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Chapter 2121: A Trap?

Duan Ling Tian was surprised by the fact that he had unwittingly become a protector to those who participated in Death Duels in Sin City, but he knew it was out of his control. Although there was another Death Duel taking place in front of him, he only watched on emotionlessly. He had witnessed many Death Duels in Sin City, and so far, there seemed to be no foul play. His only concern was if there was going to be any foul play.

Boom!

The winner of the Death Duel was decided very quickly. The saber ray from one of the men's Saint Saber swiftly killed his opponent. Naturally, the victor also sustained some minor injuries during the Death Duel. Previously, this person would have immediately fled the scene since he was afraid he would be taken advantage of in his weakened state. Others might rob and kill him on the spot. Instead, today, he began to tend to his wounds openly without moving from his spot and took a pill as though there was no one in his surroundings.

"The situation in Sin City seems to have improved greatly since the appearance of the black-robed man. If it was before, this man wouldn't have dared to linger on the scene to treat his wound after being injured in a battle."

Many spectators shook their heads when they saw the victor's behavior after his victory. No one would have acted this way in the past.

"Although I am confident that I'm able to kill him and I'm tempted by his Spatial Ring and the Spatial Ring of the man he killed, I don't dare to take advantage of the situation when I think of the black-robed man!" A sectless cultivator said with a laugh.

Previously, similar to the members of the Black Crow Alliance, he loved to prey on such easy prey. However, since the appearance of the black-robed man, he was relieved he did not act that way recently. Otherwise, he might have been killed. Nowadays, even when he saw people who were weakened by fights, he did not dare to take advantage of them. Who knew if the black-robed man was watching? He did not want to tempt fate. He would not risk his life since if he lost, he would die!

"Many people said that the black-robed man is just taking advantage of the situation as well. I think that's not true. There are many Death Duels in Sin City recently and many people were severely injured after their fights, but the black-robed man did not prey on them. Doesn't this prove he's not a bad person?" A sectless cultivator said in support of Duan Ling Tian.

"I agree." Many sectless cultivators nodded in assent.

Boom!

Just as the spectators were about to leave, a loud explosion rang in the air. A vast and powerful energy suddenly appeared and shrouded the man who was tending to his wounds. It killed him instantly. The man was blown into pieces. There was nothing left of him except for his Spatial Rings.

"H-he died?" The spectators exclaimed in shock.

"A Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse!"

Many sectless cultivators knew it was the work of a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse. It would have been impossible for anyone else to launch that kind of attack.

"Eh?" This turn of events startled Duan Ling Tian who was about to leave as well. He turned around and looked up at the sky. He saw a figure hovering in the air.

"A member of the Black Crow Alliance?" Duan Ling Tian said as he raised an eyebrow. He saw the other person was wearing the uniform of the Black Crow Alliance member. He had killed so many people from the Black Crow Alliance that he was familiar with their uniforms.

'A Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse? How interesting...' Previously, the strongest member of the Black Crow Alliance whom Duan Ling Tian had killed was only a cultivator at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage. He had yet to encounter a powerhouse at the Saint Celestial Stage. Therefore, all the Innate Spiritual Roots he had devoured were ordinary ones.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, excited now that a powerhouse at the Saint Celestial Stage from the Black Crow Alliance had appeared. This person's Innate Spiritual Root had to be quite good for him to be at the Saint Celestial Stage compared to the others.

"He's from the Black Crow Alliance! Isn't he afraid of being killed by the black-robed man?" Several sectless cultivators who were prepared to leave stopped immediately. They had identified the man's identity based on his uniform just like Duan Ling Tian did.

"Didn't you see his strength when he attacked? He's a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse! He might not be afraid of the black-robed man."

"True. Although the black-robed man is strong, up until now, the strongest person he killed was only at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage cultivator... The black-robed man might not be strong enough to kill this Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse!"

"This Black Crow Alliance member doesn't seem to be in a hurry to leave after killing and looting from the dead man. It's obvious he's not afraid of the black-robed man!"

"Do you think the black-robed man will appear?"

Under the watchful gaze of the sectless cultivators, the Black Crow Alliance member collected the Spatial Rings of the person he killed before he descended from the sky. It seemed like he had no plans of leaving after collecting the Spatial Rings since he was just standing there looking around as though he was searching for something or someone.

"What's he looking for?"

"Could it be that he's waiting for the black-robed man?"

"It seems like the Black Crow Alliance has finally decided to retaliate! This Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse from the Black Crow Alliance has come to defeat the black-robed man and avenge the members he had killed!"

"That's possible."

Many sectless cultivators figured out the intention of the powerhouse at the Saint Celestial Stage from the Black Crow Alliance when they saw him lingering on the scene. If he did not plan to defeat the black-robed man, was there a need for him to wait for those two men to finish with their Death Duel before he attacked the victor? Since he was at the Saint Celestial Stage, he could have easily dealt with those two men who were only at the peak of the Quintessential Saint Stage even if they were at the peak of their strength. There was no reason for the man from the Black Crow Alliance to wait for them to finish their Death Duel before killing the victor. It was not difficult for the people to figure this out.

"Do you think the black-robed man will appear if he hears about what happened? Many sectless cultivators were curious.

"I'm guessing the black-robed man won't come. It's obvious this man from the Black Crow Alliance came prepared. Disregarding his strength at the Saint Celestial Stage, there might be other members of the Black Crow Alliance lying in wait."

"I definitely won't come if I'm the black-robed man... It's obvious that this is a trap!"

"I agree with you."

Most sectless cultivators had a good impression of the black-robed man. They all sincerely hoped Duan Ling Tian would not show up.

Hidden in the dark, Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo, "Is it a trap?" He asked Elder Huo to check the surroundings to see if there were people hiding, and if there were, what were their cultivation bases like. It was better to be safe than sorry.

Duan Ling Tian was aware of the risk of being careless.

Meanwhile, many sectless cultivators began to leave when they thought Duan Ling Tian would not appear. On the other hand, those who had just received the news instantly rushed here, hoping to watch a show.

As the crowd gathered, there were some people who managed to identify the man from the Black Crow Alliance.

Some of them said in shock, "I-Isn't t-that Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance?"

"Jiao Zhan?"

A commotion broke out immediately. The way the spectators looked at the man from the Black Crow Alliance changed completely.

Earlier, they thought the Black Crow Alliance member in front of them was just a regular Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse. However, as it turned out, that man was Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance!

Apart from being the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, Jiao Zhan was also extremely powerful. He was considered an elite among those at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was ranked at the 566th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

"Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of Black Crow Alliance, personally made an appearance!"

"It's obvious he's here for the black-robed man... However, I'm sure the black-robed man won't appear now that Jiao Zhan is here."

"It seems there's nothing interesting to watch today!"

The group of sectless cultivators was very certain that Duan Ling Tian would not come after they got over their shock of the appearance of Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance.

"Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance? Jiao Zhan?" A cold voice suddenly rang out. It seemed to magically drown out all the noises in the surroundings even though the voice was not loud. Following that, a figure clad entirely in black appeared before everyone's eyes.

No one knew who was under the loose-fitting black robe with a hood. However, one thing was certain, it was definitely a man.

"The black-robed man!"

The crowd went wild when the black-robed man appeared. All the sectless cultivators were shocked, and they had an expression of disbelief on their faces.

"I didn't expect him to come. Isn't he worried about Jiao Zhan killing him?"

"Doesn't he know that Jiao Zhan is one of the elites among the powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Jiao Zhan is ranked at the 566th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking."

"He's signing his own death warrant!"

The group of sectless cultivator shook their heads and looked at the black-robed man with a hint of pity in their eyes. Many sectless cultivators even advised Duan Ling Tian to leave while he still had a chance.

"Are you the one who has been killing my men?" Jiao Zhan asked he looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly.

Chapter 2122: The Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universe Ruler!

Jiao Zhan asked to confirm the black-robed man's identity. After all, there were some people in Sin City who had begun to imitate the black-robed man. He was not certain if this black-robed man was the same person who killed members of the Black Crow Alliance. Naturally, even if this person was not the original black-robed man, he did not intend to let him go as well.

Duan Ling Tian felt that Jiao Zhan's name sounded familiar. After giving it some thought, he realized this person was the brother of the person whom he had killed. 'Is this Jiao Tu's brother?' Duan Ling Tian remembered that before he killed Jiao Tu, he had said his brother was Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, to protect himself. However, it was unfortunate that Duan Ling Tian did not care.

Naturally, Jiao Zhan did not expect that the black-robed man standing before him did not only kill many of his men from the Black Crow Alliance, but he was the person who killed his brother, Jiao Tu!

Since Jiao Zhan did not know, Duan Ling Tian did not plan to tell him either.

"So what if I killed all of them? They're just trash that liked to take advantage of the weak!" Duan Ling Tian answered indifferently. He looked calm and at ease. It was as though he thought nothing of killing those men from the Black Crow Alliance.

Indeed, that was how Duan Ling Tian felt. He had seen many members of the Black Crow Alliance in Sin City, but he did not kill all of them. Those whom he had killed were those who had bad intentions. He felt no remorse for killing those people.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the entire place fell silent. Those sectless cultivators who were initially gossiping among themselves kept quiet immediately. All of them looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock. They did not think Duan Ling Tian would be so domineering. He was so arrogant even when faced with Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, who was ranked 566th on the Supreme Saint Ranking? Was he not afraid of death?

"Since he dares to act so boldly in front of Jiao Zhan, could it be that he's stronger than Jiao Zhan?" A sectless cultivator suddenly said, breaking the silence.

His words instantly caused an uproar among the spectators.

"Now that you've said it, it seems possible!"

"That's true. How do we know Jiao Zhan is stronger? Perhaps, the black-robed man is even stronger than Jiao Zhan? He managed to kill everyone with just a strike so far!"

"Yeah. Even if the strongest person the black-robed man had killed was only at the peak of the even Quintessential Saint Stage, his cultivation base could very well be at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher."

When the group of sectless cultivators started talking again, it seemed like they had changed their opinion.

Jiao Zhan's expression changed drastically when he heard the discussions in his surroundings. When he heard their words, he was instantly reminded that there was an issue. The spectators were right. He did not know the true strength of the black-robed man. Since the black-robed man dared to show up even after knowing he was the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, there were only two possibilities for that.

