

### Chapter 2521 Difficult To Deal With

“you’re the patriarch of the garnier family, right?” duan ling tian looked at dahl whom he was carrying like a bag of trash indifferently. he said calmly, “you can finish issuing your order now. i’d like to experience the might of the disaster-level battleships.” then, he turned to look at the seventeen disaster-level battleships.

duan ling tian’s words caused dahl and the illustrious members of the garnier family’s expressions to turn unsightly. similar to dahl, the members of the garnier family had also realized they had bitten off more than they could chew. their expressions remained dark as they discussed the purple-clad young man who looked like the god of war.

“can anyone tell me... who’s this cultivator?”

“this cultivator is definitely stronger than a four tribulation bodiless celestial! a three tribulation bodiless celestial would not have survived an explosion like that unscathed!”

“why is the garnier family so unlucky to have provoked such a terrifying person? after all, four bodiless celestials or those who are stronger are extremely rare in the entire coste galaxy.”

“our garnier family has a record of all the four bodiless celestials in more than ten galaxies around our coste galaxy... however, there’s no mention of these people!”

“if they’re among the four bodiless celestials in our records, we wouldn’t have provoked them, let alone send out the disaster-level battleships!”

“even if he’s only a four bodiless celestial, he’s entirely capable of forcing our seventeen disaster-level battleships to retreat. at most, he would be heavily injured. it’s impossible for us to kill him!”

“if he’s a five bodiless celestial, our garnier family’s seventeen disaster-level battleships would only be able to inflict small injuries on him. moreover, he would only risk injuries if he decides to destroy our seventeen disaster-level battleships!”

“our garnier family cannot afford to offend this man!”

the high-ranking officials of the garnier family, with the exception of their patriarch, dahl, who was captured by duan ling tian, quickly held an emergency meeting using their communication devices. after a while, they reached the consensus that they could not afford to offend duan ling tian!

“if the garnier family survives this calamity, i’ll retire and longer intervene with matters regarding the family,” the garnier family’s grand elder said in a somber voice. he was the one who suggested making a great fanfare out of these two cultivators’ execution after all. he had to shoulder this responsibility.

it did not take long before dahl received messages through his implanted microchip.

“patriarch, the conclusion of this emergency family meeting is that the purple-clad young man is a four or possibly five tribulation bodiless celestial. we can’t afford to provoke him!”

“we have to obtain his forgiveness no matter what the price is!”

dahl shivered when he heard the messages. 'he's a four tribulation bodiless celestial at the very least? although four tribulation bodiless celestials might not be a match for seventeen disaster-level battleships, they are capable of escaping.' he knew it would only spell disaster for the family if someone like that was able to escape. if the purple-clad young man was stronger than a four tribulation bodiless celestials, if he was a five tribulation bodiless celestial, he was capable of destroying the disaster-level battleships. at most, the purple-clad young man would injure himself by doing so! therefore, regardless if the purple-clad young man was a four or five tribulation bodiless celestial, there was no doubt they could not afford to offend him! after taking a deep breath, he finally said, "sir, i surrender. the garnier family surrenders!" the proud patriarch of the garnier family was forced to lower his head in the end.

"surrender?" duan ling tian furrowed his brow when he heard this. "based on your words, you've decided against ordering the seventeen disaster-level battleships to open fire on me?"

"i don't dare! i don't dare!" dahl lowered his head even more, looking nervous and worried. he only felt regretful when he recalled his decision that led him here. unfortunately, there was no medicine for regret in this world. he could only try to reduce the losses the garnier family would suffer as much as he possibly could. for this reason, he surrendered even though it meant he would humiliate himself in front of everyone in the coste galaxy.

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meanwhile, the inhabitants of the coste galaxy who were watching the projections were dumbfounded.

"what... what's this?"

"the garnier family's patriarch is surrendering?"

what a joke! the garnier family was one of the three most powerful families in the coste galaxy. they had always behaved ruthlessly and arrogantly! no forces in the coste galaxy dared to oppose them due to this reason. however, currently, the high and mighty patriarch of the garnier family was lowering his head to a cultivator!

"since the patriarch of the garnier family has lowered his head, this means the entire garnier family is lowering their heads as well."

"it seems like the garnier family doesn't want to offend this purple-clad young man!"

"this is as expected. didn't you see the power that the purple-clad young man displayed earlier? he's definitely stronger than a three tribulation bodiless celestials. he's probably a four or five tribulation bodiless celestial."

"four or five tribulation bodiless celestial?"

"no wonder. the garnier family definitely doesn't have the courage to offend four tribulation bodiless celestials or those who are stronger!"

the inhabitants of the coste galaxy had the same thoughts as the members of the garnier family. after all, they knew what four tribulation bodiless celestials or those who were stronger were capable of. four tribulation bodiless celestials could not be killed by disaster-level battleships, let alone those who had

successfully passed more than four tribulations! when they thought about this, they did not dare to laugh at the garnier family. after all, they knew if they were in dahl's shoes, they would have reacted in the same way as well.

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meanwhile, the two elite families in the coste galaxy were delighting in the garnier family's misfortune. they hoped the purple-clad young man would kill dahl and destroy the garnier family.

someone laughed. "the garnier family has bitten off more than they can chew this time!"

"hopefully this expert will destroy the garnier family in his anger... this way, we'll have one less rival!"

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duan ling tian looked at dahl whose head was lowered as he said indifferently, "i'll give you another chance. i'll give you five breaths to tell the seventeen disaster-level battleships to fire at me. otherwise, not only will i kill you, i'll destroy the garnier family as well."

one breath passed. "you only have four breaths left to make a choice."

duan ling tian's voice echoed in dahl's ears and caused the expressions of the members of the garnier family to change.

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duan ling tian's words echoed in the ears of every inhabitant in the coste galaxy as well. all of them broke into an uproar again.

"mad man! mad man!"

"he has to be stronger than a four tribulation bodiless celestial. otherwise, he wouldn't be so confident and ask the patriarch of the garnier family to order the seventeen disaster-level battleships to fire at him!"

"that's true. this means he's probably a five tribulation bodiless celestial, right?"

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duan ling tian's words caused the members of the garnier family to panic. they could not figure out duan ling tian's intention.

"what on earth is he trying to do?!"

"what's he trying to do? is he a masochist?"

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the two elite families in the coste galaxy discussed this among themselves excitedly.

"this cultivator is very confident... it looks like he's not just a four tribulation bodiless celestial!"

“hopefully this cultivator will destroy the garnier family’s seventeen disaster-level battleships! at that time, the garnier family will no longer be one of the three great families in the coste galaxy. there would only be two great families in the coste galaxy!”

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dahl looked at duan ling tian as he said tentatively, “sir...”

“one more breath left.”

dahl felt as though a bucket of ice had been poured down his shirt when he heard duan ling tian’s words. he no longer dared to dally and quickly issued an order to the seventeen disaster-level battleships to open fire on duan ling tian. he had to disregard the fact that he was firmly caught in duan ling tian’s hands at this moment. he did not want to think about the fact that he was also in the firing range of the seventeen disaster-level battleships!

“fire!”

“fire!”

as soon as the people in the seventeen disaster-level battleships received the order...

boom! boom! boom! boom! boom!

bang! bang! bang! bang! bang!

laser blasts, electromagnetic blasts, ultra-nuclear warheads, and other similar sophisticated weapons from the coste galaxy were fired at duan ling tian!

