

SOVEREIGN 2031

Chapter 2031: Did Duan Ling Tian Stir Up Trouble Again?

After Dong Lin apologized to Duan Ling Tian and left, the Fire Remuneration Palace was silent.

Dong Lin actually took the initiative to apologize to Duan Ling Tian? Duan Ling Tian was no longer banned from serving in the Enforcement Hall?

“Duan Ling Tian is quite amazing, right?”

“Although I know Elder Dong Lin’s ban would no longer be valid once Duan Ling Tian revealed he possesses a blue Innate Spiritual Root, I didn’t expect Elder Dong Lin would directly say he’s lifting the ban on Duan Ling Tian. Isn’t he going back on his words?”

“It’s more than going back on his words. Did you see? Elder Dong Lin even took the initiative to apologize to Duan Ling Tian.”

“From now on, among the more than 170 true disciples, I’ll only listen to Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian!”

“That’s right! Even that person who’s ranked first on the True Ranking might not even dare to be so rude to Elder Dong Lin!”

As the group of Saint Land disciples in the Fire Remuneration Palace regained their senses from the shock, they began to discuss among themselves. Many of them now referred to Duan Ling Tian as senior brother.

In this world where the strong ones were revered, Duan Ling Tian’s action earlier had perfectly embodied the definition of strong. It caused many Saint Land disciples to acknowledge his strength.

As the group of Saint Land disciples discussed among themselves...

“Trying to leave? Did I say you’re allowed to leave?” Duan Ling Tian’s apathetic voice resonated suddenly and attracted everyone’s attention in the Fire Remuneration Palace.

As they looked around, they saw Chen Peng who had followed Dong Lin here had somehow made his way to the great entrance of the Fire Remuneration Palace with a downtrodden expression on his face.

However, Duan Ling Tian stopped him before he could leave.

History repeated itself once again.

Chen Peng’s face turned green when Duan Ling Tian stopped him. However, he still arrogantly said, “Duan Ling Tian, w-what are you trying to do? Senior Brother Dong Lin is no longer stopping you from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall. Y-you need to know when to stop!”

In his opinion, he could not show his weakness outwardly even though he was truly afraid of Duan Ling Tian.

“Know when to stop?” Duan Ling Tian burst out laughing as though he had heard a funny joke. As soon as he stopped laughing, he turned to look at Chen Peng coldly. “Are you kidding me?!”

“D-don’t act recklessly!” Chen Peng who was standing straight felt weak when he sensed Duan Ling Tian’s killing intent. He was no longer acting arrogantly like he did before.

“If you dare to move during the next three breaths, I’ll let you know what it feels like to be better off dead!” Duan Ling Tian said coldly as he walked to Chen Peng until there was only a foot left between them.

Horror dawned on Chen Peng.

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and moved it around at lightning speed.

Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap!

As Duan Ling Tian moved his hand, the sound of slapping began to resound in the air successively like firecrackers.

Duan Ling Tian was so fast that it did not take more than one breath for him to slap Chen Peng until his face was as swollen as a pig’s head.

Upon seeing this, the group of Saint Land disciples present on the scene could not help but gasp. Some people even touched their own faces. Although Duan Ling Tian was not slapping them, they could imagine the pain Chen Peng was experiencing.

Despite being slapped until his face was swollen, Chen Peng did not dare to move at all. This was because Duan Ling Tian had warned him that if he dared to move during the next three breaths, he would make him wish he was better off dead. Naturally, he did not doubt Duan Ling Tian’s words. For this reason, he remained unmoving even though his face had become swollen from Duan Ling Tian’s slaps. Even then, a flame of fury burned in the depths of his eyes. This was the first time in his life that he had suffered from such a humiliation!

Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap!

The sound of slapping continued to resonate.

After the span of two breaths, Duan Ling Tian even broke a few teeth in Chen Peng’s mouth. Fresh blood that appeared dazzling began to drip from the corner of his mouth.

After the span of three breaths, Duan Ling Tian finally stopped.

Currently, apart from Chen Peng’s swollen face, it seemed as though he was bleeding profusely as well.

“If you dare to act this way again, I’ll make you wish you’re better off dead!” Duan Ling Tian looked at Chen Peng coldly after he stopped slapping him and said in a low voice, “Scram!”

Scram!

The instant Duan Ling Tian’s words left his mouth, Chen Peng was so frightened that he quickly moved, making way for Duan Ling Tian.

After Chen Peng made way for Duan Ling Tian, the group of Saint Land disciples automatically made way for him as well as he walked to the counter. "Elder, can I accept the assignment now?"

"Of course you can!" How could the Fire Remuneration Palace's elder standing behind the counter be so bold as to stop Duan Ling Tian from accepting the assignment from the Enforcement Hall? After he replied Duan Ling Tian, he quickly dealt with everything for Duan Ling Tian.

Dong Lin who had banned Duan Ling Tian from serving in the Enforcement Hall had already yielded, how could the Fire Remuneration Palace's elder make things difficult for Duan Ling Tian? In terms of strength, he might not necessarily be able to defeat Dong Lin. In terms of background, he was not a match for Dong Lin at all. If he continued to make things difficult for Duan Ling Tian, he would be the only one who was making things difficult for Duan Ling Tian today.

When Chen Peng saw Duan Ling Tian had gone to accept the assignment from the Enforcement Hall and no longer bothered with him, he left the Fire Remuneration Palace dejectedly under the gaze of the Saint Land disciples. After he left the Fire Remuneration Palace, the flame of wrath buried deep in his eyes threatened to spill out.

'Duan Ling Tian... Duan Ling Tian... I'll never let you go! I'll never let you go!' Chen Peng thought to himself as anger and hatred burned in his heart. At this moment, he seemed to have forgotten that his innate talent and strength would probably never catch up to Duan Ling Tian.

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In the Fire Remuneration Palace, after the Fire Remuneration Palace's elder standing behind the counter finished handling the procedure for Duan Ling Tian, he told him, "Duan Ling Tian, take this certificate to the Enforcement Hall tomorrow and you can directly replace the true disciples on duty. In the next month, you'll have to stay in the Enforcement Hall. You're not allowed to leave without permission." At the same time, he handed a certificate to Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you, elder." After receiving the certificate and expressing his gratitude, Duan Ling Tian left the Fire Remuneration Palace without so much as turning his head.

After Duan Ling Tian left the Fire Remuneration Palace, it burst into a commotion again. When the Saint Land disciples spoke about Duan Ling Tian, it was obvious they all deeply respected him now.

It did not take long for word of the incident in the Fire Remuneration Palace to spread.

"Duan Ling Tian created trouble again?"

"It seems like it... On top of that, this time the one whom he picked on is the Enforcement Hall's Elder Dong Lin who has a great background!"

"Dong Lin? Isn't he the only son of the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master Dong?"

"That's him!"

“It seems like Duan Ling Tian’s not the one who went looking for trouble. Elder Dong Lin was the one who looked for trouble with him. Using Duan Ling Tian’s yellow Innate Spiritual Root as an excuse, he banned him from serving in the Enforcement Hall.”

“I heard about it as well. It’s said that Duan Ling Tian publicly revealed his blue Innate Spiritual Root. I can’t believe Duan Ling Tian actually has a blue Innate Spiritual Root!”

“Not only does he possess a blue Innate Spiritual Root, but he has even mastered four high-grade Divine Abilities. Duan Ling Tian is really heaven-defying!”

Many people quickly learned about Duan Ling Tian possessing a blue Innate Spiritual Root, causing an uproar in the Fire Worship Sect!

Previously, everyone thought Duan Ling Tian was only talented in mastering and comprehending Divine Abilities. They thought God was jealous of him and only gave him a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. However, they finally learned that Duan Ling Tian’s so-called yellow Innate Spiritual Root was merely a rumor. He actually possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root!

Previously, he was not punished for killing the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An’s grand disciple, Yuan Hong, and his brother, Yuan Kuang, because he had a blue Innate Spiritual Root. He was only given a slap on the wrist and was sentenced to serving in the Four Symbols Sanctum’s First Mine for ten years.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not even stay for a month after he arrived in the Four Symbols Sanctum’s First Mine. This was because he already possessed the qualifications to enter the Saint Land and to become a Saint Land disciple.

The news of Duan Ling Tian possessing a blue Innate Spiritual Root finally traveled to the Four Symbols Sanctums. It caused a commotion there as well.

“Duan Ling Tian has a blue Innate Spiritual Root? How’s that possible?”

The instant the Four Symbols Sanctums’ disciples heard this news, many of them had the same reaction.

After all, the news about Duan Ling Tian only possessing a yellow Innate Spiritual Root came from the Black Turtle Sanctum. This had been engraved into everyone’s hearts.

“It seems like Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian knows a technique to conceal his Innate Spiritual Root. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have tested yellow at that time!” Many Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples in the Black Turtle Sanctum exclaimed. They were very respectful when they spoke about Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 2032: The Enforcement Hall

The Enforcement Hall was located in a mountain, north of the Fire Worship Sect’s Saint Island. Due to its special status, very few people would come here.

The Enforcement Hall was separated into three halls. There were the Main Hall, the Punishment Hall, and the Prison Hall.

The Main Hall was used to store dossiers, accepting complaints, and managing the Enforcement Hall.

The Punishment Hall, just like its name, was the place where the Enforcement Hall carried out punishments for Fire Worship Sect's elders and disciples who violated the rules.

At that time, after Wei He, the great direct disciple of the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An, was found to have slandered the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder for abusing his power, indirectly violating the sanctity of the Enforcement Hall, he was sentenced to death in the Punishment Hall.

The Punishment Hall had all sorts of terrifying instruments of torture as well. They were much more horrifying than other ordinary punishment instruments. Many of the instruments would make one wish one was better off dead.

As for the Prison Hall, it was the place where the Fire Worship Sect's elders and disciples who had violated the rules were imprisoned.

Those who were locked up were usually those who had committed serious crimes. For the reason that their crimes would need the final verdict from the Sect Leader, they were temporarily locked up here.

Ke'er, Duan Si Ling, Ke'er and Duan Ling Tian's daughter, and Ke'er's twin sister, Gan Ru Yan, were locked up here.

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At this moment, a figure could be seen making his way into the Enforcement Hall's Main Hall.

"Elder Dong Lin." The few Enforcement Hall's elders who had just flown out of the Main Hall automatically greeted the figure with a smile when they saw him.

This person was none other than Dong Lin who had just returned from the Central Square's Fire Remuneration Palace.

Before Dong Lin came here, he had gone to a few other places to inquire about Duan Ling Tian to gain a deeper understanding of him. After he had gotten the information he wanted, he returned in a haste to the Main Hall where the dossiers were stored to look up Duan Ling Tian's record.

