’s seeking death!” Yuan Hong made his move at the same time. He charged toward Duan Ling Tian immediately.

Yuan Hong fully unleashed his speed at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage. Moreover, he even managed to stop Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian did not cast the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, yet. Naturally, his speed was not comparable to an Early Quintessential Saint Stage Martial Cultivator like Yuan Hong.

“Duan Ling Tian, you’ll have to go through my big brother first if you want to rescue Gu Li!” Yuan Kuang laughed unreservedly when he saw this.

Slap! Slap! Slap!

After that, Yuan Kuan proceeded to slap Gu Li a few more times in front of Duan Ling Tian, causing Gu Li’s face to swell up even more.

Gu Li’s eyes were as wide as saucers when he glared at Yuan Kuang as he tried his best to endure this.

However, he was merely a Divine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. The moment his Saint Energy began to form in his body, it had already been nullified by Yuan Kuang’s Saint Energy.

Yuan Kuang was an Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, it was only natural that he was stronger than Gu Li. Gu Li clenched his teeth so hard they almost broke. At this moment, he only hated himself for being weak. Not only was he no help to Junior Brother Ling Tian, but he even became a burden to him.

This time, Duan Ling Tian no longer said anything. However, he looked at Yuan Kuang as though he was looking at a dead man.

“Remember that both of you forced me into a corner...” Duan Ling Tian said in a hoarse voice after a while. A terrifying tone could be heard in his voice, sending shivers up the spines of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene!

At the same time, killing intent surged out continuously from Duan Ling Tian’s body.

“Duan Ling Tian?”

“He’s Duan Ling Tian? Duan Ling Tian from the Black Turtle Sanctum?”

“He’s wearing the exclusive uniform of a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple so you must be right!”

“I heard Duan Ling Tian has even killed a martial genius at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage in the Black Turtle Sanctum ten days ago. Due to the reason that the other party was the one who initiated the attack, he was found not guilty!”

“Rumor has it that even though his cultivation base is not at the Quintessential Saint Stage yet, he can be considered as an elite powerhouse among the powerhouses at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage.”

A commotion broke out immediately when people ascertained the person in front of them was the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple, Duan Ling Tian.

All the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples stared at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze as though they were a group of hunters who had just seen their prey.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was not only famous in the Black Turtle Sanctum, but he was also famous in the Four Symbols Sanctums.

For this reason, after learning the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple was Duan Ling Tian, other than the group of Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples who were already present on the scene looking at him curiously, more disciples began to walk out of their residences to look at Duan Ling Tian.

"I've long heard that Elder Li An is actually Senior Brother Yuan Hong's Grand Master. Judging from Senior Brother Yuan Hong's actions, it seems like he plans to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson on behalf of his Grand Master."

"Senior Brother Yuan Hong is an Early Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse. Although Duan Ling Tian is strong, he's only considered as an elite powerhouse among Martial Cultivators at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. I'm afraid he's doomed!"

They would not have thought this way if news of Duan Ling Tian defeating Zhang Ji, an Early Quintessential Saint Stage disciple in the Black Turtle Sanctum, today had spread here.

In terms of strength, Zhang Ji was very close to breaking through to the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage and had even mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability. He was not someone Yuan Hong, this trash who had only broken through to the Early Quintessential Saint Stage, could compare to!

It was not just the group of onlooking Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples who was not informed about the incident of Duan Ling Tian defeated Zhang Ji, even Yuan Hong was unaware of it. Otherwise, he would not have dared to offend Duan Ling Tian even if he was given more courage.

"We forced you into a corner?" Due to his ignorance, Yuan Hong flashed a disdainful look and smiled mockingly when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "So what if we want to force you into a corner? Don't tell me you think you're a match for us? Today, in addition to beating Gu Li, we're going to teach you a lesson as well. If you want to blame someone, blame yourself for your terrible judgment and offending my Grand Master!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he charged out at Duan Ling Tian.

"The two of you deserve to die!" A hoarse voice reverberated in the air again.

At this moment, a terrifying whirlpool appeared around Duan Ling Tian and began to completely devour the surrounding Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

Chapter 1944: A Disadvantageous Position

Boom!

A few moments later, the Sun Saint Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body, along with the endless Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy he absorbed from his surroundings, erupted immediately.

In just a blink of an eye, the Sun Saint Energy had already become so powerful that it was equivalent to the Exemplary Saint Stage!

This morning, Duan Ling Tian had used this Sun Saint Energy to battle with Zhang Ji, the Early Quintessential Saint Stage disciple from the Black Turtle Sanctum.

If it was not for the fact that Zhang Ji had mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability, he was certain he could defeat Zhang Ji easily with his strength. Not only that, he would not have ended in such a wretched manner after he defeated Zhang Ji.

It was fortunate that Duan Ling Tian had entered the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to recuperate before this. Otherwise, his Spiritual Energy and Sun Saint Energy would not be so strong now. Although it was not fully recovered, it was enough for him to deal with Yuan Hong!

Yuan Hong was merely an ordinary Early Quintessential Saint Stage Martial Cultivator! Even if it was Zhang Ji, it would not take him more than ten moves to defeat him.

Duan Ling Tian's strength was in no way inferior to Zhang Ji. Since Zhang Ji was stronger than Yuan Hong, naturally, it would not take more than ten moves as well for Duan Ling Tian to kill Yuan Hong.

"You've come just in time!" Faced with Yuan Hong who was charging toward him menacingly, Duan Ling Tian's gaze turned cold as the pair of Golden Crow's Wings behind him flapped suddenly, raising his speed to the limit. At this moment, he was far faster than Yuan Hong.

"How fast!" Upon seeing the speed Duan Ling Tian demonstrated, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples were baffled.

Since they were standing at the side to observe the fight, they could tell Duan Ling Tian's speed was much faster than Yuan Hong's speed. This greatly shocked them.

From the news they heard, Duan Ling Tian speed when he killed Gu Long, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple who was at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, ten days ago was merely almost at the speed of an Early Quintessential Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. He was not as fast he was now.

"Duan Ling Tian's current speed is comparable to an Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage Martial Cultivator!" There was no lack of Quintessential Saint Stage disciples among the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples who came to watch the sect. They could easily tell this just by looking.

"Duan Ling Tian's speed has reached the stage of an Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage Martial Cultivator?" The other Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples who heard this statement widened their eyes immediately. They all had an expression of disbelief and shock on their faces.

"It has only been ten days, but his speed has increased so much? My goodness! Can anybody tell me what's going on please?"

"Could it be that he actually concealed his strength ten days ago?"

"It's possible! Based on the news from the Black Turtle Sanctum two days ago, it's said that Duan Ling Tian's strength is at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage, but it still hasn't reached a stage where he could threaten a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse! It's very possible he concealed his strength ten days ago when he fought Gu Long!"

“Actually, other than concealing his strength, there’s another possibility. He could’ve made a breakthrough to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage during these ten days!”

Everyone was shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s speed as they discussed among themselves. They kept discussing the battle where Duan Ling Tian killed Gu Long, the Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

That battle had also revealed Duan Ling Tian’s strength in front of the others. However, Duan Ling Tian’s strength ten days ago was not comparable to his strength now. They were on a completely different level!

“How’s this possible?!” At the same time, Yuan Kuang who was carrying Gu Li turned horrified when he saw Duan Ling Tian’s speed that was faster than his brother. An expression of disbelief and shock appeared on his face.

‘Junior Brother Ling Tian... A-Awesome!’ Gu Li who had seen this burst out laughing immediately. He was pleasantly surprised, and there was an expression of satisfaction on his face.

“What are you laughing at?” Yuan Kuang’s expression turned grim immediately when he heard Gu Li’s laughter. He raised his hand to slap Gu Li again until one half of his face swelled up even more.

Gu Li who was slapped again smiled sinisterly and said angrily before he threw up blood, “You can slap me as much as you like! You won’t be able to act so arrogantly for long anyway! Don’t even think that you’ll be able to escape unless you kill me of course!”

At this instant, all of the dark cloud hanging around Gu Li had vanished. He only felt happiness at this moment!

“You...” Yuan Kuang who was infuriated slapped Gu Li a few times again. Despite his wrath, he really did not dare to kill or maim Gu Li.

Even his big brother, Yuan Kuang, did not dare to kill Duan Ling Tian regardless of how much he wanted to seek revenge for his Grand Master Li An. This was because he feared the rules in the Fire Worship Sect!