First, the black-robed man was weaker than him but had appeared to call his bluff.

Second, the black-robed was stronger than him and was not afraid of him.

'So what if I killed all of them? They're all trash who liked to take advantage of the weak.' Duan Ling Tian's arrogant words kept echoing in Jiao Zhan's mind. It caused him to believe that the black-robed man was stronger than him.

"You've killed so many men from the Black Crow Alliance's men. Our leader won't let you go. Just wait and see!" Jiao Zhan said shamelessly in a low voice after taking a deep breath. As soon as he finished speaking, he turned around in preparation to leave. He had made up his mind. It was better to leave even if it was humiliating. If the black-robed man was really stronger than him, then he was as good as dead.

In the Black Crow Alliance, the leader was the strongest. In Jiao Zhan's opinion, it would not be too late to deal with this matter when the Leader of the Black Crow Alliance returned. It would be safer this way. He decided not to take the risk.

However, could Jiao Zhan leave just because he decided to leave?

Hu!

Duan Ling Tian who was covered in his black robe moved in that instant. It was as though he was a ghost as it seemed like he appeared out of thin air in front of Jiao Zhan, blocking Jiao Zhan's way before he could leave.

Jiao Zhan's expression changed drastically when he saw the black-robed man blocking his way.

Meanwhile, the spectators began to regain their senses as well. They all remembered Jiao Zhan's words. "You've killed so many men from the Black Crow Alliance. Our leader won't let you go. Just wait and see!"

Based on Jiao Zhan's words, it was obvious he was afraid of the black-robed man and was trying to escape?

The spectators all turned to look at Jiao Zhan disdainfully.

At the same time, some of them could not help but mock Jiao Zhan.

"Jiao Zhan's scared. If he's scared, why did he come today?"

"He probably didn't expect the black-robed man to be stronger than him. Since the black-robed man appeared even after knowing Jiao Zhan's the Deputy Leader of Black Crow Alliance, Jiao Zhan probably feels the black-robed man is stronger than him!"

"That's what I think as well. Isn't it humiliating? It's not just humiliating for him, but for the Black Crow Alliance as well!"

"Humiliating? It's better to be humiliated than to lose one's life!"

Initially, only a few people mocked Jiao Zhan. As time passed, more and more people began to join in and make fun of him.

This was because people from the Black Crow Alliance were known for taking advantage of the weak so their reputation was not good in Sin City. However, most people did not dare to speak out due to the Black Crow Alliance's strength.

Now that they were presented with a chance to mock Jiao Zhan, they would definitely not let go of this chance.

As the saying went, 'One should know when to seize an opportunity'. Therefore, all of them seized this chance and mocked Jiao Zhan mercilessly.

When Jiao Zhan heard the people's words, his face paled before it turned purple.

Currently, Jiao Zhan was backed into a corner. He looked at Duan Ling Tian who was blocking his way and asked in a deep voice, "Do you really want to fight?" When he spoke, killing intent surged out of his body and swept toward Duan Ling Tian. He was trying to test Duan Ling Tian.

After all, there was a possibility that Duan Ling Tian was just putting on a front and calling his bluff. Jiao Zhan might be able to glean something by the way Duan Ling Tian reacts when faced with the killing intent. If Duan Ling Tian was really just calling his bluff, he could kill Duan Ling Tian and redeem his and Black Crow Alliance's reputation.

However, Jiao Zhan's expression quickly changed again. This was because he discovered the black-robed man was unaffected by the killing intent. The black-robed man did not move at all. His expression could not be seen since it was hidden by the hood.

"As the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, why would you ask such a stupid question?" Duan Ling Tian said after a while.

The spectators were initially shocked by the words. They began to laugh when they regained their senses.

'Run!' This was the only thought left in Jiao Zhan's mind when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. It was obvious Duan Ling Tian was confident he could defeat him. His expression changed as he turned and prepared to run at the speed of light.

However, it seemed as though Duan Ling Tian could read Jiao Zhan's mind since he blocked Jiao Zhan's way again. Jiao Zhan failed to escape again.

Hu!

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian lifted his hand and a ruler appeared in his hand. The ruler looked simple and crudely made.

"Universe Teleportation!"

This ruler was a Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universe Ruler, that was on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

As for the Universe Teleportation, it was a unique Divine Ability from the Universe Ruler.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian brought the Universe Ruler out, he immediately merged his Sun Saint Energy that was comparable to the Saint Origin of a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse into the Universe Ruler and cast the Universe Teleportation.

At this moment, before Jiao Zhan and the others could react, there was a flash before their eyes and a mysterious force swept toward them.

Jiao Zhan and the others did not expect this.

At this moment...

"Elementary Devouring Tactic!" Whirlpools began to appear around Duan Ling Tian's body, devouring the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings like a starving beast.

Jiao Zhan and the group spectators were distracted by the Universe Teleportation so they did not notice Duan Ling Tian had cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic and the lack of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in their surroundings.

Duan Ling Tian's Sun Saint Energy was raised to its limit in just a short time! It was comparable to the Saint Origin of a powerhouse who had just broken through to the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

At this moment, Jiao Zhan came back to his senses. As soon as he made a move...

Hu!

Duan Ling Tian reached Jiao Zhan's side in a blink of an eye, causing Jiao Zhan's expression to change drastically again.

Weng!

The sound of a blade's cry could be heard in the air.

It was the sound of Duan Ling Tian who had poured his enhanced Sun Saint Energy into the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universe Ruler, and using it like a saber to hack at Jiao Zhan. He did not use any martial tactics or any other Divine Abilities. He merely used the profundity from the Sovereign Heart Sword with the Universe Ruler that had been infused with Sun Saint Energy to attack Jiao Zhan!

Chapter 2123: Going All Out

There were many types of Celestial Supreme Treasures. For example, the Jasper Celestial Sword on the second floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was an offensive-type Celestial Supreme Treasure. On the other hand, the Astonishing God Halberd on the third floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was an offensive and defensive-type of Celestial Supreme Treasure. The Universe Ruler on the fourth floor of Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was an assist-type Celestial Supreme Treasure that could be used to confuse one's opponent with its unique divine ability, the Universal Teleportation.

With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, he possessed only the barest of strength to use the Universe Ruler. For this reason, when he cast the Universal Teleportation, the effect was very weak.

Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, regained his senses after being stunned for a moment. Then, he easily broke out of the constraint of the divine ability, the Universal Teleportation, that Duan Ling Tian had cast using the Universe Ruler. Even so, the divine ability had affected Jiao Zhan.

"Oh, no!"

When Jiao Zhan regained his senses, he discovered Duan Ling Tian was already next to him. Moreover, a swift and piercing aura was heading toward him as well. He felt so threatened by the aura that he instantly cast all the defensive techniques he had in his arsenal in a rush.

Although the Universe Ruler Duan Ling Tian had used was only an assist-type Celestial Supreme Treasure, it was still a Celestial Supreme Treasure after all. The Saint Weapons in Mundane Realms could hardly compare to it.

Weng!

As the Universe Ruler in Duan Ling Tian's hand slashed toward Jiao Zhan, the air seemed to still. All of the defensive techniques Jiao Zhan had cast seemed to have no effect at all when faced with the Universe Ruler.

Kacha!

A crisp sound rang in the air as Jiao Zhan was decapitated. His head, separated from his body, flew in the sky from the impact. Blood splattered everywhere, creating a dazzling sight.

At this moment, time seemed to stand still.

The sectless cultivators who managed to break out of the constraint of the Universal Teleportation regained their senses just in time to see Duan Ling Tian decapitating Jiao Zhan with the Universe Ruler. Moreover, it seemed as though decapitating Jiao Zhan was as easy as cutting tofu.

The sectless cultivators gasped in unison as they looked at Jiao Zhan who had been decapitated with a look of incredulity in their eyes.

They were not shocked by the bloody scene before them, but they were terrified by Duan Ling Tian's strength!

Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, was ranked at the 566th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking after all. However, he was like an ant before Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian had killed him without much effort in less than a minute!

"How terrifying! The black-robed man's strength is too terrifying!"

"No matter what, Jiao Zhan was a powerhouse who was ranked at the 566th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. However, he could not even endure a blow from the black-robed man. Moreover, the black-robed man killed Jiao Zhan with just an ordinary ruler that doesn't even seem to be a Saint Weapon!"

"It does seem like an ordinary ruler! Even after he infused his Saint Origin into it, I didn't see the ruler emanating any energy."

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The Universe Ruler that Duan Ling Tian used was an assist-type Celestial Supreme Treasure after all. It was only natural that its attack was not as aggressive nor as showy as the Jasper Celestial Sword. For this reason, it seemed unassuming and ordinary, causing many people to think it was just an ordinary ruler.

This was all part of Duan Ling Tian's plan. It would have been faster and easier to kill Jiao Zhan with the Jasper Celestial Sword. However, he had chosen to use the Universe Ruler so it would not reveal his identity as Duan Ling Tian.

Recently, most people had been talking about the black-robed man and his identity, Duan Ling Tian had become and less and less talked about. This was also because most people thought Duan Ling Tian had left. If people in Sin City knew Duan Ling Tian and the black-robed man were the same person, it would certainly cause an uproar in Sin City!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not want his identity to be revealed. He planned to continue hiding his identity under the guise of the black-robed man and improve his Innate Spiritual Talent Root so he could achieve his goal as soon as possible! The most important thing to him at the moment was to devour as many Innate Spiritual Roots from wicked men to improve his Innate Spiritual Root!

"Elder Huo!"

Since Duan Ling Tian killed Jiao Zhan, he, naturally, did not forget to ask Elder Huo for help to devour Jiao Zhan's Innate Spiritual Root!

Duan Ling Tian's Sun Saint Energy was currently equivalent to the Saint Origin of a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse. In fact, nobody would be able to guess that his Sun Saint Energy was not Saint Origin. After all, his cultivation base was only at the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage. His cultivation base was still not at the Saint Celestial Stage so he still could not detect others' Innate Spiritual Roots. For this reason, he needed Elder Huo's help.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian had gotten quite skilled at devouring Innate Spiritual Roots. Before all of the sectless cultivators standing around him completely regained their senses, he had already devoured Jiao Zhan's Innate Spiritual Root.

