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Dong Lin could be considered as Duan Ling Tian's old acquaintance. It was all due to Dong Lin that Dong Yuan Jin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, had thought of Duan Ling Tian as a thorn in his side and itched to kill him!

"Exempted from death?" Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Dong Lin when he heard his words. An expression of disdain appeared on his face as he said, "I'm sorry. I'm not sure about other people, but if it's you, there's no need for me to fear death at all!"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, everyone burst into an uproar as they looked at Dong Lin. It was obvious Duan Ling Tian was trying to provoke Dong Lin. They knew it was true that Duan Ling Tian did not need to fear death in front of Dong Lin. Both of them were on completely different levels after all. Dong Lin was no match for Duan Ling Tian at all in the present and the past. Based on their innate talent, it was not something that they could change.

"You!" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's provocative words, Dong Lin felt his blood boiled. However, he had no words to refute Duan Ling Tian's words. He had spoken the truth after all. Why would Duan Ling Tian need to fear death if Dong Lin was no match for him at all? Nevertheless, he was furious when he heard Duan Ling Tian ridiculing him.

At this moment, many people were looking at Dong Lin with a sneer on their faces, causing him to feel mortified.

Suddenly, a thunderous voice resounded in the air. "Duan Ling Tian, you might not need to fear death with him, but what about me?" A middle-aged man rose into the air and stood in front of Dong Lin, shielding him.

The middle-aged man had a sturdy body. He looked like an iron tower as he stood protectively in front of Dong Lin.

Whoosh!

When the middle-aged man appeared, it was as though a gust of wind was blowing.

At the same time, a plainly-dressed old man appeared beside Dong Lin. He stood quietly behind the middle-aged man like a servant.

"It's Vice Hall Master Dong!"

"That's Elder Yang who's always with Vice Hall Master Dong! Elder Yang is at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. His strength isn't inferior to Vice Hall Master Dong!"

"I've heard my master talking about Elder Yang before. He said that Elder Yang's strength is not inferior to him!"

"Your master is Vice Hall Master Jiang, right?"

"Yes!"

The people in the surrounding began to whisper among themselves when the middle-aged man and the old man appeared.

When Duan Ling Tian heard their words, he shifted his eyes to the middle-aged man. "Dong Yuan Jin?" His eyes were piercing as he looked at the middle-aged man.

Duan Ling Tian was the kind of person that lived by these words, 'Don't look for trouble with me, and I won't look for trouble with you.' He did not think he was out of line for acting this way since Dong Lin had looked for trouble with him first. Moreover, Dong Yuan Jin had wanted to kill him for his son's sake. How could Duan Ling Tian possibly endure this?

"Duan Ling Tian, you're the bravest true disciple I've ever seen in Fire Worship Sect!"

Although this was Dong Yuan Jin's first time meeting Duan Ling Tian, a hint of hostility could be seen in his eyes.

"You're just a true disciple. Not only did you trespass on the Enforcement Hall, but you even trespass on the forbidden area in the Enforcement Hall. Moreover, you even dare to ask me, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, to get my ass out here to see you?" Dong Yuan Jin said through clenched teeth.

Although Dong Yuan Jin's expression was calm, people in the surroundings could feel his killing intent. Everyone knew he was furious.

"Indeed. I don't think there's any true disciple as brave as Duan Ling Tian in the history of the Fire Worship Sect!"

"It's not just the Fire Worship Sect. I'm sure even the other two great sects didn't have such a disciple as well."

"I'm really curious where Duan Ling Tian gets his courage from. He barged into the Enforcement Hall and the forbidden area and told Vice Hall Master Dong to get his ass out here! Doesn't he know this is enough for Vice Hall Master Dong to punish him?"

"Although Lord Sect Leader had asked for Duan Ling Tian's return, with the way Duan Ling Tian's acting, I'm afraid he would be flayed alive even if he's not killed!"

"I wonder what goes through his mind."

The people in the surroundings whispered among themselves. They thought Duan Ling Tian was doomed.

"You flatter me," Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly in response to Dong Yuan Jin's mockery.

Dong Yuan Jin was enraged again when he heard Duan Ling Tian's reply. Bloodcurdling killing intent could be seen in his eyes as though he was about to devour someone.

"You flatter me?"

"Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian is unaware that Vice Hall Master Dong is mocking him?"

“I think he’s being obtuse on purpose!”

Duan Ling Tian’s reply caused the crowd to break into an uproar. They did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so daring even at this point. Could it be that he was not aware of the danger he was in?

At this moment, Dong Yuan Jin laughed out of anger. He laughed for a while before he stopped and looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly.

“Duan Ling Tian, I don’t care if Lord Sect Leader personally invited you to return. Do you believe I’ll still be able to send you to the Punishment Hall and let you experience all kinds of excruciating torture?”

Dong Yuan Jin’s voice was extremely cold. When he spoke, it felt as though the temperature in the surroundings had dropped a few degrees. His anger was apparent.

Everyone turned to look at Duan Ling Tian to see how he would react.

“I’m sorry. I don’t believe you,” Duan Ling Tian said calmly with a shrug.

Dong Yuan Jin was further enraged when he heard this.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “I almost forgot you asked me a question earlier. Let me answer you. Not only am I unafraid of death when faced with your son, but I’m unafraid of death even when I’m facing you, Dong Yuan Jin. You think I’ll tremble in fear from your threats? I’m not sure about other people, but you don’t scare me at all!” Duan Ling Tian did not feign politeness at all as he spoke to Dong Yuan Jin.

Only the sound of breathing could be heard when Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. Everyone was shocked by his words. Even Dong Yuan Jin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, his son, Dong Lin, and the old man standing behind him were shocked and confused by Duan Ling Tian’s words. They did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so arrogant.

“Arrogant! He’s too arrogant!” Many people whispered among themselves when they regained their senses.

“Duan Ling Tian, you’re seeking death!” Dong Yuan Jin hissed after he regained his senses. His gaze was cold and a fearsome aura began to rise from his body.

The atmosphere was incredibly tense at this moment. It felt as though a fight would break out at any time.

Suddenly, the old man said, “You have to die for humiliating master!” He disappeared from behind Dong Yuan King and charged at Duan Ling Tian at a fast speed.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Thunderous noises resounded in the air as the old man charged at Duan Ling Tian. He unleashed all his strength and techniques without any reservation. All his moves were filled with killing intent. It was obvious he planned to kill Duan Ling Tian. It seemed like he did not care that the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect had personally invited Duan Ling Tian back to the sect.

“I’m sorry. I’m afraid your tiny bit of strength is insufficient to kill me,” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently. He remained unmoving like a mountain in the face of the old man.

The crowd saw Duan Ling Tian raised his right hand. He had clenched his fist before he moved it. It was so fast that they did not catch his movement at all.

Bang!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian moved his hand, a thunderous explosion rang in their ears.

In the next moment, all of them were bewildered when they saw Elder Yang, Vice Hall Master Dong’s servant who was at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and whose strength was not inferior to Dong Yuan Jin, had exploded with just a punch from Duan Ling Tian!

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Under the watchful eyes of the others, the old man who had charged out thunderously toward Duan Ling Tian exploded. A mist of blood appeared in the air before he could even go near Duan Ling Tian.

Bang!

At the same time, a thunderous explosion sounded, causing everyone’s ears to ring.

The speed of sound was slower than the speed of light. They had seen the old man being killed before they heard the sound.

After a moment of silence, people in the surroundings began to gasp one after another. At the same time, many people turned to look at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief.

Elder Yang was a cultivator at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had followed Dong Yuan Jin. He was even ranked in the top 100 of the Supreme Saint Ranking! Someone like that had exploded with just one punch from Duan Ling Tian! Not even a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could withstand a punch from Duan Ling Tian. What did this mean?

Dong Lin who had regained his senses cried out, “I-I-Impossible! Impossible!” He was shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian had killed Elder Yang so easily. He thought he was dreaming, and he quickly reached out to pinch his thigh and slap his face. The pain he felt told him clearly he was not dreaming. Everything he had seen was real! Duan Ling Tian had really killed Elder Yang whose strength was not inferior to his father, Dong Yuan Jin, with just a punch.

At the same time, Dong Yuan Jin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, had an expression of disbelief and bewilderment on his face. His cold expression had disappeared. The scene earlier had left a huge impact on him. This was the first time he had felt so shocked.

He’s able to kill Elder Yang so easily with just a punch? Even a powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage wouldn’t be able to do that!’ Dong Yuan Jin thought to himself as his body trembled slightly. Fear began to rise from the depths of his heart, he could not suppress it at all. Before long, he began to tremble in fear. Apart from disbelief and confusion, a hint of dread and terror could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian’s strength had completely cowed him. He could not rouse his will to fight at all.

Too powerful!

Duan Ling Tian was too powerful!

Not too long ago, Duan Ling Tian was only a lowly person in Dong Yuan Jin's eyes, he could easily trample on him and kill him if he wished to. He did not even have to make a move personally. However, after just a few years, Duan Ling Tian's strength made him realize every dog would have its day! Duan Ling Tian was no longer like his former self.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian possessed the strength to easily defeat him!

No matter how unwilling Dong Yuan Jin was to accept this, he had no choice but to accept it. A bitter feeling and remorse rose up in his heart. Naturally, he did not feel remorse because he had offended Duan Ling Tian, he felt remorse because he did not kill Duan Ling Tian earlier. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian would not have been able to leave the Fire Worship Sect alive if he had killed him first.

"Horrible! It's too horrible!"