Yuan Hong merely had the green Spiritual Root so if he violated the Fire Worship Sect’s rule that prohibited disciples of the same sect from killing each other, he would definitely be given the death sentence! Even his master would not be able to save him.

Although his master had a blue Innate Spiritual Root, it had nothing to do with him. They were different people after all.

Unless his master had an indigo Innate Spiritual Root, then his master might be able to beg for leniency for him.

“How did his speed become so fast?!” When the onlookers realized that Duan Ling Tian’s speed had become even faster than Yuan Hong’s speed, Yuan Hong had also noticed it. A horrified expression instantly appeared on his face.

'Don't tell me has already broken through to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage?' At this moment, this thought rose up in his mind.

The news about Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base being at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage when he killed Gu Long, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, ten days ago had also reached the Vermilion Bird Sanctum.

For this reason, after he saw the speed Duan Ling Tian demonstrated, he immediately felt that Duan Ling Tian must have made a breakthrough during these ten days to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage!

'Looks like he has indeed broken through. His strength and aura are equivalent to the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage! This is also the advantage of the assist-type Divine Ability he mastered. It has to be a high-grade Divine Ability!' Yuan Hong thought to himself as jealousy rose in his heart.

In Yuan Hong's eyes, Duan Ling Tian was merely an Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator! However, he managed to master two high-grade Divine Abilities! This undoubtedly affected Yuan Hong who had yet to master any high-grade Divine Abilities! This was the reason Yuan Hong was so jealous of Duan Ling Tian.

Although Duan Ling Tian's speed was faster than Yuan Hong, Yuan Hong did not give up 'The reason his speed is this fast is only due to the high-grade movement Divine Ability. If he doesn't have that high-grade movement Divine Ability, his speed won't be faster than mine! Unless he has also mastered another high-grade offensive Divine, it's impossible for him to be a match for me!' Yuan Hong began to feel more confident when he thought of this.

"His speed is indeed faster than mine, but it's only because it's raised by the assist-type Divine Ability! It'll only last for a moment before it returns to its original state!" Yuan Hong's eyes flashed coldly as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian without slowing down.

Boom!

Yuan Hong punched his fist out at lightning speed. The punch that appeared casual and light actually contained a terrifying force from his martial tactic.

The force of the wind and thunder appeared in the wake of his punch as it swept toward Duan Ling Tian. Judging by how it looked, it seemed as though it could even destroy a gigantic mountain.

Faced with Yuan Hong's punch that was terrifyingly powerful, Duan Ling Tian's expression turned even colder.

Swoosh!

With a raise of his hand, the Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword that Duan Ling Tian obtained from Zhao Wu appeared in his hand. He pointed the sword outward. It contained the profundity of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword.

The force of the profundity of the Sovereign Heart Sword granted to Duan Ling Tian's sword was in no way inferior to the force of an ordinary Heaven Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

Finally, under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian's Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword clashed with Yuan Hong's punch. To be more precise, the vast energy surging out from both parties clashed with one another!

During the clash, Duan Ling Tian had used a Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword but Yuan Hong did not use any Saint Weapon. This could be considered as Duan Ling Tian securing a small advantage.

Boom!

As a loud noise reverberated in the air as a terrifying energy swept out from the point where the sword and the fist collided. Hurricanes appeared and blew at the Vermillion Bird Sanctum's disciples, causing their robes to flutter violently.

Many of the Vermillion Bird Sanctum's disciples whose cultivation base that was much weaker had to shut their eyes.

A few moments later, under the watchful eyes of the others, Yuan Hong stood still, unaffected, as the hurricane swept against him.

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, was sent flying with a blast. His face turned pale immediately.

Clamor!

Upon seeing this, the scene burst out in another commotion.

"Initially, seeing how Duan Ling Tian's speed was faster than Senior Brother Yuan Hong, I thought he would have the strength to defeat Senior Brother Yuan Hong. It did not cross my mind that he would fall into a disadvantageous position during the collision, especially when he used a Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword while Senior Brother Yuan Hong did not use any weapons!"

"Yuan Hong is a true Early Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse after all! As for Duan Ling Tian, although his speed is faster than Yuan Hong, that's because of his high-grade movement Divine Ability! Judging from the aura emanating out of his body, it's only equivalent to the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!"

"The reason he's so strong is all thanks to the boost from the assist-type Divine Ability he cast. Once the assist-type Divine Ability's effect wears off, he'll revert to his original state. At that time, he won't stand a chance in defeating Yuan Hong!"

"Well... unless he has mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability, he might be a match for Senior Brother Yuan Hong's match at all!"

Seeing how Duan Ling Tian was in a disadvantageous position, The Vermillion Bird Sanctum's disciples began to discuss among themselves again when they saw Duan Ling Tian had fallen into a disadvantageous position. Based on their words, it was obvious they did not think highly of him.

"Perhaps he has mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability, but he just hasn't revealed it yet?" A small number of people chimed in.

Chapter 1945: Yuan Hong's Death

“Impossible!” Upon hearing somebody mentioned that Duan Ling Tian might have mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability, another Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple quickly refuted him. “It’s certain that Duan Ling Tian’s movement Divine Ability is a high-grade Divine Ability. His assist-type Divine Ability that raises his strength is also most likely a high-grade Divine Ability as well! The fact that he could master two high-grade Divine Abilities is considered as very lucky and rare. How can all of you even think he has mastered a third high-grade Divine Ability? Aren’t all of you thinking too much? Do all of you think high-grade Divine Abilities are so easily found like vegetables in the market?” The Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciple spoke passionately.

As soon as he finished speaking, many Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples agreed with him. “That’s right! It’s impossible for Duan Ling Tian to master a third high-grade Divine Ability!”

“It’s not easy to master so many high-grade Divine Abilities. Take Senior Brother Yuan Hong as an example, despite his cultivation base at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage, he still hasn’t mastered a high-grade Divine Ability.”

“It seems like Duan Ling Tian is going to be defeated soon!”

“If he’s defeated, he’s doomed! Senior Brother Yuan Hong might not kill or maim him due to the sect’s rules, but he would beat Duan Ling Tian up to the point where he would wish for death instead!”

“Looks like Senior Brother Yuan Hong planned to seek revenge for his Grand Master to get into his master’s good grace!”

“Poor Duan Ling Tian. Just like that, he has innocently become a tool for Yuan Hong to use to get into his master’s good grace!”

Based on the discussion among the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples, it was obvious they felt that Duan Ling Tian was going to be defeated by Yuan Hong and he would suffer from humiliation and defeat to the point that he would wish for death!

When the small number of Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples who felt that there was a possibility that Duan Ling Tian had mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability heard the other disciples’ words, some of them began to change their minds. However, there were some who stood by their opinion.

Naturally, they did not voice it out loud. If they were to do that now, they would definitely be verbally attacked by the other Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples.

Yuan Kuang relaxed when he saw Yuan Hong sent Duan Ling Tian flying with a blast with just a low. After that, he turned to look at Gu Li whom he was still holding and sneered as he said, “Gu Li, did you see that? So what if Duan Ling Tian is much faster than my big brother? Even if he has the Hundred Inscriptions Saint Sword in his hand, he’s still no match for my brother when it comes to a direct fight!”

Gu Li’s expression was grave. There hints of worries in his eyes as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, seize this chance when your assist-type Divine Ability is still in effect. Hurry up and leave the Vermilion Bird Sanctum! Don’t ever come back again! At the very least don’t come back until you’re stronger than Yuan Hong!” Gu Li quickly transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian in urgency.

However, he did not receive any response at all. It was as though Duan Ling Tian did not hear his Voice Transmission.

Gu Li continued to transmit his voice, but he still did not receive any response.

“What’s Junior Brother Ling Tian trying to do?!” Gu Li was extremely anxious that he could not stop clenching his teeth.

Under the watchful eyes of the others, the Golden Crow’s Wings behind Duan Ling Tian flapped without warning, causing the air in the surroundings to stir violently.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the air stirred violently, the thunderous sound of air explosions reverberated in the air.

Swish!

At the same time, under the watchful gaze of the crowds, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have transformed into a sharp arrow as he soared up and disappeared in the horizon.

Upon seeing this, Gu Li sighed in relief. He thought Duan Ling Tian had taken his advice and was leaving the Vermilion Bird Sanctum.

