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2131 Hundred Ghosts Alliance, Yin Xuan Ming!

While Duan Ling Tian sized up Chen Xuan Ba, the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, Chen Xuan Ba seemed to have noticed his gaze and turned to look at him intently.

"Lord Leader." As Chen Xuan Ba was looking at Duan Ling Tian, a person who was standing behind him noticed this and said, "The black-robed man who recently rose to fame in Sin City is dressed exactly like that guy..." He paused for a moment before he said again, "There's quite a number of people in Sin City who like to dress up like him. Therefore, I'm not sure if this person is the genuine black-robed man."

"He's the real deal," Chen Xuan Ba said to the person behind him.

Chen Xuan Ba's words confused the high-ranking officials of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. They did not know how their leader knew the black-robed man standing before them was the genuine one with just a glance! If they did not know their leader was a serious person, they would have thought he was just joking with them.

"Lord Leader, how do you know he's the real black-robed man? How can you tell?" An old man standing behind Chen Xuan Ba asked curiously.

The old man might look ordinary, but he was one of the three strongest deputy leaders in the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. His strength was only second to Chen Xuan Ba in the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. He had long entered the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

This old man who was at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was different from the Thousand Years Alliance's Wang Ding Shan whom Duan Ling Tian killed even though they both had the same cultivation base.

Wang Ding Shan was ranked below the 150th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. He was considered as one of the weakest powerhouses at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

On the other hand, the Deputy Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance was ranked in the top 100 on the Supreme Saint Ranking! Even among powerhouses at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land, he was considered as one of the strongest ones. His name Sun Hua was as ordinary as his appearance.

All of the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, including Sun Hua, looked at Chen Xuan Ba, and he merely said, "My intuition."

#### Intuition?

Everyone was dumbfounded when they heard Chen Xuan Ba's answer. If they did not hear it personally, they would not believe this was their leader's answer.

It was indeed true that Chen Xuan Ba had a strong feeling that the person was the real black-robed man from Sin City!

In Sin City, almost everyone knew and had heard of the black-robed man.

During the past six months, at least 800, if not a thousand people, had been killed by the black-robed man. However, those men that he killed were all wicked men. They were people who bullied the weak or people who cultivated using cruel cultivation methods.

In other words, the situation in Sin City had improved since the appearance of the black-robed man. It seemed like he had changed Sin City in just a night. There were people in Sin City who referred to him as the Guardian of Order.

It might sound far-fetched but it was the truth.

Hu!

A gust of wind blew past Duan Ling Tian just as he was about to enter the tear in the void. A figure stopped in front of him so he had to stop as well. He looked at the person standing before him.

As Duan Ling Tian looked at the person who obstructed his way, many people began to shift their attention to them. "It's the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!"

This person was none other than Chen Xuan Ba, the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!

When Chen Xuan Ba appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian, he politely greeted Duan Ling Tian. "Sir Black-Robed, I've heard many things about you..." He did not put on air as the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance.

"Leader Chen."

As the saying went, 'One would find it difficult to fight with someone who's smiling.'

Since Chen Xuan Ba was polite, there was no reason for Duan Ling Tian to be rude.

"Sir Black-Robed, I've heard about your strength and your deeds... I wonder if you're interested in joining the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance? If you're willing to join us, I'll offer you the position of fourth deputy leader in the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!" Chen Xuan Ba said respectfully to Duan Ling Tian with a dignified expression.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard Chen Xuan Ba's offer.

It was totally unexpected!

Other people had doubted Duan Ling Tian's identity. However, not only did the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance not doubt his identity, but he even came to greet him. Moreover, after politely greeting him, he even invited him to join the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance as its fourth deputy leader!

Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded.

Meanwhile, the entire place had fallen silent as well.

Not only the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance were shocked, but even other people were shocked. None of them could believe what they just heard.

"W-what's going on?"

"C-could h-he really be the black-robed man? Otherwise, why would the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance,

Lord Chen Xuan Ba, invite him to join the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance to be their fourth deputy leader!"

"How did Lord Chen Xuan Ba recognize him?"

"Stop joking! The black-robed man has always hidden his appearance and his aura. How could anyone recognize him?" "Then what's going on? Lord Chen Xuan Ba isn't joking, is he?"

"I don't know."

The crowd began to discuss among themselves after they recovered from the shock. They could not understand what was happening. In fact, they were not the only ones who did not understand what was going on.

At this moment, the people who were most in shock were the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. Earlier, they already found it shocking that their leader said the black-robed man was the real deal based on his intuition. Rare as it might be, they had thought their leader was only joking. They did not think their leader was serious. He even approached the black-robed man and invited him to join the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and offered him the position of fourth deputy leader! Not just anyone was worthy of becoming a deputy leader in the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!

Take the three deputy leaders from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance for example. All of them were at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. If one did not have a cultivation base at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, one would not be qualified to become a deputy leader in the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance.

"Is it possible that he's really the black-robed man?"

"If he's the real black-robed man, then I can understand why Lord Leader invited him to join our Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and promised him the position of fourth deputy leader."

"I still don't get it... How does Lord Leader know he's the real black-robed man and not an impostor?"

The Mighty Tyrannical Alliance's high-ranking officials began to discuss among themselves. They could not figure out what was going on.

At this moment, just as Duan Ling Tian was about to politely decline Chen Xuan Ba's offer...

A burst of laughter suddenly rang in the air, interrupting Duan Ling Tian. He instinctively turned to look at the source of the laughter.

Duan Ling Tian saw a sinister-looking young man with a medium build flying toward them from afar. He exuded a dark and cold aura. People seemed to avoid him and the group of people following him like a plague.

The black-clad young man in the lead was the one who was laughing.

The black-clad young man's laughter faded as he brought his men along with him and landed near Duan Ling Tian and Chen Xuan Ba.

The black-clad young man ignored Duan Ling Tian and looked at Chen Xuan Ba. He said mockingly, "Leader Chen, you're so quick to invite him to join your Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and even offered him the position of fourth deputy leader. Aren't you worried that he's a fake? Based on what I know, there are quite a lot of impostors in Sin City." The black-clad young man sneered when he finished speaking. He had a knowing expression on his face as though he was the wisest man on earth.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian heard the whispers in his surroundings and he learned about the black-clad young man's identity.

He was the leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, Yin Xuan Ming.

The Hundred Ghosts Alliance is also a fairly famous alliance in Sin City. They're about as powerful as the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance... I heard that there's enmity between the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. Based on what I see now, it seems like the rumor is true,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Yin Xuan Ming, you're not qualified to advise me!" Chen Xuan Ba frowned while he waved his hands impatiently and said, "If you want to enter what's suspected to be the treasure vault of a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, then please go ahead. Otherwise, please step aside and stop bothering me and Sir Black-Robed!"

Yin Xuan Ming was not angry when he heard Chen Xuan Ba's words. Instead, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. "Sir Black-Robed?"

Yin Xuan Ming narrowed his eyes and said in a faint voice, "I really want to see if you're the real black-robed man..."

In the next moment, Yin Xuan Ming raised a brow and called out, "Chun Wu!"

"Lord Leader!" Instantly, a stocky young man stepped forward from behind Yin Xuan Ming. Similar to Yin Xuan Ming, he also emitted a cold and dark aura. The aura made one feel as though one was in a dark and cold cave.

"Leader Chen, if my man manages to prove that this person isn't the real black-robed man, I'm afraid you'll be humiliated today!" Yin Xuan Ming said as he looked at Chen Xuan Ba with a mocking expression on his face.

# 2132 A Clown

At this moment, everyone understood why Yin Xuan Ming, the Leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, had intervened. As it turned out, he wanted to humiliate Chen Xuan Ba, the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!

"I've long heard about the enmity between the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance... I finally get to personally witness it today," a middle-aged man muttered softly under his breath.

"The feud between the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance is famous in Sin City... If both alliances aren't afraid of other alliances taking advantage of the situation, they would have fought to death!" A said.

"The leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance is really cunning. Even if it's revealed that the person standing there is the real black-robed man, it wouldn't affect him. However, if he manages to find out that person is a fake, it would only humiliate the leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!" Another person whispered.

Many people agreed with his words.

Many people were watching the show that was unfolding intently.

The young man who stepped forward from behind Yin Xuan Ming moved to stand opposite Duan Ling Tian! It seemed like he was prepared to fight Duan Ling Tian.

"Earlier, the leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance called this man Chun Wu. Isn't he the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance?" Someone said. His words caused many people to regain their senses.

The first elder of Hundred Ghosts Alliance?"

"I remember now! Indeed, the first elder of Hundred Ghosts Alliance is You Chun Wu!"

"The Hundred Ghosts Alliance's first elder, You Chun Wu, has been at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage for a long time now. Moreover, he's ranked in top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking!"

"He's ranked in the top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking even though his cultivation base is at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. This means he's one of the strongest powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land."

Yes. I believe very few people at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage are a match for him!"

When people figured out Chun Wu's identity, a commotion broke out immediately. Some of them sighed while others were in shock over Yin Xuan Ming's decision.