"You're right! He managed to kill a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage with just a punch! Even an ordinary powerhouse at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is not that strong!"

"Among all the powerhouses below Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Fire Worship Sect, only the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall is capable of killing Elder Yang with just one punch, right?"

"Then, does this mean that Duan Ling Tian's current strength is no longer inferior to the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall?"

"Although I find it hard to accept, it seems to be the case!"

When the crowd regained their senses, they began to marvel at Duan Ling Tian's strength in shock. What they had witnessed had baffled them. Initially, none of them had high regard for Duan Ling Tian. Who knew he would display such inconceivable strength as soon as he made his move and killed Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin's old servant with just a punch! Moreover, that old servant was a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! If that old servant was willing, he could even become a Golden Flame Elder in the Fire Worship Sect.

The most important point was the old servant's strength was almost on par with Dong Yuan Jin. This meant that Duan Ling Tian would be able to kill Dong Yuan Jin with just one punch as well... Even if he could not be killed with one punch, what about two or three punches then?

The surroundings were silent as a voice filled with surprise cried out, "Oh? Why are there so many people here?" A figure that moved rapidly soon appeared before everyone's eyes.

"Vice Hall Master Jiang!"

The people in the surroundings recognized the newcomer immediately. It was none other than Jiang Qin, another Vice Hall Master in the Enforcement Hall!

“Vice Hall Master Jiang?” Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention away from Dong Yuan Jin and his son to the newcomer when he heard the voices in his surroundings. He asked coldly, “You’re Jiang Qin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall?”

Jiang Qin was also the one who had sent Duan Ling Tian’s wife and daughter to the Enforcement Hall previously. A few years ago, when Duan Ling Tian was on duty in the Enforcement Hall, he had heard of Jiang Qin but he had never seen him before. He knew there was only one person with the surname Jiang among the few Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall.

Jiang Qin instantly put his guard up when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s cold voice as he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. “And you’re...” He found Duan Ling Tian familiar. When he recalled the news he had just received, he also recalled the portrait he had seen before. He gasped. “Duan Ling Tian?”

Jiang Qin had just returned from outside so he had heard about Duan Ling Tian defeating the Sanctum Leader of the White Tiger Sanctum with just a turn of his palm. He was deeply shaken by this matter. Although he had not met Duan Ling Tian before, he had heard of him more than once in the past.

Currently, the true disciple from the Fire Worship Sect had grown so strong after just a few years? Jiang Qin could not help but feel shocked!

D-Don’t tell me the rumor from Sin City is true? Duan Ling Tian really killed Golden Lion King Xie Kang Xun, one of the four great Karmapas from the Black Kshetra Sect?’ This thought appeared in Jiang Qin’s mind when he found out Duan Ling Tian had defeated the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum with just a turn of his palm. He wanted to confirm if it was true.

“Duan Ling Tian, w-what are you trying to do?!” All of sudden, Jiang Qin realized Duan Ling Tian’s gaze had turned cold. Moreover, he had raised his right hand as well as he gathered his Sun Saint Energy. These were all targeted at Jiang Qin!

Almost as soon as Jiang Qin’s words left his mouth, he quickly mobilized his Saint Origin.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian brought his right hand down.

Boom!

As an earth-shattering sound rang in the air, Sun Saint Origin surged out of Duan Ling Tian’s right hand, turning into a palm as huge as a mountain that crashed down on Jiang Qin. It suppressed Jiang Qin’s Saint Origin as soon as it landed on Jiang Qin’s body.

Bang!

Another loud explosion rang in the air. Jiang Qin was slammed down by Duan Ling Tian’s palm. He had destroyed the forbidden area in the Enforcement Hall, the grounds were quaking.

When the giant palm consolidated from the Sun Saint Origin vanished, everyone saw Jiang Qin was buried in the ground after being slapped down by Duan Ling Tian’s palm. His entire person was buried in the ground. It was a comical sight! What happened to the Sanctum Leader of the White Tiger Sanctum had also happened to Jiang Qin, one of the Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall.

When the crowd saw this, they were speechless. They felt chills running up their spines. Dong Yuan Jin, in particular, was afraid. His eyes were wide from the shock. As a Vice Hall Master in the Enforcement Hall, he knew Jiang Qin's strength very well. Jiang Qin's strength was at the very least on par with the Elder Yang. If he thought Duan Ling Tian was lucky he managed to kill Elder Yang with just a punch, he knew luck had nothing to do with Duan Ling Tian being able to defeat Jiang Qin.

Jiang Qin who had climbed up from the giant pit threw up dark blood. He no longer looked awe-inspiring, he was covered in dust, and he looked wretched.

"Duan Ling Tian!" He raised his head and glared at Duan Ling Tian who was hovering in the air. He hissed. "What are you doing? I've never offended you before. This is our first time meeting. What reasons do you have to hurt me?"

At this moment, Jiang Qin was filled with confusion and grievances. He did not understand why Duan Ling Tian had attacked him!

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Upon hearing Jiang Qin's words, Duan Ling Tian looked at him nonchalantly before he replied at a neither hurried nor slow speed, "Why did I hurt you? It's nothing. It's just that I find you to be an eyesore. That's all."

The instant Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the people in the surroundings burst into an uproar. Initially, when they saw Duan Ling Tian attacking Jiang Qin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, after only asking him one question, they had thought Jiang Qin had offended Duan Ling Tian previously. To their surprise, Duan Ling Tian had attacked only because he did not find Jiang Qin pleasing to the eyes.

"He attacked Vice Hall Master Jiang just because he finds Vice Hall Master Jiang to be an eyesore?"

"D-don't you think Duan Ling Tian is behaving too unreasonably!"

"Even if he's acting unreasonable, he has the strength to do that. Based on his strength, I'm afraid only Lord Hall Master is a match for him. However, this is only my speculation!"

You're right! The strength he has displayed is terrifying! He easily killed a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage with just a punch and defeated another powerhouse, also at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

If someone were to ask me who's capable of this feat prior to today, I'd say only Lord Hall Master, Lord Sect Leader, and the three Guardians are able to do so."

"Me too."

The crowd discussed among themselves. Based on their words, it could be seen that they were surprised by the strength Duan Ling Tian had demonstrated.

On the other hand, Jiang Qin was still trying to recall when he had unknowingly offended Duan Ling Tian. If he had offended Duan Ling Tian, he would apologize even though he was injured. After all, he was in the wrong if he had really offended Duan Ling Tian. However, when he heard Duan Ling Tian's answer,

he was stunned. After a while, his body began to tremble from anger. He was so angry that he threw up blood again.

Y-You... You..." Jiang Qin pointed at Duan Ling Tian as his body trembled violently. He was speechless.

What could he say?

What should he say?

Jiang Qin was completely baffled.

He did not dare to seek revenge. He did not have the courage. Earlier, he had heard about how Duan Ling Tian had easily defeated the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum, but he was not certain if it was true. However, after Duan Ling Tian's attack, he was finally certain of how terrifying Duan Ling Tian's strength was.

"Even Lord Hall Master might not be a match for him! Although it's a crime for him to injure me, a Vice Hall Master of Enforcement Hall, with his strength, nobody will punish him. Even if he kills me, it's very likely that nothing will happen to him. After all, his strength is not inferior to the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall. He's a genius who hasn't even reached the age of 50. The Fire Worship Sect will definitely place great importance on someone like him. Even if he kills all the Vice Hall Masters of the Enforcement Hall, Lord Sect Leader and the Guardians might not even punish him. Moreover, not many people are strong enough to punish him!" Jiang Qin thought to himself. The anger in his heart had vanished as well when he thought about this. He knew it was pointless no matter how angry he was. There was nothing he could do to Duan Ling Tian at all.

"Hmm? Is there something you want to say to me, Vice Hall Master Jiang?" Duan Ling Tian asked calmly as he looked at Jiang Qin.

Although Duan Ling Tian had spoken calmly, it sounded like a clap of thunder to Jiang Qin. He regained his senses and shook his head hastily as he said, "No! No!"

Would Jiang Qin dare to say anything at this moment? Would Duan Ling Tian not kill him if he answered that he had something to say? In his opinion, it was better to live a miserable life than to die an easy death.

As soon as Jiang Qin finished speaking, he discovered the people in the surroundings were looking at him strangely. He felt extremely humiliated, but he could only silently endure it. Never in his wildest dreams would he think that Duan Ling Tian did not attack him because he was an eyesore. It was because he had sent Duan Ling Tian's wife and daughter to the Enforcement Hall, separating their family.

If it was not for the fact that Jiang Qin was only carrying out his duty according to the Fire Worship Sect's law and he did not intentionally target Ke'er and their daughter, Duan Ling Tian would not have spared his life.

"Good!" Duan Ling Tian said before he shifted his attention back to Dong Yuan Jin again. Then, he said bluntly, "Vice Hall Master Dong, it's time to settle the matter between us once and for all."

The crowd instantly shifted their attention to Dong Yuan Jin as well. Based on Duan Ling Tian's words when he first arrived, they knew he had come to the Enforcement Hall to look for the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall!

Before Dong Yuan Jin could reply, his son, Dong Lin, had already jumped out and bellowed, "Duan Ling Tian, don't be too arrogant! I don't know how you became so strong in just a few years, but do you think you can act as please in the Fire Worship Sect. Let alone the sect, even the Enforcement Hall doesn't fear you. When Hall Master Leng Ying arrives, you'll be in trouble!" Dong Lin had used Leng Ying, Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, to intimidate Duan Ling Tian.

"Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his gleaming eyes when he heard Dong Lin's words. A few years ago, when he was on duty in the Enforcement Hall, he had heard about Hall Master Leng Ying of the Enforcement Hall. Leng Yin was the strongest person in the Fire Worship Sect after the Sect Leader and the three Great Guardians. He was about to break through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

When Dong Lin saw Duan Ling Tian's narrowed eyes, he thought he had successfully intimidated Duan Ling Tian. He became more confident and answered arrogantly, "That's right! Lord Leng Ying is a powerhouse at the peak of the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

"So what then?" Duan Ling Tian sneered. "Even if Hall Master Leng Ying is here, do you think I'll be afraid? Put aside the fact that he isn't even here, even if he is, it won't change your father's fate and your fate!"

Horror dawned on Dong Lin's face when he heard this. "You... You..."

On the other hand, Dong Yuan Jin's eyes widened as fear rose in his heart. 'Is it possible that Duan Ling Tian disregards the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall so easily because he's stronger than the Hall Master?' He gasped inwardly when he thought about it.

At the same time, Dong Yuan Jin looked at Duan Ling Tian and said in a deep voice, "Duan Ling Tian, I know there was a conflict between you and my son previously. However, you choose not to pursue the matter at that time. I didn't think of seeking revenge for him at all. You returned today and came here to make a fuss... Are you trying to make a bigger issue out of something that has already been dealt with?"

Many people's expressions changed when they heard Dong Yuan Jin's words.

"So the reason Duan Ling Tian came to Enforcement Hall today is because of the conflict he had with Elder Dong Lin in the past?"

"Why is he making a fuss over such a small matter? It's only a small conflict. Is there a need for him to act so wantonly?"

"Perhaps, at that time he only chose to endure because he wasn't strong enough to challenge Vice Hall Master Dong. Now that he has grown strong, it's only natural for him to seek revenge."

"Hurmph! If Vice Hall Master Dong attacked Duan Ling Tian a few years back, would he be alive now?"

"I'm sure Vice Hall Master Dong is regretting that he didn't kill Duan Ling Tian back then. Now, Duan Ling Tian has turned into a huge threat!"

The crowd discussed among themselves. They silently reprimanded Duan Ling Tian for making a mountain out of a molehill and thought he was unforgiving.

"So what if Duan Ling Tian has a high innate talent..."

"He might be strong, but his conduct and character are questionable!"

"He's too arrogant! Doesn't he know he wouldn't be alive if Vice Hall Master Dong didn't spare his life back then?"

Most people supported Dong Yuan Jin. His words had caused the people to think he was a forgiving person. Most people thought he had done nothing wrong, and he was only a victim. They thought Duan Ling Tian was an ingrate who repaid kindness with cruelty.

Although Duan Ling Tian was not the kind of person who placed great importance on what others thought of him, he could help but feel annoyed when he saw Dong Yuan Jin's words had caused the others to think Dong Yuan Jin was a

"Dong Yuan Jin, I can't believe you're still trying to weasel your way out of this! This is nothing but a last-ditch attempt on your part to save your own hide," Duan Ling Tian said mockingly as he looked at Dong Yuan Jin with coldly, "Since you made yourself sound so pitiful, I'll give you a chance to live. If you're successful, I'll spare you and your son's lives. However, if you fail, don't blame me for being merciless!"

"What chance?" Dong Yuan Jin asked as an ominous feeling rose in his heart. In the next moment, his feeling was

"If you swear on the lightning penalty in front of everyone that you didn't order anyone to kill me when I was in the Fire Worship Sect three years ago, I'll forgive both of you!" Duan Ling Tian said.

Horror dawned on Dong Yuan Jin immediately.

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"If you swear on the lightning penalty oath in front of everyone that you didn't order anyone to kill me when I was in the Fire Worship Sect three years ago, then, I'll forgive both of you!"

Duan Ling Tian's words echoed in Dong Yuan Jin's ears. Swear on the lightning oath that he did not order anyone to kill Duan Ling Tian three years ago? Colors drained from Dong Yuan Jin's face immediately.

Swear my ass! Dong Yuan Jin thought to himself. If he swore on the lightning penalty oath, the retribution from the lightning penalty would kill him on the spot! It was fine to deceive the people in the surroundings with a few cleverly phrased sentences, but swearing on the lightning penalty oath was not a joke. At this moment, he felt as though he had dug his own grave.

Dong Yuan Jin had said so many words earlier to make himself seem righteous and to elicit pity from the crowd. However, Duan Ling Tian's words had effectively placed him back in square one. Not only that, but Duan Ling Tian had mercilessly destroyed all his lies with just a few words.

“Why? You don’t dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath?” It seemed like Duan Ling Tian would not let this matter go. He continued to ridicule Dong Yuan Jin, “Could it be that you’re feeling guilty now, Vice Hall Master Dong?”

Dong Yuan Jin could not find any words to refute Duan Ling Tian. What could he say? Tell everyone he was trying to deceive them and everything he said was a lie? He knew Duan Ling Tian had come today to seek revenge from him since he had expended so much effort to try and kill Duan Ling Tian.

“Huh? Vice Hall Master Dong seems afraid to swear on the lightning penalty oath?” Many people were stunned when they saw Dong Yuan Jin had remained silent.

“Didn’t he say the dispute between Duan Ling Tian and his son, Dong Lin, was only a small matter? He also said he didn’t think of seeking revenge at all... Why is he afraid to swear on the lightning penalty now?” A few people were baffled.

“Are all of you stupid? Can’t you tell he was only trying to deceive us? He only wanted the moral high ground so he can gain our support. He was trying to use us to condemn Duan Ling Tian!” There were people who knew what was going on.

More and more people began to discuss among themselves.

“Is that so? To think that I believed him when he’s only trying to use us!”

“Vice Hall Master Dong has crossed the line!”

“So Vice Hall Master Dong has ordered people to kill Duan Ling Tian before! No wonder once Duan Ling Tian has grown strong, he barged into the Enforcement Hall and demanded Vice Hall Master Dong to come out!”

“If I were Duan Ling Tian, I’d do the same thing too! After all, the other person tried to kill me before!”

After seeing Dong Yuan Jin had no intention of swearing on the lightning penalty oath, most people began to realize they had been fooled by him. Once again, the public opinion changed, and people began to support Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not care if they supported him or not. He had asked Dong Yuan Jin to swear on the lightning penalty oath because he was annoyed when he saw Dong Yuan Jin standing on the moral high ground. He did not care what other people thought of him.

“Duan Ling Tian, who do you think you are to ask my father to swear on the lightning penalty oath?” Dong Lin said arrogantly as he glared at Duan Ling Tian.

Based on Dong Lin’s words, it was obvious he was unaware of the precarious situation he was in.

On the other hand, Dong Yuan Jin was at a loss. He did not know what he should do. When he heard Dong Lin’s words, he quickly said, “Lin’er!” His heart rate began to spike. He could hear the impatience in Duan Ling Tian’s voice when he had asked him to swear on the lightning penalty oath earlier. It seemed like Duan Ling Tian’s patience was almost at its limit.

Duan Ling Tian frowned at Dong Lin and said impatiently, "Shut up!" After that, with a casual wave of his hand, a terrifying energy surged out of his hand in the form of a dragon that charged at Dong Lin at lightning speed.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A deafening explosion sounded in the wake of the dragon. In just a blink of an eye, the dragon landed on Dong Lin.

Dong Yuan Jin snapped back to reality and cried out in sorrow, "No!" He charged out immediately in an attempt to save his son. He was only halfway there when the dragon formed from energy swallowed Dong Lin.

Bang!

The sound of an explosion rang in the air as blood mist appeared in the sky. The dragon that was formed from energy vanished without a trace. In fact, Dong Lin had also disappeared.

After a moment, everyone on the scene began to gasp one after another.

Duan Ling Tian had killed another person with just a casual wave of his hand!

When the people in the surroundings looked at Duan Ling Tian again, hints of terror and dread could be seen in their eyes.

"Fortunately, he didn't intend to kill me..." When Jiang Qin saw how easily Duan Ling Tian had killed Dong Lin just because he was displeased, he felt extremely lucky. Moreover, he also heard about how Duan Ling Tian had killed Elder Yang.

"DUAN LING TIAN!" Dong Yuan Jin bellowed after he let out a primitive howl when he saw his son being killed by Duan Ling Tian. His eyes were red and killing intent rose from his body.

Dong Yuan Jin's voice sent chills running up people's spines.

Duan Ling Tian was about to kill Dong Yuan Jin as well when suddenly...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind blowing resounded in the air accompanied by a strong wind that blew in the forbidden area of the Enforcement Hall. At the same time, a wave of domineering aura swept out.

Most people present on the scene were familiar with this aura.

"It's Lord Hall Master!"

Many people's eyes lit up immediately.

"H-has Lord Hall Master broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?" Jiang Qin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, was at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Therefore, he could sense the changes in Leng Ying's aura. It seemed as though Leng Ying's aura had gotten a level stronger.

Leng Ying was originally a powerhouse at the peak of the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. If he had broken through, this meant his cultivation base was at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Jiang Qin was certain that Dong Yuan Jin, also a Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, who was stronger than him had also noticed this.

“Lord Hall Master!”

“Lord Hall Master!”

Dong Yuan Jin calmed down as he tried to suppress the anger in his heart. ‘With my strength, there’s no way I’ll be able to seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian. I have no choice but to rely on Lord Hall Master!’ Dong Yuan Jin thought to himself.

