

Chapter 2501 Pull Yourself Together

Yun Qing Yan's revelation was like a bolt of lightning that struck Duan Ling Tian on a clear day.

Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of Solitary Destructive Heaven, one of the Devata Realms, was one of the strongest people in the Devata Realm. Not only was Yun Qing Yan unafraid of him, but he even sent his men after him. Moreover, he revealed that the Solitary Destructive Heaven no longer had a Heaven Emperor!

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, knew what this meant. The men whom Yun Qing Yan sicced on Feng Qing Yang had taken Feng Qing Yang's life. Still in shock and disbelief, he quickly sent a Voice Transmission to Ke'er. "Ke'er, are his men really capable of killing a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm?"

Duan Ling Tian was not certain if Yun Qing Yan's men were truly capable of killing a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm, but he was certain Ke'er must know.

Ke'er replied through Voice Transmission, "Brother Tian, if he sent his men to kill a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm, save for a few extremely strong Heavenly Emperors, most would not be able to escape with their lives intact." Since she had regained memories from her past life, she knew Yun Qing Yang had capable men under him who were capable of such a feat.

Duan Ling Tian felt his heart sink upon hearing Ke'er's confirmation. He glared at Yun Qing Yan as he growled, "Feng Qing Yang and I have never even met... Why would you vent your anger on him because of me?"

"Why did I vent my anger on him?" Yun Qing Yan calmly replied, "Well, if you're looking for someone to blame, then, you can only blame yourself for receiving his legacy. Apart from that, with Feng Qing Yang's exceptional talent, I can't leave him be as well. You pose no threat to me, but if Feng Qing Yang was given more time, I can't say for sure that he won't be a threat to me." Naturally, there were other things that Yun Qing Yan did not reveal to Duan Ling Tian. Apart from removing a future threat, since Feng Qing Yang might seek revenge for Duan Ling Tian, he was also worried that after Duan Ling Tian ascended to a Devata Realm, Duan Ling Tian would grow stronger under Feng Qing Yang's guidance. He could not allow something like that to happen. He had come to this conclusion on his own after thinking about it.

After all, Yun Qing Yan had meticulously planned all of this. He had anticipated many possibilities and eventualities before appearing in front of Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er. He had also anticipated this today. He had anticipated that his cousin would not willingly return with him, and he would be unable to kill Duan Ling Tian due to his cousin's threat. However, he knew once he imprisoned Duan Ling Tian's family and friends, his cousin would have no choice but to obediently return with him. Leaving Duan Ling Tian alive meant he was giving an opportunity for Duan Ling Tian to grow stronger. Despite his conviction that Duan Ling Tian would never pose a threat to him, even with Feng Qing Yang's help, he decided to get rid of Feng Qing Yang as an extra precaution. With this, he felt he no longer needed to fear Duan Ling Tian's heaven-defying talent.

“You... You... You deserve death!” Duan Ling Tian glared at Yun Qing Yan furiously, his body was trembling all over. His body had just regained some power and had now become agitated.

“Even if I deserve death, you don’t have the power to do anything to me.” Yun Qing Yan looked at Duan Ling Tian disdainfully. He sneered as he rose into the sky and looked at Ke’er. He waved his hand as he said, “Cousin, it’s time to go!”

Then, Ke’er’s figure turned into an afterimage, just like Yun Qing Yan, and disappeared.

“Ke’er!” Duan Ling Tian cried out as though his heart had been hollowed out, and he had lost his soul as he watched Ke’er disappear before his eyes. He felt as though he was drowning in a sea of anguish.

Before Ke’er left, she sent a Voice Transmission that rang clearly in Duan Ling Tian’s ears. “Brother Tian! Don’t worry. I’ll protect father, mother, Sister Fei’er, Sister Tian Wu, and the others. I won’t let harm come to them! There’s another thing. My name in the past was Xia Ning Xue. I’m from the Xia family, one of the Ten Great Clans in Divine Offering Land! The Divine Offering Land is...”

Unfortunately, before Ke’er’ could finish explaining the Divine Offering Land, her Voice Transmission was cut off. It was obvious she had been taken away before she could finish sending the Voice Transmission.

‘Xia Ning Xue! The Divine Offering Land! I’ll remember this!’ Duan Ling Tian summed up the important parts of Ke’er’s Voice Transmission. She was Xia Ning Xue in her past life, and her family, the Xia family, was one of the Ten Great Clans in the Divine Offering Land. Her words, her name and the place he was unfamiliar with, were deeply etched in his mind.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian could finally use a little of his power, and he began to heal his wounds. At the same time, he took out a Healing Medicinal Pill from his Spatial Ring before swallowing it to aid the healing of injuries. Due to his heavy injuries, he only managed to forcibly move his body after half an hour.

After an hour had passed, Duan Ling Tian finally managed to flip around and lay on his back, staring at the boundless azure sky. His eyes were filled with despair as though he had lost his soul, and he did not move for a long time.

Those who were unaware of what was going on would have thought he was a corpse if they saw him from afar.

This day was an incomparable dark day for Duan Ling Tian. His wife, Ke’er, had been taken away. Moreover, his family and friends had been taken away as well. He had to helplessly watch as Yun Qing Yan take Ke’er, his family, and friends away.

“Trash... I’m trash... I’m trash!!” This was the first time Duan Ling Tian had mercilessly belittled himself. Faced with Yun Qing Yan’s overwhelming strength, his strength that was considered the peak in the mundane realms was useless and not worth mentioning at all. He was like an ant in front of Yun Qing Yan, and Yun Qing Yan could easily squash him to death. Yun Qing Yan did not even need to move, with just a thought from Yun Qing Yan, he would meet a tragic end.

“Who on earth is Yun Qing Yan? Even his men are capable of killing a Heavenly Emperor from a Devata Realm. Moreover, where’s the Divine Offering Land?” Duan Ling Tian’s mind was filled with confusion. He had assumed Yun Qing Yan was just a powerful Celestial from a Devata Realm, he did not expect Yun Qing Yan was capable of killing a Heavenly Emperor from a Devata Realm. Unexpectedly, Yun Qing Yan did not even need to personally make a move, his men were more than capable of that job. Even if Yun Qing Yan was not as strong as a Heavenly Emperor, to have such men under him meant his background was extraordinary.

“Senior Feng Qing Yang...” When Duan Ling Tian thought about his master who had left him the legacy and whom he had never met before, his heart felt heavy with guilt. The feeling of guilt stubbornly remained in his heart, refusing to leave. After all, his master had died by association to him. He would not have grown so strong if he did not have the legacy. How could he not feel guilty that Feng Qing Yang had died because of him?

As time passed, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes were eventually filled with determination. “Don’t worry, master... I’ll avenge you one day!” Although he had experienced the wide gulf between him and Yun Qing Yan that seemed like the distance between heaven and earth, he did not allow himself to feel discouraged. He resolved to close the gap between him and Yun Qing Yan and avenge Feng Qing Yang.

Based on Yun Qing Yan’s words earlier, Duan Ling Tian figured out that Ke’er family had to be extraordinary as well. If he wanted the blessing from her family, he would have to become stronger as well.

“Father, mother, Little Fei’er, Tian Wu, Nian Tian, Si Ling... Wait for me. I’ll save you from that ice-cold prison as soon as possible!” Duan Ling Tian’s feeling of guilt increased when he thought about his family and friends who were imprisoned by Yun Qing Yan. After all, Yun Qing Yan would not have targeted him if it were not because of him.

“My... My strength is still too weak!” Before today, Duan Ling Tian had felt an unavoidable sense of pride in his strength ever since he possessed strength comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodily Celestial. However, after meeting Yun Qing Yan, he knew that he was still woefully weak. His power was nothing in front of a true powerhouse.

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Three days.

Duan Ling Tian lay on the mountain for three days. He thought about many things as he lay there. He had despaired and felt loss, his emotions fluctuated continuously. However, in the end, he pulled himself together.

“I’m afraid these wounds will need about ten days to half a month to completely heal.” Duan Ling Tian had finally regained his composure. He no longer looked like someone who had just lost his family and friends. Naturally, this was just a mask he put on. How could someone like him who cherished affection and loyalty be completely unaffected? He had merely buried his pain and despair in the depth of his heart.

Chapter 2502 Departure From The Saint Province Realm

It had been three whole days. All possibilities, conceivable and inconceivable, had crossed Duan Ling Tian's mind.

Ke'er had been forced to leave, and his family and friends had been taken away. This was undoubtedly a heavy blow to Duan Ling Tian. However, he knew he could not afford to wallow in despair or agony, it was not beneficial to the situation. The only thing he could do now was to bring his emotions under control and quickly increase his strength. When he was strong enough, he would be able to make his way to the Divine Offering Land and save Ke'er, his family, and friends from Yun Qing Yan. As he looked at the azure sky, he muttered to himself, "Ke'er, I won't make you wait for a long time!"

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian flew into the sky, leaving the place as though he was free of troubles. Naturally, this was just a facade. He was leaving the Lower Province for the Upper Province.

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In the northern region of the Upper Province. On a snow-capped mountain where the temporary estate of Seven Absolutes Sect was located.

Upon Duan Ling Tian's return, he saw a solitary figure standing on a mountain. He quickly flashed next to the figure.

"Zhang Yi!"

