

Chapter 2341 Revealing His Identity

A cold wave of energy swept through the main hall, causing everyone to feel as though their hearts and souls were frozen. This was particularly true for the male customers who were blatantly staring at Ke'er and Gan Ru Yan. They felt the cold more deeply compared to the others. They panicked and quickly shifted their eyes away from the girls to the purple-clad young man who was walking in the lead.

The purple-clad young man was tall and had an elegant bearing. However, the coldness he emitted felt as though it could even freeze the air. Everyone in the main hall of the restaurant fell silent immediately. They only regained their senses, looking as though they had just survived a terrifying disaster, when the purple-clad young man and his companions left the restaurant.

"How terrifying! The purple-clad young man is really scary!"

"You're right! He didn't even look at us, but the coldness he emitted was enough to make my heart freeze. It felt as though my heart had stopped beating at that moment."

"Me too. It was not only my heart that felt as though it had frozen, but even my soul felt frozen... Moreover, I was in a daze. It was weird. It felt as though everything had become a blur. It felt like a near-death experience."

"I wonder what's the purple-clad young man's cultivation base? Just the aura he emitted was so terrifying! How much more terrifying would it be if he had attacked?!"

The customers in the main hall of the restaurant discussed among themselves after Duan Ling Tian left with Ke'er, Duan Si Ling, and Gan Ru Yan. Most of them looked as though they had just survived a disaster.

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Meanwhile, in the street outside of the restaurant...

A thunderous voice cried out, "Lad! It's your daughter's luck that my lord took a liking to her and her innate talent. If you know what's good for you, quickly ask your daughter to kneel and kowtow to my lord and acknowledge him as her master!"

The voice was thunderously loud and caught the attention of the people on the street and the diners inside the restaurant. A few diners even rushed out from the restaurant to see what was going on.

"It's the purple-clad young man! Someone took a liking to his daughter!"

"The twelve or thirteen-year-old girl is his daughter?"

"That young girl resembles the pair of beautiful women... It seems like those beautiful women are his wives!"

"He's really a winner in life."

“Whether he’s a winner in life or not, currently, he’s stuck in a predicament...”

More and more diners rushed out of the restaurant after paying their bills when they heard the growing commotion from outside. When they exited the restaurant, they saw the purple-clad young man and his three companions.

At this moment, Duan Si Ling who was in her father’s arms whispered to him, “Father, they’re disgusting!” She was obviously talking about the group of three men who stood across them.

A skinny old man with white eyebrows and dressed in a silk robe stood in the lead. It was obvious he was not a commoner. Two middle-aged men dressed in simple robes stood behind him. One of them was as skinny as a bamboo pole, while the other one was huge and burly.

The burly middle-aged man had stepped forward and stared at Duan Ling Tian with his huge eyes in an imposing manner. It was obvious he was trying to intimidate Duan Ling Tian. He was also the one who had spoken earlier.

The diners who had left the restaurant whispered among themselves as they watched this spectacle. All of them knew something was about to happen.

“What happened?”

“I’m not sure... I just came out...”

“It seems like the finely-dressed old man had taken a liking to the purple-clad young man’s daughter. It seems like he intends to take the young girl as his disciple but the purple-clad young man rejected his request.”

“I heard the purple-clad young man’s daughter saying earlier she doesn’t need a master or teacher since she has her father!”

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Duan Ling Tian’s expression was extremely dark when he heard the burly middle-aged man’s words. He looked at the burly middle-aged man coldly and said, “Get lost!” He had intended to rush to the Fire Worship Sect. Who knew someone would block his way as soon as he had left the restaurant? He would have let the matter go if the group of men had just blocked his way and expressed their interest in taking his daughter as a disciple. His daughter had a high innate talent, it was only natural that people admired those who were talented. However, he could not forgive these people since they had threatened him when he expressed he was not interested in letting his daughter become the old man’s disciple.

The finely-dressed old man’s expression changed dramatically when he heard Duan Ling Tian asking them to get lost.

Meanwhile, the burly middle-aged man had a shocked expression on his face. He said angrily, “Lad, you... How dare you ask me to get lost?! If I want to kill you, it’d be as easy as killing a chicken or a duck!”

Duan Ling Tian sneered. "A mere cultivator at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage has the audacity to claim he's able to kill me as easily as killing a chicken?" He vanished before everyone's sight as soon as he finished speaking.

Whoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian appeared in front of the burly middle-aged man like a ghost. He lifted his hand and gripped the burly middle-aged man's neck tightly before the burly middle-aged man had time to react. He lifted the burly-middle aged man by his neck easily even though the burly middle-aged man was bigger than him. The sight of a smaller man lifting a bigger man by his neck was very strange.

"Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial?"

"The purple-clad young man said the burly middle-aged man is a cultivator at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

"I think we heard wrongly! Cultivators at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage are extremely strong, and all of them are ranked in the Supreme Saint Ranking. However, the burly middle-aged man is just the old man's servant."

"You're right. I think it's likely that the purple-clad young man wants to show how powerful he is by saying his opponent is at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage."

"That's possible!"

Apart from Duan Ling Tian's companions and the group of men, almost everyone did not believe Duan Ling Tian when he said the burly middle-aged man was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. After all, they were currently in a small albeit bustling city. Usually, it would be difficult for them to encounter a cultivator at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, let alone someone at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Naturally, there was a small group of people who knew the burly middle-aged man was truly at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The finely-dressed old man and the other middle-aged man was dumbfounded when they saw Duan Ling Tian appearing out of thin air in front of their companion, and just as quickly, he had gripped their companion's neck, lifting him.

The finely-dressed old man shifted his eyes to Duan Ling Tian and asked in a cold and raspy voice, "You... Who or what are you?!"

Boom!

A loud sound reverberated in the air when Duan Ling Tian threw the burly middle-aged man and he landed on the ground. Soon after, he disappeared and appeared next to Duan Si Ling. Then, he met the finely-dressed old man's eyes and said indifferently, "Duan Ling Tian. The successor of the Fog Rain Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect!"

Seven Absolutes Sect!

The successor of the Fog Rain Progeny!

The finely-dressed old man's eyes widened when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

The people in the surroundings were shocked and terrified when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words as well. This, naturally, included the skinny and burly middle-aged men.

This purple-clad young man was the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect?!

During the past few years, the Seven Absolutes Sect had been the talk of the town in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Up until now, apart from the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, all the successors of the Absolutes had revealed themselves. For this reason, many people were curious about the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect. All of them were curious about what kind of person he was, his strength, and his cultivation base.

It was completely out of the crowd's expectation that the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect would suddenly appear before them!

Everyone was still in shock when the finely-dressed old man finally said in a calm tone, "I was just wondering when did the Upper Province get another Eminent Celestial. As it turns out, you're the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect!"

Chapter 2342 The Same Person

Based on the finely-dressed old man's words, it was obvious he had discovered Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base when Duan Ling Tian had attacked earlier. Eminent Celestial! However, it was also obvious that he was not frightened by his discovery at all. He remained calm even after finding out Duan Ling Tian was an Eminent Celestial.

On the contrary, the people in the surroundings were in an uproar!

When the skinny middle-aged man standing behind the finely-dressed old man heard this, his eyes widened in shock. "The successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect is an Eminent Celestial?"

The burly middle-aged man who was thrown away by Duan Ling Tian and landed on the ground struggled to stand up. When he was back on his feet, he heard the finely-dressed old man's words as well. He was shocked and felt a chill run up his spine. 'No wonder I couldn't mobilize my Saint Origin no matter how hard I tried when his energy swept over me earlier... As it turns out, he's an Eminent Celestial!' He, naturally, felt frightened when he learned the purple-clad young man he had provoked was an Eminent Celestial. He felt embarrassed when he recalled what he had said to the purple-clad young man. He was merely at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. It would be as easy as slaughtering a chicken if an Eminent Celestial wanted to kill him. To think he had said to the purple-clad young man that it would be easy for him to kill that young man. 'Fortunately, he didn't intend to kill me... Otherwise, I would've been dead!'

