

Chapter 2021: The Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, The Spiritual Eye Form!

The Quintessential Saint Stage!

Upon hearing Elder Huo's words, Duan Ling Tian could not help but narrow his eyes immediately!

Currently, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base had only broken through to the Early Exemplary Saint Stage. If he wanted to break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage, he would need some time as well even if he had a high innate talent and the help of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Moreover, he was certain to encounter many obstacles if he wanted to make a major breakthrough in his cultivation base.

"Elder Huo, you're certain about this?" Duan Ling Tian asked skeptically as he took a deep breath.

"Yes." Elder Huo's answer left no room for doubt. "Not only is the Saint Origin of a person at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage much stronger than someone at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, but most importantly, I noticed that the so-called powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage have different eyes compared to people at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. It's as though they'd undergone a transformation!"

After Duan Ling Tian came to the Fire Worship Sect, he had encountered many powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher as well. Naturally, these people were elders in the sect. During this time, Elder Huo had discovered something different about the Fire Worship Sect's elders. It seemed as though their eyes had undergone a great transformation once they had broken through to the Third Form from the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

"A powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage will have a transformation in their eyes?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard this. Then, he could not help but guess. "It's said that every form up until the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, has a huge gap in strength. Apart from the boost in Saint Origin, there are other aspects as well that would be boosted. Don't tell me the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage boosts the eyes?" Duan Ling Tian was certain of his speculation.

"I'll ask Senior Brother Liu Yun when he comes back." However, even if he was certain of his speculation, it was still just a speculation. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian did not think about it too much and decided to just ask Liu Yun about it when he came back.

Time continued to pass by quietly.

After about an hour had gone by, Liu Yun's figure appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up instantly as he rose up to welcome Liu Yun.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, what's the situation like?" Duan Ling Tian asked without beating around the bush as he looked at Liu Yun.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was not a match for Wen Yan's senior brother because he did not dare to wield the Jasper Celestial Sword in front of him.

If the other party was in the sect and was not in closed-door cultivation, he would definitely come knocking on Duan Ling Tian's door soon. At that time, it would be fine if Duan Ling Tian stayed in his residence. However, if he left his residence, he would definitely be tortured by Wen Yan's senior brother. Based on how much Wen Yan hated him, her senior brother definitely would not show him any mercy. At that time, he would definitely be severely injured! If he was severely injured, it would take time for him to recuperate. It would be impossible for him to serve in the Saint Land Enforcement Hall for the time being. If that happened, he would not be able to see Ke'er and their daughter.

That was not something Duan Ling Tian could accept. At this moment, he wished he could just fly into the Enforcement Hall! He could not accept not seeing Ke'er and their daughter as soon as he could.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you're in luck! Bu Hong seemed to have left for somewhere far recently. He won't be returning to the sect for the time being," Liu Yun replied.

Bu Hong was Wen Yan's senior brother, the true disciple who was ranked second on the True Ranking. He was a powerhouse whose cultivation base was at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

"He has left for somewhere far away?" Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, delighted when he heard this. At the same time, he sighed in relief inwardly. If this was the case, it would not affect him accepting the assignment in the Fire Remuneration Palace and serving in the Saint Land Enforcement Hall.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, although Bu Hong has left for someplace far away and won't be returning for the time being, it's still better for you to stay in your residence and seize this chance to raise your cultivation base," Liu Yun said solemnly, "Although you only possess a yellow Innate Spiritual Root, you still have a chance of breaking through to the Quintessential Saint Stage if you're diligent enough! Once you break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage, it won't be impossible for you to defeat Bu Hong with the various tricks you have up your sleeve!" Based on his words, he was confident in Duan Ling Tian's ability even though he thought Duan Ling Tian only possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. This was because of the strength he had seen Duan Ling Tian demonstrated so far. He respected Duan Ling Tian and thought he was strong. After all, Duan Ling Tian had defeated Wen Yan who was ranked ninth on the True Ranking in just a move.

When Liu Yun first heard this news, he was only afraid Duan Ling Tian would offend Bu Hong. He was not surprised at all that Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat Wen Yan.

Previously, when they were in the Palace of Death, Duan Ling Tian's last sword technique could be considered as top-rated among powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Wen Yan who was only mediocre among those powerhouses would not be a match for Duan Ling Tian. Due to this reason, he was certain Duan Ling Tian would be ranked in the top five of the True Ranking.