'Jiao Zhan's Innate Spiritual Root is pretty good. It's probably the best among all the Innate Spiritual Roots I devoured recently. Just his Innate Spiritual alone is equivalent to all the Innate Spiritual Roots I devoured recently,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after he devoured Jiao Zhan's Innate Spiritual Root.

After that, Duan Ling Tian nonchalantly walked away under the watchful eyes of the others. People could only look at his disappearing back as Duan Ling Tian walked away.

Due to the loose and hooded long black robe that Duan Ling Tian wore, no one could tell if he was male or female, let alone being able to tell he was Duan Ling Tian who was rumored to possess two Super Saint Weapons!

Duan Ling Tian had hidden himself very well. If he did not speak, no one would be able to tell he was a man.

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"It seems like Jiao Zhan was the only from the Black Crow Alliance who came!" One of the sectless cultivators said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian's disappearing back.

Many people agreed with his words.

"I heard the Leader of the Black Crow Alliance has left Sin City recently. Even if Jiao Zhan didn't come alone today, do you think the others from the Black Crow Alliance would dare to stand out under the circumstances?"

"That's true. Everyone knows the strongest person in the Black Crow Alliance is the leader. Following that, Jiao Zhan was the strongest person. Someone who killed Jiao Zhan so easily is not someone the men from Black Crow Alliance can deal with."

"In my opinion, even the Leader of the Black Crow Alliance is not a match for the black-robed man!"

The sectless cultivators discussed among themselves as the looked at Duan Ling Tian's departing figure.

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Duan Ling Tian was the only one who knew there was no one from the Black Crow Alliance who had come. Jiao Zhan did not bring along any help. Elder Huo had informed him of this. This way why he had revealed himself. Currently, he valued his life even more so than he did in the past.

At this moment, apart from rescuing Ke'er and their daughter from the Fire Worship Sect, he wanted to improve his strength as quickly as possible so he could return to the Lower Province and reunite with his family and friends. At present time, he knew nothing about what was happening in the Lower Province. For this reason, he could not help but worry when he thought about his family and friends in the Lower Province.

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When word about the black-robed man had killed Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, spread, it, naturally, caused an uproar in Sin City. Since Duan Ling Tian had concealed himself well, no one made the connection that he was the black-robed man.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian had asked for help from Elder Huo to figure out a way to devour Innate Spiritual Roots without using the Jasper Celestial Swords and his other techniques that could expose his identity.

Eventually, Elder Huo asked him to use the Universe Ruler on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. The Universe Ruler had the divine ability, the Universal Teleportation.

Although Duan Ling Tian still could not use the Universe Ruler to its full potential with his current strength, it was still effective when used against opponents who had let down their guards.

Duan Ling Tian relied on the Universal Teleportation to conceal his Sun Saint Energy. When his Sun Saint Energy was enhanced by the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, he did have to worry about

people recognizing him since the Universal Teleportation helped him conceal the Elementary Devouring Tactic. This way, his identity would not be exposed.

Duan Ling Tian really had gone all out to play the character of a vigilante, the black-robed man!

'With my current strength, there's no risk of people finding out who I am unless it's those elites at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or stronger!' Duan Ling Tian was extremely confident about this.

Duan Ling Tian continued to focus on improving his Innate Spiritual Root in Sin City.

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Meanwhile, as time passed, news of Duan Ling Tian being the Young Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion in the Lower Province, him killing Xie Zong, the son of the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas in Black Kshetra Sect, and him possessing two Super Saint Weapons finally arrived in the Fire Worship Sect.

For a time, the entire Fire Worship Sect was in an uproar!

"My goodness! Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian is actually the Young Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion in the Lower Province? He's the lucky guy that possesses the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet?"

"Amazing! I didn't expect Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian to be that Duan Ling Tian!"

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian is amazing! He actually killed the son of the Golden Lion King from Black Kshetra Sect and regained the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet!"

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian actually owns another Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword?"

Chapter 2124: Treasure Vault Left Behind By a Powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage

Duan Ling Tian who was ranked at the 41st on the Supreme Saint Ranking was Duan Ling Tian, the genius from the Fire Worship Sect.

For most people in the Fire Worship Sect, they were proud that the sect had such a talented disciple who shot to fame in the Fire Worship Sect. Duan Ling Tian was the pride of the Fire Worship Sect! However, they were still shocked by the news they heard.

Duan Ling Tian, the genius from the Fire Worship Sect, was Duan Ling Tian from the Lower Province who owned the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet. Apart from that, he had killed Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra Sect who had snatched the Devilseal Tablet from him back then. Rumor had it that he killed Xie Zong with another Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword. From that, everyone now knew that Duan Ling Tian owned two of the Ten Great Super Saint Weapons.

"Currently, Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian has become everyone's target in the Upper Province. I wonder if he'll still return to the Fire Worship Sect?"

"Return to the Fire Worship Sect? That's just wishful thinking! Do you really think it's possible? If you're Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian and you possess two Super Saint Weapons, will you return to the sect?"

"If I were him, I definitely won't return to the Fire Worship Sect. It might be dangerous outside. However, the Fire Worship Sect isn't safe either. People from outside covet the Super Saint Weapon, it's just the same for people in the Fire Worship Sect."

"He's just deliberately putting himself in danger if he returns to the sect. It would be difficult for him to hold on to the two Super Saint Weapons. He might be a target outside, but people won't openly make a move on him. It'll make it slightly easier for him to keep the Super Saint Weapons to himself."

"That's what I think as well."

Initially, the Fire Worship Sect was rife was discussion about the Devils Clans from the Land Exile. However, currently, it had shifted to the genius of the Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian. It was only natural since it pertained to two of the Ten Great Super Saint Weapons. It caused a huge commotion in the Fire Worship Sect.

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The Azure Dragon Sanctum. In the residence of the Sanctum Leader of the Azure Dragon Sanctum.

"He's Duan Ling Tian from Lower Province who owned the Super Saint Weapon Devilseal Tablet back then!" The eyes of Lu Tie, the Sanctum Leader of the Azure Dragon Sanctum, widened in shock. He did not expect the Fire Worship Sect's genius, Duan Ling Tian, was the same lucky fellow from the Lower Province who possessed the Devilseal Tablet back then.

"Duan Ling Tian has two Super Saint Weapons?" Bu Hong turned green with envy when he heard Lu Tie's words. He was already filled with jealousy when he found out that Duan Ling Tian possessed the Traceless Sword, one of the Ten Great Super Saint Weapons. Now that he found out that Duan Ling Tian possessed another Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, he felt as though he was going to go crazy and he felt like dying. He felt even more so when he remembered he could no longer improve his cultivation.

"Master, I didn't think Duan Ling Tian would expose the fact that he has the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword. In this case, you've wasted your effort in dropping the charges against him. We've let him off too easily!"

When Bu Hong thought about how his master had dropped the charges against Duan Ling Tian, he felt hopeless. It was as though there was no longer anything left for him to live for. When his master went to the Enforcement Hall back then to drop the charges against Duan Ling Tian for destroying his Innate Spiritual Root, it was because they were worried Duan Ling Tian would die in the Enforcement Hall, causing them to lose the chance of obtaining the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword.

Now that news about Duan Ling Tian possessing the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword, had been exposed along with the news that he also possessed another Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, it would be more difficult for Bu Hong's master to obtain the Traceless Sword!

Was this not letting Duan Ling Tian off the hook too easily, especially now that they had dropped the charges against him?

"It was beyond everyone's expectations that Duan Ling Tian would reveal that he has the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword!" Upon hearing Bu Hong's words, Lu Tie's expression turned grim. "Nevertheless, judging from the current situation, it doesn't make a difference whether we dropped the charges or not. Do you honestly think he would still return to the Fire Worship Sect now that the matter has escalated to this stage? He must know that if he returns to the sect, the two Super Saint Weapons would definitely be taken away. That's why I'm sure he won't return to the Fire Worship Sect!" Lu Tie seemed extremely certain about this.

When Bu Hong heard Lu Tie's words, he fell silent. He agreed with his master's words.

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In the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land. In the Enforcement Hall.

"Father!" Dong Lin went to look for his father, Dong Yuan Jin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, immediately when he found out about Duan Ling Tian's identity and the fact that he possessed two Super Saint Weapons.

"Did you come because of Duan Ling Tian?" Dong Yuan Jin asked when he saw Dong Lin had come to see him.

"You've already heard the news, father?" Dong Ling nodded.

"En." Dong Yuan Jin nodded. There was a vicious gleam in his eyes as he said in a deep voice, "It didn't cross my mind that he was the person who owned the Devilseal Tablet back then. Moreover, he managed to snatch it back from the son of the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect! That's not all, he even possesses another Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword. No wonder he was able to kill Yang Wen, overpower Wen Yan, and defeat Bu Hong. It must because of the Traceless Sword!"

Dong Yuan Jin was the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall after all. When he heard about Duan Ling Tian possessing the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword, he came to this conclusion.

"That must be it!" Dong Lin nodded. "The others thought it's because he has mastered a powerful sword technique. They were unaware that his strikes were only powerful because of the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword." When he spoke about the Traceless Sword, it was obvious from his expression that he felt jealous.

In Fire Worship Sect, apart from Lu Tie and his disciple, and the Dong father and son, news about Duan Ling Tian possessing two Super Saint Weapons shocked the others as well. Among these people, even the Great Guardians of the Fire Worship Sect whose status was only beneath the Sect Leader was shocked as well!

"I didn't expect that little fellow is so lucky that he managed to get his hands on two Super Saint Weapons!" Qing Huo, one of the three Great Guardians of Fire Worship Sect and Gan Ru Yan's master, could not help but sigh when he heard the news. Although his heart was as calm as still water, there was still a hint of desire in his eyes. He might be a Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect, but he did not even

possess a Super Saint Weapon! For this reason, he was also slightly affected when he found out that Duan Ling Tian possessed two Super Saint Weapons.

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In the Central Region. Sin City.

Duan Ling Tian was already mentally prepared for news of him possessing two Super Saint Weapons to reach the Fire Worship Sect. In fact, he had already decided not to return to the sect for now until he was strong enough.