When the crowd regained their senses, one of them asked, "Eminent Celestial? Did I hear it correctly? Did he really say Eminent Celestial?!"

"You didn't hear wrongly... The old man really said the purple-clad young man is an Eminent Celestial!" Many people confirmed that he did not mishear the finely-dressed old man's words.

"Moreover, the young man said he's the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect and the sect leader of the sect, right?"

"That's right."

"No wonder his speed is so fast. I couldn't even see him when he moved earlier... It's too fast!"

"It's only natural since he's an Eminent Celestial."

"This means the young man wasn't boasting earlier when he said the middle-aged man is merely at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

"Is there a need for him to lie? Let alone being an Eminent Celestial, he's the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect. Why would he lie?"

People finally realized Duan Ling Tian was not trying to show off earlier when he said the burly middle-aged man was merely a cultivator at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! Faced with an Eminent Celestial, what could a cultivator at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage do?

"I've only heard about Eminent Celestials... This is my first time seeing one!"

"Me too!"

"Who knew the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, is an Eminent Celestial! Moreover, he looks so young!"

"I don't think it's that surprising. After all, the few female members of the Seven Absolutes Sect are at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... As the current successor to the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, it would be strange if he isn't an Eminent Celestial."

"Indeed."

Everyone's eyes were trained on Duan Ling Tian as they spoke among themselves. It seemed as though they were trying to imprint him in their minds.

Suddenly, an old lady cried out, "Eh?! He... Isn't he Duan Ling Tian, the Guardian of Fire Worship Sect?"

"Guardian Duan Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect?"

After the old lady finished speaking, people began to scrutinize Duan Ling Tian's face. The more they looked at him, the more they found him familiar. Memories from the past began to slowly surface in their minds.

"There's no doubt he's Guardian Duan Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect! I've seen his portrait before!"

“I saw the portrait as well. However, since it’s been so long, I didn’t realize it immediately.”

“No wonder I found him familiar. As it turns out, he’s Guardian Duan Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect. Who knew he’s also the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny? Now that I think about it, he did say his name is Duan Ling Tian earlier!”

“Indeed! He did say his name is Duan Ling Tian!”

“This... A few years ago, he’s the Guardian of Fire Worship Sect. However, he has become the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect? What a huge turn!”

“Incredible! Incredible!”

More and more people began to realize Guardian Duan Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect was now the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect!

“Aren’t Seven Absolutes Sect and Fire Worship Sect mortal enemies?”

“Yes. Not only that, but the Black Kshetra Sect and Heaven Divination Sect are also enemies of the Seven Absolutes Sect... How did a Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect become the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect?” Many people were baffled by this.

“Are all of you stupid? He probably acted as a spy and infiltrated the Fire Worship Sect to gather information...”

“That would make sense.”

“But... Isn’t Duan Ling Tian’s improvement too outrageous?”

Someone asked, “A few years ago, he managed to defeat the strongest person under the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and became the strongest person under the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. However, he’s currently an Eminent Celestial. Isn’t his progress too outrageous?”

“Indeed. M-maybe the old man is wrong?”

Everyone turned to look at the finely-dressed old man who said Duan Ling Tian was an Eminent Celestial earlier.

If the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, was someone they did not know, they would not have found it difficult to believe that person was an Eminent Celestial. However, since they knew Duan Ling Tian who was renowned in the Upper Province a few years ago, they found it confusing and hard to believe. After all, they knew what his strength was like at that time. At that time, his strength was second to Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. How did he go from being someone who had not broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to an Eminent Celestial in just a few years? How was it possible?

Although the strongest person in the crowd was only at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, everyone knew how difficult it was to break through from the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and become an Eminent Celestial.

The finely-dressed old man ignored the skeptical looks that people were shooting at him. His gaze turned fierce as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "So you're the famous Guardian Duan Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect who was widely acknowledged as one of the top prodigies in the Dao Martial Saint Land along with Pei Si Hai! All these people think you hadn't broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at that time. It seems like you hid your strength really well... However, you can't hide anything from me. I can clearly tell you're an Eminent Celestial!"

The finely-dressed old man felt insulted when he saw Duan Ling Tian looking at him indifferently and had no intention of replying to him.

"Do you really think you can stop me from taking your daughter as my disciple just because you're an Eminent Celestial? Do you really think Eminent Celestials are the strongest in the mundane realm?" The finely-dressed old man was clearly very confident about his own strength.

Everyone was confused by the finely-dressed old man's words.

"Eminent Celestials should be the strongest in the mundane realm, are they not? However, based on his words, it doesn't seem to be the case..." Many people were shocked and confused, but they did not put much stock in the old man's words.

Duan Ling Tian merely cocked an eyebrow and said indifferently, "Do you really think I can't tell that you're a Bodiless Celestial?"

Chapter 2343 Chen Yi Ru, the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian had first entered the restaurant, the finely-dressed old man had already piqued his interest. This was because the finely-dressed old man's aura felt familiar. It was somewhat similar to the aura of Lao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. However, with just that alone, he was not able to completely confirm the finely-dressed old man was a Bodiless Celestial. He became 100% certain when he discovered the cultivation base of the finely-dressed old man's followers. The burly middle-aged man was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage while the skinny middle-aged man was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Since these two were the followers of the finely-dressed old man, the old man had to have come from an extraordinary family or he had to be stronger than an Eminent Celestial. Apart from that, the finely-dressed old man was able to guess his cultivation as soon as he attacked the burly middle-aged man. Only an Eminent Celestial or those who were stronger would be able to do that. The finely-dressed old man also maintained his composure when he discovered his cultivation base. He was not nervous or frightened at all. This had to mean the finely-dressed old man was at least a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Otherwise, how could he have been so confident? Finally, the old man was able to bypass his Divine Consciousness and probe Si Ling's cultivation base. Based on all this, he was certain the finely-dressed old man was a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial or even stronger!

"Do you really think I wouldn't be able to tell that you're a Bodiless Celestial?" Duan Ling Tian said to the finely-dressed old man.

When the finely-dressed old man heard Duan Ling's question, he was taken aback by the fact that Duan Ling Tian knew about Bodiless Celestials. "You've heard of Bodiless Celestials?" He did not wait for Duan Ling Tian to reply as he nodded and muttered to himself, "I almost forgot that you're not only a

Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect, but you're also the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute, and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. As the leader of such an ancient sect, it's no surprise that you know about Bodiless Celestials."

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he asked nonchalantly, "If I'm not mistaken, you must be a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at the very least, right?"

The finely-dressed old man was not surprised by Duan Ling Tian's words. After all, only those who were Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials or stronger were more powerful than Eminent Celestials.

At this moment, the skinny middle-aged man who was standing behind the old man chimed in smugly, "Humph! My lord is a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted in surprise and his expression turned solemn. 'Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? If a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial unleashes all his strength, he would be able to tear open a hole in the void. They're much stronger compared to a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.'

The finely-dressed old man was the second Bodiless Celestial Duan Ling Tian had encountered. If the old man was a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, this meant he was much stronger than Lao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

When the skinny middle-aged man saw the change in Duan Ling Tian's expression, he began to smirk. In his opinion, this Eminent Celestial, the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, would definitely rush to let his daughter become the direct disciple of the finely-dressed old man now that he discovered his master was a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. However, his smile disappeared when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He thought he had misheard Duan Ling Tian.