From the get-go, Yin Xuan Ming had already ordered You Chun Wu, the first elder from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, to make a move!

"Yin Xuan Ming instantly sent out the first elder from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance... Put aside the fact that this black- robed man might be an impostor, even if he's the real deal, he might not be a match for You Chun Wu!" Someone said after a while.

"That's right. Rumor has been going around in Sin City that the black-robed man's cultivation base is at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at most. If both of them are at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the black-robed man might not be a match for the first elder from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance!"

"That's for sure! After all, You Chun Wu, the first elder of Hundred Ghosts Alliance, is ranked in the top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Ordinary powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage are no match for him!"

The place surrounding the tear in the void was still buzzing when three figures arrived above the clouds. They looked down and saw the commotion below.

It was not hard for the three people to figure out what was happening. One of them sneered. "The first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance? Does he think he stands a chance against that vicious person? He's overestimating himself!" There was a hint of fear in the depths of his eyes when he spoke.

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would recognize the person who had spoken. It was Ou Qing, the Young Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance!

The other two people who were with Ou Qing was Lu Jin, the elder from Seven Kill Alliance, and Dong Guo Zhi, the Young Leader of Thousand Years Alliance.

When three of them saw the black-robed man standing below, fear filled their eyes. At the same time, they silently mourned for the blind guy standing opposite Duan Ling Tian. He was probably unaware that Duan Ling Tian had just killed a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Beneath the clouds, more and more people gathered to watch the show. These people were all from Sin City. Among these people, some of them were from the Black Crow Alliance.

Once the people from the Black Crow Alliance arrived, someone in the group called out to their leader, Old Black Crow, "Lord Leader, it's the black-robed man!"

"I know." Old Black Crow's expression darkened as he stared at the black-robed man intently. Similar to the others, he was not sure if the person standing there was the real black-robed man.

The black-robed man was the Black Crow Alliance's mortal enemy after all!

Previously, when Old Black Crow returned to Sin City and found out that the black-robed man had killed many members of the Black Crow Alliance, he was, naturally, furious! However, he had decided to lay low for the moment.

He even asked the members of the alliance to lay low. This was because he was not certain he could defeat the black- robed man. Moreover, he was certain he was going to break through soon within these few years. The day he made a breakthrough to the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would be the day the black-robed man died! This motivated him to cultivate diligently in recent days.

As it turns out, You Chun Wu, the first elder of Hundred Ghosts Alliance, is making a move. I hope he's the real black- robed man since I don't think he's a match for You Chun Wu... I hope You Chun Wu kills him so I don't have to dirty my own hands!' Old Black Crow's eyes lit up when he saw the black-robed man's opponent.

Although Old Black Crow was confident he would break through to the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage within these few years, it did not mean he was strong now. In fact, he might not even be a match for You Chun Wu even after he had broken through to the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Apart from one's cultivation base at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, one's strength also depended on various martial tactics, Divine Abilities, Saint Weapons, Dao Talismans, and medicinal pills.

As for the black-robed man's strength, after listening to the speculation of the people in Sin City, Old Black Crow was certain the black-robed man was at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage just like him. However, he did not think he was a match for the black-robed man now.

Naturally, Old Black Crow thought You Chun Wu, the first elder of Hundred Ghosts Alliance, who was ranked in the top 200 of the Supreme Saint Ranking would be stronger than the black-robed man! That was why he fervently hoped that the man standing there was the real black-robed man!

Meanwhile, You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, who was standing opposite Duan Ling Tian said, "It doesn't matter if you're the real black-robed man or not. Since you're facing me today, you can only die!" His words were extremely arrogant.

It caused the spectators to fall silent for a moment. All of their eyes were glued to the two people who were in the thick of the drama.

"Leader Chen, I thank you for your gracious offer, but I'm used to living a carefree lifestyle. It's not suitable for me to join the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance." Duan Ling Tian politely declined Chen Xuan Ba's offer.

Everyone watched as Duan Ling Tian completely ignored the arrogant You Chun Wu.

You Chun Wu's face turned red in anger when he saw Duan Ling Tian's blatant disregard for him.

The spectators were shocked.

Could this man be the real black-robed man? Otherwise, how could he remain so calm in front of You Chun Wu? Not only that, but he even ignored You Chun Wu.

"What a pity!" Chen Xuan Ba sighed involuntarily when he heard Duan Ling Tian's reply. Then, he turned to look at You Chun Wu who was standing opposite Duan Ling Tian and said, "Nevertheless, I brought trouble upon you. Let me resolve this for you!"

As soon as Chen Xuan Ba finished speaking, You Chun Wu who was about to attack Duan Ling Tian stopped. His expression had changed drastically and a hint of wariness could be seen in his eyes.

Yin Xuan Ming, the Leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, scoffed as he stepped forward and moved to stand in front of Chen Xuan Ba, blocking his path. "Leader Chen, he's not a member of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance... It's best if you stay out of this matter!"

Based on Duan Ling Tian's actions, Yin Xuan Ming was now convinced that there was a high chance that the man standing there was the real black-robed man. However, he did not think Duan Ling Tian was a match for You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance. Therefore, he did not plan to stop the fight. He even stopped Chen Xuan Ba so You Chun Wu would have an opportunity and space to attack Duan Ling Tian.

Sou! Sou! Sou!

The high-ranking officials from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance had also flown to Yin Xuan Ming's side.

## Sou! Sou! Sou!

At the same time, the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance also flew to stand next to Chen Xuan Ba.

The confrontation between the high-ranking officials from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and Mighty Tyrannical Alliance made the atmosphere tense. It was obvious they were on the verge of fighting.

The spectators were holding their breaths in anticipation...

## When suddenly...

"You're too kind, Leader Chen... He's merely a clown. You don't have to dirty your hands, Leader Chen," Duan Ling Tian said in a leisurely manner. His voice was not loud, but when he spoke, he defused the tension immediately.

## "C-clown?"

"The black-robed man actually called the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance a clown?"

"I think he's the real black-robed man! Only the real black-robed man would dare to act so arrogantly!"

"I agree that he's the real black-robed man! However, even if he's the black-robed man, is he a match for You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance?"

The crowd broke into an uproar once the tension was defused.

#### 2133 A Shocking Outcome

Chen Xuan Ba and the others were shocked by Duan Ling Tian's arrogance. A clown?

The first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, You Chun Wu, was instantly enraged when he heard the way Duan Ling Tian referred to him. He glared at Duan Ling Tian so fiercely it seemed as though his gaze could bore holes through a wall.

"You're seeking death!" You Chun Wu cried out as he moved like the wind. His Saint Origin surged out and he seemed to have transformed into a bolt of lightning as he made to strike at Duan Ling Tian.

Hu!

In just a blink of an eye, You Chun Wu arrived near Duan Ling Tian. He was merely a few feet away from Duan Ling Tian.

Everyone was engrossed in watching the scene that was unfolding before their eyes.

He made a move at just the right time!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he made a move as well. He raised his right hand as his sleeves fanned out. A gust of wind, accompanied by the sound of wind whistling, appeared in the wake of his movement.

Universe Teleportation!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, casting the Divine Ability from the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universe Ruler, that he had hidden in his sleeve since a while ago.

In just an instant, the space around Duan Ling Tian began to ripple and distort. The space around You Chun Wu who was standing just a few feet away was also rippling and distorting.

What kind of technique is this?' You Chun Wu felt as though he was being lifted by an invisible energy. It made him feel dizzy and caused him to panic a little. For a moment, he forgot to resist the force with his strength. It was unfortunate, but that was destined to be his final thoughts.

Weng!

The sound of a blade's cry rang in the air as Duan Ling Tian mobilized the Sun Saint Origin in his body and cut You Chun Wu into two. In the next moment, while he was collecting You Chun Wu's Spatial Ring, he devoured You Chun Wu's Innate Spiritual Root as well.

"What's happening?!"

At the same time, the spectators looked at the rippling and distorting space in terror. They could not see what was happening.

Even the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, including Chen Xuan Ba and Yin Xuan Ming, had a frown on their faces as they looked on in confusion. They had not seen nor heard of such a Divine Ability!

At this moment, everyone held their breaths in anticipation.

"Is this a Divine Ability?" A lot of people were curious.

"It's definitely a Divine Ability! Moreover, it seems like an extremely powerful and unique Divine Ability!"

The people present on the scene who had seen Duan Ling Tian casting the Universe Teleportation with the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Universe Ruler, could not help but cry out.

"I was lucky enough to see the black-robed man casting this Divine Ability before... It seems like this person is the real black-robed man!"

"He's the real black-robed man! He isn't a fake!"

More and more people who had seen Duan Ling Tian casting the Universe Teleportation before began to speak up one after another in excitement.

"Based on what I know, as soon as the ripples and distortion in the space fade away, his opponent would die."

"That's true. I wonder if it's going to be different this time. After all, his opponent is not an ordinary person. He's You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance. He's ranked in the top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking!"

"It's hard to say."

Many people who had seen Duan Ling Tian casting the Universe Teleportation in the past began to discuss among themselves. They realized how terrifying Duan Ling Tian's Divine Ability was. Although all of Duan Ling Tian's opponents would die after he cast this Divine Ability, they were not sure if it would be the case this time since his opponent was not just any Tom, Dick, and Harry.