Currently, news of Dong Lin's plan being foiled in the Central Square's Fire Remuneration Palace had already reached the Enforcement Hall. However, it had not reached the Main Hall.

Due to this reason, the few Enforcement Hall's elders coming out of the Main Hall had yet to learn of the incident. That was why they were able to act naturally when faced with Dong Lin.

Although Dong Lin was also an Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elder just like them, due to the reason his father was the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master, they were polite to him even if they did not fawn over him. Dong Lin's father was their immediate superior after all!

Whoosh!

However, Dong Lin merely ignored their greetings. Without slowing down, he descended from the sky and entered the Enforcement Hall's Main Hall.

"What's going on with Elder Dong Lin? Why is he in such a hurry?"

“That’s right! Although he usually wouldn’t greet us when we greet him, he would usually spare us a glance or a nod!”

“Let him be. This kid’s temper has always been a mystery. Just let him be.”

Based on these few Enforcement Hall’s elders’ words, it was obvious they did not have a good impression of Dong Lin. They were only polite to Dong Lin because he had an extraordinary background. Moreover, his father was their immediate superior.

When the few Enforcement Hall’s elders had flown quite a distance, another Enforcement Hall’s elder flew toward them and said joyfully, “Hey, did you hear about it? Our Enforcement Hall’s Elder Dong Lin apologized to a true disciple in the Central Square’s Fire Remuneration Palace!”

This Enforcement Hall’s elder was also a Bronze Flame Elder so these few people were familiar with him.

“What?!”

“Elder Dong Lin apologized to a true disciple? This is a joke, right?!”

“With his temper, people usually have to apologize to him. To think he apologized to someone else, a true disciple no less. I don’t believe it!”

The few Enforcement Hall’s elders who had just left the Main Hall looked at each other and shook their heads, expressing their disbelief.

“Well, you better believe it. Everyone’s talking about this!” The Enforcement Hall’s elder who just arrived said as he shook his head.

The few Enforcement Hall’s elders began to feel curious and quickly urged the other elder. “What actually happened? Tell us!”

“Well, it’s like this...” The Enforcement Hall’s elder began to disclose everything he knew.

The Fire Remuneration Palace, Duan Ling Tian, Dong Lin, and the assignment from the Enforcement Hall. The conversation revolved around these few topics.

“Dong Lin actually abused his power and banned Duan Ling Tian from serving in the Enforcement Hall? Isn’t he afraid Lord Hall Master would be angry with him?”

“That’s right! Although his father is a Vice Hall Master, his father wouldn’t be able to do anything if the Hall Master gets angry!”

“He’s smart. He found a valid excuse. Even if Lord Hall Master finds out about this, he might not blame him!”

“It’s unfortunate his excuse was found to be invalid. Who said Duan Ling Tian only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root? He publicly revealed his blue Innate Spiritual Root, figuratively slapping Dong Lin!”

“No wonder his expression is grim! As it turns out, he was just humiliated in the Fire Remuneration Palace!”

The few Enforcement Hall's elders recalled how Dong Lin did not even bother with them when they greeted him.

"However, I can't believe that apart from being extremely talented in comprehending Divine Abilities, Duan Ling Tian has a high innate talent as well. The instant the eighth prodigy of the Fire Worship Sect appeared, his strength is enough for him to be ranked in the top five among all the prodigies!"

"Duan Ling Tian really never fails to surprise everyone with he everything that he does!"

"You're right! He's been shocking everyone since he entered the sect! This time, he even gave a good slap to that good-for-nothing kid from our Enforcement Hall! How ruthless!"

"Based on this news, it seems like he'll be coming to the Enforcement Hall tomorrow? We'll finally be able to meet this popular prodigy who has recently arrived in our Fire Worship Sect!"

"I'm looking forward to meeting him!"

A hint of curiosity could be seen in the few Enforcement Hall's elders' eyes when they spoke about Duan Ling Tian. They wondered how the person who had shocked the Fire Worship Sect continuously since his arrival looked like!

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In the Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall.

The moment Dong Lin entered, he headed straight to where the dossiers were stored.

The dossiers were very important to the Enforcement Hall. For this reason, a Silver Flame Elder would be stationed next to the place where the dossiers were stored.

"Elder Dong Lin?" Today, a middle-aged Silver Flame Elder was on duty in the side palace where the dossiers were stored. When he saw Dong Lin coming over in a rush, he was puzzled. "You're..."

"I want to look at the dossier regarding the death of Wei He, the Saint Land elder!" Dong Lin said demandingly. He seemed to have forgotten the person on duty was a Silver Flame Elder.

As expected, after hearing the demanding way Dong Lin had spoken, the Silver Flame Elder's expression turned solemn immediately. He said coldly, "Elder Dong Lin, I don't remember where the dossier you're looking for is kept. I think it's better if you look for it yourself!"

Although Dong Lin's father was the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master and his direct superior, he was still a Silver Flame Elder no matter what. He had his pride. Naturally, he would not let a Bronze Flame Elder like Dong Lin trample on his pride. Even if he risked offending the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, he was not willing to throw away his pride.

"Elder Lin Tong, I'm sorry. I was too anxious. I've offended you earlier. Please forgive me." Dong Lin finalized realized his mistake when he heard the Silver Flame Elder's words. Dissatisfaction filled his heart as he forced himself to apologize.

What a joke!

The dossiers in the side palace of the Main Hall had been around since a long time ago. If he had to look for it on his own, he might not be able to find it even after spending three days and three nights searching for it.

In order to have a look at the dossier as he quickly as he could, Dong Ling outwardly apologized. However, deep inside, he began to hate the Silver Flame Elder, Lin Tong.

Lin Tong's solemn expression eased away when he heard Dong Lin's apology. After that, he searched for the dossier regarding Wei He's death and handed it over to Dong Lin when he found it.

"Elder Lin Tong, please also look for the dossier regarding Duan Ling Tian killing the Vermilion Bird Sanctum's disciples, Yuan Hong and Yuan Kuang. I'd like to read it," Dong Lin said as he forced himself to smile.

It was apparent that Lin Tong was a person who preferred a soft rather than a forceful approach. Seeing how polite Dong Lin was, he instantly looked for the dossier Dong Lin had requested for.

Soon after, Dong Lin was reading the two dossiers. From the dossiers, Dong Lin saw the record regarding Duan Ling Tian's Innate Spiritual Root being blue!

Dong Lin's expression turned grave immediately. As it turned out, the Enforcement Hall had already known Duan Ling Tian possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root. However, since he had just returned to the sect, he was unaware of this matter.

'This time, Chen Peng has really gotten me into trouble! I hope Lord Hall Master won't investigate this matter further when he learns I've taken the initiative to apologize to Duan Ling Tian...' Dong Ling prayed inwardly.

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Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of what was happening in the Enforcement Hall. After leaving the Fire Remuneration Palace and the Central Square, he returned to his residence.

He was overwhelmed by the fact that he would be going to the Enforcement Hall tomorrow. For this reason, he did not cultivate nor comprehend his Divine Abilities for a long time after he had entered the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Chapter 2033: The Leader of the Eight Great Prodigies

"Junior Brother Ling Tian!" A voice resonated from outside suddenly, causing Duan Ling Tian to regain his senses. He left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and walked out of the room immediately. He knew the voice belonged to Liu Yun.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, are you looking for me?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile after he flew up into the air and stopped in front of Liu Yun.

As the saying went, 'People would be in high spirits when they encounter a happy event!'

Currently, Liu Yun felt Duan Ling Tian was different from before. It seemed as though he had transformed into a different person as his person exuded a youthful vigor.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, I know you’re going to the Enforcement Hall tomorrow. You have to watch out for Dong Lin once you’re there!” Unlike Duan Ling Tian who was smiling widely, Liu Yun had a solemn expression on his face. He warned Duan Ling Tian, “I’m sure you’ve learned about Dong Lin’s background and that he’s the only son of one of the Vice Hall Masters of the Enforcement Hall. I’m afraid you’re unaware that this Vice Hall Master is a persistent person. When his wife was accidentally injured by a Black Kshetra Sect’s elder, he directly slaughtered his way into the Black Kshetra Sect and killed that Black Kshetra Sect’s elder! At that time, the group of Black Kshetra Sect’s powerhouses who surrounded him were all severely injured, and he was barely hanging on to his last breath as well. If Lord Sect Leader didn’t personally make a move, he would’ve died! He had slaughtered his way into the Black Kshetra Sect because he was certain his wife wouldn’t be able to live much longer. He went there knowing he would die!”

Liu Yun paused for a moment before he continued to say, “In the end, he learned that his severely injured wife was already pregnant. After she gave birth to Dong Lin, she passed away. Ever since then, Dong Lin has become his new reason to live. One could say that Dong Lin is the most important person in his heart! If he learns that you’ve publicly humiliated Dong Lin, I’m afraid he won’t let this matter go!”

“Don’t tell me he’s able to act as he pleases in the Fire Worship Sect and make a move on me?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he raised an eyebrow.

“He can’t go as far as harming you in the Fire Worship Sect since he’s the Enforcement Hall’s Vice Hall Master after all. Moreover, taking into account that Lord Sect Leader helped him previously, he won’t dare to act recklessly. However, everything will be different outside of the Fire Worship Sect!” Liu Yun said solemnly as he shook his head, “Today, I came to warn you that it’s better if you don’t kill Dong Lin regardless of how deep the enmity is between you and him! Once you kill him, the Vice Hall Master might lose all his reason. He might even kill you in the Fire Worship Sect since he’s the kind that would die for his son!”

“Thank you for your reminder, Senior Brother Liu Yun.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. At the same time, he began to put up a guard against Dong Lin’s father, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall.

Based on Liu Yun’s words, Duan Ling Tian could tell Dong Lin’s father did not lack determination. He even slaughtered his way into the Black Kshetra Sect for his wife. This was not something everyone would be able to do. Moreover, his wife had passed away and only left behind a son for him. He could easily imagine how important his son was to him. If his son died, he would definitely go insane!

Duan Ling Tian decided to be wary of Dong Lin’s father even though he did not intend to kill Dong Lin for the time being. Dong Lin might not even dare to accept a Death Duel challenge from Duan Ling Tian. For this reason, he was not afraid the Vice Hall Master would personally make a move.

‘As for things that might happen outside of the sect, he might not even need to make a move since the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An won’t let go of me easily!’ Duan Ling Tian knew this

very well. This was why he was not worried about Dong Lin's father making a move against him if he left the Fire Worship Sect.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you'll be going to the Enforcement Hall tomorrow. If it's possible, don't get into another dispute with Dong Lin when you're there. Otherwise, even if Dong Lin's father doesn't personally make a move to teach you a lesson, he would definitely instruct some Silver Flame Elders to teach you a lesson!" Liu Yun continued to warn him.