Dong Yuan Jin felt as though he found his savior when he discovered that Leng Ying had broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He quickly said, “Lord Hall Master! Not only did Duan Ling Tian trespass on the Enforcement Hall, but he even came to the forbidden area and killed an Enforcement Hall elder! Lord Hall Master, please give justice to the Enforcement Hall!” His voice that contained Saint Origin spread far and wide.

Dong Yuan Jin’s spread in the forbidden area before it spread out to the rest of the Enforcement Hall.

“Duan Ling Tian trespassed on the Enforcement Hall?”

“Not only that, but he has also gone to the forbidden area and killed an Enforcement Hall elder?”

“How arrogant!”

“This voice sounds familiar. It’s Vice Hall Master Dong, right?”

Everyone in the Enforcement Hall broke out in an uproar. Although many of them wanted to go to the forbidden area, they knew the rules forbade them from going there. They felt unwilling but there was nothing they could do.

“Don’t tell me Duan Ling Tian thinks the Enforcement Hall is like the White Tiger Sanctum...”

“Perhaps, he thinks Lord Hall Master is as weak as the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum?”

“That’s possible!”

Hurmph! Lord Hall Master is not someone the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum can compare to! Lord Hall

Master can easily defeat the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum he wants to!

Similar discussions could be heard in the Enforcement Hall. Based on the elders and disciples’ words, it was obvious they were confident about the Hall Master’s strength.

In the Enforcement Hall’s forbidden area.

“Do you think you’re safe now that Hall Master Leng Ying is here?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Dong Yuan Jin with a sneer on his face. “Since you feel that way, I’ll give you a chance. I won’t kill you now. I’ll kill

you only when Hall Master Leng Ying arrives!” He wanted to let Dong Yuan Jin know the meaning of despair!

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Dong Yuan Jin began to feel uneasy again.

An angry voice sounded from below the sky in the forbidden area of the Enforcement Hall, “How arrogant!”

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“How arrogant!” Accompanied by these words, a figure appeared in the air.

Although the figure was in the distance, Duan Ling Tian could tell it was an old man.

In just a blink of an eye, the old man appeared close to Duan Ling Tian and stood opposite him. He glared at Duan Ling Tian with hostility.

The old man had a messy appearance. His clothes were untidy, making him look like an old beggar. However, everyone on the scene saluted the old man respectfully as soon as he appeared.

“Lord Hall Master!”

Everyone’s words confirmed Duan Ling Tian’s suspicion about the old man with a messy appearance. He was Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall!

“Congratulations, Lord Hall Master, for successfully breaking through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Heaven Defying Form! You’ve achieved near-immortality and share the same lifespan as heaven and earth!” Jiang Qin, the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, was the first to congratulate Leng Ying. A hint of excitement could be heard in his voice when he spoke. After all, there was finally a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Enforcement Hall!

“Congratulations, Lord Hall Master!” Dong Yuan Jin, also a Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, and another Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall who was here since the beginning to watch the show congratulated Leng Ying.

Since Jiang Qin noticed the breakthrough of the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, it was only natural that the other Vice Hall Masters had noticed it as well.

The others broke out in a commotion immediately.

“Lord Hall Master has made a breakthrough?”

“Since the few Lord Vice Hall Masters have congratulated Lord Hall Master, naturally, it must be true!”

“Since Lord Hall Master has broken through, this means there’s a fifth powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Fire Worship Sect! More importantly, there’s a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Enforcement Hall!”

After discussing among themselves, the people in the surroundings congratulated Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, one after another. Their eyes were filled with reverence when they looked at Leng Ying.

A powerhouse whose cultivation base had entered the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Heaven Defying Form, possessed an endless lifespan. He would share the same lifespan as heaven and earth, and the sun and the moon! Leng Ying nodded and smiled in response to everyone's congratulatory messages.

"Jiang Qin, why do you look so wretched?" Leng Yin asked with a frown when he saw Jiang Qin looking extremely untidy.

Before Jiang Qin could reply, Dong Yuan Jin had beaten him to it. He said, "Lord Hall Master, Vice Hall Master Jiang was injured by Duan Ling Tian. Not only that, but my son, Dong Lin, an Enforcement Hall elder, is killed by Duan Ling Tian as well. He had died without a corpse!" Anger could be heard in voice when he spoke. His eyes were bloodshot. Dong Lin was his only son. He had invested much effort into Dong Lin. However, all his hard work had been in vain now that Duan Ling Tian had killed his son.

He managed to injure Vice Hall Master Jiang to such an extent? Looks like Duan Ling Tian has quite a fortuitous encounter in the past few years. Otherwise, it would be impossible for him to grow so strong in such a short time! Leng Ying thought to himself.

Leng Ying turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. His smile had vanished, and there was a cold expression on his face.

"You're the true disciple, Duan Ling Tian?"

Faced with Leng Ying's interrogative manner, Duan Ling Tian only asked in return, "You're Hall Master Leng Ying?"

Leng Ying's expression darkened immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Dong Yuan Jin who was standing close by jumped out and glared at Duan Ling Tian. He asked angrily, "How dare you?! Do you think you can act as you please in the Enforcement Hall just because you're stronger than Vice Hall Master Jiang? You're not qualified to act so wantonly in front of Hall Master Leng Ying."

When Leng Ying arrived, Dong Yuan Jin felt the unease in his heart disappear. In his opinion, with Leng Ying's current strength, it would be easy for Leng Ying to defeat Duan Ling Tian!

Duan Ling Tian only ignored Dong Yuan Jin. Regardless of how loud he had shouted, Duan Ling Tian did not even glance at him.

When Leng Ying heard Dong Yuan Jin's words, his expression turned grave. He said coldly, "Duan Ling Tian, how dare you! According to sect's laws, the punishment for killing a fellow member is a death sentence. Since you came to the Enforcement Hall today, don't even think about leaving this place alive!" His tone brooked no arguments. It was obvious he intended to kill Duan Ling Tian today.

At this moment, the Vice Hall Master that had been watching the show quietly sent a Voice Transmission to Leng Ying. "Lord Hall Master! Lord Sect Leader has personally invited Duan Ling Tian to return to the sect three days ago. Before we obtain Lord Sect Leader's permission, I'm afraid it won't be wise for the Enforcement Hall to execute him..."

“What announcement did Lord Sect Leader make three days ago?” Since Leng Yin was in closed-door cultivation, he was unaware of this matter. He finally learned about what happened after the Vice Hall Master explained everything to him through Voice Transmission. He knew instantly that it was not a good idea to kill Duan Ling Tian without the Sect Leader’s express permission.

Lord Sect Leader only asks for Duan Ling Tian’s return because of the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, that he possesses. If I kill Duan Ling Tian now, the location where Duan Ling Tian buried the Devilseal Tablet will forever be lost. I’ll only spoil Lord Sect Leader’s plan if I kill Duan Ling Tian...1 Leng Ying thought to himself. He made up his mind to punish Duan Ling Tian, but he would not kill him.

Duan Ling Tian was not angry when he heard Leng Ying’s words. He only chuckled before he said nonchalantly, “Hall Master Leng Ying, we’ll have to see if you’re capable of killing me or not!” Based on his words, one could see he did not take Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, seriously at all.

Leng Ying was stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian would be so daring and say these words to him. He was currently a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage after all.

Duan Ling Tian did not wait for Leng Ying to reply. Instead, he turned to look at Dong Yuan Jin and said coldly, “Dong Yuan Jin, I told you I’ll kill you in front of Hall Master Leng Ying since you think of him as your savior. I’ll let you know what it means to feel despair!”

Dong Yuan Jin’s expression changed. He looked at Leng Yin and complained loudly, “Lord Hall Master! Duan Ling Tian is too arrogant, it’s unforgivable! He killed an Enforcement Hall elder earlier, and now, he wants to kill me, a Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall!”

Leng Ying was also infuriated by Duan Ling Tian’s words. He was so angry that his body began to tremble violently.

“Arrogant! Arrogant!” Leng Ying bellowed angrily, “Duan Ling Tian, I won’t kill you since Lord Sect Leader asked for your return. However, you’ll still be punished. I’ll punish you in the Enforcement Hall today!”

When Leng Yin was speaking, Duan Ling Tian cast his assist-type Divine Ability. “Elementary Devouring Tactic!” He absorbed Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings and raised his Sun Saint Origin to its limit.

Whoosh!

As soon as Leng Yin finished speaking, a Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword had appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s hand for a moment before it disappeared from his hand. Only the sound of a sword whistling in the air could be heard.

A fleeting sword ray could be seen in the sky like a meteor.

Swish!

“STOP!”

The sound of something being cut and the sound of someone yelling 'stop' sounded at the same time.

The people in the surroundings trembled in fear when they heard this. They turned to look at the source of the cacophony. They saw Dong Yuan Jin's arm had been severed by Duan Ling Tian's Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword. Dazzlingly red blood kept gushing out of his wound...

Duan Ling Tian's sword was so fast that Leng Ying could not even react in time. When he regained his senses, Dong Yuan Jin's arm was already severed.

On the other hand, Dong Yuan Jin was stunned. He was so stunned that he did not even feel the pain from his injuries. Duan Ling Tian had severed his arms, thoroughly disregarding Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, whose cultivation base was at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Not only that, but from the beginning until the end, Leng Ying could not react at all.

D-Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian is not weaker than a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?' Dong Yuan Jin thought to himself. His eyes widened immediately. A hint of unwillingness and despair could be seen in his eyes at this moment.

2186 Leng Ying's Strength

In the beginning, Dong Yuan Jin had thought Duan Ling Tian's strength was at the peak of the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, similar to the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall. When he discovered the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall had broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he thought the Hall Master would be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian easily! However, based on the situation, it seemed like he was wrong.

