

Chapter 2361 Ke'er's Cousin In Her Past Life?

Tang Xuan did not die after swearing on the lightning penalty oath, proving the veracity of his words.

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian and his companions, felt a jolt of fear.

The mysterious person was capable of tearing a crack in the void that was over 1,000 meters long with just a wave of his hand? Someone like that was, indeed, god-like.

Duan Ling Tian stared at Tang Xuan and asked in a low voice, "Who's he?"

"I'm not sure who he is." Tang Xuan smiled bitterly as he shook his head. "However, I'm sure that he's not from the mundane realm. He must be from the Devata Realm! Moreover, the movement Divine Ability that I mastered came from him as well."

A commotion broke out when people heard Tang Xuan's words.

"Lord Sect Leader's movement Divine Ability is from the powerhouse from the Devata Realm who could tear a crack in the void that's over 1,000 meters long?"

"N-no wonder powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage couldn't catch up to Lord Sect Leader even when his cultivation base was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. As it turns out his Divine Ability is from the Devata Realm!"

"It makes sense now why Lord Sect Leader's movement Divine Ability is a cut above all the movement Divine Abilities in the Dao Martial Saint Land."

"It seems like I was wrong. I thought the movement Divine Ability is from our Fire Worship Sect."

The people from the Fire Worship Sect discussed this among themselves. They had, naturally, heard many things about their sect leader's movement Divine Ability that was widely acknowledged as the number one movement Divine Ability in the Dao Martial Saint Land. They were stunned when they found out that the movement Divine Ability was from the Devata Realm.

"Is that man related to my wife?" Duan Ling Tian asked in a low voice. He did not think Tang Xuan would mention that man for no reason at all.

"That's right," Tang Xuan nodded as he said, "That god-like powerhouse told me that he was the Saint Girl's cousin in her past life..."

"Cousin?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow and instinctively turned to look at Ke'er.

Ke'er had an expression of shock and disbelief on her face at this moment. It was obvious that she knew nothing about this.

When Duan Ling Tian found out that the powerhouse was Ke'er's cousin in her past life, some of the tension eased on his face. Most people would not believe in reincarnation, but he was different since he

had personally experienced it. Moreover, he even knew someone who had reincarnated three times. That person was the Rebirth Martial Emperor whom he had met when he first came to this world.

The Three Lives Rebirth Technique that the Rebirth Martial Emperor cultivated allowed him to live three lives. With this technique, he could continue to cultivate and grow extremely strong. Unfortunately, the Rebirth Martial Emperor chose to be born in Duan Ling Tian's current body during his third rebirth. At that time, Duan Ling Tian's soul that came from earth had already occupied the body. Since Duan Ling Tian's soul did not come from this realm, the Rebirth Martial Emperor was annihilated when he tried to harm Duan Ling Tian's soul. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian believed in reincarnation.

"Although that man said he's the Saint Girl's cousin in her past life, I saw the strong desire to possess in his eyes when he spoke about the Saint Girl!" Just as Duan Ling Tian had sighed in relief, Tang Xuan dropped another bomb. "I'm afraid that his relationship with the Saint Girl in her past life is not as simple as just being cousins... I think he likes her and most likely courted her in the past!" A hint of glee could be seen on his face when he spoke. It was clear he was enjoying Duan Ling Tian's discomfort.

Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened. "He likes her?" Although Duan Ling Tian knew the current Ke'er had nothing to do with the Ke'er from the past, he could not help but feel displeased when he heard that the mysterious powerhouse liked Ke'er. Then, he turned to look at Tang Xuan as he asked, "So he came to the mundane realm just to tell you these things? Since he knew Ke'er is the reincarnation of his cousin, why didn't he take her away? Why did he let her stay in the mundane realm?" He was confused. Since Ke'er was that man's cousin and he had affection for her, why did he not bring her away?

"I've asked him this question before," Tang Xuan said, "However, he didn't answer me. He only requested that I take care of the Saint Girl... In exchange for that, he rewarded me. Before he left, he said that he would return for the Saint Girl. I don't know who he is or if he's really from the Devata Realm. However, based on what I could see, he seems to be not from this realm."

Although almost 100 years had passed, Tang Xuan's face still held a hint of fear when he spoke about that god-like powerhouse.

"Did he say when he'll return?" Duan Ling Tian asked in a low voice as his eyes flashed fiercely.

"He didn't say exactly when... He only said he'll return within 100 years. It's almost 100 years now since he left," Tang Xuan replied.

"Is that all?" Duan Ling Tian asked, his tone was calm now.

Tang Xuan was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's quick change of emotion.

"I said, is that all you know about that man?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

"Yes, that's all I know." Tang Xuan nodded.

"If that's the case... Since you've given me valuable information, I'll make it quick for you!"

Tang Xuan did not have time to react at all when Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy that was mixed with Saint Origin surged out of his body like a ferocious and majestic dragon.

“You...” Tang Xuan was taken aback when he felt Duan Ling Tian’s killing intent. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to attack him. However, he was still the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect after all. His reaction time was, naturally, better than most people. As soon as he regained his senses, he quickly mobilized his Saint Origin and cast his movement Divine Ability to escape.

A scoff rang in the air.

Before Tang Xuan had a chance to move, a vast and extremely terrifying force landed on him and shrouded him like a wave crashing down on him before dragging him into the sea. His Saint Origin was instantly suppressed. No matter how hard he tried to mobilize it, it was all in vain. At this moment, he remembered the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial by Duan Ling Tian’s side. A wave of despair overwhelmed him. “How could I forget about him!”

Boom!

A loud explosion sounded in the air as the force that Duan Ling Tian released from his hand landed on Tang Xuan who was held captive. With that, Duan Ling Tian effortlessly killed Tang Xuan, leaving no traces behind.

Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who was ranked fourth on the Supreme Saint Ranking had died just like that.

The entire place was deadly silent. The people from the Fire Worship Sect could only helplessly watch as their sect leader was killed. There was nothing they could do at all. Not to mention they did not have time to react, even if they did, they still could not have done anything. After all, their opponents were an Eminent Celestial and a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

After killing Tang Xuan, Duan Ling Tian lifted his head and looked at the sky. His voice was thunderously loud, seemingly capable of shaking heaven, as he bellowed, “Elder Huo! Do you see this? I’ve killed Tang Xuan! I’ve avenged you!”

Based on Duan Ling Tian’s words, the people from the Fire Worship Sect finally discovered Duan Ling Tian had killed their sect leader for revenge.

Duan Ling Tian’s voice that echoed through the Fire Worship Sect’s estate, naturally, caused another uproar.

“That’s Guardian Ling Tian’s voice!”

“D-did he say he killed Tang Xuan? Tang Xuan is Lord Sect Leader, right?”

“I can’t believe it! H-he killed Lord Sect Leader?”

“I-is he really the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny of the Seven Absolutes Sect?”

“If he’s truly the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, this means he’s also the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. Based on the enmity between our sect and the Seven Absolutes Sect, I’m afraid he won’t let us go!”

“D-does t-this mean he’s going to eradicate our sect and kill all of us now that he has killed Lord Sect Leader?”

Meanwhile, the people who witnessed Duan Ling Tian killing Tang Xuan finally regained their senses. Their eyes were filled with panic and fear as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 2362 The New Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect

After witnessing the death of Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, everyone from the sect, including the Guardians, looked at Duan Ling Tian apprehensively. All of them were praying fervently that he was not the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect. Based on the enmity between the sect and the Seven Absolutes Sect, there was no way he would let them go if he was truly the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

The entire place was deathly silent for a very long time...

No one dared to speak up since Duan Ling Tian did not speak. After a while, he suddenly said under everyone's watchful gaze, "From today onward, Gan Ru Yan is the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect..." He bluntly appointed his wife's sister, Gan Ru Yan, as the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect.

"Me?" Gan Ru Yan was stunned.

Everyone's attention instantly shifted to Gan Ru Yan at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "If any of you are unwilling or have any objection, you may speak up!"

Unwilling? Objections? The people from the Fire Worship Sect felt bitter in their hearts when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. Would they dare to object to his decision when they had personally witnessed his strength and the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial's strength?

Seeing that everyone had remained silent, Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "It seems like none of you have any objections. Since that's the case, Gan Ru Yan is now officially the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect!"

Gan Ru Yan who had finally regained her senses quickly refused this. "I... I can't do this!" She had lost her composure at this moment and was as frightened as a bird by Duan Ling Tian's sudden decision. The Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect? How could she bear such a responsibility?

"There's no need to worry. You have the four Guardians to assist you. You'll definitely be able to do this," Duan Ling Tian reassured Gan Ru Yan. Before Gan Ru Yan could respond, he turned to the four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect and said, "All of you will help her, right?"

"Yes!"

"Yes!"

Zi Feng, Hong Yun, and Leng Yin said in unison, a complicated emotion could be seen in their eyes. Leng Yin who had the shortest temper was as meek as a cat after he witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength.

Qing Huo, naturally, had no objections. After all, Gan Ru Yan was his direct disciple. If she became the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, he would definitely do his best to assist her even without Duan Ling

Tian's prompt. He knew Duan Ling Tian had appointed Gan Ru Yan as the sect leader due to her relationship with his wife. He felt happy for Gan Ru Yan. "It seems like Ru Yan's sister treats her well..."

