

### **2191 Eager For Action**

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was not the only one who felt like a lifetime had gone by. All the high-ranking officials who were congratulating Duan Ling Tian for being promoted to a Guardian felt the same way.

A few years ago, Duan Ling Tian was merely a true disciple in the Fire Worship Sect. Regardless of how outstanding he was, he was just a true disciple. Who would have thought a true disciple would grow so strong in just a few short years and become a Guardian of Fire Worship Sect. The position of a Guardian was only second to the Sect Leader. It could be described as being above 10,000 people and only beneath one!

“Elder Guo Xiong, I will still keep my promise to you from back then... If you need my help in the future, please don’t hesitate to let me know.” Duan Ling Tian looked at Guo Xiong, the Enforcement Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum, and sent him a Voice Transmission.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had asked Guo Xiong for help to send Zhu Lu Qi away. He had promised Guo Xiong he would repay his favor in the future.

Guo Xiong was overwhelmed by excitement when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s Voice Transmission. He hurriedly thanked Duan Ling Tian. “Thank you, Guardian Ling Tian.”

Duan Ling Tian used to be an ordinary true disciple in the Fire Worship. However, his position was currently only below one person. Guo Xiong knew this promise from Duan Ling Tian was priceless.

After the high-ranking officials from Fire Worship Sect greeted and congratulated Duan Ling Tian, they turned to Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, and now a Guardian, to congratulate him as well. Based on the order they congratulated the Guardians, it was obvious they regarded Duan Ling Tian highly in comparison to Leng Yin. It was only natural since they had all heard about Duan Ling Tian defeating Leng Ying with just three strikes. Duan Ling Tian was clearly stronger than Leng Ying.

In this world where the strong ones were revered, their actions were justified. Even Leng Ying did not show any signs of dissatisfaction. He was aware of his own strength.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun, Senior Brother Liu Mu! It’s been a while...”

While the Fire Worship Sect’s high-ranking officials were greeting and congratulating Leng Ying, Duan Ling Tian looked at two people in the crowd. It was none other than Liu Yun and Liu Mu. These two people were among the few friends he had made in the Fire Worship Sect.

The moment Liu Mu and Liu Yun heard Duan Ling Tian’s Voice Transmission, they felt so excited that they could hardly speak. Duan Ling Tian did not forget about them!

“Let’s catch up over drinks later.” Duan Ling Tian sent another Voice Transmission to Liu Yun and Liu Mu who were still speechless.

Now that the Dong family had been dealt with, coupled with his status in the Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian no longer had to worry about endangering the Liu brothers by associating with them. They no longer had to act like they were not friends.

Although there was still the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian did not think he would act against the Liu brothers even if he was angry at Duan Ling Tian for taking Ke'er and their daughter away. Regardless, the Liu brothers were still disciples of the Fire Worship Sect.

On this day, news of Fire Worship Sect having two new Guardians swept across the western region like wildfire.

"Duan Ling Tian is a Guardian of the Saint Sect?"

"In order to become a Guardian in the Saint Sect, one's cultivation base has to be at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at least... Leng Ying, the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, has become a Guardian because he has broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage recently."

"I heard that Duan Ling Tian defeated Leng Ying with three strikes recently!"

"My goodness! Duan Ling Tian's strength improved so much in just a few years?"

"It seems like the news from Sin City is true... Duan Ling Tian really did kill Golden Lion King Xie Kang Xun, one of the four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra, with three strikes!"

Everyone in the western region was talking about Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, they also talked about Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

"The Sect Leader of the Saint Sect is really wise to invite Duan Ling Tian back to the sect. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian is a powerful Guardian whose strength is not inferior to the leader of the three original Guardian, Guardian Zi Feng!"

Yes, the Sect Leader of the Saint Sect is really wise... When everyone else was questioning if Duan Ling Tian had really killed Xie Kang Xun, he had invited Duan Ling Tian back to the sect. His foresight is amazing!"

"Not only is the Sect Leader of the Saint Sect wise, but he has also broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form... The Saint Sect will definitely reach new heights under his guidance and the help of the five Guardians! It's not impossible for them to surpass the other two great sects!"

It did not take long before the news began to spread out from the western region. It spread to the central region, the southern region, and the northern region...

"Duan Ling Tian has returned to the Fire Worship Sect?"

"I heard that Sect Leader Tang Xuan personally asked for his return!"

"I think the latest Supreme Saint Ranking hasn't reached the western region... However, Sect Leader Tang Xuan invited Duan Ling Tian back to the sect even though everyone was questioning Duan Ling Tian's ability?"

"Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, is really wise."

“Wise? I don’t think so... I think he only invited Duan Ling Tian back because Duan Ling Tian has the Devilseal Tablet.”

“Why do you say that? Didn’t Tang Xuan promise to swear on the lightning penalty oath that no one in the Fire Worship Sect would be allowed to take the Devilseal Tablet away from Duan Ling Tian?”

Yes, no one is able to snatch it away... However, when the Devil Clans invade the Upper Province, he would definitely borrow the Devilseal Tablet from Duan Ling Tian. At that time, the Fire Worship Sect would be like a tiger with wings when they fight the Devil Clans!”

Compared to the shock and commotion in the western region caused by Duan Ling Tian’s strength, people from the other areas had long seen the updated list of the Supreme Saint Ranking. They knew Duan Ling Tian had killed Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King from Black Kshetra Sect. Therefore, they were not surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s feat after he returned to the Fire Worship Sect.

However, they were surprised that the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect had invited Duan Ling Tian back to the sect and that Duan Ling Tian actually accepted the invitation.

Meanwhile, the updated list of the Supreme Saint Ranking had finally reached the western region.

“Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, from Black Kshetra Sect who was ranked 18th was killed by Duan Ling Tian with three strikes in Sin City...”

“Many people present on the scene are witnesses to that. If Duan Ling Tian did not decide to toy with Xie Kang Xun, he could have killed Xie Kang Xun with just one strike!”

“Now that Duan Ling Tian killed Xie Kang Xun, Duan Ling Tian would replace Xie Kang Xun and take over the 18th spot on the Supreme Saint Ranking.”

The updated list of the Supreme Saint Ranking listed Duan Ling Tian at the 18th place.

“Duan Ling Tian really killed Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King from Black Kshetra Sect!”

“Since it’s in the updated list of the Supreme Saint Ranking, it has to be true.”

“Humph! With Duan Ling Tian’s current strength, he could easily rank in the top fifteen!”

“That’s true. After all, some people claimed that Duan Ling Tian is not only stronger than Guardian Leng Yin, but he’s also stronger than Guardian Hong Yun... Guardian Hong Yun is ranked 16th on the Supreme Saint Ranking.”

The western region was in an uproar over this.

“Based on Guardian Ling Tian’s achievements and his age, he can be considered as the number prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

You’re right. Even if the achievements of Pei Si Hai who’s acknowledged by the sectless cultivators are true, he still can’t compare to Guardian Ling Tian!”

“Guardian Ling Tian is the number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

As time passed, apart from the people in the western region, many people from other areas also agreed that Duan Ling Tian was the number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land. After all, all of them knew about his background.

“He’s not even fifty years old, and yet, he has achieved so much. Guardian Ling Tian is really amazing!”

“Was there anyone like him in the history of the Dao Martial Saint Land?”

“Even the Sword Saint’s achievement seems slightly inferior compared to him.”

“The Fire Worship Sect is so lucky! They managed to recruit such an amazing person!”

Similar remarks could be heard everywhere in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

In the Black Kshetra Sect, it was absolutely chaotic.

“Since Duan Ling Tian has returned to the Fire Worship Sect, the Black Kshetra Sect won’t let the matter of him killing Great Karmapa Xie go!”

“You’re right. If we let this matter go, people are going to think the Black Kshetra Sect is afraid of the Fire Worship Sect!”

“We must avenge the Golden Lion King!”

Although they knew Xie Kang Xun was killed by Duan Ling Tian, they could not do anything since they could not locate Duan Ling Tian. Now that they found out Duan Ling Tian had returned to the Fire Worship Sect and became a Guardian, they were eager for action.

## **2192 The Impending Storm**

Once the Black Kshetra Sect’s high-ranking officials began protesting, there was no stopping them. Eventually, they even went to see the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect!

The Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect was a skinny old man dressed in black. He looked like a dried corpse, and he had a creepy vibe about him. His black robe that was embroidered with scary-looking skulls added to his creepy vibe as well. He did not look like a normal human.

Currently, the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect was in a meeting with the two remaining Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect.

The Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect said, “Great Karmapas... If we don’t deal with this matter, the elders will not let this go. Moreover, they’re right. Now that Duan Ling Tian has returned to the Fire Worship Sect, if the Black Kshetra Sect doesn’t take action, it will cause the elders of our sect to feel dissatisfied. Not only that, but we will be a laughingstock.” A hint of viciousness could be seen in his eyes when he spoke. It was apparent he hated Duan Ling Tian to the bones.

It was only natural. After all, the person Duan Ling Tian killed was one of the Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect. Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King. He was one of the pillars of strength in the Black Kshetra Sect.

Three years ago, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, the Green Bat King, had died in the trap that was left behind by three Eminent Devils. At that time, the Black Kshetra Sect had lost one of its pillars of strength.