Duan Ling Tian would be going to the Enforcement Hall. It was Dong Lin and his father's territory. For this reason, Liu Yun could not help but worry about Duan Ling Tian.

"Don't worry. I have a sense of propriety." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Actually, he did not have a great enmity or whatsoever with Dong Lin. As long as Dong Lin did not come looking for trouble with him, he was too lazy to bother with him as well. After all, he did not suffer any losses today.

Liu Yun sighed in relief when he saw Duan Ling Tian seemed to heed his advice. As though he was reminded of something, he looked at Duan Ling Tian intently as he asked, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, you really possess a blue Innate Spiritual Root?"

Apart from learning about the dispute between Dong Lin and Duan Ling Tian, Liu Yun also learned that Duan Ling Tian had humiliated Dong Lin by publicly revealing he had a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Even after hearing about, he found it hard to believe since everyone deeply believed Duan Ling Tian possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root before this. That was why he had asked Duan Ling Tian for confirmation.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian smiled as he nodded.

"Then, why is it that you were found to have a yellow Innate Spiritual Talent twice when you were tested in the Four Symbols Sanctum's Black Turtle Sanctum?"

Duan Ling Tian knew Liu Yun intended to get to the bottom of this matter when he heard his question. He had long prepared for this.

"I know a secret tactic that can conceal one's Innate Spiritual Root. I tested yellow for my Innate Spiritual Root because I used this technique at that time." Duan Ling Tian lied blatantly. He had prepared this excuse since a long time ago. He believed most people would think this way. If they did not, it would have been difficult for him to explain the huge change in his Innate Spiritual Root.

"I see." Although Liu Yun had suspected it, he felt baffled again once he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "If that's the case, doesn't it mean your real Innate Spiritual Root might not even be blue, Junior Brother Ling Tian?" Liu Yun could not help but ask.

Indeed.

Since Duan Ling Tian could conceal his Innate Spiritual Root, it was possible that the blue Innate Spiritual Root might not be his real Innate Spiritual Root.

Liu Yun stared at Duan Ling Tian intently after he finished speaking as though he hoped to glean some clues through Duan Ling Tian's expressions.

Duan Ling Tian merely smiled mysteriously in response to Liu Yun's question. For this reason, Liu Yun became even more certain that Duan Ling Tian might possess an indigo Innate Spiritual Root. His heartbeat quickened when he thought of this.

Duan Ling Tian had intentionally smiled mysteriously to mislead Liu Yun and let him think the blue Innate Spiritual Root might not be real. After all, he could still improve his Innate Spiritual Root through the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic. As long as he could devour enough Innate Spiritual Roots, he would eventually be able to improve his Innate Spiritual Root to an indigo or even violet one! He might as well paved the road first so that even if he was found to possess a higher level Innate Spiritual Root in the future, Liu Yun would not be so shocked.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, I've already completed what I came to do today. I'll take my leave and won't disturb you from cultivating." Liu Yun no longer pursued the matter when he saw Duan Ling Tian smiling mysteriously with no intention of clarifying the matter. He bade farewell before he left. Moreover, in his opinion, there was no need to further pursue the matter since Duan Ling Tian's mysterious smile was an answer itself.

For this reason, Liu Yun could not calm down for a long time after he left. 'I can't believe that apart from being extremely talented at comprehending Divine Abilities, Junior Brother Ling Tian has such a high innate talent! Given enough time, he'll be able to surpass those who are ranked first and second on the True Ranking!'

Liu Yun was extremely certain about this.

'Junior Brother Ling Tian is the most outstanding prodigy in our Fire Worship Sect! It's not too much to regard him as the leader of the Eight Great Prodigies too!'

As Duan Ling Tian watched Liu Yun leave, his feelings that were in turmoil due to Ke'er and their daughter began to calm down. The news of how Dong Lin's father had a tendency of shielding his son's flaws had pressured him slightly.

After all, he would be serving in the Enforcement Hall for the next month. Once he reached the Enforcement Hall, if Dong Lin's father really wanted to create trouble for him, there was no need for him to personally make his move since he could just instruct a few Silver Flame Elders to make a move just like Liu Yun had said.

The weakest Silver Flame Elder was at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, and the stronger ones were at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

"With my current strength, a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is too much for me to handle. After all, there's no way I can simply use the Jasper Celestial Sword in front of the other party unless I'm certain I can kill him!" Duan Ling Tian knew this very well. For this reason, he felt a hint of dread when he thought of facing the wrath of Dong Lin's father.

'Just let it be. My purpose is to see Ke'er and our daughter! If I can see them, so what if I have to suffer from this tiny inconvenience? Moreover, if he dares to instruct a Silver Flame Elder to teach me a lesson, I can always teach his son the lesson that the Silver Flame Elder teaches me!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his eyes flashed coldly. He was not someone who was easily bullied!

Chapter 2034: First Time in the Enforcement Hall

It was a day outside, but ten days had already gone by in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. In these ten days, Duan Ling Tian had calmed down and diligently cultivated. Although he did not make another breakthrough in his cultivation base, it had completely stabilized.

“I just need another two more weeks to break through to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage!” Inside the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian who was sitting cross-legged in the air suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes were as bright as stars. When Duan Ling Tian mentioned two weeks, he meant the time in the outside world. Two weeks outside would be equivalent to five months in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

With his blue Innate Spiritual Root and the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian’s current cultivation speed was similar to those geniuses who possessed indigo Innate Spiritual Roots.

‘It’s time for me to head to the Enforcement Hall!’ Duan Ling Tian left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and the mansion for the Saint Island when he thought of this.

Duan Ling Tian knew the Enforcement Hall was located in the Saint Island. He made his way north and soon arrived in the area where the Enforcement Hall was located.

“You! Are you a true disciple who came to serve in the Enforcement Hall?” When Duan Ling Tian entered the area where the Enforcement Hall was located, a voice rang in the sky.

After that, a figure descended from the sky and appeared before Duan Ling Tian in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian studied the person before him.

This person was a middle-aged man wearing the exclusive uniform of a Bronze Flame Elder. Unlike the exclusive uniforms for ordinary Saint Land’s Bronze Flame Elders, the uniform he was wearing had the word ‘Enforcement’ embroidered on the front of his robe. Based on this, one could tell he was an Enforcement Hall’s elder!

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded in response to the Enforcement Hall’s elder query.

“Do you have the certificate?” The Enforcement Hall’s elder who appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian asked Duan Ling Tian without beating around the bush. True disciples who had accepted the assignment and came to serve in the Enforcement Hall were given a certificate by the Central Square’s Fire Remuneration Palace.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded and subsequently took out the certificate he obtained from the Fire Remuneration Palace yesterday. He handed it over to the Enforcement Hall’s elder standing before him.

The Enforcement Hall’s elder took the certificate from him and looked at it. His eyes suddenly widened as various expressions flitted across his face as though he had seen something shocking.

The Enforcement Hall’s elder gasped and when he looked at Duan Ling Tian, a hint of respect could be seen in his eyes. “Y-You’re Duan Ling Tian?”

Although he was a Saint Land's Bronze Flame Elder, an Enforcement Hall's elder no less, his strength was only on par with Dong Lin. He could not even compare to Wen Yan who was ranked ninth on the True Ranking.

Faced with the person who had easily defeated Wen Yan and forced that good-for-nothing kid, Dong Lin, to apologize on his own initiative, apart from shock, there was a feeling of respect in his heart!

The other person might be younger than him, but he was much stronger. For this reason, he did not dare to act like a senior since this was a world where the strong ones were revered. It was not a world that placed great importance on seniority.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded again in response to the Enforcement Hall's elder standing before him.

"The exchanging of duty between the previous group and the current group on duty in the Enforcement Hall will take place in the Main Hall. Let me bring you there." As the Enforcement Hall's elder handed the certificate back to Duan Ling Tian, he took the initiative to lead him to the Main Hall.

"Won't this be inconvenient for you? It would suffice if you just point me in the right direction, Elder," Duan Ling Tian said politely.

Duan Ling Tian had always been a person who repaid kindness and animosity in tenfold. He was extremely polite to this Enforcement Hall's elder who had been polite to him. Although his strength, coupled with the Jasper Celestial Sword, was far superior to the elder, he did not look down on him.

"It's not inconvenient at all! It's an honor being able to help a prodigy like you," the Enforcement Hall's elder said as he shook his head.

Seeing how determined the Enforcement Hall's elder was, Duan Ling Tian no longer rejected him and followed him to the Main Hall.

"How should I address you, Elder?" Duan Ling Tian asked during the journey.

"My name's Peng Bin," the Enforcement Hall's elder instantly replied to Duan Ling Tian before he anxiously said, "You don't have to address me as Elder. You can just call me by my name."

"Elder Peng Bin, you're a Fire Worship Sect's elder, and I'm a Fire Worship Sect's disciple. It's natural for me to address you as Elder. There's no need for you to think too much into it," Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head when he saw how anxious Peng Bin was.

Duan Ling Tian had been in the Fire Worship Sect for quite a while. It was the first time he had met an elder like Peng Bin who treated him with so much respect. It even made him anxious just because he had addressed him as 'Elder'.

Duan Ling Tian was unaware that, currently, his name was a synonym for the words 'Don't provoke' among the Bronze Flame Elders in the Fire Worship Sect. Apart from his strength, the Bronze Flame Elders dreaded his courage as well.

After all, not everybody had the courage to publicly humiliate the direct disciple of a Golden Flame Elder and not everybody had the courage to force the son of the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master to take the initiative to apologize.

Although Duan Ling Tian was not the only one who was stronger than Wen Yan and Dong Lin, he was the only one who dared to treat Wen Yan and Dong Lin in such a way.

For this reason, in the eyes of the Bronze Flame Elders in the Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian was a variant among the true disciples and should not be provoked.

Due to this reason, Peng Bin was courteous and afraid when faced with Duan Ling Tian.

"Elder Peng Bin, can you give me a simple introduction about the Enforcement Hall?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Of course." Peng Bin instantly nodded before he explained to Duan Ling Tian, "Our Enforcement Hall is separated into three halls that have their own functions. The three halls are the Main Hall, the Punishment Hall, and the Prison Hall. The Main Hall..."

Duan Ling Tian gained a certain understanding of the Enforcement Hall through Peng Bin's explanation.

The Enforcement Hall was separated into three halls. The Main Hall, the Punishment Hall, and the Prison Hall.

He also learned that Ke'er and their daughter were imprisoned in the Prison Hall!

"Elder Peng Bin, as an important place of the Enforcement Hall, the people guarding the Prison Hall should be Silver Flame Elders, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked, seemingly unconcerned.

Currently, he wanted to gain a deeper understanding of the Prison Hall. If by some chance, only Bronze Flame Elders were guarding the place, he might stand a chance in rescuing Ke'er and their daughter. Naturally, he knew how unrealistic it was.