Yun Qing Yan did not capture Zhang Yi. Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this, after all, he did not see Zhang Yi among the prisoners. It was obvious Yun Qing Yan had carefully selected his prisoners. Yun Qing Yan had only selected those who were very close to him. He had only gotten to know Zhang Yi in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, and this was Zhang Yi's first trip to the Saint Province Realm. Therefore, it wasn't strange that Yun Qing Yan did not capture him.

"Duan Ling Tian?" The gloom on Zhang Yi's face disappeared immediately when he saw Duan Ling Tian. Then, he said anxiously, "Duan Ling Tian, t-they've... They've all been taken away. That guy is extremely powerful. I-I think he's definitely not inferior to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!" He could not conceal the terror on his face when he recalled the green-clad young man whom he had met a few days ago. He had remembered the scene vividly, he had felt like an ant before the green-clad young man. Although the green-clad young man did not target him, he knew very well that if the green-clad young man so wished, he would die with just a thought.

"Mm, I know." Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes and nodded. Naturally, he knew who Zhang Yi was talking about. Before Zhang Yi could respond, he said, "Let's return to the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone and head to Yan Huang Realm."

"But... But the others..." Zhang Yi was taken aback when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He found Duan Ling Tian's reaction hard to believe. After all, Duan Ling Tian did not seem to react even though his daughter had been captured. He repeated himself, "Duan Ling Tian, even your daughter and Lady Tian Wu were forcibly taken away..."

"I know," Duan Ling Tian nodded before he said, "Let's go to the Beyond Secret Heaven Zone!" Without waiting for Zhang Yi's reply, he lifted his hand and brought Zhang Yi with him to the entrance of the

Beyond Secret Heaven Zone that was located somewhere in the northern region. He swiftly flew like a gust of wind to the entrance.

During the journey, Zhang Yi finally discovered something was amiss. "Duan Ling Tian..." He had many questions hanging on the tip of his tongue, but when he saw the empty look in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, he decided to bite his tongue and swallow the questions. He saw no emotions in Duan Ling Tian's eyes as though he had lost his soul. He was certain something must have happened.

"We're here." In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian had brought Zhang Yi to the entrance of the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone that was located in a snow valley that was shrouded by thick fog. A few wooden houses stood in the snowy valley. It looked no different from when Duan Ling Tian last left it. It seemed like nobody had come after they had left.

"Let's go!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he looked at the black hole in mid-air.

Just as Duan Ling Tian was about to step into the black hole, Zhang Yi called out, "Duan Ling Tian!"

Duan Ling Tian came to halt and turned to look at Zhang Yi skeptically. "What? What is it?" He did not know why Zhang Yi had called out to him.

"We might not end up in the same spot after entering the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone," Zhang Yi replied, "So we should find a place to rendezvous, right?" He was not worried that Duan Ling Tian would not be able to find the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm. With Duan Ling Tian's power, he could easily find someone to lead him there.

"Right. I forgot about that." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "How about this? We'll meet up at the point of entrance and exit of Yan Huang Realm in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone... Anyone who arrives first will wait for the other person there, what do you think?"

"Alright." Zhang Yi nodded.

As soon as Zhang Yi finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian disappeared in just a blink of an eye into the black hole.

Zhang Yi saw a ripple in Duan Ling Tian's wake after Duan Ling Tian had entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. "It seems like he's in a rush..." Although Zhang Yi did not know why Duan Ling Tian was in such a rush, he followed suit anyway.

Duan Ling Tian was in a rush before he did not know when he would ascend to a Devata Realm. It was beyond his control when he would have to ascend. He would have to wait for the Celestial Ascension Force to come before he could ascend to a Devata Realm and become a Celestial. He had no way of getting any stronger in the Saint Province Realm, and he was in a rush to get stronger due to Yun Qing Yan.

Duan Ling Tian thought he might be able to find new ways to raise his strength in a large mundane realm like Yan Huang Realm. Moreover, he could also find a way to return to earth where he was from in his past life. If it was not because of earth, he might not have necessarily chosen to go to Yan Huang Realm.

After all, there were another 3 large mundane realms. Those three mundane realms were not inferior to Yan Huang Realm.

'The Devil Clans, including their Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, will definitely be terrified of Ke'er's power after she killed the clan leader of the dragon clan who was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Under these circumstances, even if they don't return to the Land of Exile, they still wouldn't dare to act recklessly unless they find that she's no longer in the Saint Province Realm.' Duan Ling Tian had thought about this before leaving the Saint Province Realm. The Saint Province Realm was his home in this life, therefore, he did not want it to be plunged into chaos. He did not deal with the Devil Clans first due to the existence of a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the Devil Clans. He would not be able to kill the Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial without Ke'er. He could only hope Ke'er demonstration of strength in the dragon clan would serve as a deterrent to the Devil Clans.

Indeed. Many powerhouses had heard about the incident in the dragon clan. For this reason, they issued an order to the lesser devils in the clans to not act recklessly or slaughter humans in the Saint Province Realm.

For a while, the Saint Province Realm's peace was temporarily restored with devils and humans living in harmony.

However, this was only the calm before the storm since it was only a temporary solution. Once the Devil Clans found out Ke'er was not around, they would certainly continue their effort to conquer the Saint Province Realm!

2503 The Woman In Black

"Beyond Heaven Secret Zone..." Duan Ling Tian had finally returned to the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, but he had lost all his initial excitement. He was certainly not in the mood to search for treasure vaults that contained Celestial Supreme Treasures. He continued his journey, looking for people from Yan Huang Realm. Since he had been separated from Zhang Yi after entering the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, he needed to find someone from Yan Huang Realm to lead him to the point of entrance and exit. Since he was not from Yan Huang Realm, he could not detect the point of entrance and exit of Yan Huang Realm.

"Skyline Realm... Vast Cloud Realm... Mouro Realm..." Half a month had passed, and Duan Ling Tian had run into people from the other three large mundane realms, but he had yet to meet anyone from Yan Huang Realm. At this time, he had begun to feel anxious.

"It's been half a month now, Zhang Yi has probably arrived at the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm, right?" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself anxiously.

Since Zhang Yi was from Yan Huang Realm, he would be able to sense the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm. As soon as he entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, he had probably begun to make his way there. Therefore, it was not a stretch to think he had already arrived.

Duan Ling Tian who was growing increasingly anxious continued to search for people.

"Mm? I think there are people there!" A surge of hope rose in Duan Ling Tian's heart, and he made his way to a canyon where a loud ruckus could be heard. The sound grew louder and louder as he

approached the canyon. When he finally arrived, he saw a group of people surrounding one person. The person who was surrounded was a woman dressed in black from head to toe. Even her face was covered with a black cloth. She was dressed like an assassin in the dramas that Duan Ling Tian had watched in his past life. He could tell she was a woman due to her outfit that clung to her figure. Although the outfit was not extremely tight, it still showed off her good figure. It was an extremely seductive figure.

“Hand over the Celestial Supreme Treasure or die!” One of the people surrounding the woman said threateningly. His words were laden with killing intent. It seemed as though they would kill her as soon as she showed any signs of objecting.

An untidy young man said to black-clad woman, “Why don’t you remove the black cloth covering your face? If you’re pretty enough and you surrender the Celestial Supreme Treasure to me, I might even take you in as my concubine.”

The woman’s eyes, the only thing that her get-up did not cover, flashed with disdain as she said in a melodious voice, “Didn’t we agree that it’s first come, first serve before we enter the heaven-rank treasure vault? Why did all of you go back on your words once I obtained the Celestial Supreme Treasure?”

A woman standing across the black-clad woman scoffed. Most of the people there had a disdainful expression on their faces. Only a few people wore a guilty expression on their faces. Was there anyone who did not want a Celestial Supreme Treasure? Perhaps, they agreed that finders would be keepers. However, that was before a Celestial Supreme Treasure had shown up. Now that a Celestial Supreme Treasure was at stake, everyone’s words had flown out of the window.

‘She... seems quite confident?’ Duan Ling Tian who had just arrived thought to himself. He could clearly sense that the black-clad woman was not frightened despite being surrounded by so many people. She seemed calm. It was clear to him that she was confident.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian’s arrival had drawn everyone’s eyes, including the black-clad woman. However, they only spared him a glance before turning back to look at the black-clad woman.

On the other hand, the black-clad woman stared at the people surrounding her icily. She knew they were about to attack.

Just as a fight was about to break out, Duan Ling Tian spoke up, “Hello, everyone. Is there anyone from Yan Huang Realm here?”

The group of people turned to look at Duan Ling Tian again when he spoke. However, none of them replied to him. They assumed he was just another man who had entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. He was probably less than 100 years old and was an Eminent Celestial like them. They could not be bothered with someone like him. After all, he was no threat to them. So what if he was angry because they ignored him? There were at least three Eminent Celestials in their group, what could one Eminent Celestial do against so many people?

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by their cold treatment. He closely observed their expressions when he spoke, and he managed to determine, based on their expressions, that one of them was from Yan Huang Realm. His eyes would not deceive him.

As Duan Ling Tian stared at the person from Yan Huang Realm, the group of people began to cry out one after another.

“Kill her!”

“Kill her! Take the Celestial Supreme Treasure away!”

Various attacks flew toward the black-clad woman, causing her to look like a cornered beast. However, she only scoffed. Her eyes glinted disdainfully as she lifted her hand. A dagger instantly appeared in her hand.