'Yellow Innate Spiritual Root?' Duan Ling Tian shook his head inwardly when he heard Liu Yun's words. To him, the yellow Innate Spiritual Root was ancient history. Currently, his Innate Spiritual Root had transformed into a blue Innate Spiritual Root. With the help of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, his cultivation speed was almost on par with those geniuses who possessed indigo Innate Spiritual Roots.

Naturally, Liu Yun was unaware of this. In Liu Yun's eyes, Duan Ling Tian possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root just like the rumor said.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun!” Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have recalled something as he asked, “The First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is known as the Saint Origin Form. Do you know what the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is called?”

“The Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is also known as the Spiritual Eye Form!” Liu Yun replied even though he had no idea why Duan Ling Tian would ask such a question.

“The Spiritual Eye Form?” Upon hearing Liu Yun’s words, Duan Ling Tian could not help but narrow his eyes. He realized he was right in his speculation.

The Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was indeed related to one’s eyes. No wonder Elder Huo said the eyes of powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage had undergone a transformation.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun, the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is known as the Saint Origin Form because when one breaks through to the Saint Celestial Stage, the Saint Energy in one’s body would transform into Saint Origin. However, why is the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage known as the Spiritual Eye Form?” Duan Ling Tian continued to ask.

Although Liu Yun did not know why Duan Ling Tian kept asking about this, he still answered him, “The Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is known as the Spiritual Eye Form because powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage need to temper their eyes into Spiritual Eyes before they can successfully break through to the Third Form! For this reason, those who are at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or above have extraordinary eyes. Once one forms Spiritual Eyes, one’s eyesight would improve by several times!”

Liu Yun seemed to have remembered something as he said, “I’m not exaggerating, but if I have Spiritual Eyes, I would’ve been able to see the last sword technique you used to kill Yang Wen previously!”

The memory of the sword technique that Duan Ling Tian used to kill Yang Wen that day was deeply etched in Liu Yun’s mind.

“I see!” Liu Yun’s words confirmed the truth of Elder Huo’s words.

Powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage possessed a pair of extraordinary Spiritual Eyes that granted them amazing eyesight!

Perhaps, he really needed to break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage before he could prevent the powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage from noticing the Jasper Celestial Sword.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, is there a reason you’re asking about this?” Liu Yun asked curiously.

“I’m just curious,” Duan Ling Tian responded with a smile. His eyes flashed for an instant that it escaped Liu Yun’s notice.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian,” Liu Yun asked, “I heard you’ve already gone to the Fire Remuneration Palace to inquire about the matter of serving in the Enforcement Hall. Do you still plan to serve in the Enforcement Hall?”

“Of course.” Duan Ling Tian nodded with determination. It was only natural he wanted to go to the Enforcement Hall since his wife and daughter were imprisoned there.

If he wanted to save them, he would also need to understand the situation in the Enforcement Hall so he could plan accordingly.

As Duan Ling Tian nodded his head, Liu Yun suddenly asked, “Junior Brother Ling Tian, you know the Saint Girl, right?”

This question caught Duan Ling Tian unprepared and caused him to widen his eyes. He did not expect Liu Yun to ask him such a question.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes, they returned to normal again. Then, he asked nonchalantly, “Senior Brother Liu Yun, what makes you ask such a question?”

“It’s nothing. I just feel everything is too coincidental.” Although Duan Ling Tian had widened his eyes for just a moment, Liu Yun had noticed it. It caused him to feel even more certain of his speculation that Duan Ling Tian knew the Saint Girl of their Fire Worship Sect!

“Coincidental? How so?” Duan Ling Tian pretended to be calm.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, do you really have to ask?” Liu Yun asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian knowingly.

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“Please tell me, Senior Brother Liu Yun.” Duan Ling Tian’s heart jolted when he saw Liu Yun’s knowing look. However, he continued to play dumb.