“Trying to flee?!” Yuan Hong smirked coldly before soaring up into the sky as well to chase after Duan Ling Tian. He also disappeared into the horizon.

“Come on! Let’s go and have a look!” At the same time, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples were also prepared to fly into the sky to watch the show.

However, just as they were about to fly up, they suddenly stopped. Not only that, they were staring at the horizon with their mouths agape. To be more precise, they were staring in shock at a group of clouds by the horizon.

Behind the cloud, stood Duan Ling Tian whom they thought had fled.

Not only that, he seemed to be holding onto somebody in his hand. Upon closer inspection, they saw it was Yuan Hong.

At this moment, Yuan Hong was bleeding profusely from three holes on his body. He was passed out, and Duan Ling Tian held onto him like a potato sack.

The reason they knew Yuan Hong had only passed out because they could see he was still breathing.

The entire place fell silent, Yuan Hong’s breathing sounded particularly loud.

The scene of Duan Ling Tian carrying Yuan Hong like a potato sack seemed very familiar to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene.

At the same time, many Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples shifted their attention to Yuan Kuang who was standing nearby and carrying Gu Li. They looked at him weirdly.

No matter how they looked at it, they felt that Duan Ling Tian had intentionally held onto Yuan Hong like how Yuan Kuang was holding Gu Li.

“How’s this possible?” Most of them were shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

Based on the current situation, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was stronger than Yuan Hong. Otherwise, how could Yuan Hong be defeated?

When Yuan Kuang saw Yuan Hong who had passed out and being carried by Duan Ling Tian like a sack of potatoes, he cried out in disbelief, “Big brother!”

When he looked at Duan Ling Tian again, a hint of terror could be seen in his eyes.

It did not cross his mind that Duan Ling Tian was stronger than his big brother, Yuan Hong!

“Don’t tell me he really mastered another high-grade offensive Divine Ability?” The Vermillion Bird Sanctum’s disciples began to whisper among themselves again. They felt certain Duan Ling Tian had indeed mastered a high-grade offensive Divine Ability. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for him to overpower Yuan Hong.

“Freak! To think that he has actually mastered three high-grade Divine Abilities!”

“He’s only an Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. If he has a green Innate Spiritual Root or higher, his future would have been very bright. What a pity!”

“It’s indeed a pity! There’s a big possibility that someone with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root won’t be able to break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage. Even if he’s lucky enough to enter the Quintessential Saint Stage, there’s no chance of him breaking through to the Saint Celestial Stage! A person with a green Spiritual Root, on the other hand, would definitely be able to enter the Saint Celestial Stage and become a true powerhouse in our Fire Worship Sect!”

“If this Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base breaks through to the Saint Celestial Stage, coupled with the three Divine Abilities he mastered, an ordinary Saint Celestial Stage won’t stand a chance against him at all!”

“What a pity that he’s just a commoner who possesses a yellow Innate Spiritual Root!”

When the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples discussed about Duan Ling Tian’s yellow Innate Spiritual Root, they shook their heads in pity.

Duan Ling Tian managed to master three high-grade Divine Abilities, but he only had a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. Most people would find this pitiful.

“Release your grip!” As Duan Ling Tian descended from the sky while holding the unconscious Yuan Hong, he shouted without warning as he looked at Yuan Kuang.

As he shouted, his left eye, the Strange Pupil, flashed and shot out a dragon-form Soul Attack.

The Soul Attack flew across the sky and entered Yuan Kuang’s body swiftly, crashing against his soul violently. At this moment, he instinctively let go of the hand that was holding on to Gu Li.

Now that Yuan Kuang released his hand, Gu Li finally regained his freedom. Nobody was restricting the Saint Energy in his body any longer.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian!” After he regained his freedom, Gu Li did not lose his rationality. He immediately flew to Duan Ling Tian’s side. He sighed in relief since he knew he was free from danger for now.

Duan Ling Tian’s true cultivation base was merely at the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage and so was his soul.

For this reason, the Soul Attack that was cast by his current soul was not enough to destroy Yuan Kuang’s soul!

Yuan Kuang was a true Exemplary Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, and his soul was more powerful than Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of killing Yuan Kuang when he cast the Soul Attack. He merely wanted Yuan Kuang to release Gu Li.

Although he knew Yuan Kuang did not dare to kill Gu Li, Duan Ling Tian did not want to see Gu Li being Yuan Kuang’s control. In his opinion, it was a passive position, and it was a position he hated.

Soon after, Yuan Kuang regained his consciousness and discovered Gu Li was no longer in his grasp. Horror dawned on him immediately.

He took a deep breath and looked at Duan Ling Tian before he said coldly, “Let go of my brother, Duan Ling Tian!”

“Let go of your brother? Why should I?” Duan Ling Tian smiled nonchalantly.

His smile looked sinister, sending shivers running up Yuan Kuang’s spine.

“What can you do if you don’t let go? Don’t tell me you dare to kill my brother?” Yuan Kuang asked in a deep voice.

“As a matter of fact, you’re right. I intend to kill your brother!” Duan Ling Tian sneered as his eyes flashed coldly.

“You won’t be able to live if you kill my brother!” Upon hearing his statement, Yuan Kuang’s eyes narrowed. At the same time, he said coldly, “Don’t forget the rules of the Fire Worship Sect!”

Creak!

As the moment Yuan Kuang uttered the word ‘rule’, a noise sounded.

Duan Ling Tian had twisted Yuan Hong’s neck.

It was simple and straightforward!

Swish! Swish!

As Duan Ling Tian twisted Yuan Hong’s neck, he did not forget to stab him twice.

The first stab shattered Yuan Hong's soul.

The second stab pierced through Yuan Hong's heart.

At this moment, even if a deity descended from the sky, he would not be able to save Yuan Hong!

The entire place fell silent when Yuan Hong was killed.

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples stared at the scene before them with their mouth agape. They did not think Duan Ling Tian would disregard the sect's rules and kill Yuan Hong.

Yuan Kuan who was pale with an expression of disbelief on his face finally regained his senses. He looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he was looking at a ghost as he said in a trembling voice, "Y-You actually dare to kill my brother? Y-You're dead! You're dead!" His tone was filled with grief when he spoke.

Chapter 1946: Transformation, Blue Spiritual Root!

"Not only do I dare to kill your brother, but I dare to kill you as well!" After killing Yuan Hong, Duan Ling Tian looked at Yuan Kuang with blood-curdling killing intent, causing shivers to run up Yuan Kuang's spine. Not only that, but at this moment, Yuan Kuang was so afraid that his body had even begun to tense up.

When he saw Duan Ling Tian throw the body of his brother, Yuan Hong, to him with just a raise of his hand, he finally moved to catch his brother's body as he suppressed the terror in his heart.

'Run!' Yuan Kuan thought to himself. As soon as he caught Yuan Hong's body, he no longer dared to act recklessly when he recalled Duan Ling Tian's words and tried to hurriedly leave with his brother's body.

Whoosh!

However, as soon as Yuan Kuang tried to leave with Yuan Hong's body, the area within a 100-meter of Duan Ling Tian was shrouded in a golden light. Duan Ling Tian, Yuan Kung, and Yuan Hong were all hidden by the 10,000 Swords Territory, disappearing from the view of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum.

"Did Duan Ling Tian say he wants to kill Yuan Kuang earlier?"

"It's not enough that he killed Yuan Hong, but he wants to kill Yuan Kuang as well?"

"It seems like Duan Ling Tian knows he's in trouble now and is acting recklessly. He knows that he'll be sentenced to death for killing Yuan Hong, it doesn't matter now even if he kills Yuan Kuang!"

"It's the Yuan Brother's bad luck for encountering such a ruthless person who doesn't even care about his own life!"

"Duan Ling Tian is really too ruthless!"

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples whispered among themselves. Terror could be heard in their tones as they spoke about Duan Ling Tian.

They all agreed that Duan Ling Tian was a ruthless person!

After consolidating the 10,000 Swords Territory, before he made a move on Yuan Kuang, he looked at Gu Li who was standing next to him and said, "Senior Brother Gu Li, I'll send you out first!"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he mobilized the Sun Saint Energy in his body. Before Gu Li even had time to respond, he was already sent out of the 10,000 Swords Territory.

In the next instant, Gu Li's body appeared before the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples. He naturally attracted their attention.

"It's him!"

