

SOVEREIGN 2027

## Chapter 2027: Blocking Dong Lin

How was this possible?!

Currently, Dong Lin was not the only one who felt this was impossible! In the Fire Remuneration Palace, everyone was looking at Duan Ling Tian intently. Their eyes were filled with confusion and disbelief.

“Blue Innate Spiritual Root! How can it be a blue Innate Spiritual Root?!”

“Is something wrong with that Spiritual Pearl? Duan Ling Tian has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root, right? How can it possibly be a blue Innate Spiritual Root?”

“I also think there’s something wrong with that Spiritual Pearl. Duan Ling Tian had tested his Innate Spiritual Root twice. The results were the same. It showed that he only possesses a yellow Innate Spiritual Root!”

“Something must be wrong with that Spiritual Pearl!”

The group of Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace had long been prejudiced by their impression of Duan Ling Tian only possessing a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. That was why they found this difficult to believe. Coupled with the fact that Duan Ling Tian had tested his Innate Spiritual Root twice, they were certain there was something wrong with the Spiritual Pearl Duan Ling Tian was currently holding.

Chen Peng snorted before he said disdainfully, “Hurmph! Something must be wrong with the Spiritual Pearl... Duan Ling Tian, if you dare, use another Spiritual Pearl to check your Innate Spiritual Root! I really don’t believe that a commoner who was tested twice and found to possess a yellow Innate Spiritual Root would suddenly possess a blue Innate Spiritual Root!”

“Commoner?” Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian looked at him with a sneer before he said, “Chen Peng, you keep calling me a commoner so I’d like to ask you, do you dare to sign the Death Pact with me and have fun in the Palace of Death?”

Have fun in the Palace of Death?

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace burst into an uproar again.

“Is Duan Ling Tian addicted to signing Death Pacts?”

“Isn’t this obvious? He first signed the Death Pact with Yang Wen. Then, when he had a dispute with Senior Sister Wen Yan, he also announced that he wanted to sign a Death Pact with her. Now, he wants to sign the Death Pact with Chen Peng! If this is not being addicted, I don’t know what is!”

“Although Chen Peng is the direct disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An and a true disciple in our Fire Worship Sect, he’s much weaker than Senior Sister Wen Yan. How could he possibly dare to sign a Death Pact with Duan Ling Tian?”

“Isn’t this obvious? There’s no way he would sign a Death Pact with Duan Ling Tian unless he wants to die!”

The Saint Land disciples were 100% certain Chen Peng would not dare to sign a Death Pact with Duan Ling Tian! Although it was true Chen Peng did not dare to sign a Death Pact with Duan Ling Tian, he was still furious and embarrassed when he heard the discussion in his surroundings. His face turned pale immediately as various expressions flitted across his face. He no longer dared to speak, and he acted as though he did not hear Duan Ling Tian’s words at all.

If it was any other person, Duan Ling Tian might have let the matter go. However, this was Chen Peng, Li An’s direct disciple, who was the main culprit for today’s incident! He had no intention of being lenient to someone like that!

“What? Are you afraid?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Chen Peng with disdain and smiled mockingly. “Didn’t you call me a commoner? You don’t even dare to sign a Death Pact with a commoner. Doesn’t that mean you can’t even compare to a commoner?”

Chen Peng became furious as soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. His face turned completely red. Although he was furious, he did not dare to vent it on Duan Ling Tian. This caused him to feel suffocated as though his lungs were going to explode!

“Tsk tsk... It seems like you admit you’re not even comparable to a commoner!” Duan Ling Tian further mocked Chen Peng when he saw how he did not dare to utter a single word despite how furious he was. “Based on what I can see, you’re just trash!”

Trash!

The instant Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, Chen Peng was so furious that he growled in a low voice. “Duan Ling Tian, don’t cross the line!” He could not endure being called trash in front of so many people. Naturally, he only dared to retaliate verbally. He did not have the courage to make a move.

“Don’t cross the line?” Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian was amused. However, his expression remained calm. “Don’t tell me I’m wrong? If you want to prove you’re not trash, I’ll give you a chance and let you sign a Death Pact with me if you’re brave enough!” There was no doubt Duan Ling Tian’s words further infuriated Chen Peng. However, there was no way for him to refute it. He was really not courageous enough to sign a Death Pact with Duan Ling Tian.