Although Duan Ling Tian had announced his departure from the Fire Worship Sect, nobody dared to oppose his decision. Even if he no longer had anything to do with the sect, based on his and Chen Yi Ru's strength, they could only accept the candidate he had appointed as sect leader. After all, this was a world where the strongest ruled!

"I..."

When Duan Ling Tian saw Gan Ru Yan was about to speak up again, he cut her off and said, "For now, take up the role of sect leader. If you really decide you don't want this position later, you can find a suitable candidate to replace you. You have the four Guardians to assist you. I'll also ask San Dao to leave his two followers with you." Then, he turned to Chen Yi Ru and said indifferently, "San Dao, I want your followers to assist my wife's sister. You have no objection, right?"

"Master, you must be kidding, why would I have any objections?" Chen Yi Ru hurriedly shook his head. He turned to the two middle-aged men standing behind him and said in a low voice, "Both of you, swear on the lightning penalty oath to serve Miss Gan as your master!" He corrected the way he addressed Gan Ru Yan when he heard Duan Ling Tian referring to her as his wife's sister.

"Yes, Lord." The skinny and burly middle-aged men did not hesitate when they heard Chen Yi Ru's command. They instantly swore on the lightning penalty oath to serve Gan Ru Yan as their master.

After that, Chen Yi Ru turned to Gan Ru Yan and said, "Miss Ru Yan, you've seen one of my follower's strength earlier. His cultivation base is currently at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and is only a few steps away from breaking through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. It would only take him a few years before he makes a breakthrough. The other follower's cultivation base is at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage." He paused a moment before he continued, "With their strength, I'm sure they'll be able to assist you a little."

Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?

Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?

Chen Yi Ru's words were like a thunderbolt that struck the people from the Fire Worship Sect. They were dumbfounded. Were there usually so many powerhouses at the Eighth and Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage around? Were they not precious and rare? Even among the Guardians, the strongest among them was Zi Feng whose cultivation base was at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! As for powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, they no longer had one in the sect after Duan Ling Tian killed Tang Xuan, the former Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. Who knew a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage whose strength was not any weaker than Zi Feng would appear in their sect?

Many people from the Fire Worship Sect whispered among themselves as they looked at the men standing behind Chen Yi Ru,

"I don't think I've heard or seen these two people before. They must live a reclusive life!"

Most powerhouses at the Eighth or Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would usually be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking. There was only one reason if they were not ranked on the ranking; they must have lived a reclusive life.

“Before today, the top four people on the Supreme Ranking were at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage...”

“After today, I feel the Supreme Saint Ranking isn’t very accurate nor credible. It’s fine if they exclude Bodiless Celestials in the ranking. However, it seems like there are many reclusive powerhouses at the Eighth or Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who are being excluded!”

Many people began to doubt the accuracy of the Supreme Saint Ranking at this moment. However, they seemed to have forgotten the reclusive powerhouses were reclusive for a reason. People were not privy to their existence since they lived a reclusive life. It was only natural that they were not ranked in the Supreme Saint Ranking.

“Guardian Ling Tian!” Qing Huo called out. Through Voice Transmission, the Guardians had unanimously voted for Qing Huo to speak to Duan Ling Tian. He asked without beating around the bush, “Were... were you joking when you said you’re the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny of Seven Absolutes Sect?”

This question was burning in everyone’s minds. Nobody dared to ask this question. Since Qing Huo was Gan Ru Yan’s master, they decided it was the safest for him to ask this question.

Everyone turned to look at Duan Ling Tian as soon as Qing Huo finished speaking.

“I think Guardian Ling Tian was just joking. After all, if he’s the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, it means he’s also the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect. With the enmity between our sect and Seven Absolutes Sect, he would definitely kill all of us to eradicate the sect. He’s more than strong enough to do such a thing if he so pleases!”

“You’re right. Instead, he appointed Miss Ru Yan who’s Guardian Qing Huo’s direct disciple as our sect leader. This shows that he has no intention of eradicating our sect! I don’t think he would do such a thing if he’s from the Seven Absolutes Sect!”

Most people did not think Duan Ling Tian was from the Seven Absolutes Sect.

“Joking?” Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he said solemnly, “I, Duan Ling Tian, am the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect! Naturally, I have my own reason for not eradicating the Fire Worship Sect. However, my words still stand. I’m no longer a member of the Fire Worship Sect and this sect has nothing to do with me henceforth.”

Everyone broke out in an uproar at this moment.

“Guardian Ling Tian... is really a member of the Seven Absolutes Sect?”

“He’s not just a member! He’s the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect!”

“I’m afraid if news of this spreads out, the entire Upper Province would be in an uproar!”

Everyone knew if news of this spread out, it would undoubtedly cause a commotion of unprecedented proportions in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Chapter 2363 Terrified and Worried

While the people from Fire Worship Sect were still stunned by the turn of events, Chen Yi Ru had a grave expression on his face as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Master..."

"What's it?" Duan Ling Tian frowned when he saw the troubled expression on Chen Yi Ru's face. It was his first time seeing Chen Yi Ru like that since Chen Yi Ru had decided to follow him. He was confused about what could have troubled Chen Yi Ru.

"Master, it would be bad if the matter about me and other Bodiless Celestials spread from the Fire Worship Sect!" Chen Yi Ru voiced out his concern, "The dragon and phoenix clans have forbidden us from simply revealing our identities and speaking about anything that has to do with Bodiless Celestials... If news about me and Bodiless Celestials spread from the Fire Worship Sect, I'm afraid those from the dragon and phoenix clans would be able to easily track the news back to me." He paused for a moment as his expression darkened. "Once they find me, this matter will inevitably affect you as well, master."

"You're right." Duan Ling Tian nodded in agreement when he heard Chen Yi Ru's words. Even if he unleashed all his strength and cast all his techniques, his strength would only be comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. The dragon and phoenix clans had Eighth Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. Even if they did not, they certainly had Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. Currently, he was definitely not a match for Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, let alone Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. He knew he had to lay low and avoid attracting the attention of the dragon and phoenix clans before he got stronger.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian said, "It's indeed unsuitable for this matter to spread from the Fire Worship Sect... However, I wish that more people know about Bodiless Celestials. Currently, the Bodiless Celestials from the Devil Clans have already begun to appear. There's no reason for the human Bodiless Celestials to stay underground and mind their own affairs when the humankind is in danger! Naturally, we'll have to discuss this matter further and come up with a plan before we do anything."

After talking about it, Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Rru decided that those who were privy to the matter regarding Bodiless Celestials had to swear on the lightning penalty oath to not talk about Chen Yi Ru, the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. However, they were free to talk about Duan Ling Tian.

'If today's matter spreads out, Tian Wu, Xue Nai, and the others will be able to find out that I'm the current successor of Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He could not wait to meet his friends again, especially Feng Tian Wu. A hint of tenderness could be seen on Duan Ling Tian's face at this moment. 'Tian Wu, we'll be able to meet soon...'

Apart from Ke'er and Li Fei, Feng Tian Wu was the only one who was able to make Duan Ling Tian reveal such a tender expression. Throughout his journey, he had met many women. However, only these three women managed to touch his heart. He might have been impressed and somewhat tempted by some of

the women, but he had always tried to close himself off from getting closer to them. This was due to the sense of responsibility he felt toward the three women.

After Duan Ling Tian finished dealing with the matters in Fire Worship Sect, he turned to Chen Yi Ru and gave an order, "San Dao, go to the central region and spread the news about Bodiless Celestials... I want everyone in the Dao Martial Saint Land to know about the existence of those reclusive people who are stronger than Eminent Celestials. Let everyone know about those who survived after failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, tell them about Bodiless Celestials!"

"Yes, master." Chen Yi Ru left the Fire Worship Sect immediately after he had received his order.

After Chen Yi Ru left, under the watchful eyes of everyone present, Duan Ling Tian brought along his wife, Ke'er, and his daughter, Duan Si Ling, into the floating island where Tang Xuan, the former Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, used to live. Currently, it had become the cultivation place of the new sect leader, Gan Ru Yan.

Before Duan Ling Tian left with his wife and daughter, he reminded Gan Ru Yan, "I'll leave the rest to you... Remember, you're the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect henceforth. If anyone dares to act defiantly, let your two followers kill them!"

Whoosh! Whoosh!

As though they heard Duan Ling Tian's words, the skinny and burly middle-aged men flew to Gan Ru Yan, flanking her, as soon as Duan Ling Tian left. These two middle-aged men were at the Eighth and Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage respectively. Their auras, naturally, made the people present feel a sense of oppression.

Gan Ru Yan who was flanked by these two powerhouses seemed like a queen who ruled the world! When she finally regained her senses, she thought to herself helplessly as a bitter smile appeared on her face. 'Did he just dump all this problem on me?' Although that might have a kernel of truth, she knew Duan Ling Tian also did this out of kindness. Otherwise, based on her strength, it would take her at least 100 years before she would be fit to become the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian brought Ke'er and Duan Si Ling with him as he landed on the floating islands.

Ke'er looked at Duan Ling Tian appreciatively and said, "Brother Tian, thank you."

"Silly girl, since she's your sister, naturally, I'll treat her as my sister as well. It's only natural that I help her. You don't have to thank me for this..." Duan Ling Tian knew what Ke'er was thanking him for without a need for her to elaborate.

It was a great honor and opportunity for Gan Ru Yan who was a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect to become a sect leader. She could not possibly be indifferent to becoming the sect leader of the sect. As the saying went, 'A soldier who doesn't want to be a general is not a good soldier'.

