

SOVEREIGN 2301

Chapter 2301 Five Fingers Prison!

When Duan Ling Tian moved, apart from using the movement Divine Ability, the Golden Crow's Wings, he also used his movement martial tactic. Even then, his speed was not much faster than Yuwen Hao Chen's speed.

Yuwen Hao Chen's speed was almost as fast as Duan Ling Tian. This was due to his mastery of the body movement Divine Ability which was also an extraordinary Divine Ability. Moreover, his movement martial tactic was a level higher than Duan Ling Tian's movement martial tactic.

His speed is really fast!' Yuwen Hao Chen thought to himself as he chased after Duan Ling Tian, surprised by Duan Ling Tian's speed. Let alone the Human-Devil clan, even if it was among the Devil Clans, although he did not dare to proclaim he was the fastest, not many powerhouses who were not Eminent Celestials were a match for his speed. However, today he met someone who could match his speed. Not to mention that person was supposedly just an ordinary human.

"Halt!" After chasing Duan Ling Tian for a while, Yuwen Hao Chen discovered it would be difficult for him to catch up to Duan Ling Tian. He quickly raised his hand and his fingers grew claws as he reached out to grab Duan Ling Tian. Suddenly, five rays of light that were filled with Saint Origin shot out from his fingers like five meteors flying through the sky!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The five rays of light shot through the sky at great speed. Their speed was two times faster than Yuwen Hao Chen and Duan Ling Tian's speed. Within a few seconds, these five rays of light were already fast approaching Duan Ling Tian...

As the lights filled with Saint Origin drew even closer to Duan Ling Tian, each ray of light grew bigger as though they were turning into pillars that held up the sky. In just a flash, the five rays of light turned into a dozen or so pillars of lights. It did not take long before the pillars of lights numbered in the hundreds.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The hundreds of pillars of lights that were filled with Saint Origin flew in the sky. Its speed was so fast that it seemed as though it would cause the earth to split and the sky to fall.

What's this technique?' Duan Ling Tian who had extended his Divine Consciousness had detected the hundreds of pillars of lights that were fast approaching him from behind.

At this moment, these pillars arrived above Duan Ling Tian and began to form a huge cage to trap him! He did not even have time to react to this!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian was seemingly trapped in this huge prison, people began to exclaim in surprise one after another. It was clear they recognized this technique.

"Five Fingers Prison!"

From the discussions of the people in his surroundings, Duan Ling Tian learned that this technique was Yuwen Hao Chen's assist-type Divine Ability, the Five Fingers Prison. Originally, this assist-type Divine Ability powerful. If someone else were to cast this Divine Ability, it would be easily deflected by someone with similar strength.

However, after Yuwen Hao Chen had mastered this assist-type Divine Ability, he made many improvements on it and even incorporated the offensive Divine Ability that he had mastered, the Hands of Universe, into it. For this reason, when he cast this assist-type Divine Ability, the Five Fingers Prison, even if his opponent was evenly-matched with him, it would still require quite some effort for his opponent to break free.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian took a look at the 'prison' that he was trapped in. After determining that he would not be able to break out with his brute strength, he immediately used his swordplay technique from the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword.

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The sword qi flew unhindered and cut through the sky, making its way to the cage. However, after a few rounds of attacks, Duan Ling Tian discovered it would definitely be able to break out if he did not exert more effort.

While Duan Ling Tian was still struggling with breaking out, Yuwen Hao Chen was gaining ground and was already very close to him.

Yuwen Hao Chen easily moved and entered the 'prison'. The cage seemed invisible to him since he was the one who had cast the technique. He said coldly as he entered the 'prison', "Duan Ling Tian, you can never run away from my Five Fingers Prison!"

"Run away?" When Duan Ling Tian heard Yuwen Hao Chen's words, he narrowed his eyes. He said lightly, "Palace Master Yuwen, you think too highly of yourself. I, Duan Ling Tian, don't need to run away from you!" He had only run away from Yuwen Hao Chen earlier because he was preparing to attack Yuwen Hao Chen in his best state. After all, compared to Yuwen Hao Chen, he still needed more time for preparation.

Although that might be the case, Duan Ling Tian was still confident he would be able to deal with Yuwen Hao Chen even if he was not fully prepared. His confidence came from his speed and the 99 Saint Veins in his body. His speed ensured his agility in the battle, and the 99 Saint Veins ensured he could mobilize his Saint Veins at any time.

Yuwen Hao Chen was furious when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words and saw the nonchalant expression on his face. "I really want to see where you get your confidence from!" He raised his hands again, clawing at Duan Ling Tian. However, this time he did not cast his assist-type Divine Ability, the Five Fingers Prison, but he cast his offensive Divine Ability, the Hands of Universe!

As soon as Yuwen Hao Chen moved his claw-like fingers, there was turbulence in the air. It sent shockwaves spreading in all directions. A powerful aura that seemed capable of drowning everything in its wake appeared suddenly. Soon after, Yuwen Hao Chen lifted his hand to the sky as though he was

seizing the sun and the moon and plucking the stars off the sky. His hands reached out as though it could wield the power of the universe! The word 'Universe' appeared in the air at this time!

Yuwen Hao Chen had cast the Hands of Universe perfectly!

"It's not an ordinary offensive Divine Ability!" When Yuwen Hao Chen attacked with his claw-like fingers, Duan Ling Tian could see that Yuwen Hao Chen's offensive Divine Ability also contained a martial tactic he had seen before! He quickly recalled the scene from three years ago when Yuwen Hao Chen's five fingers swiped out and easily caught his sword with this particular martial tactic. At that time, there was nothing he could do about it. In comparison, Yuwen Hao Chen's current attack was much more terrifying compared to three years ago. After all, at that time, Yuwen Hao Chen did not use this Divine Ability that had been fused with his martial tactic. The two techniques were in completely different leagues!

"Where did that confidence come from?" Duan Ling Tian said as a faint smile appeared on his face, "Rest assured, Palace Master Yuwen, I'll show you now where my confidence comes from!" His eyes turned solemn even though the faint smile remained on his face.

"Otherworldly Celestial! Sword Wielding Art!" Duan Ling Tian did not dare to let his guard down since it seemed like Yuwen Hao Chen was attacking without any reservations. His body moved and his clones appeared one after another, wielding the Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword with the techniques from the Sovereign Heart Sword.

Suddenly.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Wind howled in the air as sword qi blasted fiercely toward Yuwen Hao Chen like a battalion of army! The sword qi shot through the air, its force caused the air to roil.

Almost everyone at the scene was blinded by Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen's powerful attacks. Naturally, most of them could barely make out who was attacking.

"Duan Ling Tian possesses such strong techniques?" Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was a step away from becoming an Eminent Celestial. When he saw Duan Ling Tian's offensive Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial, and his swordplay that was similar to a martial tactic, he realized that Duan Ling Tian's techniques were as strong as Yuwen Hao Chen's techniques. Furthermore, Duan Ling Tian's comprehension of heaven and earth was not inferior to Yuwen Hao Chen's comprehension. The confidence Shi Nan Feng had in Yuwen Hao Chen began to wane. He felt a hint of remorse as well. If he had known earlier that the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion was so powerful, he would not look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian even if he wanted to avenge his last direct disciple. Provoking such a strong powerhouse was tantamount to bringing a huge disaster upon himself and the Great Spirit Palace!

What followed after was exactly what Shi Nan Feng had imagined.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

When Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen's attacks collided, the air rumbled and the earth shook. However, none of them seemed able to gain the upper hand. It was an extremely close match, and it was difficult to determine a winner and a loser. Things continued this way even after a few rounds of attacks. Neither of them managed to gain the higher ground.

"Duan Ling Tian has actually become so strong!?"

Duan Ling Tian's strength had completely shocked the group of onlookers. Even those who could not see Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen's attacks understood how strong Duan Ling Tian had become when they saw that he was unharmed. He was not inferior to Yuwen Hao Chen at all.

At this moment, Shi Nan Feng cried out, "Palace Master Yuwen, let me help you!" He became impatient as he watched how Yuwen Hao Chen was still unable to kill Duan Ling Tian. He could no longer suppress his killing intent and charged at Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 2302 My Trump Card

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes when he heard the voice of Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace.

He saw Shi Nan Feng lunging toward him from the corner of his eyes. His eyes glinted coldly. "Hm?"

Just as Duan Ling Tian was about to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior to defend against both of them...

Whoosh!

Brilliantly bright bolts of lightning shone from the tribulation cloud, blinding those who stood beneath it.

Boom!

It was only natural the tribulation cloud also brought with it claps of thunder that sounded like an explosion.

"Is this the second stage of the Celestial Ascension Tribulation?"

The lightning and thunder alerted Duan Ling Tian of the impending tribulation of the second stage of the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!

Duan Ling Tian had unknowingly been battling Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, for a long time now.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

Two bolts of lightning like two divine dragons struck from the sky. The first bolt of lightning struck at Yuwen Hao Chen while the second one struck at Duan Ling Tian.

After passing the first stage of the Celestial Ascension Tribulation together, Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen faced the second stage of their Celestial Ascension Tribulation at the same time again!

Naturally, the second lightning tribulation from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation was much stronger than the first. However, the tribulation lightning at this level was nothing to Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen. They managed to deal with it with just a wave of their hands.

After all, the second tribulation lightning was the second weakest of the 81 tribulation lightning in a Celestial Ascension Tribulation. If they could not even deal with the second tribulation lightning, they would not be able to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation.