“Hurmph!” At this moment, Dong Lin who had been keeping quiet suddenly snorted. After he looked at Duan Ling Tian, he no longer said anything as he turned to walk out of the Fire Remuneration Palace.

Upon seeing this, the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace burst into a commotion again.

“What’s Elder Dong Lin doing? He’s leaving just like that?”

“This is different from what I imagined...”

“It’s different from what I imagined as well! I thought Elder Dong Lin would also insist there’s something wrong with the Spiritual Pearl and ask Duan Ling Tian to check his Innate Spiritual Root again. I can’t believe he’s leaving without saying anything!”

“Could it be that Elder Dong Lin believes Duan Ling Tian possesses a blue Innate Spiritual Root? Isn’t this ridiculous?!”

“I find this hard to believe so I thought Elder Dong Lin would have an even harder time believing this. However, it seems like he believes Duan Ling Tian really possesses a blue Innate Spiritual Root!”

The Saint Land disciples discussed among themselves. They could not understand Dong Lin’s action.

Even Chen Peng did not expect Dong Lin would react this way. He only regained his senses when he saw Dong Lin leaving. He had a confused expression on his face as he called out, “Senior Brother Dong Lin!”

However, Dong Lin ignored him and walked out of the Fire Remuneration Palace on his own.

Something was wrong with the Spiritual Pearl? Dong Lin had also thought of this. However, he had heard that it was rare for something to be wrong with a Spiritual Pearl. Coupled with Duan Ling Tian’s confidence, he could not help but feel wary. If he continued to insist that Duan Ling Tian check his Innate Spiritual Root again, he would not be able to back down gracefully. If it was confirmed Duan Ling Tian really possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root, not only would the excuse he came up with to ban Duan Ling Tian be invalid, but he would also be considered as abusing his power! As an Enforcement Hall’s elder, even if he was the only son of the Enforcement Hall’s Vice Hall Master, he still did not dare to openly abuse his power! There was still a Hall Master above the Vice Hall Masters, let alone the fact that there were several Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall! If news of him abusing his power spread out, the Hall Master would be furious. At that time, even his father would not be able to help him! For this reason, Dong Lin did not insist on Duan Ling Tian checking his Innate Spiritual Root again. He felt it was unnecessary and risky!

It was fine if they found Duan Ling Tian only possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. However, if it was confirmed that he really possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root, Dong Lin would be doomed!

The Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace had an expression of disbelief on their faces when they saw Dong Lin ignoring Chen Peng. They did not expect Dong Lin to leave.

Even the few Fire Remuneration Palace’s elders standing behind the counters were baffled. They did not expect this.

As Dong Lin was about to step out of the Fire Remuneration Palace’s great entrance, someone broke the silence and called out, “Wait a minute!”

Then, under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian flew out rapidly and appeared before the great entrance of the Fire Remuneration Palace, blocking Dong Lin’s path.

This scene shocked the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace. They were all excited as they stared at Duan Ling Tian who was blocking Dong Lin’s path. Initially, they thought the show would end since Dong Lin was leaving. They did not expect the sudden turn in the situation!

Duan Ling Tian had blocked Dong Lin's path!

Meanwhile, Chen Peng was standing in the distance. Earlier, Dong Lin had ignored him. He was still confused as a sense of disappointment washed over him. If Dong Lin left, he would not be able to suppress Duan Ling Tian all on his own! His eyes brightened immediately when he saw Duan Ling Tian had taken the initiative to stop Dong Lin from leaving.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Dong Lin was enraged when he saw Duan Ling Tian had blocked his path. With a low growl, he asked, "Do you think I'm Wen Yan?" Although he had heard about how Duan Ling Tian had blocked Wen Yan's path, he did not think Duan Ling Tian would do the same to him! His innate talent and strength might be inferior to Wen Yan. His father was the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall. His father's position was equivalent to a Golden Flame Elder. In fact, his father's position could be considered as slightly higher than Golden Flame Elders due to the special position of the Enforcement Hall.

Wen Yan was merely the direct disciple of an ordinary Golden Flame Elder. Dong Lin, on the other hand, was the only son of the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master!

"Elder Dong Lin, why are you in a hurry to leave?" Duan Ling Tian asked nonchalantly as he looked at the infuriated Dong Lin.

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Duan Ling Tian spoke calmly. Those who did not know better might even he was talking to a good friend of many years.

