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Chapter 2023: Except For You, Duan Ling Tian!

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he looked at the jade pendant in his hands! In order to see Ke'er and his daughter whom he had never met before, even if the chances were slim, he still wanted to try!

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you have to be extremely careful. Please remember not to reveal the relationship between you and the Saint Girl when you go to the Enforcement Hall. Otherwise, the Hall Master and the few Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall will immediately kill you!" Liu Yun warned Duan Ling Tian earnestly with a grave expression on his face.

Liu Yun knew very well the Saint Girl was imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall was because she had lost her chastity!

One could imagine that if the Hall Master in the Enforcement Hall found out that Duan Ling Tian was the man who took the Saint Girl's chastity, he definitely would not be able to survive!

"Of course." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He understood Liu Yun's good intentions.

From the beginning until the end, Duan Ling Tian felt very grateful toward Liu Yun. Whether it was the way Liu Yun had taken the initiative to swear on the lightning penalty oath or how easily he had given him his personal jade pendant, he was very thankful for it.

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During the next few days, apart from comprehending his Divine Abilities, Duan Ling Tian also strengthened his cultivation base at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage.

When the day of the Enforcement Hall recruiting a new group of true disciples arrived, Duan Ling Tian who had strengthened his cultivation base immediately left his residence and flew to the Saint Island.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian flew at lightning speed.

Three true disciples whom he encountered during his way there immediately gave way to him when they saw him flying toward them without any intention of stopping.

"You asshole! Are you in a rush to reincarnate?!" One of the true disciples scolded angrily.

"H-He seems to be Duan Ling Tian!" The other true disciple looked at Duan Ling Tian's disappearing silhouette and widened his eyes. A baffled expression appeared on his face.

"It's Duan Ling Tian! I've seen his portrait before!" The last true disciple nodded. Although they only brushed past one another, he saw the other person's face clearly.

Ten days ago, Duan Ling Tian had tortured Wen Yan who was ranked ninth on the True Ranking and had risen to fame.

Some people had drawn a vivid portrait of him and made many copies before spreading them in the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land.

Currently, many Saint Land disciples who had not seen Duan Ling Tian in person could recognize him since they had seen the copies of the portrait. They even made sure to remember his face to avoid unintentionally offending him.

After Duan Ling Tian came to the Saint Land, he had killed the true disciple, Yang Wen. After that, he even domineeringly defeated the true disciple, Wen Yan! His strength was enough to make 99% of the true disciples fear him.

After hearing the words of his two companions, the true disciple who originally cursed at Duan Ling Tian had a horrified expression on his face.

"G-guys, do you think he heard me calling him an asshole earlier?" The true disciple asked anxiously after he took a deep breath and looked at his two companions.

"When you scolded him, he has already flown quite a distance away so I don't think he did," one of the true disciples replied.

"I, on the other hand, think he must have heard it. Although he had flown quite far away, with his strength, don't you think his hearing ability must be good as well?" The other true disciple said instead.

The words of this true disciple caused colors to drain from the face of the true disciple who scolded Duan Ling Tian earlier. He was in a panic as he muttered, "It's apparent he's in a rush. He won't come looking for me after he has dealt with the matter, right?" The instant he recalled Duan Ling Tian's strength, he was filled with fear.

"I don't think he'll come looking for you." The other two true disciples came to the same conclusion, causing the other true disciple to sigh in relief.

Indeed, Duan Ling Tian would not be bothered over such a small matter. Currently, his mind was completely focused on serving in the Enforcement Hall since this played a big role in whether he could meet Ke'er and his daughter.

After ten days, Duan Ling Tian came to the Central Square again.

The instant he appeared, many Saint Land disciples recognized him immediately.

"It's Duan Ling Tian! He came again!"

"I wonder who would be the unlucky person this time..."

"Unlucky person? Why do you say so?"

"You must not have heard about this. Duan Ling Tian came to the Central Square twice. The first time he came, he entered the Palace Of Death with the true disciple, Yang Wen, and killed him. The second time he was here, Wen Yan who's ranked ninth on the True Ranking was ruthlessly humiliated by him!"

"I see... It seems like he's quite strong. However, rumor has it that he only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root."

"He might only possess a yellow Innate Spiritual Root, but he has already defeated two true disciples. There seems to be no one like him in the history of the Fire Worship Sect!"

"You're right!"