With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian determined that the dagger was a Celestial Supreme Treasure.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian watched as the seemingly-trapped black-clad woman wielded her dagger. As though she had divine help, she easily defended against the attacks that were lobbed at her. After a while, energy simmered on the surface of her body before she finally released it.

“No!” The expressions of the three Eminent Celestials changed drastically as soon as the black-clad woman released the energy. Since they were Eminent Celestials, they were definitely more sensitive to danger compared to everyone else. They realized belatedly that the black-clad woman might be an Eminent Celestial like them, but her strength was definitely greater than a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

“Her power has risen to such a level after obtaining the Celestial Supreme Treasure... This means, prior to obtaining the Celestial Supreme Treasure, her strength was on par with a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

Among the three Eminent Celestials who surrounded the black-clad woman, two of them had strength on par with a Three Tribulations Bodiless Celestial. As soon as the black-clad woman retaliated, they felt the danger and the urge to retreat. They looked at the black-clad woman with eyes that were filled with envy and jealousy and a hint of fear. After all, if they possessed the Celestial Supreme Treasure, their strength would not be inferior to hers.

‘She concealed her strength?!’ Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow as he watched from afar.

Boom!

At this moment, a stronger attack shot toward the black-clad woman. She quickly wielded her dagger with movements as fast as bolts of lightning. Flashes of light that looked divine could be seen as she deflected the attacks.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air like a thunderstorm as the black-clad woman released an explosive energy, effectively nullifying the attacks from the group of people with the dagger.

At this moment, the group of people's expressions, including three Eminent Celestials, changed drastically when they saw the woman easily deflecting their attacks.

"This is bad!"

"We've underestimated her!"

"Her power is at least on par with a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

These people truly did not expect the black-clad woman to conceal her power. If they had known she was as strong as a Four Tribulations Bodiless Celestials prior to obtaining the Celestial Supreme Treasure, they would not have the courage to covet the Celestial Supreme Treasure in her possession even if they had a hundred doses of liquid courage.

"Run!" The three Eminent Celestials decided to flee as soon as they realized the black-clad woman was stronger than them.

However, could they escape? In just a blink of an eye, the black-clad woman killed all three Eminent Celestials and the people who had surrounded her earlier before they could even react.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian and the black-clad woman were the only ones left in the vast canyon.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the black-clad woman as he asked slowly, "Are you from Yan Huang Realm?"

Chapter 2504 The Assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm

The black-clad woman looked at Duan Ling Tian warily and asked, "Do you want my Celestial Supreme Treasure as well?"

Duan Ling Tian could only see the black-clad woman's eyes and long hair that fell like a waterfall on her back. He was already anxious for failing to find anyone from Yan Huang Realm after so long so he became impatient when he heard the woman's words and her refusal to answer his question. He said snappily, "If I wanted your Celestial Supreme Treasure, do I have to wait until this moment?" A vast energy surged out of his body as soon as he finished speaking like a burst of flames, giving him an intimidating aura. At the same time, wave after wave of sword rays formed and shrouded his body.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The piercing sound of swords whistled in the air as sword rays gathered around Duan Ling Tian before they finally rose above his head. This was his Sword Formation. It emitted a formidable aura as it hovered above his head, encompassing a large area in his surroundings.

The black-clad woman's expression changed drastically when she felt the mysterious aura. Naturally, her expression was hidden underneath the black cloth. However, the hint of shock in her eyes could not be concealed at all. It was obvious that she no longer had her composure from before.

Whoosh!

While she was in a state of shock, the black-clad woman's dagger injured her hand before it flew out of her grasp as though it was being summoned by something. She could only watch as the dagger flew to the Sword Formation above Duan Ling Tian's head.

"You..." The black-clad woman was thoroughly shocked.

Duan Ling Tian had taken the dagger into his hand. He weighed it before flipping it around. As he held the dagger in his hand, he stared at the black-clad woman and asked indifferently, "Now, do you still think I covet your Celestial Supreme Treasure?"

"You... You're Duan Ling Tian?" The black-clad woman, once again, failed to answer Duan Ling Tian's question. Her eyes revealed her shock.

Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. "You know me?"

"Are you really Duan Ling Tian?" The black-clad woman gasped when she heard Duan Ling Tian's confirmation. "Is it true that you killed the strongest Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in Muoro Realm despite being an Eminent Celestial? Also, are you really as strong as a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

"Why would I lie?" Based on the black-clad woman's words, Duan Ling Tian knew she must have heard of his deeds in the location of the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial.

"So it's you!" The black-clad woman sighed in relief. The fear in her eyes had disappeared, and it was replaced by curiosity as she gazed at Duan Ling Tian. If the man standing before her was Duan Ling Tian, there was no doubt he would not covet her Celestial Supreme Treasure. After all, if he had wanted it, he could easily kill her. There was no need for him to waste words with her.

"When I asked if any of you were from Yan Huang Realm, I could tell, based on the look in your eyes, that you're from Yan Huang Realm. Am I right?" Duan Ling Tian asked. He had noticed a change in the black-clad woman's eyes when he had asked that question earlier.

"Yes." The black-clad woman finally answered Duan Ling Tian's question. She had avoided answering his question earlier and asked him if he coveted her Celestial Supreme Treasure. As a result, he had taken her Celestial Supreme Treasure as a show of power. Now that she had given him an answer, her eyes darted toward the dagger he held in his hand. She had obtained the dagger from a heaven-rank treasure vault.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he heard the black-clad woman's reply. He quickly asked as he weighed the dagger in his hand, "Do you want me to return this Celestial Supreme Treasure to you?"

The black-clad woman's eyes brightened upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. "You'll return it to me?" When he had taken the dagger away, she was prepared for the eventuality of losing the dagger. Unexpectedly, it seemed like he intended to return it to her. If he was willing to return it, she, naturally, wanted it. It was a Celestial Supreme Treasure after all!

Duan Ling Tian did not beat around the bush and stated his condition immediately, "As long as you take me to the point of entrance of exit to Yan Huang Realm, I'll return this Celestial Supreme Treasure to you."

It was not easy for Duan Ling Tian to find someone from Yan Huang Realm. Therefore, he was determined to seize this chance. He was willing to use every means available to him to get the black-clad woman to show him the way to the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone.

"You want to go to Yan Huang Realm?" The black-clad woman, naturally, understood Duan Ling Tian's intention. She finally knew why he had asked her and the group of people if they were from Yan Huang Realm.

"Mm." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Don't you have a companion from the Celestial Masters Sect? Why didn't you ask him to lead you there?" The black-clad woman asked skeptically. She was familiar with Duan Ling Tian's feats in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. Not only did she hear about his strength that was on par with Nine Tribulations Bodiless Celestials and how he had killed the strongest Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in Mouro Realm, but she had also heard that one of his companions was from the Celestial Masters Sect in Yan Huang Realm.

"You even heard about this?" Duan Ling Tian could not hide his surprise. "I brought him with me to the Saint Province Realm. However, we were separated when we entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone again."

"I see." The black-clad woman nodded. Her eyes darted around as a cunning light flashed in her eyes.

Duan Ling Tian frowned. He did not miss the cunning glint in the black-clad woman's eyes. He vaguely felt an ominous feeling rising in his heart.

The black-clad woman said, "I don't have a problem with leading you to the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm. However, before that, you'll have to help me pass the challenges in the heaven-rank treasure vaults. I want the Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms. I have no interest in the minor inheritance in the heaven-rank treasure vaults so you don't have to help me with that.

"Don't try to take advantage of the situation!" Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened. "I'm already being generous by returning you the Celestial Supreme Treasure. How dare you demand I help you to obtain the Divine Abilities in the heaven-rank treasure vaults?"

"I'm not taking advantage of the situation." The cunning light in the black-clad woman's eyes grew brighter. "After all, it's not difficult for you to help me pass the challenges, right?"

Indeed. It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to pass all the challenges in a heaven-rank treasure vault. However, he did not want to waste too much time in here. After all, it would take some time for one to memorize and comprehend Divine Abilities. He said irritably, "My patience has its limit. If you won't do it, I'll just find someone else."

“You’re welcome to do that. It’s not like I can’t pass the challenges. I just need more time,” the black-clad woman said indifferently, putting Duan Ling Tian in a tough spot.

“Aren’t you afraid that I’ll kill you?” Duan Ling Tian glared at the black-clad woman. His eyes were cold as he stared at her.

“Would you do it?” The black-clad woman retorted as she stared at Duan Ling Tian. The cunning light in her eyes did not disappear at all.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed, but in the end, he decided to compromise. After all, it was difficult for him to encounter someone from Yan Huang Realm. Who knew when he would find another person from Yan Huang Realm if he let her go?

The black-clad woman looked extremely pleased with herself when Duan Ling Tian agreed to her request. It took him three days and three nights to help her pass the challenges. In fact, he could have done it faster, but he was restricted by the rules in the heaven-rank treasure vault.

“Assist-type Divine Ability?” The Divine Ability in the heaven-rank treasure vault soon appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. It was an assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm.

“It’s an assist-type Divine Ability!” The black-clad woman exclaimed excitedly. She did not waste time and began to memorize and comprehend the Divine Ability. If she managed to memorize and comprehend it before the time was up, she would be able to obtain it.

This process was similar to the one that Duan Ling Tian had previously gone through in order to obtain the Divine Ability, the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.

Duan Ling Tian, however, did not attempt to comprehend and memorize this assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm. After all, the assist-type Divine Ability he had mastered, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was far superior in comparison.