Although the second tribulation lightning was not powerful, it stopped Shi Nan Feng in his tracks since he did not dare to go near Duan Ling Tian when the lightning tribulation lightning struck. He was only reminded that Duan Ling Tian was currently undergoing the Heavenly Tribulation! If he recklessly approached Duan Ling Tian while he was undergoing the Heavenly Tribulation, he was afraid he would be mistakenly struck by the lightning tribulation. Who knew if the bolt of lightning would be as powerful as the 81st one? At that time, he would surely die.

Shi Nan Feng thought to himself, 'Luckily the second lightning tribulation struck at this time. Otherwise, I would've forgotten about it!' He quickly retreated to the distance, ignoring the strange look the people in the surroundings gave him.

"Why did the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace suddenly retreat?"

People began to discuss among themselves when they saw Shi Nan Fen retreating.

"How can he not retreat? Both Duan Ling Tian and the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace are undergoing the Heavenly Tribulation... If Shi Nan Feng rushed in recklessly, he might be mistakenly struck by the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!" A Crimson Blaze Palace elder said with conviction.

"The Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace must hate Duan Ling Tian to the core. Otherwise, he wouldn't have lost all his senses and attacked Duan Ling Tian at this time!"

"He's lucky the Celestial Ascension Tribulation's second tribulation lightning serves as a reminder to him. Otherwise, he would have died!"

"So reckless... It seems like it's true that everyone from Great Spirit Palace is a brute!"

Some shushed before he said, "Speak softly. There are many people from the Great Spirit Palace around us. It won't do us any good to offend them."

Many people learned about the reason Shi Nan Feng had retreated through the conversation in their surroundings.

It was only natural that Shi Nan Feng heard the conversation of these people with his enhanced hearing. Various expressions flitted across his face when he heard the people's words. After a while, his eyes finally landed on Ke'Er, Duan Si Ling, and Gan Ru Yan, and a crazy idea formed in his mind.

Should I seize this chance to take these girls hostage to threaten Duan Ling Tian... I'll force him to stop defending himself and let Yuwen Hao Chen kill him!" However, he dismissed the idea quickly. He was afraid he would not be able to threaten Duan Ling Tian with the girls. If that happened, he would fall

into a disadvantageous position and completely provoke Duan Ling Tian. At that time, he would be left with no way out. The Great Spirit Palace would have a hard time if Duan Ling Tian did not die.

Naturally, Shi Nan Feng had such fears because he was a selfish man. For this reason, he thought everyone was similar to him. If he had known Ke'er and Duan Si Ling were Duan Ling Tian's Achilles heel, he would not have hesitated to take the girls hostage.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen kept moving. One was as fast as a cheetah while the other was as agile as a monkey. They kept crossing paths with each other, attacking when they could. However, it seemed like neither of them could gain the upper hand. They were evenly matched!

After a few moments, Yuwen Hao Chen backed away. Duan Ling Tian had also stopped moving at this time. He stared at Duan Ling Tian and said in a deep voice, "Duan Ling Tian, I didn't expect you to be so strong... It seems like it'll be difficult for us to determine a winner among us!"

Duan Ling Tian looked at Yuwen Hao Chen intently and said, "I also didn't expect Palace Master Yuwen to be so strong!" He paused for a moment before he began to speak again. This time, his tone had completely changed. "However, I don't agree with you when you say it's hard to determine a winner among us."

Yuwen Hao Chen sneered as he said, "What? Are you trying to say that you haven't unleashed all your strength?" Naturally, he did not think Duan Ling Tian was holding back since he could tell Duan Ling Tian was fighting all might during their battle. He believed Duan Ling Tian had nothing left in his arsenal.

As soon as Yuwen Hao Chen finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian answered indifferently, "In fact, I have been holding back!" As he spoke, his body began to grow muscular. Even his purple robes became tight from his body's transformation.

Rip!

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian's body continued to grow until his purple robe tore open. What they saw next stunned them because they saw that Duan Ling Tian was no longer human. Everywhere below his neck was covered in shimmering dragon scales. Moreover, his hands and feet had turned into dragon paws. Each paw had nine sharp claws that seemed capable of tearing through anything.

Humanoid dragon!

At this point, Duan Ling Tian finally decided to use his trump card and transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

"Dragon Warrior?!"

When Duan Ling Tian transformed into a Dragon Warrior, the first person to react was not among the people beneath the Tribulation Cloud. It was a grey-clad old man hovering above the Tribulation Cloud. He was the master of the Clan Leader of the Human-Devil clan.

“He... He’s a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior?!” The grey-clad old man peered past the Tribulation Cloud and looked at Duan Ling Tian in surprise.

Does this mean there’s a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon in the Saint Province Realm?’ This was the grey-clad old man’s thought when he saw a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. Usually, if there was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, there would be a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon.

“Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!”

Soon after, the second person to regain his senses was the Clan Leader of the Human-Devil clan. His eyes were widened in disbelief. He knew what a Dragon Warrior was. However, he did not expect to see a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior in the Saint Province Realm’s Lower Province!

There were different levels of Dragon Warriors, and a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior was the strongest. A Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior could only be created by the legendary Nine-clawed Divine Dragon!

The Saint Province Realm has a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon?’

The Clan Leader of the Human-Devil clan had the same thought as his master. He felt wary when he thought about the existence of a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon.

After all, the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon was legendary. If it existed in the Saint Province Realm, it would not be good for the Human-Devil clan and the other Devil Clans!

Since there was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, there should be a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon nearby, right? This alarmed the Clan Leader of the Human-Devil clan and his master.

Beneath the Tribulation Cloud...

“Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior?”

Yuwen Hao Chen and Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace and Great Spirit Palace, and the others recognized the form that Duan Ling Tian had taken.

However, it was natural that there were also few disciples from the Wandering Saint Palace who were clueless. “Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior? What’s that?”

However, they were stunned when they learned about Nine-clawed Dragon Warriors and what it represented.

A Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior was a creation of a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon?

They might not have heard of a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, but everyone knew about the Nine-clawed Divine Dragons. It was the strongest existence in the dragon clan and was thought of as legendary.

Yuwen Hao Chan looked at Duan Ling Tian and said solemnly, “Duan Ling Tian, I didn’t expect you to be a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior... I admit that I won’t be able to defeat you now that you’ve transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. However, do you really think you’re the only one with a trump card?”

Chapter 2303 The Technique to Overcome the Heavenly Tribulations that had been Passed Down for Generations

“Hm?” Duan Ling Tian who thought he could end the fight by transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior was startled when he heard Yuwen Hao Chen’s words. Did Yuwen Hao Chen hold back as well when they fought earlier?

The people present on the scene were shocked as well. They had all thought Yuwen Hao Chen would lose after Duan Ling Tian had transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. After all, both of them were evenly-matched before Duan Ling Tian had turned into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. Logically, he should be stronger than Yuwen Hao Chen. It should not have been difficult for Duan Ling Tian to kill or defeat him.

However, Yuwen Hao Chen’s words clearly indicated that he had a trump card as well.

“Lord Palace Master has something else up his sleeves?”

Even those from the Wandering Saint Palace were shocked by Yuwen Hao Chen’s words, let alone those from the Three Palaces and Six Halls.

“Yuwen Hao Chen had held back his strength as well?”

Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, was certain Yuwen Hao Chen would die until he heard Yuwen Hao Chen’s words. His eyes regained its shine, and his mood seemed to rise from hell to heaven in just a blink of an eye. He did not doubt the veracity of Yuwen Hao Chen’s words at all. After all, he was familiar with Yuwen Hao Chen. Yuwen Hao Chen was not the kind of person who would speak carelessly.

The eyes of Yun Fu Ye, the strongest direct disciple of Yuwen Han Chen, lit up as he seemed to recall something. “Master...” However, after a while, the smile on his face froze as he recalled another important thing. ‘If master uses that move on Duan Ling Tian, then...’

Huang Wen Jing who was standing next to Yun Fu Ye seemed to have thought of something as her frosty expression thawed and was replaced with a worried expression. She quickly cried out, “Master... No!”

“Duan Ling Tian, you’ve joined the Wandering Saint Palace for three years now... You must have heard that all the Palace Masters in the Wandering Saint Palace have inherited the technique from generations ago to successfully overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation! For this reason, there has never been a Palace Master who had failed the Heavenly Tribulation!”

Yuwen Hao Chen’s words confirmed Yun Fu Ye and Huang Wen Jing’s suspicion. Their master planned to use the technique to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation against Duan Ling Tian!

As the direct disciples of Yuwen Hao Chen, they vaguely knew about the inherited technique that allowed the Palace Masters of Wandering Spirit to borrow the force from the tribulation lightning to resist the Heavenly Tribulation to overcome it. However, they were not certain of the details. If their master were to use it in a battle, he would not be able to use it again to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation...

That technique was capable of killing anyone who was not an Eminent Celestial.

Swoosh!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian knew what Yuwen Hao Chen was planning after he heard his words. 'It seems like the technique to overcome Heavenly Tribulation that has been passed down for generations to the Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace can be used during battle as well!' Needless to say, he was shocked to the core. He knew the Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace had all inherited the technique to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation since there were no Palace Masters from the Wandering Saint Palace who had failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. However, it was out of his expectation that the technique could also be used as an attack.

The people present on the scene also realized what Yuwen Hao Chen's words meant. They were extremely shocked as well.

"I see!"

"Fair enough!"

"Based on Lord Palace Master's words, it seems like the technique can be used in a battle as well! I didn't expect this!"

"If that's the case, who knows who'll have the last laugh!"

"On one hand, we have a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. On the other hand, we have Lord Palace Master who has inherited the technique to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation. In my opinion, it's highly likely Lord Palace Master will win!"

"I agree."

