

## Chapter 2071: Beauty Is the Root of Trouble

Dongfang Zhu and the two elders returned to the Dongfang Clan's estate in a hurry after they left the restaurant. As soon as they arrived in the Dongfang Clan's estate, they sought an audience with the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan immediately. The Clan Leader was Dongfang Qian, Dongfang Zhu's father!

"Father!" Dongfang Zhu exclaimed. His face was filled with rage.

"The Qiu Clan and Qiu Mu Qing have crossed the line!"

"What happened?" Dongfang Qian asked with a frown when he saw how agitated his son was. His son had come to him half an hour ago and requested for him to send two elders at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage out with him. He was surprised to see Dongfang Zhu and the two elders returning so soon. Moreover, they seemed extremely upset.

"Father! Initially, I planned to teach the man who humiliated me with the help of the two elders. However, that man had already left the restaurant with Qiu Mu Qing when I arrived," Dongfang Zhu said with a dark expression, "Qiu Mu Qing was seen holding the man's hand when they left the restaurant. Moreover, we found out she has brought that man back to the Qiu Clan's estate and even allowed him to stay in her private residence!"

Dongfang Zhu's eyes were bloodshot as he continued to say, "From what I know, she has never allowed anyone to stay in her private residence before this. That man is the first guest in her private residence!"

Based on Dongfang Zhu's words, it could be seen that he knew her quite well. He was furious because he had long regarded Qiu Mu Qing as his woman. However, she had taken the initiative to hold another man's hand and even brought him back to her private residence in the Qiu Clan's estate. He felt as though he was going to lose his mind the more he thought about it.

"What?!" Dongfang Qian's expression darkened immediately when he heard Dongfang Zhu's words. A hint of killing intent could be seen in his eyes. "How dare Qiu Mu Qing act so brazenly!"

"Clan Leader!" One of the elders who was sent out to help Dongfang Zhu said, "Qiu Mu Qing and the Qiu Clan have crossed a line. Everyone in Clarity City knows that Qiu Mu Qing is your future daughter-in-law... Her actions today have humiliated our clan!"

"I agree, Clan Leader," the other elder from Dongfang Clan said furiously. "If we don't deal with this matter properly, I'm afraid we won't be able to lift our heads in Clarity City! At that time, people would lose respect for the Dongfang Clan."

"We'll definitely deal with this matter accordingly!" Dongfang Qian said as he looked at the two elders coldly, "Do you have any suggestions on how to deal with this matter?"

"Clan Leader, I suggest that you personally lead a team to the Qiu Clan to condemn Qiu Mu Qing's actions... We should demand for an explanation from her and the Qiu Clan!" One of the elders from

Dongfang Clan said, "Moreover, we should ask the Qiu Clan to hand Qiu Mu Qing and the purple-clad young man over to us so we can punish them accordingly. We should also break off the engagement between Qiu Mu Qing and Second Young Master!"

"I agree!" The other elder from the Dongfang Clan nodded. "The news of Qiu Mu Qing's actions is spreading like wildfire in Clarity City. If we don't break the engagement, we'll be a laughing stock in Clarity City! We need to be the one who breaks the engagement so everyone knows that it's the Dongfang Clan that rejected her, not the other way around!"

"I'll lead a team to the Qiu Clan's estate and demand for an explanation. Otherwise, people are going to think the Dongfang Clan is a pushover!" Dongfang Qian said coldly, "It's necessary for us to break off the engagement with such a woman! The Dongfang Clan can't accept a woman like that!"

"It shouldn't be difficult to force the Qiu Clan to hand the purple-clad young man over, but they won't easily hand over Qiu Mu Qing to us. That shameless woman is the apple of Clan Leader Qiu An Ping's eyes!" Dongfang Qian said with a frown.

"Father! You must demand the Qiu Clan to hand Qiu Mu Qing over to us!" Dongfang Zhu quickly said, his eyes gleaming sinisterly. Dongfang Zhu wanted to capture Qiu Mu Qing and ravage her. He wanted her even if he could not marry her!

"My son, I understand how you feel, but it's not practical to demand the Qiu Clan to hand Qiu Mu Qing over to us for the time being," Dongfang Qian said to Dongfang Zhu.

"Second Young Master, Clan Leader is right!" One of the elders standing next to Dongfang Zhu said, "Qiu Mu Qing is Qiu An Ping's only daughter. There's no doubt that he would sacrifice his life for her. There's no way he would hand Qiu Mu Qing over to us."

"Second Young Master, we understand that you hate Qiu Mu Qing... However, it's impossible the Qiu Clan would hand her over to us!" The other elder said.

Dongfang Zhu fell silent when he heard their words. It was not that he could not understand their thoughts, but he found it difficult to accept. He knew there was nothing he could do even if he could not accept it.

"My son, I promise you I'll capture Qiu Mu Qing for you after this matter has been dealt with! For the time being, we'll just capture the purple-clad young man for you to vent your anger." Dongfang Qian consoled his son.

Dongfang Zhu's eyes brightened when he heard his father's promise. He quickly thanked his father. "Thank you, father!"

"Go to the front yard and wait for me there. I'll discuss this matter with Grand Elder and Second Elder first," Dongfang Qian said, "I believe the elders will be furious as well when they learn about Qiu Mu Qing's actions today and how the Qiu Clan seems to be turning a blind eye to it! I will look for you once I'm done discussing this with Grand Elder and Second Elder." He left in just a blink of an eye after he finished speaking. As a powerhouse at the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, his speed was naturally faster than Dongfang Zhu and the two elders.

Dongfang Zhu and the two elders went to the front yard to wait for Dongfang Qian after he left.

Just as Dongfang Qian had said, the Grand Elder and Second Elder were furious when they learned about what Qiu Mu Qing had done. In their opinion, she had crossed the line.

After that, Dongfang Qian, the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan, led the Grand Elder and Second Elder to the front yard to look for Dongfang Zhu and the two elders before they left the Dongfang Clan's estate.

When the people from Dongfang Clan flew to the Qiu Clan's estate, they attracted many people's attention.

"Isn't that Dongfang Qian, the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan?" A passerby asked when he saw the people from Dongfang Clan flying in the sky.

"The Grand Elder, Second Elder, and the Second Young Master are with him as well. It seems like they're heading to the Qiu Clan's estate to demand an explanation regarding Qiu Mu Qing's actions!"

News of Qiu Mu Qing's actions had spread in Clarity City. Naturally, people came to this conclusion when they saw people from the Dongfang Clan making their way to the Qiu Clan's estate.

"The Young Miss from Qiu Clan is very bold to protect the man who humiliated the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan. I can't believe she even brought him back to the Qiu Clan's estate to stay in her private residence. It seems like they're not just acquaintances!"

"Qiu Mu Qing's actions are akin slapping the Dongfang Clan's face. It's only natural that Clan Leader Dongfang Qian is going to the Qiu Clan's estate!"

"It seems like things are going to change in Clarity City... The Qiu Clan and the Dongfang Clan will probably no longer be allies. The Feng Clan is definitely going to seize this opportunity to further expand their power. Things are looking good for the Feng Clan!"

"That girl destroyed two clans in a day. Her beauty is the root of this trouble!"

"I have a feeling the man Qiu Mu Qing brought back will die or suffer!"

Many people began to discuss among themselves when they saw the people from the Dongfang Clan making their way to the Qiu Clan's estate.

Most people seemed to think Qiu Mu Qing was the source of the trouble and misfortune only awaited the purple-clad young man whom she had brought back to the Qiu Clan's estate.

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Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of all the commotion outside.

He was currently sitting with Qiu Mu Qing at a stone table in the front yard of her private residence. She had just returned from Clan Leader Qiu An Ping's residence.

"Miss Qiu, did you tell your father my name?" Duan Ling Tian asked suddenly as though he just recalled something. He knew his name would bring trouble to the people associated with him. After all, he had offended many people. Moreover, those people were not ordinary people. They were high-ranking

officials in one of the great sects in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Fire Worship Sect.

### **Chapter 2072: Watch Your Mouth!**

Duan Ling Tian had offended several high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect. Although they were not extremely strong or influential, it would still be very easy for them to annihilate a third-rate force like the Qiu Clan. For this reason, he regretted not asking Qiu Mu Qing to keep his name a secret from her father.

“No,” Qiu Mu Qing answered as she shook her head. She was confused by Duan Ling Tian’s question, but she still said, “I told my father about everything that happened today. He should be with Grand Elder now to discuss how to deal with this matter when people from the Dongfang Clan come calling. However, he has promised me that he’ll try his best to protect you. You can stay in the Qiu Clan’s estate without any worries!” It was obvious Qiu Mu Qing was trying to reassure Duan Ling Tian.

“Miss Qiu, you don’t have to worry about the matter with the Dongfang Clan. I’m not afraid of the Dongfang Clan!” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently. However, his expression turned solemn when he said, “However, I’ll have to ask you to not reveal my name to anyone, including your father!”

Qiu Mu Qing did not take Duan Ling Tian seriously when he said he was not afraid of the Dongfang Clan. Although she had seen how strong Duan Ling Tian was, she did not think he was a match for the entire Dongfang Clan. She was, however, puzzled by Duan Ling Tian’s request to keep his name a secret. However, she did not say anything since she knew everyone had their own secrets. She believed he had a good reason for wanting to keep his name a secret.

“Okay.” Qiu Mu Qing nodded. “I promise I won’t reveal your name without your permission.”

Duan Ling Tian smiled when he heard Qiu Mu Qing’s words. He felt relieved. He was not afraid of wreaking havoc in Clarity City. However, he planned to keep his presence here a secret. He was afraid those high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect whom he had offended would find out he was in Clarity City and cause trouble for the Qiu Clan.