"I'll allow what has transpired to slide, but if you insist on pushing the matter, I'll kill you!" Duan Ling Tian said indifferently as he glanced at the old man. In fact, he was not afraid at all when he learned that the finely-dressed old man was a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. He only wanted to return to the Fire Worship Sect as soon as he could without any delay. This was just a trivial matter and he could easily deal with a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, but he would prefer not to kill the other party if it was not necessary. After all, the finely-dressed old man was human. The finely-dressed old man would prove useful when the Devil Clans invaded the Upper Province in the future. It would be a great loss to humankind if he killed the finely-dressed old man now. For this reason, he decided to let the finely-dressed old man go if the old man stopped pushing the matter.

"Impudent!"

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The two middle-aged men cried out in unison and their expressions changed drastically as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. It had never occurred to them that someone would dare to utter such impudent words after learning that their master was a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! He was just a mere Eminent Celestial, and yet he thought he was the king of the world?

Meanwhile, the finely-dressed old man was trembling in anger and his face was red. He said coldly, "Duan Ling Tian! It seems like you don't know the difference between different stages of a Bodiless Celestial even though you're the successor of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny, and the leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect... Let me show you the strength of a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial before you die!" At this moment, the finely-dressed old man's killing intent skyrocketed. He continued to say, "A Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestial's strength is equivalent to an Eminent Celestial like you. A Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial is stronger than you. How strong do you think I am as a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? I can even tear open the void when I attack. Moreover, I can travel freely between the Upper and Lower Province!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly when he heard the finely-dressed old man's words. "You're going to show me your strength before I die?" Based on the old man's words, it was clear the old man was determined to kill him.

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Meanwhile, the spectators were, naturally, baffled when they heard the exchange between Duan Ling Tian and the finely-dressed old man.

"Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

"What is this Bodiless Celestial? Why are there different stages?"

"He said a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial is stronger than an Eminent Celestial?"

"I heard that as well. Moreover, he said that he's a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who's even stronger than a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... He also said he's able to tear open the void and travel freely between the Upper and Lower Province!"

"If it's true, is he even human? That sounds more like a True Celestial from the Devata Realm, right?!"

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Since Duan Ling Tian had determined the finely-dressed old man intended to kill him, he instantly cast his assist-type Divine Ability. "Elementary Devouring Tactic!"

Whoosh!

Whirlpools began to appear and churn rapidly around Duan Ling Tian. In just a blink of an eye, he had absorbed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings!

'The Lower Province really can't compare to the Upper Province when it comes to Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy... In just a blink of an eye, I've raised my Celestial Origin Energy to its limit!' In about a breath's time, Duan Ling Tian had raised his Celestial Origin Energy to its limit. If he unleashed all his strength now, he would be able to tear a hole in the void that would take thirty minutes to close.

As a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, the finely-dressed old man was, naturally, the first to discover the abnormality. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and sneered. "Hm? Well, your assist-type Divine Ability is

definitely extraordinary. However, do you really think your assist-type Divine Ability will be able to raise your strength to where it's comparable to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

The finely-dressed continued to say in a cold voice, "Today, I, Chen Yi Ru, a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, will kill the successor of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny. My name will be known for killing you. After all, the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny seems to appear only once in every 10,000 years!"

The crowd that was still reeling from shock from the loss of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in their surroundings when they heard Chen Yi Ru's words. All their attention shifted to him since they knew he was about to make his move.

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The successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, was so rare that only one would come by once every 10,000 years! Only when the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny had appeared would the Seven Absolutes Sect appear as well. After all, all the successors of the Fog Rain Progeny were also the Sect Leaders of the Seven Absolute Sect. What was a sect without a sect leader? For this reason, when the other members from the Seven Absolutes Sect appeared one after another, the people from the Dao Martial Saint Land knew the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny must have appeared as well even though they had not seen or heard about him.

Everyone was curious about the identity of the new successor of the Fog Rain Progeny. Who knew today was the day the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny would appear? Moreover, they even found out that the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny was Duan Ling Tian, the Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect!

The entire place was as silent as a mausoleum at this moment. Since it was quiet, when a bystander spoke up, everyone heard his words.

"He says he's a Fourth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who's much stronger than a Third Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, and a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial is apparently much stronger than an Eminent Celestial... I wonder if he's lying!"

As soon as the bystander finished speaking, Chen Yi Ru who was about to attack Duan Ling Tian suddenly paused in his tracks and scoffed.

Soon after, the sound of something being pierced could be heard.

Thud!

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, the bystander who had just spoken fell to the ground heavily. His eyes were still open as though he was unaware he had died at the moment of his death. A hideous wound could be seen on his glabella. Fresh blood continued to spurt out his wound. The crowd felt a shiver running up their spines when they saw this. Fear filled their eyes when they looked at Chen Yi Ru again. The man had only spoken casually without any harm, but he was instantly killed. Moreover, all of them did not see when or how Chen Yi Ru had killed that man.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, the only one who clearly saw how Chen Yi Ru killed that man. 'Indeed. That's the strength of a Fourth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Just the attack that he had shot out from his eyes is comparable to the strength of an Eminent Celestial!'

With the dead man serving as an example, even if there were people who were skeptical of Chen Yi Ru's strength, no one dared to speak up. After all, when Chen Yi Ru killed that man, they did not sense any power from him. For this reason, they remained largely skeptical of his strength. Most of them communicated through Voice Transmissions when they discussed this among themselves.

"Well, we'll find out soon enough if he's as strong as he says he is."

"The battle between Duan Ling Tian, the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, and him will start soon!"

"Fight! Just fight! Let us witness how strong Duan Ling Tian is now that he has become an Eminent Celestial!"

Everyone's eyes were trained on Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Ru. One was the former Guardian of Fire Worship Sect, the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, and the leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. The other one claimed he was a Fourth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial whose strength supposedly surpassed that of an Eminent Celestial. Was the latter only boasting? The answer would be clear once they began to battle.

Chen Yi Ru turned back to look at Duan Ling Tian as his robes fluttered in the air. He said coldly, "From today onward, Duan Ling Tian will cease to exist in this mundane realm!" A terrifying energy rolled out from his body, causing the void to distort and ripple.

"Shameless bragging!" Duan Ling Tian smirked. Meanwhile, the Celestial Origin Energy in his body that had been raised by the Elementary Devouring Tactic circulated through his 99 Saint Veins before surging out of his body like a ferocious dragon. It caused the ground to quake and the void to distort and ripple as well. If he did not hold back, his Celestial Origin Energy that fused with his Saint Origin would have torn holes in the void.

"You'll find out for yourself if I'm boasting or not!" Chen Yi Ru sneered. The moment he lifted his hands, the energy that rolled out of his body began to roil like the surging waves of the sea. He looked invincible at this moment like a divine being. He cried out, "Today, I, Chen Yi Ru, will kill Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect!" He moved his hand and the energy that was roiling around him converged and formed a giant saber that radiated a terrifying aura. It seemed like a sleeping beast who was about to wake up.

When one's cultivation base was at Chen Yi Ru's level, all weapons, including the Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking, would be rendered useless. Moreover, these weapons might be a burden instead.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly as he sneered. "How dare you, a mere Fourth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, boast before me! Today, I'll show you how I defeat you in 10 strikes even though I'm just an Eminent Celestial!" As soon as he finished speaking, the energy that surged out of his body transformed into millions of white sword rays that hovered around him. At this moment, he looked like he was standing in a shower of swords. These swords were all under his control, moving deftly like a dragon.

Whoosh!

A gust of wind rustled the purple robes that Duan Ling Tian wore. He stood with his hands on his back. He looked contemptuously at Chen Yi Ru who was wielding a giant saber. It was clear that he did not take Chen Yi Ru seriously at all.

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian was still in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, he had learned about Bodiless Celestials and their strength. He discovered that his current strength was comparable to a Five or Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial when he unleashed all his strength. Since that was the case, why would he be afraid of a mere Fourth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?