"Senior Sister Wen Yan is said to possess a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Moreover, it's a dark blue Innate Spiritual Root. Once she grows stronger in the future, she'll most likely become a Golden Flame Elder or a person of such level! Such a genius disciple whose future is unlimited was tortured by a fellow who only possesses a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. How unbelievable!"

"It's indeed unbelievable! However, the truth is laid in front of our eyes. There's no way for us not to believe it!"

When Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Central Square, he heard the whispering the Saint Land disciples immediately.

He was not surprised when he heard that Wen Yan had a blue Innate Spiritual Root. She was ranked ninth on the True Ranking after all.

In the Fire Worship Sect, not only strong Saint Land elite disciples who had entered the Saint Celestial Stage could become true disciples, but there was an age restriction as well.

This was because true disciples represented the elite powerhouses among the younger generation in the Fire Worship Sect. A true disciple would stop becoming a true disciple once he or she had reached a certain age. At that time, the true disciple would either become a Bronze, Silver or Golden Flame Elder based on his or her strength.

In other words, the true disciples in the Fire Worship Sect were only outstanding disciples from the younger generation.

Since Wen Yan was a true disciple, it meant that she was not too old. Coupled with her outstanding cultivation base, one could tell her Innate Spiritual Root was not simple. Otherwise, how could she possibly have a cultivation base at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at this age?

'Yellow Innate Spiritual Root?' Duan Ling Tian did not mind the Saint Land disciples saying that he possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. At the same time, he realized the Saint Land Enforcement Hall did not spread the news of him possessing a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

Other people might not know he possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root, but the Saint Land Enforcement Hall definitely knew!

At that time, the Saint Land Enforcement Hall was lenient with him because of his blue Innate Spiritual Root.

"Rumor has it that Duan Ling Tian's so strong because of the four high-grade Divine Abilities he has mastered. However, with his innate talent in the Martial Dao and his yellow Innate Spiritual Root, it's

destined that he would have a hard time progressing in the future! As long as Wen Yan is given enough time, she'll be able to seek revenge from him!"

"Indeed. Duan Ling Tian's stronger than Senior Sister Wen Yan now because he has mastered many high-grade Divine Abilities. Once Senior Sister Wen Yan's cultivation base progresses, it'll be easy for her to seek revenge."

"I wonder what goes through Duan Ling Tian's mind. To think he dares to offend a true disciple with a bright future like Senior Sister Wen Yan!"

"Perhaps, he thought Senior Sister Wen Yan would agree to sign a Death Pact in the Palace Of Death. If he had killed her at that time, he wouldn't have to worry about her seeking revenge in the future. Who would have thought that Senior Sister Wen Yan was smart enough to reject his challenge!"

"Speaking about this, I was present at that time. Initially, when I saw how Senior Sister Wen Yan was afraid to accept the Death Duel challenge that Duan Ling Tian issued, I was a little confused and felt she was being cowardly. In hindsight, Senior Sister Wen Yan is not a coward. She just has incredible foresight. She knew she would win in the end!"

On the way to the Fire Remuneration Palace, Duan Ling Tian heard the discussion of the Saint Land disciples.

Wen Yan had incredible foresight? She was going to win in the end?

Duan Ling Tian almost burst out laughing when he heard some of the Saint Land disciples' words.

At that time, as one of the parties involved, he, naturally, knew the reason why Wen Yan did not accept the Death Duel challenge. She was just afraid and did not dare to take the risk.

It was completely unrelated to her having amazing foresight or winning in the end.

Under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian walked into the Fire Remuneration Palace. As the group of Saint Land disciples made way for him, he made his way to the front of one of the counters in the Fire Remuneration Palace.

"Duan Ling Tian plans to accept the assignment to serve in the Enforcement Hall?" At the same time, many Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace could also guess what Duan Ling Tian was going to do.

These Saint Land disciples were either present ten days ago or had heard other people mentioned how Duan Ling Tian had planned to serve in the Enforcement Hall.

"Elder, I'm here to accept the assignment from the Enforcement Hall. I want to serve in the Enforcement Hall," Duan Ling Tian said bluntly to the Fire Remuneration Palace's elder behind the counter.

"Duan Ling Tian." The Fire Remuneration Palace's elder behind the counter recognized Duan Ling Tian. He shook his head and said, "Today, the Enforcement Hall's elder who came to our Fire Remuneration Palace to put up the assignment has said that any true disciple can accept the assignment except for you, Duan Ling Tian!"

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Anyone could accept the assignment except for Duan Ling Tian!

In the Fire Remuneration Palace, the instant the Fire Remuneration Palace's elder behind the counter finished speaking, the entire place fell silent.