Duan Ling Tian was not certain if the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum and Dong Yuan Jin, one of the Vice Hall Masters of the Enforcement Hall, would take any actions against the Qiu Clan. However, he was very certain Li An, the First Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum, would definitely seize this opportunity and attack the Qiu Clan if he knew Duan Ling Tian had a good relationship with the Qiu Clan. If that happened, Qiu Mu Qing would certainly be affected.

For these reasons, Duan Ling Tian had requested Qiu Mu Qing to keep his name a secret. This way, no one would be able to link him, a famous prodigy from the Fire Worship Sect, to the Qiu Clan even if he acted outrageously in Clarity City.

“You...”

“You.....”

Both Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing spoke at the same time after a period of awkward silence. They both fell silent to allow the other party to continue speaking.

“Please go ahead.”

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After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing said at the same time again. People would have thought they had rehearsed this.

Qiu Mu Qing laughed as Duan Ling Tian fell into a daze again. Her face turned pink when she looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was about to speak when a deep voice interrupted him.

“Qiu Mu Qing!” A hint of anger could be heard in this voice that came from the distance.

Qiu Mu Qing’s smile vanished immediately and an unhappy expression appeared on her face when she heard this voice.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard the sound of heavy footsteps approaching them. A strong and tall middle-aged man entered Qiu Mu Qing’s private residence with a group of old, middle-aged, and young men trailing behind him. It was clear they were here to look for trouble with Qiu Mu Qing. Some of them looked at her with a hint of hostility as though she had committed a serious crime.

“Second uncle and elders... What do you mean by this? Isn’t it a little rude for all of you to come calling without an invitation?” Qiu Mu Qing said as she stood up and turned to look at the people who came. She walked toward them.

Qiu Mu Qing was the owner of this private residence. It was rude for these people to drop in unannounced.

The person who had led the group over was none other than Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of Qiu Clan. The people behind him were elders whom he rallied to his cause. All of them shared a common goal to force Qiu Mu Qing to marry Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan.

All of them were furious at Qiu Mu Qing when they heard of her actions. They knew the marriage alliance between the Qiu Clan and Dongfang Clan was over. They came over to punish her for her actions.

“What’s the problem? Since you plan to destroy the Qiu Clan, why would we need permission to enter your private residence?” Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of Qiu Clan, said as he looked at Qiu Mu Qing with a grave expression. “Do you think you’ll be able to live peacefully in your private residence without the Qiu Clan?”

Although Qiu Mu Qing addressed Qiu Gang Yi as second uncle, they were not closely related. Qiu Gang Yi’s grandfather were cousins of Qiu An Ping’s grandfather. He was only a distant relative.

Qiu Gang Yi only cared about the well-being of the Qiu Clan. He did not care about Qiu Mu Qing at all. As long as it would benefit the Qiu Clan, what Qiu Mu Qing wanted did not matter at all. For this reason, he had forced marriage on Qiu Mu Qing even though she had made it clear that she was unwilling. Qiu Gang Yi even went to the elders to rally them to his cause and pressured the Clan Leader, Qiu An Ping, so he would convince his daughter to marry into the Dongfang Clan.

Qiu Mu Qing was stunned when she heard Qiu Gang Yi's words. She asked coldly, "Destroy the Qiu Clan? How did you come to this conclusion, uncle?"

"How did I come to this conclusion?" Qiu Gang Yi sneered as he looked at Duan Ling Tian who had appeared next to Qiu Mu Qing's side. "Is this man your illicit lover? He's really good-looking. Unfortunately, he's a dead man walking now that he has offended the Dongfang Clan."

"Illicit lover?" Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard Qiu Gang Yi's words. However, he chose to endure since Qiu Gang Yi was from the Qiu Clan. He would tolerate it for now. Naturally, there was a limit to how much he could tolerate. He moved to stand between Qiu Mu Qing and Qiu Gang Yi.

Qiu Mu Qing's expression changed immediately as well when she heard Qiu Gang Yi's words. She could still tolerate it if Qiu Gang Yi had only insulted her. However, she could not and would not tolerate him insulting her friend.

"Qiu Gang Yi! You better watch your mouth! He's my friend!" Qiu Mu Qing said coldly as she glared at Qiu Gang Yi.

This was Qiu Mu Qing's first time addressing Qiu Gang Yi by his full name. He was shocked when he heard her words. He quickly tamped down his anger and laughed. "It seems like you're all grown up now. Addressing your uncle by his name and siding with your illicit lover over your uncle."

"I repeat, he's my friend, not my illicit lover!" Qiu Mu Qing said coldly. Based on her expression and her voice, it was obvious she was extremely furious.

Duan Ling Tian knew he could no longer remain quiet when he saw Qiu Mu Qing's anger. He took a step toward Qiu Gang Yi as he said threateningly, "Are you Qiu Gang Yi? You better heed Miss Qiu's advice and watch your mouth!"

Duan Ling Tian caught Qiu Gang Yi's attention when Duan Ling Tian stepped forward. He was cowed by his threats, but he regained his senses and began to laugh. After a while, he looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly and said contemptuously, "Young lad, don't think that you can do whatever you want in the Qiu Clan just because Qiu Mu Qing likes you. You're a nobody in my eyes."

### **Chapter 2073: Trash!**

"You still lack experience compared to me!" The Second Master of Qiu Clan, Qiu Gang Yi, said disdainfully. He studied Duan Ling Tian contemptuously as though he was the superior and Duan Ling Tian was his subordinate.

This annoyed Duan Ling Tian. He narrowed his eyes that gleamed coldly. His voice turned deeper as he said, "I lack experience compared to you?"

If people who were close with Duan Ling Tian were here, they would be able to tell he was extremely angry now.

“What? Are you questioning me?” Qiu Gang Yi said scornfully when he saw Duan Ling Tian was upset by his words. His disdain became even more obvious. There was a hint of arrogance in his gaze as well.

At this time, Qiu Mu Qing who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian stepped forward. She arched one of her perfect eyebrows as she said angrily, “Qiu Gang Yi! That’s enough!!”

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian sneered as he mobilized his Sun Saint Energy. He was prepared to teach Qiu Gang Yi a lesson so he would know whether it was wiser to offend Duan Ling Tian or the Dongfang Clan.

Duan Ling Tian’s robe had just begun to flutter as he prepared to strike when a hurried voice sounded urgently from outside of Qiu Mu Qing’s private residence.

“Second Master!” It was obvious the person who spoke had come for Qiu Gang Yi, not Qiu Mu Qing.

Qiu Mu Qing’s eyes instantly flashed coldly.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

The sound of hurried footsteps sounded as a middle-aged man with an anxious expression appeared. He completely disregarded the master of the private residence, Qiu Mu Qing, as he made his way to Qiu Gang Yi. He reported, “Dongfang Qian, the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan, has brought his son, Dongfang Zhu, the Grand Elder, and the Second Elder to the Qiu Clan’s estate. They’re here to demand an explanation from the Qiu Clan about what happened today!” This middle-aged man was obviously one of Qiu Gang Yi’s people.

The Dongfang Clan came to publicly rebuke the Qiu Clan for what had happened today!

“The people from Dongfang Clan are here?” Qiu Gang Yi’s expression darkened when he heard the middle-aged man’s words. A hint of viciousness could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing.

Meanwhile, the elders who came with Qiu Gang Yi were shocked.

“The people from Dongfang Clan are here? Moreover, Clan Leader Dongfang Qian personally came here?” One of the Qiu Clan’s elders said with an ugly expression on his face as he glared at Qiu Mu Qing, “Young Miss, look at what you’ve done. It’s fine if you’re unwilling to marry into the Dongfang Clan. However, you’ve worsened matters by openly holding a man’s hand and bringing him back to the clan’s estate. You’re playing with fire by openly offending the Dongfang Clan!”

“In Clarity City, everyone knows the Young Miss of Qiu Clan will be marrying into the Dongfang Clan. However, today, you openly held a stranger’s hand and brought him back to the clan!” Another elder from Qiu Clan said angrily.

“Not only did she bring him back to the clan, but she even allows him to stay in her private residence. That’s outrageous!”

“We must hand him over to appease the people from Dongfang Clan!” One of the elders said as he glared at Duan Ling Tian, “Otherwise, we risk offending them. If that happens, the Feng Clan would be able to take the Qiu Clan and Dongfang Clan down! It would be easy for them to annihilate us!”

“Hmmp! You’re too simple-minded. Even if we hand him over, we might not be able to appease them. After all, Young Miss’ action is a huge humiliation to them. They definitely won’t let matters go so easily!”

“If that happens, we’ll just hand both of them over!”

The arrival of Qiu Gang Yi’s man had caused an uproar. Many elders from the Qiu Clan who had remained silent began to speak up one after another. Based on the elders’ expressions and words, it was clear they blamed Qiu Mu Qing for offending the Dongfang Clan.

“Bring both of them to the Main Hall so they can apologize to the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan. We’ll give them a proper explanation!” Qiu Gang Yi ordered the men behind him to bring Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing to the Main Hall.

Meanwhile, a burst of laughter suddenly rang in the air. It was so loud that it overwhelmed the discussion among the elders and stopped them from bringing Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing to the Main Hall.

Everyone’s eyes shifted to the person who had laughed. It was none other than Duan Ling Tian who was standing next to Qiu Mu Qing.

“What are you laughing at?!” Qiu Gang Xi asked loudly. His voice was almost as loud as Duan Ling Tian’s laughter. His expression darkened when he saw Duan Ling Tian laughing.