Wei Suo's death was due to his greed. Although they mourned him, they had no one to blame for his death. However, the death of Xie KangXun, the Golden Lion King, was different. He was deliberately killed by someone, and they knew who the person was. They even knew about his background.

That person was none other than Duan Ling Tian, the lucky guy from the Lower Province who managed to obtain the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet. The Devilseal Tablet was taken away by an elder from the Black Kshetra Sect, Xie Zong.

After that, Duan Ling Tian came to the Upper Province and joined the Fire Worship Sect. After joining the Fire Worship Sect, his achievements were great. It did not take long before he was acknowledged as a prodigy in the Fire Worship Sect! When he left the Fire Worship Sect, he killed Xie Zong and reclaimed the Devilseal Tablet. After that, he was stuck in the trap that was left behind by three Eminent Devils and the rest was history...

The trap that killed off numerous powerhouses in the Upper Province seemed to have benefited Duan Ling Tian, making him extremely strong in just three years. For that reason, he was able to kill Golden Lion King Xie Kang Xue, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect!

Without waiting for a response from the two Great Karmapas, the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect continued to say, "Duan Ling Tian seems to be keeping a lot of secrets as well. For instance, how did he survive in the trap that was left behind by three Eminent Devils? How did he raise his cultivation base so quickly in just three short years? Does his progress have something to do with the trap that was left behind by three Eminent Devils? If we can get him to tell us the truth, we can try to replicate his success and raise our cultivation base quickly as well..." Greed could be heard in the voice of the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect as he spoke.

After listening to him, the eyes of the two remaining Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect lit up involuntarily.

The Violet Dragon King was a woman. She was the only female among the Four Great Karmapas in the Black Kshetra Sect. She was also the leader of the four Great Karmapas. Currently, there were only two Karmapas left, including her.

Although the Violet Dragon King wore a loose violet robe, it did nothing to hide her curvaceous body. Her beautiful long hair cascaded down her back. Although a purple veil covered the lower half of her face, her beauty still shone through from her delicate eyebrows and bright eyes. She emitted a cold and icy aura.

The other remaining Karmapa was the White Tiger King. He used to be the leader of the Karmapas before the Violet Dragon King surpassed him. He was a young man with a strong build.

Many people in the Black Kshetra Sect did not think the White Tiger King was weaker than the Violet Dragon King. After all, when both of them fought, the Violet Dragon King had always won by a small

margin. This led many people to think that the White Tiger King had allowed the Violet Dragon King to win. In fact, the White Dragon King was in love with the Violet Dragon King. It was an unrequited love. It was no secret in the Black Kshetra Sect.

The White Tiger King was a handsome and lively young man who was dressed in a white robe. His eyebrows made him look heroic, and he had an imposing air about him even without trying. He looked as fierce as a tiger.

“Sect Leader, it’s true that the Black Kshetra Sect shouldn’t let this matter go... It’ll cause the elders and disciples to feel dissatisfied, it’ll cause people to laugh at us and think our sect is afraid of the Fire Worship Sect. Moreover, we need to figure out what secrets Duan Ling Tian is hiding!” The Violet Dragon King spoke up first in response to the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect. Her eyes were cold when she spoke.

“Indeed.” The White Tiger King agreed with the Violet Dragon King.

The Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect was not surprised by the White Tiger King’s decision. As soon as he heard the Violet Dragon King’s words, he knew what the outcome would be. After all, the White Tiger King had always agreed with the Violet Dragon King!

“Since both of you agree with me. Both of you should come with me and see the Supreme Elder,” The Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect said urgently as he looked at the Violet Dragon King and the White Tiger King. This was his goal after all. He had wanted the two Great Karmapas to come with him to see the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect and ask him to follow them to the Fire Worship Sect to deal with Duan Ling Tian.

The reason the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect needed the Supreme Elder to come with them was due to the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. Since the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the only person who was a match for him in the Black Kshetra Sect was the Supreme Elder. It would not end well for them if they went to the Fire Worship Sect without the Supreme Elder. The Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect knew this very well.

“En.” The Violet Dragon King nodded and left with the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect to see the Supreme Elder. She knew very well the Supreme Elder had to come with them to the Fire Worship to deal with Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, they would not be a match for the people from the Fire Worship Sect.

When the White Tiger King saw the Violet Dragon King had gotten up, he, naturally, got up as well and followed her closely like a shadow.

The Black Kshetra Sect was different from the Fire Worship Sect. In the Fire Worship Sect, the Sect Leader was revered. However, in the Black Kshetra Sect, the Sect Leader did not hold much weight in the sect compared to the Supreme Elder. In fact, his position was even lower than the Violet Dragon King and the White Tiger King. This was because the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect was only ranked fourth in the sect. His cultivation base was only at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The Violet Dragon King and the White Tiger King were both at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

As for the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, he was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking. He was only ranked below Nie Wu Tian, the strongest person in the Dao Martial Saint Land!

It was no surprise that the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect and the two Great Karmapas managed to convince the Supreme Elder to follow them to the Fire Worship Sect.

Soon after, this group of people flew out of the Black Kshetra Sect at lightning speed toward the Fire Worship Sect. Their target was Guardian Duan Ling Tian of the Fire Worship Sect!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of this. At this time, he was filled with anxiety due to a piece of news he had learned.

“They’ll execute Si Ling in three months?”

Duan Ling Tian found out that Tang Xuan had announced that he would execute Duan Si Ling.

“Three months! Three months are not enough!” Duan Ling Tian felt as though he was at his wit’s end. It was impossible for him to break through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in three months even if he entered the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and cultivated with all his heart. Without breaking through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, it would be impossible for him to save Ke’er and their daughter.

“I have to think of a way! I must rescue Ke’er and our daughter in three months!” Duan Ling Tian was swimming in despair at this moment. He felt as though he was going to go crazy. He had not even met his daughter, but she was going to be executed in three months. He had yet to come up with a way to save her! As a father, he felt completely useless.

Duan Ling Tian finally decided to calm down and left his residence. He wandered aimlessly around the Saint Land. Sou!

At this moment, someone bumped into Duan Ling Tian. When this person saw Duan Ling Tian, a horrified expression appeared on her face immediately.

### **2193 Beauties in the Northern Region**

The person who had bumped into Duan Ling Tian was none other than the direct disciple of the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum, Wen Yan! She was the person who had reported Gan Ru Yan to the Enforcement Hall back then. For this reason, Ke’er and her daughter were discovered and imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived in the Fire Worship Sect, he had taught her a lesson when he found out she was the reason Ke’er and their daughter were imprisoned. That was how the feud between Wen Yan and Duan Ling Tian started. Later on, Wen Yan’s senior brother, Bu Hong, tried to avenge her, but his Innate Spiritual Root was destroyed by Duan Ling Tian instead. Before their master could seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian, he had already left the Fire Worship Sect. Now that Duan Ling Tian returned, their

master was no longer capable of seeking revenge for them. This was because Duan Ling Tian was far stronger than their master.

Wen Yan began to tremble in fear when she saw Duan Ling Tian. “Duan...Duan Ling Tian!”

Duan Ling Tian was dressed in purple. He no longer wore the uniform of a Fire Worship Sect’s true disciple. For this reason, he stood out.

Wen Yan’s attention was not on his robes, but on his face. Although she had seen Duan Ling Tian’s portrait once, she did not forget his face. Now that she saw him in real life, it felt as though she had seen a ghost.

Since Duan Ling Tian has returned to the Fire Worship Sect after Lord Sect Leader asked for his return, he has been promoted to Guardian due to his superior strength. Apart from that, as soon as he returned to the sect, he defeated the Sanctum Leader of White Tiger Sanctum and the Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall who has recently broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He even killed Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin, and his son, Dong Lin! Wen Yan thought to herself.

Wen Yan had only found out about this today since she was in closed-door cultivation. She did not know that Duan Ling Tian was stuck in the trap that was left behind by three Eminent Devils. She did not expect the world would change so much after she came out of closed-door cultivation! Duan Ling Tian has grown so strong that his strength was far superior to her master, Lu Tie, the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum. It completely destroyed her idea of seeking revenge from Duan Ling Tian! After all, she no longer had the capabilities to compete with Duan Ling Tian. They were in different leagues now.

Wen Yan did not think she would be so unlucky to bump into Duan Ling Tian as soon as she came to the Saint Island. When she remembered how strong Duan Ling Tian was, her legs turned soft. She could not even move.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian finally noticed Wen Yan. “Wen Yan?”

Duan Ling Tian did not think he would meet the girl who reported Gan Ru Yan back then while he was out walking to clear his mind. When he thought of the part she played in getting Ke’er and their daughter imprisoned, his gaze turned cold immediately.

Wen Yan began to shiver when she saw this. Her face turned pale and she began to tremble violently.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed. Without any warning, Duan Ling Tian began to mobilize his Sun Saint Energy. A powerful energy swept out in just an instant.

Wen Yan stood rooted to her spot in fear. She was trembling as the energy shrouded her, causing her to throw up blood. Then, she quickly kneeled in the air and begged for mercy. “Guardian Ling Tian, please show mercy! Please show mercy...” She knew very well that it would not be a problem at all if Duan Ling Tian decided to kill her. No one would pursue the matter. She might be a true disciple in the Fire Worship Sect, but she was nothing compared to Duan Ling Tian who was a Guardian. Even a hundred of her could not compare to one Duan Ling Tian!