"Duan Ling Tian seems to be seeking revenge for him. I wonder what relationship does he have with Duan Ling Tian?"

Gu Li, naturally, became the center of everyone's attention since they could not see the situation inside the 10,000 Swords Territory.

"I heard Duan Ling Tian addressing him as Senior Brother..."

"I remember him. I entered the Fire Worship Sect at the same time with Duan Ling Tian. He was selected to go to the Black Turtle Sanctum while I was selected to come here. I remember they were together at that time."

"In that case, it means that Gu Li must have a close relationship with Duan Ling Tian even before they entered the Fire Worship Sect?"

"Isn't this obvious? Didn't you hear Gu Li calling Duan Ling Tian Senior Brother? They must have been disciples from the same sect before they came to the Fire Worship Sect!"

"If that's the case, it's no wonder Duan Ling Tian was so furious to the point that he would even kill Yuan Hong!"

The Vermillion Bird's disciples whispered among themselves again. They did not agree with how impulsively Duan Ling Tian had acted by killing Yuan Hong. In their opinion, Duan Ling Tian was just seeking death by doing so. He would probably have to pay with his life for violating the Fire Worship Sect's rules and killing a fellow disciple.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian!" Gu Li who was sent out by did not pay attention to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples. Horror dawned on his face when he regained his senses.

When he recalled the words Duan Ling Tian had said to Yuan Kuang, it was not difficult for him to guess the reason why he was sent out. It was so that Gu Li would not be implicated in the matter.

If he was also inside Duan Ling Tian's Territory when Yuan Kuang died, he would definitely be implicated. No one would believe him at all even if he swore to the high heavens that he did not kill him.

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In the 10,000 Swords Territory, Duan Ling Tian walked toward Yuan Kuang step by step.

Thud! Thud! Thud

Every step of Duan Ling Tian's made Yuan Kuang feel as though there was a pressure on his heart. He was extremely afraid now. His breathing had quickened.

"W-What are you trying to do?!" Yuan Kuan held onto Yuan Hong's body as he stepped back with a fearful expression on his face when he saw Duan Ling Tian continued making his way toward him.

"What else is there to do? I'm going to kill you, of course!" Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly as though he was speaking about some unimportant matter.

"No! You can't do that! If you kill me, you'll be violating the sect's rules! The Fire Worship Sect won't let you go!" Yuan Kuang said with a trembling voice as his eyes widened in terror.

"Haven't I already violated the rules when I killed your brother?" Duan Ling Tian sneered when he heard Yuan Kuang's words. He said disdainfully, "To the Fire Worship Sect, there's no difference if I kill Yuan Hong or if I kill both of you!"

Swish!

Horror dawned on Yuan Kuang again when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He knew he was in grave danger at this moment. Various expressions flitted across Yuan Kuang's face when he realized he was on the brink of death.

Finally, he kneeled in the air and continuously kowtowed at Duan Ling Tian.

"S-Senior Brother Ling Tian! Senior Brother Ling Tian, please forgive me! I'm willing to apologize to Senior Brother Gu Li! If you let me live, Senior Brother Gu Li can do anything he wants to me to seek revenge. I haven't lived long enough, I'm not willing to die! I really don't want to die! Senior Brother Ling Tian, if you're willing to let me go, I'll stand witness and say that my brother, Yuan Hong, was the one who wanted to kill you, and you merely acted out of self-defense! It serves him right for dying! As long as I'm willing to become your witness, you won't be violating the Fire Worship Sect's rule!" In order to survive, Yuan Kuang did not even hesitate to betray his brother.

Although Yuan Hong wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian, due to his fear of the Fire Worship Sect's rules, it did not cross his mind to kill him at all. He merely planned to beat Duan Ling Tian up so badly that he would wish for death instead!

A hint of disgust flashed in the depth of Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he heard Yuan Kuang's words.

When Yuan Hong attacked him earlier, although he did not show any mercy, there was no killing intent at all. It was obvious Yuan Hong had no plans of killing him. Naturally, Duan Ling Tian knew it was not because Yuan Hong was merciful. He was just afraid of violating the Fire Worship Sect's rule instead.

Although Yuan Hong was afraid of the Fire Worship Sect's rule, it did not mean Duan Ling Tian was afraid as well!

The moment Duan Ling Tian saw the Yuan Brothers tortured and humiliated Gu Li, he had already sentenced them to death. Now that Yuan Hong is dead, there was only Yuan Kuang left.

“There are always consequences to our actions. This applies to everyone.” When Duan Ling Tian saw Yuan Kuang did not even hesitate to betray his brother to save his own life, Duan Ling Tian no longer bothered wasting time talking to him.

As soon as he finished speaking, he instantly killed Yuan Kuang.

It was still as simple, straightforward, and brutal!

Even Yuan Hong who was at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage had been killed by Duan Ling Tian, naturally, it was easy for him to kill Yuan Kuang who was only at the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage.

“Elder Huo!” After killing the Yuan Brothers, Duan Ling Tian immediately called out to Elder Huo.

He wanted to ask Elder Huo to guide his Divine Consciousness so that he can locate and grab hold of their Innate Spiritual Roots that were located in their souls.

It was obvious he planned to devour both their Innate Spiritual Roots! Currently, he was desperate to raise the level of his Innate Spiritual Root.

The Yuan brothers could only count themselves unlucky for putting their heads on the chopping board for Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, the reason Duan Ling Tian decided to kill them was not due to their Innate Spiritual Roots. It was to seek revenge for Gu Li. The idea of devouring their Innate Spiritual Roots only appeared in his mind when he was fighting Yuan Hong.

Due to this reason, he killed Yuan Hong and risked the punishment for violating the Fire Worship Sect’s rule. Moreover, he had even killed Yuan Kuang.

“He has a dark green Innate Spiritual Root.” Elder Huo’s Divine Consciousness guided Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Consciousness into Yuan Hong’s soul. Dark green Innate Spiritual Roots were the best green Innate Spiritual Roots.

“It’s the same as my Innate Spiritual Root?” Duan Ling Tian became excited when he heard Elder Huo’s words.

If Yuan Hong’s Innate Spiritual Root was bad, Duan Ling Tian was not sure if his Innate Spiritual Root would improve to the blue Innate Spiritual Root after devouring Yuan Hong’s Innate Spiritual Root.

After he heard Elder Huo’s words, he felt more confident.

“There’s also Yuan Kuang’s Innate Spiritual Root...” Moreover, Duan Ling Tian would be able to devour two Innate Spiritual Roots.

After Duan Ling Tian devoured Yuan Hong’s Innate Spiritual Root, his Innate Spiritual Root underwent a huge transformation.

“You have a light blue Innate Spiritual Root now. Congratulations!” Elder Huo’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears. He was beside himself with joy when he heard Elder Huo’s words.

The blue Innate Spiritual Root! He had raised the level of his Innate Spiritual Root to blue, it was no longer green!

“Currently, the speed of me sensing and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy should be two times faster than before!” Duan Ling Tian could feel the difference as he tried to sense and absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

It was a huge transformation that greatly satisfied Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 1947: An Unyielding Duan Ling Tian

After devouring Yuan Hong’s Innate Spiritual Root, Duan Ling Tian’s now possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

However, after he had devoured Yuan Kuang’s Innate Spiritual Root, there were no obvious changes to his Innate Spiritual Root. Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this at all.

Although Yang Kuang had a green Innate Spiritual Root, it was worth nothing before his blue Innate Spiritual Root.

It would undoubtedly take a long time before he could further raise the level of his blue Innate Spiritual Root. Devouring a green Innate Spiritual Root was akin to a drop of water in a bucket.

Swoosh!

With just a thought, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his 10,000 Swords Territory, appearing before the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples.

However, even when Duan Ling Tian appeared before them, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples did not look at Duan Ling Tian. Instead, their attention was on the two bodies that were falling from the sky.

Thud! Thud!

The two bodies crashed on the ground loudly causing the scene to fall silent.

While the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples were still in shock, Duan Ling Tian transmitted his voice to Gu Li and told him about how Yang Chong, the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, had come to make things difficult for him. Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian also revealed his purpose of coming here today to pass the Secret Tactic that could nullify the Soul Searching Secret Tactic to Gu Li.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, run away now! Otherwise, you won’t be able to run anymore when the Enforcement Elder of Vermilion Bird arrives!” Gu Li transmitted his voice to urge Duan Ling Tian to leave. His voice was laden with anxiety.