Even Qiu Mu Qing had a confused expression on her face as she looked at Duan Ling Tian. She did not know why Duan Ling Tian was laughing under these circumstances!

Although Qiu Mu Qing’s father, Clan Leader Qiu An Ping, had promised to do his best to protect Duan Ling Tian, she was still worried. She did not expect the situation to escalate to this extent.

Not only did Qiu Gang Yi and these elders from Qiu Clan intend to hand Duan Ling Tian over to the Dongfang Clan, but they even intended to hand Qiu Mu Qing over to appease them.

Qiu Mu Qing was not worried she would be handed over to the Dongfang Clan. Not only would that be a humiliation to the Qiu Clan, but her father would never let her go as well. She was more worried about Duan Ling Tian’s safety.

Would her father be pressured by Qiu Gang Yi and the others?!

While Qiu Mu Qing was feeling worried, Duan Ling Tian had laughed as though he was not worried at all. She was baffled. She did not know why Duan Ling Tian was laughing.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Qiu Gang Yi’s words, he stopped laughing and looked at Qiu Gang Yi. He said slowly, “What am I laughing at? I’m laughing at you fools. A group of men has to depend on a girl to



protect their clan. In my opinion, all of you are nothing but trash.” Duan Ling Tian’s statement was uttered fearlessly.

Even a doll would get angry, let alone Qiu Gang Yi and the elders from Qiu Clan!

When they heard Duan Ling Tian’s offensive words, they were momentarily stunned. They thought they had heard wrongly. However, based on the expressions they saw on each other’s faces, they knew they did not mishear Duan Ling Tian! Duan Ling Tian had indeed insulted them.

The eyes of Qiu Gang Yi and the elders from Qiu Clan turned cold immediately. They were furious.

“Boy, you’re seeking death!”

“Who do you think you are? You dare to call us trash!”

Qiu Gang Yi was not the only person who was staring at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent. Even the group of elders were staring at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent. It seemed as though they wanted to attack him to vent their anger!

Hu!

At this moment, something flashed before Duan Ling Tian’s eyes and he smelled something fragrant. It was Qiu Mu Qing. She had stepped in front of him to shield him. His heart felt warm when he saw this. Then, he turned to look at Qiu Gang Yi and the elders from Qiu Clan disdainfully. “Why? Are you angry because you feel ashamed?” Not only was Duan Ling Tian not afraid, but he even sneered as he said, “Don’t tell me you think I’m wrong?”

Although Qiu Gang Yi and the others were furious, they could not refute Duan Ling Tian’s words. After all, Duan Ling Tian had spoken the truth.

“Now, I know all of you can’t wait to hand me and Miss Qiu over to the Dongfang Clan so we will go along with your plan...” Duan Ling Tian said.

Qiu Mu Qing turned around immediately when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. She wanted to stop him and said, “Duan...”

However, Qiu Mu Qing was interrupted by Duan Ling Tian’s arrogant voice as he said, “Miss Qiu, we’ll follow them to the Main Hall and meet the people from Dongfang Clan. Maybe they will show us mercy and let us go?”

There was a hint of sarcasm and amusement in Duan Ling Tian’s words, but it seemed as though Qiu Gang Yi and the others did not realize it.

#### **Chapter 2074: The Qiu Clan’s Leader**

“Show you mercy and let you go?” When Qiu Gang Yi and the elders from Qiu Clan heard Duan Ling Tian’s words, they smirked. They all thought the purple-clad young man was too naive!

The Dongfang Clan might not have a choice but to let Qiu Mu Qing go since she was the Young Miss of Qiu Clan. Moreover, she was under the protection of the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. It might be impossible even if they wanted to hand her over to the Dongfang Clan.

However, who was the purple-clad young man? He was a nobody. Qiu Mu Qing might try and protect Duan Ling Tian, but she would have a tough time protecting herself. How could she possibly protect this purple-clad young man as well?

“Naive! How funny!”

“He publicly humiliated Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan, and he thinks the Dongfang Clan is going to show him mercy? Is he out of his mind?”

“If he likes to daydream, then, let him be!”

“Yes. Since he’s willing to go to the Main Hall to see those people from the Dongfang Clan, let him be. Let him say what he wants.”

The elders from Qiu Clan discussed among themselves. Based on their words, it was obvious they did not think much of Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Since Duan Ling Tian was willing to go to the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall and meet the people from Dongfang Clan, they had nothing else to say. After all, Duan Ling Tian was not from the Qiu Clan. Although they were elders in the Qiu Clan, they had no right to tell him what to do. As long as Duan Ling Tian did not drag the Qiu Clan into this mess, they did not care about him at all.

“Since you’ve agreed to it... Let’s go!” Qiu Gang Yi said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian from the corner of his eyes. Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian intently. It was as though he was prepared to make a move if Duan Ling Tian suddenly refused to go to the Main Hall.

The elders from Qiu Clan turned to look at Duan Ling Tian as well. They shared the same thought as Qiu Gang Yi.

If Duan Ling Tian was willing to meet with the people from Dongfang Clan at the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall, the Qiu Clan might not be dragged into this mess. However, if Duan Ling Tian was not willing to go with them, the people from Dongfang Clan were definitely going to think they were protecting him. This would cause the rift between the Qiu Clan and the Dongfang Clan to widen. It would not benefit the Qiu Clan at all if that happened.

“What? Are you afraid I’m going to go back on my words?” Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly. He knew what Qiu Gang Yi was thinking when he saw Qiu Gang Yi glaring at him intently.

“Naturally, I hope you won’t go back on your words. However, regardless if you’re willing or not, I’ll still bring you over even if you’re unwilling!” Qiu Gang Yi sneered.

“Based on your strength?” Duan Ling Tian scoffed. Then, he turned to look at Qiu Mu Qing and said, “Miss Qiu, I don’t know the way... Please lead the way!” When he spoke to Qiu Mu Qing, his voice turned gentle and friendly.

“But...” Qiu Mu Qing hesitated when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Initially, she thought her father would be able to protect Duan Ling Tian since he was the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. However, based on how willing Qiu Gang Yi and the elders were to hand Duan Ling Tian over to the Dongfang Clan, she could not help but feel worried.

Although not all the elders from the Qiu Clan were on Qiu Gang Yi’s side, a great majority was on his side. With so many elders pressuring Qiu An Ping, it would be difficult for him to protect Duan Ling Tian even if he was the Clan Leader.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Qiu Mu Qing hesitating, he said, “Relax.” He sounded calm and confident, causing Qiu Mu Qing to feel more confident.

“D-do you have a way to deal with the Dongfang Clan?” Qiu Mu Qing asked through Voice Transmission. She could not help it. Due to the reason she did not know Duan Ling Tian very well, she thought Duan Ling Tian must have come from an extraordinary family since he was so confident. At the very least, the force behind him could not be any weaker than the Dongfang Clan, one of the three strongest clans in Clarity City.

“You’ll know when the time comes,” Duan Ling Tian answered Qiu Mu Qing confidently through Voice Transmission. He did not reveal anything, causing Qiu Mu Qing to be convinced he had an extraordinary background.

Qiu Mu Qing became less worried after she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. She took the lead and left her private residence to lead Duan Ling Tian to the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall. At the same time, she was extremely curious about Duan Ling Tian’s background. She would never expect that Duan Ling Tian was so confident not because of his background but it was because of his strength!

At that moment, she was filled with curiosity about Duan Ling Tian’s background.

The Dongfang Clan might be powerful among third-rate clans, but they could not compare to Duan Ling Tian!

“Let’s go!” Qiu Gang Yi said immediately when he saw Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing making their way to the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall.

“Hmph! Young Miss is too reckless. If it’s possible, I wish the clan will hand her over to the Dongfang Clan as well!”

“You’re right. I’ve always turned a blind eye to her antics previously. To think she dares to act so intimately with a man in front of so many people in Clarity City...”

“Everyone knows she’s engaged to the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan!”

“She has indeed humiliated the Dongfang Clan!”

“I can only hope they’ll be appeased when we hand the purple-clad young man over to them. As for Young Miss’ mistake, the Qiu Clan can only compensate in another way.”

“No matter what, we can’t risk making an enemy out of the Dongfang Clan... I think that as long as we’re willing to compensate, the Dongfang Clan wouldn’t go as far as to break ties with the Qiu Clan. After all, the people from Dongfang Clan also know they’re no match for the Feng Clan without the Qiu Clan!”

The elders from the Qiu Clan began to discuss among themselves as they made their way over to the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian heard their words. He only shook his head. At the same time, he turned to look at Qiu Mu Qing, the Young Miss of Qiu Clan, with a hint of pity in his eyes. He thought she was pitiful because her clan only regarded as a tool to strengthen the relationship between the Qiu Clan and the Dongfang Clan.

“The Main Hall is just in front... Are you sure about this? If you’re not, I’ll find a way to stop them!” Qiu Mu Qing said to Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission as she slowed down.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian caught a glimpse of the Main Hall. From a distance, the Main Hall looked majestic.

“You’ll find a way to stop them?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he heard Qiu Mu Qing’s words. He had asked Elder Huo to check the cultivation base of Qiu Gang Yi and the others earlier. He learned that none of them were at the Saint Celestial Stage. The strongest among them was Qiu Gang Yi who was at the peak of the Peak Quintessential Saint Stage. Qiu Mu Qing’s cultivation base was only at the Exemplary Saint Stage, it would be impossible for her to stop the others even though their cultivation base was not high.