These people would never be able to guess that as extraordinary as the Universe Teleportation was, it was not lethal. It just had a hallucinogenic effect. Its greatest use to Duan Ling Tian was that it could block other people's sight.

It was impractical for Duan Ling Tian to cast his 10,000 Swords Territory to block other people's sight because many people from the Fire Worship Sect had seen him use his Territory. If he used his Territory, it would undoubtedly reveal his identity as Duan Ling Tian.

He's truly the black-robed man?'

The Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, Old Black Crow's eyes lit up when he discovered that the person standing before him was the real black-robed man. His eyes were staring expectantly at the rippling and distorting space as he prayed fervently in his heart. 'Elder You, you'll definitely be able to kill him with your strength... I believe in you!' He repeated this phrase over and over again in his heart.

If You Chun Wu managed to kill the black-robed man, he would indirectly avenge the Black Crow Alliance. If that was the case, the Black Crow Alliance no longer had to lay low. If the black-robed man died, the Black Crow Alliance could continue to act like they did in the past, taking advantage of the weak without any restraint.

For this reason, Old Black Crow was not the only one who wished that You Chun Wu would be able to kill the black- robed man. All the members from the Black Crow Alliance were also fervently hoping that the black-robed would die.

At this moment, the only people who were calm were those three people who were hovering above the clouds. These people were the Young Leader and elder of the Seven Kill Alliance, Ou Qing and Liu Jun, and the Young Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, Dong Guo Zhi.

Earlier, they had witnessed Duan Ling Tian killing Wang Ding Shan, an elder from the Thousand Years Alliance, whose cultivation base was at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Naturally, they knew it was impossible for You Chun Wu to defeat Duan Ling Tian.

Even if You Chun Wu's cultivation base was at the peak of the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, how could he compare to Wang Ding Shan who was a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? The black-robed man had killed Wang Ding Shan, how could You Chun Wu even kill the black-robed man?

"It's just as expected."

Soon after, Ou Qing, Lu Jin, and Dong Guo Zhi saw the space was no longer rippling and distorting, revealing the two figures who were previously hidden.

One of them was perfectly fine. However, the other person had been cut into two. He was clearly dead! Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was the one who was unharmed.

Ou Qing and the other two had already expected this so they were not surprised.

However, for everyone else, they were shocked.

As soon as the space stopped rippling and distorting, the entire place fell silent. Everyone, including the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and Hundred Ghosts Alliance, looked at the scene before them in shock and disbelief.

The span of several breaths had passed since the black-robed cast his Divine Ability... However, You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, had died? Moreover, his body was severed in two?

On the other hand, the black-robed man was unharmed. How powerful was he?

"Is he at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher?"

Many people shared the same thought.

Most people gasped when they regained their senses. Sou!

People were still in a daze when a gust of wind appeared, catching everyone's attention. They saw the black-robed man who only took a span of a few breaths to kill the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance flew in the direction of the tear on the void and entered it. It looked as though he had been swallowed by a giant beast when he entered the tear.

"He entered the tear in the void!"

"Is he not afraid of death?"

Duan Ling Tian's action shocked them again. After he killed the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, he did not even hesitate as he entered the tear in the void.

The black-robed man's character had garnered much admiration from the crowd.

Duan Ling Tian thought it was the best option for him to quickly enter the tear in the void. After all, he had exhausted almost all of his Sun Saint Origin. If someone from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance decided to attack him, even if it was just an ordinary elder, Duan Ling Tian would not be a match for that person since he had depleted most of his Sun Saint Origin.

Previously, when he killed the elder from the Thousand Years Alliance, Wang Ding Shan, with the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Jasper Saint Sword, he had used much of his Sun Saint Origin.

Duan Ling Tian's Sun Saint Origin had only recovered a little when he had used almost all of it to kill You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance. He was, naturally, on his last leg.

For the sake of his safety, Duan Ling Tian used his remaining Sun Saint Origin to enter the tear in the void before the high-ranking officials from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance could react. He entered the pseudo realm left behind by the powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had

passed the Heavenly Tribulation even though he was unaware of what was in the pseudo realm. However, this was his best option.

If Duan Ling Tian had continued to stay on, let alone the ordinary members from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, their leader, Yin Xuan Ming would definitely be able to see that he was already on his last leg! At that time, he might not be able to protect his life.

2134 Entering One After Another

There was no doubt that Duan Ling Tian had made the right choice. He was not worried about the people from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance catching up to him if they entered the pseudo realm.

According to Elder Huo, once one entered a pseudo realm, one would be randomly transported to a place inside the pseudo realm. This meant unless everyone entered the pseudo realm at the exact same time, one would not be transported to the same place.

Since Duan Ling Tian had entered the pseudo realm before the people from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance did, even if they entered now, they would be transported to a different place.

When Duan Ling Tian entered the tear in the void without any hesitation, he had shocked everyone. They had gathered around the tear in the void because none of them was brave enough to enter the tear in the void. They were worried about the unknown danger that might lie inside the void.

After all, everyone was only bom with one life. There was no reset button.

Since they could not confirm that it was not dangerous to enter the tear in the void, they, naturally, would not recklessly enter it.

At the same time, Yin Xuan Ming, the Leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, regained his senses. He said through clenched teeth, "Black-robed man!" His voice was so cold that it sent chills running up people's spines.

The expressions of the high-ranking officials from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance was gloomy. You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, had died! You Chun Wu's death did not only publicly embarrass the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, but more importantly, it had weakened the overall strength of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance.

Currently, the Hundred Ghosts Alliance might be annihilated if the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance dared to take the risk and fight them!

"Sir Black-Robed's right. The first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance was a clown!" The Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, Chen Xuan Ba, laughed out loud. He was in a good mood even though a hint of wistfulness could be seen in his eyes.

It was the same for all the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. They were laughing, but a hint of wistfulness could be seen in their eyes.

This was, naturally, because they thought it was a pity the black-robed man declined their leader's invitation to join the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and become a deputy leader in the alliance.

Based on the black-robed man's strength, they could see the black-robed man was definitely qualified to be a deputy leader of their Mighty Tyrannical Alliance!

After a few moments, members from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance began to look at the members from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance disdainfully. Although they did not speak, their eyes spoke a thousand words.

Let alone the members from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, their leader, Yin Xuan Ming, felt even more humiliated. Initially, he had intended to humiliate the Leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, Chen Xuan Ba. Not only did his plan backfired, but he had lost his right-hand man.

You Chun Wu, the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, was one of the strongest people in the alliance. Someone like that had died needlessly.

"Chen Xuan Ba, don't get too carried away! Just wait and see," Yin Xuan Ming said threateningly. He sensed everyone's gaze was on him, and he felt even more humiliated. He glared at Chen Xuan Ba after he threatened him and stepped aside.

"I'll be waiting for you!" Chen Xuan Ba said indifferently as though he did not take Yin Xuan Ming's words to heart. He was not afraid of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance in the past. Moreover, now that the Hundred Ghosts Alliance had lost You Chun Wu, their strength was significantly weakened.

Just as Yin Xuan Ming brought his men away from the people of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, a cold voice suddenly said, "Leader Yin, you're really brave for ordering an elder to look for trouble with the black-robed man!"

It, naturally, caught everyone's attention.

A pale and sickly young man dressed in fine clothes appeared in everyone's sight. A middle-aged man followed behind him.

# "Young Leader!"

The moment the finely dressed young man appeared, both leaders from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, Yin Xuan Ming and Chen Xuan Ba, stepped forward and greeted him respectfully.

The finely dressed young man was none other than the Young Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance, Ou Qing!

Normally, a good-for-nothing rich kid like Ou Qing would not command the respect of the leaders of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. However, the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and Mighty Tyrannical Alliance were affiliates of the Seven Kill Alliance.

There were many alliances in Sin City. However, the three strongest alliances were the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance.

Under these three strongest alliances were other alliances like the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and Mighty Tyrannical Alliance. In order to survive and avoid being taken over by the Seven Kill Alliance, the

Thousand Years Alliance or the Eternal Alliance, they had to affiliate themselves with one of the three strongest alliances.

Both the Hundred Ghosts Alliance and the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance had chosen to affiliate themselves with the Seven Kill Alliance.

In fact, the Hundred Ghost Alliance and the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance's enmity had stemmed from them trying to compete and gain favor with the Seven Kill Alliance!

As the Young Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance, Ou Qing could also be considered as a leader of the Seven Kill Alliance.

As the leaders of the alliances that were affiliated with the Seven Kill Alliance, it was only natural that Chen Xuan Ba and Yin Xuan Ming were respectful toward Ou Qing.

After all, they could be considered as the Seven Kill Alliance's subordinates.

"Young Leader, I-I don't... I'm not sure what you mean by that?" Yin Xuan Ming asked respectfully as he looked at Ou Qing. He had a confused expression on his face. He obviously did not forget what Ou Qing had said when he showed himself.

Leader Yin, you're really brave to order an elder to look for trouble daring with the black-robed man!'