Apart from those from the Wandering Saint Palace, the others from the Three Palace and Six Halls were also discussing this among themselves. All of them concluded that Yuwen Hao Chen would win.

Everyone was still discussing among themselves when Duan Ling Tian started speaking. "Palace Master Yuwen, if I'm not mistaken..." His voice was so loud that it drowned out all the voices in the surroundings, catching everyone's attention. "Your technique must have a restriction, right? Otherwise, you would have used it to kill me earlier.!" Confidence could be heard in his voice when he spoke.

Everyone nodded in agreement when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. They found his words logical. If there were no restrictions, Yuwen Hao Chen would not have fought Duan Ling Tian for so long before finally deciding on using that technique, right? He could have just killed Duan Ling Tian with a move.

"That's right!" Yuwen Hao Chen admitted without any hesitation. He did not try to deny it at all. "Once I use the inherited technique on you, I won't be able to use it to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation. I'll have to overcome it with my own strength so it carries with it the risk of failing... However, I'm confident I can kill anyone who's not an Eminent Celestial with that technique. Since I'm no match for you after you've transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, I might die. If I die, what's the point of leaving the technique unused. I might as well use the technique. At most, I'll just have to rely on my own strength to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation! That way, I still have a chance of passing the Heavenly Tribulation," he said resolutely.

Since Duan Ling Tian wanted Yuwen Hao Chen dead, he would drag Duan Ling Tian down with him. After all, Yuwen Hao Chen might not necessarily die.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Yuwen Hao Chen's words, he could no longer remain indifferent. His expression turned solemn and his eyes gleamed calculatingly. 'The technique that has been passed down for generations must be really strong. Otherwise, how could it overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation?'

There were 81 bolts of lightning in the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and each bolt would be stronger than the last. Moreover, none of the Palace Masters had failed to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation with the technique.

'The technique is even capable of dealing with the Celestial Ascension Tribulation... Would I be able to deal with it?' Duan Ling Tian was hit with a pang of uncertainty. 'If I utilize the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, can I kill him before he cast the techniques?'

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Although he was already a true powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he was not certain the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, was capable of defeating a Devil Cultivator at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. After all, the Devilseal Tablet in his possession was incomplete. For this reason, he did not dare to risk it. After all, he would die with just a misstep. At that time, he would lose everything. If the Devilseal Tablet was whole, he could have dealt with Devils and Devil Cultivators who were Eminent Celestials or Eminent Devils.

"Palace Master Yuwen, you win." Duan Ling Tian decided to concede defeat. He raised his hand and retrieved his purple robes before putting it back on. At the same time, he reverted back to his human form. He decided to concede since he would be facing a technique that had been passed down for generations to the Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation.

When the people on the scene saw this, they were not surprised. After all, if they were in Duan Ling Tian's shoes, they would have done the same as well.

"Palace Master Yuwen... We'll fight again when both of us become Eminent Celestials! At that time, I would like to see how you'll defeat me!" Duan Ling Tian said as he looked at Yuwen Hao Chen. The concession he had made was just temporary after all.

Again, no one was surprised by this since they understood Duan Ling Tian's thoughts.

Yuwen Hao Chen said indifferently, "Then, we'll have to wait until you attract the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. It's not as simple as you think it is!" Based on his words, it did not seem like he believed Duan Ling Tian would be able to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. His belief was not without reason. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Ascension Tribulation came from the Tribulation Clouds he had attracted. It was not Duan Ling Tian's own doing.

After all, in the history of the Devil Clans, there were many Devils and Devil Cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had comprehended heaven and earth to its limit and tried to overcome their Celestial Ascension Tribulation by using the Celestial Ascension Tribulation others had attracted. However, all of them had failed without any exception. For this reason, he did not think Duan Ling Tian would be successful.

After all was said and done, Yuwen Hao Chen was relieved with Duan Ling Tian's concession. After all, this means he would be able to successfully overcome the Heavenly Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial!

Chapter 2304 A Death Trap?

The reason for Duan Ling Tian's temporary concession was simple. As long he and Yuwen Hao Chen successfully overcame the Heavenly Tribulation and became Eminent Celestials, Yuwen Hao Chen would no longer be a threat to him since Yuwen Hao Chen would have already used the technique to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation!

An Eminent Celestial would gain the Celestial Origin Energy that was unique to Eminent Celestials. It was so powerful that even a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had completely comprehended heaven and earth was inferior.

'I'd like to see how Yuwen Hao Chen will defeat me once I become an Eminent Celestial!' Duan Ling Tian looked at Yuwen Hao Chen eagerly, anticipating their next fight. Soon after, he shifted his gaze away and fully focused his attention on overcoming the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. 'There are 81 bolts of tribulation lightning in a Celestial Ascension Tribulation... Each one is more powerful than the last! It won't be simple to overcome it.' He gazed at the Tribulation Clouds with a heavy heart.

He actually conceded?" Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, was disappointed when he saw Duan Ling Tian decided to concede even though it was a fairly obvious choice. He had been preparing to watch a show. Who knew Duan Ling Tian would back down?

It would've been good if Duan Ling Tian didn't back down. At that time, Yuwen Hao Chen would have to use the inherited technique to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation to kill Duan Ling Tian. At that time, Yuwen Hao Chen might even fail the Heavenly Tribulation since he had lost his biggest trump card! It would be like killing two birds with one stone!' Naturally, this outcome was the most beneficial to Shi Nan Feng.

Although Yuwen Hao Chen becoming an Eminent Celestial was good for the Human-Devil clan, personally, it was bad for him and the Great Spirit Palace.

Shi Nan Feng was a selfish person. As the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, it was only natural that he hoped that Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen would fall into a disadvantageous position. Duan Ling Tian would die, and Yuwen Hao Chen would fail his Heavenly Tribulation!

Nevertheless, isn't Yuwen Hao Chen worried that Duan Ling Tian will kill him once he overcomes the Heavenly Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial?' Shi Nan Feng thought with a frown on his face. If Yuwen Hao Chen was killed, then, he and the Great Spirit Palace would be Duan Ling Tian's next target.

Yuwen Hao Chen should be aware that he would not be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian once he passed the Heavenly Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial!

Right, there's something I forgot!' Shi Nan Feng's frown deepened when he thought of another thing, "Duan Ling Tian didn't attract the Celestial Ascension Tribulation on his own, he's relying on the Celestial Ascension Tribulation that Yuwen Hao Chen attracted...' Shi Nan Feng thought to himself, 'In the history

of the Devil Clans, there are quite a number of people who opt to face the Celestial Ascension Tribulation like he did. However, none of them was successful! No wonder Yuwen Hao Chen isn't worried about his life being in danger after Duan Ling Tian becomes an Eminent Celestial. After all, it's unlikely that Duan Ling Tian would even pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Yuwen Hao Chen doesn't think Duan Ling Tian would be able to overcome the tribulation! At this moment, Shi Nan Feng finally figured out Yuwen Hao Chen's thoughts.

"I've wasted my time regarding Duan Ling Tian as my mortal enemy... As it turns out, he already has one foot in the coffin!" When Shi Nan Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian again, the wariness and fear in his eyes had completely vanished. Currently, he looked at Duan Ling Tian as though Duan Ling Tian was already a dead man.

The onlookers began to discuss among themselves again as Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen came to a temporary cease-fire. Both of them were waiting for the third lightning bolt from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation to strike.

"Duan Ling Tian is wise for backing down at this moment. As long as he manages to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace will definitely not be a match for him!"

"Yes. Palace Master Yuwen will probably use the inherited technique to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation... After he overcomes the Heavenly Tribulation, he wouldn't have anything left to deal with Duan Ling Tian who has become an Eminent Celestial with."

"I really don't know what's going through his mind. If I were him, I would definitely use the technique to kill Duan Ling Tian. After all, it's not certain that he'll fail the Heavenly Tribulation even if he doesn't use that technique!"

"Indeed. Even without the inherited technique, Yuwen Hao Chen might not necessarily fail the Heavenly Tribulation. However, he's placed himself in a disadvantageous position now. His only saving grace now is if Duan Ling Tian fails the Heavenly Tribulation!"

"Based on the current situation, Palace Master Yuwen really doesn't intend on using that technique to kill Duan Ling Tian who had conceded."

The people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls spoke loudly as though they were at the market. Naturally, their conversation was overheard by the people from Wandering Saint Palace.

In just an instant, the expression on the faces of the people from Wandering Saint Palace hardened and their smiles disappeared. However, their expressions changed again when a Vice Palace Master from Wandering Saint Palace spoke up. They began to smile again and a twinkle could be seen in their eyes.

The Vice Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace said, "In the Devil Clans' history, those who relied on other's Celestial Ascension Tribulation to attract their own Celestial Ascension Tribulation have never managed to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation! After all, it's not their own Celestial Ascension Tribulation. This means he's not ready to face the Celestial Ascension Tribulation."

“That’s right... I’ve read about this in ancient records. Indeed. None of the people who relied on other’s Celestial Ascension Tribulation had managed to successfully overcome it!”

“Why didn’t I think of that? That must be why Lord Palace Master is so calm. He must have thought about this!”

Someone laughed. “If that is the case, Lord Palace Master doesn’t even have to dirty his hands to kill Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian will probably be killed by the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!”

As the Wandering Saint Palace’s elders and disciples talked, broad smiles could be seen on their faces. Their mood lightened immediately.

Meanwhile, those from the Three Palaces and Six Halls overheard the words of the Vice Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace and realized they had over-thought things.

“This is why he’s the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace. He has already thought about this!”

“Does this mean it’s impossible for Duan Ling Tian to succeed?”

“Of course! No one has done it before. Do you think he’ll be an exception?”