"Moreover, it'll be beneficial for me as well if she becomes the sect leader." Duan Ling Tian added.

However, Ke'er shook her head when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "Brother Tian, you don't have to comfort me with these words... I'm aware that with your current strength, it doesn't matter who's the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. They would still have to obey you regardless." She was not stupid. She knew it made no difference to her husband who the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect was. After all, with his strength, he could easily make them swear on the lightning penalty oath to serve him as master.

Duan Ling Tian smiled sheepishly when he realized Ke'er had seen through his thoughts. After a while, he turned to look at Duan Si Ling and asked, "Si Ling...why are you so quiet?"

Duan Si Ling looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of reluctance as she asked, "Daddy, is it true that you're leaving mummy and me soon?"

"My silly daughter, what nonsense are you talking about?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and felt rather baffled at his daughter's words.

"I'm not talking nonsense!" Duan Si Ling pouted as she said glumly, "Earlier, I heard someone say that you won't be able to stay in the Dao Martial Saint Land for long since you've become an Eminent Celestial. It won't take long before you ascend to the Devata Realm!"

When Ke'er heard Duan Si Ling's words, she could not help but tremble slightly. She had already mentally prepared herself for the day when Duan Ling Tian had to ascend to the Devata Realm. However, after she listened to her daughter's words, the feeling of reluctance to part that she had forcefully suppressed previously began to surge in her heart again. She was instantly downcast.

Duan Ling Tian did not expect these words from Duan Si Ling so he was rendered speechless for a moment. He could coax her and reassure her, but time would prove it was a lie. It was inevitable that he would ascend to the Devata Realm soon. He did not want his daughter to see him as a liar. He wanted to maintain his flawless image after all.

When Ke'er saw Duan Ling Tian seemed to be at a loss over what to do and what to say, she quickly suppressed her own feelings and reassured her daughter. "Don't worry, Si Ling. Although your daddy is an Eminent Celestial now, it would still take some time before he has to ascend to the Devata Realm..."

Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief when Ke'er came to his rescue.

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There was no way the Fire Worship Sect would not descend into chaos after the death of Tang Xuan, the former Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect! Moreover, he was killed by Duan Ling Tian, a former Guardian of Fire Worship Sect.

"Guardian Ling Tian didn't decide to leave because Lord Sect Leader prohibited him from being with the Saint Girl, he decided to leave because he's the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect!"

Word about this began to spread through the entire Fire Worship Sect, causing a commotion in its wake.

It had only been a few years since the Seven Absolutes Sect appeared again. Apart from the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the other successors of the six Absolutes had already made themselves known and made a name for themselves in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Everyone was, naturally, curious about the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny who had not shown up prior to this. Who knew the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny would turn out to be Guardian Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect?

“After Duan Ling Tian revealed his identity, he instantly killed Lord Sect Leader?”

“H-how’s that possible? Lord Sect Leader was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and he had the number one movement Divine Ability in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Even an Eminent Celestial might not be able to kill him!”

“Anyway, there’s no doubt that Duan Ling Tian had killed Lord Sect Leader...”

“Since Duan Ling Tian is the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, does this mean he’s going to kill us and eradicate the sect now that he has killed Lord Sect Leader?”

Everyone from the Fire Worship Sect could not help but feel terrified and worried when they thought about this.

Chapter 2364 Unless I’m Dead!

Most people in the Fire Worship Sect were terrified and worried when someone suddenly spoke up to reassure them.

“After Duan Ling Tian killed Lord Sect Leader, the four Guardians wisely decided to appoint Gan Ru Yan, Guardian Qing Huo’s direct disciple, as our new sect leader! As many of you know, Gan Ru Yan is also the Saint Girl’s twin sister. Since she’s appointed as the new sect leader, Duan Ling Tian doesn’t plan to eradicate the sect due to her relationship with the Saint Girl. Our new sect leader has also passed down the order that all members of the Fire Worship Sect aren’t allowed to antagonize the people from Seven Absolutes Sect. This order has also been made into a rule.”

Many elders and disciples sighed in relief when they heard these words.

“Hail to the four Guardians!”

“Hail to Lord Sect Leader!”

Many people began to say in unison. Many of them praised the Guardians for their quick wits in appointing Gan Ru Yan as the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, helping the sect avoid a catastrophe and inadvertently saving their lives. There was no doubt they would die if Duan Ling Tian decided to eradicate the sect.

They also praised Gan Ru Yan, their new sect leader. As long as their new sect leader was around, they had no need to be afraid of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

“Lord Sect Leader!”

“I swear my loyalty to Lord Sect Leader!”

Many sincere voices could be heard supporting Gan Ru Yan, the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian had meticulously planned all of this. He had intentionally hidden the fact that he had appointed Gan Ru Yan as the new sect leader due to the Fire Worship Sect's connection to the dragon and phoenix clans. With his plan, many people in the Fire Worship Sect not only quickly accepted her as their sect leader, but they also seemed to sincerely support her. Even the former sect leader, Tang Xuan, did not receive such a treatment.

"Guardian Ling Tian is not only a genius in Martial Dao, but he's also very wise. With his plan, not only did our status rise in the sect, but even the new sect leader's position in the sect is stable!" Zi Feng said when the four Guardians got together.

"You're right. Even when Sect Leader Tang Xuan was in power, the support was not as unanimous as it is now!" Hong Yun nodded.

"Initially, I was worried people would complain about our new Sect Leader's young age and inexperience. I didn't expect Guardian Ling Tian's plan would put all these issues to rest!" Leng Yin exclaimed. Then, he looked at Qing Huo meaningfully and said, "Guardian Qing Huo, you've really accepted a good disciple. Henceforth, you're not only a Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect, but you're also the Sect Leader's master!"

"Even I didn't expect that girl would have a fate like this..." Qing Huo shook his head humbly. However, there was no denying he felt a hint of delight in the depth of his heart. He had no regrets in life for having such a disciple.

The Guardians of Fire Worship Sect still referred to Duan Ling Tian as Guardian Ling Tian when they spoke. They seemed to have forgotten that Duan Ling Tian had announced his departure from the sect and was no longer a member of the sect.

Hong Yun frowned as she said, "However, there's no doubt Lord Sect Leader's new order and rule will offend the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect. After all, since ancient times, three great sects have always been united in opposing the Seven Absolutes Sect. Now that we've declared we'll no longer provoke the Seven Absolutes Sect, the other two sects will definitely see us as a traitor."

"Indeed. This matter is a little troublesome." Zi Feng furrowed his brows and nodded in agreement.

Leng Yin scoffed. "So what if the other two sects are unhappy? Don't tell me they have a say in the Fire Worship Sect's decisions? Even if they decide to embark on a punitive expedition against us, would we be afraid of them?" He was fearless when he thought about the powerhouses at the Eighth and Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage by their new sect leader's side, Duan Ling Tian who was an Eminent Celestial, and the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial by his side. In his opinion, it was better to have a good relationship with the Seven Absolutes Sect even if it was at the cost of offending the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect. After all, the current Seven Absolutes Sect was too formidable! Although there was enmity between the Fire Worship Sect and Seven Absolutes Sect, he thought the enmity would fade with the passage of time. In fact, he himself did not hold any enmity for the Seven Absolutes Sect.

“There’s no need for our sect to fear the two sects. Even if Guardian Ling Tian and the Bodiless Celestials by his side decide not to interfere with our sect’s affairs, the two sects still might not be able to do anything to us!” Qing Huo said, “Currently, the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect don’t have any Eminent Celestials at all. Moreover, there are certainly no Bodiless Celestials!”

It was no secret to the high-ranking officials in the three great sects that their sects had no Bodiless Celestials.

After a while, Hong Yun asked in confusion, “Don’t you think it’s a little strange that there are no Bodiless Celestials in the three great sects? Bodiless Celestials may be rare, but there has to be at least one or two in either one of the three great sects at the very least, right?”

“I agree that it’s strange. After all, there are many strong powerhouses in the three great sects who had attracted the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. However, not a single one who failed the tribulation managed to survive... Shouldn’t there be at least one or two?” Qing Huo said.

“Don’t tell me the three great sects are cursed to not have Bodiless Celestials?”

“I guess we’ll never know. This will remain a mystery for now!”

Based on the four Guardians’ words, it was obvious that they were unaware that the Bodiless Celestials from the Black Kshetra Sect, the Heaven Divination Sect, and the Fire Worship Sect had been taken away by both the dragon and phoenix clans. They had brought these Bodiless Celestials to their clans since they were afraid that leaving the Bodiless Celestials in the sects would lead to the growth in the sects’ power. This would cause them to lose control of the three great sects. Naturally, they would do everything possible to stop that from happening. Both the dragon and phoenix clans had stood high above the others since ancient times, how could they be willing to see another force rise to equal footing with them?

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In the sky above the Saint Island in the Fire Worship Sect. On the highest floating island.

“Congratulations! I suppose your position as sect leader is stable now,” Duan Ling Tian said to Gan Ru Yan who had just arrived.

“Thank you,” Gan Ru Yan said solemnly. She knew very well that she could become the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect and gain the support of everyone in the sect was all due to Duan Ling Tian alone.