Chen Yi Ru was, naturally, unaware of this. Otherwise, he would not have dared to boast in front of Duan Ling Tian. He was shocked by Duan Ling Tian's confidence. "Defeat me in 10 strikes?" When he regained his senses, his anger spiked again. "Duan Ling Tian, I really want to see how you're going to defeat me in ten strikes. I'll need less than three strikes to kill you!" He lifted the giant saber in his hand and pointed it at the sky.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

A buzzing noise rang in the air as the chunky saber shot out a saber ray.

Five meters!

Ten meters!

Twenty meters!

The saber ray began to elongate and grew to about 100 meters before it finally stopped.

However, the crowd's attention was not on the long saber ray. All of them gasped in shock when they saw Chen Yi Ru tear a hole in the void.

"Is that a hole in the void?"

"It's true! He can really tear open a hole in the void!"

"Oh, my goodness! Even an Eminent Celestial can only tear open the void in or to a pseudo realm!"

"A cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could also tear open a hole in the void that leads to the pseudo realm if he can find the original spot where the Eminent Celestial had previously torn open a hole."

"However, this tear in the void doesn't look like it leads to a pseudo realm!"

2345 A Godly Sword

When Chen Yi Ru pointed the giant saber at the sky, it shot out a saber ray that was more than a hundred meters long, creating a noise that was similar to a firecracker.

Rrrip! Rrrip! Rrippp!

At the same time, the sound of something being torn resonated in the air. Many black tears that looked like tiny snakes appeared in the void one after another. It appeared as fast as it disappeared. However,

since many would appear at once, it looked extremely shocking and frightening. After all, only when one's strength had reached a certain level would one be able to tear holes in the void. Eminent Celestials might be able to open one hole in the void to or in a pseudo realm but they were definitely not capable of a feat like this. This was not something Eminent Celestials were capable of.

"Even if he's an Eminent Celestial, he can only open one entrance to the pseudo realm... It's not possible for him to tear so many holes in the void!"

When the crowd saw the multiple tears in the void that was caused by the saber ray from Chen Yi Ru's giant saber, they felt a chill run up their spines. This was completely beyond their understanding. Not even an Eminent Celestial was capable of accomplishing this feat.

"Is it possible that he didn't lie? Could he really be a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who's far stronger than an Eminent Celestial?"

"I don't know what's a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, but Eminent Celestials can ascend to a higher realm and become a True Celestial, right? So, for someone to be stronger than Eminent Celestial, they have to be like those beings in the Devata Realm."

"Then... this old man is a True Celestial?"

"Apart from a True Celestial, who's able to tear the void open so easily?"

The crowd was shocked when they saw Chen Yi Ru tear open the void with the giant saber in his hands. Although they had no idea why someone so powerful would be in the mundane realm, they no longer looked skeptical. Instead, they looked at the old man reverently.

"Duan Ling Tian, prepare yourself!" Chen Yi Ru roared as his figure began to grow under everyone's watchful eyes. In just a blink of an eye, he had turned into a giant that was over a hundred meters tall. His giant saber had also fused with the hundred-meter-long saber ray and turned into a saber that was more than a hundred meter long. The gigantic Chen Yi Ru who was wielding the giant saber looked like a saber god that had descended to the mortal world. He appeared fearsome and majestic as though he was capable of blocking out the sun and heaven. All of a sudden, he bellowed, "Peerless Saber!" His thunderous voice pierced the ears of everyone present, hurting them.

Those who had a weaker cultivation base hurt their eardrums. Some were even bleeding from all seven orifices and were dying.

"No!"

"What's happening?"

However, this was only the beginning as horrible as it might seem.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Two web-like cracks appeared under Chen Yi Ru's feet. The cracks continued to spread and grow, turning into a bottomless abyss. After a moment, he pointed the giant saber at the horizon before slashing it down.

There were some people who rose into the air as the cracks on the ground began to spread.

Boom!

The sound of explosions rang in the wake of the giant saber and tears in the void would appear before they disappeared just as quickly. Chen Yi Ru had unleashed the power that was originally contained in the giant saber! The energy from the giant saber crashed down like a raging wave when it flew out of his hand.

At this moment, those who had risen into the air instantly exploded into a blood mist when they were hit by the energy from Chen Yi Ru's giant saber. It was too fast! They had no time to react at all. In just a blink of an eye, the sky was tinted red.

Boom!

Rumble!

At the same time, the restaurant on the street was also hit by the energy from Chen Yi Ru's giant saber. It instantly collapsed into a ruin. Many people could be seen bleeding as they tried to crawl out of the restaurant, their lives were hanging on a thread. The restaurant was not the only place to be reduced into rubble. The surroundings turned into rubble as well when they were hit by the energy from Chen Yi Ru's giant saber.

All this happened in just a blink of an eye. No one was able to react in time at all.

The giant saber whistled loudly in the air as it flew toward Duan Ling Tian domineeringly as though it could cut Mountain Huashan apart.

At this moment, Chen Yi Ru looked like a divine warrior when he attacked. His giant saber was called the Peerless Saber.

Duan Ling Tian smiled contemptuously as he effortlessly protected the three ladies by his side from the effects of the Peerless Saber. He looked at the giant saber nonchalantly as it flew toward him. "With only this little power, it's called the Peerless Saber? It's not deserving of its name."

When the Peerless Saber was fast approaching, Duan Ling Tian finally spat out a word, "Out!"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As soon as he had spoken, the millions of sword rays that were hovering around Duan Ling Tian suddenly began to converge before it formed a huge web, like a protective shield. When the sword rays moved, they left tiny cracks in the void as well. As soon as they appeared, they would disappear again. However, the sword rays were too dazzling that everyone, including Chen Yi Ru, did not notice the cracks that disappeared as soon as they had appeared. If Chen Yi Ru had seen this, he would realize that Duan Ling Tian's sword rays were not any weaker than his Peerless Saber.

The giant saber continued to whizz through the air. Before it landed on Duan Ling Tian's web of sword rays, Chen Yi Ru cried out in a thunderous voice, "Break!"

Boom!

When the saber fell on the sword-ray web, it seemed as though it was slashing at the ocean. The web roiled and undulated like the waves.

After a moment.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the giant saber landed on the sword ray web, they clashed for a moment before both of them exploded. A mushroom cloud appeared as a result of the explosion. The explosion caused many cracks to appear in the void.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The shockwave from the explosion that came from the center of the cloud mushroom swept out in all directions, seemingly capable of destroying heaven and earth. It flattened the land within a thousand-meter radius. Apart from that, many people, except for those at or above the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, were killed.

Chen Yi Ru's two followers who were at the Eighth and Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage had also retreated a thousand meters away. They were too afraid to get close.

After everything had finally settled down, it was deadly silent. The sound of wind blowing in the air was the only noise that could be heard at this moment.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Ru were standing in the air. The place where they had been standing earlier had turned into a giant pit that seemed like it was a few hundred meters deep.

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Everything in a thousand meters radius was razed to the ground. Even the ground had a giant pit that was a few hundred meters deep from the explosion. Apart from that, more than 90% of the people present on the scene were killed as well.

"This is too terrifying! Is someone with this kind of power still human?"

"Although I haven't seen an Eminent Celestial before, I've read about them in books. None of the books had indicated they possessed such strength!"

"Don't tell me you still think they're Eminent Celestials? Not only did the old man who claimed to be a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial tear the void open, but even Duan Ling Tian managed to tear the void open."

"I saw it as well. When the sword rays around Duan Ling Tian moved to form the web, there were many cracks in the void."

"It seems like their first clash is a tie!"

"Duan Ling Tian seems... stronger than an Eminent Celestial!"