Based on Ou Qing's words, it seemed like he knew the black-robed man was very strong.

Yin Xuan Ming was puzzled.

One should know that although Ou Qing's strength was average at best, he did not care much about other people due to his status as the Young Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance.

When Yin Xuan Ming spoke to Ou Qing, Chen Xuan Ba was also looking at Ou Qing. He had detected a hint of fear in Ou Qing's voice when he spoke about the black-robed man. This roused his curiosity.

Why would the Young Leader of Seven Kill Alliance fear the black-robed man?

When Ou Qing saw the confused and curious expressions on Yin Xuan Ming and Chen Xuan Ba's face, he turned to look at the Young Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance, Dong Guo Zhi, who had just arrived and said, "Just a while ago... The elder from the Thousand Years Alliance, Wang Ding Shan, who was guarding Dong Guo Zhi, was killed by the black-robed man!"

Chen Xuan Ba, Yin Xuan Ming, and the others had already noticed Dong Guo Zhi when he arrived. When they heard Ou Qing's words, they were instantly stunned.

In fact, they were confused when they saw Dong Guo Zhi had come alone. How could the Young Leader of the Thousand Years Alliance travel alone without any powerhouses protecting him?

After they heard Ou Qing's words, they realized that the person who was in charge of protecting Dong Guo Zhi had been killed by the black-robed man!

"Elder Wang Ding Shan from the Thousand Years Alliance?"

"If I'm not mistaken... Wang Ding Shan has broken through to the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage a few years ago, right? His recent ranking on the Supreme Saint Ranking was at the 159th place."

"Someone like that was killed by the black-robed man?"

"My goodness! Is it possible that the black-robed man is at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

"Not necessarily... If he's at the peak of the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, it wouldn't be hard for him to kill Wang Ding Shan. After all, Wang Ding Shan was one of the weaker powerhouses among those at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage."

"Even so, the strength of a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, regardless if he was weak among his peers, is much stronger than You Chun Wu from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance. I finally understand Young Leader Ou Qing's words."

The people surrounding the tear in the void broke out in an uproar again. They were all shocked by Duan Ling Tian's strength. Now that they found out Duan Ling Tian had killed Wang Ding Shan, Duan Ling Tian seemed even stronger to them.

Dong Guo Zhi scoffed as his expression darkened. He saw the looks from the people around him, and he quickly flew into the tear in the void.

"Young Leader Dong from the Thousand Years Alliance has entered the tear in the void!" Many people cried out.

Young Leader, if you're aware of how strong the black-robed man is, why didn't you tell me earlier?" Yin Xuan Ming asked with a gloomy expression.

If Ou Qing had told Yin Xuan Ming about this, he definitely would not have sent the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, You Chun Wu, to deal with the black-robed man.

As soon Yin Xuan Ming finished speaking, Lu Jin who was standing behind Ou Qing coldly rebuked him. "Yin Xuan Ming, how dare you. Are you questioning our Young Leader?"

Yin Xuan Ming's expression changed when he was reminded of Ou Qing's status. He hurriedly lowered his head and said, "Young Leader... That's not my intention..."

Ou Qing snorted as he glanced at Yin Xuan Ming coldly. After that, he motioned to Lu Jin and entered the tear in the void.

Another commotion broke out again.

"Why are they entering the tear in the void without any hesitation? Are they not afraid of death?"

Many people were baffled.

"Maybe they know there's no danger inside..." Someone said.

"If it's not dangerous... Put aside the other alliances, but the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and Hundred Ghosts Alliance are affiliated with the Seven Kill Alliance, shouldn't the Seven Kill Alliance give them a hint?" People began to discuss among themselves.

2135 Everyone Decides to Enter!

"Based on what I know, the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and the Hundred Ghosts Alliance had voluntarily submitted to the Seven Kill Alliance, but people from the Seven Kill Alliance probably couldn't care less about them!"

"I think so as well. Even when people from the Seven Kill Alliance know there isn't any danger in entering the tear in the void, they didn't even inform them about it... After all, if the treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is in there, people from the Seven Kill Alliance probably wish that the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and Hundred Ghosts Alliance wouldn't dare to enter it!"

Yes. Another person entering means there's another person they have to share the treasure with. It's completely understandable why the Seven Kill Alliance didn't inform them about it."

People were gossiping among themselves.

Their words were heard by Chen Xuan Ba, Yin Xuan Ming, and the other high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and the Hundred Ghosts Alliance. They all had a dark expression on their faces. This was because they felt the words they heard had merits.

Ou Qing, that cowardly good-for-nothing rich kid entered the tear in the void without even hesitating. It seems like it's not dangerous in there.' The eyes of the leader of the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance, Chen Xuan Ba, gleamed when he thought about this. Then, he sent a Voice Transmission to the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance standing behind him. "If anyone is afraid, you can stay outside. Those who're not afraid can follow me in!"

The moment Chen Xuan Ba finished speaking, he entered the tear in the void under everyone's watchful eyes.

When the high-ranking officials from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance returned to their senses, they discovered their leader had already entered the tear in the void. Their eyes shone brightly as they followed in his footsteps.

A commotion broke out again.

Chen Ba Xuan's really quick to act!'

Chen Ba Xuan's thoughts were, naturally, similar to the thoughts of Yin Xuan Ming, the Leader of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance. To a certain extent, he knew Ou Qing better than Chen Ba Xuan did. He knew just how cowardly Ou Qing was. Since a cowardly person like that had entered the tear in the void without even hesitating, it was enough to prove that there was no danger in entering the tear in the void.

Moreover, Yin Xuan Ming's strength was far superior compared to Ou Qing.

Earlier, Chen Xuan Ba and Yin Xuan Ming were uncertain if there was danger lurking in the void. Although the high- ranking officials from the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance had entered it, they were not entirely convinced it was safe to enter. Among the high-ranking officials from the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance, many of their cultivation bases were at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Apart from that, the leaders from the three strongest alliances in Sin City were powerhouses at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Therefore, it might not be dangerous for the high-ranking officials from the three strongest alliances to enter the tear in the void. However, it was different for Chen Xuan Ba, Yin Xuan Ming, and their people. Therefore, they were mulling over whether they should enter the tear in the void or not. However, after seeing that cowardly good-for-nothing rich kid, Ou Qing, entering the tear in the void without any hesitation, they no longer felt afraid.

Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou!

After a few moments, the people from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance led by their leader, Yin Xuan Ming, also entered the tear in the void and disappeared from the public's eyes.

"People from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and the Hundred Ghosts Alliance have also entered the tear in the void!"

"As far as I know, the Young Leader of the Seven Kill Alliance, Ou Qing, is a typical good-for-nothing rich kid... He's usually very cowardly since if he dies, he won't be able to enjoy all the privileges that come from his father's status."

Many people agreed with this person's words.

"If that's the case, the people from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and the Hundred Ghosts Alliance must think it's safe to enter because of that?"

There was no shortage of smart people at the scene. Soon enough, they managed to come to a conclusion.

"That should be it."

"Since people from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and the Hundred Ghosts Alliance have entered, why are we still hesitating?"

"Let's go! We will go in as well!"

Suddenly, many people from different alliances and lone sectless cultivators began to enter the tear in the void, disappearing one by one.

A few moments later, slightly less than half of the people there had entered the tear in the void. Naturally, there were still many people who were afraid to enter it. Some of them were still hesitating and decided to observe the situation.

All the high-ranking officials from the Black Crow Alliance turned to look at their leader, Old Black Crow. One of them hesitated before he mustered up the courage to ask, "Lord Leader, many people have entered the tear in the void... Should we enter as well?"

At this moment, Old Black Crow was still in a daze. The scene of the space rippling and distorting and You Chun Wu's death were still playing in his mind. Apart from being the first elder of the Hundred Ghosts Alliance, You Chun Wu was ranked in the top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Someone like that was easily killed by the black-robed man.

Old Black Crow was much weaker than You Chun Wu. How could he be a match for the black-robed man? For a moment, he felt despair. It felt as though it would be impossible for him to kill the black-robed man and avenge the members from the Black Crow Alliance in this life! He felt extremely unwilling. He kept thinking about the scene earlier, hoping to find something useful. However, it was futile. He could not see through the rippling and distorti<sup>^</sup> space at all. He did not know how the black-robed man killed You Chun Wu!

Old Black Crow regained his senses when he heard his subordinate talking to him. "Hm?" Then, he learned about what happened from his subordinate.

"Since Leader Chen from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and Leader Yin from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance have entered the tear in the void, there's nothing for us to be afraid of. Let's go!" Old Black Crow said decisively. He instantly led his people into the tear in the void.

"The people from the Black Crow Alliance have also gone in!"

"Old Black Crow from the Black Crow Alliance is a notoriously cautious person. Otherwise, he wouldn't have endured for so long and didn't make a move against the black-robed man."

"That's right. The black-robed man has killed many members from the Black Crow Alliance. He even killed Jiao Zhan, the second strongest person in the Black Crow Alliance. Old Black Crow must hate the black-robed man very much, but he managed to hold himself back and even asked the other members to lay low."