### **Chapter 2522 Apocalypse-level Battleships?**

everyone in the coste galaxy watched as the laser blasts, electromagnetic blasts, ultra-nuclear warheads, and other weapons were fired at duan ling tian and dahl, the patriarch of the garnier family.

boom! boom! boom! boom! boom!

a deafening noise reverberated in the air. although the weapons were fired in outer space, the shockwave traveled to planet sattel, the home planet of the coste galaxy.

boom! boom! boom!

as soon as the shockwave from the attacks of the seventeen disaster-level battleships hit planet sattel, the planet shook violently. many buildings on the planet collapsed thunderously, unable to withstand the shockwave that traveled in from outer space. fortunately, the shockwave’s intensity began to lessen with time. otherwise, who knew how many people would have lost their lives from such a violent earthquake? as the shockwave’s intensity decreased, people from planet sattel quickly boarded their flying vehicles to escape from the earthquake.

“how horrifying!”

“is this the power of seventeen disaster-level battleships?”

“can that confident cultivator really survive such destructive power?”

“can a four tribulation bodiless celestial survive such powerful gunfire?!”

as the people on planet sattel ran for their lives, everyone else from the coste galaxy watched as a mushroom cloud rose. they were shocked.

bang! bang! bang! bang! bang!

the blasts from the seventeen disaster-level battleships continued for a quarter of an hour. fifteen minutes passed before they finally stopped. gradually, the thunderous noises began to fade away. the mushroom cloud turned smaller and smaller as well.

everyone in the coste galaxy, including the inhabitants of planet sattel who had escaped in their flying vehicles, watched the projections with rapt attention. all of them were curious if the purple-clad young man would survive the attack.

“is the cultivator... still alive?”

“even if he’s alive, he should be heavily injured, right?”

“he must be injured. the blasts from the weapons are so powerful!”

“i agree.”

the majority of the inhabitants in the coste galaxy believed duan ling tian would not be able to escape unscathed.

“it seems like there’s nothing special about disaster-level battleships...” a familiar and flippant voice suddenly rang in the air. the voice had come from the inside the gradually disappearing mushroom cloud.

everyone was shocked to their cores. this scene was something they would not forget in their lives. they watched as the purple-clad young man emerged from the mushroom cloud, clearly unharmed.

“this...”

“how’s this possible?!”

“he’s unharmed! even the robes he’s wearing are in one piece.”

“it’s not just that, there isn’t even a single crease on them! it looks the same as before the disaster-level battleships opened fire!”

“even dahl, the patriarch of the garnier family, is unharmed! did the seventeen disaster-level battleships even open fire earlier?”

“heavens! am... am i dreaming?”

as duan ling tian casually carried dahl out from the gradually dissipating mushroom cloud, dahl who was in a daze finally regained his senses. he cried out in fear, “six... six tribulation bodiless celestial! he’s a six tribulation bodiless celestial at least!”

six tribulation bodiless celestial?!

when everyone in the coste galaxy heard dahl's words, they felt as though they were suffocating. all of them were speechless.

"six... six tribulation bodiless celestial! how did a six tribulation bodiless celestial end up in the coste galaxy?!"

"what's a six tribulation bodiless celestial doing in the coste galaxy?"

"a general survey of cultivators in the coste galaxy shows that the strongest among them are only four tribulation bodiless celestials... how can this young man be a six tribulation bodiless celestial? is the patriarch of the garnier family mistaken?"

"he's not wrong. even a five tribulation bodiless celestial would suffer some injuries when attacked by seventeen disaster-level battleships. however, this cultivator is completely unharmed. even his clothes are untouched!"

"at the very least, he's a six tribulation bodiless celestial!"

the first ones in the coste galaxy to return to their senses were interplanetary merchants who traveled often between galaxies around the coste galaxy. since they had seen far more than the average person, they could tell he was a six tribulation bodiless celestial or stronger. after all, they had the seventeen disaster-level battleships as a comparison. otherwise, they would never be able to conclude if someone was a six tribulation bodiless celestial or stronger based on his looks and physique, regardless of how well-traveled they were.

before the inhabitants of the coste galaxy regained their senses, duan ling tian looked at dahl and said, "seeing as you've been rather cooperative, you'll be the only member from the garnier family whom i will kill!"

dahl's expression had just changed when duan ling tian flicked his hand and sent dahl flying away.

bang!

with just a simple slap, dahl who was not a cultivator died instantly.

the expressions of the members of the garnier family changed as they cried out in anguish.

"patriarch!"

after killing dahl, duan ling tian flew to tang xiao xiao who was watching from afar and motioned to her to leave. "let's go." he brought her with him as he stepped on his sword formation and flew off. they quickly disappeared from the projections since they were moving at top speed. despite the projectors' special programming, they could not capture his movement at all as he carried tang xiao xiao away. at this moment, only the seventeen disaster-level battleships that looked like mountains could be seen on the projections.

the interplanetary merchants from the coste galaxy were shocked again when they saw this.

“this... how’s this possible?!”

“even the projectors can’t capture his movements?”

“if he’s a six tribulation bodiless celestial, the projectors should have been able to capture his movements even if he’s moving at top speed. however, the projectors can’t catch any of his movements at all!”

when they regained their senses, one thought appeared in their minds.

“that purple-clad young man is a seven tribulation bodiless celestial!”

“only seven tribulation bodiless celestials or those who are stronger can avoid being captured by the projectors.”

“the garnier family should rejoice. fortunately, this seven tribulation bodiless celestial isn’t someone who kills indiscriminately... otherwise, he can kill all of them with just a flick of his finger!”

“a seven tribulation bodiless celestial is capable of killing everyone in the coste galaxy before we can even escape!”

with these in mind, the interplanetary merchants were thankful that duan ling tian did not kill indiscriminately. the other inhabitants in the coste galaxy felt chills running up their spines when they heard these words.

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meanwhile, the members of the garnier family were so frightened that some of them had fallen to the ground, unable to get up for half a day.

“a seven tribulation bodiless celestial?”

“that purple-clad young man is a seven tribulation bodiless celestial?”

the grand elder of the garnier family fell to his knees as he cried out, “i deserve to die, i deserve to die... i nearly caused the family’s destruction!” then, he did not hesitate as he pulled out a laser gun and pulled the trigger on himself. he had killed himself out of remorse.

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over the next few days, the coste galaxy regained its peace. however, it did not mean the inhabitants had forgotten about the event. it was likely that they would not forget it in their whole lives. the god-like purple-clad young man was etched so deeply in their minds.

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naturally, duan ling tian was unaware of this. he and tang xiao xiao needed to travel for three months in order to reach planet yan huang’s galaxy from the coste galaxy even if they traveled at top speed.

over the past three months, tang xiao xiao had educated duan ling tian on the galaxies governed by science and technology.

“so disaster-level battleships aren’t the most powerful weapons in the galaxies governed by science and technology? the coste galaxy is only an ordinary galaxy that’s governed by science and technology? above the disaster-level battleships, they have the apocalypse-level battleships? they’re the most powerful weapons in yan huang realm?” after mulling over all the information, he asked tang xiao xiao, “are apocalypse-level battleships a threat to me?”