The Saint Land disciples present on the scene looked at the Fire Remuneration Palace's elder and then at Duan Ling Tian again. They all looked at each other in confusion and disbelief.

What was going on?

The Enforcement Hall's elder had directly said he did not want Duan Ling Tian to serve in the Enforcement Hall? Was this not an abuse of his power and authority and an act of bullying?

"This seems a little too much, right?" Many Saint Land disciples complained about the injustice done to Duan Ling Tian when they regained their senses.

"There must be a reason behind this! Don't you all think it's strange? Why didn't the Enforcement Hall's elder pick on someone else but only Duan Ling Tian?" A Saint Land disciple said.

"It's indeed strange. It seems like Duan Ling Tian might have offended that Enforcement Hall's elder. Otherwise, the elder wouldn't have acted this way!" A Saint Land disciple speculated.

"Duan Ling Tian is really good at seeking trouble. Now, he has even offended an elder in the Enforcement Hall. I'm afraid he won't have a chance to serve in the Enforcement Hall any more!" Many Saint Land disciples shook their heads as they discussed among themselves.

"However, to a certain extent, that Enforcement Hall's elder has abused his power by doing this, right? If he doesn't have a valid reason to ban Duan Ling Tian from serving in the Enforcement Hall, Duan Ling Tian can file a complaint against him in the Enforcement Hall!"

"If I were Duan Ling Tian, I'd definitely go and report him! I won't let him go so easily!"

"I, on the other hand, think that if that Enforcement Hall's elder dares to ban Duan Ling Tian publicly, he must have already thought up a reason. It might be pointless even if Duan Ling Tian reports him!"

"I think so too! As an elder of the Enforcement Hall, he would know the rules of our Fire Worship Sect. Under such circumstances, how could he possibly let Duan Ling Tian find a chance to report him?!"

The Fire Remuneration Palace that had fallen silent was filled with noises again.

As the Saint Land disciples were busy discussing among themselves, Duan Ling Tian finally regained his senses. His expression had darkened completely.

It was apparent the Enforcement Hall's elder was finding fault with him!

Although Duan Ling Tian did not know who the elder from the Enforcement Hall was, his heart was filled with anger that could burn through anything!

“Elder, I wonder which Enforcement Hall’s elder said I can’t accept the assignment that the Enforcement Hall put up for true disciples?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he emphasized the words ‘true disciples’ after taking a deep breath.

“I’m a true disciple so I meet the requirement to accept the assignment from the Enforcement Hall. I wonder on what basis he’s stopping me from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall?” Duan Ling Tian asked in an interrogative tone.

The Fire Remuneration Palace’s elder behind the counter frowned when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s tone. If it was any other elite disciples who dared to interrogate him like this, he would have long blasted that disciple out of the Fire Remuneration Palace!

However, Duan Ling Tian was someone who had defeated a person who was ranked ninth on the True Ranking. He was a true disciple who was much stronger than him! In this world where the strong ones were revered, he could only silently fume to himself.

“Elder, don’t tell me you don’t even know which Enforcement Hall’s elder banned me from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall?!” Duan Ling Tian said in his deep voice as his expression turned grave when he saw the elder from the Fire Remuneration Palace keeping quiet.

Almost as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, before the elder from the Fire Remuneration Palace had time to reply, a loud voice rang from the Inner Palace of the Fire Remuneration Palace. “How dare you?!”

It instantly attracted the attention of everyone, including Duan Ling Tian.

Soon after, under everyone’s watchful gaze, two young men walked out from the Fire Remuneration Palace’s Inner Palace one after another.

The person who had spoken was the young man walking in the lead. This young man had an ordinary appearance and was wearing the uniform of a Saint Land’s Bronze Flame Elder. As soon as he walked out of the Inner Palace, he looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly.

At the same time, he said coldly, “I’m the one who directly banned you from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall for true disciples. Why? Do you feel dissatisfied?”

Swoosh!

As soon as he finished speaking, every Saint Land disciple in the Fire Remuneration Palace looked at him.

“Elder Dong Lin!” Many Saint Land disciples recognized him when they saw him.

“Elder Dong Lin’s the one who banned Duan Ling Tian from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall! My goodness! The Enforcement Hall’s elder whom Duan Ling Tian had offended is him?”

“Elder Dong Lin is the son of Vice Hall Master Dong in our Fire Worship Sect’s Enforcement Hall. Although he’s only the fifth elder, with his background, even the Silver Flame Elders in the Fire Worship Sect don’t dare to simply offend him, let alone people from the Enforcement Hall!”