There were so many Silver Flame Elders in the Enforcement Hall, how could they possibly let Bronze Flame Elders guard the Prison Hall that was incredibly important in the Enforcement Hall?

"Yes." Peng Bin instantly nodded when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "Usually, there are three Silver Flame Elders guarding the Prison Hall. You'll have to receive all three's permission if you want to enter the Prison Hall. Moreover, they have the Communication Dao Talismans in their possessions in case something happens in the Prison Hall so they can instantly inform the Enforcement Hall's Hall Master and the Vice Hall Masters," Peng Bin explained.

"In that case, isn't the Prison Hall impregnable? It's almost impossible to rescue those who are imprisoned there!" Duan Ling Tian said as he feigned astonishment.

In truth, he was feeling slightly dejected since this meant he would no longer be able to save Ke'er and their daughter before his strength surpassed the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall.

“Indeed,” Peng Bin said, “With the Hall Master around, it’s almost impossible for anyone to rescue the people imprisoned in the Prison Hall unless they’re as strong as the Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect.”

A hint of respect could be seen in Peng Bin’s eyes when he spoke about the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall.

To the Enforcement Hall’s elders, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall was a person whose position was only inferior to the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect.

In their eyes, even the three great Guardians of the Fire Worship Sect’s positions were not as high as the Hall Master.

When Peng Bin was speaking, he failed to notice Duan Ling Tian’s expression had turned slightly grim. Only when Peng Bin looked at him again did he regain his composure.

As they continued to travel some distance away, Peng Bin said, “The Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall is just right in front.”

In the distance, a huge and long palace that seemed like a divine dragon could be seen. It exuded an oppressive aura.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistling caused Duan Ling Tian to regain his senses. He saw two figures flew rapidly past him before they entered Enforcement Hall’s Main Hall.

“They are also true disciples who came to serve here?” Although the two figures moved at a fast speed, Duan Ling Tian could clearly see they were wearing the exclusive uniforms of Saint Land true disciples.

“I need to resume patrolling now. I’ll just send you till here. Let’s meet again in the future if we have time,” Peng Bin said to Duan Ling Tian with a smile before he left.

“Elder Peng Bin, thank you for leading me here. I’ll remember this favor!” Duan Ling Tian expressed his gratitude to Peng Bin.

After Peng Bin left, Duan Ling Tian entered the Enforcement Hall’s Main Hall.

‘I hope Ke’er and our daughter are locked up together with Gan Ru Yan. That way, I might get to see them.’ Duan Ling Tian prayed fervently as he stepped into the Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall.

Chapter 2035: Liu Yun Is Here Too

After Duan Ling Tian entered the Enforcement Hall’s Main Hall, he saw a spacious hall with rows of counters in three directions. Several Enforcement Hall’s elders were standing behind the counters.

However, currently, there was no queue in front of most of the counters. Only one counter had three people lining up in front of it. Based on their clothing, it was obvious they were Saint Land disciples from the Fire Worship Sect. They seemed to be waiting for something as they stood in line in front of the counter.

“That person seems familiar...” At the same time, after one of the two true disciples who entered the Main Hall before Duan Ling Tian heard the sound of wind-whistling behind him and instinctively turned to look. He found Duan Ling Tian familiar but could not recall where he had seen him before for the time being.

When the other true disciple heard him, he turned around to look as well. As soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian, he furrowed his eyebrows as his eyes widened!

“I-isn’t he Duan Ling Tian?!” He could not help but cry out in surprise.

Duan Ling Tian!

Since the true disciple did not lower his voice, his words were heard by those in the reception area of the Enforcement Hall’s Main Hall.

Apart from shocking his companion, his words had also attracted the attention of the few Enforcement Hall’s elders standing behind the counters and the three other true disciples who were standing further away.

Duan Ling Tian immediately became the center of attention.

“Huh?” Duan Ling Tian did not expect to be recognized instantly the moment he arrived. Faced with everyone’s eyes that were trained on him, he smiled and nodded at the crowd.

His politeness caused the crowd to be confused as well.

The three true disciples standing further away looked at each other. They could see the confusion and disbelief in each other’s eyes. One of them even bluntly asked, “Is he really Duan Ling Tian?”

“I’m pretty sure it’s him! I’ve seen his portrait before!”

“I can’t believe Duan Ling Tian who looked for trouble with Senior Sister Wen Yan and publicly humiliated her for seemingly no reason would have such a side to him as well. I thought he would be really arrogant. Who knew he’s actually so polite.”

“Looked for trouble with Senior Sister Wen Yan for seemingly no reason? You actually believe that?”

“I heard Senior Sister Wen Yan doesn’t even know how she had offended Duan Ling Tian!”

“Senior Sister Wen Yan must have offended Duan Ling Tian somehow. Perhaps, she doesn’t even know when or how. That must be why she doesn’t know how she has offended him.”

The other two true disciples said one after another.

It was not only these three true disciples who were baffled by how polite Duan Ling Tian was, but even the few Enforcement Hall’s Bronze Flame Elders standing behind the counters and the other two true disciples who stood closer to Duan Ling Tian were baffled as well.

“So this is Duan Ling Tian?”

“Is it really Duan Ling Tian?”

Just like the other three true disciples, they felt extremely confused.

“Elder, this is my certificate.” Duan Ling Tian did not pay attention to their confused gaze and walked to the counter where the three true disciples were at and took out his certificate before handing it to the Enforcement Hall’s elder behind the counter.

After the Enforcement Hall’s elder looked at it, he nodded. “That’s right. This certificate is issued by the Fire Remuneration Palace. Duan Ling Tian, please wait here for a moment. After all ten true disciples who accepted the assignment are here, someone will bring all of you to take over the duties from the other ten true disciples,” The Enforcement Hall’s elder said politely after he took the certificate.

Seeing the treatment Duan Ling Tian received, the three disciples standing at the side had an envious expression on their faces. However, they knew this was the treatment Duan Ling Tian deserved.

Who asked him to be so strong?

“Alright. Thank you, Elder.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. After he smiled at the Enforcement Hall’s elder standing behind the counter, he moved to stand at the side.

After Duan Ling Tian stood next to them, they did not dare to size him up despite being curious. They did not even dare to speak. They could only speak through Voice Transmission.

At the same time, the other two true disciples also came over to register.

So far, out of the ten true disciples who had accepted the assignment from the Enforcement Hall, six of them had arrived.

Since Duan Ling Tian’s arrival, the atmosphere in the Main Hall had turned awkward as well. Nobody spoke at all. It was completely quiet.

This continued on until the seventh true disciple arrived.

When Duan Ling Tian saw the seventh disciple, he was shocked. This was because he knew the seventh disciple.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun, w-why are you here?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously as he looked at the true disciple who had just arrived.

“Why? Are you shocked?” Liu Yun who was slowly walking into the reception hall seemed to enjoy seeing Duan Ling Tian so shocked. He could not help but smile.

“I’m really shocked.” Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

“It’s only for a month anyway. I’m here to accompany you!” Liu Yun smiled.

Duan Ling Tian felt warmth enveloping his heart when he heard Liu Yun’s words. Naturally, he knew the reason Liu Yun had come here. It was to watch over him and stop him from further offending Dong Lin, the Enforcement Hall. Apart from that, he was also here to help him meet Gan Ru Yan.

Soon after, Liu Yun was also done with the procedure and stood next to Duan Ling Tian as they waited.

Liu Yun asked curiously, “Junior Brother Ling Tian, when did you arrive?”

"I arrived less than 15 minutes ago," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"It seems like I was late. Initially, I planned to come earlier so that I can shock you!" Liu Yun smiled.

"It's still shocking." A wry smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face when he heard Liu Yun's words.

Seeing how Liu Yun and Duan Ling Tian were so familiar with each other, the other five true disciples looked at Liu Yun with an envious gaze. However, there was also a hint of delight derived from others' misfortune.

It was obvious they were envious that Liu Yun had a close relationship with Duan Ling Tian. After all, Duan Ling Tian was now the eighth prodigy in the Fire Worship Sect. Apart from mastering four high-grade Divine Abilities, he even possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root! As long as he did not suddenly die, he would definitely be able to rise to the rank of a Golden Flame Elder in the future. For this reason, they were a little envious when they saw the good relationship between Liu Yun and this soon-to-be Golden Flame Elder.

As for the delight they felt at other people's misfortune, they felt that since Duan Ling Tian had offended so many people, Liu Yun would definitely be implicated as well.

Put aside the fact that Duan Ling Tian had offended the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An when he was still in the Black Turtle Sanctum, after he came to the Saint Land, he had even offended the true disciple, Wen Yan, and the Enforcement Hall's elder, Dong Lin.

Although both of them were not as strong as Duan Ling Tian, both of them had very strong backgrounds.

For example, Wen Yan's master was a Golden Flame Elder. Not only that, but her master was also the Sanctum Leader of the Azure Dragon Sanctum.

Dong Lin's background was even more extraordinary. His father was one of the Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall where they were going to serve in the next month.

'To think he dares to accept the assignment from the Enforcement Hall and serve here after offending Elder Dong Lin. Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian is unaware he's walking into the wolves' den by doing so?'

This was the thought of the five true disciples and the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders.

As time passed by, the last three true disciples also arrived.

When they saw Duan Ling Tian, they were still shocked even they knew beforehand that Duan Ling Tian planned to serve in the Enforcement Hall.

"Ten of you, follow me!" After Duan Ling Tian and the other nine arrived, an Enforcement Hall's elder walked out of the Main Hall soon after and motioned them to follow him.

Based on the uniform he was wearing, it was obvious he was also a Bronze Flame Elder.

Under the lead of this Bronze Flame Elder, Duan Ling Tian and the other nine met the other ten true disciples who were on duty during the last month to hand over their duties. Their duties were no different from the previous group's duties.

When these ten true disciples finished the handover and were about to leave the Enforcement Hall, they all looked at Duan Ling Tian sympathetically. Many of them even shook their heads and sighed.

They shared the same thoughts with the others. They felt Duan Ling Tian had intentionally walked into the wolves' den by volunteering to serve in the Enforcement Hall.

It was obvious they had also heard of the dispute between Duan Ling Tian and Dong Lin.

As true disciples who had served in the Enforcement Hall, they were, naturally, given a residence of their own. It was spacious and located in the Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall.

When Duan Ling Tian was about to enter his room, before he could close his door, he heard Liu Yun said, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, we'll officially start our duty in the Enforcement Hall tomorrow. Today will also be the only day you have a chance to see Senior Sister Ru Yan! Let's go! I'll bring you to meet the senior from my clan!"

"Alright!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened immediately when he heard Liu Yun's words. His eyes shone as brightly as the stars.