A hint of disgust flashed in Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he saw Wen Yan kowtowing and begging for mercy. However, in the end, he did not attack her. He only walked past Wen Yan who was still kneeling and begging. He left like a gust of wind.

At the same time, Wen Yan waited with bated breath. If Duan Ling Tian casually attacked her without using much strength, he would still be able to severely injure her even if he did not kill her. She waited until Duan Ling Tian was quite a distance away before she sighed in relief. Her robe was wet from sweat.

I will punish you by taking away your Innate Spiritual Root.' This was Duan Ling Tian's thought when he walked past Wen Yan.

As it turned out, before Duan Ling Tian left, he had cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic and devoured Wen Yan's Innate Spiritual Root. Once he had broken through to the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Heavenly Soul Form, he was able to devour Innate Spiritual Roots without Elder Huo's help. He was able to devour a person's Innate Spiritual Root without alerting him or her as long as his target was weaker than him.

Wen Yan was merely a cultivator at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. How could she compare to Duan Ling Tian who had broken through to the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?

With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, he could devour the Innate Spiritual Roots of anyone below the Fourth Form of the Celestial Stage, and they would be none the wiser. However, it would exhaust him. For instance, he had exhausted a little more than half of his Spiritual Energy after devouring Wen Yan's Innate Spiritual Root. However, if he had forcefully devoured Wen Yan's Innate Spiritual Root without caring if she knew it or not, it would not exhaust him at all.

Wen Yan was, naturally, unaware of this.

"Fortunately, he didn't do anything to me! I could have died!" Wen Yan sighed in relief after Duan Ling Tian had left. She felt as though she had narrowly escaped death. However, a hint of viciousness and resentment could be seen in her eyes. It was as though she wanted to tear Duan Ling Tian into a thousand pieces.

"The Saint Girl's daughter will be executed in three months' time?"

"That girl is quite pitiful. She's innocent but she has to pay with her life!"

"She can only blame herself for being born into the wrong family... Hopefully, she'll be born into a better family in her next life."

"Lord Sect Leader is strange though... The Saint Girl is the one who made a mistake. Why is he punishing her daughter instead?"

When Duan Ling Tian entered the Saint Island, he heard all these remarks.

"Born into the wrong family?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he muttered under his breath, "I won't let anything happen to you, Si Ling!"

In the northern region. At the peak of a snow-capped mountain...

Snow was falling heavily on the mountain. Two figures could be seen standing at the peak of the mountain. Upon closer inspection, one would be able to see that snow seemed to be repelled by the two figures. It did not touch them at all.

The two figures belonged to two extremely beautiful girls. When they stood together, they outshone everything in their surroundings.

“Sister Tian Wu, Brother Ling Tian is so powerful... He even managed to kill one of the Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, Golden Lion King Xie Kang Xun! Xie Kang Xun was at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was even ranked 18th on the Supreme Saint Ranking.” A playful expression could be seen on one of the girls’ faces. Her dimples were faintly visible when she smiled. She looked extremely cute. “I thought I’ll be able to surpass Brother Ling Tian after undergoing the Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation... However, it seems like it’s nothing but a fool’s dream,” the girl continued to say with a sigh.

The other girl who was dressed in red turned to look at the girl who had spoken and said, “Xue Nai, you’re so eager to surpass Brother Duan?”

“No!” Xue Nai shook her head as she said solemnly, “In my heart, Brother Ling Tian will always be the best... Even the successor of the Seven Absolutes Sect’s First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, can’t compare to him!”

Upon hearing that, the other girl was stunned. Then, the smile on her face grew wider.

“Sister Tian Wu, what are you laughing at?” Xue Nai asked with 汪 frown.

“It’s nothing... I’m just thinking that Brother Duan would be shocked if he learns about your strength and innate talent.” The other girl shook her head and changed the subject. There were things she could not say because she had made a promise.

Based on their words, it was clear these two girls were Han Xue Nai and Feng Tian Wu.

These two girls were the beauties in the northern region. Their smiles could dazzle a whole country.

### **2194 Successor of the Prophet Progeny**

A loud voice rang in the middle of the snow-capped mountain. It was filled with excitement.

A young man with a slightly sturdy figure flew from afar and arrived in front of two young men who looked identical. They were clearly twins.

The young man’s eyes were gleaming as he asked excitedly, “Nangong Chen, Nangong Yi, did you hear the rumors about Duan Ling Tian?” The young man with a sturdy figure did not wait for the twins to reply before he said, “Let me tell you this. Duan Ling Tian is my junior brother!” He became more and more excited as he spoke. It was as though he wanted everyone to know he was acquainted with Duan Ling Tian.

This young man with a sturdy figure was none other than Gu Li who came to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land with Duan Ling Tian back then! Moreover, he had joined the Fire Worship Sect with Duan Ling Tian. However, he had left the Fire Worship Sect later because of the Seven Absolutes

Sect's Third Absolute, the Kratos Progeny. He knew he was extremely lucky for being selected as the successor of the Third Absolute, the Kratos Progeny!

I thought I'll be able to surpass Junior Brother Ling Tian once I master the Seven Absolutes Sect's Third Absolute, the Kratos Progeny, and after going through the Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation. Who knew he would surpass me again.' This was Gu Li's first thought when he learned about Duan Ling Tian becoming a Guardian in the Fire Worship Sect and was ranked 18th on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Moreover, he was widely acknowledged as the number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Gu Li was, naturally, happy for Duan Ling Tian. In fact, he was so happy that he had instantly gone to see the Nangong twins, the successors of the Seven Absolutes Sect's Didymus Progeny, to tell them about Duan Ling Tian. He even tried to show off a little when he spoke to them. He wanted them to know that he was friends with Guardian Ling Tian who was currently widely acknowledged as the number one prodigy in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

You know Duan Ling Tian as well?" Nangong Yi asked.

Gu Li did not expect this response. He was stunned.

Gu Li had a confused expression on his face as he looked at Nangong Yi and Nangong Chen. He asked, "Both of you know Junior Brother Ling Tian as well?"

How could there be such a coincidence in this world?

"Of course!" Nangong Yi answered immediately. "Both of us knew Duan Ling Tian since our days in the Mortal Continent. In fact, we know his family and friends as well. However, I've never heard him speak about you..." Nangong Yi looked at Gu Li skeptically as he asked, "Gu Li, are you lying? I don't think I've heard Duan Ling Tian mention your name before..."

Gu Li was stunned when he heard Nangong Yi's words. When he recovered from his shock, his face turned red. How could Nangong Yi say he was lying? He was about to say something in return when...

Nangong Chen who rarely spoke suddenly said, "Liar..."

Gu Li was instantly enraged. He asked, "As the successor of the Seven Absolutes Sect's Third Absolute, the Kratos Progeny, is there a need for me to lie?"

"I'm not sure," Nangong Yi shook his head and said. He looked at Gu Li skeptically as though he thought Gu Li was lying. Nangong Chen nodded as well.

Gu Li was frustrated. He quickly tried to explain himself to prove he was not lying. He continued talking for a long time...

Suddenly, Nangong Yi said, "Okay, okay, I'll stop teasing you." He burst out laughing with tears in his eyes. It was obvious he had been trying to suppress his laughter all this while.

"Huh?" Gu Li was confused when he saw this.

“Gu Li, although we’ve never met prior to this, I’ve heard of you. I know you are from the Lower Province’s Mystical Sky Mansion. Moreover, you even stayed in the Azure Cloud Platform in the Azure Cloud Mansion,” Nangong Yi said with a smile, “However, when we arrived at the Azure Cloud Mansion, you left the Lower Province along with Duan Ling Tian. That’s why we didn’t meet until now.”

Back then, after Duan Ling Tian brought the Nangong twins and the others away from the Windfall Nation to the Azure Cloud Mansion, he had left the Azure Cloud Mansion for the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

“So you are the ones that Junior Brother Ling Tian brought back to the Azure Cloud Mansion before leaving to the Upper Province. I heard that Junior Brother Ling Tian brought some of his friends back to the Azure Cloud Mansion. I didn’t know that includes both of you.” Gu Li finally figured things out. After that, he glared at Nangong Yi. “Then why did you say you’ve never heard of me before?”

“I was just teasing you,” Nangong Yi said as he laughed.

Gu Li turned to look at Nangong Chen. “Nangong Chen, I didn’t think someone as serious you would also tease me!” ‘You’re too stupid,’ Nangong Chen said. As usual, he was stingy with his words.

However, these few words managed to cause all the blood to rush up to Gu Li’s head. “Nangong Chen, are you trying to pick a fight with me?”

“If you want to fight, let’s fight!” Nangong Chen did not back down. “In fact, we, the successors of the Didymus Progeny, were thinking about replacing the Kratos Progeny as the Seven Absolutes Sect’s Third Absolute.”

It was rare for Nangong Chen to speak so much. His words rendered Gu Li speechless. “Nangong Chen, how can you be so shameless? I want to fight you... What does it have to do with the Didymus Progeny?”

Gu Li, naturally, knew the underlying meaning of Nangong Chen’s words. Nangong Chen wanted Nangong Yi to fight with him. Two versus one. Any one of the Nangong twins was not a match for him in a one on one fight. However, if they joined forces, he was not a match for them.

“I think that’s a good idea. The Third Absolute sounds better than the Sixth Absolute.” Nangong Yi nodded solemnly.