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“of course not.” tang xiao xiao shook her head in response to duan ling tian’s question. “apocalypse-level battleships may be powerful, but one battleship would only be able to kill a six tribulation bodiless celestial. ten battleships would only be able to injure a seven tribulation bodiless celestial. to severely injure a seven tribulation bodiless celestial, one would need tens or even 100 apocalypse-level battleships! regardless of the number, it would be difficult for apocalypse-level battleships to kill a seven tribulation bodiless celestial unless that bodiless celestial has a death wish!”

tang xiao xiao continued to say, “a seven tribulation bodiless celestial has more than enough strength to escape from a fleet of apocalypse-level battleships... given a chance and enough time, a seven tribulation bodiless celestial would be able to destroy all the apocalypse-level battleships. an eight tribulation bodiless celestial, on the other hand, would only pay a small price to destroy a fleet of apocalypse-level battleships. finally, it would be child’s play for a nine tribulation bodiless celestial to destroy apocalypse-level battleships, regardless of the number.”

at this point, tang xiao xiao turned to duan ling tian and said, “no matter how powerful an apocalypse-level battleship is, it’s not capable of releasing soul attacks. no matter how many there are, apocalypse-level battleships would be like sticks and stones to you. you can probably destroy them easily. although apocalypse-level battleships are much more powerful compared to disaster-level battleships, you should have some understanding of the battleships since you’ve encountered them in the coste galaxy.”

“mm.” duan ling tian nodded. when he was in the coste galaxy, he had ordered dahl, the patriarch of the garnier family, to order the disaster-level battleships to open fire on him because he had wanted to see and experience the might of the battleships. it was not because he was a masochist like many people had thought. in the end, he discovered the power of the battleships was a disappointment.

tang xiao xiao continued to say, “those eighteen disaster-level battleships might look powerful, but it would only take one apocalypse-level battleship to destroy all of them. it would be difficult for the eighteen disaster-level battleships to break through the hull of an apocalypse-level battleship even if the disaster-level battleships open fire at the same time.” she paused for a moment before she praised duan ling tian, “naturally, any number of apocalypse-level battleships would still be useless against you.!”

duan ling tian could not help but feel pleased when he heard tang xiao xiao’s praise. after a moment, he recalled some of the things tang xiao xiao had told him earlier. he asked, “are apocalypse-level battleships the most advanced technology in yan huang realm? are they the strongest weapons in yan huang realm?”

“yes.” tang xiao xiao nodded. “apocalypse-level battleships are the strongest weapons in yan huang realm. moreover, based on my knowledge, the strongest weapons in the other three large mundane realms that are connected to the beyond heaven secret zone should also be apocalypse-level battleships.”



duan ling tian said with a sigh, "it seems like science and technology can never compare to cultivators in the mundane realms."

"of course," tang xiao xiao said in a matter-of-fact manner, "don't forget that among cultivators, even three tribulation bodiless celestials are actually considered celestial beings. even eminent celestials who've just ascended to the devata realms are considered as celestial beings since their strength is comparable to a three tribulation bodiless celestials."

duan ling tian nodded. he knew this as well. those with the strength of a three tribulation bodiless celestials or stronger were considered as celestial beings. "in any case, we still shouldn't underestimate what science and technology are capable of. however, regardless of how formidable they are, the people who have control of technology in the mundane realms still can't compare to the true elites in the cultivation world. i guess this means that whether it's yan huang realm or other large mundane realms, galaxies with abundant resources should be mostly occupied by cultivators."

tang xiao xiao chimed in, "put aside forces like the celestial masters sect and the heavenly wave mansion, even forces that are weaker like the tang sect in the galaxies are superior to those who rely on science and technology!"

duan ling tian did not find tang xiao xiao's words surprising. after all, no number of apocalypse-level battleships would be able to kill a seven tribulation bodiless celestial. since there are two eight tribulation bodiless celestials in tang sect, how could they be inferior to those who relied on science and technology? moreover, tang sect had more than ten seven tribulation bodiless celestials, according to tang xiao xiao. no matter what, those proud overlords from galaxies and planets that relied on science and technology would still have to lower their heads to forces like the tang sect, regardless of how many apocalypse-level battleships they had at their disposal.

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three months passed in the blink of an eye.

tang xiao xiao exclaimed, "planet yan huang's galaxy is just up ahead!"

duan ling tian's calm was shattered by tang xiao xiao's words. how could he remain calm? he was so close to returning to his home planet in his past life, planet yan huang, or as he knew it, earth.

after an hour, tang xiao xiao pointed ahead and said, "we're here!"

"that's... the milky way! it's the galaxy where earth is located!" duan ling tian who had slowed his speed saw a galaxy that resembled a silver waterfall suspended in outer space. his heart was overwhelmed with emotions. earth meant a lot to him. after all, it was where he came from in his past life. seeing the milky way before him, he was overcome with nostalgia and a longing for home.

when duan ling tian regained his senses, he surveyed the galaxy before him and thought to himself, 'it seems like the milky way is much larger compared to all the galaxies we've passed by during our journey here. i've been hearing about how big planet yan huang's galaxy is, now that i'm seeing it with my own eyes, it seems like those words are true. however, i can already sense that the heaven and earth spirit energy in planet yan huang's galaxy has become very thin without even needing to go closer. it seems

like the cultivators in the past had almost completely depleted the heaven and earth spirit energy in this galaxy. even to this day, the galaxy has not recovered the heaven and earth spirit energy.”

whoosh!

duan ling tian increased his speed as he brought tang xiao xiao with him to the milky way galaxy. when they entered the milky way, he could clearly sense the heaven and earth spirit energy had grown even thinner.

meanwhile, tang xiao xiao who had pulled out the star chart gave directions to duan ling tian. “planet yan huang is over there.”

duan ling tian nodded. he increased his speed and brought tang xiao xiao in the direction she had pointed. although he was traveling at a fast speed, he took the time to examine the small stellar galaxies in the milky way and the planets in these small galaxies. some of these planets were like a wasteland since they were not suited for humans to live in. however, there were also planets that were filled with monsters since they were not suited for humans to live in. most of the planets that were inhabited by humans were planets governed by science and technology. naturally, the technology in the planets was far inferior compared to the technology in the coste galaxy. it was only natural since the coste galaxy was 1,000 years ahead of earth where duan ling tian was from in his past life.

soon after, tang xiao xiao pointed up ahead after consulting the star chart and said, “planet yan huang’s stellar galaxy is just up ahead.”

“the solar system!” duan ling tian’s eyes lit up when he saw a large planet that resembled a fireball. his breathing quickened and his heart raced when he saw this. from a distance, he saw eight planets revolving around the fireball-like planet, making the fireball-like planet look like an emperor! as he looked at the seven planets that revolved around the sun, he muttered to himself, “mercury, venus, mars, jupiter, saturn, uranus, neptune...”

it did not take long before duan ling tian’s eyes landed on the remaining planet. out of the eight planets that revolved around the sun, this planet was bursting with the scent of life!

whoosh!

in just a moment, duan ling tian and tang xiao xiao arrived close to the planet that was bursting with the scent of life. he stopped moving as he stared at the planet before him in a daze, clearly enraptured by the sight before him. a hint of excitement could be seen in his eyes as well.

“what a beautiful planet!” tang xiao xiao exclaimed. she did not seem to notice the change in duan ling tian’s behavior since her eyes were firmly glued on the azure planet before her. most of the planet was covered with water. she continued looking at the beautiful azure planet as she murmured, “this... this is planet yan huang is where tang sect originated from? i’ve only heard about the beauty of planet yan huang before this. now that i’ve seen it with my own eyes, it seems like the planet’s reputation is well-deserved.”

however, tang xiao xiao regained her senses immediately as a thunderous cry that was filled with excitement rang in the air, “earth, i, duan ling tian, have returned!” when she turned to look at duan ling

tian, she only saw the afterimage that he had left behind. it seemed like he could not wait any longer and had rushed to enter the beautiful azure planet up ahead.

tang xiao xiao was taken aback by duan ling tian's sudden outburst. "earth? i think i heard him referring to planet yan huang as earth before this."

although duan ling tian had spoken to tang xiao xiao about many things during their journey, naturally, he did not mention his past life.