"Let's look for him in his residence. If he's not there, we'll go to where he's stationed. Unlike us, he has shifts and other duties to attend to," Liu Yun added again.

Due to the reason that the true disciples would be dismissed after serving in the Enforcement Hall for a month, there was no such thing as shifts or breaks.

It was possible for them to take a break. However, their break would last three months since that was the amount of time a true disciple would have to wait before they were eligible to serve in the Enforcement Hall again!

Chapter 2036: Prison Hall

One must admit that Duan Ling Tian's luck was indeed quite good.

As it turned out, the senior from Liu Yun's clan was not on duty.

After Liu Yun made his request, the senior from his clan, an aloof middle-aged man, agreed to bring Duan Ling Tian to the Prison Hall to meet Gan Ru Yan immediately.

"Thank you, Elder Liu Yu." Duan Ling Tian quickly expressed his gratitude when he saw the middle-aged man did not hesitate to accept the request.

When Liu Yun had introduced them, Duan Ling Tian learned the middle-age man's name was Liu Yu. Although he appeared like a middle-aged man, he was actually from the same generation as Liu Yun's grandfather's grandfather's grandfather (The author literally wrote grandfather 3 times...). He was an old man.

As the most outstanding person among the younger generation in the Liu Clan, Liu Yu, naturally, thought highly of and adored Liu Yun. For this reason, he had readily agreed to Liu Yun's request to bring Duan Ling Tian to the Prison Hall to meet Gan Ru Yan. Naturally, it was only limited to meeting Gan Ru Yan.

During their journey there, Liu Yun repeatedly warned Duan Ling Tian not to mention the Saint Girl and her daughter in front of Liu Yun. For this reason, with great effort, Duan Ling Tian concealed his overwhelming emotions in case Liu Yu noticed it.

“Little Yun’er, I’m going to bring him to meet with Gan Ru Yan now. You can return to cultivating. You have to strive to further raise your cultivation base so you can be the ninth prodigy of our Fire Worship Sect!” Liu Yu said to Liu Yun solemnly before he brought Duan Ling Tian away.

His words contained the hopes he had for Liu Yun. It was the hope that a senior had for his junior.

“Yes, great grandfather,” Liu Yun responded quickly and respectfully. After he glanced at Duan Ling Tian with a helpless expression, he obediently returned.

“Duan Ling Tian, follow me to the Prison Hall!” Liu Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian as he motioned him to follow him.

There was a hint of shock in the depths of his eyes. He had also heard about Duan Ling Tian. Therefore, he was not sure whether it was a good or bad thing for Liu Yun, the most outstanding person among the younger generation in the clan, to get entangled with Duan Ling Tian.

If it was not because of Liu Yun’s relationship with Duan Ling Tian, he would not have helped Duan Ling Tian. In fact, he would not want to have anything to do with him.

However, since Liu Yun had requested a favor from him. As his great grandfather, he had no choice but to comply.

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian responded to Liu Yu who had already left the Main Hall.

After they left the Main Hall, during their journey to the Prison Hall, Liu Yu looked at Duan Ling Tian and said calmly, “Duan Ling Tian, I can tell that Little Yun’er values you a lot as a friend...”

Liu Yu paused for a moment as though he was hesitating.

“Elder Liu Yu, it’s alright to be frank with me,” Duan Ling Tian could tell that there was more Liu Yu wanted to say. So he smiled and urged him to finish what he was going to say.

“I hope that you can maintain a certain distance with Little Yun’er in the future. If it’s possible, maybe you can fall out with him publicly!” Liu Yu added again.

“Elder Liu Yu, are you worried that I’ll implicate Senior Brother Liu Yun?” Duan Ling Tian was not an idiot. He, naturally, knew what Liu Yu was thinking.

“I’m not only worried you’ll implicate Little Yun’er, but I’m even more worried that you’ll implicate our Liu Clan!” Liu Yu said bluntly, “It’s not too bad that you offended Li An from the Four Symbols Sanctum since I don’t fear him! With me around, he can’t touch the Liu Clan. However, even I dread the people behind those two people you’ve offended after you came to the Saint Land. The moment you offended both of them, you’ve inadvertently offended two powerhouses at the rank of Golden Flame Elders. If they vent their anger on the Liu Clan because of you, I’ll be powerless to do anything!” A hint of dread could be seen in the depths of his eyes.

Currently, Liu Yu was the strongest person in the Liu Clan. However, in the Fire Worship Sect, he was only a Silver Flame Elder. He could not afford to offend a Golden Flame Elder, let alone two.

Upon hearing Liu Yu's words, Duan Ling Tian instantly fell silent. He had never thought about this before. With Liu Yu's reminder, Duan Ling Tian felt so frightened that he broke out in cold sweat.

If Liu Yun or the Liu Clan were really implicated because of him, he would never be able to forgive himself for the rest of his life!

"Elder Liu Yu, thanks for your reminder." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he looked at Liu Yu. He said earnestly, "Don't worry. I'll make sure everyone thinks Senior Brother Liu Yun and I have a falling out in a month!"

"Duan Ling Tian, I'm really thankful you're so understanding. It shows that you're a good friend. Little Yun'er's judgment is good." Liu Yu nodded his head in satisfaction and continued to say, "However, I know that child, Little Yun'er, well. I'm afraid he won't be willing to fall out with a friend like you."

"Don't worry, Elder Liu Yu. I'll persuade him," Duan Ling Tian said solemnly.

Liu Yu felt assured after listening to Duan Ling Tian's words. After that, they no longer spoke during the rest of the journey.

The Prison Hall of the Enforcement Hall was located north of the Main Hall. It was also on the outskirts of the Enforcement Hall. It was located near a dangerously steep mountain.

Naturally, they were stopped when they approached the vicinity of the Prison Hall.

"Elder Liu Yu." The person who stopped them was an Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elder. He was very polite to Liu Yu.

"Bring me to Elder Meng Qi and the others," Liu Yu ordered indifferently.

"Yes." Then, the Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elder led Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yu to see the three Silver Flame Elders who were on duty at the Prison Hall.

The Silver Flame Elders in the Enforcement Hall knew each other.

It just so happened that the three Silver Flame Elders on duty in the Prison Hall had a close relationship with Liu Yu. Due to this reason, they agreed to his request and allowed Duan Ling Tian to meet Gan Ru Yan.

However, there was a time limit. He only had 15 minutes with Gan Ru Yan.

Although Duan Ling Tian felt 15 minutes were too short, he did not make a fuss. He knew it was all thanks to Liu Yu he could even meet Gan Ru Yan. He had no right to make a fuss at all.

"Thank you very much, Elders!" After receiving permission from the three Silver Flame Elders on duty in the Prison Hall, Duan Ling Tian cupped his hand and expressed his gratitude.

Soon after, one of the Silver Flame Elders, Meng Qi, led Duan Ling Tian into the Prison Hall.

Once Duan Ling Tian was brought into the Prison Hall, the other two Silver Flame Elders looked at Liu Yu strangely as they asked, "Liu Yu, what kind of relationship do you have with Duan Ling Tian? To think you're willing to help him."

"That's right! What relationship do you have with him?" Since Duan Ling Tian's portrait had circulated in the Fire Worship Sect, these two Silver Flame Elders recognized him as soon as they saw him. Not only that, but they had heard about the various things Duan Ling Tian had done in the past.

"No relationship. It just so happens he's a friend of my junior, and my junior requested this from me." Liu Yu smiled nonchalantly.

"Liu Yu, this Duan Ling Tian is a hot potato. You better tell your junior to distance himself from Duan Ling Tian."

"Indeed! He has even offended Dong Lin. Dong Lin is the dearest child of our Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master Dong! Since Duan Ling Tian has offended his beloved child, he won't let the matter go!"

The two Silver Flame Elders had a close relationship with Liu Yu so they warned him.

"I know." Liu Yu nodded. If he did not know, he would not have warned Duan Ling Tian to distance himself from Liu Yun.

However, when he recalled Duan Ling Tian's promise to him, his heart felt at ease.

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Meanwhile, under Elder Meng Qi's lead, Duan Ling Tian finally entered the Prison Hall.

The moment he entered the Prison Hall, he sensed an eerie aura that sent shivers up his spine.

Meng Qi who had been quiet suddenly asked, "Duan Ling Tian, I'm very curious, do you have any connection with the dragon clan?"

"Elder Meng Qi, I merely obtained a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon's legacy. It's all luck that obtained the ability to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. I've never met them before." Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly.

"With your Innate Spiritual Root and your identity as a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, they'll nurture you with everything they have if you go to the dragon clan!" Meng Qi's eyes brightened as he continued to say, "Although I don't know what relationship you have with Liu Yu, the fact that he's willing to help you meet Gan Ru Yan means you have a close relationship. Liu Yu and I have been friends for many years, I feel it's my duty to advise you to leave the Fire Worship Sect as soon as possible since Vice Hall Master Dong of our Enforcement Hall is not someone who's easy to deal with!"

When he mentioned Vice Hall Master Dong, a hint of dread appeared in his eyes.

"Thank you for your advice, Elder Meng Qi." Duan Ling Tian knew Meng Qi said this with good intentions, but he had no plan of listening to his advice. However, that did not stop him from expressing his gratitude.

There was only one purpose for him to come to the Fire Worship Sect and that was to save Ke'er and their daughter.

Before he saved both of them, he would not leave the Fire Worship Sect unless he was left with no other choice.

Meng Qi no longer said anything as though he could see through Duan Ling Tian's thought. They continued the rest of their journey in silence,

The deeper they entered the Prison Hall, the icy aura became even more intense.

"Elder Meng Qi, why is it so cold?" Duan Ling Tian asked Meng Qi with a grim expression as he looked at Meng Qi. A hint of worry could be seen in his eyes.

"The prison is much colder than here," Meng Qi replied.

"It's much colder in there?" Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes as his mind instantly thought of Ke'er and their daughter.

With Ke'er's cultivation base, perhaps she could still bear the cold. However, what about their daughter? How old was she? Would she be able to bear the cold?

The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he felt as though his heart had been pierced by a knife.

Chapter 2037: Gan Ru Yan

Although Duan Ling Tian had not met his daughter before, they had a close blood relationship. His heart ached unbearably when he thought of his daughter languishing in the Prison Hall.

'I have failed you!' Duan Ling Tian began to blame himself. He thought about how he could make it up to her once he rescued her from this place.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and gradually regained his senses.

"Elder Meng Qi, up until now, I don't see anyone guarding here since we've entered the Prison Hall. Don't tell me nobody's worried someone would sneak in and rescue the prisoners?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Meng Qi. His eyes were bright.

There was no one else apart from him and Meng Qi once they entered the Prison Hall. Let alone someone else, not even a ghost could be seen!