“Since you’re Ke’er’s elder sister, you’re like a sister to me as well. There’s no need for you to thank me.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

‘An elder sister? Do you really only see me as your sister?’ Gan Ru Yan felt a pang of disappointment when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Her eyes had also dimmed immediately. Although she was unwilling to admit it, there was no denying that she had somehow fallen in love with Duan Ling Tian during the time they were in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. He was handsome, strong, tender, and considerate. Although most of his virtues were only shown to her younger sister, it

had inadvertently caused her to fall in love with him. It was too late for her to restrain her feelings. However, she knew her feelings were destined to be buried in the depth of her heart.

Gan Ru Yan took a deep breath and shifted her attention away from Duan Ling Tian to the two beautiful figures standing in the garden. Her twin sister, Ke'er, was teaching her niece, Duan Si Ling, how to wield a sword. Her eyes were trained on them as she asked Duan Ling Tian, "Regarding the matter of Ke'er's past life, what do you plan to do? If that cousin of hers is as strong as Tang Xuan said, I'm afraid he's much stronger than you. Let alone the mundane realms, I'm certain his strength is considered formidable even in the Devata Realms! He can tear a crack in the void that's over 1,000 meters long!" She felt a lingering fear when she recalled Tang Xuan's words.

Duan Ling Tian turned to look at the gentle and graceful figure in the distance when he heard Gan Ru Yan's words. A resolute expression appeared on his face as he said, "I don't care about Ke'er past life, she's my wife. No one can take her away from me unless I'm dead!"

Chapter 2365 The Shock of the Seven Absolutes Sect's Members

"I don't care about Ke'er's past life, she's my wife... No one can take her away from me unless I'm dead!"

Duan Ling Tian's determined words echoed in Gan Ru Yan's ears, causing her to fall into a daze as the look in her eyes changed when she looked at him. 'If he treats me this way as well, I'd have no regrets even if I die now!' After a while, she rose to her feet and said, "I've other things to attend to so I'll take my leave now..."

"Hmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded but his gaze never left his wife, Ke'er, who was teaching her daughter, Duan Si Ling, swordplay in the distance. It was as though Ke'er was the only thing he could see at this moment. For this reason, he did not notice the subtle hint of disappointment that flashed in Gan Ru Yan's eyes.

After Gan Ru Yan left the compound, she left the floating island as well. Killing intent flashed in her eyes as she thought to herself, 'There are only a few things I can do for you...' She decided to kill all those who had directly or indirectly offended Duan Ling Tian in the past. This was how bloodshed started in the Fire Worship Sect. However, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of all this. Those who had offended him in the past were like ants in his eyes. He did not even care enough about them to seek revenge. However, since Gan Ru Yan knew about them, she had taken it upon herself to avenge Duan Ling Tian.

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Meanwhile, the news about the former Guardian of Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian, being the successor of Fog Rain Progeny swept through the western region like a hurricane, causing an uproar in its wake.

"The former Guardian of Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian, who's the next strongest after the sect leader in the Saint Sect is the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute in the Seven Absolutes Sect? Is this true?"

Many people in the western region found the news hard to believe. The Seven Absolutes Sect and the Fire Worship Sect had deep enmity between them after all and everyone knew about it. It was only

natural they found it difficult to accept when they found out Guardian Ling Tian of the Fire Worship Sect was the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect!

“Since the news came from the Saint Sect, it has to be true!” Many people confirmed the veracity of this news.

Those who were skeptical were convinced when they heard this. “You’re right. If the news came directly from the Saint Sect, it has to be true!”

“However, I still feel it’s too shocking. Who knew the Guardian of Fire Worship Sect would turn out to be the current Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect?”

Although the people in the western region no longer doubted the veracity of the news, they were still shocked. However, they were even more shocked by what they heard next.

“When Duan Ling Tian revealed his identity as the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, he killed Sect Leader Tang Xuan! After just a few years, Duan Ling Tian has become an Eminent Celestial!”

When news of this spread out, it caused a second uproar in the western region.

“The sect leader of the Saint Sect has been killed?”

“Guardian Ling Tian killed Lord Sect Leader of the Saint Sect? How’s this possible?”

“A few years ago, former Guardian, Duan Ling Tian, was only the strongest person below the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He hadn’t even broken through the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at that time. In just a few short years, he actually became an Eminent Celestial and managed to kill Lord Sect Leader?”

“What a joke!”

“Someone who hadn’t even broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage actually became an Eminent Celestial after four years... It’s unbelievable!”

Everyone found it hard to wrap their heads around the fact that Duan Ling Tian had become an Eminent Celestial and killed Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. However, as much as they were unwilling to believe this, they could not change anything.

“Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian hid his real cultivation base from the very beginning... Maybe he hid his identity as the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny to infiltrate the Fire Worship Sect.”

“That’s the only thing that makes sense. After all, it’s impossible for someone who’s at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to become an Eminent Celestial in just a few short years!”

“Who would’ve thought that the three sect leaders from the three great sects would die in the hands of the people in the Seven Absolutes Sect one after another. It seems like the Seven Absolutes Sect truly has heaven-defying strength!”

Tang Xuan’s death, naturally, reminded everyone about the Sect Leaders from the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect who were killed by the people from the Seven Absolutes Sect. The Sect

Leader of Black Kshetra Sect was killed by the current successor of the Red Dust Progeny, the Seventh Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, while the Leader of the Heaven Divination Sect was killed by the current successor of the Prophet Progeny, the Second Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect. And now, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect was killed by the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect.'

"It seems like the power balance in the Dao Martial Saint Land is about to undergo a change!"

News of this continued to spread from the western region to the rest of the Upper Province. Most people's reaction was the same.

"The former Guardian of Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian, is the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect!"

"After a few years, Duan Ling Tian revealed his identity and cultivation base and killed the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect. Along with the Sect Leaders from the Black Kshetra Sect and Heaven Divination Sect, they're all killed by members of the Seven Absolutes Sect."

"After Duan Ling Tian killed Sect Leader Tang Xuan, the sect was facing the threat of destruction. However, due to the four Guardians' quick wits, they managed to avert disaster by appointing Gan Ru Yan, Duan Ling Tian's wife's elder sister, as the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. She's also the direct disciple of Guardian Qing Huo."

"The Fire Worship Sect also declares that they'll no longer oppose the Seven Absolutes Sect from now on!"

As this news continued to spread through the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land like a hurricane, it left everyone stunned.

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In the Black Kshetra Sect's estate.

Supreme Elder Lang Qian Jin's expression darkened when he heard this news. "Damn it! That Fire Worship Sect has no moral integrity at all!"

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In the Heaven Divination Sect's estate.

"Fire Worship Sect! How outrageous!" The Great Oracle Mo Xuan's expression was gloomy as well when he heard this news. His voice was so cold when he spoke that it sent chills up the spines of those who listened to him speak.

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Somewhere in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

A pair of identical twin brothers looked at each other in shock when they heard the news that had been spreading in the Upper Province. “Duan... Duan Ling Tian? He’s the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of our Seven Absolutes Sect?”

These twin brothers were Nangong Chen and Nangong Yi, the successors of the Didymus Progeny, the Sixth Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

Nangong Yi who regained his senses said, “It’s unexpected! Truly unexpected...”

Although Nangong Chen did not say anything, he was equally as shocked as Nangong Yi.

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“Junior... Junior Brother Ling Tian is the successor of Fog Rain Progeny? He’s also the Sect Leader of our Seven Absolutes Sect?” Gu Li, the current successor of the Kratos Progeny, the Third Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, was dumbfounded. He only regained his senses after a long time. He felt the world was truly small. What a coincidence!

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When Yue Wu Ying, the successor of the Dark Shadow Progeny, the Fourth Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, found out about this, he murmured, “He finally discovered his true identity...”

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Similarly, Han Xue Nai was in shock as well when she heard this news. “Brother Ling Tian is the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny?” This was completely unexpected! She laughed wryly as she muttered under her breath, “To think I actually compared Brother Ling Tian to the mysterious successor of the Fog Rain Progeny. Who knew they would turn out to be the same person?”

Han Xue Nai was, naturally, delighted after the shock had subsided. “Since Brother Ling Tian is also from the Seven Absolutes Sect, this means I’ll be able to fight along his side in the future!” A hint of disappointment could be heard in her voice as she continued to speak to herself, “I must cultivate diligently. Brother Ling Tian is already an Eminent Celestial, but my cultivation base is still at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!”

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On the peak of a steep and lonely mountain, an elegant figure dressed in bright red robes could be seen. This figure belonged to a woman who looked like a fairy. This woman was none other than Feng Tian Wu, the current successor of the Blazing Phoenix Progeny, the Fifth Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

“Brother Duan...”

Unlike most of the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect, Feng Tian Wu had known since before that Duan Ling Tian was the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny. However, she was prohibited by the Old Prophet to speak about this to the other members. In recent years, she had gone to the western region multiple times. She had even disguised herself as a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect to infiltrate the sect, but she did not find Duan Ling Tian nor did she hear any news about him at all. It seemed like he had vanished without a trace, and it caused her to worry endlessly until today.

Chapter 2366 Tian Wu and Ling Tian's Reunion

'Big Brother Duan should still be in the Fire Worship Sect, right?' Feng Tian Wu missed Duan Ling Tian even more when she thought about him. Her heart was thumping wildly in her chest as she immediately made her way to the Fire Worship Sect, looking like a blaze of fire. Since she was already in the western region, it would not take long for her to arrive at the sect.