### **Chapter 2524 The Manager Is Still Alive!**

since duan ling tian did not tell tang xiao xiao about his past life, she, naturally, was unaware of duan ling tian's connection to earth. for this reason, she was baffled when duan ling tian referred to planet yan huang as earth.

meanwhile, duan ling tian had already entered earth. earth was only a small planet in the milky way galaxy, let alone in the boundless outer space. in comparison, even planet sattel, the home planet of the coste galaxy where duan ling tian had visited three months ago, was more than 100 times bigger than earth. due to its small size, he managed to cover the entire planet with his divine consciousness with just a thought. through his divine consciousness, nothing on earth was hidden from his eyes.

"after more than just ten years, earth has changed so much?" with his divine consciousness, he discovered the changes on earth. it was very different from his own memories of the planet he once lived on. although the technology here could not compare to the technology in the coste galaxy or the other planets in the milky way galaxy, it was still more advanced compared to the time when duan ling tian was here. it was a few hundred years ahead compared to the time when he was living on the planet!

"only more than ten years have passed, how did earth change so much?" science and technology on earth had advanced to a few hundred years ahead in such a short time, how could duan ling tian not feel shocked?

as duan ling tian continued to investigate earth with his divine consciousness, he discovered some of the human souls on earth were as strong as those from the coste galaxy. moreover, their souls were almost as strong as his soul. it should be noted that his soul was as strong as an eminent celestial's soul. it seemed like these people could strengthen their souls to a certain extent. the souls of bodiless celestials were, naturally, in a league of its own.

at this moment, tang xiao xiao finally caught up to duan ling tian. it was not difficult for her to find him since she could also cover the entire planet with her divine consciousness. when she saw duan ling tian, she asked, "what is it? is something wrong?"

"i remember you said the people from the coste galaxy have souls as strong as some cultivators because they consume some genetic medicine," duan ling tian said as he looked at tang xiao xiao, "although that's the case, you also mentioned that they don't have divine consciousness and are unable to cast soul attacks."

previously, duan ling tian had discovered the inhabitants of the coste galaxy had souls as strong as his. at that time, tang xiao xiao had explained that those people strengthened their souls by ingesting genetic medicine. naturally, the medication had its limits; those people had no divine consciousness nor could they cast soul attacks. however, even if he wanted to use soul attack on them, it would be useless since their souls were almost as powerful as his.

duan ling tian was still slightly confused. "is it really all due to genetic medicine that their souls are so strong?"

"well, genetic medicine is half of the reason why their souls are strong. since their genetic medicine's quality is only mediocre, they have to undergo physical training as well before their souls become as strong as ours," tang xiao xiao explained patiently to duan ling tian, "due to the strength of their souls, some of them can sense and control certain natural elements."

when tang xiao xiao finished speaking, she used her divine consciousness and locked on two people who were in the middle of a fight. then, she pulled out a jade token with intricate carvings and sent some of her energy into it. soon after, a moving image appeared before her and duan ling tian.

the moving mirror image displayed the people tang xiao xiao had locked on with her divine consciousness. at this moment, a man and a woman could be seen fighting. their fighting style was incredibly unique as well. one controlled fire, and the other controlled lightning.

duan ling tian murmured, "they look a little like dao cultivators." he thought these two were like mutants he had seen in science fiction movies in his past life. naturally, he did not verbalize these thoughts.

"they're not dao cultivators. they're called super soldiers." tang xiao xiao shook her head when she heard duan ling tian's words. "in a way, super soldiers are the result of mediocre technology. due to mediocre knowledge in science and technology, the genetic medicines' quality is quite low. however, some people who managed to forcefully further strengthen their souls through harsh physical training are able to sense and control certain elements. these people are called super soldiers." she looked at the two people in the moving image and pointed out, "these two people, for example, are super soldiers."

duan ling tian was stunned by this information. "why didn't you tell me about them earlier?"

"well, i didn't think it's necessary to tell you about them. these super soldiers' strength are nothing to speak of unless they have some fortuitous encounter and manage to become a cultivator. let alone people like us, even the average person from the coste galaxy would be able to easily kill an excellent super soldier with the lowest grade mecha."

duan ling tian understood why tang xiao xiao did not mention the super soldiers. after all, in her eyes, they were as insignificant as ants. his mind was filled with questions at this moment. 'what happened on earth during the past ten years? how did science and technology advance so much?' he sighed in relief after he investigated further with his divine consciousness. 'luckily, my homeland, hua, is still around. moreover, almost half of the humans with stronger souls come from hua.'

duan ling tian had been an orphan in his past life, he did not know who his parents were nor did he know if he had any living relatives. his homeland had trained him, giving him a sense of belonging. therefore, he put his heart and soul into serving his homeland, becoming the most outstanding weapon specialist and achieving many honors for the glory of his homeland. even after he was decommissioned, he continued protecting his homeland in secret. he had zero tolerance for those who offended his country! this was his unshakeable belief in his past life. it was the same now. unfortunately, it was also due to this belief that he ended falling for his manager's trap and lost his life back then.

"i wonder if he's still alive. if he is, i have no doubt he's living a good life." duan ling tian knew the manager very well. that man would not be content with mediocrity. he would always strive for the extraordinary.

in the past, that man had obtained duan ling tian's trust because he had saved duan ling tian's life once. although duan ling tian would have survived even without his help, he would still be heavily injured. since duan ling tian had always been a grateful person, he acceded to the man's request to stay by his side. throughout the long time they were together, that man had always been conscientious. it did not take long before duan ling tian who did not have family nor friends saw him as a brother. who knew, in the end, the man whom he had treated as a brother would betray him? "i hope you're still alive..."

duan ling tian continued to use his divine consciousness to investigate the inhabitants on earth with strengthened souls. most of them were super soldiers and were well-known figures.

the reason duan ling tian had chosen to begin his search with these people was due to his understanding of that manager. with the huge change on earth, he was certain that the manager would not stay idle. he would definitely strive to become the most outstanding as well so that he could benefit from the change.

"as expected, he's one of these people!" duan ling tian's speculation was proven right when he discovered the manager from his past life was among the more than 100 top super soldiers on earth who had gained mastery over their souls.

thanks to his divine consciousness, it did not take long for duan ling tian to find the manager. he was not surprised when he saw that the manager's youthful appearance did not change at all even though more than ten years had passed. after all, with the current technological advancement on earth, it would be easy to use genetic medicine to preserve one's youth. however, it was only limited to outer appearance. the genetic medicine could not completely stop the aging process of internal organs, it could only slow down the process.

duan ling tian's eyes gleamed coldly as he thought to himself, 'i'm glad you're alive. i was afraid you had died!'