Chapter 2505 Tang Xiao Xiao from Tang Sec

An assist-type Divine Ability that was far inferior to the Elementary Devouring Tactic was not something Duan Ling Tian was interested in. He would not waste his time trying to memorize or comprehend it.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘While she’s busy memorizing and comprehending the assist-type Divine Ability, I might as well use this time to comprehend more of the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.’

The Thirteen Green Lotus Swords was an incredibly powerful Divine Ability from a Devata Realm. Duan Ling Tian had only managed to comprehend parts of it, and currently, his mastery of the Divine Ability only gave it strength comparable to an ordinary Divine Ability from the Devata Realms. To unleash its full potential, he had to continue comprehending it.

Duan Ling Tian was so immersed in his cultivation that he had forgotten the passage of time. When the black-clad woman roused him, he discovered the stone table that contained the assist-type Divine Ability had disappeared. He asked her, “You’ve obtained it?”

“Mm.” The black-clad woman nodded.

Duan Ling Tian managed to glimpse a hint of joy and relief in her eyes when she spoke.

The black-clad woman said, "After I memorized it, when I opened my eyes, the stone tablet had already disappeared."

It seemed like she was relieved because she had barely managed to memorize the assist-type Divine Ability before it disappeared. Since she had obtained her objective, he asked her, "Can you bring me to the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm now?"

"Let's go." The black-clad woman nodded. She would lead Duan Ling Tian to the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone like she had promised him.

Whoosh!

The black-clad woman was just about to leave the valley and head east when Duan Ling Tian suddenly raised his hand. A wave of energy shrouded her immediately and brought her in the eastern direction, moving at lightning speed. 'How fast!' She thought to herself. She noticed that his speed far surpassed her speed. After a few moments, to her shock, she discovered that it was not even his fastest speed.

Duan Ling Tian had moved by creating Sword Formations and leaping from one Formation to another.

When the black-clad woman finally regained her senses, she heard Duan Ling Tian's voice. "Hold this." Soon after, he tossed her a dagger as though he was tossing out trash.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian tossing the Celestial Supreme Treasure to her in such a cavalier manner, she grumbled under her breath, "Come one. That thing you just tossed over is a Celestial Supreme Treasure!"

They passed the remainder of their journey in silence. In the end, the black-clad woman decided to break the silence. "Okay, let's introduce ourselves. My name is Tang Xiao Xiao, and I'm a disciple of Tang Sect in Yan Huang realm." She revealed her name and the sect she was from immediately.

"The Tang Sect?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes when he heard Tang Xiao Xiao's words. He could not help but ask, "Did the Tang Sect originate from Planet Yan Huang?"

"Mmm." Tang Xiao Xiao nodded. "Disciples from Tang Sect can trace our lineages back to Planet Yan Huang just like those from the Celestial Masters Sect. However, our sect is slightly weaker because we don't have a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. It's not a big deal though. The Celestial Masters Sect wouldn't dare to simply provoke us. They can try to destroy our sect, but as long as even one of us lives, they'll never have a day of peace." Her eyes shone with pride as she spoke about her sect.

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, "Is it true that Tang Sect is proficient in using concealed weapons?" He had already heard of Tang Sect during his past life on earth. He had met an old man from the sect who taught him the supreme art of knives throwing. It was thanks to that technique that he had managed to extricate himself from many precarious situations. It was especially useful when he had used up all his ammunition. If it were not for the technique taught by the old man, his body would have been riddled with holes from his enemies' bayonets.

Since he discovered Tang Xiao Xiao was from Tang Sect, his impression of her improved. Previously, he had assumed Tang Sect was just an ordinary sect with a handful of techniques based on inner energy.

Who knew there was nothing ordinary about the sect? The sect had lost its glory and power in the olden days, making it look underwhelming.

“How do you know about this?” Tang Xiao Xiao was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian’s question. She asked, “Did you hear it from your companion from the Celestial Masters Sect?”

“No.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. He lifted his hand as energy surged out and formed a throwing knife. After that, he threw the knife forward in a rather crude form.

A bewildered expression appeared on Tang Xiao Xiao’s face immediately. She cried out, “T-That’s the Tang Sect’s concealed weapons technique!” Although Duan Ling Tian’s execution was very crude, it was not difficult for her to tell that the technique was from her sect. “You... How did you learn our special concealed weapon techniques?” She asked skeptically.

“A long time ago, I encountered a senior from your sect by chance. He was the one who taught me this,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

“Isn’t he embarrassed for teaching you this technique when he’s clearly not very skilled at it? What an embarrassment to our sect! If I were not extremely familiar with our sect’s techniques, I wouldn’t have been able to tell that the technique was from our sect!” Tang Xiao Xiao said with a frown. It seemed like she felt this senior from her sect had done the Tang Sect a great disservice.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. His previous incarnation lived in the middle of the Post-Techniques Era. This proved the old man was extraordinary for being able to remember his sect’s teachings. Moreover, it was unfair to compare the old man to Tang Xiao Xiao who was in her prime and clearly a successor of the Tang Sect.

After a while, Tang Xiao Xiao exclaimed, “There it is! It’s just ahead of us!”

Due to Duan Ling Tian’s unearthly speed, it did not take long before they arrived at the point of entrance and exit to Yan Huang Realm in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone.

“Mm,” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

A few moments later, Tang Xiao Xiao said, “We’re here!”

On cue, a single black dot appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s vision. The closer he got, the bigger the black dot became. When they finally arrived, a huge black hole hovered in the air like the gaping maw of a hungry beast.

“Zhang Yi isn’t here yet?” Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself after he scanned his surroundings. “He’s probably transported to a place far away from here,” he concluded in the end. As it turned out, he was right. After a day and a night, Zhang Yi finally arrived.

“I didn’t expect you to arrive first,” Zhang Yi exclaimed in mild surprise when he noticed Duan Ling Tian. When he saw Tang Xiao Xiao, he asked curiously, “Who’s this?”

Tang Xiao Xiao’s eyes were cold, and her expression was indifferent, making her seem unapproachable.

“She’s Tang Xiao Xiao. She’s also from the Yan Huang realm,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Zhang Yi cried out, “Tang Xiao Xiao?” His expression was one of shock as his eyes darted back to Tang Xiao Xiao. “You... You’re the strongest among the younger generation in Tang Sect!”

“You’re right.” Tang Xiao Xiao seemed to enjoy Zhang Yi’s shock. She looked at Duan Ling Tian with a pride-filled gaze. Her eyes seemed to tell Duan Ling Tian that, yes, she was quite an important person in Tang Sect.

“The strongest among the younger generation in Tang Sect?!” Duan Ling Tian echoed Zhang Yi’s words, mildly taken aback as well. He knew she was quite strong but did not expect her to be the strongest among the younger generation in her sect.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian was prepared to depart to Yan Huang Realm with Zhang Yi.

It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian and his companions appeared in front of the black hole in Yan Huang Realm.

“We’re back!” Zhang Yi exclaimed with a smile.

However, soon after, a thunderous bellow rang in the air. “Zhang Yi!”

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Whoosh!

The thunderous voice caught Zhang Yi by surprise as an expression of trepidation appeared on his face immediately.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao instantly turned to look at the source of the voice. They saw a figure flashing in and out in the distance. As the figure approached them, they finally saw it was an old man. Duan Ling Tian thought the old man looked familiar.

Duan Ling Tian studied the old man as he thought to himself, ‘Have I met him before?’ Apart from that, he discovered that the old man’s eyes were trained on him even though he had called out Zhang Yi’s name. Flames of fury and killing intent burned in the old man’s eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he relished the thought of killing him slowly and painfully. ‘It seems like he really hates me...’

The persistent feeling that he had met this old man stayed with him even though he could not recall when he had met this old man. Duan Ling Tian was still wondering about the old man’s apparent enmity and familiarity when he heard Zhang Yi cried out in fear, “The Left Guardian!”

The Left Guardian? Realization finally dawned on Duan Ling Tian. He must be Zhang Chu He, the Left Guardian of Celestial Masters Sect!. ‘No wonder he looks familiar. He’s Zhang Yun Fei’s grandfather!’

After Duan Ling Tian killed Zhang Yun Fei, a disciple of the Celestial Masters Sect, in a heaven-rank treasure vault left by Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial, in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, Zhang Yi had told him about Zhang Yun Fei’s grandfather. Zhang Yi told him that Zhang Chu He was an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial whose power could rival the other two Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials

in the sect. Zhang Chu He's strength was only second to the strongest person in Celestial Masters Sect, the Free Cloud Sage who was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

After confirming the old man's identity, Duan Ling Tian looked at him scornfully. He did not fear Zhang Chu He at all. It was only natural since his strength was currently comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Why would he fear a mere Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?

"Zhang Yi! You colluded with an outsider to murder your sect member. Today, I'll act in accordance with our sect laws and execute you!" Zhang Chu He closed the distance between them in just a blink of an eye. He glared at Zhang Yi balefully as energy like tidal waves rolled off his body. At this moment, he seemed like the Grim Reaper about to reap Zhang Yi's life with his scythe.

Zhang Yi paled instantly. Zhang Chu He's speed looked deceptively slow, but he discovered that he had been bound to his spot by an unseen force. No matter how hard he struggled, he could not free himself at all.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Zhang Chu He had bound Zhang Yi, he scoffed loudly before he called out, "Elementary Devouring Tactic!" In just a blink of an eye, his strength had risen by two levels.