He was looking for a loophole in the Prison Hall, trying to figure out if there was another way he could save Ke'er and their daughter as soon as he could. He was unwilling to let them stay in there for a second longer if it was possible.

"Break the prisoners out of jail?" Meng Qi laughed immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Duan Ling Tian, you really underestimated the Prison Hall of the Enforcement Hall. The Enforcement Hall has existed since the time the Fire Worship Sect moved from the Lower Province to the Upper Province. Formations that are meant to kill are laid in every corner of the Prison Hall. Those below the

Saint Celestial Stage who are not familiar with these Formations would definitely die if they break in! Even someone at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would be severely injured if not dead. The result would be deadly. Even if they manage to break into the Prison Hall, they wouldn't be able to bring the prisoner out unless they're at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher," Meng Qi said, revealing how formidable the Prison Hall was.

The Prison Hall was covered with various Formations. If they were triggered, someone at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage would definitely die!

"I see." Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he heard this. At the same time, he dismissed the idea of sneaking in and saving Ke'er and their daughter. He would have to think of another way.

Even if he used the Jasper Celestial Sword, he would have to completely deplete his Sun Saint Energy that was raised by the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, before he could kill a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

The most powerful strike he could unleash with the Jasper Celestial Sword was only comparable to the strength of a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Even if he could survive the attack from the first wave of Killing Formations, he would definitely die when the second wave of the Killing Formations came!

Duan Ling Tian was well aware of his own strength.

'Power! I need power! Currently, I'm still too weak, and my cultivation speed is too slow!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'If only I can devour the Innate Spiritual Roots of those around me and change my Innate Spiritual Root to a violet one. My cultivation speed will definitely increase by several times. Even if I encounter an obstacle, I'm certain I'll be able to pass it in a short time!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes were burning fervently.

'It seems like I have to look for a chance to leave the sect to improve my Innate Spiritual Root!' Duan Ling Tian knew very well that it would be difficult for him to kill someone and devour their Innate Spiritual Roots in the sect due to the rules. Moreover, not everyone would be willing to sign a Death Pact to engage in a Death Duel with him.

Wen Yan who was ranked ninth on the True Ranking was a good example of that. Although Wen Yan wanted to kill him badly, she still did not dare to enter the Palace of Death with him.

However, even if he successfully found someone who was willing to engage in a Death Duel with him, it would still be difficult for him to devour the person's Innate Spiritual Root since the custodian of the Palace of Death would be there.

The custodian of the Palace Of Death was the Fire Worship Sect's First Silver Flame Elder. He was incredibly astute. Even if Duan Ling Tian cast the 10,000 Swords Territory with his current strength, he would not be able to block his sight.

The other party would most likely be able to see him devouring someone else's Innate Spiritual Root.

Although Duan Ling Tian could only devour Innate Spiritual Roots due to the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, that he mastered, who knew if the Fire Worship Sect would imprison him and force him to share the Elementary Devouring Tactic if he was exposed?

Although a Divine Ability had to be comprehended and mastered to the highest degree before it could be shared, the Fire Worship could just imprison him and wait until he had finished comprehending and mastering the Elementary Devouring Tactic. At that time, they would definitely force him to share it. Due to this reason, he did not dare to take the risk.

If he was imprisoned by the Fire Worship Sect, he would not be able to fend for himself, let alone saving Ke'er and their daughter.

"Don't take it lightly just because we didn't trigger any Killing Formation during our journey here. That's only because I'm familiar with the Killing Formations and know where to travel without triggering it. You should've noticed that I've been traveling in a circuitous manner," Meng Qi chimed in.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Naturally, he had noticed this. Moreover, he had memorized the route that Meng Qi had used.

"The Killing Formations would move places every once in a while. So the route might not be the same if we come in again," Meng Qi continued.

Meng Qi's words caused Duan Ling Tian to smile wryly.

Duan Ling Tian had already suspected his. His suspicions were confirmed when he heard Meng Qi's words. He knew the route he had just memorized would no longer be of any use. For this reason, he no longer bothered memorizing the route.

"Looks like I must find an opportunity to leave the Fire Worship Sect quietly without alerting those two. If I remain in the Fire Worship Sect, it would be difficult for me to improve my Innate Spiritual Root!" Duan Ling Tian decided to leave the Fire Worship Sect to improve his Innate Spiritual Root once he had the chance.

'Those two' he had mentioned, naturally, referred to First Silver Flame Elder Li An of the Black Turtle Sanctum and the Vice Hall Master Dong of the Enforcement Hall who was also Dong Lin's father.

Since the two men targeted him, he would definitely die as soon as he left the Fire Worship Sect.

'After I completed my duty here in a month, I'll leave the Fire Worship Sect. I must figure out a way to leave this place safely!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He must come up with a foolproof plan to leave the Fire Worship Sect, otherwise, he would be doomed if he was even a little careless.

If Duan Ling Tian died, there would be no hope left for Ke'er and their daughter. Even if he died, he would not die in peace.

"The prison in front is the one Gan Ru Yan is in. I'll wait for you by the entrance. You only have 15 minutes," Meng Qi said.

Duan Ling Tian suddenly felt nervous.

Would Ke'er and their daughter be imprisoned with Gan Ru Yan? This was what he wanted to know.

If they were not imprisoned together, he would only be able to see Gan Ru Yan. If they were imprisoned together, he would be able to see Ke'er and their daughter.

Very soon, under Meng Qi's guidance, Duan Ling Tian came to the front of a stone room.

"This is where Gan Ru Yan is imprisoned. I'll open the door and you can go inside. Remember, you only have 15 minutes!" Meng Qi looked at Duan Ling Tian and reminded him again.

"Understood." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Then, Duan Ling Tian saw Meng Qi raised his hands and began to move his hands in a complicated gesture.

As Meng Qi's hands danced around, the air in the surroundings seemed to be under his control.

All of a sudden —

Bang!

Meng Qi pushed his palm out against the air. However, there was no Saint Origin

Even so, Duan Ling Tian could clearly see that when Meng Qi pushed his palm out, the air seemed to have gathered before it slammed on the great door leading to a stone room.

At once, circles of ripples spread appeared on the great door of the stone room. As the ripples reached the end of the door, a huge opening appeared.

'Formation?' Duan Ling Tian discovered the door to the stone room was also covered with a Formation.

Meng Qi's earlier action was to open the Formation.

After the Formation opened, Meng Qi easily pushed open the stone door before looking at Duan Ling Tian. "Go in!"

Duan Ling Tian nodded before he walked into the room.

Bang!

Just as Duan Ling Tian entered the stone room, he did not even have time to look around when the stone door slammed shut behind him. Meng Qi had already closed the stone door.

"Wow, he's really being cautious." Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he began to study the stone room.

The stone room was not big. It was two times smaller than the room in his mansion. It was neat inside. Apart from a stone table and a few stools, there was only a stone bed inside.

Currently, a woman was sitting cross-legged on the stone bed.

When Duan Ling Tian came in, the woman had opened her eyes and looked at him as her eyes flashed.

'Ke'er!' Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted when he saw the woman as he fell into a momentary daze. However, his gaze changed immediately when his eyes came in contact with the woman's eyes. He knew the woman before him was not Ke'er but Gan Ru Yan even though they looked identical.

She was the only one in the stone prison.

Just as Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically, Gan Ru Yan had stood up from the stone bed and looked at him warily with a piercing gaze. She asked him in an interrogative manner, "Who are you? Why are you here?"

"You're just the same as before," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently after taking a deep breath.

Chapter 2038: One Slice of the Sword

"You're still the same as before." Duan Ling Tian's words sounded like words old friends would say when meeting after a long time.

Gan Ru Yan seemed to be the same as Chi Mei from before. She was still as arrogant and unapproachable.

"Who are you? Do you know me?" Gan Ru Yan could not help but furrow her brows when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. She studied Duan Ling Tian from top to bottom, but she concluded that she had never seen this young man before.

"Chi Mei, it's been a long time," Duan Ling Tian said, using the alias Gan Ru Yan had used when she was in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. She had also used this pseudonym in the Mountainshade Black Market as an assassin.

Chi Mei!

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's way of addressing her, Gan Ru Yan could not help but widen her eyes in shock. She had a baffled expression on her face.

At the same time, she began to recall the days she lived in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. She was trying to recall who knew about her identity. However, no matter how much she thought about it, apart from the lass by her side, her sister, and the few people related to her sister in the Lower Province, no one else in the Lower Province knew she was Gan Ru Yan.

In the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, nobody, including the Fire Worship Sect, knew she used the alias Chi Mei in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Even her master, the Fire Worship Sect's Guardian, Qing Huo, did not know about the alias she used in the Lower Province.

"Who are you?!" Gan Ru Yan really could not figure out who knew she was Chi Mei. She began to feel wary and glared at Duan Ling Tian solemnly as though he was her enemy.

"Who am I?" The indifferent expression on Duan Ling Tian's face was replaced with a cold smirk. "I'm that person who lost my wife and child because of you. Gan Ru Yan, it has only been a few years, but you've already forgotten about me?"

“Have you mistaken me for someone else?” Gan Ru Yan asked with a frown when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

“Mistake you for someone else? How can you say that, Gan Ru Yan?” The smirk on Duan Ling Tian’s face widened.

As Duan Ling Tian smirked, the disguise on his face that Gan Ru Yan could not recognize began to disappear as well.

After a while, the originally handsome face was gone and was replaced by another handsome face. He had a pair of dashing eyebrows, brilliant eyes, a tall nose, and perfect lips. His appearance was one that would garner praise from people. What a handsome and dashing young man!

“I-It’s you!” Gan Ru Yan might not recognize the face of the man earlier, but she would never forget this face in her whole life.

This was because this man was someone she hated very much. If it was not for this man, her sister would not have violated the rules of the Fire Worship Sect and be put in a life-or-death situation. When her sister was brought away, she even felt a little regretful she did not kill this man who caused the predicament her sister was in.

At this moment, Gan Ru Yan felt as though she had seen a ghost when she saw this man in this place.

Why was he here?

How did he come in?

Was the Prison Hall in the Enforcement Hall not heavily guarded?

At this moment, her heart was filled with all sorts of questions.

“Why? It seems like you finally recognized me.” When Duan Ling Tian saw the astonishment on Gan Ru Yan’s face after she saw his true appearance, he smirked again.

Gan Ru Yan mustered all the effort she had to remain calm. After a while, she looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked in a low voice, “How did you come in here?”

“Naturally, I have my own way,” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently as the smirk on his face disappeared.

“Do you know how much I want to kill you? Are you seeking death by coming here?” Gan Ru Yan asked in a deep voice.