In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian had killed Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang This could be seen as a challenge to the Fire Worship Sect’s authority. For this reason, the sect would not let Duan Ling Tian go!

“Don’t worry, Senior Brother Gu Li. I have my own way to deal with this.” Duan Ling Tian remained calm when he heard Gu Li’s words. He smiled confidently at Gu Li, causing Gu Li to be momentarily stunned.

Where did his Junior Brother Ling Tian get his confidence from?

Killing fellow disciples in the Fire Worship Sect was not a minor crime.

Meanwhile, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples present on the scene had also regained their senses. There was a hint of terror in their eyes as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's ruthlessness had left a deep impression on them.

"Duan Ling Tian really dares to act as he wishes. He even dares to kill Yuan Kuang after killing Yuan Hong!"

"Ruthless! He's too ruthless! I can't believe there's such a ruthless person in the Black Turtle Sanctum!"

"From what I know, before he entered the Black Turtle Sanctum, he was already a ruthless person. Otherwise, he wouldn't have dared to offend the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An by killing Yang Wu, the son of the fifth elder of Northern Plethora Sect."

"However, no matter how ruthless he is, he's definitely going to be sentenced to death! Killing fellow disciples is not a petty crime. He'll have to pay with this crime with his life!"

Many Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples whispered among themselves. All of them felt Duan Ling Tian would die today. He would have to pay the price of killing the Yuan Brothers with his own life!

"It's unfortunate he only has a yellow Spiritual Root. If he possesses a blue or above Innate Spiritual Root, coupled with the fact that he has mastered three high-grade Divine Abilities, the higher-ups would only give him a minor punishment. They would not sentence him to death even if he kills a few more people!"

"Dreams are always more beautiful than reality. Reality is mostly cruel. It has been confirmed in the Black Turtle Sanctum that Duan Ling Tian has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. He's definitely going to die today is the yellow Spiritual Root. For this reason, he will definitely die today!"

"It's such a pity that a genius who managed to comprehend and master three high-grade Divine Abilities is going to be sentenced to death!"

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples continued to whisper among themselves. Most of them felt Duan Ling Tian would not be able to survive this.

"I wonder if Duan Ling Tian is going to run away since he knows he's going to die. Although the chances of him surviving his low, if he just stays here, there's zero chance of him surviving."

"If I were him, I'll risk it and run even if I know the chances of me successfully escaping isn't high. If I really manage to run away, at least I'll be able to live."

"Look at him. It seems like he doesn't intend to run away at all."

Many Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian only to discover that he did not intend to run away at all.

Duan Ling Tian stood there quietly as though he was waiting for something.

Soon after, a Vermilion Bird Sanctum's elder finally arrived.

“Elder Wu!”

“Elder Wu!”

Upon seeing the Silver Flame Elder, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples bowed at him politely and humbly.

The elder was a fat old man. On top of that, he was short as well, causing him to look like a ball. His face was so fat that only a small pair of eyes could be seen.

However, this fat old man’s small pair of eyes radiated with vigor and were much sharper than the average person.

“The Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder?” Duan Ling Tian could guess the old man’s identity when he saw the crowd paid their respect to him.

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi found the Yuan Brothers’ bodies with the help of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples. His expression turned grim immediately as his eyes shone with a terrifying light.

“You’re Duan Ling Tian?” Wu Yi shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian. When he saw how indifferent Duan Ling Tian was acting, sitting cross-legged, he became furious immediately.

“Stand up!” Wu Yi shouted after he took a deep breath. His voice had a majestic quality to it that left no room for arguments.

Shivers ran up the spines of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene when they heard Wu Yi’s shout.

They were very clear that although the Enforcement Elder of their Vermilion Bird Sanctum appeared meek and harmless, he was actually really terrifying. Otherwise, he would not have been able to become the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder!

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, he’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi from our Vermilion Bird Sanctum. He appears meek and harmless, but that’s not the case. Try to do as he says since no one knows what he’s going to do!” Gu Li immediately transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian. His tone was laden with worry.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes when he heard Wu Yi shouting at him. He then stood up in a neither hurried nor slow pace and left the courtyard in the sky.

When he drew close to Wu Yi, he bowed slightly and cupped his hands in front of him. “Good day to you, Elder Wu Yi!”

“You flatter me!” Faced with Duan Ling Tian’s bow, Wu Yi’s expression relaxed slightly even though his tone still sounded menacing.

“I’m the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi. The reason I’m here is about the deaths of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples, Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang. You, Duan Ling Tian, a disciple from the Black Turtle Sanctum, have disregarded our Fire Worship Sect’s rule and killed both Yuan Hong and

Yuan Kuang from the Vermilion Bird Sanctum. Do you admit to your crime?" When Wu Yi reached the end of his sentence, his eyes narrowed as a terrifying aura began to surge out of his body.

The aura that was oppressive swept out like the tempestuous storm toward Duan Ling Tian.

If it was any other ordinary people, they would have been petrified by Wu Yi's aura.

However, Duan Ling Tian remained unmoved like a mountain. It seemed like he was not affected by it at all.

Upon seeing this, a hint of shock appeared in the depths of Wu Yi's eyes.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Qing Yan and said in a neither hurried nor slow pace, "Elder Wu Yi, if I'm not mistaken, whether I admit to my crime or not, it's not your place to decide what to do with me right? I'm not a Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciple after all."

There was a rule in the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums that stated that when a disciple from whichever Sanctum had committed a crime, only the Enforcement Elder of that particular Sanctum was allowed to deal with it.

The Enforcement Elders of the other Sanctums could only deal with the disciples from their respective Sanctums and had no authority to deal with disciples from the other three Sanctums.

For this reason, even if Duan Ling Tian came to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum to kill somebody and broke the Fire Worship Sect's rule. The person who had the right to judge him was the Enforcement Elder from the Black Turtle Sanctum.

"You know the rules well!" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Wu Yi snorted coldly before adding on, "Before I came here, I've already sent another Silver Flame Elder from our Vermilion Bird Sanctum to invite your Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder. Elder Guo Xiong will be here soon."

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded his head nonchalantly.

Duan Ling Tian shocked everyone, including Wu Yi, when he turned around and returned to Yuan Hong's Secundus house and closed the door behind him.

Duan Ling Tian's voice suddenly rang in the air. "Elder Wu Yi, please let me know when Elder Guo Xiong arrives!"

The instant Duan Ling Tian's words left his mouth, it stunned the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples present on the scene.

Was he not being too unyielding?

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Wu Yi, on the other hand, was so enraged that his fat face began to twitch uncontrollably. His pair of small eyes shone coldly.

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

"Junior Brother Ling Tian..." It could be said that Gu Li knew Duan Ling Tian quite well. However, when he saw Duan Ling Tian's stubborn attitude, he felt as though Duan Ling Tian was a stranger to him. He really did not know what he was thinking.

Naturally, unlike all the other Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples, Gu Li knew Duan Ling Tian was not seeking death.

In his opinion, since Junior Brother Ling Tian dared act this way, he must have felt confident he could deal with the matter. However, Gu Li did not know where he got his confidence from.

Meanwhile, when the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong was making his way to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum after receiving news of what happened, the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An had also received the news as well and made his way to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum as well. His expression was extremely grave.

Chapter 1948: A Ridiculous Cultivation Speed!

How could his expression not be grave?

No matter what, Li An was the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder. Only one person stood above him while there were 10,000 people below him in the Black Turtle Sanctum! Even in the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums, he could be considered as someone with a high position. However, someone like him was continuously provoked by a disciple who had just entered the Black Turtle Sanctum in the Fire Worship Sect. At the very least, it was a blatant provocation in Li An's eyes. He felt greatly humiliated by this.

The first time, that new disciple had killed his best friend's son in front of him.

The second time, that new disciple had killed his soon-to-be direct disciple.

Now, for the third time, that new disciple killed his grand disciple!

How could he possibly tolerate this?! Especially when he found out his grand disciple had fought with Duan Ling Tian to avenge him.

Li An was extremely furious now!

"Duan Ling Tian, how dare you kill Yuan Hong and his brother! I really would like to see how you're going to save your lowly life this time around!" When Li An made his way to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, his expression was grave, and his eyes shone coldly as well.

In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was going to die this time!