The others looked at Duan Ling Tian with hints of pity in their eyes.

Naturally, these people’s conversations were heard by Ke’er, Duan Si Ling, and Gan Ru Yan. Three of them paled instantly.

“Uncle Peng Lai... Is it true?” Duan Si Ling asked as she looked at Peng Lai who was near her. Her baby face was filled with worries. Duan Si Ling was no longer the naive young girl she once was. She knew the precarious situation her father was in after listening to the conversation around her.

Ke’er and Gan Ru Yan turned to look at Peng Lai as well when Duan Si Ling finished speaking. They were clearly curious about the answer as well. At this moment, they had fervently hoped that Peng Lai would tell them it was all an exaggeration. However, when they saw the grim expression on his face, their hearts sank. Ke’er, in particular, turned even paler.

Peng Lai said solemnly, “If they didn’t mention it, I would’ve forgotten about it. Indeed, no one has successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation by relying on others’ Heaven Tribulations.” When he saw their worries, he tried to console them and said, “However, master is not from the Devil Clans. Perhaps, he can create a miracle! It might be difficult for others, but this doesn’t apply to master.” Although these words of consolation were said by him, in all honesty, he did not have high hopes as well.

A miracle!

After hearing Peng Lai’s words, the three girls’ expressions eased up slightly even though they knew he was merely comforting them. When they turned to look at Duan Ling Tian again, they looked at him with hope gleaming in their eyes. Although the chance was slim, they still hoped Duan Ling Tian would be able to create a miracle!

There will be a miracle... Brother Tian has created so many miracles along his journey. This will not be an exception!' Ke'er thought to herself as she stared at Duan Ling Tian intently, 'If something happens to Brother Tian, I won't live without him!' She already knew what she would do if Duan Ling Tian perished. 'Si Ling and my sister...' Ke'Er did not dare continue that train of thought. At this moment, she desperately wished for her man to create another miracle... For their daughter and her sister, if not for anything else!

From a distance, Yun Fu Ye sneered as he glanced at Huang Wen Jing who was standing next to him. "Duan Ling Tian can't escape death after all!"

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Naturally, Yun Fu Ye's sneer was not directed at Huang Wen Jing but at Duan Ling Tian. He had looked at her while he was sneering because he wanted to share the delight he felt over Duan Ling Tian's impending death with her. However, to his surprise, he discovered not only did his little junior sister look despondent, but she looked slightly upset as well. "Little Junior Sister, aren't you happy for our master?" He was perplexed by her reaction. He called out to her again, "Little Junior Sister! Little Junior Sister! What are you thinking about?"

Huang Wen Jing finally regained her senses when Yun Fu Ye called out to her repeatedly. She smiled, but it looked forced, as she said, "Senior Brother, I'm happy for our master... I just... I was just thinking about something else earlier..."

Yun Fu Ye nodded and said with a smile, "Just wait and see... Duan Ling Tian will soon be killed by the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Master doesn't even have to dirty his hands to deal with him!" As soon as he finished speaking, he turned back to look at Duan Ling Tian with a pointed gaze. Although he did not have many interactions with Duan Ling Tian, he had been eager to kill Duan Ling Tian once he found out that he was the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion! It was unfortunate that he lacked the strength to kill Duan Ling Tian with his own hands. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would have been dead.

After Huang Wen Jing confirmed Yun Fu Ye had looked away, she continued to look at Duan Ling Tian with an expression of worry and anguish on her face. 'Killed by the Celestial Ascension Tribulation?' She did not know why she would still worry about him even though she knew that it was impossible for them to be together. She still wanted him to live well. She thought to herself helplessly, 'I could still beg for mercy from master to spare your life. However, what can I do if the danger comes from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation?'

Above the Tribulation Clouds.

"Master!" The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan looked at the grey-clad old man and said solemnly and warily, "Although there's no precedence of someone passing the Heavenly Tribulation under such circumstances, my instincts tell me that this man is different! He's a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior after all!"

Indeed. In the Devil Clans' history, there was no such precedence of anyone passing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation that they did not attract on their own. However, Duan Ling Tian was different from them, he was also a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

A Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior's body was as strong as an Eight-clawed Divine Dragon. They could even go heads-on with the initial lightning bolts from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation with just their brute strength!

For this reason, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan felt wary of Duan Ling Tian.

"Why? It seems like you're quite confident he would be able to pass the Heavenly Tribulation!" The grey-clad old man asked indifferently after hearing words of the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan.

From the beginning until now, the old man remained expressionless. It seemed as though he would still be able to maintain his composure even if Mountain Tai collapsed in front of him.

"I have a feeling he's different from the Devils in the past. He's human after all. It's not impossible for him to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation," The Patriarch of the Human-devil clan said solemnly.

"So? Do you plan to kill him now?" The grey-clad old man asked again.

"Master, stop teasing me... He's undergoing the Heavenly Tribulation now. If I act now, the Celestial Ascension Tribulation will think I'm trying to help him, and in turn, I'll suffer from the lightning penalty!" The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan said with a wry smile. Although he was an Eminent Celestial, he would not be spared by the lightning penalty if he interfered in another person's Celestial Ascension Tribulation!

Although even the strongest lightning bolt from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, the 81st bolt of lightning, was not a threat to an Eminent Celestial, if someone who was an Eminent Celestial tried to interfere, the Celestial Ascension Tribulation would release even stronger and more terrifying lightning penalty.

In the course of the Devil Clans' history, there were Eminent Devils and Celestials who tried to help others to overcome their Heavenly Tribulations, but in the end, they were killed instead. Moreover, the lightning penalty that killed the Eminent Devils and Celestials was ten times more powerful than the final lightning bolt from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!

With such precedence, how would the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan dare to interfere with the Celestial Ascension Tribulation? That would be akin to seeking death.

"So what if he manages to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation? You're not confident you'll be able to kill him after he becomes an Eminent Celestial?" The grey-clad old man asked indifferently.

After listening to the grey-clad old man's words, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan smiled wryly.

"Master, although I became an Eminent Celestial earlier than him, I don't think I'll be a match for an Eminent Celestial who's also a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior."

The grey-clad old scoffed as he said coldly, "If you're really that useless, I'll kill him with my own hands!" He obviously felt exasperated by his disciple's behavior.

The eyes of the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan lit up immediately upon hearing the grey-clad old man's words. "All will be well with your help, master!"

What a joke! His master was at a level that was higher than an Eminent Celestial. He was comparable to a true Celestial. In comparison, a mere Eminent Celestial who was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior was just like a defenseless baby, right?

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware that he was longer just facing the threat from Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace. Currently, he was still waiting for the third bolt of lightning to strike.

Time continued to pass. In just a blink of an eye, half an hour had passed.

Suddenly, a blindingly white light flashed in the sky, seemingly capable of lighting up the whole world.

Boom!

Accompanied by the blindingly white light, deafening claps of thunder reverberated in the air. It was so loud that it even injured the ears of those with a lower cultivation base.

In the next moment, under everyone's watchful eyes, two bolts of tribulation lightning struck down from the sky.

The first lightning bolt struck at Yuwen Hao Chen while the second one struck at was Duan Ling Tian!

These were the third lightning bolts that Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen had to face. Needless to say, it was much stronger than the first two light bolts. However, it was not difficult for both of them to deal with the third lightning bolts. With a casual wave of their hands, they nullified the lightning.

The onlookers who were present were not surprised when they saw Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen dealing with the third tribulation lightning with ease. After all, it was only the third tribulation lightning out of the 81 bolts of tribulation lightning from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. The people present on the scene would be even more surprised if both of them could not even deal with the third bolt of lightning.

After Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen dealt with the third bolt of lightning, the place fell silent again.

Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen were not the only ones waiting for the fourth lightning bolt to strike, the people present on the scene were also waiting for it.

Time passed by silently.

Boom!

The fourth tribulation lightning came quickly.

Following that, the fifth and sixth bolts of lightning struck as well... Boom!

Boom!

One after another, they struck at Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen, but both of them dealt with it effortlessly.

However, both of them became serious when faced with the 30th lightning bolt. Its power was nothing the previous lightning bolts could compare to. Even then, it was still no threat to them. It was not particularly difficult for them to deal with it.

Currently, more than a day had passed.

It is becoming tougher and tougher...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he dealt with the 55th bolt of tribulation lightning from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. He no longer had a relaxed expression on his face. After all, the strength of the 55th bolt of lightning was comparable to the full strength of a powerhouse who had just broken through to the Ninth Form Saint of the Celestial Stage. Although it did not pose a huge threat to him, his mood turned somber when he recalled he still had 26 bolts of tribulation lightning to deal with.

Boom!

Boom!

As time passed, the tribulation lightning continued. One after another, they became more and more powerful. It has also widened the horizon of those who were present.

This is the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning... It seems like Palace Master Yuwen Hao can barely hold on any longer.”

Among the people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls, some were astute enough and noticed Yuwen Hao Chen’s deathly pale face.

At this moment, Yuwen Hao Chen had almost used up all his strength. After all, he had fought with Duan Ling Tian unreservedly three days ago.

“Duan Ling Tian is also barely hanging on...”

“Duan Ling Tian is not faring any better.’

“However, he can still transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior...” An elder from Crimson Blaze Palace as his eyes glinted.

“As for the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, I think it won’t be long before he cast the technique he had inherited to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation!”

“I have long heard about it but never had the chance to see it... I must make sure that I don’t miss a single bit of it.”

“In the past, I’ve always heard about how tough it is to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, but I have never given it much thought... However, after personally witnessing it with my own eyes, I finally realize how terrifying the Celestial Ascension Tribulation is!”