"Sword Formation!" A Celestial Sword appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand before it began to spin around him. Millions of sword rays gathered above his head and formed a Sword Formation. This was the fifth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Heart-Sword Amalgamation. This attack was undoubtedly stronger than the Body Sword Fusion!

"Release!" Duan Ling Tian cried out as his eyes glinted coldly. The Sword Formation above his head began to spin like a hurricane.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions sounded in the air. Terrifying long cracks began to appear in the void around Zhang Yi, looking like black pythons. This scene was more than enough to send chills running up one's spine.

"What is..." Zhang Chu He who was lunging toward Zhang Yi to kill him could not evade Duan Ling Tian's sudden attack. The technique he had used to bound Zhang Yi backfired, causing him to come to a halt before throwing up blood. Since he did not use all his strength to cast the technique to bind Zhang Yi, it caused a backlash when he was attacked. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian's attack was comparable to the full strength of an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Since he was holding back his strength, he, naturally, could not bear the brunt of the attack with the full strength of an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

"You... How could you possibly be this strong?!" Zhang Chu He looked at Duan Ling Tian in fear and disbelief as he wiped the blood that had trickled out of his mouth. The purple-clad young man had killed his grandson, and he had planned to seek revenge from him today. He had been waiting out here for a long time for Zhang Yi's return. He had planned to torture Zhang Yi for the purple-clad young man's location. He was pleasantly surprised earlier when he saw the purple-clad young man had come to Yan Huang Realm with Zhang Yi. There was no need for him to search for the purple-clad young man.

For that reason, Zhang Chu He planned to kill Zhang Yi first before killing the purple-clad young man. However, he did not expect the purple-clad young man would be so strong. Based on the purple-clad young man's attack, he was not sure if he could defeat him even if he unleashed all his strength.

"Are you surprised?" Duan Ling Tian asked coldly as he studied Zhang Chu He's expression.

"You... You're just an Eminent Celestial!" Zhang Yi exclaimed in disbelief. After a while, a knowing expression appeared on his face. "You... Don't tell me you obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial!"

Duan Ling Tian sneered. "What does it have to do with you?"

Zhang Chu He was greatly infuriated at being treated in such a demeaning manner by an Eminent Celestial. Although Duan Ling Tian's strength was not inferior to his, he could not help but feel angry. "You arrogant brat!"

"Arrogant?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes at Zhang Chu He's words. A cold light flashed in his eyes. "You obstructed our path first. Who do you think is arrogant?"

Zhang Chu He scoffed. "I have no interest in you. My problem lies with Zhang Yi! He colluded with an outsider to murder his own sect member. I'm here to deliver punishment on behalf of the Celestial Masters Sect. Do not interfere!"

Duan Ling Tian laughed uproariously when he heard Zhang Chu He's words as though he had just heard the funniest joke in the world.

"What are you laughing about?" Flames of fury burned in Zhang Chu He's eyes as though they were capable of burning everything in his sight.

"I find it hilarious that even though you know I killed your grandson, you don't have the courage to say it out loud. Are you trying to stall for time and wait for reinforcement so you can gang up on me later?" Duan Ling Tian had seen Zhang Chu He subtly sending a signal earlier. He was certain Zhang Chu He knew he was no weaker than an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Zhang Chu He was not confident he would be able to defeat him so he had requested for reinforcement.

"Don't make me laugh! Why would I need help to deal with someone like you?" Zhang Chu He flew into a rage out of humiliation since his plan had been exposed. He would not admit to it.

"Oh, is that so?" Duan Ling Tian smiled, it was deceptively friendly. Upon closer inspection, one would be able to see the shadow of contempt hidden in his smile. He said dismissively, "Well, since you're so eager for revenge, I'll give you a chance and wait for your reinforcement to arrive. However, let me warn you that there's a limit to my patience. I'll wait for fifteen minutes. If your reinforcement doesn't arrive by then, don't blame me for not holding back." His gaze caused Zhang Chu He's blood to run cold.

"Impudent!" Zhang Chu He's expression turned unsightly. He had assumed Duan Ling Tian's strength was only comparable to an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. He might have a hard time defeating Duan Ling Tian, but the same could be said for Duan Ling Tian as well. It would not be easy for Duan Ling

Tian to defeat him as well so why was Duan Ling Tian behaving so arrogantly? Did this brat treat him like an ant?

“Left Guardian!” Zhang Yi said anxiously, “Zhang Yun Fei died because he coveted my friend Celestial Supreme Treasure. If he were not greedy, my friend wouldn’t have killed him! More importantly, did you summon the Right Guardian as well?” He continued to say in a grave tone, “Please reconsider your decision. It’s fine if you want to throw your life away, but please don’t involve the Right Guardian!”

“What did you say?!” Zhang Yi’s words further fanned Zhang Chu He’s flames of fury. He said disdainfully, “Are you implying that even with the help of the Right Guardian, I still won’t be able to deal with this stupid brat? Preposterous! Do you think he’s like Feng Qing Yang who obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial?”

Chapter 2507 A Good Show

“Left Guardian, Duan Ling Tian killed Wu Xiao, the strongest Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in Mouro Realm. His strength is comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!” Zhang Yi said solemnly, “Let alone the Right Guardian, even our patriarch, the Free Cloud Sage, wouldn’t be able to defeat him!” He knew Duan Ling Tian’s strength very well. He had divulged this information to Zhang Chu He so that Zhang Chu He would not drag the Celestial Masters Sect down a destructive path just because of his personal grudge with Duan Ling Tian. Zhang Chu He would only cause the downfall of the sect if he persisted.

The Celestial Masters Sect was a large and influential force in Yan Huang Realm. In comparison, Duan Ling Tian was just a lone wolf with no attachments. If both sides were to fight, the Celestial Masters Sect had much more to lose. As a disciple of the sect, Zhang Yi, naturally, did not wish for the sect to be destroyed. For this reason, he had spoken up to Zhang Chu He.

Zhang Chu He said, “Duan Ling Tian? So he’s the one who killed a Seven Tribulation Bodiless as soon as they encountered each other.” He had heard of Duan Ling Tian killing a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial while he waited here. He also heard that Duan Ling Tian had killed a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who possessed a Celestial Supreme Treasure. Rumor had it that Duan Ling Tian had succeeded in killing that Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial with Celestial Supreme Treasure due to the technique he had mastered that enabled him to snatch all weapons, including Celestial Supreme Treasures, from his opponents. This was the extent of Zhang Chu He’s knowledge about Duan Ling Tian. He was unaware of what had happened near the location of the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial. For this reason, he did not take Zhang Yi’s warning seriously. Instead, he thought Zhang Yi was exaggerating Duan Ling Tian’s strength to intimidate him. If he was cowed by Zhang Yi’s words, would it not give Zhang Yi a chance to avoid punishment. Moreover, if Zhang Yi was telling the truth, why did Duan Ling Tian not kill him the moment he attacked? Why did Duan Ling Tian bother wasting words with him?

Unbeknownst to Zhang Chu He, Zhang Yi was the only reason Duan Ling Tian did not deal with him harshly as he normally would.

Just as fifteen minutes were about to pass, a booming voice that sounded like the tolling of a giant bell rang in the distance. “Guardian Chu He, what troubles you that you had to summon me?” Soon after, a short and stout old man with a surprisingly muscular body appeared in everyone’s sight. He looked at

Duan Ling Tian skeptically before a hint of surprise appeared on his face when he saw Zhang Yi. “Zhang Yi?”

Zhang Yi sighed softly when he saw this old man. He quickly sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. “This person is Shi Zhong, the Right Guardian of Celestial Masters Sect. If it’s possible, can you please show him some mercy? He’s my master’s benefactor.” It was clear he wished to protect the Right Guardian.

“Don’t worry,” Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission as he looked at Zhang Yi reassuringly, “Apart from Zhang Chu He, I won’t fatally injure other members of the Celestial Masters Sect. I know how much you yearn to stay in the sect.”

Zhang Yi said with a sigh, “Well, it’s where I came from after all.”

Zhang Chu He said in a thunderous voice, “Guardian Shi Zhong, Zhang Yi had colluded with an outsider to kill a sect member. He killed my grandson, Zhang Yun Fei. He should be executed!”

Whoosh!

As soon as Zhang Chu He finished speaking, the Right Guardian’s expression darkened immediately. His eyes seemed to bore through Zhang Yi as he asked, “Is Guardian Chu He telling the truth, Zhang Yi? Did you collude with an outsider and kill Zhang Yun Fei?”

Zhang Yi’s master might be one of Shi Zhong’s favorite disciples, but Zhang Yun Fei was an important person among the younger generation. He was second only to his older twin brother, Zhang Yun Teng. The Celestial Masters Sect, naturally, valued talented youths. For this reason, Shi Zhong was angry when he heard Zhang Yi might have worked with an outsider to kill a promising youth in the sect.

“Right Guardian, I...” Zhang Yi began to explain himself.

However, Zhang Chu He quickly interrupted Zhang Yi. He scoffed as he said, “What kind of excuses are you going to come up with? I personally witness the entire incident through the Mirror Image Formation. How can you still deny it?” After a moment, he said fiercely, “Today, I’ll kill the man responsible for my grandson’s death, and then, I’ll kill you as well!” He flew across the sky in an arc toward Duan Ling Tian like a brilliant rainbow. It was clear that this time around, he no longer held back any of his strength. After all, his opponent was as strong as him.