Duan Ling Tian's strength was not as simple as being at the peak of the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! If his strength was only at the peak of the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, how could he possibly sever Dong Yuan Jin's arm in front of the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall? Moreover, even the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall could not react in time.

"Lord Hall Master!" Dong Yuan Jin cried out. He quickly stopped the bleeding on his arm before he hastily flew away. He did not even dare to grab his arm that had been severed. He only sighed in relief when he stood behind Leng Ying. To him, Leng Ying was the only one that could save him now. If Leng Ying could not save him, the only outcome for him was death!

Leng Ying shouted angrily, "Duan Ling Tian!" Saint Origin began to rise from his body as wind began to blow violently, causing people's robes to flutter loudly.

Some people with weaker cultivation bases were forced to retreat by the wind.

"This is the power of a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

When the crowd had retreated to a safe distance, they looked at Leng Ying. Apart from shock, a hint of reverence could be seen in their eyes.

"Lord Hall Master is really angry now!" Many of them felt the change in Leng Ying's mood.

Leng Ying looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly. He did not think Duan Ling Tian would be so audacious as to sever the limb of his subordinate in front of him, the Hall Master. He was furious! Although Duan Ling Tian's attack was powerful, it was not to the extent that it scared him. If it was before, perhaps, he

would have been wary. However, he had broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! With the various techniques he had mastered a long time ago, he believed he was even stronger than Hong Yun, one of the Guardians of Fire Worship Sect. He was confident he could defeat an ordinary powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He thought he could not react in time earlier because he was caught off-guard. After all, he did not think Duan Ling Tian would dare to attack Dong Yuan Jin in front of him. When he recovered from his shock, it was too late for him to save Dong Yuan Jin.

Swoosh!

Leng Ying made his move.

Boom!

As soon as Leng Ying attacked, the sound of explosions rang in the air and the earth began to quake.

Some of the people with weaker cultivation bases were bleeding from their ears. It was obvious their eardrums were injured.

With the help of his movement Divine Ability, Leng Yin flew out. At the same time, he cast his assist-type Divine Ability to raise his Saint Origin. After his Saint Origin had been raised, it was close to the level of a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! Apart from that, he held a seven-foot-long spear in his hand.

Whizz! Whizz! Whizz! Whizz! Whizz!

Leng Yin spun the long spear in his hand so fast that a whizzing sound could be heard in the air. The spear emitted a destructive aura immediately.

“Thousand Inscriptions Saint Weapon!” Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes. He knew the seven-foot-long spear in Leng Ying’s hand was a Thousand Inscriptions Saint Weapon.

“Duan Ling Tian, I don’t know how you became as strong as a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in just a few years, but if you think you can act wantonly in my Enforcement Hall with just this bit of strength, you’re gravely mistaken!” Leng Ying said icily.

The crowd shivered when they heard Leng Ying’s voice. People with a lower cultivation base felt as though it was winter.

Leng Ying continued to move and he held onto his Thousand Inscriptions Saint Spear.

Swoosh!

The Thousand Inscriptions Saint Spear sliced across the sky. Like an enraged dragon charging out with its mouth wide open, it slashed at Duan Ling Tian!

No wonder he’s so confident. The Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall might be stronger than Guardian Hong Yun!

This is because the Divine Abilities he has mastered are much more powerful than the Divine Abilities that Guardian Hong Yun mastered! He might not be a match for her before he broke through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Now that he has, Guardian Hong Yun is probably no match for him.' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He compared Hong Yun, one of the three Great Guardians of Fire Worship Sect, whom he defeated to Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, and discovered Leng Ying was stronger than Hong Yun.

"No wonder he dares to attack even though I've displayed strength at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage when I severed Dong Yuan Jin's arm earlier. As it turns out, he's confident because of the Divine Abilities he has mastered!' Duan Ling Tian managed to figure things out.

The strength of a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage depended on the Divine Abilities he had mastered. The more powerful the Divine Abilities, the stronger one would be. Based on this, Leng Ying's strength was definitely very strong.

No wonder he was widely acknowledged as the most powerful person under the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! Hall Master Leng Ying is indeed remarkable!1 Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Whizz! Whizz! Whizz! Whizz! Whizz!

As Leng Ying charged out, he spun the Thousand Inscriptions Saint Spear in his hand again. Moreover, it seemed as though the speed had picked up as well. A whizzing noise could be heard in the wake of the spear.

A thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind just as Leng Ying's spear was descending on him from the sky.

"Even if this offensive martial tactic Leng Ying mastered hasn't reached the peak of ordinary martial tactics in the mundane realm, it's quite close to it. Coupled with his offensive Divine Ability, it's so powerful that I'm quite certain not many powerhouses below the Eight Form of the Saint Celestial could withstand a direct blow from him!' Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes.

The spear glinted in the sun as it continued its descent from the sky like an energetic dragon.

"Lord Hall Master is going all out!" At the same time, the Vice Hall Masters in the Enforcement Hall, including Jiang Qin, had a solemn expression on their faces.

If somebody told them the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall had to unleash all his strength to fight a true disciple, they would not have believed it. It was absurd. However, the truth was laid bare before their eyes. They had no choice but to believe it.

"Lord Hall Master..." Dong Yuan Jin who was standing near Leng Ying looked at the scene before him hopefully. He prayed fervently that Leng Ying would be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian. It would be even better if Leng Yin could kill Duan Ling Tian. It would be good if Leng Yin won the battle. He would be doomed if Duan Ling Tian won.

Ah, I really regret it! Why didn't I personally kill him back then?!" Dong Yuan Jin thought to himself. He was filled with regrets. At that time, Duan Ling Tian was nothing but an ant compared to him. He even

thought it would dirty his hands if he had to personally kill Duan Ling Tian. However, the person whom he regarded as an ant was now strong enough to easily kill him. If God gave him another chance, he would spare no efforts in killing Duan Ling Tian before he could turn into a threat! Unfortunately, this was only his wishful thinking. At this moment, he could only rely on Leng Ying to stop Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he would be doomed.

“Hall Master Leng Ying, your attack is, indeed, extraordinary! I’m certain not many people below the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could withstand it!” Duan Ling Tian said loudly.

Everyone heard his voice.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “Unfortunately, those people who can’t withstand your attack don’t include me!”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, his Sun Saint Origin that had been raised by the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, surged out suddenly into the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword that had returned to his hand.

2187 Trying to Escape?

When Duan Ling Tian sent his Sun Saint Origin that had been raised by the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, into the Thousand Inscription Saint Sword, he moved as he cast his sword-type offensive Divine Ability that he had not used for a long time. “Otherworldly Celestial!”

In fact, Duan Ling Tian did not use this Divine Ability when he was fighting Hong Yun, one of the three great Guardians of Fire Worship Sect. Based on this, it was clear to see that Leng Ying was stronger than Hong Yun.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, several clones of Duan Ling Tian holding a Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword appeared in just a blink of an eye. Everyone was startled when they saw this.

When Duan Ling Tian’s clones appeared, they did not split up. Instead, they gathered in the same place.

Sword controlling technique!’ This thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind when the clones appeared as he cast the sword controlling technique from the Sword Warding Heart, the third stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In a blink of an eye, the Thousand Incriptions Saint Swords in Duan Ling Tian’s hand and the Thousand Incriptions Saint Swords in the clones’ hands lined as they prepared to attack the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear that resembled an enraged dragon in Leng Ying’s hand!

The Thousand Incriptions Saint Swords were lined up uniformly like soldiers. In just an instant, one of the Thousand Incriptions Saint Swords flew out and collided with the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear in Leng Ying’s hand.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

When the two people's Thousand Incriptions Saint Weapons collided, the sound it produced was not too loud. They battled in near silence. However, in the next moment, without any warning...

Boom!

An earth-shattering sound rang in the air. It was so loud that it made the people who were watching tremble in fear. Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of explosions continued to ring in the air. It was caused by the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword's collision with Leng Ying's Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear in Leng Ying.

Wing began to blow violently again like a hurricane in all directions.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian's Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword could not endure it and was broken by the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear in Leng Ying's hand in one blow. Then, it vanished without a trace. As it turned out, it was only a clone of the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword.

The Otherworldly Celestial was a sword-type Divine Ability. The moment it was cast, not only would it produce clones of Duan Ling Tian, but it would also produce clones of the sword in his hand. Naturally, the clones of the sword would not be as powerful as the real sword.

Although it had been broken, one of the clones of the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword managed to deplete some of the power contained in Leng Ying's Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear.

Swish! Swish!

Two sounds of swords whistling in the air sounded again as another two clones of the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword flew out and repeated its attack to deplete the power in Leng Ying's Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear.

There's no longer any need for me to use the fourth clone of the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword!
Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

In just an instant, the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword lined up at the very end flew out and sped past the two clones of the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword toward Leng Ying. This Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword was the real one

Swish!

The instant the sword flew out, the sound of a sword whistling in the air rang in the air for just a brief moment before it disappeared.

At the same time, the sword collided with the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear in Leng Ying's hand. Horror dawned on Leng Ying immediately as he began to panic. "How can it be so strong?!" Leng Yin was terrified because he discovered the strength of this sword was several times more powerful than the previous swords.

“Damn it!” At this moment, Leng Ying discovered the sword was overpowering his Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear without any difficulties. He instantly sent more Saint Origin into the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear without any reservations. Even then, it did not help much.