“Despicable!” Gu Li said angrily. Perhaps, in the future, he might be able to fight against the Nangong twins at the same time. However, at this moment, he was too weak to do so. He was aware of his own strength. If he really lost the title of the Third Absolute, the predecessors of the Kratos Progeny would definitely roll in their graves.

After Gu Li’s departure, the Nangong Brother looked at each other and burst out laughing.

When they finally managed to stop laughing, Nangong Yi’s eyes were filled with longing. “After hearing all these stories about Duan Ling Tian, I can’t wait to leave the northern region and make a name for myself out there. Previously, I didn’t think half a year is long. However, it feels like a lifetime now. I wonder why Senior Uncle Prophet only allows us to leave after half a year. He said it’s to strengthen our

cultivation base, but why do I feel there's more to it? He's an old quack! Eh... Why do I feel so cold suddenly?"

Nangong Yi was surprised. It felt as though the temperature in his surroundings had dropped suddenly. Although he had been staying in the snow-capped mountain, he had not felt this kind of cold before. He looked at Nangong Chen to see if he also felt the cold when he saw Nangong Chen looking at him meaningfully before he looked behind him. In fact, Nangong Chen looked a little nervous. Nangong Yi instinctively turned to look behind him.

Nangong Yi's eyes widened when he saw a shapely figure in the distance. The figure belonged to a white-clad girl who looked like a goddess who had just descended from Heaven. Her bearing was extraordinary. She had long waist-length hair that cascaded down her back like a waterfall. Although her face was covered by a white veil, her beauty still shone through. As she stood in the distance, she emitted an icy aura that caused the temperature to drop.

"I hope this won't happen again," the white-clad girl said. As soon as she finished speaking, she vanished without a trace. After she left, the temperature returned to normal.

The Nangong twins sighed in relief.

They say that the Seven Absolutes Sect's Second Absolute, the Prophet Progeny, isn't good at combat, but why do I feel like the tradition is about to be broken?" Nangong Yi looked at Nangong Chen and said through Voice Transmission. He had a wry smile on his face.

"She's very strong. She is no weaker than the successor of the Blazing Phoenix Progeny." Nangong Chen replied solemnly through Voice Transmission.

Once again, Nangong Yi said through Voice Transmission, "She feels more dangerous than the successor of the Blazing Phoenix Progeny. However, that's probably because we know the successor of the Blazing Phoenix Progeny."

### **2195 The Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sec**

Today, a group of uninvited guests had arrived in the western region. As soon as they entered the western region, they headed straight for the Fire Worship Sect.

There were six people in this group of people. The person in the lead was an extremely old man. He wore a loose grey robe. His eyebrows and beard were white. His face was deeply wrinkled and there were dark spots all over it. Based on his appearance, if he was an ordinary old man, he would be close to death. However, this old man was currently flying at the speed of lightning. Moreover, apart from a red-clad girl and a white-clad young man, the old man was carrying the other three people in the group. He was amazingly fast!

The group of six people flew toward the Fire Worship Sect in an ostentatious manner and it did not take them long before they arrived at the Fire Worship Sect.

When they arrived at the Fire Worship Sect, the old man muttered, "Fire Worship Sect!" A hint of viciousness flashed in his eyes. After a while, he said in a clear voice, "Lang Qian Jin from the Black Kshetra Sect, the Sect Leader and two Vice Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect, the Violet Dragon King, and

the White Tiger King are here to see Guardian Ling Tian of the Fire Worship Sect!" Although his voice was not loud, it could be heard in the entire Fire Worship Sect.

"Lang Qian Jin? This name sounds familiar..." Inside the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, one of the Vermilion Bird Sanctum elders frowned as he tried to recall where he had heard the name before.

"Of course it sounds familiar! He said he brought the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect, the Violet Dragon King, and the White Tiger King with him... This means his status is higher than those three people. There's only one person in the Black Kshetra Sect with such a position!" Another Vermilion Bird Sanctum elder said. A hint of wariness could be seen in his eyes. "I didn't expect he would come here. He must have come with his men to avenge Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King." His voice trembled when he spoke.

"You mean... He's the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect?" The Vermilion Bird Sanctum elder who had spoken earlier was shocked. He seemed to have recalled something before he said, "I remember now! Isn't Lang Qian Jin ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking! He actually came with the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect, the Violet Dragon King, and the White Tiger King!" His expression had changed dramatically.

"A powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, two powerhouses at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, and a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... Aren't these people the strongest in the Black Kshetra Sect?"

"Originally, the Black Kshetra Sect had another two powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. They were the Golden Lion King and the Green Bat King. Both of them, along with the Violet Dragon King and White Tiger King, were the four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect... However, the Green Bat King died three years ago, and the Golden Lion King was killed by Guardian Ling Tian!"

"It looks like the Black Kshetra Sect is out for blood since they sent all of their powerhouses above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage here!"

"With so many powerhouses here, I'm afraid even Lord Sect Leader won't be able to protect Guardian Ling Tian..."

Apart from the elders in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum, the other three Sanctums were also in an uproar over the arrival of Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect.

Lang Qian Jin was not only the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, but he was also widely acknowledged as the second strongest person in the Dao Martial Saint Land. He was only second to Nie Tian Wu, the strongest powerhouse in the Dao Martial Saint Land!

It was obvious Lang Qian Jin had come with ill intention. It caused many elders and disciples in the Fire Worship Sect to feel anxious.

"Do you think Lord Sect Leader and the Guardians will fight the people from the Black Kshetra Sect?"

“A fight between these high-level people is no joke! Not only will it affect the Fire Worship Sect, but it’ll affect us as well!”

“You’re right. A fight between those people can destroy mountains and stir up the sea. We’ll definitely be affected even if we’re far away from the fight!”

“We can only hope that they don’t fight.”

“It’ll definitely result in a fight unless the Fire Worship Sect is willing to hand Guardian Ling Tian over. Since Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, has come, it shows they have no intention of backing down!”

“It’s only natural since Guardian Ling Tian killed the Golden Lion King, one of the Black Kshetra Sect’s Four Great Karmapas. The Golden Lion King was one of the pillars of strength in the Black Kshetra Sect... It would be fine if Guardian Ling Tian didn’t return to our sect. However, now that he has returned, the Black Kshetra Sect won’t let this matter go so easily!”

The people from Black Kshetra Sect had yet to enter the Fire Worship Sect but Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, had caused quite stir in the Fire Worship Sect with his words.

Based on this, one could see how fearsome Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, was.

They’re here to see me?” Duan Ling Tian who was in the Fire Worship Sect, naturally, heard this as well. A flash of coldness could be seen as he narrowed his eyes.

After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian heard a woman calling out to him, “Guardian Ling Tian, Lord Sect Leader says that he wants to see you.”

Duan Ling Tian was familiar with the owner of the voice. It was the only female Guardian among the five Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect, Hong Yun!

“Guardian Hong Yun.” As soon as Hong Yun finished speaking, he flew out of his residence. It was the same place he had stayed in back when he was still a true disciple.

The Fire Worship Sect was still in the process of building a residence befitting of a Guardian so Duan Ling Tian was temporarily staying in his old residence. It would take time to build a Guardian’s residence after all.

“Guardian Ling Tian, the group from Black Kshetra Sect came with ill intention... I’m afraid things will get tricky,” Hong Yun said as soon as she saw Duan Ling Tian.

“I know.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. It was obvious things would not end well since even Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking had come.

“Don’t worry. Lord Sect Leader has broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form. He’s not any weaker than Lang Qian Jin!” Guardian Hong Yun consoled him.

Duan Ling Tian nodded again and followed Guardian Hong Yun to see the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived, he discovered that Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, was not the only one present. The other three Guardians, Guardian Zi Feng, Guardian Qing Huo, and Guardian Leng Ying, were there as well.

“Sect Leader.” Duan Ling Tian greeted and nodded at Tang Xuan before he turned to the other Guardians and nodded at them politely.

The Guardians were now used to Duan Ling Tian’s casual manner so they did not take offense to his behavior. Moreover, they were in no position to care about formalities with the current predicament they were in.

“Guardian Ling Tian!” Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, looked at Duan Ling Tian and said without beating around the bush, “The four Guardians and I will go and meet the people from the Black Kshetra Sect... Do you want to join us? I’ll respect your decision whatever it is.”

“Since they’ve come knocking on our door, how can I hide from them?” Duan Ling Tian said with a shrug.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Guardian Zi Feng, Guardian Qing Huo, and Guardian Hong Yun looked at him with a hint of approval. Even Guardian Leng Ying who had a falling out with Duan Ling Tian previously softened his gaze. Duan Ling Tian’s decision had won their respect.

“If that’s your decision, let’s go and meet them now!” Tang Xuan said with a cold glint in his eyes.

Tang Xuan flew to where the people from the Black Kshetra Sect were. If he did not deal with this incident properly, not only would he humiliate himself, but even the Fire Worship Sect would be implicated.

“Let’s go!”

Duan Ling Tian and the others followed Tang Xuan to meet the people from Black Kshetra Sect.

Meanwhile, there were a few people who were eager to see the Fire Worship Sect fall into chaos.

I hope the people from the Black Kshetra Sect won’t back down. It would be best if Lang Qian Jin personally kills Duan

This is great news... Since Lang Qian Jin has personally come, he definitely won’t rest until he gets what he came here for. Guardian Ling Tian won’t stay a Guardian for long since he’s going to die soon!