“You’re overestimating yourself!” Faced with Zhang Chu He’s impending attack, Duan Ling Tian only blinked before he pushed his hands forward.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Sword Formation hovering above Duan Ling Tian reacted to his movement. As though it possessed a mind of its own, it flew toward the seemingly-imposing Zhang Chu He.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Zhang Chu He knew Duan Ling Tian's Sword Formation was powerful enough to rival the full strength of an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial so he braced himself and drew all his power to directly collide with Duan Ling Tian's attack!

The sound of something being torn rang near Zhang Chu He. As he charged toward Duan Ling Tian's Sword Formation, tears began to appear in the void around him like spiderwebs.

"How strong!" Tang Xiao Xiao who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian looked on with excitement. She had heard of Duan Ling Tian's strength through word of mouth but had yet to witness it personally. She was excited to see the result of this battle.

As soon as Zhang Chu He collided with the Sword Formation, he was sent flying, throwing up blood. He looked extremely wretched at his moment. It was clear his strength was lacking compared to Duan Ling Tian.

Shi Zhong's eyes widened in surprise. He studied Duan Ling Tian again in earnest. When he had arrived earlier, he had discovered Duan Ling Tian was only an Eminent Celestial through his Divine Consciousness. How could he not feel shocked when Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat the Left Guardian of Celestial Masters Sect despite only being an Eminent Celestial? Although Duan Ling Tian had only narrowly defeated Zhang Chu He, it was still a victory nonetheless. A hint of trepidation rose in his heart. However, he was not entirely frightened. After all, based on the strength Duan Ling Tian had demonstrated, if he joined forces with Zhang Chu He, they would be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian. "No wonder Zhang Chu He summoned me. This one's a beast!" When he regained his senses, he asked calmly, "Are you the man who inherited the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial? Which force are you from?"

Zhang Chu He who had somewhat recovered from his injury spoke up at this moment, "Guardian Shi Zhong, he's not from Yan Huang Realm. He's from a small mundane realm called the Saint Province Realm. Anyway, what's important is there's a Celestial Sword in his Sword Formation!"

"A Celestial Sword?!" Shi Zhong immediately turned his attention to the Sword Formation above Duan Ling Tian. Indeed. There was a Celestial Sword. His gaze turned heated instantly.

"Is everyone in the Celestial Masters Sect so long-winded?" Duan Ling Tian said flippantly as he looked at Zhang Chu He and Shi Zhong. For Zhang Yi's sake, he had decided to let Shi Zhong join the fight. However, enough was enough. His patience had been stretched to its limit, and he no longer wanted to waste any more time.

"Impudent!" Duan Ling Tian's words shocked Zhang Chu He and caused Shi Zhong's expression to darken. Shi Zhong thought Duan Ling Tian was outrageously arrogant.

Zhang Chu He sneered and lunged at Duan Ling Tian again like a cockroach that refused to die.

Duan Ling Tian disregarded Zhang Chu He and said to Shi Zhong calmly, "Shi Zhong, you're the Right Guardian of Celestial Masters Sect, right? I've been waiting for you so you can watch a good show. Now that you're here, let the show begin!"

“A good show?” Shi Zhong was bewildered. He was about to join in the fight but Duan Ling Tian’s words caused him to stop moving. Soon after, he witnessed a scene he would never be able to forget in his life.

Duan Ling Tian had just finished speaking when the Sword Formation above his head flew out again. However, this time there were six Sword Formations. As they flew out, they began to merge into one, emitting an extremely terrifying aura. He had cast his Divine Ability, the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords, as well. He did not hold back his strength at all.

“This aura...” Shi Zhong muttered to himself when he felt Duan Ling Tian’s aura.

Meanwhile, Zhang Chu He was already panicking. “No! This is impossible! Imposs...” He had unleashed all his strength, and yet, this Sword Formation easily defeated him.

‘Nine... Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! He’s as strong as a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!’ Shi Zhong exclaimed inwardly as his eyes widened in fear. ‘It’s possible that Feng Qing Yang from the Saint Province Realm, who obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial, was as strong as this young man before he ascended!’

Chapter 2508 Parting

Zhang Chu He, the Left Guardian of Celestial Masters Sect and an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, died with just a single strike from Duan Ling Tian!

Duan Ling Tian was like a different person compared to before. He was clearly several times stronger than Zhang Chu He. Based on this, Shi Zhong, the Right Guardian, discovered that Duan Ling Tian had been holding back his strength during the previous skirmishes. Through this attack that killed Zhang Chu He so easily, it could be seen that Duan Ling Tian finally revealed his strength.

‘This purple-clad young man is just like Feng Qing Yang!’ Shi Zhong felt shivers running up his spine when he thought of this. A wave of relief overcame him when he recalled he did not rush to join Zhang Chu He earlier. Otherwise, Zhang Chu He would not be the only one to die today. Based on the strength Duan Ling Tian had just revealed and how he killed Zhang Chu He as though he was only killing a chicken, he knew very well that even if he were to join forces with Zhang Chu He, they still would not be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian.

Shi Zhong continued thinking to himself, ‘In the Celestial Masters Sect, I’m afraid only the Free Cloud Sage is a match for him.’ His expression was tense, and he had instinctively balled his sweaty palms up. This was because he discovered the purple-clad young man who just effortlessly killed Zhang Chu He was staring at him in cold indifference. Although he did not detect any killing intent in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes, he still could not help but shiver in fear. He knew if Duan Ling Tian so wished, Duan Ling Tian could kill him in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Shi Zhong with a piercing gaze as he said nonchalantly, “Guardian Shi Zhong, right? My name’s Duan Ling Tian, and I’m from the Saint Province Realm. I met Zhang Yi and befriended him in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. Zhang Yun Fei from your Celestial Masters Sect coveted my Celestial Supreme Treasure and died as a result of his greed. His death has nothing to do with Zhang Yi. However, I don’t feel any guilt at all for killing Zhang Yun Fei or Zhang Chu He. If the Celestial Masters Sect takes offense at this, then, please come at me. I’ll wait for you. However, if the sect decides to hold this against Zhang Yi and unjustly blame him for this, I won’t hesitate to pay the sect a visit!”

Shi Zhong gulped when he heard Duan Ling Tian's threats. He had seen Duan Ling Tian's strength so he had no doubt that chaos would descend on the Celestial Masters Sect should Duan Ling Tian decide to pay them a visit. After all, even the strongest person in the sect had strength comparable to Duan Ling Tian. Most importantly, the strongest person in the sect could not possibly protect every single person in the sect.

"On a side note, not only did I help Zhang Yi obtain a Celestial Supreme Treasure, but I also helped him obtain an offensive Divine Ability from a Devata Realm. If your sect decides to nurture him and let him master your sect's assist-type Divine Ability from a Devata Realm and Celestial Techniques, I can guarantee that Zhang Yi would reach greater heights than Zhang Yun Fei ever could!"

It seemed like Duan Ling Tian decided to play the roles of both a good cop and a bad cop. First, he had openly threatened the Celestial Masters Sect. Then, he seemed to reveal a way for the sect to nurture their talent by encouraging them to pay more attention to Zhang Yi.

"Celestial Supreme Treasure? An offensive Divine Ability from a Devata Realm?" Shi Zhong inhaled sharply when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He turned to look at Zhang Yi for confirmation.

Zhang Yi nodded in assent.

"Apart from that, I'm also an acquaintance of Older Brother Xuan Yuan Zhi from the Yellow Thearch Mansion. I heard Older Brother mention he's a good friend of the Free Cloud Sage. Please convey my message to the sage that if there's a chance, I would like to have a word with him as well," Duan Ling Tian said as he stared at Shi Zhong. After that, he turned to Zhang Yi and said candidly, "This is the most I can do for you, Zhang Yi..."

"It's more than enough," Zhang Yi replied hurriedly, his gratitude was apparent on his face. Duan Ling Tian's words were enough to ensure that no harm would come to him once he returned to the Celestial Masters Sect. In fact, even before Duan Ling Tian had spoken up for him, he had already felt relieved when Zhang Chu He died. After all, Zhang Chu He was the main reason he was afraid of returning to the sect. With Zhang Chu He's death and Duan Ling Tian's words, he was certain his life in the sect would improve.

"Xuan Yuan Zhi?!" Shi Zhong was stunned when he heard this name. An expression of awe appeared on his face as he asked, "Y-you're acquainted with Senior Xuan Yuan Zhi?"

Xuan Yuan Zhi from the Yellow Thearch Mansion was one-half of the mansion's Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. More importantly, Shi Zhong knew Xuan Yuan Zhi was good friends with the patriarch of Celestial Masters Sect. This was common knowledge.

"Mmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He lifted his hand and revealed a purple and golden order token. When he sent his energy into the order token, a ray of purple light shot toward the north. He raised an eyebrow, "Yellow Thearch Mansion is in the north?"

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of visiting the Yellow Thearch Mansion at the moment. Moreover, he doubted Xuan Yuan Zhi had returned from the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. He made up

his mind to visit Yellow Thearch Mansion if he had enough time left after visiting earth. Since he was finally in Yan Huang Realm, his first thought was, naturally, to return to his home in his past life.