"Even a person who's so cautious has entered the tear in the void. What are we waiting for? Why are we hesitating?"

After the people from the Black Crow Alliance entered the tear in the void, the group of people who was hesitating and observing the situation instantly followed suit and entered the tear in the void.

At once, more than half of the people present were gone.

Those who remained were still hesitant. After all, it was unknown what lay inside. They did not know what they would encounter inside. It was fine if turned out to be safe. However, if they were wrong, they would lose their lives!

Currently, many new people had arrived.

At this moment, an old man's eyes lit up as he cried out excitedly, "Spatial Tear?!"

"Spatial Tear?"

Instantly, many people turned to look at him in surprise.

When he noticed their gazes, the old man suddenly straightened up and said after a light cough, "If I'm not mistaken, this is a Spatial Tear... Generally, only treasure vaults left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation would be hidden behind a Spatial Tear!"

"I didn't expect that I'll live to see a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation!" The moment he finished speaking, he entered the Spatial Tear before the others could react.

"He said this is a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation?" Someone muttered after he had regained his senses.

"A powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who passed the Heavenly Tribulation? Isn't that someone who has ascended?"

More and more people began to regain their senses. An expression of shock and disbelief was apparent on their faces.

"From what I know, the strength of a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who passed the Heavenly Tribulation is extremely powerful. With that power, they could open up an independent realm!"

"If what you say is true, then the Spatial Tear should be the entrance to the independent realm that a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation opened up?"

"A powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation certainly wouldn't be so petty as to set a trap for us, right? It's likely the Spatial Tear is the entrance to where he kept his treasures?"

"Damn it! I wasted so much time hesitating. If I knew this earlier, I would've entered the Spatial Tear!"

"Sometimes, it's not good to be overly cautious!"

After hearing the old man's words, the people standing outside no longer hesitated. All of them swarmed toward the Spatial Tear and entered in groups of threes and fives.

The Spatial Tear was similar to the mouth of a starving beast. No one was rejected from entering it.

Soon after, no one was left outside the Spatial Tear.

Even the people who arrived later entered the Spatial Tear after a short moment of hesitation. Since they saw that no one was around, they realized it must be safe to enter the Spatial Tear.

Sou! Sou!

Suddenly, two deafening sounds of wind-whistling rang in the air. Two figures who were moving at a fast speed arrived at the Spatial Tear in just a blink of an eye.

2136 The Three Powerhouses Who Passed the Heavenly Tribulation?

If Duan Ling Tian was still outside the Spatial Tear, Elder Huo would have instantly warned him that these two people were extremely strong powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher!

"Meng Hao, I didn't expect you heard about this too!" The person who had spoken was an old lady with an ordinary appearance and white hair. She was dressed in a grey robe. If she stood on the streets, people would think she was a simple old lady. Apart from that, she was holding a cane with the head of a snake. The carving of the snake's head was extremely life-like that it even looked like a real snake from the distance. Her eyes were shining brightly as she took the initiative to speak to the other person who arrived at the same time as she did.

The other person was a young man dressed in a blue robe. He looked gentlemanly and was quite fair. He looked like a pale-faced scholar. He radiated a cold aura that made him unapproachable. It was as though it was a warning to others to stay away from him. He might look young, but he was already more than a few hundred years old! However, he could still be considered as quite young in the Upper Province.

Take the old lady, for example, she was not as strong as he was, but she was almost a thousand years old. She was old enough to be the grandmother of his great grandparents!

Based on the old lady's words, the young man's name was obviously Meng Hao.

If Duan Ling Tian was here, just based on Meng Hao's name and his cultivation base, he would be able to figure out this man's background.

Meng Hao was known as the Stern-Faced Scholar. Apart from that, he was ranked at the 21st place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Currently, he was one of the patrons staying in Sin City.

The Supreme Saint Ranking was a list of the strongest people in the Dao Martial Saint Land. To be ranked 21st on the Supreme Saint Ranking, it was obvious that Meng Hao was very strong!

"If Madam Snake has heard about it, is it so surprising that I've also heard about it?" Meng Hao said snappily when he heard the old lady's words. He was not respectful even though the old lady was older than him.

Madam Snake was also a famous powerhouse in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land! Similar to Meng Hao, she was a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who lived in Sin City. She was also a patron of Sin City. However, she was slightly weaker than Meng Hao in regards to strength even though she's two times older than Meng Hao. This could be seen by her ranking at the 23rd place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Naturally, she was still terrifyingly strong compared to others even if she was slightly weaker than Meng Hao. As someone who was ranked 23rd on the Supreme Saint Ranking, how could she not be terrifying?

Sou!

After Meng Hao finished speaking, he did not wait for Madam Snake to reply and he entered the Spatial Tear immediately.

Naturally, Madam Snake did not take it too kindly when faced with Meng Hao's rude behavior. She scoffed when she saw Meng Hao entering the Spatial Tear. Soon after, she also entered the Spatial Tear.

Not long after both of them entered the Spatial Tear, another four people arrived. Moreover, their speed was not any slower than Meng Hao and Madam Snake.

These were the other powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher in Sin City! However, these powerhouses arrived at different times so there was no trouble.

As people from Sin City traveled to the place where the Spatial Tear was located in hopes of finding the treasures left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage...

In Sin City, many informants from major forces left Sin City to return to their respective forces to report about the Spatial Tear and the treasure vault that a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage left behind.

"A treasure vault that's suspected to be left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

"Moreover, it's a treasure vault that's left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation?"

The powerful forces around Sin City, including the Black Kshetra Sect, were alarmed when they heard this news. They did not waste any time and sent out many powerhouses to the north of Sin City.

While the powerhouses from the various forces were entering the Spatial Tear, Duan Ling Tian was going through all sorts of tests in the pseudo realm.

The test became progressively harder as he progressed further.

I wonder what will happen if I fail one of the tests.' Duan Ling Tian was curious about this.

Hu! Hu! Hu!

At the entrance to the pseudo realm that Duan Ling Tian was in, many people began to appear.

Upon closer inspection, one would realize these people were divided into three groups. Each group wore a different uniform.

"Eh... Aren't these people from the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance?"

The sudden appearance of these people shocked the powerhouses from the major forces near Sin City. They recognized these people through their uniforms.

"Damn it! I can't go in again!!"

Shortly after, one of the men from Seven Kill Alliance who tried to re-enter the Spatial Tear discovered that he could no longer enter. There was a repelling force that pushed him away whenever he tried to enter.

At this moment, an elder from the Black Kshetra Sect shook his head and said, "It's useless! If it's really a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation, then he must have placed strict rules in that place. Powerhouses like that usually enjoy leaving tests behind in their treasure vaults. Those who are eliminated would be instantly transported out and wouldn't be able to enter again."

It was obvious this elder from the Black Kshetra Sect was very knowledgeable. As the elder from the Black Kshetra Sect, one of the three great sects in the Dao Martial Saint Land, it was only normal they knew more than the average sectless cultivators.

After hearing the words of the elder from the Black Kshetra Sect, people from the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance who were eliminated stared at each other with a bitter smile on their faces.

Soon after, many of the high-ranking officials from the various forces outside of Sin City, including the Black Kshetra Sect, asked the people from the three strongest alliances in Sin City, "What kind of tests did you encounter inside?"

Naturally, the people from the three strongest alliances in Sin City were unwilling to answer these people. As sectless cultivators, they despised the high-ranking officials from major forces like the Black Kshetra Sect! They did not respond to the question, but they did not leave either. They only stood at the side and waited for other sectless cultivators or people from other alliances to come out. They were ordered to do by their respective leaders. Even if they were eliminated, they must not leave. Otherwise, if people from their alliance managed to obtain some of the treasure might become a target for the other alliances. At that time, they would need help.

The people from the major forces, including the Black Kshetra Sect, were not surprised by these people's unwillingness to talk. They were merely trying their luck. In fact, if the people from the Seven Kill Alliance, Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance answered them, they would be shocked!

Bang!

Inside the Spatial Tear, in the pseudo realm opened by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation...

Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and punched a giant that emitted Devil Qi. The giant instantly disintegrated as though it was never there at all.

"It's getting more and more difficult..." Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself solemnly as he passed another test.

"Let me have a look," Elder Huo suddenly said, "I found three different power auras in this pseudo realm... These three types of power are the source that created this pseudo realm!"

Three different power auras? What does that mean?" Duan Ling Tian puzzled. The confusion in his eyes was very obvious.

"If I'm not mistaken, this pseudo realm wasn't created by one powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation! It's the product of three powerhouses at

the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation!" Elder Huo sounded certain when he spoke.

"What?!" Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard Elder Huo's words. This pseudo realm was not created by one, but three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation?

#### What did this mean?

Duan Ling Tian tried to calm down by taking a deep breath. However, his voice still trembled slightly in excitement when he said, "Elder Huo, y-you mean... t-this pseudo realm..."

"That's right!" Elder Huo seemed to know what Duan Ling Tian was thinking. He interrupted him and said, "Inside this pseudo realm, there should be things left behind by three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation."