The few people who were fortunate enough to survive looked at Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi in fear. It seemed as though they had seen a ghost when they looked at Duan Ling Tian in particular. In the beginning, they were skeptical if Duan Ling Tian was an Eminent Celestial. However, currently, they were absolutely certain he was much stronger than an Eminent Celestial. The strength he had demonstrated earlier exceeded those Eminent Celestials and was comparable to those in the Devata Realm.

“So this is the power of the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes, and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect?”

Many people’s hearts jolted in fear.

Even Chen Yi Ru’s two followers were shocked and frightened. Both of them looked as though they had seen a ghost.

“How could it be?!”

“H-he actually survived the Peerless Saber and ended the battle in a tie? H-how’s this possible?”

Duan Ling Tian was only an Eminent Celestial. How could he possibly survive the Peerless Saber? Although the Peerless Saber attack was not the strongest attack in their master’s arsenal, it could still easily kill a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, let alone an Eminent Celestial.

‘I-is it possible that he’s also a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?’ The two middle-aged men came to this conclusion when they saw Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Ru were evenly matched.

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This place was a prosperous city after all. With all the commotion, it was only natural that people from further away were alerted by it. Many people from all over the city came to have a look.

“What happened?”

“It seems like something awful happened here!”

“Goodness! Look! The land in a thousand meters radius is in ruins. Moreover, the ground in that area has turned into a giant pit. It looks as though it’s at least a few hundred meters deep!”

“Is it even possible for two Eminent Celestials to cause such destruction when they fight? After all, the materials used to construct the buildings in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land are very advanced. It’s much better than those in the Lower Province! ”

“That may be the case, but it doesn’t change that everything in a thousand meters radius is destroyed!”

After a few moments, the newcomers finally noticed the people near the giant pit.

“Huh? There are people there!”

These people were the people who managed to survive, including Chen Yi Ru’s two followers.

“There are people in the sky as well!” It did not take long before they saw Duan Ling Tian, Ke’er, Duan Si Ling, Gan Ru Yan, and Chen Yi Ru hovering in the air above the giant pit.

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At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's face was expressionless as he protected the three ladies.

Chen Yi Ru stood across them, looking at Duan Ling Tian in shock. It took him a while to regain his senses.

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"Is there anyone who can tell me what's going on?"

"Come on! Let's go and ask around!"

The newcomers approached the survivors and asked them about what had happened. Usually, these people at the Eighth and Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were extremely arrogant and would not deign to speak to the newcomers. However, after they witnessed Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Ru's strength, they realized how powerless they were. They were like ants compared to those two people. If they were not lucky earlier, they would have died as well. For this reason, they began to patiently recount what had happened earlier.

"That purple-clad young man is Duan Ling Tian who used to be the Guardian of Fire Worship Sect!"

"Apparently, he's the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes, and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. He's far stronger than an Eminent Celestial!"

"Just now ..."

The newcomers were dumbfounded when they heard this.

"Duan Ling Tian, the former Guardian of Fire Worship Sect, is the successor of Fog Rain Progeny? He's also the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect?"

"He became stronger than an Eminent Celestial in just a few years? He even tore the void open when he attacked?"

"To be able to tear the void open... This is indeed something that Eminent Celestials aren't capable of!"

"I thought Eminent Celestials are the strongest in mundane realms? Once they ascend to the Devata Realm and become a True Celestial, it would be extremely difficult for them to return to the mundane realm, right? However, they're clearly stronger than Eminent Celestials! How do we explain this?"

"I wonder how they improved their strength to this extent?"

"They said the finely-dressed referred to himself as a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, right?"

The newcomers were in an uproar when they heard about what happened between Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Ru.

All of a sudden, a middle-aged man who was dressed like a scholar turned to look at the survivors and asked with a horrified expression on his face, "Chen Yi Ru? Did you say that old man is Chen Yi Ru? Moreover, he wielded a giant saber and released an attack called Peerless Saber?"

“Yes.” The survivors had no idea why the middle-aged scholar asked this, but they still answered him anyway. Although they did not see Chen Yi Ru’s attack clearly. They heard him cry out, ‘Peerless Sable’.

The middle-aged scholar fell deep into thoughts when his eyes suddenly widened in shock and amazement. “C-could he be that person?”

“What are you saying?”

“Do you recognize him? Who is he?”

“Hey! If you recognize him, quickly tell us who he is... Do you find it fun to keep us in the dark?”

The people in the surroundings began to urge the middle-aged scholar to speak up when they realized he seemed to know something.

The middle-aged scholar finally regained his senses at this moment. He gulped before he said, “I have a habit of studying all the Supreme Saint Ranking throughout the years, and I’m really familiar with the old Supreme Saint Rankings...”

Before the middle-aged scholar could continue, someone cut him off. “Get to the point!!”

“I’m getting to it.” The middle-aged scholar was, naturally, unhappy that he was interrupted. He continued to say with a frown on his face, “I remember the person who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking 5,000 years ago is called Chen Yi Ru. He was also known as Chen San Dao!”

The middle-aged scholar paused for a moment as he carefully studied the finely-dressed old man. “Chen San Dao was a well-known prodigious saber cultivator at that time. He combined his martial arts and Divine Abilities, creating three formidable saber techniques... They were called the Peerless Saber, World Cleansing Saber, and World Annihilation Saber!”

Someone chimed in at this moment, “Are you saying Chen Ru Yi or Chen San Dao who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking 5,000 years ago is that finely-dressed old man?”

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When the middle-aged scholar heard the crowd’s question, he shook his head. “I think it’s just a coincidence...”

“A coincidence?”

“How can there be such a coincidence. The finely-dressed old man is called Chen Yi Ru, and he uses a saber as well. Moreover, when he attacked earlier, he cried out, ‘Peerless Saber’!”

“Yes, how can there be such a coincidence in this world?”

“I think... it’s very likely that the old man is Chen Ru Yi or Chen San Dao who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking 5,000 years ago!”

Many people spoke up and disagreed when the middle-aged scholar when he shook his head and said it was most likely a coincidence. It was acceptable if his name was similar and he used a saber as well. However, for the attack to be the same as well? How could there be so many coincidences?

The middle-aged scholar smiled wryly when he heard people disagreeing with him. "To be honest, I also think that it's unlikely to be a coincidence. However, according to the records, Chen Yi Ru or Chen San Dao who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking 5,000 years ago had failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation 4,000 years ago..."

"He failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation?"

The crowd was baffled when they heard this. After all, all of them thought failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation meant death! If Chen San Dao or Chen Yi Ru failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation 4,000 years ago, then the finely-dressed old man could not be him.

Many people looked at the middle-aged scholar skeptically and asked, "Are you sure that Chen San Dao or Chen Yi Ru from 5,000 years ago failed his Celestial Ascension Tribulation?"

"You can have a look at this..." The middle-aged scholar took out an ancient-looking book that contained the Supreme Saint Rankings from ages ago.

The book clearly recorded that Chen San Dao or Chen Yi Ru had failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation 4,000 years ago.

Upon seeing this, everyone fell silent.

At some point, somebody asked, "Is it possible that this Chen Yi Ru is a descendant of Chen San Dao? Maybe he's named after his ancestor?"

"That's possible! That's probably why the old man can cast the Peerless Saber..."

Many people nodded in agreement.

At this moment, Chen Yi Ru's two followers could no longer keep quiet and scoffed in unison.

The atmosphere turned tense immediately.

After a moment, the burly middle-aged man said with a hint of anger, "Our lord is indeed Chen San Dao or Chen Yi Ru who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking 5,000 years ago! Don't simply make guesses if you're ignorant!"

The skinny middle-aged man looked at the crowd disdainfully as he chimed in, "Who says that failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation means death? You're all ignorant like a frog living in a well!"