Going back to earth had become a slight obsession to Duan Ling Tian. He supposed it was better if he did not know he could return to earth if he wanted to. He had never obsessed over his past life previously. However, now that he knew it was possible to return, he could not help thinking about how he was betrayed by his manager, causing him to seethe in anger. He could not seem to let go of the fact that he had died in his last life due to his manager's betrayal. 'If I see him, I should ask him why he betrayed me back then.'

Duan Ling Tian had considered his manager as his brother and only kin in the world. He did not expect someone whom he thought of as a brother would be the cause of his death. He thought to himself, 'It's been a good few decades now, he must be an old man. I hope he hasn't died.' Based on the time since he began his new life, he figured his manager must be in his seventies or eighties now if he had not died of old age.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself resolutely, 'Nevertheless, I still want to return to earth even if it's just a while for me to have a look around.'

As Duan Ling Tian fiddled with the order token, Shi Zhong's eyes widened when he saw the order token. "Is that the Yellow Thearch Mansion's Violet-gold Token?!"

The Violet-gold Token was not any run-of-the-mill order token based on Shi Zhong's knowledge. Only elders who had ascended to Devata Realms possessed it. The number of people who possessed this order token could be counted on one hand. All of them, without any exception, were elites in Yan Huang Realm.

Members of the Yellow Thearch Mansion recognized outsiders in possession of the Violet-gold Token as friends. Whoever made an enemy of those people would automatically become an enemy of Yellow Thearch Mansion as well. They were also viewed as being on equal status with the Mansion Master of Yellow Thearch Mansion. 'Ah, I almost forgot. He might only be an Eminent Celestial, but his prowess is not inferior to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. It's not surprising that someone so powerful possesses the Violet-gold Token!'

"Zhang Yi, before I ascend to a Devata Realm, if I have the time, I'll visit you in the Celestial Masters Sect. If I don't, well... We can also meet in the Devata Realms," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile. Although he had very few friends, all of them meant a lot to him.

"Alright," Zhang Yi replied with a nod. To him, Duan Ling Tian was not only a friend, but he was also his benefactor. He wanted to tell Duan Ling Tian he did not yearn to return to the Celestial Masters Sect. In fact, he wanted to follow Duan Ling Tian until Duan Ling Tian ascended to a Devata Realm. However, he did not voice this out. After all, with his current strength, he felt he would only be a burden if he followed Duan Ling Tian.

"Let's go." Duan Ling Tian beckoned to Tang Xiao Xiao. The two left immediately, vanishing into thin air before Zhang Yi and Shi Zhong's eyes.

Shi Zhong only averted his gaze after Duan Ling Tian's figure had disappeared. He turned to Zhang Yi and exclaimed, "You've made an impressive friend, Zhang Yi."

"I know," Zhang Yi replied with a nod. It could be seen in his eyes that he was reluctant to part with Duan Ling Tian. He knew very well that after this parting, if Duan Ling Tian had no time to visit the Celestial Masters Sect, it would be difficult for them to meet again. After all, not to mention that there were 81 Devata Realms, each realm was almost boundless.

"Zhang Yi," Shi Zhong could not help but ask, "Duan Ling Tian obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone this time around, right?" He was quite certain the reason an Eminent Celestial had strength comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was due to the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial, but he just wanted to confirm it again. There was nobody better to ask for confirmation than Zhang Yi.

"No." To Shi Zhong's surprise, Zhang Yi shook his head. "Duan Ling Tian didn't obtain the inheritance. The one who obtained it is his friend."

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"Duan Ling Tian did not obtain the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial?!" Shi Zhong exclaimed in shock when he heard Zhang Yi's words. He was certain in his belief that Duan Ling Tian had obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would not be so strong. He muttered to himself after recovering from the shock, "To be this powerful even without the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial... Is he even human?"

Zhang Yi explained, "Duan Ling Tian might not have obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial, but he's closely connected to the last person who obtained the inheritance in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone."

"No wonder," Shi Zhong exclaimed, "This would explain it! However, I didn't think that one would be able to pass on the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial to another person." After a pause, his eyes brightened as he said, "Then, this means the person who obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial this time around can also teach it to someone else if he's willing? Didn't you mention he's Duan Ling Tian's friend?"

"Lord Guardian, I advise you from having any thoughts involving that person," Zhang Yi replied, well aware of Shi Zhong's thought, "That person is now with Senior Xuan Yuan Zhi of Yellow Thearch Mansion. Moreover, he has been made a guest elder of the Yellow Thearch Mansion. I assume he'll be returning to the Yellow Thearch Mansion with Senior Xuan Yuan Zhi after leaving the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone."

Shi Zhong said with a sigh, "I can't believe Yellow Thearch Mansion is one step ahead of us." He silently dismissed his plan of convincing the person who obtained the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial to join their sect. Since he was with Yellow Thearch Mansion, the Celestial Masters Sect would not stand a chance.

"Let's return," Shi Zhong said, looking at Zhang Yi meaningfully, "Who would have thought the opening of the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone this time would improve your life so much? From now on, as long as

you work diligently, you'll definitely surpass Zhang Yun Teng soon. I can already imagine how wide your master's grin would be when he learns about this."

Zhang Yi chuckled shyly, making him look timid.

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Meanwhile, under Tang Xiao Xiao's lead, Duan Ling Tian arrived at a Transportation Formation that was located near the entrance of the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone.

"Is that a Transportation Formation?" Duan Ling Tian was amazed when he saw an enormous and intricate design etched on the vast land. It was his first time seeing such a grand Transportation Formation.

"Yes," Tang Xiao Xiao replied, nodding, "This is known as an Interstellar Transportation Formation. The macro-formation is divided into 81 micro-formations. Come with me."

With Tang Xiao Xiao in the lead, Duan Ling Tian approached one of the micro-formations. It was much smaller than the macro-formation, but it was still big enough to hold about seven to eight people. It was located next to a stone slab with an opening at the top.

"Place a Saint Stone here, and choose the galaxy you want to go to. It'll transport you to the home planet of that galaxy. Look here, this Teleportation Formation is linked to the home planets of nine different galaxies..." Tang Xiao Xiao began to explain as she pointed at the stone slab.

Duan Ling Tian examined it and found recognizable writings engraved at the side of the slab. "Cloudhaze Galaxy, Boulder Galaxy, Pathwest Galaxy..."

A button was located next to a galaxy. The entire contraption seemed very user-friendly.

Tang Xiao Xiao brought out a huge number of Saint Stones and placed them in the opening on the stone slab. "Now, let's bring you to the galaxy where Tang Sect is." After that, she pressed the button that corresponded with the Cloudhaze Galaxy. She explained, "We'll need to pass three transfer points before we arrive in the galaxy where Tang Sect is located..."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian discovered the huge number of Saint Stones that had been put into the opening had been consumed by an unseen energy the moment Tang Xiao Xiao pressed the button. Shortly after that, the micro-formation that both of them were standing on began to shine brightly

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian saw the bright light engulfed them before everything turned dark suddenly. In just a short moment, light returned to his eyes. He discovered he was in an unfamiliar place. He was at a different Interstellar Transportation Formation, and both he and Tang Xiao Xiao were standing in the middle of another micro-formation.

They traveled twice again before they finally arrived at the galaxy where Tang Sect was located.

"This is a home planet in this galaxy where Tang Sect is located. It's called Planet Shu Tang!" Tang Xiao Xiao explained.

“Planet Shu Tang, huh?” Duan Ling Tian nodded to himself. He deduced that the one who named this planet was the Grand Master of Tang Sect from earth, his old home. After all, the Tang Sect was also known as the Tang Clan from Shu. He asked, “So, what should I do if I want to go to Planet Yan Huang?” At this moment, this was his greatest wish.

“Since Planet Yan Huang doesn’t have any Transportation Formation, the only way to get there is to travel to the galaxy closest to Planet Yan Huang’s galaxy. After that, you’ll have to cross the stellar province physically to reach the planet,” Tang Xiao Xiao replied.

Duan Ling Tian had informed Tang Xiao Xiao why he had decided to come to Yan Huang Realm. He had told her about his wish to go to Planet Yan Huang. This was also the reason why she had brought him here since it would make his trip much more convenient.

“If that’s the case, please send me to the galaxy closest to Planet Yan Huang!” Duan Ling Tian said with a hint of excitement. His eyes were bright.

Tang Xiao Xiao shook her head. “I wish things are that easy.”

Duan Ling Tian felt his heart skip a beat. He furrowed his brow and asked, “What do you mean?”

“Well, it’s easy to send you to Planet Yan Huang’s neighboring galaxy, but you’ll need to ascertain the location of Planet Yan Huang’s galaxy first before hurrying there, right?” Tang Xiao Xiao explained.

“Can’t the natives in those planets tell me where to go?” Duan Ling Tian was confused. He thought asking around for directions to Planet Yan Huang or its galaxy would do.

“It’s not simple!” Tang Xiao Xiao remarked, shaking her head, “From what I heard, fewer and fewer people care about that planet as time went on. Unless you can find a star chart of the stellar province around Planet Yan Huang’s galaxy, it’ll be incredibly difficult to locate that galaxy even if you’re in its neighboring galaxy.”

“A star... chart?” Duan Ling Tian froze. This was the first time he had heard of such a term.

After listening to Tang Xiao Xiao’s explanation, Duan Ling Tian discovered the star chart was similar to a map. With it, one would be able to find the places they needed to go

“Do you... do you know how to get the star chart I need?” Duan Ling Tian asked, a hint of desperation could be heard in his voice. He needed a star chart to make his way to Planet Yan Huang. Going to Planet Yan Huang was his main objective of coming here after all.