## **Chapter 2525 Du Wei**

when duan ling tian had died in his past life due to his manager, his soul had crossed over to the saint province realm. although he had hated the manager so much that he wanted to tear him into pieces, he thought revenge would only remain a dream. after all, he did not think he would have a chance to return to earth. when he met the pagoda spirit of the seven treasures exquisite pagoda, the three-legged golden crow, elder huo, he learned that there was a chance he would be able to return to earth.

however, even then it would take hundreds or thousands of years before he could return. at that time, would the manager even be alive? obviously not. for this reason, seeking revenge from the manager had become an obsession to him. he saw a ray of hope when he entered the beyond heaven secret zone and learned that it was not difficult for him to return to earth. considering only a short time had passed since his death on earth, the manager should still be alive. with this thought in mind, his obsession to seek revenge only grew stronger. the obsession was like a seed that had been planted in him and was slowly sprouting, even he was unaware of it.

duan ling tian had temporarily forgotten about it when yun qing yan showed up, capturing his family and friends and forcing ke'er to leave with him. he only thought of becoming stronger at that time. however, he discovered his hatred toward his manager had become an obstacle to him becoming stronger. his obsession, the knot in his heart, had made it difficult for him to further comprehend the thirteen green lotus swords.

although duan ling tian was filled with anguish and resentment due to being separated from ke'er, his family, and friends, he could only bury the feelings deep inside him. he did not dare to dwell on those feelings. with his current strength, he could not save his family and friends. he could only wait for the celestial ascension force to come so he could ascend to a devata realm. at that time, he would be able to plan his next step after investigating the divine offering land that ke'er had mentioned. before he ascended to a devata realm, to improve his strength, he could only remove this obsession and knot in his heart since it had become a huge obstacle to him. for this reason, he had left the saint province realm to yan huang realm so he could return to earth.

if the manager had died, duan ling tian's obsession would still remain even after he had ascended to a devata realm. at that time, it would still affect his cultivation. how could he not be happy to discover the manager was still alive? he would kill the manager to remove the obsession in his heart before he had to ascend.

through his divine consciousness, duan ling tian saw the manager lying on a beach chair in a luxurious enclosed sky garden on a luxury cruise ship at this moment. at the same, he could see the manager was accompanied by three sexy and beautiful ladies who were clad in bikinis. the three beauties had golden, brown, and black hair respectively. it was clear they were from different countries. two of the beauties were massaging his legs on each side while the third beauty was feeding him peeled grapes. "it seems like you're living well. however, now that i've returned, your good days will have to come to an end."

duan ling tian's eyes glinted coldly as his figure vanished into thin air, startling tang xiao xiao. "where did that man go again?" since they had arrived on planet yan huang, she discovered he was behaving strangely even though she did not know why.

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there were several major countries on earth, including hua. however, apart from hua, the other major countries had more or less been infiltrated by a strong organization of super soldiers known as the devil's hand. hua was the only country that was fully autonomous. based on this, it could be seen that hua was possibly the strongest country in the world. this was due to hua's profound heritage. moreover,

during the nirvana change a few decades ago, hua had produced many outstanding super soldiers. most of these super soldiers joined the government, causing hua's strength to rise greatly.

currently, there were two major organizations of super soldiers on earth. one of the organizations was the soul of yan huang. their mission was to protect hua. the other organization, the devil's hand, took root in other major countries on earth. almost all the members of the soul of yan huang were citizens of hua.

on the other hand, there were merely a few citizens of hua among the members of the devil's hand. most of its members were from other countries. for this reason, very few people knew that the head of the devil's hand was actually a citizen of hua.

currently, the leader of the devil's hand, du wei, was enjoying his holiday on a private luxury cruise ship, surrounded by exotic beauties. these beauties were presented to him by his men after a careful selection.

the sexy lady with golden hair smiled as she spoke fluently in hua's language, "master, i heard you almost defeated the head of hua's soul of yan huang, long zhen guo, a month ago..." she continued feeding du wei, the leader of the devil's hand, grapes as she spoke.

smack!

du wei lifted his hand and playfully slapped the golden-haired beauty's butt. the golden-haired beauty pouted at him as he replied, "you little brat, you're quite well-informed. it's true that i almost won in the battle between long zhen guo and i a month ago!" he paused for a moment as his eyes flashed coldly. then, he continued to say, "it'll take me a year at most before i'll be able to defeat long zhen guo." a hint of excitement could be heard in his voice as he continued to say, "in a year, my form and will boxing will be able to form internal energy. at that time, i'll become a master of the form and will boxing."

at this moment, the black-haired beauty who was massaging du wei's left leg spoke up, "master, i heard you stood out among the super soldiers due to the form and will boxing. however, i wonder where you learn it from? based on what i know, the form and will boxing manuals we have are incomplete. according to rumors, one would only be able to form internal energy and enter the master level with the complete manuals of form and will boxing."

"you're a knowledgeable girl," du wei stared at black-haired beauty intently as he said nonchalantly, "yes, i'm cultivating the complete set of form and will boxing. if i'm not mistaken, i should be the only person on earth who will completely master form and will boxing!" a prideful expression could be seen on his face when he spoke.

during the nirvana change on earth, du wei seized the chance and became one of the first to consume genetic medicine. with the complete manuals of form and will boxing, he repeatedly broke through his body's limit, strengthening his soul. this was how he became one of the strongest super soldiers on earth. in fact, among the first group of super soldiers, he was the strongest. when he cultivated the form and will boxing, his strength was also extraordinary among the later groups of super soldiers.

initially, du wei planned to show his strength in hua. however, at that time, a man whose strength was comparable to his appeared in hua as well. that man was none other than long zhen guo.

long zhen guo came from an ancient martial arts family in hua, the long family. he was also the head of a secret department in hua. when he became an elite super soldier, he began to gather other super soldiers and founded a super soldier organization, the soul of yan huang, to serve hua.

since there could only be one alpha male in a territory, du wei who was ambitious and unwilling to submit to long zhen guo left hua and made his mark outside. he also founded an organization of super soldiers, the devil's hand. as time passed, the devil's hand became the only organization that could rival the soul of yan huang.

the black-haired beauty asked again, "master, where did you learn your form and will boxing?"

du wei replied flippantly, "i learn it from a boxing manual. the boxing manual is left behind by a wretched man."

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du wei was unaware that at this moment, a man was glaring at him from the sky above the luxury cruise ship. this man was none other than duan ling tian. "a wretched man?"

duan ling tian had, naturally, come here since the manager who cost him his life in his past life was on the luxury cruise ship. the manager was none other than du wei, the leader of one of the largest super soldier organizations on earth, the devil's hand.

### **Chapter 2526 The Former Mercenary King**

duan ling tian treated his manager, du wei, like a brother in his past life. therefore, when du wei told him that he wanted to practice the form and will boxing, he had personally taught du wei. when he saw that du wei was rather impatient in practicing, he had written a boxing manual of the form and will boxing for du wei.

when duan ling tian died in his past life, du wei was still a beginner in form and will boxing. he did not expect that after only such a short time, not only did du wei become one of the top super soldiers, but du wei had also gained this status from the form and will boxing manual he had left behind.

"i wonder if long zhen guo, the head of soul of yan huang, is instructor long?" in duan ling tian's past life, his manager, du wei, whom he treated like a brother was his best friend. however, the person he had respected the most was his instructor. long zhen guo was the person who had trained him into the mercenary king. although his strength surpassed long zhen guo later, he had never lost his respect for long zhen guo even after he had retired. he had never heard of the soul of yan huang in his past life.

after a while, duan ling tian was about to reveal himself to du wei whom he used to treat like a brother. however, the conversation on the luxury cruise ship stopped him.

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the brown-haired beauty who had remained silent up until now finally spoke up, "master, who's that wretched man you mentioned?"



both the black-haired and golden-haired beauties turned to look at du wei curiously as well.

“master, i’m curious. who’s that wretched man?”