“There are eleven bolts of tribulation lightning left... The Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace will definitely pass the Heavenly Tribulation with his inherited technique.”

“However, I’m not sure what will happen to Duan Ling Tian...”

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“After all, Duan Ling Tian did not attract the Celestial Ascension Tribulation on his own... He must not be prepared for it!”

“Under such circumstances, it’s unlikely for him to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation even if he’s able to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!”

“It’s true that he’ll become stronger after transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior but the increase in power is limited. I believe he has more than 80 percent chance of passing the Heavenly Tribulation if he attracted the Celestial Ascension Tribulation on his own. However, since that’s not the case, regardless of your opinion, I think he’ll fail!”

“I agree. I’m not optimistic about his chance of successfully passing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation.”

At this moment, almost no one from the Three Palace and Six Halls thought Duan Ling Tian would be able to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. After all, they did not know anyone in the Devil Clans who had passed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation under such circumstances. All of them failed their Heavenly Tribulation miserably in the end so they did not think highly of Duan Ling Tian’s chances of passing it.

While people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were discussing the likelihood of Duan Ling Tian failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, Ke’er looked at Duan Ling Tian with bright eyes that were filled with blind faith.

“Brother Ling Tian... I believe you’ll be able to successfully pass the Heavenly Tribulation!” Ke’er desperately wished for Duan Ling Tian to pass the Heavenly Tribulation, not only for her sake, but for her daughter and sister as well. Naturally, if anything happened to her man, she did not plan to live as well. She would accompany her man on his journey to the netherworld.

“Father.” Duan Si Ling looked at Duan Ling Tian anxiously. Her face had been tense for quite a while now.

Meanwhile, complex emotions could be seen swirling in Gan Ru Yan’s eyes. Her thoughts were a secret.

Peng Lai was looking at Duan Ling Tian with hopeful eyes. He thought to himself, ‘I hope that master is able to create a miracle and set a precedent in the Devil Clans. After all, master is also a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior! Hopefuly^ be able to pass the Heavenly Tribulation...’

In a distance, hope could also be seen in the eyes of the most beautiful woman in the Human-Devil clan, Huang Wen Jing, as she looked at Duan Ling Tian. She was also the last direct disciple of Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace. It seemed as though she had forgotten that if Duan Ling Tian successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation and became an Eminent Celestial, her master would likely die. If Duan Ling Tian failed the Heavenly Tribulation, things would go well for Yuwen Hao Chen. However, if Duan Ling Tian succeeded, Yuwen Hao Chen would definitely not be a match for Duan Ling Tian. At that time, Duan Ling Tian would still be able to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, but Yuwen Hao Chen would have lost his trump card by using it to overcome Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Based on this, one could see Yuwen Hao Chen would be in a disadvantageous position if he and Duan Ling Tian passed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation.

Yun Fu Ye, Huang Wen Jing's Senior Brother, who was standing not too far away sneered as he said, "I'm really eager to see how many lightning bolts Duan Ling Tian can endure!" In his opinion, there was no way Duan Ling Tian would be able to live.

Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, glared at Duan Ling Tian before shifting his gaze to Yuwen Hao Chen. A hint of disappointment could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Yuwen Hao Chen. He thought to himself, 'It's a pity Yuwen Hao Chen didn't use his inherited technique to kill Duan Ling Tian. If he did, Duan Ling Tian would die and Yuwen Hao Chen might not successfully pass the Heavenly Tribulation. It's also unfortunate that I can't kill Duan Ling Tian with my own hands. However, I'll be satisfied as long as he dies. It can be considered that I've indirectly avenged my direct disciple. I'll watch as he gets killed by the tribulation lightning.'

Naturally, it was a win-win situation for Shi Nan Feng if Yuwen Hao Chen had used the inherited technique to kill Duan Ling Tian. One of them would die and the other might fail the Heavenly Tribulation. He was overjoyed when he thought about Duan Ling Tian being killed by the tribulation lightning, but he became annoyed when he thought about Yuwen Hao Chen successfully passing the Heavenly Tribulation and becoming an Eminent Celestial. Insatiable greed! These words described him perfectly.

"How many more tribulation lightning do you think Duan Ling Tian will be able to endure?"

As Duan Ling Tian and Yu Wen Hao Chen waited for the 71st tribulation lightning, the members of Three Palaces and Six Halls could not resist but gossip among themselves again. Most of them were discussing how many bolts of tribulation lightning Duan Ling Tian would be able to resist before he died.

"Earlier, I saw Duan Ling Tian was somewhat struggling to deal with the 70th tribulation lightning... My guess is that he'll transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior when he has to face the 72nd or 73rd bolt tribulation lightning!" An elder from Azure Sheen Hall guessed.

"72nd or 73rd bolt of tribulation lightning?" An elder from Crimson Blaze Palace chimed in, "I think he'll transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior when he's facing the 71st tribulation lightning!"

"I agree. I saw him struggling as well when he was dealing with the 70th bolt of tribulation lightning just now."

"You're right."

Most people agreed with the Crimson Blaze Palace elder's words.

Tribulation Clouds continued to converge until it covered the entire Wandering Saint Palace's estate. It was dark in the Wandering Saint Palace. Under such a condition, two people were attempting to pass their Heavenly Tribulation, the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!

These two people attempting to overcome their Heavenly Tribulations successfully attracted the attention of many people. Most of them were members from the Three Palace and Six Halls of the Human-devil clan. Apart from the leaders of one Palace and Six Halls, the remaining high-ranking officials from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were all present. All of them accompanied Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen in waiting for their 71st bolt of tribulation lightning to strike.

All of these people were, naturally, standing below the Tribulations Clouds. However, two people were hovering above the Tribulation Clouds. They were none other than the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan and an old man. The old man's identity was extremely impressive. He was the master of the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, a powerhouse who was even stronger than an Eminent Celestial. Currently, both of them were monitoring the two people undergoing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation through the Tribulation Clouds.

Both of them were focused on the purple-clad young man, they did not pay much attention to the other person.

Something feels weird. It's as though someone is observing me. Moreover, it feels like there's more than just one person!' Duan Ling Tian who was waiting for the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning to strike could feel the gazes from the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan and his master. However, after checking his surroundings with his Divine Consciousness, he did not find anything amiss. 'Maybe I am mistaken.' After a while, he gave up searching and continued to prepare for the arrival of the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself in an attempt to console himself, "The Celestial Ascension Tribulation is really scary! I used almost all my strength just to deal with the 70th bolt of tribulation lightning earlier. I'm afraid I'll need to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior after two or three more bolts of tribulation lightning.'

It's fortunate no one could read Duan Ling Tian's mind. Otherwise, they would definitely feel surprised since Duan Ling Tian was confident he could deal with two or three more bolts of tribulation lightning before having to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior...

A commonly known fact was the bolts of tribulation lightning after the 70th bolt of tribulation lightning were a lot more powerful.

Time's up,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after waiting for a moment. By this time, he had grasped the timing of the tribulation lightning. After all, he had already faced 70 bolts of tribulation lightning. For this reason, he could accurately predict the coming of the next tribulation lightning.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished thinking to himself, a blindingly white light flashed in the sky again, illuminating the darkened place beneath the Tribulations Clouds. It caused many cultivators with a lower cultivation base to squint their eyes.

Boom!

A thunderous sound that seemed capable of shattering the sky sounded after the flash of blinding light. Those with a weaker cultivation base who were squinting their eyes earlier injured their eardrums, causing them to bleed from their ears. Some of them were even bleeding from all of their orifices.

The combined sounds of two bolts of tribulation lightning are really terrifying!' Many high-ranking officials from the Three Palaces and Six Halls thought to themselves.

Swish!

Swish!

Two pillar-like lightning struck down instantly after the deafening clap of thunder rang in the air.

The two bolts of lightning made their way to Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen respectively. It looked extremely horrifying as though it would strike them to death.

“It’s finally here!” Duan Ling Tian was already prepared for the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. His Saint Origin circulated around his 99 Saint Veins before it surged out his body and resonated with heaven and earth. It seemed that it took only an hour for Duan Ling Tian to return to the peak of his strength!

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“Otherworldly Celestial! Sword Wielding Art!” Duan Ling Tian, naturally, did not dare to hold back when facing the 71st tribulation lightning from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. He unleashed all his strength and techniques he had in his arsenal. Apart from using the offensive Divine Ability, he used the third stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Supreme Sword Dao Cultivation Method, the Sword Warding Heart.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, several clones of Duan Ling Tian appeared before everyone’s eyes. Apart from that, all his clones were also holding clones of the Thousand Inscription Saint Swords just like him.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

The brief sound of a sword cry rang in the air as the Thousand Inscription Swords in Duan Ling Tian and his clones’ hands slashed fiercely at the tribulation lightning.

“Black Turtle’s Barrier!” Duan Ling Tian quickly cast the strongest defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect in the Upper Province that he had not used for quite some time. It did not take long before the transparent figure of a huge black turtle appeared out of thin air, shielding him.

Nobody was surprised when Duan Ling Tian cast the defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, since they had seen him use it before to deal with the tribulation lightning and it was completely shattered by the tribulation lightning!

This time was no exception.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sounds of explosions rang in the air and the defensive Divine Ability, Black Turtle Barrier, was shattered by the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning. The Black Turtle Barrier only managed to deplete some of the tribulation lightning’s energy. The remaining energy was still as powerful as an angry Deva as it clashed with Duan Ling Tian’s swords.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Thunder continued to sound in the sky from the Tribulation Clouds, accompanying the sound of the clash between the swords and the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning. A flurry of hurricanes swept out

from the epicenter of the clash. Many small mushroom-shaped clouds formed and appeared at the center of the clash. Shockwaves formed and swept across the land.