“I remember you asking about the Fire Worship Sect’s Saint Girl numerous times! In the end, you even said that you want to go to the Enforcement Hall!” Liu Yun’s eyes glinted with intelligence as he said at a neither hurried nor slow pace, “Then, you even humiliated Wen Yan for seemingly no reason! I remember I once mentioned to you that the reason the Saint Girl, her daughter, and Senior Sister Ru Yan are imprisoned by the Enforcement Hall is due to Wen Yan reporting them! Currently, faced with the threat of Bu Hong, you don’t even plan to go into closed-door cultivation. Instead, you’re determined to go to the Enforcement Hall. Based on all these, it’s obvious to me there’s something, or should I say someone, you care about in the Enforcement Hall!” Liu Yun pieced the puzzle together.

Duan Ling Tian’s heartbeat quickened when he heard Liu Yun’s words. He did not expect Liu Yun to be so observant. He had guessed about 70% of everything.

“How do you know I’m not standing up for Senior Sister Ru Yan?” Duan Ling Tian asked nonchalantly as he suppressed the confusion in his heart.

As the most outstanding female disciple among the younger generation in the Fire Worship Sect, Gan Ru Yan was the dream lover of every male disciple of the younger generation. It was only normal that someone wanted to stand up for her.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, if you’re only standing up for Senior Sister Ru Yan, you wouldn’t have mentioned the Saint Girl of our Fire Worship Sect after asking about the Enforcement Hall,” Liu Yun continued to say, “Not only that, but I also remember when I mentioned Senior Sister Ru Yan and said

she's a powerhouse ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking, you were very shocked at that time! If you're really standing up for Senior Sister Ru Yan, you would at least know that about her. How could you possibly not know she's a powerhouse ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking? For this reason, I'm certain you know the Saint Girl. Moreover, you have quite a close relationship with her. Did I guess correctly, Junior Brother Ling Tian?" Liu Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian knowingly when he finished speaking. It was as though he had seen through everything.

Duan Ling Tian remained silent when he heard Liu Yun's question. However, a terrifying killing intent could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Liu Yun.

Liu Yun who was observant, naturally, noticed the killing intent instantly. He was so shocked that colors drained from his face.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you don't have to feel worried. I won't reveal this matter. I won't even mention this to Brother Mu!" Liu Yun hurriedly said to make his stance clear.

As soon as Liu Yun finished speaking, he did not wait for Duan Ling Tian's reply as he pricked his finger and swore on the lightning penalty oath that he would not reveal anything he had just said or betray Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he would be killed by the lightning penalty.

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

After Liu Yun swore on the lightning penalty oath, nine claps of thunder sounded from the sky.

The killing intent in Duan Ling Tian's eyes disappeared instantly when he saw how willing Liu Yun was to swear on the lightning penalty oath. Apart from that, a guilty and awkward expression appeared on his face instead.

However, it seemed as though Liu Yun did not take offense at the killing intent Duan Ling Tian had emitted earlier. Moreover, he even took the initiative to speak first.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, I've already sworn on the lightning penalty oath. Can you tell me what relationship you have with the Saint Girl of our Fire Worship Sect?"

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, I'm sorry for the way I reacted earlier. I've judged you way too quickly." As soon as Duan Ling Tian apologized, he immediately answered Liu Yun's question."She is my wife."

Wife!

Although Liu Yun had suspected Duan Ling Tian had a close relationship with the Saint Girl of the Fire Worship Sect, it did not cross his mind they were that close. The Saint Girl of their Fire Worship Sect was Junior Brother Ling Tian's wife? Then, the Saint Girl's daughter was also Junior Brother Ling Tian's daughter? When Liu Yun thought about this, he had a baffled expression on his face.

"Y-You're the Saint Girl's husband?"

It did not even cross Liu Yun's mind that Duan Ling Tian was the husband of the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Girl, someone whom the Fire Worship Sect's high-ranking officials itched to find and kill

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, let me calm down for a bit...” After hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Liu Yun could not calm down for a long time as various expressions flitted across his face. It was hard to tell what was running through his mind.

After a while, Liu Yun finally regained his composure.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, does this mean you came to the Fire Worship Sect for the Saint Girl?” Liu Yun asked after he took a deep breath and looked at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze.

“Yes.” Since Liu Yun had already sworn on the lightning penalty oath, Duan Ling Tian had no plans to lie to him. He nodded in response to his question. “My objective of coming here is to rescue my wife. Naturally, based on my current strength, it’s still not enough for me to save her.” His expression turned gloomy when he reached the end of his sentence. Soon after, a determined expression appeared on his face as he said, “Right now, I only hope that I can see my wife and my daughter whom I’ve never met before when I serve in the Enforcement Hall. I’ll save them eventually!”