'I didn't expect that Big Brother Duan is already an Eminent Celestial!' Feng Tian Wu was still shocked when she recalled the news that she had heard. After all, he did not have the help of the 'Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation'. This meant that he had worked hard to achieve everything he had today. She had thought she had done pretty well when she had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Who knew the gap between her and Duan Ling Tian would still be so wide? Regardless, a smile appeared on her face since she was sincerely happy for him.

'Fire Worship Sect!' It did not take long before Feng Tian Wu arrived outside of the Fire Worship Sect's estate. She looked at the Fire Worship Sect emotionally. During all these years, she had felt so lost without Duan Ling Tian, and she would dream about him most nights.

Previously when Feng Tian Wu came to the Fire Worship Sect, her cultivation base was still at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. For this reason, she had been very guarded due to her fear of Tang Xuan who was already at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. However, since she had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and Tang Xuan had died, there was no need for her to be afraid. There was no one stronger than her apart from Duan Ling Tian.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who had shrouded the Fire Worship Sect's estate with his Divine Consciousness suddenly detected an uninvited guest. Naturally, he was unaware that the uninvited guest was Feng Tian Wu.

'Hmm? A powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? It's not Lang Qian Jin from the Black Kshetra Sect, could it be Mo Xuan, the Great Oracle of Heaven Divination Sect?' Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness could only detect the uninvited guest was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, and that person was not Lang Qian Jin from the Black Kshetra Sect whom he had met before. He continued thinking to himself as he shook his head, 'It can't be Mo Xuan from the Heaven Divination Sect. Even if he's unhappy with Gan Ru Yan's decision to stop opposing the Seven Absolutes Sect, he wouldn't dare to recklessly charge into the sect. I'm sure he's aware that I'm still in the Fire Worship Sect. Unless he's seeking death, there's no way he'll come here. If it's not Lang Qian Jin or Mo Xuan, who could it be?'

Duan Ling Tian had a puzzled expression on his face as he sat in front of a stone table. In just a flash, he disappeared without a trace.

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At this moment, Feng Tian Wu had just left the Four Symbols Sanctums and entered the Saint Land of Fire Worship Sect.

All of a sudden, a voice rang in the air. "Who is it?"

Feng Tian Wu's body trembled slightly when she heard this familiar voice. She instantly turned to look at the source of the voice. She saw a familiar figure in the distance that seemed to have appeared out of thin air, causing her to fall into a daze.

'He didn't change at all.' Feng Tian Wu felt her heart fluttering when she saw the purple-clad young man in the distance. An expression of excitement was evident on her beautiful face.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who had just appeared was shocked as well. The woman who stood before him was beautiful and graceful, and she was dressed in bright red robes. Her skin was as fair as the first snow, and her hair was as black as the ink of Jiang Nan. She looked like a beautiful fire fairy. As she stood there, everything in her surroundings seemed to dim in comparison.

'She didn't change at all,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. His thoughts were similar to Feng Tian Wu's thoughts.

Both man and woman stood in the sky, staring at each other without saying a word. None of them dared to break the silence, afraid that their voice would cause the scene before them to shatter and fade away like a dream.

After a long while, Duan Ling Tian finally cried out, "Tian Wu!" Then, he quickly made his way to her.

"Big Brother Duan!" Feng Tian Wu called out in a trembling voice, finally certain that the man before her eyes was not a figment of her dream.

In just a blink of an eye, both of them were hugging each other.

Feng Tian Wu hugged Duan Ling Tian tightly as she laid her head on his chest, listening to his heart that was pounding loudly. She held him tightly as though she was afraid he would leave her again.

At this moment, there was only Feng Tian Wu in Duan Ling Tian's eyes as he held her in his embrace. This was the woman who had almost died when she willingly sacrificed herself for him! At that time, he had told himself that he would not let her down!

Both of them were in their own world, hugging, therefore, they did not notice that other people had appeared near them as well. Naturally, these people did not come with ill intent. Otherwise, both of them would have noticed their presence.

"W-who's she?"

When Duan Ling Tian had come over to look at the uninvited guest, his voice had drawn the attention of Gan Ru Yan, the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, and the four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect.

When Gan Ru Yan saw Duan Ling Tian hugging an unfamiliar woman, her eyes widened in shock. She was not angry nor was she feeling angry on behalf of her sister, she was just shocked. She had spent a few years with Duan Ling Tian after all. Although she did not dare to say she knew him very well, she knew that he was not someone so frivolous. Apart from her sister, this was the first time she saw him treating another woman so gently. After a while, a thought appeared in her mind. 'Could this woman be Li Fei?'

It did not take long before the two Vice Sect Leader and a few patrolling elders from the Fire Worship Sect appeared as well. However, as soon as they arrived, they were driven away by the four Guardians of the Fire Worship Sect.

The four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect were afraid these people would interrupt Duan Ling Tian's tender moment with this woman, and thus, causing him to feel displeased. After all, they were extremely frightened of him.

After the high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect retreated, a graceful figure appeared next to Gan Ru Yan. This woman was very beautiful. In fact, she looked identical to Gan Ru Yan. The only difference was their temperament and bearing. This person was none other than Ke'er, Gan Ru Yan's twin sister.

As soon as Ke'er appeared, Gan Ru Yan could not help but ask in a soft voice, "Ke'er, is she Li Fei?" She was unaware that when she spoke, a hint of bitterness could be heard in her voice.

"No." Ke'er shook her head gently. Since she was focused on the woman who was hugging Duan Ling Tian, she did not detect the bitter undertone in Gan Ru Yan's voice.

However, there was one person who was present who heard the bitter undertone in Gan Ru Yan's voice. This person was none other than Qing Huo, Gan Ru Yan's master and one of the four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect. He thought to himself, 'How tragic... It'll definitely be an unrequited love...'

Qing Huo, naturally, knew Gan Ru Yan very well since he was her master. Therefore, he knew Gan Ru Yan liked Duan Ling Tian when he heard her question.

"It's not Li Fei? Then, who's she?" Gan Ru Yan asked again.

"She should be Younger Sister Tian Wu," Ke'er said with a smile.

"Younger Sister Tian Wu? You mean Feng Tian Wu? Is she the one who almost died when she sacrificed herself to save Duan Ling Tian?" Gan Ru Yan's eyes widened slightly when she heard Ke'er's reply. She had heard about Feng Tian Wu when she and Ke'er were living together previously. Ke'er had mentioned Feng Tian Wu a couple of times, therefore, she knew Feng Tian Wu was the woman who had sacrificed her life for Duan Ling Tian.

Initially, when Gan Ru Yan heard about Feng Tian Wu's deeds, she thought that Feng Tian Wu was stupid to sacrifice her life for someone who had so many women by his side. However, at this moment, she only felt envious of Feng Tian Wu. Similar to her sister, Feng Tian Wu managed to catch the heart of Duan Ling Tian. This was something she yearned for but was unlikely to obtain. She would willingly give up her position as the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect if she could stay by his side and be his woman. However, she knew this was just a pipe dream.

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Duan Ling Tian loosened his hold on Feng Tian Wu and asked in a gentle voice, "Tian Wu, how have you been?"

Feng Tian Wu lifted her head as she looked at Duan Ling Tian's chiseled face. She felt her heart ached as she asked, "I've been good. What about you, Brother Duan? You must have suffered all these years, haven't you?"

Chapter 2367 Bodiless Celestials From the Three Great Sects

"Ke'er... Aren't you even a little angry looking at them?"

Gan Ru Yan felt uneasy and could not help asking her sister after seeing Duan Ling Tian and Feng Tian Wu flirting as though no one was around. Her sister had a smile on her face as she watched those two who were reunited after so long. There were no hints of dissatisfaction on her sister's face even when those two were behaving intimately.

"Why should I be angry?" Ke'er shook her head and said with a smile. "Sister, as long as I can stay with Brother Tian and accompany him every day, it's enough for me. That would be God's greatest gift to me. I don't really care about the women around him. As long as there's a place for me in his heart, I'm satisfied no matter how small that place is!" Her gaze turned even more tender as she spoke.

'Ke'er's love for him has reached this point?' Gan Ru Yan was stunned when she heard Ke'er's words. Although she had also fallen for Duan Ling Tian, her feelings seemed so insignificant compared to Ke'er's feelings.

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Meanwhile, the people in the central region in the Upper Province who were in an uproar over the news of Duan Ling Tian received another shocking news.

"The most powerful beings in Dao Martial Saint Land aren't Eminent Celestials?"

"Bodiless Celestials are much stronger than Eminent Celestials?"

"Those powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation but survived by detaching their souls from their physical bodies became Bodiless Celestials?"

"There are nine types of Bodiless Celestials... Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestials' strength is comparable to an Eminent Celestial... There are Three, Four, Five... all the way until Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, and their strength would increase with each tribulation they passed!"

"I-I feel like a frog in a shallow well..."

"Now that we know about Bodiless Celestials, the Supreme Saint Ranking seems like a joke!"

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Shocking news, one after another, spread from the central region and swept through the entire Upper Province like a hurricane.

It seemed like the news had opened a door to a new world for everyone. This news that revealed the existence of Bodiless Celestials undoubtedly caused a massive earthquake in the Upper Province. It seemed as though a new era was dawning...

Under the order of Duan Ling Tian, Chen Yi Ru had spread this information in the central region. Naturally, he had taken care to conceal his identity when he was spreading this information for fear of attracting the wrath of the dragon and phoenix clans.

The dragon and phoenix clans were the two strongest forces in the Dao Martial Saint Land, and they had held these positions since the beginning time.