## 2137 The Entrance Is Closed

Duan Ling Tian could not help but gasp in excitement when he heard Elder Huo's words. He was already excited when he found out there might be a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation. He was even more excited now that he learned the pseudo realm was jointly created by three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation!

A pseudo realm jointly created by three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation must contain extraordinary treasures!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his breathing quickened. It took him a while to calm down. He was extremely excited.

Since they created this pseudo realm together before they ascended, they must have a close relationship. They must have left all their possessions here in the mundane realm since they can't bring it to the Devata Realms. These things might not be worth much in the Devata Realms, but it should be very valuable in the mundane realm!' Duan Ling Tian who had just barely calmed down became excited again when he thought about this.

As Duan Ling Tian faced the coming tests, he was still excited. In fact, there were a few times where he was distracted. Fortunately, he did not find the tests too difficult to handle.

It's getting harder now. The final test is going to be really tough. I wonder when does it end?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after passing a fairly difficult test. He began to focus on the test. He did not dare to get distracted.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had passed quite a lot of tests. The tests began to appear not long after he entered the pseudo realm. He could not back out so he could only go forward.

The tests were simple in the beginning but they were getting harder and harder. Even Duan Ling Tian found the current test difficult. However, he had not unleashed his full strength nor had he used all his powerful techniques.

"Let's continue!"

The ground seemed to shake as the next test appeared. Ten gigantic beasts appeared out of thin air before Duan Ling Tian, pressuring him.

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn when he saw this. He began to concentrate in earnest. It would only take one mistake for him to be eliminated! Elder Huo had informed him that if he failed one of the tests in the pseudo realm, he would be instantly eliminated and transported out. Once he was transported out, it was impossible for him to enter the pseudo realm again. At that time, he would lose the opportunity to obtain the treasures left behind by the three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation.

Duan Ling Tian felt distressed just thinking about it. Therefore, he did not dare to lose focus and became serious.

## Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou!

As the ten gigantic beasts charged at Duan Ling Tian, the space around him began to turn volatile. The sounds of wind howling were thunderous!

"Black Turtle's Barrier!" Duan Ling Tian instantly cast his defensive Divine Ability. This was the first time he had used a Divine Ability since he entered the pseudo realm. This was the strongest defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect!

Once Duan Ling Tian cast the Black Turtle's Barrier, the gigantic silhouette of a black turtle that looked like a beast from ancient times instantly shrouded Duan Ling Tian, protecting him. In order to get to him, one had to pass through the barrier!

The ten beasts howled, growled, and roared as they pounced at Duan Ling Tian. A terrifying energy surged out of them, making the ground shake as wind blew about violently. The force from the wind was so strong that it felt as though the sky was going to collapse. The ten gigantic beasts attacked together, their force was so strong that the sun and moon seemed to dim. Their joined forces swept toward Duan Ling Tian and landed on the barrier that was protecting Duan Ling Tian.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Instantly, thunderous explosions reverberated in the air. The barrier began to shake violently like a sailboat that was being tossed around by violent waves. After a while, it was apparent that the barrier was on the brink of collapse.

However, the ten gigantic beasts seemed to have exhausted their strength as well when they jointly unleashed their attacks.

It held up,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes lit up, 'No wonder it's acknowledged as the strongest defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect. Its protective force is so strong even though I've only mastered it at the elementary stage..."

At the same time, the Black Turtle's Barrier vanished without a trace with just one thought from Duan Ling Tian.

Hu!

Then, Duan Ling Tian lifted his arm and a Thousand Inscription Saint Sword appeared in his hand. After that, he let the Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword go and it flew out on its own and began to slash at the ten gigantic beasts.

This was a technique from the third stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword. The third stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword was also known as the Sword Warding Heart. The sword would go where the heart willed it to go!

"This sword technique I mastered is definitely the strongest sword technique in the Dao Martial Saint Land!' Duan Ling Tian was very confident about this.

Xiu!

The short-lived sound of a sword's cry rang in the air and a sword ray appeared in just a blink of an eye. The gigantic beasts fell to the ground in the wake of the sword.

Just like that, Duan Ling Tian successfully passed another test.

"It's closing," Elder Huo suddenly said.

Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion, "Closing? What's closing?"

"The entrance to this pseudo realm is closed," Elder Huo answered.

"The entrance is closed?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he heard this. "Then, this means no one would be able to enter the pseudo realm anymore!"

#### "That's right," Elder Huo replied.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, thrilled when he heard this. After all, once the entrance is closed, no one could enter anymore. This meant he would have fewer competitors. He had everything to gain and nothing to lose from the closing of the entrance.

I've entered this pseudo realm for quite a while now, but the entrance is only closing now. I'm afraid the forces near Sin City like the Black Kshetra Sect have gotten word about this, and they've probably sent their men in.' Duan Ling Tian furrowed his eyebrows when he thought about this.

Suddenly, the sound of wind howling could be heard. Duan Ling Tian knew he was about to face his next test.

Meanwhile, outside the pseudo realm, those who were eliminated watched as the Spatial Tear began to close.

The people guarding the entrance widened their eyes in shock when they saw this. "The entrance is closed?"

After a few moments, more people from forces outside of Sin City arrived as well. All of them were incredibly frustrated when they realized they were just a step too late.

"Damn it! I was so close!"

"Just a couple of dozens of breaths' time!"

"Why am I so unlucky that I missed entering the treasure vault that was left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation? It's such a rare occurrence!"

After a while, more people arrived. When they learned that the entrance to the treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation was closed, all of them regretted not coming sooner.

Hu!

A gust of wind suddenly appeared and two young men appeared before everyone's eyes.

Young Leader!"

Young Leader!"

When the two young men appeared, two groups of people who were standing outside instantly greeted them respectfully.

One of the two young men was finely dressed. He was skinny, frail, and pale. He looked just like a goodfor-nothing rich kid. The other young men held a feathered fan and wore a silk kerchief on his head. He was dressed like a scholar, but he seemed to be in a slightly wretched state. He had lost his usual gentle demeanor.

These two young men were none other than the Young Leaders of the Seven Kill Alliance and the Thousand Years Alliance, Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhi! Both of them were eliminated at the same time!

2138 An Inescapable Space

"It's the Young Leaders from the Seven Kill Alliance and the Thousand Years Alliance, Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhi. They're eliminated as well?"

Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhou's appearance had undoubtedly caught many people's attention. Some people who had been eliminated earlier had recognized them as well.

When Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhi felt the gazes on them, their expressions darkened immediately. They were so close to passing the test, but they still failed at the crucial moment. They felt extremely resentful and disgruntled. Naturally, if they knew that the tests were seemingly endless and would only get progressively harder, they would not feel this way.

After Ou Qing caught his breath, he looked at Dong Guo Zhi with a mocking smile and said, "Dong Guo Zhi, you're eliminated at the same time as me. It seems like the young leader of the Thousand Years Alliance isn't so strong after all. Didn't you always call me a good-for-nothing rich kid? It seems like the young leader of the Thousand Years Alliance isn't that much stronger than a good-for-nothing rich kid!"

Ou Qing had not forgotten that Dong Guo Zi had tried to goad the black-robed man into killing him earlier. Since he was presented with a chance now to ridicule Dong Guo Zhi, he, naturally, would not let the chance pass by.

"Ou Qing!" When Dong Guo Zhi heard Ou Qing's words, he was instantly enraged but there was nothing he could say in return. He was not the only one who looked down on Ou Qing. Many sectless cultivators in Sin City thought that Ou Qing was weaker than him.

When Dong Guo Zhi sensed the gazes on him, he felt so embarrassed he felt like digging a hole in the ground to hide in!

When Ou Qing saw this, he smiled widely. Suddenly, he felt it was worth it to be eliminated. Hu! Hu! Hu!

Soon after, people began to appear one after another. All these were people who had been eliminated.

In the beginning, those who were eliminated were at the First Form or Second Form of the Form Saint Celestial Stage. Gradually, even powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were eliminated.

"Elder Yu!"

"Elder Xiao!"

When two figures appeared, Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhi cried out in unison. They were surprised that these two people were eliminated since they were elders from the Seven Kill Alliance and the Thousand Years Alliance.

Naturally, if these two people were just ordinary elders from their respective alliances, Ou Qing and Dong Guo Zhi would not have lost their composure. These two elders were not just ordinary elders in their respective alliances.

"Isn't this Elder Yu Zhong from the Seven Kill Alliance?"

"That's Elder Xiao Peng from the Thousand Years Alliance!"

Yu Zhong and Xiao Peng aren't just ordinary powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... They ranked within the top 200 on the Supreme Saint Ranking!"

"They're even stronger than First Elder You Chun Wu from the Hundred Ghosts Alliance! I didn't expect even someone as strong them would be eliminated!"

"With such a high rate of elimination, I'm afraid only a handful of people will be able to remain in the treasure vault of the powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the heavenly tribulation."

"I think so as well."

The people in the surroundings who had been eliminated lamented among themselves.

As time passed, more and more people were eliminated. All these people had one thing in common. All of their cultivation bases were below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

"Everyone from the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance who are below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage have been eliminated... Those from the Mighty Tyrannical Alliance and Hundred Ghost Alliance whose cultivation bases were below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage have also been eliminated."