“You want to kill very much?” Duan Ling Tian felt as though he had heard a funny joke when he heard her words. His eyes turned cold, and he said coldly, “Gan Ru Yan, I should be the one who says this to you. Don’t tell me up until now, you think it’s the right choice to bring Ke’er back to the Fire Worship Sect? If you didn’t bring her back here, would she be in such a predicament? You should count yourself lucky that you’re not the one who handed her over to the Saint Land’s Enforcement Hall. Otherwise, I won’t spare your life!” Duan Ling Tian’s voice turned even colder when he reached the end of his sentence.

“You’ll spare my life?” Gan Ru Yan was momentarily stunned when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words before she smiled disdainfully, “Just you alone, you think you can kill me?”

No matter what, Gan Ru Yan was still a powerhouse ranked seventh on the Fire Worship Sect’s True Ranking. She was also one of the Seven Great Prodigies in the Fire Worship Sect. Despite her young age, she had already made it on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

In fact, only 1,000 of the strongest powerhouses in the Dao Martial Saint Land were qualified to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

Today, the young man whom she regarded as an ant had appeared in front of her. Although she did not know how he managed to come here, she still found it ridiculous!

It had only been a few years, his strength could not have improved that much, right?

“That’s right! Just me alone is enough!” Duan Ling Tian answered determinedly faced with Gan Ru Yan’s disdain.

As soon as he finished speaking, the Sun Saint Energy that had long been accumulating in body swept out as he cast the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, immediately. He completely absorbed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings, raising his Sun Saint Energy to its limit.

Whoosh!

At the same time, the sound of a sword slashing sounded quickly before it disappeared.

Snap!

Before Gan Ru Yan could react, the band that held her hair up had snapped.

Her hair fell down, giving her an unkempt appearance.

Duan Ling Tian had quickly put away the Jasper Celestial Sword before Gan Ru Yan noticed it and asked her indifferently, “What do you think now?”

Currently, he had depleted 70% to 80% of his Sun Saint Energy. He no longer had any energy to carry on.

If Gan Ru Yan decided to attack now, he would not have any energy to fight back.

Naturally, since Duan Ling Tian dared to spend so much energy, he was confident Gan Ru Yan would not attack him.

In fact, if he wanted to kill Gan Ru Yan, he could have easily done so with that slash of sword earlier.

Duan Ling Tian believed Gan Ru Yan knew this very well.

Indeed. Gan Ru Yan knew it very well.

“How’s this possible?!” As soon as Duan Ling Tian cut her hair bad, a sense of fear rose in her heart immediately. She was very close to death earlier.

If Duan Ling Tian did not aim his sword at her hairband but at one of her vital points, she would have died!

“How did he become so strong?!” Gan Ru Yan gasped as a hint of bafflement appeared in her eyes.

She felt the current Duan Ling Tian was like a different person from the Duan Ling Tian she had met before.

The former Duan Ling Tian could not even withstand a blow from her. She had only needed to move her fingers to suppress him.

However, currently, Duan Ling Tian’s strength had already surpassed her.

This could be seen from how she could not even catch a trace of his sword from the beginning until the end.

Even when she had a friendly match with the true disciple who was ranked first on the True Ranking previously, she did not feel suffocated or despair.

At this moment, she felt her life was no longer in her own hands.

Terrifying!

It was just too terrifying!

“Who are you?!” Due to the changes in Duan Ling Tian, Gan Ru Yan began to doubt Duan Ling Tian’s identity again.

She could not relate this young man before her who could kill with just a strike of the sword with the useless man who brought disaster to her sister.

“Why? Do you think it’s impossible for my strength to surpass yours in just a few years?” Duan Ling Tian smirked.

It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to figure out the thoughts running through Gan Ru Yan’s mind.

In fact, currently, even he felt like he was dreaming, let alone Gan Ru Yan.

That time, by using Chi Mei’s identity, Gan Ru Yan had forcefully taken Ke’er away.

At that time, Gan Ru Yan was so strong that it made him feel oppressed. He had no choice but to watch as Ke’er was taken away.

He would never forget that scene. At that time, he had felt so helpless before Gan Ru Yan.

After several years, now that they had met again, he could kill her if he wanted to with the help of the Jasper Celestial Sword!

It was a surreal feeling, but he felt delighted at the same time.

The difference between the latter and the former incident was too huge.

“You can’t be him! Even if he’s given several dozens or hundreds of years, he wouldn’t be so strong, let alone just a few years! Tell me, who are you? What relationship do you have with him? Why are you

impersonating him? Do you plan to avenge him and humiliate me?" Gan Ru Yan's expression turned even graver. She refused to believe Duan Ling Tian was the person she encountered previously.

"It doesn't matter to me if you believe me or not. I came today not to see you but to see Ke'er and our daughter!" Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly. He did not bother to conceal his intention of coming to the Enforcement Hall and revealed it all to Gan Ru Yan. He wanted to see Ke'er and their daughter.

Due to Duan Ling Tian's words, Gan Ru Yan furrowed her brows again. She asked in an uncertain tone, "Y-You're really Duan Ling Tian?"

Chapter 2039: Duan Ling Tian's Resolution!

"This is as real as I can get," Duan Ling Tian said firmly when he heard Gan Ru Yan's question again. His voice was extremely cold that it seemed like the temperature in the surroundings had dropped by a few degrees.

When she heard Duan Ling Tian's firm answer, although Gan Ru Yan still found it hard to believe, she saw a familiar look in the young man's eyes. When she had brought her younger sister away from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the young man's gaze was similar to this young man. Now that she thought about it, they seemed to be the same person.

"H-how did you become so strong?" Gan Ru Yan gasped. Although she still found it hard to believe, she had no choice but to believe it.

Duan Ling Tian who was standing before had become so strong that he had even surpassed her.

"It's not your business how I became so strong. I've told you. I came here to see Ke'er and our daughter. I'm not here to see you. Where are they?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Since you're not here to see me, why didn't you directly go and see them?" Gan Ru Yan asked.

At this moment, Gan Ru Yan did not notice her tone had turned warmer when she spoke to Duan Ling Tian. It was no longer as arrogant as before.

It seemed as though Gan Ru Yan had acknowledged Duan Ling Tian's strength or maybe she was moved by the way he came to the Fire Worship Sect just to look for her younger sister. Most importantly, Gan Ru Yan who originally hated Duan Ling Tian suddenly felt that he was worthy of her sister. Previously, she thought Duan Ling Tian was a toad and completely unworthy of her sister.

However, after Gan Ru Yan had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength, her mindset began to change. Even she did not notice it yet.

"Do you think the Enforcement Hall is going to let me see Ke'er and our daughter just because I ask them?" Duan Ling Tian smiled coldly.

Gan Ru Yan finally understood when she heard his words. Her sister was different from her. Her sister had committed a serious crime in the Fire Worship Sect. Her status was currently very sensitive. Even a Golden Flame Elder might not be able to see her sister, let alone Duan Ling Tian.

“In the beginning, they were with me.” Gan Ru Yan sighed. “When I brought Yu Yan back, I hid her in my residence until she gave birth to your daughter.”

“Yu Yan?” Duan Ling Tian raised a brow. He figured Yu Yan was Ke’er other name.

“Yu Yan named your daughter Duan Si Ling,” Gan Ru Yan said as she looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Si Ling!

Her words caused Duan Ling Tian to fall into a daze. His heartbeat quickened as though it was stirred by something.

Little Fei’er had named his son Duan Nian Tian.

Ke’er had named his daughter Duan Si Ling.

Although the names were different, the meaning was the same. They all meant that they missed Duan Ling Tian.

“Since you managed to find your way here, it means you’ve heard of what happened after. I hid Yu Yan’s matter from everyone. However, in the end, Wen Yan found out about it and went to the Enforcement Hall to report me.” When Gan Ru Yan mentioned Wen Yan, her eyes flashed piercingly.

If it was not for Wen Yan, she and her sister would not be imprisoned by the Enforcement Hall.

“Due to Wen Yan’s report, Yu Yan and her daughter were brought away by the Enforcement Hall. On the other hand, I went to look for my master, Guardian Qing Huo. He’s one of the three great Guardians in the sect. Originally, I wanted to ask him for help. However, he said I’m confused and asked me to surrender to the Enforcement Hall.” Gan Ru Yan sighed. “I know master said that for my own good. When Lord Sect Master comes out of his closed-door cultivation, he might forgive my crime since I took the initiative to surrender and also for the sake of my master. Master even said there’s nothing he could do regarding Yu Yan’s matter. That will depend on what Lord Sect Leader decides to do!”

Gan Ru Yan’s expression gradually turned grim. A hint of worry could be seen in her eyes when she finished speaking.

“Decide? What’s there to decide?” Duan Ling Tian smiled coldly when he heard Gan Ru Yan’s words. “Put aside that it’s not Ke’er’s fault for being abandoned in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, why does the Fire Worship Sect insist on interfering with her life? We fell in love and have a daughter. What does this have to do with the Fire Worship Sect? Who is the Fire Worship Sect to dictate her life? What right do they have to decide if she lives or dies?” Duan Ling Tian’s voice trembled a little when he reached the end of his sentence. It was obvious he was extremely furious. It was as though he was venting all the anger he had been suppressing.

“I know you feel dissatisfied, but how are you different from me?” Gan Ru Yan smiled wryly. “You asked me earlier if I still think I made the right choice by bringing Yu Yan back to the Fire Worship Sect. Let me tell you, I think it’s the right choice. This is because as long as Yu Yan stays in the Lower Province, the people from the Fire Worship Sect will eventually find her. I just didn’t expect that after I found her and hid her safely, she would still be discovered!”

Killing intent appeared when she finished speaking. It was obvious it was directed at Wen Yan.

Duan Ling Tian had also calmed down after he vented his anger.

Based on Gan Ru Yan's words, it was obvious she cared about Ke'er. Perhaps, her way of caring for Ke'er was not to his liking, but she still did it with good intentions.

"I really don't know what you're thinking by bringing her back to the sect. Can't you have hidden her outside?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but mock Gan Ru Yan's stupid decision.

"Hide her outside? Do you think I can do that without worrying about her?" Gan Ru Yan asked in a deep voice, "That's my biological sister whom I've been separated from for many years. Even if I don't see her for half a day, I'll be worried if something has happened to her! Moreover, in my opinion, the most dangerous place is also the safest place. All in all, I just didn't expect Wen Yan to be watching me so closely that she even found out about Yu Yan!" The killing intent in her eyes became even more intense when she spoke about Wen Yan again.

Sensing Gan Ru Yan's genuine sorrow, Duan Ling Tian no longer blamed her. Instead, he changed the topic and asked, "Do you know where Ke'er and our daughter are being imprisoned?"