Duan Ling Tian’s attack was clearly a lot more powerful, and he had the upper hand. He used this opportunity to go in for the kill.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sounds of explosions rang in the air again. The sky seemed to tremble as though it would fall down.

Duan Ling Tian’s Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword seemed peerlessly strong as it crushed Leng Ying’s Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear. With just a flick of his hand, he knocked the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear out of Leng Ying’s hand.

As soon as the Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword was knocked out of Leng Ying’s hand, the skin between his right thumb and index finger was cut as well. Fresh blood began to gush out of his wound.

Leng Ying’s body trembled suddenly. His face turned green before he paled. He could not hold back and began to throw up blood. As it turned out, before the Thousand Incriptions Saint Spear was knocked out of his hand, the force of Duan Ling Tian’s attack had entered his body, causing him to suffer from internal injuries.

While Leng Ying was throwing up blood, a pair of flaming wings sprouted out of Duan Ling Tian’s back. “Golden Crow’s Wings!” He flapped his wings, and at a miraculously fast speed, he appeared before Leng Ying.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian raised his hand before he brought it down quickly. A palm consolidated from pure energy landed on Leng Ying’s chest like a mountain, and it sent Leng Ying flying down before Leng Ying could even catch his breath.

Leng Ying was sent flying wretchedly like an arrow that had been shot. As he was flying back, he continued throwing up blood.

Whoosh!

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and called his Thousand Incriptions Saint Sword back to his hand before he put it away in his Spatial Ring. After that, he hovered in the air calmly as he looked at Leng Ying who finally managed to find his footing with great difficulty after flying quite a distance away.

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, “Hall Master Leng Ying, are you still planning to stop me from killing Dong Yuan Jin? Before you answer me, let me warn you. If you choose to attack me again, I won’t show you any mercy!”

Although Duan Ling Tian did not speak loudly, everyone present on the scene heard him. When they heard him speak, chills ran up their spines.

“How terrifying!”

“How did Duan Ling Tian become so powerful? Even Lord Hall Master who has broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is no match for him at all!”

“What kind of fortuitous encounter did he have in the past few years?”

“Don’t tell me that the news of him killing the Golden Lion King, one of the four great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, is also true? Did he really kill the Golden Lion King with only three strikes? Earlier, he also used three strikes to defeat Lord Hall Master!”

When the crowd regained their senses, they had an expression of confusion and disbelief on their faces. They whispered among themselves in extremely low voices, worried that they would anger Duan Ling Tian if he overheard them.

Dong Yuan Jin who had just personally witnessed Duan Ling Tian defeating Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, was horrified. “How’s that possible?!”

Leng Ying did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so strong. Even Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, was no match for him even though Leng Ying had broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Heaven Defying Form!

Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, finally caught his breath. His face was as pale as a piece of paper. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and said in a deep voice, “Duan Ling Tian! I admit that I’m no match for you, but do you really think that you can act as you please in the Fire Worship Sect with just that bit of strength? Our Fire Worship Sect has our own law after all! Aren’t you afraid of being punished by Lord Sect Leader?!” Leng Yin used the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect who had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form, in an attempt to intimidate Duan Ling Tian.

When Leng Ying finished speaking, before Duan Ling Tian could reply to him, he discovered Dong Yuan Jin, one of the Vice Hall Masters of the Enforcement Hall, was trying to escape. “Trying to escape?”

Duan Ling Tian instantly flapped the Golden Crow’s Wings that were still on his back.

Whoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, it seemed as though Duan Ling Tian had turned into a gust of wind as he moved to block Dong Yuan Jin’s path.

Dong Yuan Jin was shocked and horrified.

Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly, “Didn’t you regard your Hall Master as your savior? How do you feel? I told you I’ll kill you in front of your Lord Ha...”

Before Duan Ling Tian could finish saying the word ‘Hall’, Dong Yuan Jin had already knelt down in the air. His body trembled as he said, “Duan Ling Tian, please forgive me! Please forgive me! You’ve already killed my unfilial son, there’s no longer any enmity between us! Please just let it go, please? I beg you, please! I beg you!”

Dong Yuan Jin, a Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, had not only lowered his proud head at the moment of despair. Under the threat of death, he even kneeled and begged for forgiveness in front of a person he used to regard as an ant. The only thought left in his mind was to survive!

“How embarrassing! He’s an embarrassment to the Enforcement Hall!” Leng Ying was furious when he saw Dong Yuan Jin kneeling and asking for forgiveness despite his status as the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall.

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“There’s no enmity between us?” Duan Ling Tian chuckled when he heard Dong Yuan Jin’s words. “You ordered people to kill me and you dare say there’s no enmity between us? Perhaps, you think this conflict started because of your son and you think there’s no enmity between us?”

“Yes.” Dong Lin nodded hastily.

“Dong Yuan Jin, if you’ve bravely accepted your death, perhaps, I might’ve admired you... However...” Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly. He did not finish his sentence before he began to make his move.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian raised his hand as the Sun Saint Origin gathered in his hand. Before long, he waved his hand before he lowered them. A palm formed from his Sun Saint Origin appeared and fell toward Dong Yuan Jin.

When Dong Yuan Jin saw this, the palm was just one foot from him. At the moment the palm landed on him, he cried out, “No!!!”

Bam!

The sound of an explosion rang in the air and Dong Yuan Jin was killed by the palm that Duan Ling Tian consolidated from his Sun Saint Origin.

The entire place was silent.

Although the people watching had expected this outcome, they still felt chills running up their spines when they saw Duan Ling Tian killed Dong Yuan Jin.

No matter what, Dong Yuan Jin was still a Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall. His position was equivalent to a Golden Flame Elder. His son was nothing in comparison. However, someone like Dong Yuan Jin was killed by Duan Ling Tian just like that!

“Duan Ling Tian, I’ll personally look for Lord Sect Leader so he can preside over this matter on behalf of the Enforcement Hall!” The expression of Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, turned cold when he saw Duan Ling Tian killed Dong Yuan Jin.

If looks could kill, Duan Ling Tian would have died several times over!

“Be my guest.” However, Duan Ling Tian merely shrugged indifferently when he heard Leng Ying’s words. It seemed as though he was not afraid at all that Leng Yin would report this matter to the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. As a matter of fact, he was really not afraid.

Leng Ying only snorted coldly in response before he rose into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds. It was obvious he was headed to the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

After Leng Ying left, Duan Ling Tian turned to Jiang Qin and said, "Jiang Qin!"

Jiang Qin was startled. His body began to tremble and his face turned pale immediately. He thought this fiend, Duan Ling Tian, was going to kill him since Duan Ling Tian did not find him pleasing to the eyes.

Please let this fiend go easy on me.' Jiang Qin prayed fervently. He was prepared to be tortured, he only hoped that Duan Ling Tian would spare his life at least.

However, in the next moment, Jiang Qin realized he was wrong. It seemed like Duan Ling Tian had no intention to torture him for being an eyesore.

"I want to see Gan Ru Yan!" Duan Ling Tian said calmly as he looked at Jiang Qin. His tone brooked no argument.

When Jiang Qin heard Duan Ling Tian's words, his eyes widened immediately, He blurted out, "Gan Ru Yan? Y-You know Gan Ru Yan?"

"She's my friend," Duan Ling Tian replied as he stared intently at Jiang Qin.

Jiang Qin was stunned. 'Duan Ling Tian is friends with Gan Ru Yan?' Suddenly, Jiang Qin had a vague idea of why Duan Ling Tian had attacked him earlier. It was most likely Duan Ling Tian attacked him because he was the one who imprisoned Gan Ru Yan in the Enforcement Hall. He was only carrying his duty, there was no cause for Duan Ling Tian to seek revenge from him.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Jiang Qin had remained silent from the shock, he said impatiently, "Bring me there!"

Duan Ling Tian's voice startled Jiang Qin. He instantly looked at Duan Ling Tian with a wry smile on his face. "This is a little difficult... She has been brought away from the Enforcement Hall by Lord Sect Leader."

"She has been brought away by Lord Sect Leader?" Duan Ling Tian frowned as he asked in a deep voice, "What happened?"

After witnessing Duan Ling Tian killing Dong Yuan Jin, Jiang Qin knew Duan Ling Tian could kill him easily if he wanted to. For this reason, he did not hesitate to answer Duan Ling Tian's question. He hastily said, "I heard it's the Saint Girl who requested Lord Sect Leader to bring Gan Ru Yan away. I'm not sure why though."

"Saint Girl?" Duan Ling Tian frowned even deeper, "Which Saint Girl?"

Duan Ling Tian knew the Saint Girl was Ke'er. However, he was a little confused. Was Ke'er not in the Enforcement Hall? Why would she ask for Gan Ru Yan to be sent away? Although his wife, Ke'er, was the Saint Girl of Fire Worship Sect, she was also a criminal in the sect. How was it possible for a criminal to request anything from the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect. Would the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect even pay attention to her request?

“Jiang Qin, watch what you’re saying!” The other Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall who had been watching quietly all this while cried out when he saw Jiang Qin was about to reveal the matter regarding the Saint Girl. His expression turned grave immediately.

After all, very few people in the Fire Worship Sect knew that the Saint Girl had been brought away from the Enforcement Hall by the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. Although the Sect Leader had never explicitly told them to keep the matter a secret, it was not appropriate to reveal the matter so easily.