With Ke'er and their daughter's safety in mind, Duan Ling Tian focused on improving his Innate Spiritual Root. As long as he improved his Innate Spiritual Root, his Martial Dao innate talent would improve as well. His cultivation speed would become faster and he would become stronger quickly.

For this reason, while Duan Ling Tian was in Sin City, apart from diligently cultivating, he was also constantly looking for chances to improve his Innate Spiritual Root!

Time passed quietly.

Half a year had gone by in just a blink of an eye. Naturally, half a year had gone by in the outside world, not on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

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"A treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

Duan Ling Tian had just come out from his closed-door cultivation and left the inn when he saw a group of sectless cultivators from Sin City flying to the north. From their conversation, he learned that there was a treasure vault that was suspected to be from a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the north of Sin City. It was obvious this group of sectless cultivators was making their way there.

"How lucky! I chanced upon such a good thing as soon as I came out from my closed-door cultivation!" Duan Ling Tian's heart began to pound quickly and he found it hard to stay calm when he heard about this.

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian rose into the air and hid behind the clouds as he made his way north. "Let's follow them and have a look!"

Most of the sectless cultivators were flying below the clouds so Duan Ling Tian decided to fly above the clouds to avoid attention. After all, anyone would be able to identify him as the black-robed man with his current clothes. Even if the sectless cultivators would not be able to know for certain if he was the real deal, it would not stop them from talking about him and looking at him as though he was an animal in a zoo.

Duan Ling Tian did not like that feeling so he avoided situations like that as much as he could.

"En?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard three distinct sounds of wind whistling closing in on him.

'There are other people traveling above the clouds as well?'

After a few moments, the sound of wind whistling was getting closer and closer to him.

"Eh? The black-robed man?" At this moment, a honeyed voice sounded from behind Duan Ling Tian. "During the last six months, the black-robed man has become really famous in Sin City. It's only natural that there are a lot of impostors. I wonder if this person is a fake or not!"

"Hehe... If Young Master is curious, your humble servant is willing to find out for you!" A sharp voice said in response.

Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened immediately as he turned to look at the people behind him warily.

Duan Ling Tian instantly saw three figures behind him. The person in the lead was a wickedly handsome young man. The young man had a pale countenance and his body looked weak. With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian could tell he was a good-for-nothing rich kid who overindulged in sex and alcohol.

Chapter 2125: Duan Ling Tian, Saint Celestial Stage!

Standing behind the good-for-nothing rich kid was a middle-aged man and an old man.

The middle-aged man wore a long light green robe. He had a medium build and an average appearance. He looked like an ordinary person with just a glance.

On the other hand, the old man was dressed in a long red robe. He was burly but his head was small, making him look a little strange. The man who had spoken up after the young man had spoken was exactly this old man.

Currently, the red-clad old man was glaring at Duan Ling Tian with his small eyes as a cold aura radiated off his body. It seemed as though he would attack Duan Ling Tian as soon as his young master gave him an order to check if Duan Ling Tian was the genuine black-robed man.

"Since Elder Shi has volunteered... Then, please go ahead!" The good-for-nothing rich kid said indifferently as he narrowed his eyes when he heard the old man's words and saw the black-robed man had turned around to look at them.

As soon as the good-for-nothing rich kid finished speaking, the middle-aged man standing behind him who originally had a calm expression on his face furrowed his brows immediately.

On the other hand, the red-clad old man who had been eagerly waiting for an order from his young master charged toward Duan Ling Tian without any hesitation. "Yes, Young Master!"

The red-clad old man's speed was terrifyingly fast. When he flew forward, he unleashed all his strength. The aura he emitted was suffocating!

'Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?' Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes when he sensed the red-clad old man's aura.

In just a blink of an eye, the red-clad old man arrived near Duan Ling Tian.

"It doesn't matter if you're the real black-robed man or not. You're destined to die in my, Shi Kun, hand!" The old man called Shi Kun cried out as he waved his arms around. It seemed as though it had transformed into a pair of Wind Fire Wheels. The sound of fire sizzling in the air could be heard, accompanied by a piercing aura.

"Inverse Double Fire Wheels!" The red-clad old man cried out again as his arms that were spinning suddenly trembled.

In the next moment.

Weng! Weng!

The Wind Fire Wheels seemed to transform into Saint Origin that was laced with fire as it shot toward Duan Ling Tian. The aura of the Wind Fire Wheels felt as though it was an Asura saber that had taken many lives. The aura felt filthy and tainted with blood. It was obvious Shi Kun did not hold back and unleashed his most powerful attack!

Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened immediately. He had not met Shi Kun prior to this. However, not only did Shi Kun took the initiative to attack him, but he had even used his strongest attack. It was obvious Shi Kun intended to kill him!

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grim. He knew it would not be easy to deal with Shi Kun.

Based on Shi Kun's aura when he unleashed his attack, Duan Ling Tian could tell he had killed a lot of people. Otherwise, the aura would not feel so bloody.

'His move that combines both martial tactics and Divine Ability is pretty good!' Duan Ling Tian praised silently when he saw Shi Kun's attack.

Duan Ling Tian's current strength was no longer what it was six months ago. He had gained much knowledge during this time.

Although the red-clad old man's attack was strong, Duan Ling Tian did not fear it.

'What a powerful attack!' Duan Ling Tian continued thinking to himself as he stood unmoving in the air.

Hu!

Without knowing when, a seemingly simple and crude ruler appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand. It looked like those ordinary rulers that teachers used to discipline students during ancient times in Duan Ling Tian's past life.

As soon as the ruler appeared, the Sun Saint Origin that was simmering just below Duan Ling Tian's skin entered the ruler, causing it to shake.

Following that, a wave of swift and piercing aura surged out, hitting Shi Kun who was standing close to Duan Ling Tian. Shi Kun could clearly feel how terrifying the aura that the ruler in Duan Ling Tian's hand emitted. It sent chills running up his spine.

'His weapon was a ruler? Moreover, his aura's really terrifying.' At this moment, Shi Kun was convinced the black-robed man standing before him was not a fake.

'Reverse Universe!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, unaware of Shi Kun's thoughts. He began to move the Universe Ruler in his hand.

As Duan Ling Tian made his move, the space Duan Ling Tian and Shi Kun occupied began to ripple and shake.

The good-for-nothing rich kid and the middle-aged man were completely absorbed in watching the scene unfolding before their eyes.

'Could he really be the black-robed man?' When the good-for-nothing rich kid noticed the ruler in Duan Ling Tian's hands, he still had his doubts. However, when he saw Duan Ling Tian's moves, he recalled the rumor he heard six months ago.

When the black-robed man killed Jiao Zhan, the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, he had also used a seemingly normal ruler. Naturally, the ruler could be fake. However, the aura from the black-robed man's attack could not be faked.

The good-for-nothing rich kid was still stunned when the sound of a sword's cry could be heard, accompanied by a shriek.

"Ahhhhh!"

As the space that Duan Ling Tian and the red-clad old man began to stop rippling, the good-for-nothing rich kid's eyes widened when he saw the scene before his eyes. His face that was originally pale turned even paler.

One could see the good-for-nothing rich kid was trembling violently. Moreover, those who stood close to him would be able to smell the stench of urine.

The good-for-nothing rich kid was so frightened that he peed in his pants!

What did he see that frightened him so much?

In the distance, Duan Ling Tian stood unmoving with a calm expression on his face. At some point, he had already put away the Universal Ruler.

Near Duan Ling Tian, Shi Kun who was behaving arrogantly not long ago was cut into two.

All this happened in just a span of a few breaths.

Duan Ling Tian managed to kill Shi Kun whose cultivation base was at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in just the span of a few breaths!

The middle-aged man standing behind the good-for-nothing rich kid took a moment to regain his senses before he gasped. At this moment, he smelled the stench of urine and his expression changed to one of distaste. He discovered that his young master had been so frightened that he had peed his pants!

Whether it was the good-for-nothing rich kid or the middle-aged man, they were both shocked by Duan Ling Tian's strength. After all, he managed to kill Shi Kun who was ranked at the 313th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking in just the span of a few breaths. Based on that, his strength should be at the peak of the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage even if he had yet to break through to the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

The stronger powerhouses at the peak of the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land could be ranked in the top 200s on the Supreme Saint Ranking

However, there was something the good-for-nothing rich kid and the middle-aged man were unaware of.

It only took Duan Ling Tian one to two breaths' time to kill the red-clad old man, the remaining time was spent on devouring the red-clad old man's Innate Spiritual Root.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian's Sun Saint Energy was already equivalent to Sun Saint Origin. However, during these six months, due to his diligence in cultivating and his talent, he had successfully broken through to the Saint Celestial Stage.

After Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the Saint Celestial Stage, his soul underwent a transformation and granted him the ability to explore and detect other people's Innate Spiritual Roots. For this reason, it was more efficient for him to devour Innate Spiritual Roots now. It would only take him one or two breaths to devour an Innate Spiritual Root.

"Both of you..." Duan Ling Tian turned to look at the good-for-nothing rich kid and the middle-aged man, snapping them out of their daze, as he asked them indifferently, "Do both of you want to give it another go?"

Do both of you want to give it another go?

Duan Ling Tian was undoubtedly acting very arrogantly. It caused the good-for-nothing rich kid to seethe with anger inside. However, when he recalled Duan Ling Tian's strength, he only remained silent regardless of how angry he was.

"Sir Black-robed." At the same time, the middle-aged man standing behind the good-for-nothing rich kid stepped forward and cupped his hands toward Duan Ling Tian. He said, "I apologize for my young master's brashness earlier. Since you've killed the person who had offended you, I hope you'll be generous enough to forgive my young master." It was obvious that the middle-aged man's words were sincere.

"You..." The good-for-nothing rich kid did not expect the middle-aged man would apologize. His expression changed immediately. He opened his mouth as though he was about to say something when he suddenly stopped.

This was because the middle-aged man had quickly transmitted a message to the good-for-nothing rich kid. "Young master, I know you're upset. However, this is not the time to reveal your identity. If you do, the black-robed man will definitely kill us to avoid trouble in the future! I'm stronger than Shi Kun, but not by much. I'm far from being a match for the black-robed man!"