"That's not all... Even the sectless cultivators from the other alliances with cultivation bases below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage have been eliminated as well. Currently, the only people below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who are still inside are those from the Black Kshetra Sect and the other forces."

"They won't be able to remain for long in there. The only reason they haven't been eliminated is due to their late entrance!"

"I agree."

While people were discussing among themselves, people below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage from the Black Kshetra Sect and the other forces were also eliminated one after another.

"Look!"

"I think there are no more powerhouses below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage inside."

"As expected of a treasure vault left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation. The rate of elimination is ridiculously high! It seems that you can forget about obtaining the treasures inside if your cultivation base isn't above the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage."

"That's a really high requirement!"

Currently, about 90% of the people outside were people who had been eliminated. As they discussed among themselves, an expression of bitterness and helplessness could be seen on their faces. Naturally, none of them wanted to be eliminated, but there were some things that were out of their control.

"The tests in there are ridiculous. Not only does it get progressively harder, but it seems endless as well."

"That's true. I'm pretty sure the few tests ahead of me before I was eliminated might even be difficult for powerhouses at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

Many powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who were eliminated said with a bitter smile. If one had to pick those who felt the most dissatisfied, it would be this group of people.

As time passed, no powerhouses at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were eliminated. Many people came to the conclusion that the test they had failed was one of the final tests. Who knew, it could it even be the final test!

The Leader of the Black Crow Alliance, Old Black Crow, looked and asked around. He discovered the enemy of the Black Crow Alliance was nowhere to be seen. It was just as he had expected. 'That black-robed man is actually a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher!'

Earlier, Old Black Crow was just guessing. There was still a sliver of hope in his heart. When he saw that the black- robed man was nowhere to be seen, the last hope he held in his heart vanished immediately!

"From this day onward, all of you must let go of your hatred toward the black-robed man... From now on, members of the Black Crow Alliance must never take advantage of the weak ever again!"

When Old Black Crow realized that he and the Black Crow Alliance could not do anything to the blackrobed man, he decisively gave an order to the high-ranking officials of the Black Crow Alliance through Voice Transmission.

The high-ranking officials from the Black Crow Alliance had no objection in regard to this order. Even the strongest person in the Black Crow Alliance, their leader, was afraid of the black-robed man. How could they not be afraid?

Meanwhile, there was something the people outside were unaware of.

There was a group of extremely bored people inside the pseudo realm that was left behind by a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation.

Duan Ling Tian was one of those people.

"When will I be able to leave?"

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was stuck in an enclosed place. The space was not big. It could probably fit two adults at most. Duan Ling Tian felt extremely constricted.

Duan Ling Tian had tried to break out from this enclosed space. However, even after he cast all his techniques without any reservations, he still failed to leave the space. His power did not even affect the space. He was trapped inside and could not escape.

"Elder Huo, what's this space made of? Why doesn't my attacks affect it?" Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo to learn more about the space he was entrapped in.

"This space is part of the pseudo realm... So long you're still in the pseudo realm, you'll be trapped here. There's no way for you to leave. Naturally, it would be easy for you to leave if your cultivation base has reached the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and you've passed the Heavenly Tribulations. This space wouldn't be able to confine you then."

Based on Elder Huo's words, it seemed like even powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had not passed the Heavenly Tribulation would not be able to escape this space and pseudo realm.

The difference in strength between a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation and one who had not passed the Heavenly Tribulation was at a completely different level. They were as far apart as Heaven and earth.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Elder Huo's words, he completely dismissed the idea of escaping.

What a joke! Elder Huo had said even a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who did not pass the Heavenly Tribulation could not escape this space. How could Duan Ling Tian escape then?

The test I faced before this was really tough... If my Sun Saint Origin didn't recover after I entered the pseudo realm, I might not be able to pass the test even if I use the Jasper Celestial Sword!' Duan Ling Tian still felt a lingering fear when he thought about the latest test he faced. If he did not use the Jasper Celestial Sword, it would have been impossible for him to pass the test!

After Duan Ling Tian passed that particular test, there was a sudden blackout. When light returned, he found himself in this strange space.

Duan Ling Tian was unaware that apart from him, there were also others who were confined in this strange space after passing the previous test.

Those people were the leaders of the Seven Kill Alliance, the Thousand Years Alliance, and the Eternal Alliance. Meng Hao and Madam Snake who were at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were also trapped in this space.

Everyone who passed all the tests so far was trapped. There was no exception.

It was as though they had to wait for those who entered after them to finish all the tests as well...

Duan Ling Tian did not know how much time had passed when he heard a voice by his ears. "Congratulations! You've passed the elimination test..."

The voice sounded ethereal and it seemed to come from everywhere and nowhere at the same time.

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Duan Ling Tian began to look around when he heard the voice, but he did not see anyone. The voice seemed to have come from nowhere. "Who's it?!"

"I know you must be very curious about my identity... I'm one of the surviving creators of this realm!" The owner of the voice seemed able to read Duan Ling Tian's mind. Then, he continued to say, "I guess you must be very curious why I revealed that I'm one of the creators of this realm."

At this point, he stopped speaking.

In fact, Duan Ling Tian was not surprised at all since Elder Huo had already told him he was in a pseudo realm created by three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation! However, this did not mean the others were not surprised.

"One of the creators? The voice said he's one of the creators of this realm?"

Everyone was surprised when they heard the same voice that Duan Ling Tian heard. Regardless of their status, whether they were ordinary powerhouses at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage from Sin City or the Karmapas from the Black Kshetra Sect, all of them were shocked.

Previously, all of them were under the assumption that the realm was created by one powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation. However, the voice just informed them that he was one of the creators of this realm!

It was clear this was no coincidence since the voice was transmitted to everyone who passed the elimination test at the same time.

Currently, the only people left in the pseudo realm were the only ones who had passed the elimination test.

"When I said I'm one of the creators of this realm, I'm sure all of you understand that I didn't singlehandedly create this realm!"

The voice continued to transmit into everyone's ear.

"First things first, let me introduce myself...I am Zheng Dong Ji. I've achieved the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, passed the Heavenly Tribulation, and was preparing for my ascension before I created this realm!"

Those who were in the know, including Duan Ling Tian, remained calm since they were already aware of this. On the other hand, those who were unaware were pleasantly surprised.

They were pleasantly surprised because they had finally received confirmation that they were indeed in the treasure vault left behind by powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation. There were definitely a lot of treasures here. Only a fool would think that the treasures here were ordinary.

"As I said earlier, I'm only one of the creators of this realm. This realm was jointly created by me and my two friends. Similar to me, my friends are also at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and had successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulations before we created this realm!" The voice continued to say.

This time, apart from Duan Ling Tian, the others were shocked by what they heard. Even the few powerhouses at the Seventh Form Saint Celestial Stage from Sin City and the Karmapas from the Black Kshetra Sect were surprised. However, they quickly regained their composure since they were all elite powerhouses in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

When they regained their senses, they were in awe.

"This treasure vault was actually left behind by three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation..."

"Doesn't this mean the treasures here belong to three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation. It's possible they'd left their legacies here as well."

At the thought of this possibility, even the powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were excited. All of them were excited and looking forward to obtaining the treasures in here.

"A treasure vault that was left behind by three powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation... We've hit the jackpot!"

"Who would've known that I would have such a fortuitous encounter!" Someone laughed.

"This is amazing!"

Everyone was extremely excited. They only calmed down when the voice began speaking again.

"Three of us had left the treasures we had obtained throughout our lives in this realm. Moreover, we also left behind some of our cultivation methods. Naturally, only the last one standing would be able to obtain everything we left here." After pausing for a beat, the voice continued to say, "However, all of you have a high chance of succeeding••••• This is because all of you have successfully passed the elimination tests we had laid out. Everyone else has been eliminated except for the few of you. However, it's too soon for you to feel happy. The elimination tests are just the beginning."

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was dumbfounded when they heard this.

"All those tests we had to face earlier... are just the beginning?" Duan Ling Tian had a bitter smile on his face.

Everyone else was also rendered speechless by this news. However, these people did not remain silent for long before they broke out in a rant.

"Is this a joke? All the tests we faced so far are not the end, it's just the beginning? Are you kidding me?!"

"Based on all the tests before, I don't think anyone with a cultivation base below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage will be able to pass it!"

"At this time, I don't think there are any cultivators below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in this realm."

Everyone knew this to be true. However, they were unaware that there was an exception. Duan Ling Tian was far from being at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation was merely approaching the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He had not even broken through to the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! He was just at the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Saint Origin Form!

After cultivating for half a year in Sin City, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was finally at the Saint Origin Form. Although this was an amazing feat, Duan Ling Tian still felt dissatisfied.

"Weak! I'm too weak... My cultivation base is still too weak. I can only kill an ordinary powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage providing I unleash all my strength and use the Jasper Celestial Sword."

"If it's a powerhouse at the peak of the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, I would only be able to severely injure him but I wouldn't be able to kill him. If it's a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher, I would definitely be defeated!"