Put aside the fact that Yuan Hong might not even intend to kill him, even if he did, Duan Ling Tian's action could be considered as self-defense. However, what about Yuan Hong's younger brother? Based on the news he heard, Yuan Hong's brother did not make a move on Duan Ling Tian at all.

Duan Ling Tian's action of killing Yuan Kuang was akin to killing an innocent fellow sect disciple!

According to the Fire Worship Sect's rules, Duan Ling Tian would need to pay with his life for killing Yuan Kuang!

Soon after, Li An caught up to Guo Xiong. His eyes flashed as he asked, "Elder Guo Xiong, I don't think you'll find Duan Ling Tian not guilty like before, right?"

“Hurmph!” When Guo Xiong who had rushed over when he heard about the matter of Duan Ling Tian killing two Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples heard Li An’s words, his expression turned grim immediately. He said coldly, “Elder Li An, are you doubting the fairness of my previous verdict? If you feel my verdict is unfair, why haven’t you lodged a complaint to Lord Sanctum Leader?” When he reached the end of his sentence, his voice turned colder, causing the temperature in the surroundings to drop a few degrees.

“I just wanted to remind you that some people might not have a good reason to kill every single time, Elder Guo Xiong... Today, even if Duan Ling Tian, killed Yuan Hong out of self-defense, he should still be found guilty and be sentenced to death for killing Yuan Kuang!” Li An replied calmly. When he reached the end of his sentence, his tone turned slightly colder as well.

“Elder Li An, as the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder, I know my job very well. There’s no need for you to teach me how to do my job!” Guo Xiong responded in a deep voice. When he spoke, he did not show any respect to Li An at all.

“Hurmph!” Li An’s expression turned grim as a killing intent flashed in the depths of his eyes when he saw how disrespectful Guo Xiong was.

Subsequently, with just a flash, Li An overtook Guo Xiong as he increased his speed and made his way to the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples.

At the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples, more and more Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples came out of their residences. It was obvious they were all here to watch the show.

So many people came to watch to the point that the sky above the residence of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples was packed with people. There were at least a few thousands of people there.

These people followed the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi as they surrounded a Secundus house and pointed at it.

Up until now, the door remained shut.

“That Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple, Duan Ling Tian, is actually so bold? He has killed someone, and yet, he still dares to act so arrogantly in front of our Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi? He even dares to enter Yuan Hong’s house to rest in front of Elder Wu Yi?”

“Duan Ling Tian is really too audacious! Does he really think that the rules of the Fire Worship Sect are flexible?”

“No matter what he does, he’s going to die anyway! Who knows, all these daring actions of his is just a last attempt for him to act as he wants.”

“You have a point! I think he’s only acting like that because he knows there’s no way out for him. There’s nothing left for him to be afraid of!”

The group of Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples whispered among themselves. They were all certain Duan Ling Tian was going to be sentenced to death.

“Hurmph! If it wasn’t for the Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums’ rules that state that Enforcement Elders from each sect doesn’t have jurisdiction over disciples from other Sanctums, how could Duan Ling Tian possibly survive up until now?”

“Can’t you see how dark Elder Wu’s expression is right now? It’s obvious he’s infuriated by Duan Ling Tian!”

“The Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder should be arriving soon. When he arrives, Duan Ling Tian will probably have to pay with his life for killing the Yuan Brothers!”

“I would really like to see if Duan Ling Tian would still be as arrogant as he is now when the time comes?!”

The Vermillion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi’s expression turned even grimmer as the disciples in the surroundings carried on with their discussion. Despite how fat his face was, one could very clearly see the grim expression on his face. One could clearly tell he was extremely furious.

Ever since Wu Yi became the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder, this was his first time encountering such an arrogant Fire Worship Sect’s disciple.

After he had killed his fellow disciples, he had acted as though nothing had happened and even ignored him, a Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s elder!

‘After this is over, I’ll look for Lord Sanctum Leader and ask if he can look for the Lord Hall Master of the Saint Land’s Enforcement Hall to revise some of the rules in the Fire Worship Sect... To think that a disciple from another Sanctum came to kill in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, and I, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder, can’t even do anything to seek justice for the dead. How frustrating!’ Wu Yi thought to himself.

Naturally, this was not his first time encountering disciples from other Sanctum who came here looking for trouble. However, they were as afraid as mice when they saw him even though he had no jurisdiction over them. To be honest, he enjoyed their fear of him.

However, today, the way Duan Ling Tian ignored him frustrated him greatly since he could not enjoy the fear that most disciples would feel when they see him.

An awe-inspiring Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder could only stare at this disciple from another Sanctum who killed his fellow disciples as he acted as he pleased, and there was nothing he could do at all.

He was extremely frustrated, dissatisfied, and angry!

This was the emotions that the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Wu Yi was feeling right now.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian...” Gu Li was, naturally, standing among the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples. A bitter smile appeared on his face as he looked at the Secundus house that used to belong to Yuan Hong.

Although Gu Li had faith in Duan Ling Tian, the current situation did not seem like it was in Duan Ling Tian's favor at all.

"Gu Li? He's the reason Duan Ling Tian killed the Yuan Brothers?"

"Now that you mentioned it, he's quite pitiful as well. He's often bullied by the Yuan Brothers. Now that the Yuan Brothers are dead, it can be considered as him being freed from the devil's grasp!"

"He might be free, but his junior brother is going to be sentenced to death today!"

"Duan Ling Tian's definitely going to be sentenced to death when the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder arrives!"

Gu Li was also the topic of discussion among many Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples.

Upon hearing their words, Gu Li became even more worried about Duan Ling Tian's safety.

It might be noisy outside, but the Secundus house that used to belong to Yuan Hong was currently vacant. Naturally, it was not really vacant. The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda that was only as large as a speck of dust rested in an inconspicuous corner in the house. A person was sitting cross-legged in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"How fast! With my current cultivation speed, it'll only take me five months at most for me to make a breakthrough even if I cultivate in the Secundus house! Five months inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda is only equivalent to 2 weeks outside! In other words, I'll be able to successfully break through to the Mastery Divine Saint Stage even if I cultivate outside!" Duan Ling Tian suddenly opened his eyes. There was a pleasantly surprised expression on his face.

The reason he had entered to Secundus house was to check on his current cultivation speed. After all, his Innate Spiritual Root was no longer green but blue!

'Although my blue Innate Spiritual Root is only light blue at this moment, with the help of the time flow on the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, my cultivation speed is almost on par with someone who possesses a light indigo Innate Spiritual Root. Not only that, but if I cultivate in the Secundus house, coupled with the benefits from the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, my cultivation environment is similar to that of a Primus house. If I can obtain a Primus house, my cultivation speed is going to be even faster!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he became extremely excited.

'It should be about time now, right? Elder Guo Xiong should be arriving soon,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and put it away. Then, he sat cross-legged on the wooden bed in the Secundus house and shut his eyes to attain mental composure.

Meanwhile, a figure flying rapidly soared outside the sky of the Secundus house. In just a blink of an eye, the figure appeared next to the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Wu Yi.

"Elder Wu Yi!" The person greeted Wu Yi.

"Elder Li An!" Wu Yi greeted in response. However, he did not fawn over him.

He was the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder after all, and his strength was in no way inferior to the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong. Although he was not as powerful as Li An, he was not much weaker than him as well.

For this reason, he had acted very casually in front of Li An.

"It's Elder Li An!"

"The Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An?"

Li An's appearance instant garnered the attention of many Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples.

Li An took a look around his surroundings, but he did not see Duan Ling Tian. He instantly asked Wu Yi with a frown, "Where's Duan Ling Tian?"

Chapter 1949: Guo Xiong Has Arrived

Upon hearing Li An's question, if it was not for the fact that he knew about the huge enmity between Li An and Duan Ling Tian, Wu Yi would have shouted, "Are all disciples from the Black Turtle Sanctum so arrogant?!"

To think that he actually dared to ignore the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder. How audacious of him!

"He's inside the Secundus house that used to belong to Yuan Hong. He told me to inform him when the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong has arrived." Wu Yi's eyes shone with killing intent when he reached the end of his sentence. His fat face had a dark expression, it was obvious he was extremely furious!

"WHAT?!" Upon hearing Wu Yi's words, Li An's expression turned grave immediately. Li An shouted immediately, "Who does he think he is? How could someone who has violated the sect's rules dare to act so wantonly?!"