Everyone in the Fire Worship Sect was under the impression that the Saint Girl who had disappeared for many years was currently a criminal who was being imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall. She was to wait for her punishment until the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect came out from his closed-door cultivation. Although the Sect Leader of Fire Worship had come out of his closed-door cultivation, he still had not punished the Saint Girl. In fact, he had brought her out of the Enforcement Hall. The reputation of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect would be affected if news of this spread out. People would think the Sect Leader was abusing his power and disregarding the sect’s law. There was no doubt the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect was above the law in the sect, but it would still be detrimental to his reputation. As one of the great sects and a prominent figure in the Dao Martial Saint Land, reputation was very important.

“I forgot!” Jiang Qin was horrified when he realized what he had done after listening to the other Vice Hall Master’s words. Earlier, he was so afraid of Duan Ling Tian that when he was asked a question, he instinctively answered without any hesitation. He realized how reckless he had acted.

“Saint Girl? Which Saint Girl?” Jiang Qin no longer dared to say anything to Duan Ling Tian.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Jiang Qin seemed unwilling to talk, he snorted. This caused Jiang Qin to tremble slightly. He wanted to use Voice Transmission to explain himself. However, before he could do so, Duan Ling Tian had already disappeared.

When Duan Ling Tian reappeared again, he was standing in front of the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall who had given a reminder to Jiang Qin.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the Vice Hall Master coldly as he said, “Since you won’t allow him to tell me, you’ll be the one to do the talking!” At the same time, a powerful killing intent surged out of his body and shrouded the other person.

This Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall did not think he would bring trouble to himself just by reminding Jiang Qin to not reveal anything.

When the Vice Hall Master heard Duan Ling Tian’s cold voice and felt his killing intent, he gave in immediately. Especially when he thought about the people Duan Ling Tian had killed.

“The Saint Girl is the Saint Girl who had gone missing before this. She’s the one who asked Lord Sect Leader to take Gan Ru Yan away from the Enforcement Hall.” Although the Vice Hall Master had decided to tell Duan Ling Tian everything, he did not do so openly. He used Voice Transmission to speak to Duan Ling Tian.

It's Ke'er?' Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard this. He continued to ask in a deep voice, "Don't lie to me. As far as I know, the Saint Girl is also locked up in the Enforcement Hall. Now, tell me, did she really ask the sect leader to take Gan Ru Yan away from the Enforcement Hall?"

"I'm not lying to you. I don't dare to lie to you!" The Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall hurriedly sent another Voice Transmission. "The Saint Girl is no longer in our Enforcement Hall as well."

After a while, Duan Ling Tian learned about the whereabouts of Ke'er and their daughter from this Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall.

All of them are in the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect's cultivation place?'

It did not cross Duan Ling Tian's mind that his wife and their daughter whom he had been longing to see was at the place he was at earlier. He had even stayed at that place for quite a while.

That place was the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect. It was the highest hovering island above the Saint Island?

Does this mean they heard everything I said earlier to the Sect Leader?' Duan Ling Tian's breathing turned heavy. Whoosh!

After Duan Ling Tian found out Ke'er and their daughter were not in the Enforcement Hall, he followed after Leng Ying and made his way to the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

When Duan Ling Tian passed through the clouds and arrived at the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, he saw Leng Ying reporting loudly to the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

"Lord Sect Leader, Duan Ling Tian has trespassed on the Enforcement Hall and killed a Vice Hall Master and an Enforcement Hall elder. His behavior is too outrageous!"

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"Please give the Enforcement Hall justice, Lord Sect Leader!" Leng Ying said slowly as he looked at the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. His tone was filled with rage. It was obvious he was furious at Duan Ling Tian for killing Dong Yuan Jian, a Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Sect, in front of him.

Leng Yin had long noticed Duan Ling Tian's presence. After he finished, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and smiled icily. "Duan Ling Tian, didn't you say I can report this matter to Lord Sect Leader? Why are you here? Are you scared now?"

When Leng Ying saw Duan Ling Tian here, he thought that Duan Ling Tian was worried and had followed him here.

"You're overthinking things!" Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "I'm here to look for Sect Leader about a different matter."

Leng Ying's expression darkened when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Whoosh!

Wing began to blow as Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, appeared before Duan Ling Tian and Leng Yin. Leng Yin instantly greeted Tang Xuan respectfully as soon as he saw him. "Lord Sect Leader!"

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian only nodded and greeted Tang Xuan casually. "Sect Leader!"

Compared to how respectful Leng Yin was, Duan Ling Tian had acted very casually.

When Leng Yin saw Duan Ling Tian's casual and disrespectful manner, he felt smug. He thought that Duan Ling Tian would definitely be punished. However, he was shocked when he saw Tang Xuan nodding at Duan Ling Tian in a friendly manner and did not seem angry at his casual and rude manner. Based on what he knew, the Sect Leader was not someone so kind and did not care about propriety. Was it possible that the temperament of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect had changed after he had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?

"Hall Master Leng, congratulations for successfully breaking through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage," Tang Xuan looked at Leng Ying and said, "According to the ancient law in the Fire Worship Sect, members of the sect who have broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage will become a Guardian. From now on, apart from being the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, you're also the fifth Guardian in the sect!"

Leng Ying was overwhelmed with emotions when he heard Tang Xuan's words. He had worked so hard in order to become a Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect after all. The position of a Guardian was so high that only the Sect Leader's position was higher. However, he was confused by Tang Xuan's last sentence.

Leng Yin looked at Tang Xuan in confusion as he stuttered, "T-The fifth Guardian?" There was an expression of bewilderment on his face. There were only three Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect as far as he knew. Now that he had been raised to the position of a Guardian after breaking through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, should he not be the fourth Guardian?

Tang Xuan, naturally, knew why Leng Ying was confused. He quickly turned to Duan Ling Tian and said, "We already have a fourth Guardian in the Fire Worship Sect before you became a Guardian. This person is Guardian Ling Tian. I planned to officially bestow him the title of Guardian in three days' time in front of everyone in the sect. It seems like I'll have to announce that the sect now has two new Guardians. At that time, the western region and the Upper Province will find out that we have now five Guardians in the sect!" When he finished speaking, there was a wide smile on his face. It was obvious he was in a good mood.

"G-Guardian Ling Tian?" When Leng Ying heard Tang Xuan's words, his eyes widened immediately. Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian in bewilderment. After a while, he remembered that Duan Ling Tian was stronger than him. It was only natural he would become a Guardian in the Fire Worship Sect.

This did not occur to Leng Ying because he had regarded Duan Ling Tian as a true disciple all this time. Even if Duan Ling Tian had proven to be more powerful than him, it did not cross his mind that a true disciple would be made a Guardian.

“Yes.” Tang Xuan nodded. “Hall Master Leng, I know about what happened in the Enforcement Hall since I’ve been monitoring the sect with my Divine Consciousness. It’s understandable for Guardian Ling Tian to seek revenge. After all, the Dong family was the one who wanted to kill him first. Let’s put this matter behind us. What do you think, Hall Master Leng?” Tang Xuan asked as he looked at Leng Ying.

Duan Ling Tian’s heart jolted when he heard Tang Xuan’s words. The Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, had, indeed, covered the entire Fire Worship Sect with his Divine Consciousness.

“Since that’s the case, I’ll listen to you, Lord Sect Leader.” Once Jiang Qin learned that Duan Ling Tian was a Guardian in the Fire Worship Sect, he knew it was pointless for him to complain anymore. A Guardian in the Fire Worship Sect was somewhat above the law of the sect.

Even if Duan Ling Tian did not have any enmity with the Dong family and had killed them for no reason, he would not have been held accountable, let alone there was enmity between him and the Dong family.

The Fire Worship Sect placed great importance on the Guardians. The Dong family was nothing in comparison. After all, the loss of the Dong family was an insignificant matter. However, the loss of a Guardian would significantly affect the Fire Worship Sect.

“Guardian Ling Tian, Hall Master Leng, both of you are now pillars of the Fire Worship Sect. Let me be the judge of this.

I would like both of you to let this matter go. What do you think?” Tang Xuan’s gaze shifted between Duan Ling Tian and Leng Ying. He had spoken calmly but his tone brooked no argument.

“Don’t worry, Sect Leader. I have no enmity with Hall Master Leng at all,” Duan Ling Tian replied. He was telling the truth. He really had no enmity with Leng Yin. He had only attacked Leng Ying earlier because Leng Ying had interfered with the matter between him and the Dong family. Since he had already killed the Dong family, he was not bothered with Leng Yi as long as Leng Ying did not look for trouble with him.

Don’t worry, Lord Sect Leader, I’ll do as you said,” Leng Ying quickly answered as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. As soon as he finished speaking, he bade Tang Xuan farewell and ignored Duan Ling Tian before he left. Although he had acquiesced to Tang Xuan’s words, it did not mean he wanted to be friends with him. His action was like a silent protest.

Tang Xuan frowned when he saw this, but he did not say anything. He understood Leng Ying’s feelings. Although Leng Yin would not act against Duan Ling Tian, it did not mean he wanted to be friends with Duan Ling Tian. It would take a long time for both of them to be friendly with each other. Some things were not meant to be rushed.

“Guardian Ling Tian, I heard you saying to Hall Master Leng that you’re looking for me?” Tang Xuan asked as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian nodded and said bluntly, “Sect Leader, I’m friends with Gan Ru Yan, the direct disciple of Guardian Qing Huo. I heard she’s staying in your cultivation place. I wonder if you’ll let me see her?”

“Guardian Ling Tian, this is a small matter...” Tang Xuan said, causing Duan Ling Tian’s eyes to lit up immediately, “However, I’m afraid you came at the wrong time, Guardian Ling Tian. Ru Yan has gone into closed-door cultivation and hasn’t come out. She won’t be coming out until she has a breakthrough. I think you’ll have to wait for a while before you can see her.”