Naturally, everyone present on the scene saw the shockwave that was heading their way and cast their own defensive techniques to protect themselves against the incoming shockwave.

“What happened?”

“Why isn’t Duan Ling Tian transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior yet? Is he that confident?”

“I feel like he’s just seeking death!”

Everyone present on the scene was focused on the purple figure in distance, discussing his choices.

Meanwhile, the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning easily nullified the attacks from the swords. It continued on its way to Duan Ling Tian.

“Bring it on!” Duan Ling Tian cried out as all of his clones disappeared and he faced the remaining force from the 71st tribulation lightning.

In the next moment...

“Golden Crow Wings!” Duan Ling Tian did not retreat. Instead, he cast his movement Divine Ability under everyone’s watchful eyes. He charged as fast as an eagle toward the tribulation lightning.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Thunder continued to rumble in the sky as the remaining force from the tribulation lightning struck at Duan Ling Tian, its blinding light shrouding him from everyone’s sight.

“Is he dead?”

“It seems like Duan Ling Tian has a death wish!”

“I wonder what’s going through his mind. Why is he refraining from transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior? Does he think he can save some kind of points by doing so?”

Most people shook their heads as they discussed among themselves.

On the other hand, the high ranking officials of the Three Palace and Six Halls only solemnly looked on as the tribulation lightning’s blinding light shrouded Duan Ling Tian. At this moment, their Divine Consciousness could clearly sense a strong life force within the tribulation lightning.

Duan Ling Tian did not die!

“Brother Ling Tian!”

“Father!”

Ke’er and Duan Si Ling cried out in unison, both of them were filled with anxiety, “Madam, Young Miss, master is fine.” Both of them felt relieved when they heard Peng Lai’s words.

Similarly, Gan Ru Yan sighed in relief as well. She was also filled with anxiety, but she did not show it since, officially, there was no relationship between them. He was just her sister's husband. However, it seemed like she was overthinking things. Even if she did not hide her emotions, no one would pay her any attention.

After a few moments, the glaring light from the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning disappeared under everyone's eyes. This is..."

Duan Ling Tian appeared in everyone's view again as soon as the light disappeared. Although he looked rather unkempt with his torn robes, blood-stained body, and his breathing was shallow and quick, there was no doubt that he managed to deal with the 71st bolt of lightning.

Silence descended on the place before a spectator said, "He... Is he really human?"

Most people had the same question in mind. Although the force of the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning had been depleted, no one was confident enough to say they would be able to survive it by just using their body to defend against it. However, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion managed to do it!

"Is this really what a human is capable of?"

"Master... isn't this too amazing?" Peng Lai gaped. His expression was one of shock and disbelief.

As for Ke'er, Duan Si Ling, and Gan Ru Yan, they did not care about anything else. All they cared about was that Duan Ling Tian was unharmed.

My body is far stronger than the average cultivator even if I don't transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior... Not even the Devil clans who are known for their body refining techniques or the Saint Beasts that are famed for their strong bodies are a match for me in regard to brute strength!' Duan Ling Tian was very confident about this. Although his body was not indestructible and not as strong compared to when he transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, it still seemed as though it was cast from copper and iron. He only suffered minor injuries when he dealt with the remaining force from the tribulation energy.

Yuwen Hao Chen..." Duan Ling Tian murmured to himself as he looked at Yuwen Hao Chen after he had successfully dealt with the 71st tribulation lightning. Coincidentally, Yuwen Hao Chen was still dealing with the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning from his Celestial Ascension Tribulation. "Is this the technique that's inherited by the Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation?"

Duan Ling Tian was slightly startled because he saw Yuwen Hao Chen standing motionlessly in the distance with a blank expression on his face. He could not detect any Saint Origin from Yuwen Hao Chen, but Yuwen Hao Chen seemed to deal with the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning with relative ease.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The 71st bolt of tribulation lightning struck at Yuwen Hao Chen fiercely, but when it was about ten meters away from Yuwen Hao Chen, it seemed to be deflected by an invisible force. In fact, it did not only deflect the 71st bolt of lightning, but it seemed to have destroyed it completely as well.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes were filled with disbelief when he saw this. Both he and Yuwen Hao Chen had successfully passed the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning, but they were in completely different states after dealing with the tribulation lightning. His robes were torn, and his body was riddled with wounds, but Yuwen Hao Chen was completely untouched.

The invisible force was extremely powerful. Not only did it deflect the tribulation lightning, but it even managed to destroy it.

Duan Ling Tian had used his Divine Consciousness to probe Yuwen Hao Chen when Yuwen Hao Chen was dealing with the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning, therefore, he knew the details of how Yuwen Hao Chen had dealt with the tribulation lightning.

At this moment, Yuwen Hao Chen's body emitted an energy that did not seem like it belonged to him. It was this external force that was helping him to pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian could tell when the force dealt with the 71st bolt of tribulation lightning, it was not even using a quarter of its full strength.

No wonder there are no Palace Masters in the Wandering Saint Palace who have failed the tribulations... It would be difficult for them to fail with such a technique...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, feeling pressured.

The 71st bolt of tribulation lightning was already so powerful, and there were ten more bolts of tribulation lightning left. Moreover, each one was going to be stronger than the last one!

Although my body is strong and powerful, I'm afraid I can only deal with one or two more bolts of tribulation lightning before I have to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior to deal with the remaining bolts of tribulation lightning! Even then, I'm not entirely certain I'll be able to endure all of the 81 strikes of lightning even if I were to transform into a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon.' Duan Ling Tian was not entirely confident about facing the 81st bolt of tribulation lightning that was also the last and strongest bolt of tribulation lightning.

"How powerful!"

"It's terrifying! So this is the technique that has been passed down for generations to the Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation?!"

Naturally, many people were in awe at the inherited technique Yuwen Hao Chen had used to pass the Heavenly Tribulation!

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The onlookers might be marveling over Yuwen Hao Chen's technique, but Duan Ling Tian did not have the time to care. He took the time to recover although he was not severely injured. 'I have about an hour... It should be enough to recover,' he thought calmly as he healed himself.

Meanwhile, the crowd began to discuss among themselves.

Someone clicked their tongue as they said, "That lightning bolt was so easy for Palace Master Yuwen to deal with that it didn't even touch the hem of his robe... On the contrary, Duan LingTian's bleeding and his robe is torn. He looks incredibly miserable!"

"What a huge difference!"

"However huge the difference might be, it has nothing to do with their personal strength though. Palace Master Yuwen managed to deal with the lightning bolt so easily because of the extraordinary power of the inherited technique from the Wandering Saint Palace to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!"

"The technique is indeed extraordinary. That was the 71st lightning bolt, and yet, it seemed so weak when faced with the inherited technique from the Wandering Saint Palace. It couldn't even touch the hem of Palace Master Yuwen's robe."

"That's why there are no Palace Masters from the Wandering Saint Palace who has ever failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation... With such an extraordinary technique to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, it's just a matter of course to pass the tribulation!"

"Exactly."

Many people sighed in amazement at the inherited technique Yuwen Hao Chen had used to defeat the lightning bolt.

After a while, someone was looking at Duan Ling Tian and commented, "Duan Ling Tian seems to be injured. It seems like he's in a precarious situation."

"Indeed. Duan Ling Tian's body is different from ordinary people and his body doesn't even resemble a human when he transforms into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, but I think he's only capable of dealing with one or two more lightning bolts before he has to transform."

After witnessing Duan Ling Tian's incredible transformation and his strength, many people respected him. However, it did not mean they thought he would be able to successfully pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation! After all, the previous lightning bolt was only the 71st one. There were still ten lightning bolts left! These lightning bolts would only get successively stronger.

They all thought Duan Ling Tian would only be able to deal with one or two more lightning strikes before he had to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. After that, he might be able to deal with a few more. However, what about the remaining lightning bolts? What other means did he have to deal with those lightning bolts?

"Although Duan Ling Tian's just a human, it's indisputable that he's a prodigy. It would be a pity if he fails the Celestial Ascension Tribulation today."

"How great would it be if he's not human but a Human-Devil. Based on his talent and potential, he would definitely be the pillar of our Human-Devil clan!"

The crowd felt sorry for Duan Ling Tian since they thought he would fail the Celestial Ascension Tribulation.

“Both Palace Master Yuwen and Palace Master Shi from Wandering Saint Palace and Great Spirit Palace are around today. Even if Duan Ling Tian manages to escape via the Soul Detaching Technique when he fails the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, he would still be killed by the Palace Masters!”

“In short... Duan Ling Tian would definitely die!”

You’re right. Unless he manages to pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial!” “Based on the current situation, I don’t think he’ll be able to pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation.”

Time quietly passed by as the crowd continued to discuss among themselves. In just a blink of an eye, almost an hour had passed.

“It’s coming again!”

When the 72nd lightning bolt was about to strike, the onlookers shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian, eager to see how he was going to deal with it. On the contrary, not many of them paid attention to Yuwen Hao Chen. After all, with the inherited technique from Wandering Saint Palace, it should be extremely easy for him to deal with the remaining lightning bolts. Yuwen Hao Chen was sure to become an Eminent Celestial. There was no point in watching him.

Boom!

As expected, the 72nd lightning bolt struck very quickly. They came in a pair, one struck toward Duan Ling Tian while the other struck toward Yuwen Hao Chen.

What happened next was within the expectation of the crowd.

Duan Ling Tian managed to deplete a large amount of energy from the 72nd lightning bolt without transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. Then, he endured the remaining force of the lightning bolt with his extraordinarily strong physical body. For this reason, he was further injured. However, the injuries were not severe.