The moment his words left his mouth, before Wu Yi and the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples present realized what was going on, Li An had made his move as fast as a bolt of lightning.

Bang!

He pushed his hand out and a vast energy in the shape of a palm appeared and soared through the air before it crashed on the Secundus house with a thunderous noise.

Rumble!

As the thunderous noise sounded, the Secundus house collapsed into a pile of rubble, causing dust to fly up into the air.

It sent shivers running up the spines of people watching from afar.

"How ruthless!" Upon seeing this, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples shuddered in their hearts. They did not expect the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An would be so ruthless, destroying

one of the Secundus houses in their Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples' residence as soon as he made his move.

"Elder Li An!" Wu Yi's expression turned ugly as he looked at Li An angrily.

Whether it was the fact that Li An had destroyed the Secundus house in their Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples' residence or the fact that he had taken matters into his own hands, it had made Wu Yi extremely displeased.

He was already dissatisfied with the way Duan Ling Tian acted, but it did not cross his mind that Li An would take matters into his own hands as well.

Even as the Enforcement Elder of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, Wu Yi was just like other people. He would also be infuriated by various things. However, he would always try to maintain his composure.

In the Fire Worship Sect, everything had to be done according to the rules!

This was Wu Yi's principle!

"Don't worry. I didn't kill him!" Li An said nonchalantly.

Although he could not wait to tear Duan Ling Tian into a thousand pieces, he had held back his impulse and did not take matters into his own hands and kill Duan Ling Tian in front of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder.

He had only made a move because he did not want Duan Ling Tian to feel comfortable. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian had only dared to act so arrogantly because he knew he would die. He probably wanted to enjoy his last moments doing as he pleased.

The more Duan Ling Tian wanted to enjoy something, the more he would refuse to let him do so!

Duan Ling Tian wanted to rest in the house? He would just destroy the house and see how he was going to rest.

The people saw some movements in the place where the Secundus house had collapsed into a pile of rubble before a furious voice rang in the air.

"Li An!"

Boom!

Then, another loud explosion sounded again as the pile of rubble exploded. A figure soared up into the air. It was none other than Duan Ling Tian. His expression was extremely grave.

Since Duan Ling Tian had come out from the ruins of the house, he was completely covered in dust.

"Duan Ling Tian, how dare you address me by my name as soon as you see me? Do you know you've violated the rule of disrespecting your elders?" Li An asked coldly with a hint of pleasure in his eyes when he saw Duan Ling Tian's wretched appearance.

“Hurmph!” Duan Ling Tian snorted when he heard his words. He retorted, “If I’m not mistaken, there’s also a rule in the Fire Worship Sect that states that elders in the sect are not allowed to bully the young ones using their power! You’ve stooped so low as to bully the young ones, but you still expect me to respect you? Are you insane or an idiot?”

He was comfortably resting in the house when it was destroyed by Li An. It was only natural he was furious.

When he heard Li An accusing him of disrespecting his elders, he could no longer hold back. He had abused his authority and power by bullying juniors, but he still had the audacity to say Duan Ling Tian had disrespected him?

How funny!

Now that Duan Ling Tian had spat out all these words, he felt much more at ease.

It was Li An’s turn to feel furious.

Idiot?!

The moment Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, the entire scene fell silent. Then, the disciples of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum shifted their attention to him. Their gazes were a mix of shock, disbelief, and admiration.

When Duan Ling Tian had called Li An an idiot in a cool manner, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene had different feelings. Some felt he was just seeking death. Some felt Duan Ling Tian was acting recklessly. Since he knew he was going to die anyway, he might as well enjoy himself. There were also some people who admired Duan Ling Tian regardless of the reason why he dared to act so boldly.

“Duan Ling Tian... Y-you’re seeking death!” When Li An looked at Duan Ling Tian, a terrifying killing intent rose from his body as his eyes shone coldly. Currently, he felt as though his heart was going to explode out of anger!

Ever since he became an elder in the Fire Worship Sect, was there anyone who dared to call him an idiot to his face?

Duan Ling Tian was just an ordinary Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple and a commoner who only had a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. How dare he called him an idiot. His expression seemed as though he had eaten a fly.

“What? Are you throwing a tantrum out of humiliation, Elder Li An?” Duan Ling Tian was pleased when he saw how furious Li An was. He said indifferently, “I don’t think I’ve said anything wrong. Why don’t we ask Elder Wu Yi for his opinion? As the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder, I’m sure he knows the Fire Worship Sect’s rules better than us. Should we let him decide who provoked who first, and who is in the wrong?”

When Duan Ling Tian finished talking, Li An was so furious he was rendered speechless. After all, he was the one who made the first move.

“I’m the type of person who returns a favor by tenfold!” Duan Ling Tian said when he saw Li An keeping quiet, “I, Duan Ling Tian, have a clear conscience and wouldn’t do anything shameless. Since I’m in the Fire Worship Sect, it’s only natural for me to obediently follow the rules of the sect.”

The first half of Duan Ling Tian’s sentence garnered him many secret thumbs-up from the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples. However, when they heard the latter part of his sentence, their expressions changed into a weird one instead.

Did Duan Ling Tian just say he obediently followed the rules of the Fire Worship Sect?

What a joke!

When he killed Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang was he following the rules of the Fire Worship Sect?

For this reason, many of them snorted when they heard the latter part of his sentence.

“Duan Ling Tian is really too shameless! To think he’s able to say such words out loud!”

“Indeed! If he obeys the Fire Worship Sect’s rule, he wouldn’t have killed Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang in the first place. If it’s just Yuan Hong, we could say he did it out of self-defense. However, what about Yuan Kuang? From the beginning until the end, Yuan Kuang did not make a move at all, but he still killed him!”

“It’s okay for other people to say these words, but for Duan Ling Tian to say this, it sounds like the biggest joke in the world!”

“Look at him. It seems like he’s venting everything now. He must know he doesn’t have much time left now!”

“Since the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Elder Li An has arrived, I’m sure the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong is not far behind!”

Most of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s disciples glanced at Duan Ling Tian before shaking their heads. They all thought Duan Ling Tian knew he would not be able to live long, and that was why he was acting like that.

“Hurmph! I can’t be bothered to talk to you. No matter what, you’re going to die anyway!” Li An kept quiet after he said this. It was as though he knew he would not be able to win against Duan Ling Tian verbally so he only snorted. He stood quietly at the side with his eyes closed to attain mental composure as he waited for the arrival of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong.

Duan Ling Tian no longer continued talking and looked away from Li An when he saw that Li An had finally kept quiet.

The scene soon fell silent as well as everyone waited for the arrival of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong.

After a span of a few breaths...

Whoosh!

A faint sound reverberated in the air, causing everyone to look at the source of the noise.

An old figure was flying toward them at an extremely fast speed. Soon after, the figure descended beside the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Wu Yi and showed himself. The person wore the uniform of a Black Turtle Sanctum's Silver Flame Elder.

"Is he the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong?" The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples shifted their gaze to the newcomer.

"Elder Guo Xiong." Duan Ling Tian looked at him with narrowed eyes. It seemed as though he was not afraid even though Guo Xiong had shown up.

In the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums, as a Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple, Guo Xiong the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder had his life in his hands.

"Elder Guo Xiong." When Wu Yi saw Guo Xiong had arrived, his eyes brightened immediately as though he had just seen his savior.

"Elder Guo Xiong, you came just in time. You can come to a decision and sentence Duan Ling Tian to death for killing the Yuan Brothers!" Li An said to Guo Xiong quickly in a commanding tone.

Li An was too eager to see Duan Ling Tian die, he was not aware that he had intervened with someone else's duty.

Upon hearing Li An's words, everyone, even Li An who finally realized his mistake, could not help but frown.

Guo Xiong's expression turned grave immediately. Then, he said to Li An without being polite, "Elder Li An, it's not up to you to tell me how to do my work!"

Chapter 1950: The Truth Will Prove Everything

Although this was not the first time Li An was treated discourteously by Guo Xiong, he was still furious after being humiliated by him in front of so many people. Naturally, he did not show his rage outwardly since it was not convenient nor wise for him to do so now.

What if Guo Xiong gave a verdict in favor of Duan Ling Tian just to spite him?

Although everyone with good judgment knew Duan Ling Tian was going to die according to the Fire Worship Sect's rules, there might be some unforeseen circumstances. Who knew if Guo Xiong was on Duan Ling Tian's side?