The newcomers knew these two middle-aged men were the old man's followers were thanks to the survivors. Both of them were at the Eighth and Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage respectively. For this reason, they did not dare to approach the two middle-aged men. When they heard the middle-aged men's words, they were shocked. All of their hearts, the newcomers and the survivors, thumped wildly in chests

"He's truly Chen San Dao or Chen Yi Ru who was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking 5,000 years ago?"

"Failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation doesn't necessarily mean death?"

What shocked them the most was the skinny middle-aged man's words. He had said failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation did not necessarily mean death. They felt as though the door to a whole new world had been opened to them. They truly felt like frogs that had been living in a well.

Everyone shifted their attention to the skinny middle-aged man.

The middle-aged scholar steeled himself and asked, "Sir... did you say that failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation doesn't mean death?" Although he did not hear it when the survivors said the skinny man's cultivation base was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he knew as the old man's follower, the skinny middle-aged man's cultivation base should be quite high. Therefore, he was very polite and humble when he spoke to the skinny middle-aged man.

When the crowd heard the middle-aged scholar's question, a hint of excitement could be seen in their eyes when they looked at the skinny middle-aged man.

The skinny middle-aged seemed to enjoy the attention from the crowd as he replied, "Of course! When a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage realizes he's about to fail the tribulation, he can cast the Soul Detaching Technique to escape! After escaping..." He continued to explain what a Bodiless Celestial was to the crowd. He told them how Bodiless Celestials could not enter another person's body, how they had to face the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation every 1,000 years, how there were ten tribulations, and how they could only ascend if they successfully passed all nine tribulations. They also learned about the strength of each Bodiless Celestial at each stage.

The crowd, regardless if they were the survivors or the newcomers, was in shock. The skinny middle-aged man's explanation had opened a door to a whole new world for them.

Bodiless Celestial? They had to face the Bodiless Celestial Tribulations every 1,000 years for 10,000 years? Moreover, during this period of time, they could be killed as well. If they passed all ten tribulations, they would gain a chance to ascend to the Devata Realm?

"As it turns out there are Bodiless Celestials in this world!"

"When Bodiless Celestials have reached a certain stage, they're comparable to a True Celestial from the Devata Realm!"

"A Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial is stronger than an Eminent Celestial whom we thought is the strongest in the mundane realm. I-I'm really a frog that has been living in a well!"

Many people sighed when they regained their senses.

The middle-aged scholar nodded as he muttered to himself, "I see. So this is how it is. Based on the time, it's been 4,000 years since Chen San Dao or Chen Yi Ru had failed his Celestial Ascension Tribulation. This means he has passed four tribulations and is a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

Fourth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

The survivors finally understood what Chen Yi Ru meant when he said he was a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Indeed. It was just as he had said. A Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was much stronger than an Eminent Celestial!

“Duan Ling Tian, the former guardian of the Fire Worship Sect, the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, is evenly matched with Lord Chen Yi Ru. Does this mean he’s as strong as a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?” Someone cried out at this moment.

Someone said skeptically, “I-impossible. Didn’t Lord Chen Yi Ru say that Duan Ling Tian’s only an Eminent Celestial? As a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, he couldn’t have been mistaken!”

One of Chen Yi Ru’s followers, the burly middle-aged man, said, “Only those who are Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial or stronger are able to tear the void open. It’s impossible for Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials to accomplish such a feat unless he has Celestial Supreme Treasures or Divine Abilities from the Devata Realm that will help him raise his strength to the level of a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.” He paused for a moment to look at Duan Ling Tian before he continued saying, “I’m not certain if Duan Ling Tian’s a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, but there’s no doubt the strength he had demonstrated earlier is comparable to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial...”

Everyone’s eyes automatically shifted to the purple figure hovering about the giant pit in the distance.

“Duan Ling Tian’s strength is comparable to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

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At this moment, Chen Yi Ru who was lost in his thoughts for quite a long time finally regained his senses. Greed filled his eyes as though there was something he coveted when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“Duan Ling Tian!

Chapter 2348 Greed

“If I’m not mistaken, your assist-type Divine Ability should’ve come from a Devata Realm, right?” Chen Yi Ru, the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, stared at Duan Ling Tian with greed in his eyes when he spoke. It might seem as though he was asking for confirmation, but the truth was he was extremely certain of it. He had extended his Divine Consciousness earlier to probe the surroundings, and he had discovered the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the radius of roughly 10,000 meters had almost completely disappeared. It was not difficult for him to figure out Duan Ling Tian had absorbed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy and raised his strength to this abnormal level. Since Duan Ling Tian had absorbed so much Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, it was easy to figure out that it could raise his strength that was at the stage of an Eminent Celestial to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Duan Ling Tian’s assist-type Divine Ability was definitely not a common Divine Ability. It could not have come from a mundane realm.

Greed surged in Chen Yi Ru’s heart when he thought about Duan Ling Tian absorbing all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the radius of roughly 10,000 meters. Even in the Devata Realms, it would still be considered a high-level Divine Ability. He really wanted to obtain this Divine Ability.

“Oh? You noticed?” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently as he glanced at Chen Yi Ru.

Chen Yi Ru scoffed and said confidently, “As a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, my Divine Consciousness is, naturally, strong. It’s not difficult for me to discover these things. I could clearly sense you’re only an Eminent Celestial earlier. However, after you cast your assist-type Divine Ability, your

strength is comparable to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Nobody would believe it if you say your assist-type Divine Ability isn't from a Devata Realm."

Chen Yi Ru did not bother to lower his voice, therefore, many people in the surroundings who stood 1,000 meters away heard his words clearly. They widened their eyes in shock when they heard his words.

"Divine Ability from a Devata Realm?"

Even Chen Yi Ru's two followers were stunned. Although their master said Duan Ling Tian was an Eminent Celestial in the beginning, they thought their master was mistaken or Duan Ling Tian had used some technique to conceal his cultivation base. After seeing Duan Ling Tian's strength, they did not expect Duan Ling Tian was truly an Eminent Celestial, and he had used a Divine Ability from a Devata Realm to raise his strength. What an amazing Divine Ability! It was able to raise the strength of an Eminent Celestial to the level of a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Both the skinny and burly middle-aged men gasped in amazement.

At the same time, people standing in the surroundings began to discuss this among themselves.

"Based on Lord Chen Yi Ru's words, Duan Ling Tian mastered an assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm."

"I thought Duan Ling Tian is a Bodiless Celestial as well. As it turns out, he's only an Eminent Celestial. He's only so strong because of his assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm!"

"An assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm? Rumor has it that the movement Divine Ability of Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, is also from a Devata Realm. Duan Ling Tian used to be in the Fire Worship Sect. Could it be that the Fire Worship Sect has found a way to obtain Divine Abilities from Devata Realms?"

"I think it's possible!"

Many of them came to the conclusion that Duan Ling Tian mastered this Divine Ability from the Fire Worship Sect. After all, Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, was famous for mastering the number one movement Divine Ability in the Upper Province. They thought the Fire Worship Sect had Divine Abilities from Devata Realms.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian smiled and confirmed Chen Yi Ru's words. "You're truly smart."

Everyone gasped when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. So it was true! Duan Ling Tian really did master an assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm. Many people looked at Duan Ling Tian covetously at this moment... They looked at him as though he was prey. However, they seemed to have forgotten about an important fact; Duan Ling Tian was a prey that they were not capable of hunting. It seemed like the saying, 'Greed causes the loss of intelligence', was true.

Chen Yi Ru's eyes shone as bright as the stars when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "So I'm right!" His gaze turned condescending as he said, "Duan Ling Tian! There's no doubt you're as strong as I am after

you cast your Divine Ability. However, I haven't unleashed all my strength. The attack earlier, Peerless Saber, is the weakest one among my three saber martial techniques. I still have the World Cleansing Saber and World Annihilation Saber attacks! If I attack using the World Cleansing Saber, you'll be severely injured even though you might not die. However, if I cast the World Annihilation Saber, you'll definitely die." He was very confident. He had assumed this was the limit of Duan Ling Tian's strength.