The estates of the dragon and phoenix clans were located very far apart. The phoenix clan lived under the radar in the western region of the Upper Province, and the dragon clan lived in the eastern region of the Upper Province.

There was a stretch of barren mountains that were obscured by clouds all year round in the eastern region. It was known as a forbidden land by locals because many people from the Upper Province would go and explore the land but none of them had returned. This was how the place had gained notoriety. Naturally, those who were in the know knew what was hidden in the mountain range. This was the dragon clan's estate, 100,000 Towering Mountains!

100,000 Towering Mountains were the range of barren mountains that were obscured by clouds all year around. It was called 100,000 Towering Mountains due to its innumerable peaks and the vast land they occupied.

The dragon clan's estate was separated into three sections. One of them was the residence of ordinary dragon clansmen. This included the clan leader and the elders. The second section was a meeting place for Bodiless Celestials from the dragon clan, and the final section was a meeting place for Bodiless Celestials who were not from the dragon clan.

Many of these Bodiless Celestials in the dragon clan were humans and Saint Beasts. All of them shared a common trait; all of them were from the three great sects. They could be considered as ancestors of the three great sects.

At this moment.

An old man hovered in the air above a valley as he looked at a middle-aged man and mocked him, "Li Bing, didn't you make fun of my Black Kshetra Sect previously by saying that a girl from Seven Absolutes Sect managed to kill the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect? I heard that Sect Leader Tang Xuan from your Fire Worship Sect was killed by a lad from the Seven Absolutes Sect, isn't that right?"

When the old man saw the middle-aged man's face had changed color from anger, he continued to say smugly with one eyebrow raised, "Well, it's only to be expected that the Sect Leader of my Black Kshetra Sect was killed. After all, his cultivation base was only at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... However, I heard that Sect Leader Tang Xuan from your Fire Worship Sect was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Moreover, there was also a rumor that said he had mastered the best movement Divine Ability in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Even with all that, he was still killed by the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny!"

This old man was formerly a Karmapa from the Black Kshetra Sect. He had been brought here by a Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan after he failed his Celestial Tribulation and became a Bodiless Celestial.

Usually, these Bodiless Celestials that had been brought back from outside were not allowed to leave unless the Bodiless Celestials in the dragon clan had a task for them. Those who tried to escape were all killed by the Bodiless Celestials in the dragon clan.

The middle-aged man whose name was Li Bing was from the Fire Worship Sect. He scoffed as his expression darkened, his eyes flashing coldly. However, he could not refute the old man's words. A few years ago, he had mocked the old man when they received news about the death of the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect. Who would have thought his words would come back and bite him in such a short time? The Sect Leader of Fire Worship was also killed by a member of the Seven Absolutes Sect!

The sound of laughter suddenly rang in the air as a tall and muscular old man appeared. He looked at Li Bing after he stopped laughing and said with hints of ridicule, "Li Bing, I heard that after Tang Xuan was killed by a lad from the Seven Absolutes Sect, the sect appointed a girl, Gan Ru Yan, as the new sect leader. She has imposed a new rule on the sect that prohibits all members from antagonizing the Seven Absolutes Sect! Back in the day, the three great sects had a pact to join forces and deal with the Seven Absolutes Sect. Who knew the Fire Worship Sect would be so useless and turn traitor?"

The muscular old man was none other than a Bodiless Celestial from the Heaven Divination Sect. A few years ago, after the Sect Leader of the Black Kshetra Sect was killed, news of the death of the Sect Leader of Heaven Divination Sect quickly followed suit. He was furious when he heard the news, but there was nothing he could do since he could not leave the dragon clan.

The two old men, the Bodiless Celestials from the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect, continued conversing as they mocked Li Bing.

"Li Bing, it seems like among the three sects, the Fire Worship Sect is the most cowardly. They instantly surrendered when faced with the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect!"

"I heard the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect didn't destroy the Fire Worship Sect because the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect is his sister-in-law!"

"His wife seems to be the Saint Girl of the Fire Worship Sect. I thought the Saint Girl was supposed to be pure? How did she end up becoming the wife of the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect?"

"It seems like the members of the Fire Worship Sect have been currying favor with the Seven Absolutes Sect since the beginning."

An angry voice suddenly rang in the air. "All of you really like to beat a person when he's down!" Soon after, a figure appeared next to Li Bing. As soon as he appeared, he glared at the two old men and said, "What's this nonsense about the Seven Absolutes Sect not destroying the Fire Worship Sect because of a woman? As if the Seven Absolutes Sect could even destroy the Fire Worship Sect or any of the three great sects for that matter. Why are both of you acting as though the dragon and phoenix clans would just sit and watch if the Seven Absolutes Sect try to destroy any of the three great sects?"

This person who appeared next to Li Bing was also a Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect. Clearly, he was much more eloquent compared to Li Bing. He had easily silenced the Bodiless Celestials from the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect. After he finished speaking to the two old men, he turned to Li Bing and said in a deliberately loud voice, "Li Bing, Master Di Chen has summoned us... It seems that he has a task for us outside of the dragon clan!"

"Outside of the dragon clan?" When the old men from the Black Kshetra Sect and Heaven Divination Sect heard the newcomer's words, their faces were filled with jealousy and hate.

Chapter 2368 Di Chen

All the Bodiless Celestials that were brought to the dragon clan by the clan's powerhouses were prohibited from leaving. Anyone who tried to leave will be killed without any exception. They would be allowed to temporarily leave, but these chances were rare and far apart.

In order to leave, these Bodiless Celestials from the three great sects had to have a patron. Even then, they would be only allowed to leave when their patrons had tasks for them to complete outside of the dragon clan. This was the only way for them to temporarily leave the dragon clan. However, they would be hunted down and killed if they did not return within the allocated time.

Naturally, everyone was jealous when they heard Li Bing and the powerhouse who was also from Fire Worship Sect were allowed to leave the dragon clan.

"Damn it! Li Bing is so lucky..." The Bodiless Celestial from Black Kshetra Sect who was the first to mock Li Bing earlier turned sullen. After all, even if they found a patron, it did not necessarily mean that they could leave the dragon clan. Although they would not be able to go out for long, it was still better than being trapped in the same place for such a long time with no freedom at all.

"Lord Di Chen has a mission for us?" Li Bing's eyes lit up immediately when he heard the man's words. It seemed like his bad mood from earlier had disappeared. He was clearly overjoyed at this moment.

The Bodiless Celestial from Black Kshetra Sect looked at Li Bing and sneered. "I hope you'll make use of this opportunity and speak to the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship to make her rescind her order! The three great sects had promised to join forces to deal with Seven Absolutes Sect since ancient times. The Fire Worship Sect shouldn't forget its roots!" His voice turned menacing as he spoke.

"That's right!"

"That's how it should be."

A few other Bodiless Celestials from the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect who had appeared agreed with his words.

Li Bing's expression darkened. He scoffed. "I, Li Bing, don't need all of you to tell me what to do!" After he finished speaking, he turned and left with the other Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect.

After they left, the Bodiless Celestials from the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect began to discuss among themselves.

"I hope Li Bing won't encounter the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny when he goes out. Otherwise, he'll definitely kill that lad and brag about it when he returns!"

“Although the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land isn’t large by any means, it isn’t that small either... He has a limited time to complete his mission so he might not even have the time to find the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect even if he wants to!”

“Well, unless the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny is dumb enough to reveal his location or is staying in the Fire Worship Sect, it would be like looking for a needle in a haystack if Li Bing tries to find him!”

In theory, the Bodiless Celestials from the three great sects were not supposed to interfere in worldly affairs or carry out their own agendas when they leave the dragon clan. However, as long they did not cause too big of a disturbance and return within the stipulated time, the dragon clan would usually turn a blind eye to it.

For this reason, they were sure Li Bing would definitely kill Duan Ling Tian if he ran into him. It never crossed their minds that there was a chance Li Bing might lose. After all, Duan Ling Tian was just an Eminent Celestial. The weakest among them were Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. It would be easy for them to kill an Eminent Celestial with just a flick of their fingers. Moreover, with dragon and phoenix clans around, they were not worried that Duan Ling Tian would be able to destroy the three great sects.

Naturally, all of them hoped that Li Bing would not encounter Duan Ling Tian. They did not care if Duan Ling Tian lived or died. They just did not want Li Bing to brag about it when he returned and said that he managed to avenge his sect while they could not even avenge their sects.

As the saying went, ‘Buddha wants incense, and humans want face’. In this hellhole where the birds did not even come, they were bored out of their minds. They had nothing left to live for except for their pride.

The Bodiless Celestial from the Black Kshetra Sect had come as soon as he heard that Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, had been killed to mock Li Bing. This was revenge for when Li Bing mocked him about the Sect Leader of Black Kshetra Sect being killed by a girl from Seven Absolutes Sect.

‘When will my lord send me on a mission...’ The Bodiless Celestials from Black Kshetra Sect and Heaven Divination Sect could not help thinking to themselves.

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Meanwhile, Li Bing who was making his way to his patron looked at the Bodiless Celestial next to him and asked, “Wang Chong, do you know anything about the mission Lord Di Chen has for us?”

“I don’t know the specifics, but from Lord Di Chen’s tone in the Voice Transmission Jade Token, it sounded urgent,” Wang Chong said solemnly.

Li Bing nodded.