Duan Ling Tian, go to hell!”

These people who were eager for chaos to descend on Fire Worship Sect were the two direct disciples of the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum, Bu Hong and Wen Yan. Apart from these two people, the others were people who had also had conflicts with Duan Ling Tian.

### **2196 Impossible!!!**

Duan Ling Tian and the other four Fire Worship Sect Guardians walked side by side behind Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect Leader. Soon after, they left the estate of the Fire Worship Sect.

Soon after, a few figures appeared before them. In the beginning, they were the size of dust, but as Duan Ling Tian and the others approached them, they began to grow bigger and bigger. There were six



people. A grey-clad old man stood in the lead. He looked extremely old as though he already had one foot in his coffin.

This must be Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect.' It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to figure out the old man's identity.

Lang Qian Jin studied the group of people from the Fire Worship Sect while Duan Ling Tian was studying him as well. Duan Ling Tian felt exposed when he felt Lang Qian Jin looked at him.

"You're Duan Ling Tian?" Duan Ling Tian heard a Voice Transmission. The voice sounded old and hoarse. This was the same voice that had spoken earlier. It was obvious Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, was the one who sent the Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian.

"Lang Qian Jin?" Duan Ling Tian only asked in response to Lang Qian Jin's Voice Transmission.

Lang Qian Jin scoffed loudly. "Duan Ling Tian, how courageous of you to kill the Golden Lion King of Black Kshetra Sect!" He sounded angry. It seemed like he was trying to intimidate Duan Ling Tian.

What a shame that Duan Ling Tian was not a coward. He was not someone who was easily intimidated.

"No matter how courageous I am, I'm nothing compared to how shameless you are. You dare to come here and bark at me when you've robbed me of two Super Saint Weapons?" Duan Ling Tian said mockingly through Voice Transmission. He remembered that Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, had announced that he had two of Duan Ling Tian's Super Saint Weapons when he had just exited the pseudo realm left by three Eminent Devils.

Duan Ling Tian did not know if he should laugh or be angry when he heard this news. He had not even met the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect before, how did the Supreme Elder rob him?

"You!" Lang Qian Jin's face that was pale was filled with rage and humiliation when he heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission. He glared at Duan Ling Tian viciously. If looks could kill, Duan Ling Tian would have died.

Lang Qian Jin had announced the two Super Saint Weapons were in his possession because he wanted to divert other people's attention away from it. He was afraid other people would go after Duan Ling Tian's Super Saint Weapons.

When Duan Ling Tian mocked Lang Qian Jin about this matter, he remembered he had become a laughingstock in the Dao Martial Saint Land for lying to everyone even though he was a cultivator at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He had felt extremely embarrassed by that incident. Now that Duan Ling Tian brought up that incident again, he felt as though Duan Ling Tian had touched his nerve. He became furious immediately.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and the others finally arrived before the people from the Black Kshetra Sect

"Elder Lang, how was your journey here? What an honor to have you here in the Fire Worship Sect!" Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, greeted Lang Qian Jin warmly with a smile.

Lang Qian Jin only scoffed in response to Tang Xuan's words. Then, he said bluntly, "Sect Leader Tang, I'm sure you're aware of the reason for my visit today. What we want is to kill the person who murdered the Golden Lion King of Black Kshetra Sect! I hope Sect Leader Tang will hand that person over to us." There was a hint of impatience in his tone.

Tang Xuan had interacted with the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect before. However, today, he realized the Supreme Elder was an impatient person. He and the other Guardians were surprised by this.

Duan Ling Tian was the only one who was not surprised by Lang Qian Jin's impatience. After all, he had provoked Lang Qian Jin, causing him to lose his temper and become impatient.

At this moment, there was nothing Lang Qian Jin wanted more than to kill Duan Ling Tian to avenge the Golden Lion King.

Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention away from Lang Qian Jin to the people standing behind him.

The purple-clad woman should be the Violet Dragon King, the leader of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze landed on the only women in the group. The woman wore a purple robe and her face was covered by a purple veil. However, the veil did nothing to detract from her beauty. The Violet Dragon King is at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. She's ranked ninth on the Supreme Saint Ranking after the powerhouse who was ranked ninth died in the pseudo realm that was left behind by the three Eminent Devils!

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention to the white-clad young man who was tall and strong. 'This man should be the other Great Karmapa, the White Tiger King! He's also at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and is ranked 11th on the Supreme Saint Ranking.'

Finally, Duan Ling Tian's attention shifted to an old man who was dressed entirely in black. He was so thin that it seemed as though he was only made out of skin and bones. 'This man must be the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect. He's at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He's far weaker compared to the others'

"Elder Lang!" Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, said, coldly, "Since you're so direct, I'll be honest with you. It's impossible for me to hand Guardian Ling Tian over to you!"

It was obvious Tang Xuan did not have any intention of handing Duan Ling Tian over to the Black Kshetra Sect. How could he hand Duan Ling Tian over to the Black Kshetra Sect? Not only did Duan Ling Tian possess the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, that would be extremely important when the Devil Clans invade the Upper Province, but he was still not sure of Duan Ling Tian's true identity. He did not dare to simply hand Duan Ling Tian over. He had his suspicion that Duan Ling Tian was the man from the Lower Province who had defiled the Saint Girl. He was still trying to confirm if Duan Ling Tian was, indeed, that man. If Duan Ling Tian was, indeed, that man, and he had handed him over to the Black Kshetra Sect, 'that person' would definitely vent his anger on him if he found out about it. If Duan Ling Tian had, indeed, defiled the Saint Girl, 'that person' would undoubtedly want to kill Duan Ling Tian with his own hands.

Although that person says the Saint Girl is the reincarnation of his cousin sister, there's a strange possessiveness in his eyes when he spoke about his 'cousin sister', Tang Xuan thought to himself. He could not help but tremble when he thought about this. For this reason, there was no way he would hand Duan Ling Tian over to the Black Kshetra Sect.

If Duan Ling Tian was not the man who defiled the Saint Girl, Tang Xuan would only lose the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, if he handed him over to the Black Kshetra Sect. However, if Duan Ling Tian turned out to be the man who defiled the Saint Girl, he and the Fire Worship Sect would be burned into ashes by 'that person'.

"It seems like it won't be long before that person returns to the mundane realm." Tang Xuan felt afraid when he thought about this. How fast time had flown by. In just a blink of an eye, the day of 'that person's return was fast approaching.

"Impossible?" Tang Xuan's answer that brooked no arguments caused Lang Qian Jin's expression to darken immediately. The expression of the people standing behind him darkened as well when they heard Tang Xuan's response.

"Tang Xuan! It seems like you're extremely confident now that you've broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!" Lang Qian Jin said icily.

### **2197 The Mighty Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect**

Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, had spoken so coldly that it sent chills running up everyone's spines.

"Previously, I could only use my movement Divine Ability to run away from you, Elder Lang, but today, I would like to have a battle with you to see how wide the gap is between our strength!" Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, replied at a neither hurried nor slow tone in response to Lang Qian Jin. Based on his words, it was clear he was unafraid of Lang Qian Jin.

Previously, when Tang Xuan's cultivation base was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he would have to flee whenever he fought with Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, since he was not a match for him. The movement Divine Ability that had been taught to him by 'that person', a God-like powerhouse, was so powerful that even a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could not catch up to him even though his cultivation base was only at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

In the past, Tang Xuan had relied on this movement Divine Ability to intimidate the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect. Due to this movement Divine Ability, these two sects did not dare to act carelessly at all. Without it, the Fire Worship Sect that did not have a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage previously would have been annihilated by the Black Kshetra Sect or the Heaven Divination Sect!

"You..." Tang Xuan's answer did not only surprise the two Karmapas, Sect Leader, and Vice Sect Leaders of Black Kshetra Sect, but it also surprised the Duan Ling Tian and the other four Guardians.

They did not expect the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect would directly say he wanted to fight with the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect as soon as he spoke. They thought Tang Xuan would be a little

tactful. Who knew he would be so domineering? None of them knew that he was so confident because of 'that person', a God-like powerhouse, whom he had encountered years ago.

Tang Xuan would not let any harm come to Duan Ling Tian before he could ascertain if he was the one who defiled the Saint Girl. If Duan Ling Tian was truly the man from the Lower Province who had defiled the Saint Girl, and Tang Xuan had let him die, 'that God-like person' would be furious for not being able to kill Duan Ling Tian with his own hands.

Based on the strength of 'that God-like person, not only Tang Xuan, but the entire Fire Worship Sect would suffer from his wrath.

For this reason, Tang Xuan was unyielding when faced with Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, who wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian. He did not think twice about fighting Lang Qian Jin at all. Even when his cultivation base was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he was not afraid of Lang Qian Jin at all. Why would he be afraid of Lang Qian Jin now that he had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? In fact, since he has broken through, he had been eager to have a battle with Lang Qian Jin.

Previously, Tang Xuan could only flee every time he encountered Lang Qian Jin, causing him to feel discontented. Now, he finally possessed the strength to fight Lang Qian Jin! Naturally, if it was not because of 'that God-like powerhouse', he would not have acted so domineeringly even if he wanted to have a battle with Lang Qian Jin. He had only acted so forcefully because of his fear of 'that God-like powerhouse'.

Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian is the illegitimate child of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect?' This thought appeared in the minds of many people from the Black Kshetra Sect. They had no idea why Tang Xuan would act in such a way if this was not the case. Why would Tang Xuan protect Duan Ling Tian to this extent if he was not Duan Ling Tian's father? The Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, was indeed valuable. However, it was not so precious to the extent that he would ruin the diplomatic relationship between the two sects, right?

The people from the Black Kshetra Sect were not the only ones who had such thoughts, but even the four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect found Tang Xuan's action strange as well. However, they knew Duan Ling Tian had no blood relations with the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect!

Isn't the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect a little too protective of me? It feels a little too much...' Even Duan Ling Tian was slightly confused by how willing Tang Xuan was to protect him. Why was Tang Xuan so willing to disregard the diplomatic relationship with the Black Kshetra Sect and risk his life to fight the second strongest person in the Dao Martial Saint Land, Lang Qian Jin, for his sake?

"Good! Good!" Lang Qian Jin said through gritted teeth. It was obvious that he was extremely furious.

Despite how eager Tang Xuan was to have an all-out battle with Lang Qian Jin, it was impossible for Lang Qian Jin to do that. It would not be a problem if it was the former Tang Xuan. However, Tang Xuan had already broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Tang Xuan might not be as strong as him, but the gap between their strength could not be that wide. Moreover, Tang Xuan had also mastered the mysterious movement Divine Ability that caused him to be undefeatable. There was no

benefit to him battling Tang Xuan. For this reason, he did not wish to fight with Tang Xuan unless it was absolutely necessary.

Lang Qian Jin took a deep breath to suppress his anger before he said in a deep voice, "Tang Xuan! I know you place great importance on the Deviseal Tablet that Duan Ling Tian possesses, and I know he might have hidden the Deviseal Tablet... However, if you're willing to hand him over, I, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, will swear on the lightning penalty oath that no matter who obtains the Deviseal Tablet in the future, I will snatch it back and return it to you."

Based on Lang Qian Jin's words, it was obvious he thought Tang Xuan was protecting Duan Ling Tian because of the Super Saint Weapon, the Deviseal Tablet. He did not care about the Deviseal Tablet at all! He was even willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath that he would snatch back and return the Deviseal Tablet to Tang Xuan. He only wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian! He had said all this to take a step back and leave a way out for himself.

Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, is taking a step back?' Duan Ling Tian was bewildered. He thought Lang Qian Jin would be so furious that a fight would erupt between him and Tang Xuan. He did not expect Lang Qian Jin would compromise. However, after giving it some thought, he began to understand what was going on.

If the powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage fought, it would be earth-shattering. Coupled with the fact that Tang Xuan had mastered a mysterious Divine Ability that was known as the number one movement Divine Ability in the Dao Martial Saint Land, it would not be beneficial for Lang Qian Jin to fight with Tang Xuan.

Most people understood Lang Qian Jin's actions, but they could help but feel surprised.

As soon as Lang Qian Jin finished speaking, everyone turned to look at Tang Xuan to see how he would respond. Lang Qian Jin was willing to compromise. Would Tang Xuan compromise as well?

Even Duan Ling Tian was uncertain if Tang Xuan would compromise or not. If he was in Tang Xuan's shoes, he would definitely choose to compromise.

However, Tang Xuan's response shocked everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, to the core.

"Even if Duan Ling Tian doesn't have the Deviseal Tablet, I still wouldn't hand him over to you!" Tang Xuan said resolutely with no room for discussions.

The entire place fell silent immediately.

Duan Ling Tian had a baffled expression on his face when he looked at Tang Xuan. Moreover, he seemed touched by Tang Xuan's words. "Sect Leader..." He did not expect Tang Xuan would go to such a distance for him. Even a cold-hearted person would be moved by Tang Xuan's action, let alone Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of the thoughts in Tang Xuan's mind. If he knew what was going on, he would have been worried since Tang Xuan was beginning to suspect him of being the man from the Lower Province who had defiled the Saint Girl.

When Lang Qian Jin regained his senses, he roared in anger. “Tang Xuan!” His voice sounded like an explosion, causing the air to stir. His voice that contained Saint Origin spread and enveloped the Fire Worship Sect. The first place that was affected was the White Tiger Sanctum since it was the closest.

“Tang Xuan!”

“Tang Xuan!”

Lang Qian Jin’s roar echoed in the White Tiger Sanctum and the Fire Worship Sect.

The Saint Origin in his voice injured the eardrums of many disciples with a weak cultivation base in the White Tiger Sanctum. Blood began to flow out of their seven orifices. Some of them even fainted.

“What’s going on? Isn’t that Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect?”

“He seems very angry... Don’t tell me he’s going to fight with Lord Sect Leader?”

“My goodness! This person is a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, right? He’s ranked second on the Supreme Saint Rankings! With just his voice, he managed to injure so many disciples in our White Tiger Sanctum!”

“This is too terrifying!”

Chaos descended in the White Tiger Sanctum.

As for the other places, although they did not suffer as badly as the people in the White Tiger Sanctum did, most people still felt chills running up their spines when they heard Lang Qian Jin’s angry roar.

The Liu brothers were together. When they heard the roar, they could not help but feel worried about Duan Ling Tian. “Junior Brother Ling Tian....”

Wen Yan was in her residence when she heard the roar. She had a fierce expression on her face and her hands were clenched tightly as she muttered to herself, “Yes! Supreme Elder of the Black Kshetra Sect, you must kill that Duan Ling Tian!”

Meanwhile, Bu Hong who was staying with the Sanctum Leader of Azure Dragon Sanctum had a delighted expression on his face. It was as though he could envision Duan Ling Tian being killed. “Duan Ling Tian, you won’t be able to escape this time!”

Outside the Fire Worship Sect’s estate.

Don’t tell me Duan Ling Tian is really the illegitimate child of the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect?’ The few people from Black Kshetra Sect standing behind Lang Qian Jin could not help but think about this again.

### **2198 The Battle Between Two Powerhouse At the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage**

Even the four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect had a hint of bewilderment in their eyes when they looked at Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. They felt that he was acting a little unusual.

Is Sect Leader unwilling to hand over Guardian Ling Tian because of his innate talent?' This thought appeared in the four Guardians' minds. After all, Duan Ling Tian's achievements were completely unprecedented at his age. However, they dismissed this thought soon after. This was because all of them thought Duan Ling Tian had grown so strong all thanks to the trap left behind by the three Eminent Devils. They did not think it was because of his innate ability. They all thought the trap was also a treasure vault even though it had killed many people. Only those who managed to survive would be able to obtain the treasure in it. Duan Ling Tian might be at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage now, but they thought it would be difficult for him to raise his cultivation base since his innate talent was only average. They remembered the color of his Innate Spiritual Root when he was tested in the Fire Worship Sect a few years ago. The Guardians were still thinking about the reasons why the sect leader would behave in such a way when...

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the air, causing the ground to quake. Wind blew violently from where Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, was standing. Almost everyone was sent flying by the explosion. The few powerhouses at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage looked extremely wretched as they were sent flying back.

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian managed to avoid looking as wretched as the others even though he was sent flying back as well. He had activated his Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, and the Black Turtle's Barrier, to raise his Sun Saint Origin and to protect himself.

Lang Qian Jin must not be able to hold himself back anymore...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after he found his footing. He was slightly alarmed. It was obvious that Lang Qian Jin could no longer suppress his anger and was about to attack.

"TangXuan, since you want a fight... I'll fulfill your wish!" Lang Qian Jin roared as he vanished. He had moved so fast that his afterimage could be seen on the spot where he was last standing.

Bang!

Before Duan Ling Tian could react, he heard another earth-shattering explosion. He knew Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin had already started fighting.

This time, the explosion resulted in an even greater shockwave. The air began to stir violently at the spot where Tang Xuan was standing before it turned into a flurry of hurricanes.

Although everyone was prepared for the backlash this time around, they were still forced to retreat one after another.

The two Vice Sect Leaders from Black Kshetra Sect whose cultivation bases were only at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were sent flying back even though they had tried to brace themselves from the shockwave. Both of them threw up a mouthful of blood as they were sent flying back. It was obvious that they were grievously injured.

The shockwave was far greater than the one before. It spread out tyrannically toward the White Tiger Sanctum, one of the Four Symbols Sanctums in Fire Worship Sect, since it was closest to the where the battle was taking place. Although the force from the shockwave was no longer as strong when it

spread to the White Tiger Sanctum, it still managed to kill many disciples from the White Tiger Sanctums with a weak cultivation base. They did not even have a chance to react.

On the other hand, the disciples from White Tiger Sanctum with a higher cultivation base managed to escape death, but they were still severely injured. Many of them were throwing up blood, causing the ground in the White Tiger Sanctum to turn red.

It was as though hell had descended on the White Tiger Sanctum at this moment.

“Lord Sect Leader and the Supreme Elder of the Black Kshetra Sect have begun to fight?”

“Just the shockwave from a fight between two powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage managed to kill so many disciples from the White Tiger Sanctum... How terrifying!”

In the corners of the White Tiger Sanctum, many White Tiger Sanctum elders sighed as they spoke among themselves. They were all worried.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Fire Worship Sect also knew that Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, and Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, had begun to fight.