“please tell us, master.”

du wei took out a limited edition cigar. after the golden-haired lit the cigar for him, he smoked and replied, “a few decades ago, that wretched man was the strongest man on earth.”

the strongest man on earth? the three beauties were taken aback by du wei’s words. they had not been born when earth went through the nirvana change. at that time, the technology on earth was not what it was now. there were no super soldiers or flying cars. to be widely acknowledged as the strongest man on earth, one could just imagine how terrifying that man was. why did du wei call such a man ‘a wretched man’?

a thought appeared in the black-haired beauty’s mind, and she asked, “master, are you talking about the former mercenary king, ling tian?”

upon hearing the black-haired beauty’s words, du wei narrowed his eyes and looked at her pointedly. “you’ve heard of him?”

the black-haired beauty was so terrified that her face turned pale. after a while, she replied timidly, “i... i heard about him from my uncle who used to be a mercenary. he respected mercenary king ling tian very much.”

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in the sky above the luxury cruise ship.

“mercenary king ling tian!” duan ling tian seemed to have fallen into a daze when he heard these words from the black-haired beauty. it had been a long time since he had heard this familiar title.

duan ling tian who was lost in his thoughts of his past life regained his senses when a voice rang next to him. “ling tian? that person has the same name as you!”

“you’re here as well?” duan ling tian discovered that tang xiao xiao had arrived at some point.

“you’re behaving strangely so i decided to follow you.” tang xiao xiao chuckled. “you’re so lost in thought, listening to that woman speak about the mercenary king, that you didn’t even realize when i came over.” she shot duan ling tian a meaningful look. with his strength, he should have been able to sense her presence before she even arrived even if he was lost in his thoughts. based on the conversation she overheard, although she was not certain, she suspected that the strongest man on earth, mercenary king ling tian, was duan ling tian.

duan ling tian looked at her and asked, “would you believe me if i tell you that i’m mercenary king ling tian?”

“it’s really you?” tang xiao xiao was shocked when duan ling tian confirmed her suspicion. although she had suspected it, she still had some doubts after all. however, when she saw the solemn expression on

his face, she knew he was telling the truth. based on their interactions so far, he was not someone who would lie. regardless, it was still difficult to accept. how did an ordinary man from planet yan huang become an eminent celestial after a few decades? moreover, he had strength comparable to a nine tribulation bodiless celestial even though he came from a small mundane realm, the saint province realm!

while all these thoughts were running through tang xiao xiao's mind, duan ling tian had already turned his attention back to the luxurious cruise ship.

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faced with the curious gazes from the three beauties, du wei took a drag from the cigar and slowly said, "not bad. you're right. the wretched man i mentioned is mercenary king ling tian. i used to be his manager."

the three beauties were shocked by du wei's words. this man was the head of one of the strongest super soldier organizations on earth, some country leaders even had to lower their heads in front of him! it was not a stretch to say he currently held one of the highest positions on earth. and yet, he said he used to be mercenary king ling tian's manager a few decades ago?

du wei continued to say nonchalantly, "all this time, i've never told anyone about this. since all of you are curious, i'll tell you about it. initially, i wanted to become his manager due to the benefits he would be able to bring me. since he was used to being alone and was filled with distrust, it was extremely difficult for me to approach him. however, with how resourceful i am, it was not difficult for me to find a way to gain his trust."

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at this moment, duan ling tian's expression was turning darker and darker when he listened to du wei's words. as it turned out, du wei had staged their meeting and pretended to save his life. at that time, he had felt moved and allowed du wei to stay next to him as his manager. who knew everything was a lie since the beginning?

tang xiao xiao had also heard of du wei's words, and she noticed the dark expression on duan ling tian's face when he heard those words. based on du wei's words, she could roughly guess that ling tian must have died due to du wei's schemes. she became confused. 'is duan ling tian really mercenary king ling tian? it seems like that ling tian died a few decades ago...'

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the three sexy bikini-clad beauties were thoroughly frightened when they heard du wei's words. at the same time, they became guarded as well. he had betrayed mercenary king ling tian who had treated him as a brother and caused his death! they truly despise such an act, but they did not dare to show their contempt.

du wei continued to speak, "if ling tian were still alive, with his achievement in form and will boxing, it would have been easy for him to become the strongest person on earth! it's unfortunate that he had no fate with that title. although in the past he was also acknowledged as the strongest man on earth, he

would still die if the major countries sent a troop of soldiers to deal with him. the current me is different from him. even if the major countries send their troops to kill me, they'll only fail miserably." a confident and smug expression on his face when he finished speaking.

du wei paused for a moment before he finally said, "i've been keeping this matter in my heart for the longest time, i've never told a single soul about what happened. it really feels good to be able to speak about this with all of you." he looked at the three beauties coldly before he continued to say, "i have no intention of letting other people find out about this. it would be detrimental to my reputation after all. for this reason, three of you will have to pay the price for your curiosity." his eyes flashed with killing intent when he finished speaking.

the three beauties cowered in fear when they heard these words. they quickly begged for mercy.

"master, we definitely won't spread this matter out!"

du wei smiled. "only the dead can keep a secret."

du wei was about to make a move when an indifferent voice rang from the sky. "since you dare to do it, is there a need to be afraid of people talking about it?"

#### **Chapter 2527 Meeting After A Few Decades**

"if you dare to do it, why are you afraid of others talking about it?" the voice that rang from the sky stunned du wei who was about to kill the three beauties around him. when he regained his senses, he quickly rose to his feet. he looked at the sky as he barked, "who's it?"

upon closer inspection, fear could be seen in the depths of du wei's eyes. he was not familiar with the voice. however, for the person to appear above the luxury cruise ship without him realizing it, the owner of the voice had to be someone with skills.

"it's me." the voice rang in du wei's ears again as he continued searching the sky with his eyes. he shuddered and chills ran up his spine. the voice now rang from beside him. he quickly turned to look at the source of the voice.

du wei saw a purple-clad young man standing three meters away from him. the purple-clad young man was dressed in ancient clothing, a contrast to his modern beach shorts, the bikinis that the three beauties wore, and the luxury cruise ship they were standing on.

"an... an actor?" similar to du wei, three women had also instinctively looked at the sky when the voice first rang in the air. when they followed du wei's line of sight, they also saw the purple-clad young man. they were dumbfounded. they even thought the young man who was so handsome that they had a hard time taking their eyes away from him was an actor filming an ancient drama. they seemed to have forgotten that they were currently standing on du wei's private ship. how could there be an actor on du wei's ship?

du wei was a top super soldier on earth after all. he was also the head of the devil's hand, one of the top super soldier organizations on earth. he quickly regained his composure. he looked at the purple-clad young man fearfully as he asked, "who are you?"

for some reason, the purple-clad young man dressed in ancient robes made du wei extremely uncomfortable. even when he had confronted the head of the soul of yan huang, he did not feel this way. panic slowly tightened its grip around his heart. 'how did he appear? his voice had clearly come from the sky when he had first spoken. how did he get here in such a short time? how fast is his speed?'

duan ling tian who was standing three meters away stared at du wei indifferently as he spat out, "du wei."

duan ling tian's gaze sent a frisson of fear through du wei's body. he did not dare to move. the purple-clad young man made alarms blare in his mind. he could vaguely feel how dangerous the young man was. for the first time since he had grown strong and obtained his lofty status, someone made him feel this way. although he found this difficult to accept, he had no choice but to raise his guards.

whoosh!

the sound of wind whistling rang in du wei's ears at this moment. a figure suddenly appeared next to the purple-clad young man out of thin air. it was a woman dressed in black. similarly, her clothes looked ancient. her beauty and bearing seemed out of this world, a beauty from ancient times.

when tang xiao xiao regained her senses, she had quickly followed duan ling tian and descended on the luxury cruise ship. as soon as she appeared, the three bikini-clad beauties were eclipsed by her.

even the three bikini-clad beauties were embarrassed when they saw tang xiao xiao's peerlessly beautiful face.