“I’ll threaten to commit suicide if any of them dares to go after you. I think even Qiu Gang Yi wouldn’t dare to act as he pleases. He’d be worried by my dad will turn against him if I die!” Qiu Mu Qing explained herself through Voice Transmission as though she could sense Duan Ling Tian’s doubts. It seemed as though she was ready to die when she spoke.

Although Duan Ling Tian knew Qiu Mu Qing had said this because she was certain Qiu Gang Yi and the others did not dare to endanger her life, he still felt moved by her words. After all, they had only met today. It could be seen that she was a kind person. She did not want him to be harmed because of her.

“Why? Miss Qiu has so little faith in me?” Duan Ling Tian teased her after he took a deep breath.

“It’s not that. I’m just a little worried. Since you’re so confident, let’s go in. I’m curious how the Dongfang Clan will react when they find out they can’t do anything to you,” Qiu Mu Qing said through Voice Transmission. Her voice turned a little mischievous when she spoke. Based on her words, it seemed as though she was certain Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background. He had to come from a force that was stronger than the Dongfang Clan.

“Hm?” When they were about to arrive at the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall, Duan Ling Tian saw three people walking toward them. It was a middle-aged man who was dressed finely accompanied by two white-haired old men.

“Father!”

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian heard Qiu Mu Qing’s voice. He saw her moving quickly to the middle-aged man who was dressed finely.

'He must be the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Indeed, the middle-aged man who was dressed finely was Qiu An Ping, the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan! He was a middle-aged man with a strong build. A determined expression could be seen on his face that had sharp features. He looked handsome. He must be a good-looking man when he was younger.

### **Chapter 2075: In the Main Hall**

When the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan, Qiu An Ping, saw Qiu Mu Qing making her way to him, he smiled immediately. A hint of affection could be seen in his eyes. "Mu Qing." After a while, he could not help but sigh. He felt bad when he thought about how he might have to renege on his promise to his daughter. Since the day she was born, he had never let her down. However, this time, he might have to disappoint his daughter.

"Grand Elder. Second Elder," Qiu Mu Qing greeted the two old men standing next to Qiu An Ping with a smile on her face when she arrived in front of Qiu An Ping. Based on her words, it was obvious the two old men were the Qiu Clan's Grand Elder and Second Elder.

The Qiu Clan's Grand Elder was an old man with a medium-build. He had an ordinary appearance. A smile appeared on his face when Qiu Mu Qing greeted him. He looked at her and nodded. "Little Qing'er."

The Qiu Clan's Second Elder was slightly bigger than the Qiu Clan's Grand Elder. He was the same height as Qiu An Ping. When he heard Qiu Mu Qing greeting him, he only glanced at her indifferently. However, a hint of dissatisfaction could be heard in his voice when he said, "Mu Qing, you've acted too rashly today."

Qiu Mu Qing fell silent when she heard the Second Elder's words. Today, when she had held Duan Ling Tian's hand and pulled him out of the restaurant, she had acted instinctively. She was also stunned when she thought about her own actions. She agreed that she had acted too rashly and boldly. After all, regardless if she had a good impression of Duan Ling Tian or not, it was still the first time she had met him. Her actions could definitely be considered as a huge figurative slap to the Dongfang Clan. Therefore, she did not dare to refute the Qiu Clan's Second Elder's words.

It did not take long before the Qiu Clan's Second Master, Qiu Gang Yi, arrived as well. He took the initiative and greeted the three men. "Clan Leader, Grand Elder, Second Elder!"

When Qiu An Ping saw Qiu Gang Yi, he furrowed his brows subtly before he nodded indifferently.

Soon after, the elders with Qiu Gang Yi caught up as well and greeted Qiu An Ping and the two old men.

The Qiu Clan's Grand Elder frowned when he saw so many elders had gathered. He said indifferently, "Qiu Gang Yi, you may stay. The others can leave." Although he had spoken softly, his voice brooked no argument.

There were three Saint Stage powerhouses in the Qiu Clan. Among the three Saint Stage powerhouses, the Grand Elder was the strongest. For this reason, the other elders from the Qiu Clan did not dare to go against the Grand Elder.

After the Qiu Clan's Grand Elder finished speaking, the elders from Qiu Clan glanced at Qiu Gang Yi for a moment before they left. Although all of them wanted to go to the Main Hall to watch the show, they knew there was nothing they could now that the Grand Elder had spoken. They would have to accept that Qiu Gang Yi would be representing them.

When the elders from Qiu Clan left, Qiu Gang Yi was the only one left among his group of men.

After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian who had been walking slowly finally arrived before Qiu An Ping, the Grand Elder, and the Second Elder.

"Father, he's the friend I mentioned earlier," Qiu Mu Qing introduced Duan Ling Tian to Qiu An Ping when she saw him. She no longer felt worried after she saw how confident Duan Ling Tian was even though she knew her father might not be able to protect him.

"Clan Leader Qiu," Duan Ling Tian greeted Qiu An Ping with a smile before Qiu An Ping said anything.

"Nice to meet you," Qiu An Ping responded with a smile when he saw how polite Duan Ling Tian was. He asked, "How should I address you?"

"Li Feng!" Duan Ling Tian answered with a smile on his face.

Duan Ling Tian's answer stunned Qiu Mu Qing for a moment. Since she knew his real name, she was slightly stunned when she heard him uttering an unfamiliar name. She regained her senses when she remembered Duan Ling Tian had asked her not to reveal his real name.

"So it's Brother Li Feng," Qiu An Ping nodded and said, "Brother Li Feng, you're not from Clarity City, right?"

"No, I'm not." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

"May I know where you're from, Brother Li Feng?" Qiu An Ping questioned him. There was a hint of optimism in his eyes when he spoke. This was because he knew it would be almost impossible for him to protect this purple-clad young man. He hoped the purple-clad young man had an extraordinary background. If that was the case, he might be able to cow the Dongfang Clan. Then his daughter would not be disappointed in him for not being able to protect the purple-clad young man.

"Clan Leader Qiu, I'm just a wandering sectless cultivator!" Duan Ling Tian responded immediately. He did not reveal his background.

A sectless cultivator?

When Qiu Clan's Second Master, Qiu Gang Yi, and the Second Elder heard Duan Ling Tian's words, a hint of disdain could be seen on their faces. However, Qiu An Ping and the Grand Elder's expressions turned solemn immediately. Qiu An Ping looked extremely disappointed as well.

As for the Qiu Clan's Young Miss, Qiu Mu Qing, she was stunned when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. However, when she regained her senses, she thought Duan Ling Tian was merely hiding his background. He would probably reveal it when faced with the people from Dongfang Clan to scare them off. Otherwise, he would not have been so confident.

“Brother Li Feng, this is the Qiu Clan’s Grand Elder and Second Elder...” Qiu An Ping spoke again to introduce the Grand Elder and Second Elder who were standing next to him.

“Greetings to both of you,” Duan Ling Tian said courteously.

The Qiu Clan’s Grand Elder nodded nonchalantly in respond.

On the other hand, the Second Elder of Qiu Clan pretended not to hear Duan Ling Tian. From the beginning until the end, he had only looked at Duan Ling Tian once before he ignored him.

Duan Ling Tian did not put much thought into it. Since he was in the Mortal Continent until now, he had seen many people who looked down on others.

“Clan Leader, Grand Elder, Second Elder... We should go in now. It would be rude if we keep the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan and the elders waiting any longer,” Qiu Gang Yi said suddenly. His words seemed to be just a reminder to the others, but a hint of delight could be heard in his voice. There was no doubt he was taking pleasure in the misfortune that was about to fall on Duan Ling Tian.

After Qiu Gang Yi had spoken, the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan, Qiu An Ping, the Grand Elder, and the Second Elder made their way to the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall.

Duan Ling Tian walked next to Qiu Mu Qing as he followed them.

Qiu Gang Yi brought up the rear. It was as though he was worried Duan Ling Tian would run away at the crucial moment.

When Duan Ling Tian entered the Qiu Clan’s Main Hall, he saw how spacious it was. The decorations were simple yet elegant.

“Father, it’s him! It’s him!” An angry voice exclaimed while Duan Ling Tian was looking around the Main Hall. The voice sounded familiar to him. He instantly turned to look at the owner of the voice. As soon as he turned his head, he saw Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan, whom he had beaten up in a restaurant in Clarity City.

At this time, Dongfang Zhu was standing next to a middle-aged man as he pointed at Duan Ling Tian furiously. Based on his words, it was obvious who the middle-aged man next to him was. He was none other than Dongfang Qian, the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan.

When Dongfang Qian heard Dongfang Zhu’s words, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian coldly like a snake looking at its prey.

However, Duan Ling Tian merely glanced at Dongfang Qian once before he turned his attention to the two old men standing next to Dongfang Qian. It was obvious the two old men held high positions in the Dongfang Clan. ‘They must be the Grand Elder and Second Elder of Dongfang Clan.’

Earlier, when Duan Ling Tian was at Qiu Mu Qing’s private residence, he had heard the elders from Qiu Clan said that the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan had come with his son, the Grand Elder, and the Second Elder. For this reason, it was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to guess who they were.

These two old men were also Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses in the Dongfang Clan.

Similar to the Qiu Clan, the Dongfang Clan had three Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses as well. The three Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses were the Clan Leader, the Grand Elder, and the Second Elder.

As for the two men standing behind them, Duan Ling Tian did not give them more than a passing glance. It was obvious their positions in the Dongfang Clan were not high. They were probably ordinary elders.

The Clan Leader of Qiu Clan, Qiu An Ping, along with the Qiu Clan's Grand Elder and Second Elder arrived before the people from Dongfang Clan.