“Li Bing,” Wang Chong said, seeming as though he had recalled something, “I know you’re overjoyed about being able to leave the dragon clan. You might even think of finding the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect to avenge that boy, Tang Xuan, so that you can brag about it to the others. However, I hope that you’ll prioritize the task that Lord Di Chen gives us. If we fail our task, we’ll lose Lord Di Chen’s trust. At that time, we’ll lose all our chances of leaving the dragon clan

in the future!” His voice was stern when he spoke. After all, he knew how rare it was to be allowed to leave the dragon clan. If they failed the mission, they might not be allowed to leave the dragon clan again. There were many examples of Bodiless Celestials who had failed their missions and lost all chances to leave the dragon clan.

“Don’t worry... I know what to do.” Li Bing nodded solemnly. He understood what Wang Chong was trying to say.

When Li Bing and Wang Chong were about to leave the area assigned to the Bodiless Celestials from the three great sects, a thunderous voice boomed. “Stay there!”

Both of them trembled in fear when they heard this voice.

Whoosh!

An old man descended from the sky. In just two or three steps, he stood in front of Li Bing and Wang Chong.

This old man who was dressed in a green robe was tall and muscular. The aura he exuded was domineering and terrifyingly strong as though he was the king of the world.

Li Bing and Wang Chong were no strangers to such an aura. This is the dragon force from a divine dragon after their cultivation bases had reached a certain stage.

As soon as the green-clad old man appeared, Li Bing and Wang Chong greeted him in unison in an extremely humble tone. “Lord Qing Yue!”

This green-clad old man was one of the dragon clan’s Bodiless Celestials who was tasked with guarding the Bodiless Celestials from the three great sects. Since he was a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, he was, naturally, stronger than Li Bing and Wang Chong.

Qing Yue, the green-clad old man, asked coldly, “Where are you going?”

“Lord Qing Yue, Lord Di Chen has summoned us. He has business with us,” Wang Chong who was standing next to Li Bing said respectfully as he stepped forward.

“Young Master Di Chen?” A hint of respect flashed in the depths of Qing Yue’s eyes when he heard this. Then, his expression softened a little as he said, “Since Young Master Di Chen has summoned you, go ahead!” He left as soon as he finished speaking.

Although Qing Yue was stronger than Di Chen, he was very respectful to Di Chen and addressed him as young master since his father was one of the strongest powerhouses in the dragon clan.

After Qing Yue left, Li Bing and Wang Chong made their way to the residences of the Bodiless Celestials in the dragon clan to see their patron, Di Chen.

A patron was a nice way for them to refer to Di Chen. However, the truth was, he was their master, and they were his servants.

When Li Bing and Wang Chong finally arrived in a mountain valley with picturesque hills and rivers, they saw Di Chen. It seemed as though they had a tacit understanding with Di Chen since they only looked at him respectfully without saying a word as soon as they arrived.

Di Chen was the handsome young man who was sitting in a pavilion, playing the guzheng.

The melodious sound of music echoed through the valley and only stopped after fifteen minutes.

Di Chen looked up at Li Bing and Wang Chong and said indifferently, "You're both here."

"Lord Di Chen!" Both of them hurriedly bowed respectfully at Di Chen.

"My father has a task for both of you," Di Chen said without beating around the bush.

"S-supreme Elder?!" Li Bing and Wang Chong's eyes widened in surprise when they heard Di Chen's words.

Chapter 2369 Li Bing Intends To Return To The Fire Worship Sect?

As one of Di Chen's followers, Li Bing and Wang Chong knew that Di Chen's father was a Supreme Elder and one of the strongest powerhouses in the dragon clan. They were not certain if he was a Seven or Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. In any case, he was much stronger than both of them.

Both of them were naturally shocked and pressured when they found out that the task that would be given to them came from Di Chen's father. If they failed a task that Di Chen had given them, at most, they would not be given missions in the future. However, if they failed a task given by Di Chen's father, they would definitely suffer if they were not killed.

"My father said that recently, someone has been revealing the existence of Bodiless Celestials in the central region!" Di Chen said calmly.

"What?!"

"Who's so daring?!"

"Does he have a death wish? Didn't he know that the dragon clan and phoenix clans have prohibited those in the know from revealing the existence of Bodiless Celestials?"

When Li Bing and Wang Chong heard this, they were shocked and horrified.

"This is the reason I've asked both of you to come here. You're to investigate and find out who disregarded the dragon and phoenix clans' rule and exposed the existence of Bodiless Celestials!" Di Chen's eyes flashed coldly. "If the culprit is weaker than both of you, capture him and bring him back. However, if the culprit is stronger than both of you, return immediately. I'll personally set out and kill him at that time!" His aura turned icy cold when he finished speaking, causing Li Bing and Wang Chong to feel as though they were trapped in an ice cave.

"Yes!" Li Bing and Wang Chong answered obediently as they shivered.

"These two Minor and Major Mirror Image Talismans are for you... Notify me immediately if you're not a match for that person!" Di Chen took out two talismans and threw them at Li Bing and Wang Chong who hurriedly caught it in their arms and put them away safely.

“I’ll give both of you a year to complete this task. You know what to do next right?” Di Chen cocked an eyebrow and asked coldly after both of them had put the Minor Major Mirror Image Talismans away.

Li Bing and Wang Chong felt their hearts skipped a beat when they heard Di Chen’s words. They hurriedly swore on the lightning penalty oath that they would return to the dragon clan within a year or else they would be killed by the lightning penalty. This was, naturally, the best way for the dragon clan to control them.

Di Chen gave them an Order Token each after they had sworn on the lightning penalty oath. He waved his hand dismissively and said, “Go on then!”

Li Bing and Wang Chong did not waste any time and left Di Chen’s cultivation place immediately.

When they were about to leave the dragon clan’s estate, they were stopped by another powerhouse. However, they were allowed to leave once they showed their Order Tokens. With these Order Tokens, they could come and go freely in the dragon clan. However, they would have to return them to Di Chen when they completed their task.

After that, Li Bing and Wang Chong flew out of the dragon clan’s estate, leaving the 100,000 Towering Mountains.

“We’re out!”

“I, Wang Chong, have successfully left the dragon clan!”

Both of them shouted in joy to vent their emotions that they had to suppress in the dragon clan as soon as they left the 100,000 Towering Mountains. Ever since they had become Bodiless Celestials, they were brought to the dragon clan. This was their first time leaving the dragon clan!

Both of them decided to head to the central region first.

“Since the news came from the central region, let’s start our investigation there!” Wang Chong said.

“Okay.” Li Bing nodded in agreement. This was what he had in mind as well.

With their speed, they quickly arrived in the central region. As soon as they arrived, they made their way to the busiest city in the central region, Sin City. This was a place where many sectless cultivators were gathered. They quickly found a busy restaurant to start their investigation.

Unfortunately, even after a few days, their investigation bore no fruits. Currently, Li Bing and Wang Chong were in a room inside an inn.

“Well, we can be certain that the person who revealed the existence of Bodiless Celestials is extremely cautious,” Wang Chong said with a solemn expression on his face.

“Yes,” Li Bing said with a grim expression on his face, “It seems like the culprit really left no trace behind. Based on this, it’s fairly obvious that he had intentionally revealed the existence of Bodiless Celestials to provoke the dragon and phoenix clans!”

“It’s highly likely that the culprit is a Bodiless Celestial as well!” Wang Chong said confidently, “Otherwise, it would’ve been impossible for him to leave no traces behind... Moreover, apart from those high-ranking officials in the three great sects, those who know about Bodiless Celestials are Bodiless Celestials themselves.”

“Although the high-ranking officials are unaware of the rule that’s imposed by the dragon and phoenix clans, it’s unlikely that they had spread this news. After all, they had no Bodiless Celestials in their sects. Revealing the existence of Bodiless Celestials would only lower their statuses and prestige.” Wang Chong deduced in one breath.

“You’re right. There would definitely be evidence if it’s one of three great sects that leaked this news. The only possibility left is another Bodiless Celestial is the culprit!” Li Bing agreed with Wang Chong.

“We must continue investigating... Even if the other party is a Bodiless Celestial, there must be a clue somewhere. We just need to find it and eventually we’ll find the culprit,” Wang Chong said.

Li Bing nodded.

After that, they thoroughly searched and investigated Sin City and repeated the process as they moved outward from the city.

Time flew by quickly. In just a blink of an eye, a month had passed since Li Bing and Wang Chong had left the dragon clan.

Somewhere west of Sin City.

Li Bing said in a slightly annoyed tone, “A whole month has passed, and we still don’t have any leads!”

“We can only continue to investigate. I’m sure we’ll find something eventually. I still have a few leads to check out, maybe one of them would lead to a breakthrough,” Wang Chong said patiently.

“Wang Chong!” Suddenly, Li Bing looked at Wang Chong with a glint in his eyes. “I’ve already verified all the leads I have... I’m going to make a trip to the Fire Worship Sect in the next few days!”

“You... You intend to return to the sect and ask that lass to revoke her order?” Wang Chong was also Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect. It was not difficult for him to guess Li Bing’s intention. Naturally, the lass he was referring to was Gan Ru Yan, the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect!

“Yes.” Li Bing nodded. “Since the beginning of time, our Fire Worship Sect has fought alongside the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect against the Seven Absolutes Sect... That lass has crossed a line! Even if the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny is her brother-in-law, how can she come up with such a ridiculous rule! Not only will I ask her to revoke her order, but I’ll also remove her from the position of sect leader!” Based on Li Bing’s words, it was obvious that he was dissatisfied with Gan Ru Yan.