"I wonder how Duan Ling Tian offended him. He has already offended Elder Dong Lin, and yet, he still wants to serve in the Enforcement Hall? He's daydreaming!"

"Although Elder Dong Lin is the only son of the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master Dong, he shouldn't have acted so boldly and directly since he's abusing his power! He must have a valid reason for banning Duan Ling Tian from serving in the Enforcement Hall!"

"This is undoubtedly true! After all, as the only son of Vice Hall Master Dong, Elder Dong Lin also knows the Fire Worship Sect's rules very well. It's impossible for him to violate the rules!"

In the Fire Remuneration Palace, the Saint Land disciples whispered among themselves, revealing the identity of the Enforcement Hall's elder who banned Duan Ling Tian from serving in the Enforcement Hall. Based on their words, they thought Dong Lin had a valid reason for banning Duan Ling Tian.

"Dong Lin? The son of the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master?" Duan Ling Tian, naturally, heard the whispering of the Saint Land disciple.

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned even graver as he glared at Dong Lin coldly.

"You're Elder Dong Lin? May I know how I have offended you?" Duan Ling Tian asked coldly with a dark expression.

"What? Based on your words, it seems like you think I'm intentionally picking on you," Dong Lin said coldly when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question. Even if he was looking for trouble with Duan Ling Tian, he would never admit it. Otherwise, he would still be punished by the Enforcement Hall even if his father was the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master!

"Huh? Isn't this Senior Brother Chen Peng?" At the same time, many Saint Land disciples shifted their gaze to the other young man standing behind Elder Dong Lin. Many of them recognized him as well.

This young man was as ordinary-looking as Dong Lin. He wore a true disciple's uniform. At this moment, he was glaring at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent.

"I heard that Senior Brother Chen Peng has a good relationship with Elder Dong Lin. It seems like it's true," one Saint Land disciple exclaimed in surprise.

"I remember that Senior Brother Chen Peng is the direct disciple of First Silver Flame Elder Li An in the Black Turtle Sanctum. I think I know why Elder Dong Lin is picking on Duan Ling Tian for seemingly no reason," another Saint Land disciple chimed in.

"I was wondering how did Duan Ling Tian offend Elder Dong Lin. As it turns out, the person he offended isn't Elder Dong Lin but Senior Brother Chen Peng!"

"Senior Brother Chen Peng is Elder Li An's youngest direct disciple. Duan Ling Tian had killed Elder Li An's grand disciple, Yuan Hong, who was also Senior Brother Chen Peng's junior nephew. After that, he even indirectly caused the death of Elder Li An's great direct disciple, Wei He, who was Senior Brother Chen Peng's Great Senior Brother. Senior Brother Chen Peng must hate Duan Ling Tian with every fiber of his being!"

“It must be because of this he asked Elder Dong Lin to make things difficult for Duan Ling Tian!”

“Everything finally makes sense!”

“However, since Elder Dong Lin is willing to help, he must not be worried Duan Ling Tian will report him for abusing his power. I wonder what kind of reason he came up with to ban Duan Ling Tian from accepting the assignment the Enforcement Hall put up for all true disciples!”

Once the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace saw Chen Peng, they turned to look at Dong Lin. They wondered what reason he would use to ban Duan Ling Tian from serving in the Enforcement Hall.

After all, by right, Duan Ling Tian was a true disciple. He should be able to accept the assignment from the Enforcement Hall.

However, Dong Lin had meddled in the matter and directly banned Duan Ling Tian from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall.

“Are you saying you’re not intentionally picking on me?” Duan Ling Tian asked with a cold smile as he turned back to look at Dong Lin after looking at Chen Peng.

Duan Ling Tian knew why Dong Lin was looking for trouble with him when he heard the words of the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace. As it turned out, Chen Peng, the young man standing behind Dong Lin, was the cause of it.

Apart from being a true disciple, Chen Peng was the direct disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An!

Li An was his mortal enemy! They would not rest until one of them died!

“Of course!” Dong Lin’s smile turned colder when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He said, “The reason I banned you from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall is due to the sanctity of the Enforcement Hall. I don’t want you tarnishing the sanctity of the Enforcement Hall. In fact, in the history of Fire Worship Sect, there’s no precedence of the Enforcement Hall accepting a person who only possesses a yellow Innate Spiritual Root!” Dong Lin spoke confidently. His tone brooked no argument.