Qiu An Ping smiled and greeted Dongfang Qian, "Clan Leader Dongfang!"

Meanwhile, the Qiu Clan's Grand Elder and Second Elder greeted the Dongfang Clan's Grand Elder and Second Elder.

'Bitch! Bitch!' Dongfang Zhu raged inwardly when he saw Duan Ling Tian and Qiu Mu Qing standing together, looking like they were a match made in Heaven.

### **Chapter 2076: Dongfang Qian's Terms**

"Your daughter is really something, Clan Leader Qiu!" Dongfang Qian said sarcastically when Qiu An Ping greeted him.

Naturally, Dongfang Qian would not be courteous to Qiu An Ping since his purpose of coming to the Qiu Clan was to seek justice for his clan. If he was courteous to Qiu An Ping, he would only be giving Qiu An Ping the upper hand. He knew this very well as the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan.

On the other hand, the Grand Elder and Second Elder of Dongfang Clan only responded with a 'Hmph!' when their counterparts from the Qiu Clan greeted them. They acted as though Qiu Clan owed them a debt.

The Qiu Clan's Grand Elder and Second Elder were naturally dissatisfied with the response from their counterparts in the Dongfang Clan. However, there was nothing they could do since they were in the wrong.

"What do you mean, Clan Leader Dongfang?" The polite smile on Qiu An Ping's face disappeared when he heard Dongfang Qian's words. He had been courteous to Dongfang Qian for the sake of the Qiu Clan. However, he could not accept another person criticizing his daughter. It was fine if people were to insult him, but they could not speak a single ill word about his daughter. For this reason, the tone of his voice had changed when he spoke.

The atmosphere in the Main Hall turned tensed when the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan's tone changed. It seemed like there was no way to avoid conflict.

"What do I mean?" Dongfang Qian sneered at Qiu An Ping. "Qiu An Ping, I'm sure you know exactly what I mean. Don't tell me you're unaware of what your precious daughter has done?"



Dongfang Qian's gaze slowly shifted to Qiu Mu Qing who was beside Duan Ling Tian. One could see how cold his eyes were. It was as though he was waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike.

At this moment, Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of Qiu Clan, suddenly said, "Clan Leader! Qiu Clan is clearly in the wrong regarding today's incident. I know you love the Young Miss dearly, but she's clearly at fault this time."

Qiu Gang Yi's words were out of Qiu An Ping's expectation. Qiu An Ping's expression turned solemn immediately.

Based on the expression on the Qiu Clan's Grand Elder's face, it was obvious he also thought Qiu Gang Yi had gone overboard.

The Qiu Clan's Second Elder was the only one who did not react to Qiu Gang Yi's words. It seemed like he agreed with Qiu Gang Yi.

'Is Qiu Gang Yi really part of the Qiu Clan?' Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes when he looked at Qiu Gang Yi. He felt like Qiu Gang Yi was more of a clansman from Dongfang Clan than the Qiu Clan.

It was within expectation for people from the Dongfang Clan to spout caustic words. However, as someone from the Qiu Clan, not only did Qiu Gang Yi not stand up for the Qiu Clan, but he even supported the Dongfang Clan's claims.

Even Duan Ling Tian who was an outsider felt Qiu Gang Yi's statement lacked consideration. It was as though he was shooting his own foot!

"Thank you for understanding, Second Master Qiu Gang Yi!" Dongfang Qian took the opportunity and thanked Qiu Gang Yi. He then looked at Qiu An Ping and sneered. "If it's not because Second Master Qiu Gang Yi's Martial Dao talent is slightly inferior to you, you wouldn't have become the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan!"

Dongfang Qian did not restrain his words when he insulted Qiu An Ping and praised Qiu Gang Yi.

Qiu An Ping's expression darkened even further when he heard this.

Duan Ling Tian could no longer hold it in, and he began to laugh loudly as though he had just heard a funny joke.

"What are you laughing about?!" Dongfang Qian asked coldly as he glared at Duan Ling Tian threateningly. Although he did not speak loudly, his voice contained Saint Origin so it drowned out Duan Ling Tian's laughter. He would have killed anyone who dared to act rudely to him if he was not in the Qiu Clan's Main Hall.

"I'm laughing at what you said!" Duan Ling Tian said as soon as he stopped laughing. He was not affected by Dongfang Qian's viper-like gaze at all. He said disdainfully, "Qiu Gang Yi is nothing but a weasel! Regardless if he's talented or not, someone like him would only bring ruin to the Qiu Clan if he's the Clan Leader. It's truly fortunate that he's not the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. Otherwise, the Qiu Clan might have become a subsidiary clan under the Feng Clan. The Dongfang Clan would definitely be wiped out if that happens." Duan Ling Tian spoke unrestrainedly.

Qiu An Ping, the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan, the Grand Elder, and Second Elder looked at Duan Ling Tian with a shocked expression on their faces. Duan Ling Tian's words seemed to have jogged their memories.

Indeed. Qiu Gang Yi had once suggested that the Qiu Clan surrender to the Feng Clan and join forces with them to destroy the Dongfang Clan. He even said the Qiu Clan would benefit from it if the Feng Clan ruled Clarity City. However, his suggestion was rejected.

"Li Feng, you're seeking death!" Qiu Gang Yi's scowled. He was furious when heard Duan Ling Tian's sarcastic words. His Saint Energy seemed as though it was on the verge of surging out of his body.

"What's wrong? Are you angry because I spoke the truth?" Duan Ling Tian laughed mockingly.

Qiu Gang Yi was further infuriated when he heard this. There was no doubt he wanted nothing more than to attack Duan Ling Tian at this moment.

"Impudent!" A voice suddenly cried out at this moment. It was none other than the Qiu Clan's Second Elder who had spoken.

The Second Elder of Qiu Clan looked at Duan Ling Tian as he said coldly, "Who do you think you are, Li Feng? Who gave a useless sectless cultivator like you the right to speak in the Qiu Clan's Main Hall and insult a clansman of the Qiu Clan?"

A sectless cultivator!

Dongfang Qian and the people from Dongfang Clan were excited when he heard the Qiu Clan's Second Elder's words. They had been worried the purple-clad young man who had humiliated the Dongfang Clan had an extraordinary background. If that was truly the case, they would be helpless to do anything about the humiliation they had received. Now that they found out the purple-clad young man was just a sectless cultivator, they all sighed in relief. There was nothing for them to worry about if the purple-clad young man was only a sectless cultivator.

"Insulting a clansman of Qiu Clan?" Duan Ling Tian said as he turned to look at the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, "As the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, don't tell me you agree with Qiu Gang Yi's words that clearly sides with outsiders?" Duan Ling Tian's voice was cold.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "Moreover, your Clan Leader and the Grand Elder haven't even spoken. Don't you think you've overstepped your boundary as a Second Elder?" Duan Ling Tian questioned the Second Elder's action.

"You... You..." The Second Elder of Qiu Clan was frustrated by Duan Ling Tian until his face turned pale. However, he could not refute Duan Ling Tian's words. Could he admit that Qiu Gang Yi was right in siding with the Dongfang Clan or that he did not overstep his boundary as a Second Elder?

Out of the three Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses in the Qiu Clan, the Second Elder was the only one who agreed to marrying the Young Miss of Qiu Clan to the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan.

Duan Ling Tian knew about this since Qiu Mu Qing told him about it when they were making their way to the Main Hall. Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian's impression of the Second Elder of Qiu Clan was not good.

If the Second Elder of Qiu Clan had remained quiet, Duan Ling Tian would not have done anything. However, not only did the Second Elder speak up, but he even insulted Duan Ling Tian. There was no way Duan Ling Tian would let it go.

"Clan Leader, Grand Elder... I-I'm just stating facts. It's not my intention to tarnish the prestige of the Qiu Clan or side with the Dongfang Clan!" Qiu Gang Yi's expression changed immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian's accusation. He quickly turned to the Clan Leader and Grand Elder of Qiu Clan and explained himself. He was afraid they would be angered.

A burst of laughter rang in the air suddenly. Dongfang Qian sneered as he said, "It seems like the Qiu Clan has lost its nobility. Even riffraff like a sectless cultivator can speak freely in the Main Hall! If this happens in the Dongfang Clan's Main Hall, such a person would've been killed." He looked at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent when he spoke.

"Is that so?" Duan Ling Tian did not avoid Dongfang Qian's gaze as he sneered.

"Clan Leader Qiu!" Dongfang Qian said in anger and turned to look at Qiu An Ping after he saw how fearless Duan Ling Tian was. His expression was grim.

"As long as you hand this sectless cultivator over to me today, the Dongfang Clan will forgive Qiu Clan's transgressions!" Dongfang Qian's voice boomed in the Qiu Clan's main hall like a clap of thunder. "We can still be allies to fight the Feng Clan even if we can't be in-laws!"

### **Chapter 2077: It's Time To Strike!**

The meaning in Dongfang Qian's words was simple. As long as the Qiu Clan handed Duan Ling Tian over to the Dongfang Clan, they would forgive the Qiu Clan's offense and continue to be allies with the Qiu Clan to oppose the Feng Clan.

There was no doubt Dongfang Qian's offer would benefit the Qiu Clan. After all, the purple-clad young man was just a sectless cultivator and not a clansman of the Qiu Clan. It was a small price to pay for the Dongfang Clan to forgive their offense.