On the other hand, Yuwen Hao Chen dealt with the 72nd lightning bolt effortlessly just like he previously did.

Boom!

Thunder rang in the air as lightning illuminated the sky. The 73rd lightning bolt was about to strike.

Duan Ling Tian used the same tactic to deal with the 73rd lightning bolt, but it was rather difficult this time around. It resulted in more severe injuries. He thought to himself, ‘It seems like I’ll have to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior to deal with the next lightning bolt. Otherwise, I’ll be severely injured even though I might be able to deal with it! It wouldn’t be good if I have to deal with the remaining lightning bolts in an injured state. It would be extremely dangerous and might cause a chain reaction that leads to me failing.’

Duan Ling Tian understood clearly the situation he was in. He would risk injuring himself by not transforming into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior.

“I can’t believe Duan Ling Tian didn’t transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior to deal with the 73rd lightning bolt. He’s indeed very bold!”

“Even so, I think he’s reached his limit. He would transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior to deal with the next lightning bolt.”

“I agree!”

Just as the crowd had predicted, about half an hour before the arrival of the 74th lightning bolt, Duan Ling Tian finally transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior.

“He has finally transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior... I wonder how many lightning bolts he’ll be able to deal with now?”

“Regardless of how many lightning bolts he’ll be able to deal with, he definitely won’t be able to deal with the last few lightning bolts. There are eight more lightning bolts left after all. I don’t think he’ll be able to deal with all of them!”

“That’s what I think as well.”

Many people were eager to see Duan Ling Tian’s performance now that he had transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior.

Boom!

Finally, the 74th lightning bolt struck!

Now that Duan Ling Tian had transformed into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, he dealt with the lightning bolt with ease. He did not sustain any injuries at all.

When it came to the 75th lightning bolt, although it was slightly more difficult, Duan Ling Tian still dealt with it rather easily.

Duan Ling Tian found the 76th lightning bolt difficult to deal with despite managing to escape. However, the 77th lightning bolt that was stronger managed to injure him. Moreover, the 78th and 79th further injured him. At this point, he was severely injured. The 79th lightning bolt had injured him before he could even recover from the injuries he sustained from the 78th lightning bolt.

Duan Ling Tian spat out a mouthful of blood due to external injuries he sustained from the 79th lightning bolt. His blood looked dazzlingly red as it splattered across the sky. His expression was grim and his eyes showed a hint of unwillingness and determination as he thought to himself, ‘Only two lightning bolts are left. However, based on my condition, let alone a mere hour, it would be difficult for me to completely heal myself in 10 hours!’

How could Duan Ling Tian not feel unwilling? He only had to endure two more lightning strikes. However, based on the strength of the lightning bolts that had only progressively gotten stronger, he was not certain he would be able to deal with the 80th and 81st lightning bolts.

I didn't have a chance to prepare in advance and use my energy wisely. Otherwise, I don't think I would be in such a miserable state now. If I had time to prepare, I should be able to pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation easily if I transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

After dealing with 79 lightning strikes, Duan Ling Tian became aware that he did not prepare sufficiently in advance. After all, he did not expect that he would be attracting the Celestial Ascension Tribulation at all!

"I didn't expect Duan Ling Tian would be able last until now. He even managed to deal with the 79th lightning bolt!"

Many onlookers looked at Duan Ling Tian in admiration. After all, it was not only humans who revered strong people, it was the same in the Human-Devil clan as well!

Duan Ling Tian was a mere human who had managed to come so far when facing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation even though he was not given a chance to prepare for it. This was definitely something that would earn people's respect!

"Based on his current condition, it's likely he won't be able to deal with the 80th lightning bolt. However, he has broken a record in the Devil Clans even if he's killed by the 80th lightning bolt!" An elder from Crimson Blaze Palace said.

"In our Devil Clans' history, those who used others to attract the Celestial Ascension Tribulation have all failed. The one who managed to endure the longest prior to this only managed to endure until the 75th lightning bolt!"

"If he isn't a human but one of us, his name will surely go down in history in the Devil Clans!"

"What a pity!"

After a while, the crowd shifted their attention to Yuwen Hao Chen...

2309 Ke'er's Determination

Although Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, had the inherited technique from Wandering Saint Palace, he no longer dared to let his guard down as the lightning bolts became stronger and stronger.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When Yuwen Hao Chen was standing in the air, about ten meters away from him, a lightning bolt's energy was dispersed in all directions by an invisible barrier.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Nevertheless, a good amount of the energy from the lightning bolt still managed to pierce through the invisible barrier and swept toward Yuwen Hao Chen like a rampaging bull. He still had to use his own strength to deal with the remaining energy from the lightning bolt. Although this bolt of lightning did not injure him like it did Duan Ling Tian, he was still severely injured. His robe was torn and he was bleeding as well. However, his aura still remained majestic.

Yuwen Hao Chen panted in exhaustion after he dealt with the 79th lightning bolt. He was sweating profusely as though he had just gone through a tough battle.

Many of the people present could not help but sigh when they saw Yuwen Hao Chen's condition.

"Although Palace Master Yuwen Hao Chen looks rather miserable now, he's still in a much better condition compared to Duan Ling Tian. Based on his current condition, I think it would be like a game for him to deal with the last two lightning bolts!"

"Their fates are too different... Duan Ling Tian will die when the next lightning bolt strikes while Yuwen Hao Chen will pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial!"

"Regardless, it's still good news for the Human-Devil clan... Palace Master Yuwen is, after all, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace. It's one of the forces from the Three Palaces and Six Halls. He's one of our own. On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian is just an outsider!"

"You're right!"

Almost everyone present was certain Duan Ling Tian would be killed by the 80th lightning bolt. Based on the situation, they were not wrong to think so. Even Duan Ling Tian himself thought so.

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When Ke'er saw her man looking so miserable, her delicate and beautiful face was already drenched in tears. Her heart ached and she hated herself for not being to help her man bear the next lightning strike. She murmured to herself, "Brother Tian!"

"Daddy!" Duan Si Ling who was standing next to Ke'er cried out as she wept. There were a few instances when she wanted to rush to her father but was stopped by Gan Ru Yan.

Gan Ru Yan's eyes reddened as well as she looked at Duan Ling Tian. Her expression was tense and anxious, it was a look that she rarely wore.

"Master..." Peng Lai stared at the purple figure in the distance and sighed. He felt as though his hopes had been dashed. Based on the current situation, he did not think it was possible for a miracle to happen. His master's injuries were severe. Let alone the 80th lightning bolt, if the 79th lightning bolt were to strike again, his master might not even be able to deal with it. 'I'll die as well if master dies... The Wandering Saint Palace definitely won't let a traitor live!' He was aware of this. After a while, it seemed like he had come to accept his fate as he muttered under his breath, "However, even if I die, I don't think I'll have any regrets... After all, I possess an indigo Innate Spiritual Root!" Despite his words, it was clear that he was in despair.

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"Brother Ling Tian..." Huang Qi Ling murmured as she stared at Duan Ling Tian hopelessly. There was nothing she could do except watch at this moment.

"You shouldn't have come three years ago..." The most beautiful woman in the Human-Devil clan transmitted her voice with a sigh.

Huang Wen Jing was not angry even though Duan Ling Tian did not respond to her. Instead, she continued to question him through Voice Transmission. "I still don't understand why you didn't escape when I intentionally spread the news about your exposed identity in the Wandering Saint Palace... If you'd left immediately, you would've been able to avoid my master and Palace Master Shi from the Great Spirit Palace. Is it because you're confident about your strength?"

Huang Wen Jing did not expect a reply from Duan Ling Tian, therefore, she was surprised when she heard his response.

"Thank you." Duan Ling Tian appreciated Huang Wen Jing's help. Previously, Peng Lai had recounted everything that happened in the last year before he made his way here. He, naturally, knew the news of his real identity had been leaked in the Wandering Saint Palace earlier than planned. Rumor had it that someone had intentionally leaked the news, and Vice Palace Master Yun Fu Ye had even killed a few suspects. He did not expect the person who had leaked the news would turn out to be Huang Wen Jing. His eyes flashed with complex emotions when he learned about this. For this reason, he had quickly expressed his gratitude. Although she did not help much, it was the thought that counted.

"You're finally willing to respond to me?" Huang Wen Jing transmitted her voice. A hint of delight could be heard in her voice as well.

"I think I'll be killed by the 80th lightning bolt from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!" Duan Ling Tian transmitted his voice again. "I'd like to ask a favor of you..."

Huang Wen Jing cut Duan Ling Tian off. She knew what he wanted to say. "You want me to protect those three, right?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian replied via Voice Transmission. In his opinion, Huang Wen Jing, the last direct disciple of Yuwen Hao Chen, was doted on very much by her master. Therefore, it should not be difficult if she stubbornly insisted on keeping Ke'er and the other safe. Although the high-ranking officials from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were present, Yuwen Hao Chen was about to become an Eminent Celestial. He would have the highest authority here. As long she could get her master to agree to it, Ke'er and the other two would definitely survive!

"They're really lucky. You're still thinking about them even under these circumstances," Huang Wen Jing sighed faintly before she said, "I promise you." Her eyes were filled with determination to fulfill this man's last wish. She resolved to beg her master to spare this man's family even if she had to use her life to threaten her master.

"Thank you," Duan Ling Tian thanked her before he said solemnly, "If there's a next life, I, Duan Ling Tian, will repay your kindness tenfold!"

"If there's next life, I don't need your tenfold repayment... I want you to belong solely to me!" Huang Wen Jing asserted.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but smile wryly when he heard Huang Wen Jing's response. He sighed inwardly. 'What virtues or abilities do I have that makes her like me so much?'