Duan Ling Tian felt the pressure after listening to Zheng Dong Ji said that all the tests earlier were just the precursor for more tests. He had already used all his strength to pass the first series of tests, he

could not imagine how much more difficult the second series of tests would be. Moreover, who knew if there were a third or fourth series of tests after that.

Duan Ling Tian's heart sank when he thought of that.

"After this, all of you will leave this space and be transported to a new place. At that time, you will team up with the others and work together. You will be divided into three groups. All of the group members need to pass the test in order to pass the test. Only two groups would remain at the end of the test."

No one responded to Zheng Dong Ji when he mentioned elimination since it was a matter of course. However, what Zheng Dong Ji said next changed everyone's expressions.

"For the second test, those who are eliminated won't be transported out of the realm. Elimination means death!"

#### Death!

Everyone's expression turned grim when they heard that the test was a life-or-death test. Many weaker cultivators felt a pang of regret for entering the realm once they heard this. Unfortunately, there was no cure for regret in this world.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was one of the weakest cultivators among the group of remaining people. However, he did not regret entering the realm. Instead, he began to plan his next move.

Based on Zheng Dong Ji's words, we would be divided into three groups for the second test. All members are equally important and we have to work together! This means everyone has to pass. This means even if one group member fails, the entire group would fail.' Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief when he thought of this.

Duan Ling Tian thought his chance of passing the test was higher if he did not have to rely solely on his strength alone. If he was grouped with stronger people, his chance of passing was high.

Many people shared the same thought.

"I hope I'll be grouped with the stronger powerhouses. In that case, my chance of passing the test would be higher."

"God, please group me with those strong powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

Many weaker cultivators were fervently praying that they would not be grouped with weak cultivators. On the other hand, the strong cultivators who were arrogant did not care who they were grouped with. There were some who wished they would not be grouped with too many weak cultivators since the weak cultivators might hinder them. With too many weak cultivators in a group, they might die!

"Now, let me announce..." Zheng Dong Ji's voice suddenly rang in the air again, surprising everyone, including Duan Ling Tian. "The start of the second test!"

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"The second test begins now!"

As soon as Zheng Dong Ji finished his sentence, everything turned pitch-black.

When light returned, Duan Ling Tian discovered he was in a huge cave. At first glance, it seemed like there were no exits in the cave. It was completely sealed. It looked desolate. There were no greeneries, only sand and stones. It was completely barren.

## Hu! Hu! Hu!

After Duan Ling Tian appeared in the cave, the sound of wind whistling rang in the air before several people appeared in the cave as well.

Similar to Duan Ling Tian, once these people arrived in the cave, they began to observe their surroundings. The cave was huge and looked desolate. They could see from one end to the other end of the cave. Regardless of how innocuous the cave looked, they felt wary because the cave was emitting a subtle pressure.

It was only natural since this was the second test. The first series of tests were already quite difficult for some of them. The second test would definitely be even harder. Therefore, these people came to the conclusion that there must be hidden dangers in this seemingly harmless cave. The sense of the unknown is the most terrifying! Hence, it would do them good to stay alert.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and thought to himself as he looked at the group of people who had just appeared, 'I wonder who's in my group...'

As Duan Ling Tian studied the people around him intently, the others were also doing the same to the people around them.

Their thoughts were fairly similar to Duan Ling Tian's thoughts.

For the second test, their comrades' strength would affect their chances of passing the test. If they failed, they would die. It was only natural that everyone felt pressured.

Suddenly, a thin middle-aged man draped in a green cloak saw a white-robed young man. His eyes widened as he cried out in surprise, "Lord Bai Li!" He did not expect he would be in the same group as this person.

# "Lord Bai Li?'

When the skinny middle-aged man draped in a green cloak cried out, many people, including Duan Ling Tian, shifted their attention to the white-robed man.

The young man was dressed in a white robe. He was tall and well built. He stood still. His expression was stern, making him look unapproachable. There was a maroon dot in between the young man's brows. It was extremely eye-catching. As he stood there, he gave off an ethereal feeling. It was as though he was there but not there at the same time just like a celestial being.

One of the sectless cultivators from Sin City saw the young man and said with a voice that was trembling with excitement, "I-it's r-really Lord Bai Li!"

This sectless cultivator had been staying in Sin City for hundreds of years. He was fortunate enough to have seen the white-robed young man once. The white-robed young man had left a lasting impression on him. Therefore, he was able to recognize the white-robed young man immediately.

"I didn't think I would be in the same group as Lord Bai Li... With Lord Bai Li around, it would be easy to pass the second test!" Another sectless cultivator said excitedly.

To the sectless cultivators, Bai Li was like a god to them.

"Lord Bai Li? H-he's really Sin City's Bai Li?"

Many people's eyes widened in shock. An expression of awe could be seen on their faces.

"He's Bai Li? One of the three patrons of Sin City? Someone whose cultivation base is at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? A peerless powerhouse who's ranked at the ninth place on the Supreme Saint Ranking?"

While everyone was looking at Bai Li, Duan Ling Tian's attention was also on him. He could not help but feel stunned. If the person standing in front of him was really the Bai Li he had heard about, then this person was the strongest person he had ever met, apart from Elder Huo!

Bai Li, one of the three strongest people in Sin City, was at the top of the food chain in Sin City. He was also one of the strongest sectless cultivators in the Dao Martial Saint Land with his cultivation base at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was even ranked in the top ten of the Supreme Saint Ranking! He was ranked at the ninth place!

How strong was he to be ranked ninth on the Supreme Saint Ranking?

"Lord Bai Li!"

"Lord Bai Li!"

After the people present confirmed Bai Li's identity, their faces were filled with excitement. They instantly bowed respectfully at Bai Li. They looked like a group of courtiers paying their respect to a king.

While everyone's attention was on Bai Li, he merely ignored them. Instead, he looked at the middleaged man draped in a green cloak. "Green Bat King."

The middle-aged man was the first one to notice and recognize Bai Li. Bai Li looked at him and nodded at him politely.

"Who's that? How did he catch Lord Bai Li's attention?"

When the others saw Bai Li's action, they were surprised and confused.

Most people, including Duan Ling Tian, were stunned when they heard Bai Li addressed the middle-aged man as 'Green Bat King".

In just an instant, everyone's attention shifted toward the middle-aged man who was draped in a green cloak.

The middle-aged man was thin. He was not very tall, and he had a fairly small head. It gave him the appearance of a thief. He had an ethereal and mysterious aura around him.

The first person who regained his senses gulped and said, "I-isn't h-he Wei Suo, the Green Bat King, one of the Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas?"

At this time, someone said proudly, "That's right! He's the Green Bat King from our Black Kshetra Sect!" This person was an elder from the Black Kshetra Sect.

At this moment, information about Wei Suo, the Green Bat King, one of the Four Great Karmapas from the Black Kshetra Sect appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind. 'Wei Suo, the Green Bat King, is one of Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas... He might be the weakest among the four Karmapas, but his cultivation base is at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He's ranked at the 24th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking!'

Faced with Bai Li, even Wei Suo, one of the Karmapas from Black Kshetra Sect, had to act humbly. He did not dare to offend him. "Lord Bai Li, I didn't expect to be in the same group as you... This is fate."

What a joke!

Bai Li was not only a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, but he was also ranked at the ninth place on the Supreme Saint Ranking. In fact, he was slightly stronger than the Violet Dragon King, the leader of the Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas.

Among the people in Black Kshetra Sect, only the Sect Leader was stronger than Bai Li! Faced with someone like that, would anyone dare to offend him?

Although both of them had a cultivation base at the Seventh Form Saint Celestial Stage and higher, Wei Suo knew very well he was much weaker compared to Bai Li.

"Hm." Bai Li nodded coldly. He was indifferent even when faced with Wei Suo who was at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and a Karmapa of the Black Kshethra Sect.

Wei Suo did not take offense to Bai Li's behavior at all. After all, most elite powerhouses were prideful.

With how strong Bai Li was, it was good enough that he even acknowledged Wei Suo. Wei Suo knew his place very well.

"I didn't think I would be so lucky to be in the same group as Lord Bai Li and Lord Wei Suo... With both of them around, it should be easy to pass the second test, right?" Someone said.

Many people agreed with his words.

Easy?' Duan Ling Tian shook his head subtly.

According to Zheng Dong Ji, one of the powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation and created this realm, everyone would be divided into three groups. The three groups would be tested separately. The group who failed would die! Only two groups would remain after the second test and proceed to the next test.

"It's very likely that we're not randomly assigned to a group. I'm quite certain we're grouped together so that each group's combined strength would be equal. Am I right, Elder Huo?" Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo.

Elder Huo quickly responded, "The rules of this pseudo realm are created by the creators... Usually, the group tests would be fair and the combined strength of each group should be about the same." Elder Huo's answer confirmed Duan Ling Tian's speculation.

If they had powerhouses such as Bai Li and Wei Suo in their group, the other two groups must have powerhouses at Bai Li and Wei Suo's level as well. Therefore, it was too early to tell if their group would be able to easily pass the test. Since all three groups had about the same combined strength, it was too early to tell who would have the last laugh.