“What’s so great about Duan Ling Tian that Lord Sect Leader is willing to go to such an extent for him?”

Wen Yan and her senior brother, Bu Hong, had a sullen expression on their faces when they discovered Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin had begun to fight.

Both of them did not expect that Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, and Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, would behave so recklessly since they were powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Both of them stood at the peak in the Dao Martial Saint Land. After all, a fight at their level could easily result in their deaths.

It was only natural for humans to be afraid of death, and this was even more true for powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! The Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was also known as the Celestial Ascension Form. If they managed to survive the Heaven Tribulation, they would be able to ascend to a higher realm. However, if they died before they could ascend, all of their efforts would be wasted. For this reason, it was extremely rare for powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to fight among themselves unless they had enmity with the other person.

For this reason, Wen Yan and Bu Hong were not only furious, but they were confused by Tang Xuan’s actions as well. They could not figure out why Tang Xuan would protect Duan Ling Tian to this extent.

Lord Sect Leader has made his move?”

“It seems like Senior Brother Ling Tian will survive this disaster!”

The Liu Brothers, Liu Yun and Liu Mu, sighed in relief when they discovered the Sect Leader of their Fire Worship Sect had made his move.

Meanwhile, the remaining people from the Fire Worship Sect were also shocked by Tang Xuan’s actions.

Outside the Fire Worship Sect.



At this moment, Tang Xuan seemed to have realized the shockwave from his fight had killed many disciples from the White Tiger Sanctum disciples. With just a flash, he vanished before everyone's eyes. He had moved so quickly that he left behind an afterimage.

Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, snorted before he also vanished before everyone's eyes.

"It seems like Sect Leader intentionally lured Lang Qian Jin..." It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to figure out Tang Xuan's intention.

Bang!

Another deafening explosion rang in the air.

Duan Ling Tian clearly saw a mushroom cloud several kilometers away from where he was standing.

It was obvious that Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin had just exchanged another blow.

"They actually traveled so far away in such a short time?"

A commotion broke out again as the force from the shockwave swept out toward Duan Ling Tian and the others. However, due to the distance, the force was much weaker now. Even the two Vice Sect Leaders of Black Kshetra Sect were not affected by it.

However, the same could not be said for the White Tiger Sanctum. Although the force from this shockwave was weaker than the one before, it still injured many disciples from the White Tiger Sanctum. Many elders and disciples in the White Tiger Sanctum trembled in fear when they saw this.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

When the five Guardians of Fire Worship Sect and the people from Black Kshetra Sect saw Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin moving further and further away from the Fire Worship Sect, they quickly followed them once they regained their senses.

However, the commotion from the fight sounded weaker and weaker as they tried to catch up to Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin. Based on this, they could tell Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin were getting further away from them. They could not catch up to both of them at all.

In the end, the commotion died down entirely. The group of people had lost track of Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin.

This is the speed of a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?' Duan Ling Tian had a gloomy expression on his face when he discovered how terrifyingly fast a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was.

When he regained his senses, he quickly expressed his gratitude to Elder Huo. "Thank you, Elder Huo!" If it was not for Elder Huo's warning, he would not have been able to escape the destructive force from Tang Xuan and Lang Qian Jin's fight. He did not end up in a wretched state like the others since he was able to prepare himself.

“Elder Huo?” Duan Ling Tian called out. He found it a little strange since Elder Huo did not reply to him. Elder Huo had always been very prompt with his replies in the past. However, he was soon distracted by three piercing gazes.

The two great Karmapas and Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect were glaring at Duan Ling Tian at this moment.

Inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Elder Huo had a horrified expression on his face as he stared at a huge figure that had appeared out of thin air. He asked, “W-Who are you?”

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Naturally, Elder Huo who was in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. However, he did not reply since he had discovered the existence of the huge figure in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Duan Ling Tian seemed unaware that an intruder had entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

“W-Who are you?!” Elder Huo’s eyes had widened as though he had just seen a ghost when he saw the huge figure that had appeared out of thin air.

The huge figure belonged to a young man who was dressed in a long blood-red robe. He was tall. He had dashing brows and bright eyes. His handsome face was so pale that it seemed as though it was devoid of blood. There was a red sword-shaped mark in between his brows. It emitted a powerful and destructive aura. As the red-clad young man stood there, blood-red sword images revolved around him erratically. Similar to the red sword-shaped mark, it emitted a powerful and destructive aura. It made him look like a Sword God who had just walked out of the Nine Serenities Hell.

The red-clad young man stood motionlessly in his spot. He did not make a move, but his aura alone was enough to pressure Elder Huo.

Currently, Elder Huo’s strength had been restored to the stage of a Celestial. He was even stronger than an Eminent Celestial who had survived the Heaven Tribulation. However, when faced with the red-clad young man, fear began to rise in his heart. He was about to cave under the pressure the red-clad young man emitted when...

“If I’m not mistaken... This is the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda from the Jade Emperor Heaven, right?” The red-clad young man finally said at a neither hurried nor slow speed.

Jade Emperor Heaven?

Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda?

Elder Huo’s eyes widened in horror when he heard the red-clad young man’s words. He began to feel uneasy.

Who was this red-clad young man? Not only did he recognize the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, but he even knew the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda came from one of the Devata realms, the Jade Emperor Heaven!

Among the countless mundane realms, there were 81 Devata realms similar to the Jade Emperor Heaven! However, the red-clad young man could tell which Devata realm the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda came from! How could Elder Huo not feel shocked?

H-He must be a powerhouse from a Devata realm! Elder Huo could faintly guess the red-clad young man's origin. He was either from the Jade Emperor Heaven or another Devata realm since he knew about the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Although the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda could be considered as a top Celestial Supreme Treasure, it was not the most powerful Celestial Supreme Treasures in the Jade Emperor Heaven. It might be extraordinary in the Jade Emperor Heaven, but it was not the case in the other Devata realms. For this reason, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was famous in the Jade Emperor Heaven, but it was not the case in the other Devata realms.

Elder Huo was still in shock when the red-clad young man began to list the treasures contained in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. "It's said that the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda has a treasure in each of the seven levels of the pagoda. The first level has the Three-legged Golden Crow, the second level has the Jasper Celestial Sword, the third level has the Astonishing God Halberd, the fourth level has the Universe Ruler, the fifth level has the..."

After the red-clad young man finished listing out the treasures in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he asked, "If I'm not mistaken, you're the Three-legged Crow that lives in the pagoda, right?"

Although no emotions could be seen in the red-clad young man's eyes, Elder Huo still felt extremely pressured when the red-clad young man looked at him.

Elder Huo took a deep breath and mustered all his courage before he replied, "Yes, Lord." A hint of reverence and fear could be heard in his voice. He knew the red-clad young man was strong. The red-clad young man was even stronger than him at his peak. He could faintly feel the oppressive aura the red-clad young man emitted.

This aura seems familiar... However, it's much more powerful than the aura I encountered previously! Elder Huo thought to himself as he tried to place where he had felt this aura before. When realization dawned on him, his eyes widened in shock and horror when he looked at the red-clad young man.

Elder Huo said in a trembling voice, "L-Lord, y-you're a Devata Ar..."

The red-clad young man interrupted Elder Huo. "It seems like you've figured out who I am." A hint of surprise could be heard in his voice. It was obvious he did not think Elder Huo would be able to guess his identity so quickly.

"That's right. I'm the soul of a Devata Artifact!" The red-clad young man said bluntly.

Soul of a Devata Artifact!

Although Elder Huo had already guessed the identity of the red-clad young man, he still trembled in fear when he heard the red-clad young man confirming his guess. The confusion in his heart vanished

immediately. Initially, he was still puzzled by how the red-clad young man had entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda without its owner's permission. How did the red-clad young man enter without alerting its owner? Why did the red-clad young man's aura feel so oppressive? He finally understood. The red-clad young man was the soul of a Devata Artifact. He was stronger than the extraneous souls of Celestial Supreme Treasures! This was why Elder Huo, who was an extraneous soul of a Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, feared and was overpowered by the red-clad young man.

It was easy for the red-clad young man to enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda since he was the natural soul of a Devata Artifact. Let alone entering the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda without alerting its owner, it would be easy for him to remove the ownership claim on the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda if he wanted to.

A Devata Artifact was a powerful existence among all Celestial Supreme Treasures in the Devata realms. It was stronger than any Celestial Supreme Treasure!

There's only one Devata Artifact in the Jade Emperor Heaven, and it's in the possession of Gautama Buddha... Previously, when Monkey Sun wrecked the Heavenly Palace, Gautama Buddha had relied on the power of a Devata Artifact to defeat him! Elder Huo knew about this incident very well.

Monkey Sun possessed peerless strength in the Jade Emperor Heaven. The Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Auspicious Golden Hoop Staff, in his possession was also one of the most powerful Celestial Supreme Treasures in the Jade Emperor Heaven! With his strength and Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Auspicious Golden Hoop Staff, he could have done as he pleased in the Jade Emperor Heaven if Gautama Buddha did not intervene.

The Devata Artifact in Gautama Buddha's possession is called the 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark. The soul of the 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark was looking for Ran Deng, the first owner of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, on Gautama Buddha's order. Coincidentally, I'm in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda at that time. That's why the red-clad young man's aura feels familiar. However, this red-clad man's aura is several times stronger than the soul of the 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark. This means the red-clad young man is the soul of a Devata Artifact that's even more powerful than 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark! Fear rose in Elder Huo's heart when he thought about this.