"she's so beautiful!"

"who knew there's a classic beauty like her on earth?"

"heavens! who is she? she's so beautiful!"

everyone loved beauty. the three bikini-clad beauties were no different. they were fascinated by tang xiao xiao's beauty, staring at her as though they had lost their souls.

even females were enraptured by tang xiao xiao's beauty, du wei was, naturally, no different. since he had risen to the top, he had been living a luxurious life, lacking nothing. naturally, he did not lack women and sex as well. this could be clearly seen from the fact that he was on his luxury cruise ship, surrounded by three beauties. however, despite being surrounded by so many women over the years, none of them could compare to the black-clad woman who had just appeared. not only did the black-clad woman have a peerlessly beautiful appearance, but even her figure was extremely good. the three bikini-clad beauties could not compare to her at all. even her slightly loose clothing could not hide her amazing figure.

"if you continue staring at me, i'll gouge your eyes out!" tang xiao xiao said in a voice that was capable of freezing one's soul with a frown on her face when she saw du wei blatantly staring at her in a daze.

although du wei's soul was not any weaker than tang xiao xiao's soul, his soul was ultimately only strengthened by genetic medicine. therefore, he felt chills running up his spine and his expression changed drastically when he felt the aura she had released when she threatened him. at this moment,

his eyes were longer filled with awe when he looked at her, it was filled with fear instead. he assumed she was a super soldier. since she was able to intimidate him, she had to be a top super soldier.

a wave of relief flooded du wei's heart at this moment. he grew more confident when he recalled that no one on earth, apart from the head of the soul of yan huang, could survive a hundred moves from him. after all, his attainment in the form and will boxing was not too shabby.

'however, how did she come here? she seemed to have appeared out of thin air earlier.' du wei who had just sighed in relief felt a frisson of fear again when he thought about how the woman had appeared. he had never seen any super soldier, ordinary or elite, who was capable of something like that. even he was not capable of something like that.

"it seems like you're not taking my words seriously," tang xiao xiao said coldly, her words dripping with killing intent.

'no!' du wei's heart skipped a beat. an ominous feeling rose in his heart immediately when he heard the coldness in tang xiao xiao's voice.

swoosh!

tang xiao xiao moved like a gust of wind.

in just a blink of an eye, du wei discovered the black-clad woman who was originally three meters away had appeared before him. her hand was raised, targeting his left eye. he vaguely saw something like a needle between her forefinger and middle finger.

"ahh!" du wei cried out in pain. before he could even react, he felt an intense pain in his left eye. soon after, he discovered he had lost his vision in his left eye. his left eye had been blinded!

"ahhh!"

"heavens!!"

the three bikini-clad beauties screamed in terror when they saw this bloody scene.

blood flowed out of du wei's left eye. half of his face was drenched in blood, making him look hideous and terrifying.

du wei was the head of the devil's hand, and yet, today, he was reduced to such a wretched state by a woman without even a chance to fight back.

the three bikini-clad beauties looked at tang xiao xiao who had returned to duan ling tian's side. their eyes were filled with shock and disbelief. how could this woman who looked so delicate possess such terrifying strength? if they had this kind of strength, would they need to cater to du wei's every whim?

du wei was no longer just a manager of mercenary king ling tian. he was the head of the devil's hand. he quickly dealt with his eye injury. he tried to suppress his anger. he looked at the ground as he asked warily, "who... who are you?" if he still did not know the black-clad woman's strength far surpassed his,

he would not be worthy of his position as head of the devil's hand. therefore, he no longer dared to look at her, afraid she would blind his other eyes.

however, tang xiao xiao did not deign to reply to du wei. instead, she looked at duan ling tian and asked curiously, "are you really mercenary king ling tian whom this man betrayed and killed a few decades ago?"

tang xiao xiao was truly confused. how could an eminent celestial with strength comparable to a nine tribulation bodiless celestial from the saint province realm be the same person as someone from planet yan huang in yan huang realm who had died a few decades ago? although they shared the same name, it did not seem convincing at all.

"yes," duan ling tian replied lightly as he continued staring at du wei.

when du wei heard tang xiao xiao's question, he was dumbfounded. mercenary king ling tian? he was completely certain that ling tian had died a few decades ago!

### **Chapter 2528 Du Wei's Trump Card**

du wei could still vividly recall the incident from back then. when mercenary king ling tian was shot to death by a group of gunmen, he had been standing behind the gunmen. he had even personally witnessed the disposal of ling tian's body. for this reason, he did not believe it at all when he heard the black-clad woman's words that indicated ling tian was still alive. nevertheless, it did not stop him from looking at the purple-clad young man. the purple-clad young man had admitted he was mercenary king ling tian. after looking at duan ling tian, du wei said confidently, "he's not that man!"

duan ling tian who was looking at du wei, naturally, saw the confidence and disbelief in du wei's eyes. he said, "hmm? it seems like you don't believe i'm ling tian, the person you betrayed and caused the death of?"

du wei looked at duan ling tian with a grim expression on his face and said, "i don't know you. your joke isn't funny at all."

"a joke?" duan ling tian felt speechless. then, he said indifferently, "i remember the first technique of the form and will boxing i taught you was the cannon fist! on the last page of the form and will boxing manual that i drew for you, my signature can be seen on the top left corner. i remember..." he continued looking at du wei coldly as he began to recount all the things only both of them knew.

when du wei heard the first few sentences from duan ling tian, his expression had changed drastically. the things duan ling tian spoke about were only known between him and ling tian. it did not take long before his gaze was filled with horror as though he had seen a ghost. he cried out in disbelief, interrupting duan ling tian, "no! no! impossible!"

duan ling tian did not continue talking. he knew du wei no longer doubted he was mercenary king ling tian!

du wei rambled with a panicked expression on his face, "i personally witnessed your death! how are you still alive? how's this possible?" at this moment, he seemed like a crazed man. he could not figure out

how a man who was killed a few decades ago was alive and well? moreover, all these years, there had been no news of this man at all.

meanwhile, the three bikini-clad beauties were filled with excitement when they heard du wei confirming that the purple-clad young man was mercenary king ling tian.

“heavens! he’s really mercenary king ling tian?”

“ling tian is actually so handsome?”

naturally, the three bikini-clad beauties could easily accept that mercenary ling tian was alive. they merely thought du wei was mistaken.

du wei, naturally, had a difficult time believing this, unlike the three bikini-clad beauties. after all, he had witnessed ling tian being killed and his body disposed of. therefore, he was absolutely certain ling tian had died. there was no way he could survive. if the person standing in front of him did not reveal the things that only he and ling tian were privy to, he would not believe it.

“nothing is impossible,” duan ling tian said lightly.

“h-how did you survive?” du wei had no choice but to believe mercenary king ling tian did not die after listening to duan ling tian’s words.