However, almost everybody in the Fire Remuneration Palace could clearly sense the tension between Duan Ling Tian and Dong Lin! At this moment, they could clearly see that Dong Lin no longer wanted to be entangled in this matter, but Duan Ling Tian refused to let the matter go!

"Duan Ling Tian actually went and stopped Elder Dong Lin... Where did he get his courage from?"

"If I were him, I would've let Elder Dong Lin leave... After all, it's disadvantageous for him if Elder Dong Lin stays here!"

"Don't tell me he's not worried that Elder Dong Lin would ask him to take another Spiritual Pearl to check his Innate Spiritual Root?"

Based on the Saint Land disciples' discussion, one could tell they thought Duan Ling Tian was being foolish. Naturally, there were some Saint Land disciples who were much more astute.

"If Duan Ling Tian dares to stop Elder Dong Lin from leaving, doesn't it show that he's confident? Could the rumors be fake? Could it be that Duan Ling Tian actually possesses the blue Innate Spiritual Root and not a yellow one?"

"If he doesn't have a blue Innate Spiritual Root, it'll only be disadvantageous for him to stop Elder Dong Lin from leaving. It seems like he might really possess a blue Innate Spiritual Root!"

"If he really has a blue Innate Spiritual Root, based on his temper, I'm afraid it would be impossible for Elder Dong Lin to retreat gracefully!"

The Saint Land disciples who were much more astute said among themselves.

Coupled with everything that had happened, they all felt that it was possible that Duan Ling Tian really possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

Naturally, only a small number of them felt this way. Most of the Saint Land disciples felt Duan Ling Tian was only seeking trouble.

“Duan Ling Tian, if you’re willing to let me leave, there’ll no longer be any enmity between you and me! Moreover, I’ll recommend you to serve in the Enforcement Hall.” Dong Lin transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian as he stared at him intently. It was obvious he wanted to reconcile with Duan Ling Tian. This was because based on the way Duan Ling Tian had stopped him and the confidence he exuded, he knew that Duan Ling Tian most likely possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root! Otherwise, where did Duan Ling Tian get the courage to stop him?

“Elder Dong Lin, I didn’t hear wrongly, right? Based on your Voice Transmission, you’re seeking to reconcile with me?” Duan Ling Tian said loudly as soon as he heard Dong Lin’s Voice Transmission, “Why? Do you think you’ve made the wrong judgment earlier?” When he spoke, he brought up the matter of Dong Lin abusing his power by banning him from serving in the Enforcement Hall.

It did not cross Dong Lin’s mind that not only would Duan Ling Tian not accept his attempt at reconciliation, but he even announced it to everyone. It was as though he was afraid everyone would not know about it!

Did he even know the rules?

Dong Lin was instantly enraged as his face began to turn red. His eyes were shining with killing intent as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. If looks could kill, Duan Ling Tian would have died many times over!

Dong Lin could sense that everyone’s eyes had shifted to him. They were all looking at him strangely.

Duan Ling Tian’s words set off another commotion.

“Elder Dong Lin actually took the initiative to transmit his voice to Duan Ling Tian to ask for reconciliation? My goodness! Is this real?!”

“I don’t think so! Elder Dong Lin is famous for being arrogant. How could he possibly give in to Duan Ling Tian in regards to today’s incident?”

“So you think Duan Ling Tian is slandering Elder Dong Lin?”

“It’s possible!”

Naturally, most Saint Land disciples did not believe Duan Ling Tian. They felt he was intentionally slandering Dong Lin.

Dong Lin felt as though salt was being rubbed on his wound when he heard these Saint Land disciples’ words. He said with a snarl, “Duan Ling Tian, don’t slander me!” A furious expression appeared on his face as though he had really been slandered.

This scene also caused many Saint Land disciples to feel certain Duan Ling Tian had slandered Dong Lin.

Naturally, some of the more rational Saint Land disciples did not think that Duan Ling Tian had slandered Dong Lin. They felt it must be true that Dong Lin had attempted to reconcile with Duan Ling Tian. As for the reason why Dong Lin took the initiative to ask for reconciliation, it was not difficult for them to figure it out. Dong Lin must be afraid he could not gracefully extricate himself from this situation! After all, he had used the excuse of Duan Ling Tian only possessing a yellow Innate Spiritual Root to ban him from serving in the Enforcement Hall. If Duan Ling Tian really possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root, his excuse would no longer be valid. At that time, many people would say he was abusing his power and authority!