When Duan Ling Tian heard Chen Yi Ru's words, he asked lazily, "So?"

"If you're willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath that after you've completely mastered this assist-type Divine Ability from the Devata Realm, you'll share all your knowledge with me, I, a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, will swear on the lightning penalty oath to spare your life!" Chen Yi Ru said bluntly, revealing his intention. His motive was simple. He wanted to master Duan Ling Tian's Divine Ability from a Devata Realm.

Chen Yi Ru thought to himself excitedly, 'Even if I didn't master this Divine Ability completely, and master it to Duan Ling Tian's level, I won't have to be afraid even if I have to face a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!' He was, naturally, very confident that Duan Ling Tian would cave under his threat and swear on the lightning penalty oath.

At this moment, everyone within 1,000 meters was staring at Duan Ling Tian intently. Similar to Chen Yi Ru, they thought this was the extent of Duan Ling Tian's strength. Since Chen Yi Ru had revealed this was not the limit of his strength, they were curious if he would acquiesce to Chen Yi Ru's demand

All of a sudden, Duan Ling Tian laughed uproariously as though he had just heard the funniest joke in the world.

Chen Yi Ru's expression darkened, and he was about to attack when Duan Ling Tian stopped laughing. He smirked as he said, "What World Cleansing Saber or World Annihilation Saber? Aren't they similar to that crop-harvesting technique you cast earlier? Don't tell me you think I've unleashed all my strength earlier?" He looked at Chen Yi Ru with ridicule.

"W-what do you mean?" Chen Yi Ru felt an ominous feeling rose in his heart when he saw how confident Duan Ling Tian was.

"What do I mean?" Duan Ling Tian scoffed. He lifted his hand as white light shot out his palm before transforming into a three-foot-long sword that emitted an intimidating aura. His eyes turned cold as he cried out, "Sword Wielding Art!" The three-foot-long sword shot out instantly toward Chen Yi Ru.

Swoosh!

Rripp!

The sound of a sword whistling rang in the air accompanied by the sound of the void tearing. Many terrifying cracks that were longer than the ones earlier began to appear. Moreover, it seemed like these cracks did not close as fast as the previous ones did.

Chapter 2349 Crushed

Previously, Duan Ling Tian did not even use any martial techniques or Divine Abilities when Chen Yi Ru cast his Peerless Saber. For this reason, he found it extremely funny when he heard Chen Yi Ru's threat. Chen Yi Ru's threat was nothing but a joke to him! Was Chen Yi Ru so naive as to think that this was the limit of his strength? If only Chen Yi Ru knew Duan Ling Tian's strength was 10,000 times, if not 100,000 times, stronger than his.

Duan Ling Tian no longer wanted to waste time with Chen Yi Ru. "Sword Wielding Art!" He cast the third stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method's Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword Warding Heart.

Swoosh!

A three-foot-long sword formed from Celestial Saint Energy and Saint Origin flew through the sky like a shooting star. It was extremely eye-catching.

Rrripp! Rrripp! Rrripp!

As it flew across the sky, the void distorted and rippled in its wake before cracks similar to huge black pythons began to appear in the void. Since the cracks were significantly bigger and longer compared to the earlier ones, it took 15 minutes for them to close.

Chen Yi Ru was shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian easily tore holes in the void. "Impossible!" His voice betrayed his panic. It seemed as though he was aware he was about to meet with a disaster. This was because he had seen the cracks that Duan Ling Tian's attack had torn in the void. Based on the cracks, he knew he was no match for Duan Ling Tian. He thought to himself in fear, 'I'm afraid this strike is comparable to the full strength of a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!'

At this moment, Chen Yi Ru was keenly aware of the sword that was flying toward him. He quickly recovered from his shock and calmed down. He quickly attacked as well. "World Cleansing Saber!" As soon as he attacked, he became as bright and dazzling as the sun. A brute and destructive energy rolled off his body in all directions. It was as though the wrath of a saber god had fallen on the world, destroying everything.

From above, one could see a shockwave that swept out from Chen Yi Ru's body in a circle. Terrifying saber rays shot out of the shockwave. The shockwave seemed as though it was cleansing the world as it swept out. It left saber rays in its wake that tore holes in the void.

"Oh, no!" When Chen Yi Ru's two followers saw this, they were frightened out of their wits. They quickly moved and flew as far out as they could. They knew they would meet with a disaster if they continued to stay on.

Chen Yi Ru did not stop and continued to cast the strongest attack in his arsenal. "World Annihilation Saber!"

The World Annihilation Saber sounded intimidating.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Chen Yi Ru's strength rose. A wave of energy shot out of his body before they transformed into millions of saber rays that converged and formed a giant saber that seemed attuned to heaven and earth. Moreover, it seemed as though the top of the saber could touch heaven, and the bottom of the saber could touch earth.

Rrrripp! Rrripp! Rrripp!

The giant saber continued to leave cracks in its wake. Although the cracks in the void were bigger compared to earlier, it was still nothing compared to the cracks Duan Ling Tian created with his sword technique.

When the shockwave from the World Cleansing Saber met with Duan Ling Tian's three-foot-long sword, Chen Yi Ru's giant saber slashed downward.

The giant saber seemed capable of piercing the heaven as it slashed down at Duan Ling Tian.

Rrrripp! Rrripp! Rrripp!

Faced with the World Cleansing Saber, Duan Ling Tian quickly cast his defensive Divine Ability. "Black Turtle's Barrier!" The silhouette of a giant turtle appeared and shrouded Duan Ling Tian, protecting him and the three ladies. He had managed to block Chen Yi Ru's Peerless Saber earlier without using any techniques. Naturally, it would be easy for him to block this World Cleansing Saber with his defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier. The shockwave from the World Cleansing Saber was not that much stronger than the Peerless Saber anyway.

Then, Duan Ling Tian turned to look at the World Annihilation Saber that was slashing down at him. He sneered as an idea formed in his mind. "This is the World Annihilation Saber? It's nothing to brag about!" He controlled the three-foot-long sword with the Sword Wielding Art and changed its direction. The three-foot-long sword immediately flew toward the giant saber that was formed from the World Annihilation Saber.

Swoosh!

The three-foot-long sword continued to leave cracks in its wake. It made tearing a hole in the void look as easy as tearing a piece of paper. A terrifying and destructive aura rolled out from the three-foot-long sword as it continued on its trajectory toward the World Annihilation Saber.

When the three-foot-long sword Duan Ling Tian controlled with the Sword Wielding Art almost clashed with Chen Yi Ru's World Annihilation Saber, the weak shockwave from the World Cleansing Saber finally hit the Black Turtle's Barrier that protected Duan Ling Tian and the three ladies.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Black Turtle's Barrier shook violently as the sound of explosions rang in the air. However, in the end, the World Cleansing Saber still failed to break through to the protection of the Black Turtle's Barrier. When the World Cleansing Saber faded away, it did not even manage to leave a dent on the barrier.

Naturally, just because Duan Ling Tian managed to dispel the World Cleansing Saber, it did not mean the shockwaves of the World Cleansing Saber that had spread in the other areas were dispelled as well. It

continued to sweep out and annihilate all the people standing 1,000 meters away. All of them were killed before they could even react. Even after killing those people, the shockwave continued to spread as though it was going to annihilate all living things in its way.

Swoosh!

At the same time, the three-foot-long sword that Duan Ling Tian controlled with the Sword Wielding Art seemed to be imbued with divine power as it clashed with the World Annihilation Saber that seemed strong enough to destroy heaven and earth.

When the two clashed, there was a brief and fleeting moment of deadlock before the three-foot-long sword completely destroyed the World Annihilation Saber! That destructive gigantic saber seemed so vulnerable before Duan Ling Tian's three-foot-long sword. It was destroyed in just a blink of an eye.