"Clan Leader!" Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of Qiu Clan, said pleadingly as he turned to look at Qiu An Ping, the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan, "Li Feng is not from the Qiu Clan. It's not necessary for us to trouble the clan for an outsider! The Dongfang Clan won't hold a grudge against us as long as we hand him over. Moreover, she no longer has to marry into the Dongfang Clan. This is a win-win situation for you and our clan, Clan Leader." A hint of excitement could be heard when he spoke.

How Qiu Gang Yi wished he was the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan so he could accept Dongfang Qian's terms. In his opinion, the term was extremely good. Not only would it resolve the conflict between the clans, but it would also benefit the Qiu Clan.

Qiu An Ping frowned. Although he was unwilling, he had to admit Dongfang Qian had made concessions with the term he stated. Just as Qiu Gang Yi had said, it was a win-win situation for the Qiu Clan.

However, Qiu An Ping hesitated when he recalled Li Feng was his daughter's friend. He turned to look at Qiu Mu Qing with a hint of indecisiveness.

"Father!" Qiu Mu Qing cried out as though she could read her father's thoughts when she saw him looking at her. She said without any hesitation, "Although my actions today are rather rash and bold, it has nothing to do with the Dongfang Clan! I've never agreed to the engagement with Dongfang Zhu. What I do has nothing to do with the Dongfang Clan at all! What right does the Dongfang Clan has to seek justice from the Qiu Clan?"

The people from the Dongfang Clan had a scowl on their faces when they heard Qiu Mu Qing's words. It was true her actions had nothing to do with the Dongfang Clan since she did not agree to marry Dongfang Zhu.

"Qiu Mu Qing!" Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan, growled. "Currently, everyone in Clarity City knows that the Qiu Clan and the Dongfang Clan are going to form a marriage alliance through both of us. To these people, it's only a matter of time before we get married... For this reason, your actions today have caused the Dongfang Clan to become a laughing stock in Clarity City. How dare you claim your actions have nothing to do with the Dongfang Clan?"

"You can only blame yourself for your wishful thinking. The people in Clarity City wouldn't have misunderstood if the Dongfang Clan didn't spread this rumor!" Qiu Mu Qing said calmly.

"Wishful thinking?" Qiu Mu Qing's words pricked Dongfang Zhu's heart. She had spoken the truth after all.

The expression of Dongfang Qian, the Clan Leader of Dongfang Clan, turned grim immediately. He said as he looked at the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, "Elder Qiu Zhi, if my memory serves me right, you're the one who agreed to the marriage, right? Even as Second Elder, it seems like your words hold no weight in the clan. Why did you agree to the marriage if you don't have the right to make such a decision?" Dongfang Qian's words revealed that the marriage was planned by the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, Qiu Zhi.

Qiu Mu Qing was shocked when she heard Dongfang Qian's words. She looked at Qiu Zhi as she said, "Second... Second Elder, who are you to decide my marriage?"

All these while, Qiu Mu Qing had thought that Qiu Gang Yi and the other elders were the ones pressuring her father to marry her to Dongfang Zhu to form a marriage alliance with the Dongfang Clan.

When rumors spread about her marriage to Dongfang Zhu, Qiu Mu Qing had assumed it was Dongfang Clan who had spread the rumor without any basis. It did not cross her mind that Second Elder Qiu Zhi had agreed to the marriage on her and Qiu Clan's behalf.

"Father" Qiu Mu Qing immediately looked at her father, Qiu An Ping, as though she had just recalled something important. A hint of uneasiness could be seen in Qiu Mu Qing's eyes when she looked at her father. She hoped her father was unaware of this else as well. Otherwise, she would not know who else to trust in this world.

“Qiu Zhi!” Qiu An Ping furiously said.

Qiu Mu Qing sighed in relief when she saw her father’s reaction. She was certain her father was unaware of this matter as well even though he was the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan.

Qiu An Ping stared at Qiu Zhi angrily and growled. “Who are you to decide my daughter’s marriage? Moreover, you made the decision without even consulting me as her father!”

A frown could be seen on the face of the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan as well. It was obvious he had also just found out about this. The Second Elder of Qiu Clan had acted out of bound.

“Who am I to decide on your marriage?” Qiu Zhi said calmly as he looked at Qiu Mu Qing. “I’m the Second Elder of Qiu Clan and you’re part of the Qiu Clan! It’s not too much to expect you to sacrifice a little for the clan, especially when your sacrifice will benefit the clan.”

“As for you...” Qiu Zhi said as he turned to look at Qiu An Ping, “If I had told you about this beforehand, would you have agreed to it? The decision to marry your daughter off to the Dongfang Clan is advantageous to you and strengthen your position as Clan Leader... You would lose your position if the Feng Clan decides to turn its eyes to us.” Qiu Zhi seemed as though he was very concerned for Qiu An Ping.

Qiu An Ping laughed when he heard Qiu Zhi’s words and said, “Do you think I like being the Clan Leader? To me, this position is nothing compared to my daughter. Who do you think you are? You’re not qualified to decide my daughter’s marriage.”

Qiu Zhi scoffed and said, “Even if I’ve agreed to the marriage, the Dongfang Clan no longer wants a marriage alliance... I’ve no idea how you raised your daughter to be such a shameless and spoilt person!”

“How dare you!” Qiu An Ping was infuriated when he heard Qiu Zhi insulting his daughter. The Saint Origin on his body surged out, and he attacked Qiu Zhi at lightning speed.

Although Qiu An Ping and Qiu Zhi were cultivators at the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, there was a big difference in their strength.

Boom!

In just a blink of an eye, Qiu An Ping was sent flying by Qiu Zhi’s punch. When he landed, he began to throw up a huge mouthful of blood.

“Father!” Qiu Mu Qing cried out. When she regained her senses, she hurried to Qiu An Ping’s side to help him up. A hint of hatred could be seen in her eyes when she looked at Qiu Zhi.

“Qiu Zhi!” A furious rang in the air just as Duan Ling Tian was about to make his move, causing him to restrain his Sun Saint Energy that he was about to release.

The Grand Elder of Qiu Clan looked at Qiu Zhi coldly. His expression had turned grave.

“Grand Elder!” Qiu Zhi’s expression changed when he heard the Grand Elder. Although he was stronger than Qiu An Ping, the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan, he was a lot weaker than the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan.

“Grand Elder, everything I did was for the sake of our clan. If you think I’m wrong, you can go ahead and kill me!” Qiu Zhi said solemnly to the Qiu Clan’s Grand Elder.

This took the Qiu Clan’s Grand Elder by surprise and made him hesitate. As the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan, it was natural he wished for the Qiu Clan to prosper. Although Qiu Zhi had acted out of bound, he could understand that he had done it for the sake of the clan.

“Doing everything for the sake of the clan is a good excuse!” Duan Ling Tian took a step forward as he sneered at Qiu Zhi. He knew it was time for him to act when he saw the Qiu Clan’s Grand Elder hesitating.

### **Chapter 2078: Begging For Mercy On His Knees**

Duan Ling Tian had already prepared to make a move when he saw Qiu Zhi, the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, injuring Qiu An Ping, the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. He had only stopped at the last minute because the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan had spoken up. However, when he saw the Grand Elder had no intention of punishing the Second Elder, Qiu Zhi, he sneered. “Miss Qiu is her own person. Moreover, her father’s alive. Even if she’s to get married, only her father has the right to decide. It’s none of your business, you shameless old fart.” Duan Ling Tian did not mince his words when he spoke. He directly called Qiu Zhi shameless and an old fart.

“Li Feng, you’re seeking death!” Qiu Zhi’s expression changed when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s insulting words. At the same time, the Saint Origin in his body began to stir and shrouded his body. It was clear he planned to attack Duan Ling Tian. He did not think a sectless cultivator would dare to act so brazenly and scold him in front of so many people. He was furious.

“Li Feng, who do you think you are to disrespect the Second Elder of Qiu Clan? Today, I’ll teach you manners before we hand you over to the Dongfang Clan!” An angry voice said as Qiu Zhi was about to attack. It was none other than Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of Qiu Clan, who had spoken.

Qiu Gang Yi seemed to have transformed into an arrow as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian at a high speed. His speed was as fast as a bolt of lightning. It was terrifying.

Saint Energy at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage surged out of Qiu Gang Yi’s body. It was extremely formidable. A strong gust of wind appeared in the Main Hall, causing everyone’s robes to flutter.

Whoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, Qiu Gang Yi was already near Duan Ling Tian.

“Elementary Devouring Tactic!” Duan Ling Tian mobilized his Sun Saint Energy as soon as he saw Qiu Gang Yi charging toward him. His Sun Saint Energy quickly surged through his 99 Saint Veins and formed whirlpools around him.

It was the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic! After Duan Ling Tian cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Qiu Clan's Main Hall surged into his body at a terrifying speed. It fused with his Sun Saint Energy immediately!

When Qiu Gang Yi was a few meters away from Duan Ling Tian, the Sun Saint Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body reached its peak. It was comparable to the Saint Energy at the peak of the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage!

Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned cold. A hint of killing intent could be seen in his eyes.

Suddenly...

Xiu!

It did not seem like Duan Ling Tian moved at all. However, the sound of sword whistling in the air could be heard. It disappeared as soon as it appeared like a ghost.

For a time, the Main Hall was silent.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Qiu Gang Yi who was several meters away from Duan Ling Tian stumbled forward when he suddenly stopped moving.

When Duan Ling Tian moved to the side, a bloody wound in the shape of a ring appeared around Qiu Gang Yi's neck. The wound seemed to be growing bigger.

Spurt!

Blood began to spurt out of the wound on Qiu Gang Yi's neck like a fountain.

It did not take long before Qiu Gang Yi's head rolled off his body. Two separate sounds of crashing could be heard as his head and body hit one of the walls in the Main Hall.