Chapter 2126: A Powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage

Although the good-for-nothing rich kid was seething in anger inside even after he heard the middle-aged man's Voice Transmission, he did not dare to act recklessly.

After all, as the saying went, 'A wise man doesn't fight when the odds are against him!' The good-for-nothing rich kid knew this very well. Although he had an extraordinary background, he had no one by his side at the moment who could deal with the black-robed man after all. It was better for him to stay silent for now.

'I'll let you be arrogant for now. In the future, if you're still in Sin City, I'll definitely make sure that you'll die!' The good-for-nothing rich kid thought to himself as he lowered his head. His eyes were burning with anger.

The middle-aged man looked at the black-robed man and continued transmitting his voice. "Based on the direction the black-robed man was heading earlier, like us, he's probably making his way to the treasure vault that's said to have been left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. The leader and the deputy leaders should be there by now. When we meet them, you can ask the leader to kill the black-robed man!"

The good-for-nothing rich kid's eyes lit up when he heard the middle-aged man's words.

Yes!

Why did he not think of that?

Based on the direction the black-robed man was headed, he was obviously going toward the treasure vault that was left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Once he arrived at his destination, the good-for-nothing rich kid could ask his father to kill the black-robed man to avenge him and Shi Kun. There was no need for him to wait until he returned to Sin City!

When the good-for-nothing rich kid thought of this, he no longer felt upset. Instead, his eyes were gleaming cold killing intent.

Duan Ling Tian only scoffed when he saw the good-for-nothing rich kid and the middle-aged man had backed down. He no longer looked for trouble with them. He turned around and prepared to leave.

Duan Ling Tian had his own principles after all. Since the good-for-nothing rich kid and the other man had backed down, naturally, he would not attack them like he did the red-clad old man.

After all, these two men did not attack him at all. It seemed like they did not intend to kill him so it could be considered that they did not cross his bottom line.

As Duan Ling Tian was about to leave, a voice sounded from the distance.

"If you leave just like that, I don't think you'll be able to live to enter treasure vault that the powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage left behind, let alone getting your hands on the treasure inside!" The person who had spoken was a young man who came from the direction of Sin City.

The young man was dressed in a white robe. He was handsome and had an otherworldly appearance. The aura he radiated was noble. With his feathered fan and silk kerchief, he looked like a scholar.

An old man stood behind him. The old man was tall and had a strong build. He followed behind the scholar-looking man like a shadow, clearly guarding him.

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian turned around to look at the young man who was dressed like a scholar and asked with a slight frown, "Why do you say that?"

At the same time, the young man who was dressed like a scholar had appeared next to Duan Ling Tian. He stopped and deliberately glanced at the good-for-nothing rich kid before he said with a smile, "I'm afraid you're unaware of Young Master Ou's identity."

As soon as the young man who was dressed like a scholar finished speaking, the good-for-nothing rich kid's expression changed dramatically. He glared at the young man who was dressed like a scholar and said, "Dong Guo Zhi, what do you think you're doing?!"

The middle-aged man standing behind the good-for-nothing young kid said, "Young Master Dong Guo, please watch your words!" His expression had turned grim. If Dong Guo Zhi revealed his young master's identity to the black-robed man, it was uncertain if he and his young master would be able to get out of here alive!

Unfortunately, Dong Guo Zhi completely ignored the good-for-nothing rich kid and the middle-aged man who were glaring at him. He opened his mouth and revealed the two men's identities. "One of these two men is the Young Leader of Sin City's Seven Kill Alliance. His name is Ou Qing. As for the other, he's an elder from the Seven Kill Alliance, Elder Lu Jin, who's ranked at the 295th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. As for the old man you killed earlier, his name was Shi Kun, and he was also an elder of the Seven Kill Alliance. He was ranked at the 313th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking."

Seven Kill Alliance!

Upon hearing Dong Guo Zhi's words, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes.

The Seven Kill Alliance was one of the strongest alliances in Sin City. The Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance, Ou Cang Hai, was a powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

"The Young Leader of Seven Kill Alliance? Ou Qing?" Duan Ling Tian instantly shifted his attention to Ou Qing.

When Ou Qing saw Duan Ling Tian had shifted his attention to him, his expression turned grim.

"So, you're the son of Leader Ou Cang Hai from the Seven Kill Alliance?" Duan Ling Tian asked coldly. A hint of wariness could be seen in his eyes.

How could Duan Ling Tian not feel wary? Ou Cang Hai was a powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! With his current strength, even if he used all his abilities without reservations, he was still no match for Ou Cang Hai! If Ou Cang Hai wanted to kill him, it would be as easy as stepping on an ant.

"That's right! I'm Ou Cang Hai's son, the Young Leader of Seven Kill Alliance!" Ou Qing said coldly in response to Duan Ling Tian's question.

At the same time, he reached inside his robe and took out a Dao talisman. "This is a Minor Mirror Image Talisman that my father has given me. I will use this so my father will know you're the one that killed me. You should know that if my father finds out that you killed me, he won't let you go! You'll surely die!" Ou Qing's voice was cold when he spoke.

The Minor Mirror Image Talisman would be activated once it was torn into two.

If Ou Qing tore it, the Minor Mirror Image Talisman would record everything that happened here and transmit it to the person who held the Major Mirror Image Talisman.

As soon as Ou Qing finished speaking, Dong Guo Zhu raised a brow and stared at Lu Jin intently as he asked, "Lu Jin, is this what you told Young Master Ou to do?"

In Dong Guo Zhi's opinion, a good-for-nothing rich kid like Ou Qing was not so clever!

Lu Qin completely ignored Dong Guo Zhi's question.

"Even if you remain silent, I know that with Young Master Ou's level of intelligence, he would never be able to think of such a method to threaten Sir Black-robed!" Dong Guo Zhi continued to say even though Lu Jin had ignored him. It was as though he was trying to fan the fire.

'This Dong Guo Zhi isn't simple. It seems like he's helping me, but it's obvious he's trying to use me to kill Ou Qing!' Duan Ling Tian was not stupid. He could see through Dong Guo Zhi's intention.

'Dong Guo Zhi... Apart from the Seven Kill Alliance, there are two other strong alliances in Sin City. The Eternal Alliance and the Thousand Years Alliance.' Duan Ling Tian began to recall the information he learned about the three strongest alliances in Sin City.

'The leader of the Thousand Years Alliance seems to be Dong Guo Yi. It's highly likely that Dong Guo Zhi is from the Thousand Years Alliance. Moreover, he must have a high position. Otherwise, he wouldn't be guarded by such a strong powerhouse.'

Once Dong Guo Zhi stopped moving, the old man following him had stopped moving as well. His eyes were closed, and it seemed as though he was resting. From the beginning until the end, he only remained silent.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian could sense the dangerous aura that the old man emitted. At the very least, he was a lot more dangerous than Lu Jin who was ranked in the top 300 on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

"Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!" Elder Huo answered immediately when Duan Ling Tian asked him about the old man standing behind Dong Guo Zhi.

Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian concluded that Dong Guo Zhi's position in the Thousand Years Alliance should be quite high. In fact, it was very likely that he was the son of Dong Guo Yi, the Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance!

After Duan Ling Tian glanced at Dong Guo Zhi, he turned to look at Ou Qing and asked coldly, "Does it mean that if I don't kill you now, your father will let me off the hook?"

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's question, Ou Qing hesitated for a bit before he hurriedly answered after Lu Jin gave him a nudge, "Of course! So long as you let me go, I'm willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath that I won't tell my father about what happened today. If my father doesn't know about this, there's no reason for him to look for trouble with you."

As soon as Ou Qing finished speaking, he quickly pricked his finger and swore on the lightning penalty oath before Duan Ling Tian even had a chance to respond.

As nine claps of thunder rang in the air in response to Ou Qing's oath, Dong Guo Zhi laughed out loud.

"Dong Guo Zhi, what are you laughing about?" Ou Qing became slightly angry due to the embarrassment he felt.

"Nothing much. Just laughing at how your plan is going to fail. You only swore that you won't tell your father about what happened today. However, you can always tell the deputy leaders or other people from the Seven Kill Alliance, right? If they tell your father about this, wouldn't he still look for trouble with Sir Black-Robed?" After Dong Guo Zhi stopped laughing, he said indifferently, "It seems like you're not sincere even when you swore on the lightning penalty oath."

Ou Qing did not think Dong Guo Zhi would openly reveal his plan. He was instantly angered due to the embarrassment he felt! However, when he sensed Duan Ling Tian's gaze seemed to have turned colder, he quickly swore on another lightning penalty oath that he would not tell anyone about what happened today.

Even Lu Jin who was standing behind Ou Qing followed suit and swore the same oath.

Upon seeing Ou Qing and Lu Jin's quick actions, Dong Guo Zhi could not help but frown. However, the frown disappeared very quickly. He turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and asked with a smile, "Sir Black-Robed, do you feel relieved after they swore on the lightning penalty oath?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded calmly before he said, "You and the one behind you should also swear the same oath!"

Dong Guo Zhi was shocked when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian would ask him to swear on the lightning penalty oath.

As for the old man standing behind Dong Guo Zhi, he suddenly opened his eyes and looked at Duan Ling Tian as soon as he finished speaking. It was obvious that it was a warning to Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 2127: Wang Ding Shan

Dong Guo Zhi took a deep breath. His sullen expression had disappeared as he calmed himself down. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Sir, if I intend to betray you, is there a need for me to remind you in the first place? I'm sure you're aware I've been hiding for a while now." There was a hint of killing intent in the depths of his eyes that was directed at Duan Ling Tian.

Although the killing intent had appeared only very briefly, Duan Ling Tian with his amazing observational skill managed to catch it. Based on that, he was convinced Dong Guo Zhi's intention was not pure!

"If I'm not mistaken..." Duan Ling Tian looked at Dong Guo Zhi and said, "You should be from the Thousand Years Alliance, right? It seems like you're reminding me out of goodwill, but the truth is that you just want to borrow my hands to kill Ou Qing!"