“Junior Brother Ling Tian...” When Liu Yun heard his words, he could not help but sigh. “It’s not my intention to burst your bubble, but your innate talent... I’m afraid it won’t be enough for you to save the Saint Girl and her daughter! After all, you only possess a yellow Innate Spiritual Root.” For Liu Yun to be able to say such words meant he really regarded Duan Ling Tian as his friend. “Even if you possess an indigo Innate Spiritual Root and not a yellow one, you still might not grow strong in time to save the Saint Girl and her daughter before our Fire Worship Sect’s Sect Leader comes out of his closed-door cultivation.” Liu Yun smiled wryly. “In fact, the Enforcement Hall’s Hall Master is someone whose strength is not inferior to the two Vice Sect Leaders! Let alone the Enforcement Hall’s Hall Master, even the Vice Hall Masters are as strong as a Golden Flame Elder. If you want to save them from the Enforcement Hall, you’ll have to be at least strong enough to defeat the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall. Even if you have an indigo Innate Spiritual Root, the Sect Leader would’ve come out from his closed-door cultivation by the time you possess that strength. He would’ve given his verdict in regards to the Saint Girl at that time!” Liu Yun kept sighing as he spoke. He did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to save the Saint Girl who was locked in the Enforcement Hall.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun, I understand all the things you said,” Duan Ling Tian sighed before he looked at Liu Yun solemnly and asked, “If it’s your close friends or relatives are being imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall, and you also know it’s almost impossible for you to save them, would you just watch them being sentenced to death without even trying?”

“Of course not!” Liu Yun immediately shook his head. At the same time, he placed himself in Duan Ling Tian’s shoes and understood Duan Ling Tian’s feelings. If he was Duan Ling Tian, he would not have acted differently.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian!” Suddenly, as though Liu Yun was reminded of something, he took out a jade pendant.

The front of the jade pendant was carved with a willow tree that appeared exquisitely fine. Two words were carved at the corner of the willow tree.

One was ‘Liu’ (or willow) while the other was ‘lineal’.

(The Chinese character 'Liu' means willow)

"This is the personal jade pendant that only the lineal disciples in our Liu Clan possess. My name is carved behind the jade pendant." Liu Yun turned the jade pendant around, revealing a 'Yun' character.

However, Duan Ling Tian had no idea why Liu Yun would take this jade pendant out at this moment.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, you're..."

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, I know you want to go to the Enforcement Hall to see the Saint Girl. However, as far as I know, the true disciples on duty in the Enforcement Hall don't have any contact with people who are imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall!" Liu Yun said without beating around the bush.

His words caused horror to dawn on Duan Ling Tian immediately!

If this was true, he would not be able to see Ke'er.

Meanwhile, Liu Yun continued to say, "It's a coincidence that a senior lineal disciple from our Liu Clan is serving in the Enforcement Hall. Moreover, he's a Silver Flame Elder as well. When you go to the Enforcement Hall, you can take my jade pendant to look for him and ask him to arrange a meeting for you with Senior Sister Ru Yan."

"Gan Ru Yan?" Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian was baffled. He did not want to see Gan Ru Yan. He wanted to see his wife and daughter!

When Liu Yun saw the baffled expression on Duan Ling Tian's face, he said, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, if you directly say you want to meet the Saint Girl, I'm afraid even that senior lineal disciple from our Liu Clan wouldn't be able to help you even if he's willing. After all, he's only a Silver Flame Elder in the Enforcement Hall. He isn't a Vice Hall Master nor is he the Hall Master! The Saint Girl's identity is very special and sensitive in the Enforcement Hall. Let alone you, even if a Golden Flame Elder wants to see the Saint Girl, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall wouldn't agree to it as well!" Liu Yun continued to say, "However, the situation is different if you want to meet with Senior Sister Ru Yan. The senior lineal disciple from our Liu Clan will probably be able to arrange that for you." Liu Yun sighed when he finished speaking.

Various expressions flitted across Duan Ling Tian's face after he heard Liu Yun's words. He did not expect he would not be able to see Ke'er even if he had the help of Silver Flame Elder from the Enforcement Hall!

"Thank you, Senior Brother Liu Yun." In the end, Duan Ling Tian still took the jade pendant Liu Yun offered to him.