Fresh blood splattered everywhere in the Main Hall. It was extremely dazzling and eye-catching.

Qiu Gang Yi who had been decapitated was dead.

Time seemed to stop at this moment.

The entire place was silent.

Everyone, except for Duan Ling Tian, shifted their attention to Qiu Gang Yi whose head had been separated from his body. A hint of shock and amazement could be seen in their eyes.

The scene before them was out of their expectations.

After a few moments, people began to gasp when they regained their senses. They still had a shocked expression on their faces. Even the six Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses present on the scene were no exception.

Everyone shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian after that. The look in their eyes had changed completely.

'He... He's actually so strong?' Qiu Mu Qing looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock and disbelief. She felt as though she was dreaming. The man whom she thought was different when they first met was actually so strong. He had killed the Second Master of Qiu Clan so easily that it did not seem like he moved at all. Qiu Gang Yi was a powerhouse at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage after all! The fact that the purple-clad young man whom she had met today was able to kill Qiu Gang Yi meant he was at the Saint Celestial Stage like her father.

"No... No... Impossible! Impossible!" Similarly, Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan, felt as though he was dreaming. He lifted his hand and slapped himself before he pinched himself. The pain he felt confirmed he was not dreaming! It was real! The young man who had beaten him up at the restaurant today was a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse.

'So what if he's a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse? My father and the two elders from Dongfang Clan are also powerhouses at the Saint Celestial Stage,' Dongfang Zhu thought to himself as he began to relax.

Meanwhile, under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian leisurely stepped forward and walked toward the Qiu Clan's Second Elder, Qiu Zhi, slowly. Each of his steps felt like a blow to Qiu Zhi's chest, causing his expression to change dramatically. He felt as though he was about to break down.

Among everyone present, only the other five Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses could feel Qiu Zhi's raging emotions. All of them could tell how strong Duan Ling Tian was based on his earlier strike!

Duan Ling Tian was halfway across Qiu Zhi when Qiu Zhi suddenly collapsed from the pressure.

Bang!

Qiu Zhi had broken down from the pressure and had fallen to his knees. When his knees hit the ground, a loud sound reverberated in the Main Hall.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

In the next moment, banging noises rang clearly in the Main Hall as Qiu Zhi kowtowed at Duan Ling Tian until his forehead began to bleed. He did not seem to feel any pain as he kept banging his forehead on the ground.

This scene shook many people. Qiu Mu Qing, Dongfang Zhu, and the two ordinary elders from Dongfang Clan were especially shocked. They were different from the other five Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses after all. Although they had seen Duan Ling Tian kill Qiu Gang Yi earlier, they thought he was just an ordinary powerhouse at the Saint Celestial Stage. They did not realize that Duan Ling Tian was no ordinary Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse, and he was much stronger than all the five powerhouses at the Saint Celestial Stage, including the Second Elder of Qiu Clan who was still kowtowing.

All six Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses could detect something from Duan Ling Tian's earlier strike. Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was so strong that it might be at the Second or Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! There was no powerhouse at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in Clarity City, let alone a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. All of them looked at Duan Ling Tian with a worried expression.



The Second Elder of Qiu Clan felt particularly nervous to the point he broke down when he saw Duan Ling Tian making his way to him. He quickly kneeled and kowtowed at Duan Ling Tian. Someone like Duan Ling Tian could kill him easily!

“My... My lord... Show... Show mercy! Please show mercy, my lord!!” Qiu Zhi said after he mustered up his courage to beg for mercy from Duan Ling Tian.

The humble attitude of the Second Elder of the Qiu Clan shocked Qiu Mu Qing, Dongfang Zhu, and the two ordinary elders from the Dongfang Clan.

Was the old man kneeling on the ground really the Second Elder of Qiu Clan? Was he not an arrogant person?

Qiu Mu Qing and the others could not understand Qiu Zhi’s behavior so they were shocked. It took them a while to regain their senses.

As soon as Qiu Zhi kneeled down, Duan Ling Tian had also stopped moving. He only looked at Qiu Zhi coldly as he said, “If I’m not mistaken, you said I’m seeking death. Weren’t you planning to kill me?”

### **Chapter 2079: Two Choices**

“No! No! That’s not it!” The Second Elder of Qiu Clan was so frightened he turned pale immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words!

Pang! Pang! Pang!

The speed of Qiu Zhi kowtowing increased as he panicked. Cracks began to form on the ground where he knocked his head. He had completely forgotten his status. There was only one thought left in his mind at this moment. He had to survive! As a powerhouse at the First Form of Saint Celestial Stage, Qiu Zhi had endured many hardships to get to where he was after a few hundred years. If he died, all his efforts would go to waste! Naturally, he was not willing to die. Even if his cultivation base did not improve, it would not be a problem for him to live for another thousand years. He wanted to live. There were many years ahead of him! For this reason, when he saw Duan Ling Tian walking to him threateningly, he broke down and did not hesitate to beg for mercy. Nothing else mattered as long as he survived.

“No?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Qiu Zhi who was groveling coldly before he said indifferently, “Do you mean to say I’m deaf or blind?” Duan Ling Tian’s tone turned harsh as he spoke.

Qiu Zhi knew he had committed a grave mistake when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He could not help but tremble when he heard him. He was frightened! He began to beg fervently, “My lord, I’ve been ignorant. Please show mercy, my lord! As long as you show me mercy, I’m willing to be your slave! Please show mercy!” His face was dyed red by the blood flowing from his forehead. He did not have the bearing of a powerhouse at the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at this moment. He looked like an old servant who had committed a grave sin.

Among those present, the only people who understood Qiu Zhi were the five other Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses! When Duan Ling Tian killed the Second Master of Qiu Clan, Qiu Gang Yi, he had struck

fear into their hearts. They did not dare to offend Duan Ling Tian. Not only did they not think any lesser of Qiu Zhi for acting so humbly, but they thought it was normal.

“Do you like being a slave so much?” Duan Ling Tian asked with a frown. He was slightly annoyed by Qiu Zhi’s groveling.

“Yes, yes! I’m willing to be your slave!” Qiu Zhi sighed in relief when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. It was as though he found a chance to survive.

“I don’t need you to be my slave.”

However, Duan Ling Tian’s reply caused chills to run up Qiu Zhi’s spine. He felt hopeless until Duan Ling Tian spoke again.

“However, if the Young Miss of Qiu Clan agrees to you being her slave, I might let you go.”

Qiu Mu Qing who was holding onto her father was thrust into the spotlight once Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

“I...” Qiu Mu Qing who was still shocked by Qiu Zhi’s action toward Duan Ling Tian became even more shocked when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Pang!

Before Qiu Mu Qing could regain her senses, a wretched figure had already appeared before her, kneeling down before her like an obedient dog. It was none other than Qiu Zhi who had been kowtowing at Duan Ling Tian.

“Second Elder, you...” Qiu Mu Qing was perplexed when she saw Second Elder Qiu Zhi who was usually arrogant kneeling in front of her. There was a hint of fear and anxiety in her eyes. Her reaction was only normal. After all, Qiu Zhi was the second strongest person in the Qiu Clan. He was only second to the Grand Elder. He was even stronger than the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. The person whom even her father, Qiu An Ping, was wary of was currently kneeling before her.

“Miss Mu Qing, from today onwards, I’m your dog!” Qiu Zhi vowed before Qiu Mu Qing could even reply. “In the future, I’ll bark at anyone Miss Mu Qing points at without any hesitation! If you don’t believe me, Miss Mu Qing, I can swear on the lightning penalty oath!” As soon as he stopped speaking, he pricked his finger and a drop of blood floated in the air. Qiu Zhi spoke the vows as the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation sounded accordingly.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Nine claps of thunder resonated. Qiu Zhi could no longer go back on his words unless he wanted to die. Based on Qiu Zhi’s action, it was obvious he was afraid of death.

Qiu Mu Qing was already shocked when she heard Qiu Zhi said he would be her dog. When she saw him swearing on the lightning penalty oath, she hurriedly waved her hand and said, “Second Elder, you... You don’t have to do that!”

Qiu Zhi was the Qiu Clan's Second Elder. Qiu Mu Qing had always been very respectful to him. Someone like that had sworn on the lightning penalty oath to be an obedient dog. How could she accept this in such a short time? It was good enough that she did not get a heart attack!

"Miss Mu Qing, I've already sworn on the lightning penalty oath. From today onwards, I'm your slave!" Although not much could be seen on Qiu Zhi's face that was covered in blood, his voice was filled with conviction.

"Miss Qiu, since he wants to be your slave, let him be... You'll just have one more person to order around in the future," Duan Ling Tian said to Qiu Mu Qing.

Qiu Zhi's performance had been very satisfactory, therefore Duan Ling Tian's anger toward him had subsided as well.

"Duan..." Qiu Mu Qing was about to speak when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. However, she remembered she was supposed to keep his name a secret. She quickly changed her words as she said, "Brother Li Feng, I have enough maids and servants..."

Duan Ling Tian cut in and said, "You mean you have enough people to do your bidding?"

"Yes." Qiu Mu Qing hesitated but eventually nodded. She did not know why Second Elder Qiu Zhi was so afraid of Duan Ling Tian, but she did not feel comfortable with him being her servant.

"If that's the case, there's no point in sparing his life."

After hearing Qiu Mu Qing's words, Duan Ling Tian nodded and turned to look at Qiu Zhi coldly.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

Just as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking and looked at Qiu Zhi coldly, Qiu Zhi panicked and began to kowtow at Qiu Mu Qing as he begged, "Miss Mu Qing, please... Please take me in! I beg you! I beg you!!"