Although Chen Ru Yi was mentally prepared, he could not help but feel disappointed when he saw his two strongest saber martial techniques did not do much damage. "It's not on the same level at all." He felt extremely unwilling. He became even more aware of how extraordinary that assist-type Divine Ability was. "Who is Duan Ling Tian to deserve such an amazing assist-type Divine Ability!"

Chen Yi Ru also realized that when Duan Ling Tian dealt with his Peerless Saber earlier, Duan Ling Tian only used his internal force. When Duan Ling Tian used his martial technique or Divine Ability, his strength was comparable to a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! His heart sank when he looked at the cracks in the void that took fifteen minutes to close. He would not be able to imagine that this was not the extent of Duan Ling Tian's strength. After all, Duan Ling Tian did not use the Body-Sword Fusion that he created after mastering the fourth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword Heart Illumination.

Swoosh!

After the three-foot-long sword destroyed the World Annihilation Saber, it continued on its trajectory toward Chen Yi Ru. When he saw this, he closed his eyes in despair as though he was prepared to meet death.

The skinny and burly middle-aged men who managed to survive the World Cleansing Saber were worried. It seemed as though their master had resigned himself to death. "My lord!"

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Swoosh!

Like a shooting star falling from the sky, the three-foot-long sword continued to close the distance between it and Chen Yi Ru.

100 meters...

50 meters...

20 meters...

When the three-foot-long sword was only a short distance away from Chen Yi Ru, it stopped abruptly in a manner that defied inertia. It hovered in the air as it emitted a chilling and intimidating qi.

When Chen Yi Ru felt the cold qi blowing against his face, he opened his eyes in confusion. “Hmm?” He saw the three-foot-long sword hovering close to him, unmoving. It would have killed him if it was any closer. ‘He’s not going to kill me?’ A surge of joy rose in his heart after his close brush with death, he instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian in surprise. Naturally, amidst the joy, fear still lingered in his heart. He was so terrified of Duan Ling Tian’s strength that he dismissed his intention of opposing Duan Ling Tian. To him, Duan Ling Tian was not an Eminent Celestial but a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! In fact, even an ordinary Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial might not be a match for Duan Ling Tian! He looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked solemnly, “W-why did you stop?”

“Because I’m going to give you a choice...” Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly, “If you swear on the lightning penalty oath now and acknowledge me as your master, I’ll spare your life. However, I won’t force you. If you refuse, I’ll grant you a quick death!” Then, he rose higher into the sky.

When Chen Yi Ru heard Duan Ling Tian’s words, he narrowed his eyes as anger coursed through his body. He said without any hesitation, “Impossible! A gentleman would rather die than suffer humiliation. How can I, Chen Yi Ru, a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, submit to you, an Eminent Celestial?!” He had his pride as a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial after all. Although he did not want to die, he would not submit himself to humiliation.

Duan Ling Tian laughed coldly as his eyes flashed with killing intent. “You’re truly stubborn. Fine, I’ll make it quick. Considering your principles, I’ll use my strongest attack to grant you a quick death!” To a certain extent, he respected Chen Yi Ru for standing by his principle.

‘Strongest attack?’ Chen Yi Ru’s heart skipped a beat. “Does this mean he didn’t even use his strongest attack to dispel my World Annihilation Saber? H-how’s that possible? That attack is comparable to the strength of a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! In fact, not every Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial would be able to cast such a deadly attack!”

Chen Yi Ru was still in a state of shock when Duan Ling Tian rose up into the sky. At this moment, Duan Ling Tian’s body began to radiate a light that was as bright as the sun. It did not take long before millions of sword rays shot out of his body and his body began to disappear and fused with the sword rays. Millions of sword rays converged before they formed a simple white three-foot-long sword.

Swish!

The three-foot-long white sword shot out at a moderate speed at this moment.

“This...” Let alone Chen Yi Ru, even his two followers could see the three-foot-long blade as it shot out.

Rrripp!

The three-foot-long blade tore the void open when it shot out.

Chen Yi Ru and his two followers’ eyes widened instantly when they saw the crack in the void. Compared to the cracks earlier, it was two times longer.

Chen Yi Ru thought to himself in shock, ‘I’m afraid it’ll take at least thirty minutes for this crack to close. I-it seems like only Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestials or those who are stronger are able to open a crack

like this! Is this his strongest strike? A strike that's comparable to the strength of a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?

Chen Yi Ru could not help but feel amazed. Duan Ling Tian was only an Eminent Celestial. However, when he cast his assist-type Divine Ability and used his sword techniques, his attack was comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! 'Is his sword technique from a Devata Realm as well?' After a while, he dismissed that thought. 'No, it can't be. He's the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny. The previous successor of the Fog Rain Progeny is Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang... D-don't tell me he inherited Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang's sword technique as well? This explains it. After all, Feng Qing Yang was invincible during his time. It was said that when he was an Eminent Celestial, he killed an Eighth Tribulation Bodiless Celestial before he ascended to a Devata Realm!' Many thoughts flashed through his mind at this moment. His eyes were filled with reverence when he thought about Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang.

"Chen Yi Ru, I'll end your life today with my strongest attack!" Duan Ling Tian's voice caused Chen Yi Ru to regain his senses. He felt chills running up his spine. He looked at the sword that seemed to have spoken.

When Duan Ling Tian was about to attack, Chen Yi Ru cried out in a hurry, "Hold on!"

"Hmm?" The three-foot-long sword stopped moving again.

"Duan Ling Tian... you're the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny. Does this mean you inherited your sword technique from Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang? Are you his successor?" Chen Yi Ru asked after he took a deep breath.

"So what if I am?" Duan Ling Tian's voice resonated indifferently from the three-foot-long white sword.

"Your sword technique... Is it Senior Feng Qing Yang's lost technique?" Chen Yi Ru asked again.

"Since you'll die anyway, there's no harm telling you I supposed. I'm indeed Senior Feng Qing Yang's successor. I inherited this sword technique from him!" Since Duan Ling Tian had a slight respect for Chen Yi Ru's determination to adhere to his principles, he decided to divulge this information to him. Usually, he would not waste so many words with someone he was going to kill. However, he was stunned when Chen Yi Ru instantly swore on the lightning penalty oath to acknowledge him as his master as soon as he finished speaking. It took him a while to regain his senses.

Duan Ling Tian was bewildered. 'Wasn't he really stubborn? Didn't he rather die than give in? Was he putting up an act earlier? Could he be afraid of death after all?'

Duan Ling Tian was not the only one who felt bewildered, but even Ke'er, Duan Si Ling, Gan Ru Yan, and Chen Yi Ru's two followers were bewildered.

"My lord... He actually swore on the lightning penalty oath and acknowledged Duan Ling Tian as his master?" The skinny and burly middle-aged men saw the shock and disbelief in each other's eyes when they exchanged a look. Since they followed Chen Yi Ru, they knew his temperament very well. He was the kind of person who valued his dignity more than his pride. For this reason, they were not surprised that their master would choose death over acknowledging Duan Ling Tian as his master. However, after conversing with Duan Ling Tian, he suddenly changed his mind and swore on the lightning penalty oath

without any hesitation! They were even more surprised than Duan Ling Tian and the three ladies when they saw this.

“It seems like I was wrong about you. As it turns out, you’re a coward after all!” The three-foot-long white sword disappeared, and Duan Ling Tian appeared in its wake. He looked at Chen Yi Ru disdainfully.

“There’s nothing shameful about recognizing Senior Feng Qing Yang’s successor as my master...” Chen Yi Ru did not seem to mind the disdain in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes. He shook his head and straightened his back before he bowed and said, “Chen Yi Ru greets master!”

From then on, Duan Ling Tian gained a follower who was a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!