"No, I don't." Gan Ru Yan shook her head. "The Prison Hall is huge, and there are many stone prisons here. Yu Yan and her daughter must be locked up in one of the stone rooms. Don't worry. The Enforcement Hall won't dare to harm her at all before the Sect Leader comes out of closed-door cultivation. However, when he comes out, I'm afraid Yu Yan and her daughter..." Pain and regret filled her eyes when she reached the end of her sentence.

"If I have a chance to do things over, I'll leave her in the Lower Province. Although I think it's the wrong choice, at least she and her daughter would be able to spend more time with you before being taken away by the people from the Fire Worship Sect. Currently, it's still unknown if you'll be able to reunite with them." At some point, tears began streaming down Gan Ru Yan's face. It seemed like she did not think her sister would be able to survive.

"We'll definitely be able to reunite!" Duan Ling Tian replied determinedly. "I'll definitely save Ke'er and our daughter before the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect comes out of closed-door cultivation! If something happens to the two of them because of the Sect Leader, not only will I kill him, but I'll destroy the foundation of the sect with my own hands. I'll make it disappear from the Dao Martial Saint Land and remain in history!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was exceedingly cold. It would send chills running up the spines of those who listened to it.

If it was before, Gan Ru Yan would have felt that Duan Ling Tian had overestimated himself when she heard these words. However, now that she had witnessed the changes in his strength after just a few years, she did not doubt his words at all.

Duan Ling Tian had that potential!

"Perhaps, Sect Leader wouldn't simply harm Yu Yan when you expose your strength. However, that's only if you can demonstrate strength that will make the Fire Worship Sect afraid of you!" Gan Ru Yan said excitedly with bright eyes when she heard his words, "Naturally, you can't stay in the Fire Worship

Sect, and you can't let them find you. Otherwise, the Sect Leader can just kill you before you reach your full potential!"

Her words encouraged Duan Ling Tian. It even made him feel like revealing his potential to the Fire Worship Sect.

'It seems like I must leave the Fire Worship Sect immediately as soon as I leave the Enforcement Hall! When I return and show them I have a violet Innate Spiritual Root, it'll shock the sect and the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!' Duan Ling Tian made a decision. 'As long as Fire Worship Sect's Sect Leader hasn't come out of closed-door cultivation, I still stand a chance of forcing the sect to not harm Ke'er and our daughter recklessly with my potential. As long as they can't kill me, they won't dare to touch both of them!'

Chapter 2040: The Reincarnation Of A Goddess?

Now that Duan Ling Tian had made up his mind, how he wished to fly away from the Fire Worship Sect to improve his Innate Spiritual Root! As long as he managed to change his Innate Spiritual Root to a violet one, he would be able to return gloriously and shock the Fire Worship Sect and the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land! He would be considered as a rare prodigy with a violet Innate Spiritual Root in the Upper Province.

At that time, if he announced he would annihilate the Fire Worship Sect if they dared to harm Ke'er and their daughter, he believed the Fire Worship Sect would not dare to touch them in fear of his potential.

"Thank you for your advice." Duan Ling Tian expressed his gratitude to Gan Ru Yan after he regained his senses. The last of his hatred toward her disappear as well. After all, the woman standing before him was Ke'er's biological sister and her family. If he insisted on holding onto his hatred, the only one who would be hurt was Ke'er.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian decided to let go of his hatred toward Gan Ru Yan. After all, it was true she never had the intention of hurting Ke'er. He was certain of this now.

"You don't have to thank me," Gan Ru Yan said as she shook her head, "Both of us have the same intention. We all wish that Yu Yan and her daughter would be safe. Yu Yan is my twin sister and my only sister. I'm willing to sacrifice my life if it means Yu Yan will be safe!" Gan Ru Yan's tone left no room for doubts.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Based on Gan Ru Yan's tone, he could tell her words were sincere.

After a moment of silence, Duan Ling Tian looked at Gan Ru Yan and said, "There's one thing I've always been curious about. Between you and Ke'er, why did the Fire Worship Sect choose Ke'er as the Saint Girl? Why didn't they choose you? Could the rumors be true? Does Ke'er have a violet Innate Spiritual Root?" Duan Ling Tian asked one of the questions that he had always been curious about.

"It's true. Yu Yan possesses a violet Innate Spiritual Root. However, this is not the main reason she was chosen by the Fire Worship Sect to be a Saint Girl!" Gan Ru Yan answered Duan Ling Tian's question solemnly.

"It's not the main reason?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. When he saw Gan Ru Yan's solemn expression, his expression turned solemn as well. "What's the main reason then?"

"I only heard about it coincidentally from my Master. It seems like Yu Yan is the reincarnation of a goddess!" Gan Ru Yan's expression turned even more solemn when she said this.

The reincarnation of a goddess?!

Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he heard this. If he had heard this previously, he might have found it absurd. However, he was also someone who had been reincarnated. It was just that in his previous life, he was a Weapons Specialist from Earth. He was not some god. For this reason, when he heard Gan Ru Yan's words, he did not think it was impossible. He was just shocked.

"Ke'er? The reincarnation of a goddess? This..." Duan Ling Tian did not know what else to say at this moment. He looked at Gan Ru Yan again and asked, "Are you sure you heard correctly? Your master, the Fire Worship Sect's Guardian, said that Ke'er is the reincarnation of a goddess?"

"That's what master said... I'm afraid only the Sect Leader knows the details of this matter," Gan Ru Yan responded.

"It doesn't matter if Ke'er is the reincarnation of a goddess or not. She's my woman!" Duan Ling Tian said resolutely as his eyes flashed, "I'll protect my woman! If the Fire Worship Sect dares to harm her, I'll definitely annihilate the Fire Worship Sect in the future. They would become nothing but history in the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

After that, he turned to look at Gan Ru Yan and said, "I only have 15 minutes with you. The time is almost up. If the Enforcement Hall's Elder asks you why I wanted to see you, you'll need to come up with a story to deal with him."

"I don't have to deal with him!" Gan Ru Yan was not concerned when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Who was she? Apart from being a true disciple who was ranked 7th on the True Ranking, one of the sect's Seven Great Prodigies, and the most outstanding female disciple among the younger generation in the Fire Worship Sect, she was the direct disciple of Qing Huo, one of the Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect!

Just a mere Silver Flame Elder guarding the Prison Hall was not qualified to ask for an explanation from her.

Upon hearing Gan Ru Yan's arrogant words, Duan Ling Tian was momentarily stunned. When he regained his senses, he smiled wryly. "I've forgotten that your master is Guardian Qing Huo, one of the three great Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect... You take care. It's time for me to leave." He turned to leave after he finished speaking.

Bang! Bang!

After knocking the stone door twice, the Prison Hall's Silver Flame Elder Meng Qi who was on guard outside opened the door. After Duan Ling Tian left, he shut the stone door again and reactivated the Formation on the prison stone room.

"Let's go!" After Meng Qi was done, he gestured to Duan Ling Tian to leave and brought him out of the Prison Hall.

After leaving the Prison Hall, Duan Ling Tian was reunited with Liu Yu who was waiting outside.

After bidding farewell to the three Prison Hall's Silver Flame Elders, including Meng Qi, Liu Yu brought Duan Ling Tian away from the Prison Hall and made his way to the Main Hall.

"Thank you, Elder Liu Yu." Duan Ling Tian did not forget to thank Liu Yu during their journey to the Main Hall.

"You should thank Little Yun'er. I hope you won't forget the promise you made!" Liu Yu replied solemnly.

"Don't worry, Elder Liu Yu. I always keep my words!" Duan Ling Tian said sincerely.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian remembered the promise he made to Liu Yu. He had promised to sever his friendship with Liu Yun publicly so that he would not implicate Liu Yun or the Liu Clan because of his own matter. Since he had given Liu Yu his words, he had no intention of backing out. Moreover, this was a way for him to guarantee Liu Yun's safety. If something happened to Liu Yun or the Liu Clan, he would not be able to forgive himself. To play it safe, he had decided to have a public fallout with Liu Yun and sever their friendship.

As long as news of their fallout spread in the Fire Worship Sect, those who opposed Duan Ling Ling Tian would not target Liu Yun anymore,

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In the Prison Hall.

After Duan Ling Tian left, Meng Qi entered the Prison Hall again. Not only that, but he opened the stone door that imprisoned Gan Ru Yan and entered the room. As soon as he entered the room, he smiled widely as he asked, "Miss Ru Yan, I wonder if you're comfortable during your stay here?"

"Comfortable?" Upon hearing Meng Qi's words, Gan Ru Yan smiled coldly. "How about we switch places, and you tell me whether it's comfortable or not?"

When Meng Qi heard her words, he could only smile awkwardly.

"Miss Ru Yan!" As though Meng Qi was reminded of something, he asked solemnly, "Pardon me for asking, what's your relationship with Duan Ling Tian? To think he used his connections to enter the Prison Hall just to see you. More importantly, he's just a new disciple of the sect. He only entered the sect after you're imprisoned!" He did not beat around the bush and directly asked about Gan Ru Yan's relationship with Duan Ling Tian.

Meng Qi had a feeling both of them knew each other. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would not have used his connections just to see Gan Ru Yan.

"What does it have to do with you what relationship I have with him?" Gan Ru Yan smirked when she heard Meng Qi's question. She did not intend to give him a proper answer.

A hint of dissatisfaction flashed in the depths of Meng Qi's eyes when he saw how rude Gan Ru Yan was. However, he forced a smile and said, "Miss Ru Yan, it's just a casual question. I have no other intention. In my opinion, he must be your friend. No wonder he humiliated Wen Yan previously. As it turns out, it's because Wen Yan had reported you. Everyone's wondering why a new disciple would humiliate Wen Yan for no reason." Meng Qi sighed emotionally when he finished speaking.

When Duan Ling Tian mentioned that he wanted to see Gan Ru Yan, whether it was Meng Qi or the other two Silver Flame Elders, they were all reminded of the incident where Duan Ling Tian had ruthlessly humiliated Wen Yan.

Previously, they thought Duan Ling Tian had humiliated Wen Yan for no reason. However, now, all of them felt Duan Ling Tian must have done so because he was close to Gan Ru Yan. Otherwise, he would not have used his connection to see her in the Prison Hall.

"Although the wages the Enforcement Hall gives to true disciples serving here are high, it's nothing to a true disciple like him who possesses a million Contribution Points!" Meng Qi continued to say, "Now that I think about it, he must have decided to serve here because he wants to see you!"

"A million Contribution Points?" Gan Ru Yan was stunned when she heard Meng Qi's words. "What a million Contribution Points? Did you just say he has a million Contribution Points?"

Duan Ling Tian had a million Contribution Points? Even Gan Ru Yan had only managed to save over 200,000 Contribution Points after being in the Fire Worship Sect for so long.

Duan Ling Tian had only entered the Fire Worship Sect not too long ago but he already possessed a million Contribution Points?