The Enforcement Hall was in charge of enforcing the law in the Fire Worship Sect. It was very strict. If news of this spread out, Dong Lin would not be able to escape punishment even though he was the only son of one of the Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall. Moreover, his punishment would be severe as well!

“Slander?” Under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian who heard Dong Lin’s words could not help but laugh. After that, he quickly raised his hand and pricked his finger, squeezing a drop of blood out.

Horror dawned on Dong Lin when he saw the drop of fresh blood. Naturally, he knew Duan Ling Tian was going to swear on the lightning penalty oath that he did not slander him.

“Duan Ling Tian, if you dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath, I swear that I won’t rest until you die!” Dong Lin subtly took a deep breath as he transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian again. Since his soft approach failed, he would use force instead!

He would not rest until Duan Ling Tian died!

“Don’t tell me we’re not already at the stage where we won’t rest until the other person is dead?” Upon hearing Dong Lin’s Voice Transmission, Duan Ling Tian could not help but sneer. At the same time, he also used his blood and swore on the lightning penalty oath. “I, Duan Ling Tian, hereby swear that if Dong Lin didn’t take the initiative to transmit his voice to me in an attempt to reconcile with me, I would be struck by lightning from the Tribulation Oath of the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation!” Duan Ling Tian’s action was akin to giving Dong Lin a slap.

Dong Lin became even more furious when he saw Duan Ling Tian was not affected by his threats and had sworn on the lightning penalty oath. His eyes seemed to be able to shoot fire as he glared at Duan Ling Tian.

“Duan Ling Tian! You’re dead! You’re dead!” Dong Lin transmitted his voice to Duan Ling Tian again. His voice was filled with hatred.

However, Duan Ling Tian completely ignored his threats again.

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

Nine claps of thunder sounded from the sky, alarming everyone in the Central Square.

“Is this the lightning penalty oath?”

“It seems like it!”

“I wonder who swore on the lightning penalty oath in the Central Square. I’ve been in the Saint Land for more than ten years, but this is my first time hearing the thunder from the lightning penalty oath in the Central Square.”

“This is my first time hearing it too!”

The group of Saint Land disciples in the Central Square burst into an uproar. They were all curious about who had sworn on the lightning penalty oath. They were still unaware of what was happening in the Fire Remuneration Palace since everyone was still there.

Unlike the Saint Land disciples who were curious over what had happened in the Central Square, the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace were shocked.

None of them had expected that Duan Ling Tian would swear on the lightning penalty oath to prove that he did not slander Dong Lin! The Saint Land disciples now looked at Dong Lin differently.

Dong Lin was furious and embarrassed when he noticed the eyes on him. He instantly glared at Duan Ling Tian as he said loudly, “Scram!” He was trying to make Duan Ling Tian retreat so he could retreat.

However, despite that, Duan Ling Tian remained unmoving like a statue as he exuded a domineering aura. It was as though he could subdue the enemy’s forces alone.

Seeing how unreasonably Duan Ling Tian was acting, Dong Lin could no longer hold back. Saint Origin began to surge from his body with killing intent. It was apparent that he was about to make his move.

Meanwhile, the Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace felt as though the temperature in their surroundings had dropped by a few degrees.

As the Saint Origin on Dong Lin’s body skyrocketed, his body moved forward as he charged at Duan Ling Tian as though he going to send Duan Ling Tian flying out of the Fire Remuneration Palace.

“Hurmph!” Duan Ling Tian’s Sun Saint Energy that had already been accumulating in his body for a long time ago also surged out before it transformed into whirlpools when he saw Dong Lin making his move!

The instant the whirlpools appeared, it began to absorb all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Fire Remuneration Palace!

It was apparent this was the effect of the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended.

The moment Duan Ling Tian cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, the Saint Land disciples present in the Fire Remuneration Palace could instantly feel the absence of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the air.

This peculiar feeling made them uncomfortable!

“This is the assist-type Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian mastered?”

“What a terrifying assist-type Divine Ability. To think it’s able to absorb all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Fire Remuneration Palace! No wonder he’s able to defeat Wen Yan who’s ranked ninth on the True Ranking even though his cultivation base is not higher than hers!”

“It seems like his cultivation base has undergone an earth-shattering transformation in just a blink of an eye!”

Many of the Saint Land disciples were amazed.