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes immediately when he heard this. His eyes dimmed and the smile on his face froze.

He did not expect Tang Xuan would say something like that. Gan Ru Yan would not come out until she had made a breakthrough? Naturally, he did not believe Tang Xuan. How could it be so coincidental?

However, there was nothing Duan Ling Tian could do even though he knew it was a lie. If he acted recklessly now, it would only worsen the situation.

Duan Ling Tian calmed himself before he said, “She won’t come out until she has broken through?” Since he could not meet Gan Ru Yan, there was nothing he could do even though he knew Ke’er and their daughter were the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. ‘It seems like I’ll have to think of another way...’

In order to avoid suspicion, after Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Tang Xuan, he did not turn to look back at all.

“Am I overthinking things?” There was nothing wrong with Duan Ling Tian’s words and actions but there was a frown on Tang Xuan’s face. “I must be overthinking things. The only connections are he knows Gan Ru Yan and he’s from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.”

With Tang Xuan’s Divine Consciousness covering all of the Fire Worship Sect, he knew that Duan Ling Tian had gone to the Enforcement Hall to look for Gan Ru Yan. He was instantly reminded of the Saint Girl and her man who was from the Lower Province. Moreover, when he first met Duan Ling Tian, he noticed that the Saint Girl’s daughter’s eyes bore some resemblance to Duan Ling Tian’s eyes.

Tang Xuan did not think much of it until his Divine Consciousness noticed that Duan Ling Tian had gone to the Enforcement Hall to look for Gan Ru Yan. “Don’t tell me Duan Ling Tian is the Saint Girl’s man who had also come from the Lower Province?”

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Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, was merely suspicious. He thought it was too much of a coincidence to be true. When Duan Ling Tian left without any signs of reluctance at all, he began to doubt his suspicion even more.

“I hope you’re not that man... Otherwise...” Tang Xuan muttered to himself as his eyes gleamed with a hint of viciousness.

If Duan Ling Tian was just an ordinary true disciple in the Fire Worship Sect, Tang Xuan could easily force him to swear on the lighting penalty oath to verify his suspicion. However, Duan Ling Tian was no longer a true disciple. He was now a Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect.

A Guardian was a pillar of the Fire Worship Sect. Unless Tang Xuan was sure of his suspicion, he would not force Duan Ling Tian to swear on the lightning penalty oath just because of his suspicion or because he was stronger than Duan Ling Tian.

If Tang Xuan was wrong about his suspicion, it might offend Duan Ling Tian, and the Fire Worship Sect might lose one of its Guardians. Moreover, if they lost Duan Ling Tian, they would lose the Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, that could defeat the Devils as well.

If the Devil Clans appeared and the Fire Worship Sect did not have the Devilseal Tablet, they would be at a huge disadvantage. Tang Xuan would not let such a thing happen unless it was absolutely necessary.

For this reason, Tang Xuan would not ask or force Duan Ling Tian who was now a Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect to swear on the lightning penalty oath over his speculation unless he was certain.

"I have a lot of time. If he's really the Saint Girl's man from the Lower Province, he'll eventually make a mistake and expose himself," Tang Xuan muttered under his breath before he returned to his cultivation place.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of this. After he left, he was still thinking about how he could save Ke'er and their daughter as soon as he could. He was afraid of unforeseen circumstances that might crop up if he took too long.

After Duan Ling Tian left the cultivation place of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, he returned to his residence that he used to live in when he was still a true disciple. Everything was still the same as when he had left it a few years ago. The only thing that had changed was his strength and position.

In the next three days, the Fire Worship Sect was in an uproar over Duan Ling Tian's return and his actions in the White Tiger Sanctum and the Enforcement Hall.

Duan Ling Tian had made a big splash as soon as he returned to the Fire Worship Sect after being away for a few years. As soon as he returned, he went to the White Tiger Sanctum and defeated the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum easily. After that, he went to the Enforcement Hall and killed Elder Yang, an Enforcement Hall elder, Dong Lin, and Dong Yuan Jin, one of the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall. Apart from that, he even injured Jiang Qin, another Vice Hall Master in the Enforcement Hall. What was even more shocking was he even injured Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, who had broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

"From what I know, the Divine Abilities that Hall Master Leng Yin has mastered are extremely extraordinary. In fact, Guardian Hong Yun has even said that she might not be a match for him once he has broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

"Indeed! I remember Guardian Hong Yun saying this as well!"

"Apparently Duan Ling Tian only used three strikes with his sword to defeat Hall Master Leng Ying!"

"He defeated Hall Master Leng Ying with three strikes?"

“Based on this, I think the news from Sin City is true. With his current strength, it’s not impossible for him to kill Golden Lion King Xie Kang Xun, one of the four great Karmapas of the Black Kshetra Sect, with just three strikes.”

“That’s right! In terms of strength, the Golden Lion King Xie Kang Xun of the Black Kshetra Sect is a lot weaker than Guardian Hong Yun. Since Duan Ling Tian’s able to defeat Hall Master Leng Ying whom Guardian Hong Yun said would be stronger than her once he has a breakthrough, it’s definitely possible for Duan Ling Tian to kill the Golden Lion King with three strikes!”

News of Duan Ling Tian’s current strength spread everywhere in the Fire Worship Sect.

“I can’t believe there’s someone like that among the true disciples... He’s like a monster!”

“That’s right! I don’t think there’s even such a strong true disciple in the history of the Fire Worship Sect, right?”

“There is an age limit to become a true disciple. Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian hasn’t even passed the age limit. To think he’s already broken through to the Seventh Form or above of the Saint Celestial Stage. Even Pei Si Hai who’s widely acknowledged as the number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land by the sectless cultivators for breaking through to the Eight Form of the Saint Celestial Stage before turning 100 years old can’t compare to Senior Brother Ling Tian, right?”

“Hurmph! Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian from our Fire Worship Sect is the true number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

Some people began to compare Duan Ling Tian and Pei Si Hai. Duan Ling Tian had not even reached 50 years old, but it seemed as though his strength could rival that of a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Pei Si Hai was a prodigy for breaking through to the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage before turning 100 years old, but his feat was nothing compared to Duan Ling Tian.

Many people in the Fire Worship Sect began to regard Duan Ling Tian as the number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

In the cultivation place of Lu Tie, the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum.

“The number one prodigy in Dao Martial Saint Land?” When Bu Hong found out about what Duan Ling Tian had done since his return, he was so furious that he almost fainted. He did not expect that the true disciple who had crippled his innate talent back then would be so strong now that he had returned.

“Hong’er, forget about the enmity between you and him... You’ll only bring trouble to yourself if you don’t let this matter go.” Even Lu Tie, the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum, had no choice but to lower his head in front of the current Duan Ling Tian.

What a joke!

Duan Ling Tian had easily defeated the Sanctum Leader of the White Tiger Sanctum, and Lu Tie’s strength was on par with him.

Based on Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent, he would only grow stronger and stronger in the future.

Moreover, what Duan Ling Tian had done in the Enforcement Hall made Lu Tie realize that Duan Ling Tian was not a kind or forgiving person. If he and Bu Hong decided to oppose Duan Ling Tian, their outcome would be similar to the Dong family.

“I understand, master,” Bu Hong said as he lowered his head. However, if one looked closely, one could see the reluctance in his eyes.

Three days passed by in just a blink of an eye.

At this moment, in the Central Square on the Saint Island in Fire Worship Sect.

Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, had appeared. His appearance, naturally, caused a commotion. Many Saint Land disciples swarmed to the Central Square immediately. After all, this was the first time the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect made a public appearance after breaking through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form!

“Lord Sect Leader!”

“Lord Sect Leader!

When the group of Saint Land disciples in the Central Square saw Tang Xuan, all of them became excited. After a while, they noticed there were two other people standing behind Tang Xuan.

“It’s Hall Master Leng Ying from the Enforcement Hall and Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian!”

The people standing behind Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, were none other than Duan Ling Tian and Leng Ying.

“Silence!” Tang Xuan said.

The entire place fell silent immediately.

Tang Xuan did not beat around the bush and instantly announced, “I, Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect, hereby announce that we’ll have two new Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect. These people standing behind me are Guardian Ling Tian and Guardian Leng Ying!”

Tang Xuan directly announced to all the disciples and high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect that there were no longer three, but five Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect. As soon as he finished speaking, he gave the Guardian identity tokens to Duan Ling Tian and Leng Ying, officially bestowing them the position of Guardians.

Just as expected, the crowd burst into a commotion immediately.

Although most people had already prepared for this, they could not help but feel excited when they witnessed this spectacular event.

After a moment, the high-ranking officials led by the two Vice Sect Leaders of Fire Worship walked up and began to congratulate Duan Ling Tian one after another.

“I’d like to pay my respect to you, Guardian Ling Tian. Congratulations, Guardian Ling Tian!”

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Among these people who came to congratulate Duan Ling Tian, there were a few familiar faces as well. Silver Flame Elder Guo Xiong and Overseer Nie Zui from the Palace of Death in the Black Turtle Sanctum were among them. They stood further away as they congratulated him, this was because their positions were lower than the group of high-ranking officials who were standing in front.

Apart from the two Vice Sect Leaders, the group of Fire Worship Sect high-ranking officials were mostly Golden Flame Elders like the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum, whom Duan Ling Tian easily defeated a few days ago and the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum.

“En.” Duan Ling Tian nodded calmly in response to all the congratulatory words. He felt that time had passed by really quickly. These people who congratulated him were people whom he looked up to in the past. However, they were now respectfully congratulating him.