“Well, currently, the star charts depicting the stellar province around Planet Yan Huang’s galaxy is the rarest object in Yan Huang realm...” Tang Xiao Xiao said.

Duan Ling Tian’s face fell. It seemed like he would be fighting an uphill battle just to find and obtain the star chart!

“What’s with that face?” Tang Xiao Xiao suddenly grinned when she saw the change in Duan Ling Tian’s expression. However, since her face was hidden, he did not see her smile. “I said those star charts are

extremely rare, but I didn't say I don't know how to find them. You see, my ancestor has a hobby of collecting star charts. Based on my knowledge, he should have the star chart you're looking for."

Duan Ling Tian looked at Tang Xiao Xiao, clearly miffed. "You should've said so earlier!"

"No, you were too impatient," Tang Xiao Xiao said in between chuckles, "C'mon, let's go to Tang Sect. I'll take you to my ancestor. However, you'll have to depend on yourself to obtain the star chart."

Duan Ling Tian asked with a frown, "He's your ancestor! Can't you just ask for it on my behalf?"

"Oh, it's not that simple." Tang Xiao Xiao shook her head. "My ancestor is quite... eccentric. As long as I ask for it, he'll give me anything I want, except for the star charts. He treats them like his treasure.."

"Alright, alright. Just bring me to him first." Based on Tang Xiao Xiao's words, he knew her ancestor had to be a difficult person. However, the old man's eccentricity would not stop him from meeting him. After all, his return to earth now hinged on the old man lending him the star chart.

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"Let's go," Tang Xiao Xiao replied as she removed the cloth that hid her face throughout the journey.

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, discovered this immediately. "You..." He was taken aback by her appearance. She was extremely beautiful with her arched eyebrows, straight and tall nose, bright eyes, and cute and pink lips. She looked extremely enticing. When she smiled, her dimples became prominent, and he could not help but fall into a daze. He had seen his share of beautiful women in the past. His wives, Ke'er and Li Fei, and his partner, Feng Tian Wu, were all peerless beauties in their own rights. However, Tang Xiao Xiao's beauty was not inferior to them. There was no need to compare them since all of them were a different kind of beauty.

Everyone loved looking at beautiful things, and Duan Ling Tian was no exception to that. After a moment, he finally regained his senses.

When Tang Xiao Xiao saw Duan Ling Tian had snapped out of his daze, she feigned a frown and asked teasingly, "What? Did I scare you with my ugly appearance?"

"If you're considered ugly, then, most women would have to kill themselves," Duan Ling Tian said gently with a bitter smile.

"I didn't expect you to be such a smooth talker," Tang Xiao Xiao looked at Duan Ling Tian knowingly and said, "You must have a lot of women waiting for you."

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian's smile froze on his face. Then, he clenched his hands tightly as his expression darkened and killing intent surged from his body.

Tang Xiao Xiao felt chills running up her spine when she saw this. She said apologetically, "Sorry, did I say something I shouldn't have said?"

After seeing the change Duan Ling Tian underwent, the smile on Tang Xiao Xiao's face disappeared along with her pretty dimples as she looked at him worriedly.

"It's alright." Duan Ling Tian regained his senses when he heard the anxiety laced in Tang Xiao Xiao's question. He shook his head and quickly changed his expression. When she had mentioned the women who were waiting for him, he had remembered Ke'Er, Li Fei, and Feng Tian Wu, and the situation they were in. At the same time, he inadvertently thought about the culprit, Yun Qing Yan as well. When he thought about that man, he had let his killing intent out.

Although Duan Ling Tian had returned to his normal behavior, Tang Xiao Xiao no longer dared to joke around. At the same time, she was curious about what had made him lose his composure. She thought to herself, 'It seems like I've hit the nail on the head. He must have a lot of women waiting for him. However, why did he react in such a manner?' She was baffled.

Duan Ling Tian quickly changed the topic when he noticed the lingering awkwardness. "When I first met you, you seemed unapproachable... At that time, I thought you were an icy beauty. Who knew you'd be so lively?"

"Lively?" Tang Xiao Xiao was taken aback by his words. She just realized, without knowing when, she had stopped putting up a facade in front of him. The only person whom she acted in this manner with was her ancestor. After all, her facade was a way for her to protect herself.

Tang Xiao Xiao was still deep in her thoughts when a loud voice resounded from afar. At the same time, three figures could be seen heading in the direction of the Inter-stellar Transportation Formation. "Xiao Xiao!"

In just a blink of an eye, the three figures appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao. A young man dressed in luxurious clothes led the group. A blue-clad middle-aged man and a green-clad old man stood behind him. It seemed like the young man was the one who had called out to Tang Xiao Xiao.

Whoosh!

Prior to their arrival, Duan Ling Tian noticed the smile on Tang Xiao Xiao's face had vanished as soon as she heard the finely-dressed young man's voice. Currently, a cold expression that made her seem extremely unapproachable could be seen on her face. It was so cold that it seemed to have made the temperature in the surroundings drop by a few degrees.

"Xiao Xiao, who's he?!" The finely-dressed young man's expression turned sour when he saw Duan Ling Tian. This was his first time seeing Tang Xiao Xiao acting so familiar with a man. Moreover, this man was someone he was not familiar with. He was obviously not from Tang Sect. Even if this man was from Tang Sect, he was certain the man would only be an ordinary disciple. Otherwise, he would have recognized him.

"Hm?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian discovered the finely-dressed young man was rudely sizing him up as though he was warning him off.

Before Duan Ling Tian could react, Tang Xiao Xiao moved at lightning speed and pressed herself against Duan Ling Tian's side. She reached out and twined her arm around his arm, making them look really close. She stared at the finely-dressed young man coldly and said, "He's my man."

The moment the finely-dressed young man saw Tang Xiao Xiao's intimate action toward Duan Ling Tian, his expression had changed drastically. When he heard her words, his expression worsened.

At the same time, a frown had involuntarily appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face. Was Tang Xiao Xiao using him as a cover? He was no stranger to such tricks. In his past life on earth, to pass time, he would read novels on the internet. Through these novels, he learned that women would occasionally use a man as a cover to reject their admirers. It seemed like now he was in a situation that he had frequently read about in the past. He had frowned earlier because he did not like being used. However, his expression eased after a while, and he did not expose her lie. He asked her through Voice Transmission, "Is he one of your admirers?"

"No."

Duan Ling Tian was baffled by Tang Xiao Xiao's reply. Was he mistaken? According to her, the finely-dressed young man was not her admirer.

"Tang Xiao Xiao!" The finely-dressed young man said in a low voice, completely disregarding Duan Ling Tian and treating him as though he was invisible, "Don't forget you're engaged to Brother Yu Ting! Sect Leader has agreed with Brother Yu Ting's father to hold a grand celebration for your engagement as soon as you return from the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone!" He shot her a warning look when he reached the end of his sentence.

"Engaged?" Tang Xiao Xiao's expression changed dramatically. Then, she asked icily, "How come I don't even know that I'm engaged?"

"Sect Leader and Brother Yu Ting's father came to this decision after you entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone," the finely-dressed young man said. Then, he turned to Duan Ling Tian and said rudely, "Brat, do you even know the identity of the woman standing next to you? Not only is she the strongest among the younger generation in Tang Sect, but she's also the fiancée of the Young Mansion Master of Heavenly Wave Mansion! If you want to live, you better keep your distance from her. Otherwise, both the Tang Sect and the Heavenly Wave Mansion won't let you go!"

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes at the threat that the finely-dressed young man made. He said nonchalantly, "Oh, it seems like you're not one of Xiao Xiao's admirers. Based on your reaction, I thought you're one of her admirers. I didn't expect you to be the dog of one of her admirers instead." Through the finely-dressed young man's earlier words, he had managed to piece the puzzle together.

The Heavenly Wave Mansion is a sect whose strength was comparable to the Celestial Masters Sect. A few years ago, the Young Mansion Master of Heavenly Wave Mansion, Yang Yu Ting, met Tang Xiao Xiao and was entranced by her beauty. After that, he began to pursue her, but she had always been dismissive toward him. As a last resort, Yang Yu Ting had sought help from his father, the Mansion Master of Heavenly Wave Mansion. For this reason, the Mansion Master of Heavenly Wave Mansion had asked for her hand in marriage on his son's behalf.

Naturally, Tang Xiao Xiao had rejected the proposal. Moreover, her ancestor, an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and Supreme Elder, in Tang Sect had also supported her decision.

However, the other two Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials in Tang Sect, the Sect Leader and a Supreme Elder, had agreed to it. In their opinion, this marriage was beneficial to the Tang Sect.

Since Tang Sect did not have any Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, the decisions were made by the three Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. For this reason, Tang Xiao Xiao's ancestor had been vetoed by the other two. As a Supreme Elder of Tang Sect and one of the pillars of the sect, it was not appropriate for him to overturn the decision made by the other two just because she was his descendant and he favored her.

On the other hand, the finely-dressed young man was the descendant of the other Supreme Elder in Tang Sect. Even before this, he had already had a close relationship with Yang Yu Ting, the Young Mansion Master of Heavenly Wave Mansion. Rather than a friend, it was more accurate to say he was like Yang Yu Ting's minion.