A hint of surprise appeared in Dong Guo Zhi's eyes when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He became flustered and ill at ease. However, in just a blink of an eye, all of it disappeared. He regained his composure and looked calm.

Regardless, it was all useless since Duan Ling Tian had seen Dong Guo Zhi's reaction.

Put aside the fact that Duan Ling Tian had become very guarded after experiencing so many things in this life, being a Weapon Specialist in his past life had made him very astute.

"Don't you think you're overthinking things?" Dong Guo Zhi said calmly with an innocent expression on his face as though he meant Duan Ling Tian no harm.

Unfortunately, no matter how friendly Dong Guo Zhi acted, it was impossible for him to fool Duan Ling Tian.

"Sir Black-robed!" At this moment, Lu Jin who was standing behind Ou Qing said to Duan Ling Tian respectfully, "This Dong Guo Zhi is the Young Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance. The Thousand Years Alliance has always been in conflict with the Seven Kill Alliance. Indeed, he's trying to borrow your hands to do his dirty work!"

Dong Guo Zhi scoffed as soon as Lu Jin finished speaking. "Borrowing someone's hands to do my dirty work? Put aside the fact that Ou Qing is not a match for me, even if you joined forces with Shi Kun who was killed, would both of you be a match for Elder Wang who's by my side?" It was obvious Elder Wang was the old man standing behind him.

"You're right. Even if I join forces with Shi Kun, we won't be a match for Elder Wang," Lu Jin shot a nervous look at the old man standing behind Dong Guo Zhi before he said, "However, would you and Elder Wang dare to make a move against us? If you decide to attack us, what happens here will be transmitted to the Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance through the Minor Mirror Image Talisman. At that time, the Seven Kill Alliance wouldn't rest until we take the Thousand Years Alliance down. If this happens, only the Eternal Alliance would benefit from it. Young Master Dong, even a boor like me knows that, let alone a person like you!"

Lu Jin's words left no room for Dong Guo Zhi to argue and his expression turned gloomier.

Lu Jin did not plan to let Dong Guo Zhi off the hook just like that. He said, "Sir Black-Robed, there's no longer any loopholes in the lightning penalty that I and young master swore so there's no reason for you to worry about us spreading word about what happened today. However, Young Leader Dong Guo Zhi from the Thousand Years Alliance who's eager to cause trouble might not let today's incident go! After all, if he spreads word about what happened today, you'll become an enemy of the Seven Kill Alliance. I have no doubt that many men from the Seven Kill Alliance would die in your hands. He has much to gain and nothing to lose. If he's unwilling to swear on the lightning penalty oath, I suggest that you kill him and the one behind him!"

Similarly, Lu Jin seemed to be helping Duan Ling Tian, but he was just like Dong Guo Zhi. He was trying to get Duan Ling Tian to kill the other two people. Naturally, Lu Jin had his doubts as well. He was not sure if Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher.

Lu Jin only knew for sure that Duan Ling Tian was stronger than him so Duan Ling Tian might be a powerhouse at the peak of the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Lu Jin looked at Duan Ling Tian and continued to say, "Elder Wang who's standing behind Young Master Dong is one of the elite elders from the Thousand Years Alliance. His name is Wang Ding Shan, and he's a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He's ranked at the 156th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking!"

Lu Jin stared intently at Duan Ling Tian once he finished speaking, trying to catch Duan Ling Tian's reaction now that he had revealed the strength of the powerhouse guarding Dong Guo Zhi.

However, Lu Jin was quickly disappointed. This was because it was impossible for him to see the black-robed man's face that was covered with a hood.

'However, he didn't even tremble when I told him about Wang Ding Shan. Does that mean he's not afraid of him?' Lu Jin thought to himself. He was not certain.

'Ranked at the 156th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking?'

Nobody knew that when Duan Ling Tian heard Lu Jin's words, he was distracted. He was thinking back to the time when he had first arrived in the Upper Province and the Fire Worship Sect.

'I remember Li An, the First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum, is ranked at the 139th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking.'

The Fire Worship Sect's Silver Flame, Elder Li An's ranking was quite close to Wang Ding Shan's ranking.

'Back then, I was just like an ant in front of Li An. I had to rely on the Fire Worship Sect's rules to survive until now. However, I'm no longer afraid of Li An!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself confidently.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and asked Lu Jin indifferently, "I see you also intend to borrow my hands to kill him?"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universal Ruler, had already appeared in his hands, hidden under his sleeve. Nobody was aware of this.

In the next moment...

Hu!

Before Lu Jin could react, Duan Ling Tian had already appeared in front of him.

"Universe Teleportation!" In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian raised his hand that was holding the Universal Ruler that he had hidden under his sleeve.

In just an instant, the space Duan Ling Tian occupied began to ripple and distort. At least, it looked that way to Ou Qing, Dong Guo Zhi, and Wang Ding Shan.

Bang!

In the next moment, they heard a loud explosion and the space that was distorted had returned to normal.

At the same time, they saw Lu Jin flying backward like an arrow that had been shot out. Halfway through, he began to throw up blood. He looked extremely wretched.

It was obvious the sound of explosion was the sound of the black-robed man's force landing on Lu Jin's body.

In just a blink of an eye, Lu Jin who was ranked at the 295th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking was severely injured!

'So strong!'

Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhi trembled inwardly while Wang Ding Shan had a guarded look in his eyes.

Wang Ding Shan thought it was a Divine Ability that made the space ripple and distort. However, he could not see through it at all. How could he not be guarded?

After injuring Lu Jin, Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze to Dong Guo Zhi and said indifferently. "Swear on the lightning penalty oath like them or die!" Duan Ling Tian had spoken calmly, but he had emphasized on the word 'die'.

Dong Guo Zhi's expression changed dramatically.

Dong Guo Zhi and Wang Ding Shan's expressions darkened. Wang Ding Shan leaned forward as though he was preparing to make a move against Duan Ling Tian. However, Dong Guo Zhi stopped him.

"Elder Wang, just bear with it for now. We don't know anything about the black-robed man. If you attack him recklessly, you might offend him. If he's stronger than you, then there's no way we'll be able to live." Dong Guo Zhi sent a Voice Transmission message to Wang Ding Shan. "We'll do as he says for now. It's not too late for us to deal with him once we meet my father. We're merely swearing that we won't tell anyone about what we've seen. We're not swearing that we won't look for trouble with him later!" Based on this, one could see Dong Guo Zhi was a smart and cautious person.

Dong Guo Zhi successfully persuaded Wang Di Shan. After all, Wang Di Shan was also uncertain if he could defeat Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian's confidence made him feel wary.

"As you wish."

Subsequently, Dong Guo Zhi and Wang Ding Shan swore on the lightning penalty oath that they would not tell anyone about what they had seen today. Otherwise, they would be killed by the lightning penalty.

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

As nine claps of thunder rang in the sky, Dong Guo Zhi sighed in relief, thinking that the matter is over now.

In the next moment, Dong Guo Zhi prepared to leave and said, "Elder Wang, let's go!"

Just as Dong Guo Zhi called out to Wang Ding Shan and was about to leave, Duan Ling Tian stopped them.

"Wait!"

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian, Dong Guo Zhi's expression darkened immediately. "Elder Wang and I have done exactly as you told us to and swore on the lightning penalty. What else do you want from us? Don't go overboard, sir!" He began to sound a little angry when he spoke.

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Upon hearing Dong Guo Zhi's words, Duan Ling Tian was momentarily stunned before he burst out laughing. He said, "Go overboard? You can think whatever you want!"

Dong Guo Zhi and Wang Ding Shan's expressions changed dramatically when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "If you want to leave, you'll have to swear on another lightning penalty oath. Swear that from this moment onward, you won't have any enmity with me and won't look for trouble with me. Otherwise, you'll be killed by the lightning penalty!"

As soon as Dong Guo Zhi and Wang Ding Shan heard Duan Ling Tian's words, they instinctively turned to look at each other. They thought the black-robed man had read their minds. However, they quickly dismissed that notion since it was simply impossible.

"Sir, you want us to swear such an oath? What if you decide to provoke us? Doesn't that mean we won't be able to defend ourselves or retaliate? In that case, we'll die either way. We'll either be killed by you or the lightning penalty!" Dong Guo Zhi said with a dark expression. He did not expect the black-robed man to be so cautious. It seemed as though he had everything under control and could see through everything.

"That's easy. Just don't retaliate," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

"Don't retaliate? So, we should just wait for you to kill us?" Dong Guo Zhi said angrily.

"Then, do you prefer to die now?!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze was no longer calm. Cold killing intent could be seen in his eyes. There was a murderous aura about him, and it seemed as though he had turned into an Asura in just a blink of an eye. It caused the atmosphere to turn tense.

Dong Guo Zhi's expression turned grimmer when he felt the intense killing aura that Duan Ling Tian emitted.

At the same time, Wang Ding Shan could no longer hold back his anger and made his move immediately. "You're seeking death!" It seemed as though he had transformed into a God of War as he charged domineeringly toward Duan Ling Tian.

Hu!

As soon as Wang Ding Shan charged toward Duan Ling Tian, the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universal Ruler, appeared under Duan Ling Tian's sleeve again.

"Universe Teleportation!" Duan Ling Tian waved his hand and the space around him and Wang Ding Shan began to ripple and distort again.

In the eyes of Dong Guo Zhi, Ou Qing, and Li Jun, Duan Ling Tian and Wang Ding Shan's figures were blurry. They could only vaguely see two figures, but it was difficult for them to see what was happening.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian cast the Divine Ability from the Universal Ruler, he also cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic that he had not used for quite a while. "Elementary Devouring Tactic!" In just a blink of an eye, he had absorbed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings.

During the past six months Duan Ling Tian had been going around Sin City dressed as the black-robed man, he did not use the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, at all. This was because it might expose his identity. The other reason was that he did not encounter any opponent who was strong enough to force him to use the Elementary Devouring Tactic.

Now that Duan Ling Tian was facing Wang Ding Shan who was at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and ranked at the 156th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking, he had no choice but to use the Elementary Devouring Tactic. Otherwise, he would not be a match for a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Even if Wang Ding Shan was the weakest powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, Duan Ling Tian still would not be a match for him without using the Elementary Devouring Tactic.