“Fine, go ahead then...” Wang Chong nodded. “However, you’ll have to return as soon as you’ve dealt with the matter in the sect. Don’t forget our mission. This mission is from Lord Di Chen’s father, a Supreme Elder of the dragon clan! If we fail, not only would we lose the chance to come out again in the future, there’s a high possibility that we’ll have to suffer from punishment as well! We’re no different

from ants in the dragon clan. Lord Di Chen can kill us if he wants to!" His voice turned grimmer as he spoke.

"Don't worry!" Li Bing nodded solemnly. "I'll take a few days at most!"

"A few days? I'll give you two days. You must return within two days!" Wang Chong said in a deep voice, "Two days is enough for you to settle the affairs in our sect... Don't tell me you're still harboring the intention of killing the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny so you can brag about it when you return to the dragon clan!"

"Don't worry... I know what to do. I won't waste my time looking for that lad!" Li Bing said. Naturally, he wished he could find the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, and kill him to avenge Tang Xuan. That way he would be able to brag when he returned to the dragon clan. However, he did not dare to forget the mission that had been given to him.

Chapter 2370 Fire Worship Sect's Guardian from 4000 years ago

In the Fire Worship Sect, and the cultivation place of Gan Ru Yan, the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

In the courtyard of a spacious mansion on a large floating island, two extremely beautiful women were seated in front of a stone table. Both of them were talking and laughing, looking as close as sisters.

On the other side, a purple-clad young man was teaching swordplay to a young girl.

The purple-clad young man and the young girl were none other than Duan Ling Tian and his daughter, Duan Si Ling. Meanwhile, the two beautiful girls who were talking and laughing were Ke'er and Feng Tian Wu who had been at the Fire Worship Sect for a month now.

Although Ke'er and Feng Tian Wu had known about each other for a long time, they had only met for the first time when Feng Tian Wu came to the Fire Worship Sect. Since both of them were kind and considerate people, they got along very well. For those who did not know any better, they might even think the two women were sisters or very good friends who had known each other for years.

While Duan Si Ling was practicing her swordplay, she blinked her eyes and deliberately asked Duan Ling Tian, "Daddy, do you like mum or Auntie Tian Wu better?"

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback by Duan Si Ling's question. He did not expect his daughter to ask such a question. When he recovered, he feigned anger and said, "What have you been learning? Why are you asking such a question? Continue practicing your swordplay!"

"Daddy, are you angry because you're embarrassed?" Duan Si Ling said cheekily, disregarding Duan Ling Tian's anger.

"If you're not going to focus, I won't teach you anymore in the future. You'll have to ask your mum to teach you!" Duan Ling Tian said as he tried not to laugh at his daughter's cheekiness. This was the only way his daughter would listen to him.

True enough, Duan Si Ling instantly surrendered and said with a deflated expression on her face, "Daddy, I'm wrong! I won't do this anymore..."

“What won’t you do?” Duan Ling Tian asked teasingly.

“I won’t make fun of you anymore, daddy,” Duan Si Ling said with an exaggerated pout. It was not that Duan Si Ling thought her mother was inferior. However, her father was just too eye-catching with his sword techniques that she felt she would never reach such a level if she did not learn from her father.

Duan Ling Tian could not hold back his smile when he saw his daughter being so obedient, albeit reluctantly. He continued watching over Duan Si Ling as she practiced swordplay before his thoughts drifted to the other members of the Seven Absolutes Sect. ‘Apart from Tian Wu, Xue Nai and the others didn’t come to the Fire Worship Sect. It’s very likely that they don’t know that I’m still in the Fire Worship Sect.’

Up until now, he had only met Feng Tian Wu who was the successor of the Blazing Phoenix Progeny, the Fifth Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect. He had not met the other successors of the other Absolutes.

‘Should I release information that I’m in the Fire Worship Sect?’ He thought to himself. After a while, he shook his head. ‘No, that’s not wise. After all, the dragon and phoenix clans might think I killed Tang Xuan and appointed Gan Ru Yan as a puppet sect leader to gain control of the Fire Worship Sect! Although it’s said that the dragon and phoenix clans wouldn’t interfere as long as I don’t destroy the three great sects, I don’t think they’ll be very happy if they think that the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes wants to gain control over the Fire Worship Sect.’ In the end, he decided it would not be wise to announce that he was in the Fire Worship Sect.

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian came up with a solution to reunite with the other members of Seven Absolutes Sect. “It seems like I’ll have to find another place for all of us to reunite. I remember Tian Wu saying the Seven Absolutes Sect has a temporary base in the northern region of the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. If Tian Wu and I ask for their return, I’m sure it won’t take long before all of us will be able to meet.”

Duan Ling Tian was about to speak to Feng Tian Wu regarding this when a thunderous voice rang in his ears, taking him by surprise.

It was Chen Yi Ru, Duan Ling Tian’s follower, who was a Bodiless Celestial. “Master, a Bodiless Celestial is approaching!”

“A Bodiless Celestial?!” Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes in shock.

Shortly after...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

A majestic and oppressive force swept down from the sky. In just a blink of an eye, it covered much of the sky above the Saint Land of the Fire Worship Sect, alarming everyone.

“What a powerful aura! Who is it?”

“Who is it? How dare they act so brazenly in the Fire Worship Sect!”

“This aura... seems stronger than an Eminent Celestial’s aura. Is it a Bodiless Celestial? Could this person be Guardian Ling Tian’s follower as well?”

The four Guardians of Fire Worship Sect also detected this aura. Apart from them, even the vice sect leaders and some Golden and Silver Flame elders were alerted to it. All of them did not waste any time and flew out of their floating islands.

Meanwhile, Gan Ru Yan, the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, who was in closed-door cultivation was also alerted by the aura. Unlike the high-ranking officials who went to have a look at the source of the powerful aura, she instantly went to look for Duan Ling Tian.

“What’s happening?”

“It’s a Bodiless Celestial,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Bodiless Celestial?” Gan Ru Yan was stunned before her expression changed drastically. “What’s a Bodiless Celestial doing in the Fire Worship Sect?”

At this moment, Chen Yi Ru seemed to appear out of thin air behind Duan Ling Tian. As soon as he appeared, he quickly said, “Master, I know him.”

“Oh?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes gleamed, “Does this mean he’s from your time as well?”

“Yes,” Chen Yi Ru nodded and said, “Back then, I was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking and he was ranked third! 4,000 years ago, he was one of the Guardians of Fire Worship Sect. His name is Li Bing.”

“Li Bing?” Duan Ling Tian seemed unaffected by Chen Yi Ru’s revelation, but Gan Ru Yan looked thunderstruck. “Li...Li Bing? H-he was a Guardian of the sect who failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation 4,000 years ago! He’s still alive?” At this moment, she realized Li Bing was most likely a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial similar to Chen Yi Ru.

A hint of disbelief and confusion could be seen on her face as she murmured, “I thought all the Bodiless Celestials from our sect are being held by the dragon and phoenix clans?” She was aware of this since Chen Yi Ru had revealed to them the reason why the three great sects had no Bodiless Celestials. She was not surprised that there was a Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect, but she was surprised at the fact that a Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect was allowed to return to the sect.

“The dragon or phoenix clan might have sent him out on a mission and he decided to drop by the sect.” Chen Yi Ru had been a Bodiless Celestial for so long after all. He could, naturally, guess why Li Bing had suddenly appeared.

“He failed the Heavenly Tribulation 4,000 years ago?” Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he said coldly, “This means Li Bing is also a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial like you?”

Although Duan Ling Tian was not looking at Chen Yi Ru, Chen Yi Ru knew the question was directed at him. He hurriedly replied, “Yes.”

“Let’s go and meet him!” Duan Ling Tian flew up into the sky and left the floating island in just a blink of an eye.

Needless to say, Chen Yi Ru, Gan Ru Yan, Ke’er, Duan Si Ling, and Feng Tian Wu followed Duan Ling Tian as well.

Duan Ling Tian looked at a middle-aged man who was surrounded by the four Guardians of the Fire Worship Sect. He cocked an eyebrow and asked, “That’s Li Bing?”

Chen Yi Ru did not dare to make Duan Ling Tian wait so he replied immediately, “Yes, that’s him!”

“Ancestor!”

“Ancestor!”

At this moment, the four Guardians and the high-ranking officials of the Fire Worship Sect were bowing respectfully at Li Bing. It seemed like they knew Li Bing was a Guardian of Fire Worship Sect 4,000 years ago. It was only appropriate for them to address him as ancestor.

“Our Fire Worship Sect has Bodiless Celestials?”

“I thought our sect has no Bodiless Celestials.”

Li Bing scanned the crowd as he asked in a deep voice, “Who’s Gan Ru Yan?”

As soon as Li Bing spoke, the crowd instinctively turned to look at Gan Ru Yan who had just arrived with Duan Ling Tian.

Li Bing followed the crowd’s sight and it did not take long for him to spot Gan Ru Yan. He narrowed his eyes that were flashing coldly. “So you’re Gan Ru Yan?!”

“I’m Gan Ru Yan, the new Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect. It’s an honor to meet you!” Gan Ru Yan reacted instantly. She bowed and greeted Li Bing as soon as he finished speaking.

“New sect leader?” Li Bing only sneered at Gan Ru Yan despite how respectful she was. Then, he glanced at her before he said loudly, “I declare that Gan Ru Yan is no longer the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect from today onward!”