Duan Ling Tian continued thinking to himself, 'It's so unexpected that I'd die here today. Before I die, I must speak to Ke'er. Otherwise, she'll definitely take her own life to follow me.' He understood Ke'er's attitude very well. He had to talk to her. After all, he was aware that he would not be able to deal with the 80th lightning bolt even though he had tried his best to heal himself.

Duan Ling Tian gazed at Ke'er from afar as he said through Voice Transmission, "Ke'er! Can you make me a promise?"

"Brother Tian, what is it?" Ke'er asked.

"I want to tell you that even if I fail the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and die, the Wandering Saint Palace might spare your life," Duan Ling Tian stated. He was quite confident in Huang Wen Jing because he knew Yuwen Hao Chen doted on her. He was certain she would be able to ensure their safety if she persisted. Moreover, Ke'er and the other two were not a threat to the Wandering Saint Palace or the Human-Devil clan.

"Brother Tian, I won't promise you if you want me to live without you! As your wife, we should be together in life and in death. Ke'er will never leave your side again!" Ke'er refused Duan Ling Tian resolutely. She had expected him to say this.

Ke'er's response caused Duan Ling Tian to feel deeply moved and helpless at the same time. What else would he need when he had a wife like this? However, he still planned to dissuade her. "Ke'er, you..."

Ke'er interrupted Duan Ling Tian. "If you plan to dissuade me using Si Ling, I've already thought about it... I know my sister will definitely take good care of Si Ling on my behalf!"

Regardless of how Duan Ling Tian tried to dissuade Ke'er, she was very determined to follow Duan Ling Tian in death.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Ke'er's determination to be with him in life and in death, he, who had given up, became motivated. His eyes narrowed, it was filled with determination. 'No way! I can't die! I mustn't die!'

In Ke'er's heart, Duan Ling Tian's life was more important than hers. Similarly, in Duan Ling Tian's heart, Ke'er's life was also more important than his! For this reason, although he did not have a solution, he decided to try with all his might to survive. Even if his body turned into ashes and his soul dispersed, he still had to fight even if it was not for himself, but for Ke'er!

2310 The Arrival of the 80th Tribulation Lightning!

Duan Ling Tian knew better than anyone about his current condition. Appearance-wise he might seem okay, but, in fact, he had already spent most of his strength. Let alone the 80th lightning bolt, he might not even be able to endure the strength of the earlier lightning bolts. He had already accepted his fate. He did not even plan to resist the 80th lightning bolt since he knew it would be futile. However, Ke'er's determination had reignited his will to live. It would upset him if he had to leave her behind.

'I have about 30 minutes left... I must try and recover as much as possible.' Naturally, Duan Ling Tian would not accept his fate since he had decided to fight. He consumed many wound-healing medicines regardless if they were effective or not. It was as though he had gotten them for free. It was unfortunate these medicinal pills were no longer effective because he had taken them too many times before.

Duan Ling Tian quickly closed his eyes and mobilized his Saint Origin to heal his ruptured veins and injured internal organs as much as possible so that he could face the 80th lightning bolt in the best condition possible.

Many people saw the change in Duan Ling Tian and began to discuss it among themselves.

“Why did Duan Ling Tian suddenly seem motivated when it seemed like he had given up earlier?”

Many people were calm when they saw Duan Ling Tian had solemnly accepted his fate. They could see he did not plan to put up a fight anymore. However, they were surprised when they saw the abrupt change in him. It seemed as though his will to live was reignited!

“Is it possible that Duan Ling Tian thinks he has a chance to overcome the 80th lightning bolt?”

“It’s impossible! Based on his condition, it’s unlikely he would be able to fully heal himself in a few hours, let alone half an hour. How can he possibly overcome the 80th lightning bolt?”

“What’s with his sudden change? Is he possessed?”

“I think he’s just unwilling to accept his fate. After all, some people are quite stubborn.”

“Even if he’s unwilling to accept his fate, what can he do? Don’t tell me he’s able to go against the will of Heaven and change his fate?”

The onlookers shook their heads at Duan Ling Tian. They thought his effort was futile and nothing but a waste of time.

“If I were him, I’ll definitely spend my remaining time with my family and say goodbye to them. I wonder what goes through his mind? He should spend his time with his wives and daughter instead of doing something so futile!” A Vice Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace said as he shook his head.

Many people from the Wandering Saint Palace agreed with his words.

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“How can he still waste his time during this critical time?” Yun Fu Ye, one of the Vice Palace Masters of Wandering Saint Palace and the eldest direct disciple of Yuwen Hao Chen, sneered as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was only struggling on his deathbed.

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Shi Nan Feng smiled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian who seemed to be meditating in the distance. ‘Duan Ru Feng, your son is about to be killed by the Tribulation Lightning... I wonder what kind of expression you’d make if you’re able to witness this scene...’

Even after so many years, Duan Ru Feng was the person Shi Nan Feng hated the most. After all, Duan Ru Feng had managed to escape him. For this reason, he felt his anger slightly assuaged when he saw Duan Ru Feng’s son was about to be struck to death by the Tribulation Lightning from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation.

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“Brother Tian...”

“Daddy...”

Ke'er and Duan Si Ling looked at Duan Ling Tian worriedly and hopefully.

On the other hand, Gan Ru Yan and Peng Lai had both come to terms with their fates. They no longer harbored any hopes.

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30 minutes passed by in just a blink of an eye. The 80th lightning bolt was about to strike.

The entire place fell silent. Only the deafening sounds of thunder could be heard from the Tribulation Clouds, reminding others that the Celestial Ascension Tribulation had not ended yet.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Along with the sound of thunder, the Tribulation Clouds kept rolling and brewing in the sky. Purple lightning bolts flashed ominously in the sky like pythons. It seemed as though a huge storm was brewing on the horizon. The area beneath the Tribulation Clouds turned darker, but it did not obstruct the crowd's sight.

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Above the Tribulation Cloud.

The Three-legged Golden Crow flew in and out of the colorful Auspicious Cloud like a flaming fairy.

A distance away from the colorful Auspicious Clouds, two figures stood like a statue. They had been there for a long time.

The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan asked the grey-clad old man next to him, “Master, it's impossible for Duan Ling Tian to overcome the 80th lightning bolt from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, right?”

“If there are no surprises, he'll definitely be killed by the 80th lightning bolt!” The grey-clad old man said.

“If there are no surprises?” The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan was confused. “Under such circumstances, what else can happen?”

“I'm just saying...” The grey-clad old man shook his head and his gaze was drawn to the colorful Auspicious Clouds in the distance. To be more precise, his eyes were trained on the flaming bird flying in and out of the colorful Auspicious Cloud. Naturally, he did not know the bird was called a Three-legged Crow. His eyes flashed when he gazed at the Three-legged Golden Crow as though he was mulling over something.

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After a while, the 80th lightning bolt was finally about to strike.

Beneath the Tribulation Clouds.

“It’s coming!”

The crowd was waiting eagerly for this.

All of a sudden, the surroundings brightened as though it was mid-afternoon and the sun was burning high in the sky. Many people with a lower cultivation base squinted their eyes immediately.

Many people thought to themselves, ‘The 80th Tribulation Lightning is going to strike!’

Boom!

As the earth-shattering sound of thunder rang in the air, a thick bolt of lightning struck from the Tribulation Clouds. Almost immediately, another identical bolt of lightning struck as well. These were the 80th lightning bolts that were heading toward Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen respectively!

The 80th lightning bolt preceded the last lightning bolt from the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. After overcoming the 80th lightning bolt, they would need to face the 81st lightning bolt, the last and most powerful lightning bolt. If they managed to survive the last Tribulation Lightning, they would successfully pass the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial. In fact, the difference between an Eminent Celestial and powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was the Celestial Origin Energy!

“If I can overcome the last two Tribulation Lightning, I’ll be able to become an Eminent Celestial!” Yuwen Hao Chen smiled as he looked at the bolt of lightning that was striking at him. He had fully recovered after an hour of healing himself. Although this bolt of lightning was stronger than the previous one, he did not feel pressured at all.

Although they were both facing the same Tribulation Lightning, Duan Ling Tian’s situation was vastly different from Yuwen Hao Chen. Even if Duan Ling Tian fought with his might, he could not help but feel an instinctive fear. He thought to himself resolutely, ‘Even if I can’t win, I won’t give up! Even if I die, I’ll die fighting. I’ll die with dignity and pride!’

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes turned cold as he cast his movement Divine Ability, the Golden Crow’s Wings, and fearlessly flew toward the lightning bolt like a Three-legged Golden Crow!

Yun Fu Ye and Shi Nan Feng scoffed when they saw this and thought to themselves, ‘Seeking death!’

Apart from those two, a majority of the people looked at Duan Ling Tian in admiration. They admired his courage when they saw him charging headlong toward the Tribulation Lightning even though he knew he would die. After all, not everyone would be able to bravely face death in such a way!

‘I, Peng Lai, have no more regrets even if I die to have an amazing master like him...’ For the first time, Peng Lai sincerely acknowledged Duan Ling Tian as his master as he gazed at Duan Ling Tian’s flaming figure.

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Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Yuwen Hao Chen resisted the force of the 80th lightning bolt after some of its force was dispersed by the technique he had inherited from the Wandering Saint Palace to overcome the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Although the force was oppressive, it was not difficult for him to deal with it at all.

On the other hand, the 80th lightning bolt struck at Duan Ling Tian like a meteorite falling from space. Its force was terrifying and explosive. The light from Duan Ling Tian's flaming wings seemed weak in comparison...