'With my current strength, I can use the Universal Ruler's Universe Transportation since it's much stronger now compared to the past. Not only can it block people's sight, but it can also confuse my opponent!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he watched Wang Ding Shan get rid of the effects of the Universe Teleportation as the Elementary Devouring Tactic continued to raise his Sun Saint Energy to its limit.

After Wang Ding Shan managed to get rid of the effect from the Universe Teleportation, he saw the vortexes around Duan Ling Tian. Although the vortex was already disappearing, he still managed to catch a glimpse of it. "This..."

Xiu!

In the next moment, Wang Ding Shan heard the short-lived shrill cry of a sword. Apart from that, he saw a three-foot-long blade slashing toward him. Its speed was so fast that it left no trace behind. It looked invisible. He was frightened since he did not think he would be able to avoid it.

'The Traceless Sword! The assist-type Divine Ability that creates vortexes. The black-robed man is the Fire Worship Sect's Duan Ling Tian!' These were the thoughts that appeared in Wang Ding Shan's mind before the three-foot-long blade pierced the space between his eyebrows. It happened so fast that he did not even have time to cry out!

Wang Ding Shan only managed to guess Duan Ling Tian's identity the moment before he died through the Divine Abilities that Duan Ling Tian cast and the sword that he used. Naturally, he did not know that the sword Duan Ling Tian used was not one of the Ten Great Saint Weapons, the Traceless Sword. Duan Ling Tian had used the Jasper Celestial Sword. Since he had died, he could only take this secret to his grave. He did not have time to tell anyone about his discovery.

'Devour!' After killing Wang Ding Shan, Duan Ling Tian went about his routine of devouring Innate Spiritual Roots. He was pleasantly surprised by Wang Ding Shan's Innate Spiritual Root.

'He possessed a blue Spiritual Root. That's pretty good!'

After devouring Wang Ding Shan's blue Innate Spiritual Root, Duan Ling Tian discovered that his Innate Spiritual Root had improved and turned dark indigo.

'Now that my indigo Innate Spiritual Root has turned dark indigo, it means I'm one step closer to improving it to a violet Innate Spiritual Root!' When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he became excited even though he was usually calm.

After collecting Wang Ding Shan's Spatial Ring, Duan Ling Tian let go of Wang Ding Shan's body, allowing it to fall.

At the same time, the space that was rippling and distorting returned to normal as well.

Dong Guo Zhi and the others saw Duan Ling Tian standing unmoving at the same spot as Wang Ding Shan's body fell to the ground. This scene greatly impacted them.

"Wang Ding Shan is dead?!" Lu Jin was the first to regain his senses. His expression changed drastically. It was as though he had seen a ghost. He felt extremely lucky that the black-robed man did not target him. Otherwise, he would definitely die.

What a joke. A powerhouse who could kill Wang Ding Shan so easily could definitely kill Lu Jin with just a snap of his fingers.

Ou Qing was horrified and his face was pale. A stench of urine wafted in his nose, but he did not seem bothered by it. He stood still in shock, completely frozen.

In the next moment, Ou Qing and Lu Jin slowly turned to look at each other and saw the fear reflected in each other's eyes. After a few moments, without being asked, they quickly swore another lightning penalty oath that Duan Ling Tian had asked Dong Guo Zhi and Wang Ding Shan to swear. They promised not to have any enmity with Duan Ling Tian or look for trouble with him.

Naturally, Ou Qing and Lu Jin thought the oath they swore was too much. However, Wang Ding Shan, the strongest person among them, had died. They would only follow in Wang Ding Shan's footsteps and

be killed by the black-robed man if they continued to be stubborn. Both of them did not want to die so their only choice was to obediently do as they were told.

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

Nine claps of thunder rang in the sky once Ou Qing and Lu Jin swore on the lightning penalty oath.

The nine claps of thunder shocked Dong Guo Zhi into regaining his senses. His body was trembling violently and his face was deathly pale. Currently, he had completely lost his composure. He looked like a terrified bird!

"Do you have any other questions?" Duan Ling Tian asked nonchalantly as he looked at Dong Guo Zhi with a cold gaze.

Dong Guo Zhi jumped when he heard Duan Ling Tian speaking to him. He shuddered before he shook his head vehemently. He waved his hand and hurriedly said, "No! No!"

What a joke. Even Dong Guo Zhi's guard, Wang Ding Shan, had been killed. Where would he find the courage to question Duan Ling Tian now? Even if he still had questions, there was no way he would say anything.

Dong Guo Zhi who was panicking calmed himself down before he quickly swore on the lightning penalty oath just as Duan Ling Tian told him to.

Nine claps of thunder rang in the sky in response to Dong Guo Zhi's oath.

Sou!

As soon as the nine claps of thunder rang in the air, Duan Ling Tian seemed as though he had transformed into a bolt of lightning as he headed north. Naturally, he did not forget his purpose of heading north. It was for the treasure that was said to be left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Dong Guo Zhi and the others sighed in relief when they saw that Duan Ling Tian had left. They looked at each other and saw a hint of bitterness reflected in each other's eyes.

While Duan Ling Tian made his way north to have a look at the treasure that had been said to be left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he was unaware that the six, seven, including the twins, current heirs to the Seven Absolutes Sect, except for the heir of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, had all gathered at a snow-capped mountain in the northern region!

There were seven people. Some of them were men, and some of them were women. They were seated cross-legged on a stone platform that was situated in the middle of the snow-capped mountain. The stone platform they sat on was engraved with complicated patterns that seemed like it came from ancient times.

An elderly man and a beautiful woman stood high in the sky overlooking these people.

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"Old Prophet." The beautiful woman looked at the elderly man and asked with a frown, "Are you sure those three little fellows will be fine? You know that even if you can keep this from Xue Nai for now, you can't keep it from her forever!"

Based on the beautiful woman's words, it was obvious the old man the Old Prophet from the Seven Absolutes Sect's Prophet Progeny. As for the beautiful woman, she was the heir to the Seven Absolutes Sect's Red Dust Progeny. They were the heir of the Prophet Progeny and Red Dust Progeny.

The world belonged to their direct disciples who would be the future heir of the Prophet Progeny, Red Dust Progeny, and the other Progenies.

When the Old Prophet heard the beautiful woman's words, he regained his senses and shook his head. His expression was solemn. "I can't say for sure."

If other people heard this, they would definitely be shocked. How could the Old Prophet who seemed omniscient be unsure of something?

"What do you mean? Weren't you certain before this?" The beautiful woman said in a disgruntled tone. She was obviously not satisfied with the Old Prophet's answer.

"Ever since the Upper Province's Inter-province Transportation Formation stopped working and could not send people to the Lower Province, I've tried to divine the fates of the three fellows. However, what I saw was very vague and cryptic," the Old Prophet said, "The Devil Clans have most likely invaded the Lower Province. The Human-Devil Era is dawning again. The invasion from the Devil Clans has interfered with God's plans. It's only natural that I can't divine their fates."

The Old Prophet paused before he said, "However, before they left the Upper Province, I divined that they would have a fortuitous encounter if they return to the Lower Province... However, I couldn't tell what kind of fortuitous encounter they would have. In hindsight, the fact that I couldn't see clearly is a sign that there's going to be danger! Initially, I wondered why would they have a fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province. It seems like their fortuitous encounter has something to do with the invasion of the Devil Clans in the Lower Province."

At this moment, the Old Prophet smiled bitterly. "If I could do things over, I wouldn't have ordered Wu Ying to send them to the Lower Province. Currently, they can only rely on themselves."

"What do you mean... Are you saying you can't tell if they'll live or die?" The beautiful woman asked in a deep voice as her expression changed. Her tone was harsh when she spoke.

"That's right." The Old Prophet nodded solemnly.

The beautiful woman's expression turned gloomier and she was about to say something...

Suddenly, the Old Prophet looked up at the sky with bright eyes and said, "It's time!"

In the next moment, a sword appeared in his hand. This sword was one size larger than ordinary swords.

The Old Prophet infused his Saint Origin into the sword and a sword cry instantly rang in the air.

Following that, nine bolts of silk shot out from the sword and wrapped around the sword before it rose into the air.

This is the Nine Cloud Sword!" The beautiful woman exclaimed as her attention was caught by the sword in the Old Prophet's hand. Her eyes lit up immediately.

The Nine Cloud Sword was one of the Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking.

Only two of the weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking were swords. One was the Traceless Sword and the other was the Nine Cloud Sword.

Boom!

Rumbles!

Deafening claps of thunder rang in the sky, the Nine Cloud Sword in the Old Prophet's hand shot out a sword ray up into the sky. It seemed like a bridge that connected earth to Heaven.

Transverse Heaven and Earth!

The nine bolts of silk were entwined with the sword ray, looking like nine divine dragons. Each of them contained a formidable and peerless energy.

At the same time, the ancient and complicated patterns on the stone platform that the seven people sat on seemed to have come alive as the energy from the Nine Cloud Sword entered it.

Almost at the same time, a terrifying aura that was similar to the aura of an ancient appeared and shrouded the snowcapped mountain. It began to snow harder before it began to turn boiling hot.

The beautiful woman had retreated into the distance. When she sensed the aura, her expression changed. When she looked at the Nine Cloud Sword in the Old Prophet's hand, her eyes were filled with awe. "T-this is the Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation?!"

However, the awe she felt was not for the Old Prophet nor was it for the Nine Cloud Sword he was holding. It was for the man who forged the Nine Cloud Sword!

The man who forged the sword was the last heir of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, of the Seven Absolutes Sect. He was none other than the Sword Saint, Feng Qing Yang!

Currently, the world thought that the ten 10,000 Inscriptions Saint Weapons, including the Nine Cloud Sword, were forged by a celestial-grade Saint Inscription Master. They were unaware that nine out of ten of the 10,000 Inscriptions Saint Weapons that were part of the current ten Super Saint Weapons were only forged by a celestial-grade Saint Inscription Master because he drew inspiration from the Nine Cloud Mountain. That was how became a celestial-grade Saint Inscription Master after inscribing nine 10,000 Inscriptions Saint Weapons!

In fact, some of the nine Super Saint Weapons were even stronger than the Nine Cloud Sword, the first 10,000 Inscriptions Saint Weapon in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

All this was the secret of the Seven Absolutes Sect's secret.

The Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation was a heaven-defying Formation left behind by Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, the former heir of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

The Nine Cloud Sword was needed to activate this heaven-defying Formation.

Back then, before Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, the former heir of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, ascended to the Devata Realm, he had left the Nine Cloud Sword behind for the Seven Absolutes Sect.

Later on, people from the Seven Absolutes Sect were hunted by the three great sects. After some time, the Nine Cloud Sword was lost.

It was during this time that the first celestial-grade Saint Inscriptions Master in the Dao Martial Saint Land obtained the Nine Cloud Sword. By studying the Nine Cloud Sword, he managed to inscribe nine other Super Saint Weapons!

Finally, the Old Prophet managed to find the Nine Cloud Sword that had been lost for many years. Only with the sword would he be able to activate the Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation!

On the stone platform, an invisible force appeared and shrouded the seven people who were seated there. The mysterious force surged into their body through the Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation.

Meanwhile, the snow on the snow-capped mountain kept falling.

On this day, the fates of seven youths were forever changed. Today, the seven youths who were monstrously talented would undergo a rebirth on the snow-capped mountain and they would leave a mark on the Dao Martial Saint Land in the future!

North of Sin City.

Huh! There's a lot of people!' Duan Ling Tian looked down through the clouds as he saw many people traveling north as though there was a free buffet there.

As expected, the temptation of the treasures left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is strong.'

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, why these people were traveling north. After all, one of the reasons sectless cultivators gathered at Sin City was because Sin City always had first-hand news about treasure vaults left behind by elite powerhouses. Most of these elite powerhouses who were at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were sectless cultivators.

Aren't those people from the Black Crow Alliance?' Soon after, a group of travelers below the cloud caught Duan Ling Tian's attention. Duan Ling Tian was familiar with their uniforms. It was the uniforms of members from the Black Crow Alliance.

A man casually dressed in a black robe was leading the group of people.

Is he the leader of the Black Crow Alliance, Old Black Crow?' Duan Ling Tian instantly guessed the black-robed man's identity.

Six months ago, after Duan Ling Tian killed the Deputy Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, Jiao Zhan, the people from Black Crow Alliance had stopped taking advantage of people in Sin City. It seemed as though they had changed their wicked ways overnight.

In the beginning, Duan Ling Tian heard the reason they had changed their ways was due to the absence of the Leader of the Black Crow Alliance. Later on, he heard that the Leader of the Black Crow Alliance had returned to Sin City, but he did not look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian. Not only the people stopped their wicked ways of taking advantage of people when they were weak or injured, but they were rarely seen in the city as well.

At that time, many people in Sin City said the Old Black Crow, the Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, was afraid of him. That was why they had all changed their ways.

Once people from the Black Crow Alliance stopped taking advantage of people, Duan Ling Tian stopped finding fault with them. In fact, it seemed as though they had a good relationship.

However, in truth, Duan Ling Tian felt extremely annoyed. Now that they changed their ways, how could he devour their Innate Spiritual Roots? For that reason, Duan Ling Tian was annoyed for some time. Therefore, he had to look for other wicked men to devour their Innate Spiritual Roots since he was not one to simply devour people's Innate Spiritual Roots. He was a man with principles after all.

Sou!

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the group of people from Black Crow Alliance once before continuing forward. He seemed like a shooting star as he made his way north.

2130 A Tear in the Void

Many people were gathered in the north of Sin City, in the mountain ridge

The people were currently surrounding a mountain valley. To be more precise, they were surrounding the space above the mountain valley.

There was a tear in the void. It was a long and ugly tear, an entryway. However, one would not be able to see anything even if one were to look inside.

Among the crowd of people, an inconspicuous-looking middle-aged man looked at the ugly tear and said in a trembling voice, "I-is i-it really a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Why do I feel anxious when I look at it..."

"I feel the same. This tear resembles the bloody mouth of a terrifying beast!" Another person said warily.

"Were there entries of treasure vaults left behind by powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage that looked like this?" Many people murmured to themselves.

"I had the privilege of entering a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage a hundred years ago, and I managed to obtain some treasures there. However, the

treasure vault left behind by that powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was located underground. Although there were many Formations in there, the entry looked normal. It doesn't look like this," an old man said. From his voice, one could tell he felt wary about the tear in the space as well.

"I think you're all worrying for nothing!" A middle-aged man suddenly said with a frown, "Didn't you see the high- ranking officials from the Seven Kill Alliance, Thousand Years Alliance, and Eternal Alliance entering it? If the tear in the void dangerous, do you think they would carelessly enter it?"

Many people agreed with this man's words.

Yes. The leaders and high-ranking officials of the three strongest alliances in Sin City have already entered... What's there for us to be afraid of?"

"Since they went in, it shouldn't be dangerous if we enter, right?"

"I think so as well."

More and more people agreed, but no one made a move to enter.

After all, the tear in the void was only speculated to be the entrance to the treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The treasures in the treasure vault of a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage held great temptation. However, one's life was undoubtedly more important.

It was fine if one did not obtain any treasure, but if one died, everything would be over!

Suddenly, a young man stepped forward and said to the middle-aged who thought everyone was worried for no reason. "Hey! Since you think we're worried about nothing, why don't you take the lead and enter? If you go in, I'll go with you. What do you think?"

After the young man had spoken, everyone turned to look at the middle-aged man in unison. "That's right! Since you said there's nothing to worry about... Why don't you go in first if you think you're capable!"

"Go on! What are you waiting for? Didn't you say it's not dangerous?"

Yes! Didn't you say that the high-ranking officials of the three strong alliances in Sin City have entered so it's not dangerous? Why aren't you going in then?"

"Are you afraid?"

"If you're afraid, how dare you say there's nothing to worry about? Aren't you just embarrassing yourself?"

All these words were directed at the middle-aged man who told them there was nothing to worry about.

When the middle-aged man heard the comments, he turned pale. He had intentionally said that earlier in hopes that someone would go in first.

So far, only the high-ranking officials from the strong alliances in Sin City had entered the tear in the void into the place that was supposed to be a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Those from other alliances or loners did not enter.

In the end, the middle-aged man did not enter the tear in the void, earning him mockeries from the people around him. Although it was not pleasant being the object of ridicule, it was still better than losing his life.

"Black-robed man!!" A scream rang in the air, alerting the people surrounding the tear in the void.

The crowd instantly stopped mocking the middle-aged man. They shifted their attention to the direction where the person who had just spoken was looking at.

There was a figure flying through the clouds and was in the midst of landing.

This person wore a black robe and his face was hidden with a hood. His face could not be clearly seen at all.

"I wonder if he's the real black-robed man?"

Many people had the same question in their minds.

"I wonder if the real black-robed man dares to enter the tear in the void?"

The black-robed man who appeared before everyone who surrounded the tear in the void was none other than Duan Ling Tian.

Since Duan Ling Tian arrived a while ago and heard their discussion, he knew the high-ranking officials from the Seven Kill Alliance, Thousand Years Alliance, and Eternal Alliance had entered the tear in the void.

The people who were loitering around the area were mostly people who did not enter the tear in the void because they were not sure if led to the treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form Saint of the Celestial Stage.

If they are so afraid of dying, why are they here?' Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by these people.

Before Duan Ling Tian revealed himself, he had asked Elder Huo to check the entrance.

"This is a tear in the void. It should lead to a pseudo realm, "Elder Huo told him.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, stunned when he heard this. He instantly asked again," Elder Huo, I remember you said the Upper Province in the Dao Martial Saint Land is also a pseudo realm?"

"Yes," Elder Hup replied quickly, "The Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land is a pseudo realm that was naturally formed. However, the entrance to this pseudo realm was intentionally tom by humans."

Elder Huo continued to say, "In the Mundane Realms, whenever someone successfully passes the Heavenly Tribulation, the power in their bodies will undergo a transformation. Although it won't change into the Celestial Origin Energy, it would be easy for them to open an independent realm also known as a pseudo realm."

"Therefore, the pseudo realm behind this tear in the void is definitely made by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Moreover, that powerhouse must have successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation!"

"However, I'm not sure if the pseudo realm behind this tear is a treasure vault. There's a possibility it's a treasure vault. It requires a lot of effort to make a tear in the void even if it's someone who has successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation and is about to ascend to the Devata Realm. It's possible the powerhouse has left his treasure here. Naturally, they would only be considered treasures in the mundane realm," Elder Huo said.

Duan Ling Tian continued to fly as he listened to Elder Huo. He had made the decision to enter the tear in the void. Based on Elder Huo's words, he knew the treasures in the vault must be extraordinary since the one who left it behind was not just an ordinary powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was a powerhouse who had successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulations powerhouse!

One should know that the difference between someone at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who passed the Heavenly Tribulation and someone who had not passed it was very wide.

The former was close to being a celestial being in regard to their cultivation base and level while the latter was not.

A pseudo realm opened by such a powerhouse with so much effort would likely be his treasure vault, containing items he possessed before ascending to the Devata Realm. There had to be many treasures in there.

Do you think he dares to enter the tear in the void?1

"I'm not sure. In the first place, we don't know if he's the genuine black-robed man. However, even if he's the real deal, I'm not sure if he would enter."

"I agree."

"Didn't you see that even the leader and high-ranking officials of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance haven't entered the tear in the void? Do you think the black-robed man is braver than the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance?"

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, heard the discussions around him. Many people doubted he was the real black-robed man, and many wondered if he was brave enough to enter the tear in the void.

The Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance?' Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian shifted his eyes to where most people were looking.

A group of people was gathered in one place. The person in the lead had a beard, tall, and well built. He was dressed in finely made clothes. One could tell in just a glance that he had been in power for some time. There was a group that gathered there.

He should be Chen Xuan Ba, the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Chen Xuan Ba, the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, was a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was ranked in the top 500 on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Apart from that, the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance could also be considered a strong alliance in Sin City. It was only weaker than the Seven Kill Alliance, Thousand Years Alliance, and Eternal Alliance.

Duan Ling Tian still remembered that the first inn he stayed in when he arrived in Sin City, the Welcome Inn, belonged to the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!