The current Qiu Zhi was completely devoid of arrogance. He only wanted to become Qiu Mu Qing's slave so he could live. Even if it was humiliating, he would still be able to live.

"Mu Qing, take him in," Qiu An Ping quickly said after he regained his senses. When he saw Qiu Zhi's wretched state, he felt vindicated. He was not surprised at Qiu Zhi's behavior since he understood how Qiu Zhi felt. Duan Ling Tian's strength was obvious to him after all. There were only two choices left for Qiu Zhi. He could choose to die or be a slave to his daughter, Qiu Mu Qing!

"Father..." Qiu Mu Qing was stunned by her father's words. She did not think her father would persuade her to accept Qiu Zhi as her slave as well.

"Mu Qing, your Brother Li Feng is no ordinary man... He did so much for you so you should appreciate his efforts!" Qiu An Ping said to Qiu Mu Qing through Voice Transmission.

No ordinary man! Although Qiu Mu Qing was unaware of Duan Ling Tian's strength, she knew he was extraordinary. If he was an ordinary person, how could he easily kill Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of

Qiu Clan? How could he make the Qiu Clan's Second Elder Qiu Zhi kneel down to beg for mercy and request to be her slave?

From the beginning to the end, the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan who was the strongest in the clan only stood at the side and watched silently. It was obvious now. Even the strongest person in Qiu Clan, the man she respected a lot in the Qiu Clan, did not dare to breathe loudly in front of Duan Ling Tian!

### **Chapter 2080: Those Who Are Ignorant Know No Fear!**

Qiu Mu Qing looked at Qiu Zhi who was still kowtowing before she turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian watched her with his alluring eyes as she said, "I-I accept."

When Qiu Zhi heard Qiu Mu Qing's words, his body trembled in relief. He was delighted. "Thank you so much, Miss Mu Qing! Thank you so much, Miss Mu Qing!!" He thanked her profusely before he got up and quickly stood behind her like an obedient slave.

"Clan Leader, I'm sorry I offended you earlier. I will accept it if you wish to punish me for this incident!" Qiu Zhi said to Qiu An Ping as he stood behind Qiu Mu Qing.

In the past, as the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, Qiu Zhi was stronger than the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. For this reason, he had always disregarded the Clan Leader of Qiu Clan. This could be seen from the way he had injured Qiu An Ping earlier. However, things were different now. Qiu An Ping was not only the Clan Leader, but the father of his master, Qiu Mu Qing.

Qiu Mu Qing was under the protection of the sectless cultivator who called himself Li Feng. Li Feng could easily kill Qiu Zhi if he wanted to. Due to Li Feng's intervention, Qiu Zhi became Qiu Mu Qing's slave. Naturally, Qiu Zhi no longer dared to treat Qiu An Ping like he did in the past.

Hu!

The Grand Elder of Qiu Clan was standing nearby. When he saw Qiu Zhi had luckily avoided death, he sighed in relief. He felt chills on his back from the cold sweat that had broken out earlier. In fact, when he first met Li Feng and heard him say he was a sectless cultivator, he did not take Li Feng seriously as well. When they were in the Main Hall, after he heard the terms from Clan Leader Dongfang Qian from the Dongfang Clan, he was quite willing to hand Li Feng over to Dongfang Qian to avoid conflict. Li Feng was not from the Qiu Clan after all. There was no reason to fall out with the Dongfang Clan for Li Feng's sake. If they fell out with the Dongfang Clan, not only would it not benefit them, but it would bring the Qiu Clan trouble as well.

If the two clans fell out, the number one clan in Clarity City, the Feng Clan, would definitely take the opportunity to destroy the clans!

In the grand scheme of things, sacrificing a mere sectless cultivator seemed like a good idea. However, the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan did not say anything because Li Feng was Qiu Mu Qing's friend. He had always treated her like his granddaughter. The following events were completely out of his expectation.

First, the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan learned that the Second Elder of Qiu Clan had gone behind him and Qiu An Ping and arranged for Qiu Mu Qing to marry the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan to form

a marriage alliance. After that, the sectless cultivator, Li Feng, who had kept quiet suddenly stood up and scolded Qiu Zhi harshly. At that moment, Qiu Gang Yi, the Second Master of Qiu Clan, decided to kill Li Feng, but he was killed by Li Feng instead. Although the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan's cultivation base was at the peak of the First Form of Saint Celestial Stage and was very close to the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he could not catch Li Feng's movement at all. Chills ran up his spine when he heard the short-lived sound of a sword whistling in the air. He was certain if he was in Qiu Gang Yi's position, he would also be killed in just a blow!

'Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... Li Feng's cultivation base has to be above the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! I'm sure even a powerhouse at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage isn't this strong!' The Grand Elder of Qiu Clan thought to himself when he saw Duan Ling Tian killing Qiu Gang Yi.

The Grand Elder of Qiu Clan was not the only one who thought this way. Clan Leader Qiu An Ping of Qiu Clan, Second Elder Qiu Zhi, Clan Leader Dongfang Qian of Dongfang Clan, the Grand Elder and the Second Elder of Dongfang Clan thought the same as well.

For that reason, Qiu Zhi broke down completely when he saw Duan Ling Tian walking toward him with killing intent.

The other five Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses did not think it was embarrassing that Qiu Zhi had grovelled at Duan Ling Tian's feet since they could feel how strong Duan Ling Tian was.

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The Qiu clan's Main Hall was silent.

Duan Ling Tian turned to look at the people from Dongfang Clan indifferently.

When the people from Dongfang Clan saw Duan Ling Tian had shifted his attention to them, their expressions changed drastically and began to panic even though they had expected this.

Duan Ling Tian began to slowly make his way to the people from Dongfang Clan. The scene was eerily similar to when he walked toward Qiu Zhi, the Second Elder of Qiu Clan, earlier.

It did not take long for Qiu Zhi to break down and beg for mercy repeatedly. In the end, he even agreed to be Qiu Mu Qing's slave to save his own hide.

'Will the people from Dongfang Clan kneel down and apologize like Qiu Zhi as well?' Qiu An Ping and the Grand Elder of Qiu Clan wondered to themselves.

Each step that Duan Ling Tian took made a faint noise. As faint as the noise was, it sounded thunderous to the people from Dongfang Clan. It sent chills running up their spines.

At this moment, only Dongfang Zhu and the two ordinary elders of Dongfang Clan had a normal expression on their faces. This was because they were unaware of Duan Ling Tian's strength. Although they knew he was strong, they did not think he was stronger than all the Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses in the Dongfang Clan even if they joined forces.

Whether it was Dongfang Qian, the Grand Elder or Second Elder from Dongfang Clan, all of them felt they were going to break down when they saw Duan Ling Tian slowly approaching them. However, they did not act like Qiu Zhi. Since there were three of them, they fared better than Qiu Zhi even though they were frightened of Duan Ling Tian. They did not kneel down under the pressure. However, that did not mean they fear Duan Ling Tian any less than Qiu Zhi did.

'It seems like father, Grand Elder, and Second Elder aren't afraid of Li Feng!' Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan, thought to himself. The two ordinary elders from Dongfang Clan shared similar thoughts.

The calmness of the three Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses misled Dongfang Zhu and the two ordinary elders and made them believe the three Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses were not afraid of the purple-clad young man. They sighed in relief. They no longer thought Duan Ling Tian was terrifying.

Fortunately, Dongfang Qian and the others were unaware of their thoughts. Otherwise, they would be so infuriated to the point of throwing up blood.

How could they not be afraid of the purple-clad young man? At this moment, all three Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses wanted to kneel down and beg for mercy as well. They hoped he would not look for trouble with the Dongfang Clan. However, because three of them stood together and nobody made the first move, they missed the chance to beg for mercy

Duan Ling Tian looked at the Clan Leader Dongfang Qian of Dongfang Clan as he said indifferently, "Clan Leader Dongfang, earlier, you said that you want the Qiu Clan to hand me over to you. Are you planning to invite me back to your clan as a guest? Since Clan Leader Dongfang is so courteous, I find it difficult to reject your invitation. Should I just follow you back to the Dongfang Clan?!" Duan Ling Tian feigned concern as he spoke mockingly.

When Dongfang Qian heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he was so afraid that it felt as though his legs might give way. He cursed himself for saying such words earlier.

"Li Feng, you're dreaming!" Someone cursed harshly without any warning.

It caught everyone's attention. Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, turned to look at the person who had spoken.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes.

The person who had spoken up was none other than Dongfang Zhu, the Second Young Master of Dongfang Clan.

Dongfang Zhu had a grim expression on his face as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. When he sensed everyone was looking at him, he straightened his back and said, "My father asked the Qiu Clan to hand you over to us so that we can kill..."

Bang!

Dongfang Zhu was interrupted before he could finish his sentence. At the same time, a loud bang could be heard followed by a sharp cry. "Ah!"

After a while, a faint noise could be heard. It was the sound of something heavy falling to the ground.

Thud!

It was the sound of Dongfang Zhu falling to the ground after Dongfang Qian kicked him. Dongfang Qian had no time to scold Dongfang Zhu at all. He could only physically stop his son from finishing his sentence.

Dongfang Qian was so furious he felt as though he was going to explode! This useless son of his! Could he not tell the sectless cultivator was not someone they could afford to offend? Could he not see that his father, the Grand Elder, and the Second Elder had to act humbly in front of the sectless cultivator?

Dongfang Zhu was enraged when he was kicked. He was slightly injured. However, he was shocked when he discovered he had been kicked by his father. "F-father! You... What's the meaning of this?"