In order to witness Duan Ling Tian being sentenced to death, Li An chose to endure the humiliation for the time being. Based on this, one could see how much Li An wanted Duan Ling Tian to die.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Guo Xiong turned away from Li An to look at Duan Ling Tian. His eyes gleamed coldly as he asked, "I heard that you killed two Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples?"

Everyone turned to look at Duan Ling Tian as Guo Xiong questioned him.

Under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian replied truthfully, "Yes!"

"Why?" Guo Xiong asked again. His voice seemed to have turned colder compared to before.

"Yuan Hong wanted to kill me so it's out of self-defense that I killed him!" Duan Ling Tian answered, "As for Yuan Kuang, although he did not make a move on me, he had threatened me with my friend's life to affect the battle between Yuan Hong and I. In my opinion, he was Yuan Hong's accomplice and wanted me dead as well. I killed him out of self-defense as well!" Duan Ling Tian spoke articulately as though he had been practicing them beforehand.

The moment Duan Ling Tian's words left his mouth, the scene fell silent again.

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples looked at each other in bewilderment.

After a while, many of them began to whisper among themselves.

"Duan Ling Tian is just too shameless, right?"

"He's indeed shameless! It can be considered as self-defense when he killed Yuan Hong, but Yuan Kuang did not make a move at all. But he still dares to say that he killed Yuan Kuang out of self-defense as well. How ludicrous!"

"Does he really think that the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder is so easily fooled and believes everything he says?"

"In my opinion, not only does he think the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder is easily fooled, but he even disregards the existence of our Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder!"

The Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples were whispering in the beginning, but their voices gradually turned louder as they continued talking.

After the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong heard the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples' words, his expression turned grim immediately.

"Elder Guo Xiong, don't listen to the nonsense Duan Ling Tian spouts! I've already more or less gotten to the bottom of the matter. Yuan Hong indeed snuck an attack on him, but it's uncertain if he intended to kill Duan Ling Tian!" At the same time, the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Wu Yi looked at Guo Xiong and chimed in, "Now, let's just assume Yuan Hong wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian and was killed out of self-defense. However, according to my investigation, Yuan Kuang did not threaten his friend's life at all. This is not hard to ascertain. We can just ask his friend to swear on the lightning penalty oath, and the truth will come to light! I believe at that time we'll be able to determine if Yuan Kuang was using him to affect the battle between Duan Ling Tian and Yuan Hong." When Wu Yi reached the end of his sentence, he looked at the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples before his eyes landed on Gu Li.

Upon hearing Wu Yi's words, horror dawned on Gu Li when he sensed Wu Yi's gaze on him.

He was not afraid of death. If he could use his own death in exchange for his Junior Brother Ling Tian's life, he was more than willing to do so. However, even if he swore on the lightning penalty oath according to Wu Yi's request, not only would he die, but he would get his junior brother in trouble as well.

At that time, it would be confirmed that Duan Ling Tian did not kill Yuan Kuang out of self-defense.

According to the Fire Worship Sect's rule, the punishment for killing fellow disciples was death!

"Elder Wu Yi, there's no need for that!" Duan Ling Tian said in a timely manner as soon as everyone, including the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong, had shifted their attention to Gu Li.

He immediately stopped Wu Yi the moment he opened his mouth.

"Why? Do you admit to killing a fellow disciple for no good reason?" Wu Yi shifted his eyes from Gu Li to Duan Ling Tian and smirked coldly as soon as he heard him speak.

Standing by the side, Li An looked at Duan Ling Tian with cold eyes as a cruel smile appeared on his face. It was as though he could already see Duan Ling Tian being sentenced to death.

"Elder Wu Yi, I don't admit to these accusations." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

"Duan Ling Tian, if you're not going to admit to it, then let your friend swear on the lightning penalty oath as Elder Wu Yi has suggested. At that time, the truth will come to light!" Guo Xiong was furious as well at this moment.

"Elder Guo Xiong, please take it easy." Duan Ling Tian shook his head again before sending a Voice Transmission to Guo Xiong.

It caused Guo Xiong to widened his eyes in disbelief. A skeptical expression appeared on his face as well.

In the end, he turned to look at the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Wu Yi before he transmitted his voice to him.

An expression of shock and disbelief appeared on Wu Yi's face immediately. Similar to Guo Xiong, there was a hint of skepticism in his expression as well.

"Huh?" Just when everyone, including Li An, realized that something was not right with these two Enforcement Elders' expressions...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The air vibrated for a moment as a wave of scorching vast flame energy burst out of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Wu Yi, forming his Flame Territory.

The Flame Territory was like a gigantic beast that swallowed Wu Yi, Guo Xiong, and Duan Ling Tian.

Soon after, only a big flaming ball with a 100 meters diameter was all everyone could see.

The big flaming ball hovered in the air, hiding what was happening inside from everyone.

"What's Wu Yi doing?" Li An could not help but frown when he saw this.

Even if they wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian, they would have to announce the verdict and officially sentence him to death first, right?

Somehow, an ominous feeling rose in Li An's heart. Not only that, but it was getting stronger as time went by.

At this instant, Li An even thought of breaking into Wu Yi's Territory to see what he and Guo Xiong were doing. However, he decided to curb his impulse in the end.

Naturally, Li An was more than capable of doing that, but the consequences were not something he could bear.

If Wu Yi and Guo Xiong jointly lodged a complaint against him at the Saint Land's Enforcement Hall, he would not get away scot-free even if he was the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder.

As the Four Symbols Sanctums' Enforcement Elders, Wu Yi and Guo Xiong were directly under the jurisdiction of the Saint Land's Enforcement Hall

"What's Elder Wu Yi and Elder Guo Xiong trying to do?"

"Are they killing Duan Ling Tian now?"

"Even if they're going to kill Duan Ling Tian, shouldn't they officially sentence him to death first?"

"Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian's arrogance has enraged the two Enforcement Elders. That's probably why they did not bother with officially announcing the verdict."

"It's possible!"

As the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples discussed among themselves, most of them felt that Wu Yi cast his Flame Territory and blocked their sight was to kill Duan Ling Tian!

Even Gu Li felt that way as well.

At this moment, colors drained from Gu Li's face. He clenched his hands as his body began to tremble unconsciously.

At this moment, he hated himself to the core! He hated himself for being weak and not being able to help!

The appearance of the Flame Territory seemed to have separated them into two worlds.

Outside of the Flame Territory, most people felt that Duan Ling Tian was going to be killed.

However, inside the Flame Territory, Duan Ling Tian was getting along very well with the two great Enforcement Elders...

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Guo Xiong and Wu Yi each took out a transparent pearl. It was the Spiritual Pearl used to test one's Innate Spiritual Root. This was the reason Wu Yi had consolidated his Territory to block everyone's view.

As Wu Yi passed the Spiritual Pearl to Duan Ling Tian, his eyes shone coldly as he threatened, “Duan Ling Tian, if you dare to deceive Elder Guo Xiong and me, I’ll let you know how it feels like to be better off dead than alive before you die!”

Although Guo Xiong remained silent, the sharp gaze he used to look at Duan Ling Tian made his thoughts obvious.

“The truth will prove me right.” After taking the Spiritual Pearls from the two Enforcement Elders in each of his hands, he waited quietly.

Usually, it would take a span of ten breaths before the Spiritual Pearls would show any signs of a reaction.

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian had dropped news that was equivalent to a nuclear bomb to Guo Xiong. He had told him he possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Talent.

As the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Enforcement Elder, Guo Xiong did not have any interactions with Duan Ling Tian before prior to Gu Long’s death ten days ago.

Through that incident, he had learned a little about Duan Ling Tian and how he possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root.

At that time, Guo Xiong was baffled. Where did this Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple who only possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root find the courage to oppose the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An.

Today, Duan Ling Tian suddenly transmitted his voice to him and told him that he possessed the blue Innate Spiritual Root instead of a yellow Innate Spiritual Root.

In the Fire Worship Sect, martial geniuses with blue Innate Spiritual Roots were always treasured to the point where they were given privileges that ordinary disciples did not have. This included the killing of fellow disciples.

Ten days ago, why was Gu Long so bold as to attempt to kill Duan Ling Tian? It was because he was a martial genius with a blue Innate Spiritual Root. The Fire Worship Sect who thirsted for geniuses would not sentence him to death because of this!