After all, Elder Huo was no match for the natural soul of the 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark even when he was at the peak of his strength. How could he be a match for the natural soul of a Devata Artifact that was much more powerful than the 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark?

"L-Lord, h-how should I address you?" Elder Huo asked respectfully as he trembled in fear. He tried to slow his breathing. He knew that the natural souls of Devata Artifacts from Devata realms had their own names since they were sentient and could take the forms of humans.

For example, the name of the soul of the 10,000 Gods Celestial Imprisoning Mark that was in Gautama Buddha's possession was famous in the Jade Emperor Heaven and the other Devata Realms.

The red-clad young man raised his head arrogantly as he said in a nonchalant manner, "Kuang Ling!"

Kuang Ling... Kuang Ling... Kuang Ling? The Sword Soul, Kuang Ling?' Elder Huo thought to himself for a moment before he froze. Then, his expression changed to one of disbelief and bewilderment.

Sword Soul Kuang Ling!

Elder Huo had thought the name sounded familiar. As he thought deeper about it, he suddenly recalled the name.

Sword Soul Kuang Ling? Isn't that the name of the natural soul of the Devata Artifact in the Solitary Destructive Heaven? That Devata Artifact is called the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword. It's the strongest sword-type Devata Artifact in all Devata realms!

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Devata Artifacts had souls. The souls were called artifact souls. Since they were born from Devata Artifacts, they were called natural souls as well.

As for Celestial Weapons and Celestial Supreme Treasures, they did not possess souls. It could only seal living beings who would then become 'souls' of the weapons or treasures.

For example, Elder Huo was sealed in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. That was how he became the pagoda soul of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He was known as what was called an extraneous artifact soul.

Although an extraneous artifact soul was not born naturally from a Celestial Weapon or Treasure, it would not be able to leave until the owner of the weapon or treasure removed the connection between the soul and the weapon or treasure it was bound to.

On the other hand, natural souls were able to come and go freely. They could leave the artifact they were born from and roam around the world unfettered.

Devata Artifacts and Celestial Weapons or Celestial Supreme Treasures might seem similar, but they were in completely different leagues. The former was far stronger than the latter.

This could be seen from how Elder Huo, the pagoda soul of the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, instinctively feared Sword Soul Kuang Ling of the artifact, the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword.

Elder Huo gasped when he figured out who Sword Soul Kuang Ling was. The dread and fear in his eyes intensified when he looked at Kuang Ling again. "Y-You're Lord Kuang Ling from the Solitary Destructive Heaven?"

"It seems like you've heard of me," the red-clad young man, who was also the sword soul of the Devata Artifact, the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, said calmly.

"You're the soul of the number one divine sword in every Devata realm, how can I possibly not know who you are?" Elder Huo smiled wryly.

Was there anyone in the Devata realms who had not heard of the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, the number one divine sword?

"The number one divine sword in the Devata Realms?" Kuang Ling narrowed his eyes when he heard Elder Huo's words. He shook his head as he said, "It seems like you've left the Devata realm for quite a while now. Many years ago, I fought with the soul of the Yuan Huang Xuanyuan Sword, and our fight ended in a draw. Ever since then, there's no longer a number one divine sword in the Devata realms! There are only two great divine swords in the Devata realms!" A hint of emotion could be heard in Kuang Ling's voice when he spoke. He was originally the number one divine sword in the Devata realms, but another divine sword had caught up to him. Moreover, the other party's potential was far greater than his. If he did not get stronger, the other party would eventually surpass him.

"The Yuan Huang Xuanyuan Sword?" Elder Huo was shocked when he heard Kuang Ling's words. Was it the Yuan Huang Xuanyuan Sword that Gongsun Xuan from the Jade Emperor Heaven possessed? From what he knew, the Xuanyuan Sword was only a Celestial Weapon. How could it become a Divine Artifact?

"If I'm not mistaken, Gongsun Xuanyuan and the Yuan Huang Xuanyuan Sword he possesses are also from the Jade Emperor Heaven!" Kuang Ling said.

"Yes." Elder Huo nodded quickly when he regained his senses. He felt overwhelmed when Kuang Ling confirmed the Yuan Huang Xuanyuan Sword he had spoken about was the same Xuanyuan Sword that he knew!

Elder Huo did not expect something so shocking would transpire after he left the Devata realm. Not only did the top Celestial Weapon, the Xuanyuan Sword that Gongsun Xuanyuan possessed, would transform into a Devata Artifact, but it was evenly matched with the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, the number one divine sword in the Devata realms. It was even known as one of the two great divine swords in the Devata realms.

"You must be curious about why I came to this small mundane realm, right?" Kuang Ling suddenly asked.

Elder Huo nodded. Indeed, he was extremely curious about this.

The strength of the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, the former number one divine sword in the Devata Realm, was not affected how powerful the Yuan Huang Xuanyuan Sword was. Kuang Ling, the sword soul of the Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, and its owner were famous throughout the Devata realms. Although Elder Huo was not surprised that a powerhouse at Kuang Ling's level could appear in a mundane realm, he was curious about why such a powerhouse would appear in such a small mundane realm. For someone like Kuang Ling, the sword soul of this Solitary Destructive Flaming Heavenly Sword, it would be easy to rip through space and move between the Devata realms and the mundane realm.

"I came here because of the current owner of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda," Kuang Ling replied.

Elder Huo could not help but gasp when he heard Kuang Ling's words. He instinctively extended his Divine Consciousness to a purple-clad young man.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of what was happening in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. At this moment, he and the other four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect were standing opposite the people from Black Kshetra Sect.

The two great Karmapas and people from Black Kshetra were glaring at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent.

The atmosphere turned tense immediately. The tension between the people from Fire Worship Sect and Black Kshetra Sect felt palpable. It was as though a fight would break out at any time.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistling in the air reverberated in the air as two figures flew out from the Fire Worship Sect and stood behind Duan Ling Tian and the other four Guardians.

"Guardians, we're here to help!" The two figures belonged to the two Vice Sect Leaders of Fire Worship Sect. As soon as they finished speaking, they turned to look at the two Vice Sect Leaders of Black Kshetra Sect.

The two great Karmapas and Sect Leader of the Black Kshetra Sect remained calm even when the two Vice Sect Leaders of Fire Worship Sect appeared. They did not care about the Vice Sect Leaders of Fire Worship Sect at all since their presence would not affect the outcome of a fight between powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The other two Vice Sect Leaders of Black Kshetra Sect, on the other hand, sighed in relief. If the two Vice Sect Leaders of Fire Worship Sect did not appear, they would have to fight the five Guardians of Fire Worship Sect who were at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Just the thought of fighting the Guardians sent chills running up their spines.

Duan Ling Tian remained calm even though it seemed like a fight might break out. It seemed as though he would remain calm even if a mountain were to collapse in front of him. He had walked out ostentatiously even when Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of the Black Kshetra Sect, was here. Why would he be flustered by these people?

Since Duan Ling Tian had come here, he was also prepared for the worst-case scenario if Tang Xuan decided to hand him over to the people from Black Kshetra Sect. He had come up with a plan that revolved around the greed of Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect.

Based on the fake announcement Lang Qian Jin had made previously, it was obvious he was highly interested in Super Saint Weapons. Duan Ling Tian knew Lang Qian Jin's interest did not lie with the Devilseal Tablet based on the promise he had made to Tang Xuan earlier. He was clearly interested in the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword.

Compared to the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, that could only kill specific opponents, most people, like Lang Qian Jin, would, naturally, choose the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword, that did not discriminate between its opponents.

'If Tang Xuan decided to hand me over, I would use Lang Qian Jin's greed to lure him into the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda! At that time, Elder Huo would be able to kill him. As long as he's dead, there's no need for me to fear the Black Kshetra Sect!' This was Duan Ling Tian's plan when he found out Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, had come looking for him. He believed Lang Qian Jin would be eventually lured into the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda even if he had his doubts due to his greed! He would not be able to resist the temptation of the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda! Even if Lang Qian Jin was extremely wary and did not dare to recklessly enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he would be unwilling to kill Duan Ling Tian immediately.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian had fearlessly walked out of the Fire Worship Sect with Tang Xuan and the four Guardians to meet the people from the Black Kshetra Sect. He was a little guarded when Lang Qian Jin was here. However, now that Lang Qian Jin was gone, he was not afraid even if he had to face all the powerhouses from the Black Kshetra Sect alone.

"Guardian Zi Feng, Guardian Qing Huo, Guardian Hong Yun, Guardian Leng Ying." At this moment, the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect looked at the four great Guardians of Fire Worship Sect as his eyes gleamed maliciously. He ignored Duan Ling Tian completely. "I hope four of you won't intervene in the matter between the Black Kshetra Sect and Duan Ling Tian today! Otherwise, I won't be able to guarantee your safety!" The Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect spoke confidently as though he was certain of his victory.

Leng Ying threw his head back and laughed when he heard the words of the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He wondered where the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect got his confidence from.

The others were surprised as well.

Was the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect so certain of his victory?

Although there were two powerhouses at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage Eighth from the Black Kshetra Sect who were much stronger than Guardian Zi Feng from the Fire Worship Sect, the Fire Worship Sect still had Guardian Ling Tian after all!