“it doesn’t matter how i survived. anyway, i’m really curious about the massive change on earth. the technology is hundreds of years ahead even though just a few decades have passed.” duan ling tian was, naturally, confident there was no way du wei could escape from him. therefore, he was not in a rush to kill du wei. moreover, he loathed du wei to the bones. he would not be able to vent his anger if he killed du wei so quickly. before he killed du wei, he wanted du wei to feel despair!

on the other hand, du wei heaved a sigh of relief when he saw ling tian, whose appearance had changed, did not intend to kill him for the time being. he might not know how strong duan ling tian was, but he was certain the black-clad woman standing next to duan ling tian was stronger than him. due to his fear of tang xiao xiao, du wei instantly revealed what happened in the past 30 years on earth.

through du wei’s explanation, duan ling tian learned that a huge incident happened not long after his death. a spaceship from a planet governed by technology had come to earth. the aliens on the spaceship had brought with them advanced technology from their planet, helping earth to advance their technology. after that, the aliens left on the spaceship as though they had never come to earth at all. if it were not for the huge leap in advancement of science and technology, people would have thought everything was just a dream. in the years to come, due to the technology from the aliens, earth went through a drastic change, many lives were lost, but at the same time, people’s achievements began to rise. the drastic change during that time was called the nirvana change.

during that time, du wei quickly seized the golden chance he was presented with. he further mastered the form and will boxing from the manual he received from duan ling tian. it did not take long before he became one of the top super soldiers on earth and successfully founded the devil’s hand.

duan ling tian felt anger rise in his heart when he heard du wei said he was now the head of the devil's hand. he knew the devil's hands was a force that all major countries, with the exception of hua, were afraid of. his ex-manager was currently one of the most powerful men in the world. even world leaders had to act deferentially toward du wei. he said scornfully, "it seems like you've been living well..."

du wei forced a smile on his face despite the fear that rose in his heart. he said, "i-it's all thanks to the form and will boxing manual you left for me."

duan ling tian could not hold back his anger when he heard du wei mention this matter. he really did not expect du wei to rise to the top by relying on the form and will boxing manual he had left behind. after all, his death was caused by du wei's betrayal. moreover, he could imagine du wei living such a good life until the day he died if he did not return to seek revenge.

after a while, duan ling tian changed the topic and asked, "why did you betray me?" he had treated du wei like a friend when du wei first saved his life. as time passed, he began to consider du wei as his brother. he asked coldly, "did you think i was a tool that could benefit you?"

du wei fell silent when he heard duan ling tian's questions. he knew it would not help even if he pandered to duan ling tian. after all, his betrayal was more than enough to prove he had never viewed ling tian as a friend, let alone a brother.

"it seems like i'm right." duan ling tian stared at du wei coldly. the killing intent that surged out of his body caused du wei's expression to change dramatically. he continued to say coldly, "initially, i planned to slowly torture you and let you taste despair before i kill you. however, i've changed my mind..."

du wei interrupted duan ling tian after he smiled contemptuously, "no, you can't kill me! ling tian, i don't know why you're still alive or why your appearance has changed. moreover, you have a woman by your side who's even stronger than me. i might not be stronger than you, but what i have on earth is nothing you'll be able to surpass. if you dare to kill me, my people will detonate super nuclear bombs that i have planted all over the world. at that time, earth would be destroyed. to be honest, i had prepared this trump card in case the aliens who brought the advanced technology to us return to earth. i have no choice but to use it on you now."

### **Chapter 2529 Frog in The Well**

duan ling tian's expression changed slightly after he heard du wei's words. nevertheless, it did not mean he was afraid of those super nuclear bombs that were hidden in every corner of the world. the super nuclear bombs might be capable of destroying earth, but it posed no danger to him.

"you're insane!" duan ling tian's expression had changed earlier because he felt du wei was crazy. du wei actually tied his life to all lives on earth. he had known du wei was smart and ambitious, but he did not expect du wei to arrange for his people to detonate super nuclear bombs hidden all over the world, annihilating all living things on earth, if he died. du wei had planned this so he could further secure his position on earth.

du wei who had seen the slight change in duan ling tian's expression thought duan ling tian was afraid of the super nuclear bombs he had hidden around the world. he smirked. "insane? perhaps. however, i'm only doing it to protect myself. when those aliens from outer space brought advanced technology to earth, many people thought the aliens had done it without any ulterior motives. however, i disagree.



they must be up to something. why would they be so kind otherwise? who knows if they're treating us like pigs? when they have fattened us up, they might return to slaughter us. since the people i have arranged to detonate the bomb have been brainwashed since young, they won't even blink if i tell them to go to hell, let alone ordering them to detonate the super nuclear bombs."

meanwhile, the expressions of the three bikini-clad beauties changed drastically when they heard du wei's words. they were thoroughly shocked when they heard du wei's plan. even when they regained their senses, they were still frightened out of their wits.

"s-super nuclear bombs?"

"they're hidden all over the world, and once they're detonated, they would destroy earth?"

"no! no! i don't want to die!"

du wei continued to stare at duan ling tian and said lightly, "it's truly shocking and unexpected that after you're resurrected, you're accompanied by a woman with such great strength. however, what's the use if your female companion is stronger than i am? can you kill me? unless you're willing to forfeit everyone's lives in exchange for mine, you can't kill me! well, there's no need for you to trust my words, you can just kill me and see if i'm telling the truth." a hint of mockery could be heard in his voice as he spoke. meanwhile, his expression was one of confidence, it was as though he was certain of his victory.

duan ling tian's expression was indifferent, but his eyes were extremely cold when he said, "based on your personality, i'm not surprised you have a trick like this up your sleeve. however, do you really think i'll die just because you can destroy earth?"

du wei scoffed. "do you mean to tell me that you'll still be able to live once i destroy earth? well, my people will only detonate the super nuclear bombs a month after my death so you have a month to look for a way out. it's unfortunate the aliens didn't leave us with their spaceship technology. moreover, the existing spaceship technology on earth suddenly disappeared after the aliens' arrival on earth. what's even stranger is that all aeronautical scientists have either disappeared or gone crazy overnight!"

duan ling tian furrowed his brows. if du wei's words were true, the aliens who had brought advanced technology to earth certainly seemed like they came with ill intention. it seemed like the aliens were trying to prevent people on earth from going to space. he asked in a low voice, "didn't people feel suspicious?"

du wei replied lightly, "of course, they did. at that time, someone questioned those aliens. however, they replied that it was for our good since our lives would be in danger if we travel to outer space. they said they would give us aeronautical technology when the time is right." he paused for a moment before he continued to say sarcastically, "the funny thing is that most people believed the bullshit those aliens spouted. although there are also many who felt skeptical, what can they do against those mysterious aliens?" based on his words, it could be seen that he was incredibly suspicious of those aliens with unknown origins.

"for these reasons, you hid super nuclear bombs all over the world? when the aliens return, you plan to use this to threaten them and negotiate with them?" duan ling tian narrowed his eyes slightly. he was

not that foolish to think du wei intended to save people on earth, du wei was only planning to save himself.

du wei replied righteously, "that's right! since those aliens went to all the trouble to keep us here, they must be seeking something. if i can threaten them using earth, it won't be difficult for me to obtain benefits from them. perhaps by the time the aliens return, i might have obtained genetic medicine to lengthen my life. at that time, i'll be able to leave earth and travel to other planets in the galaxy." when he spoke, his eyes were extremely bright. with his current position, he had enjoyed every luxury available on earth. his greed had increased, and he turned his sight to lengthening his lifespan and traveling to other planets to broaden his horizon.

"well, i guess it's natural that this is the extent of your ambitions." duan ling tian shook his head as he stared at du wei with a hint of pity. he thought du wei's ambition was akin to the ambition of a frog in a well. so what if du wei could lengthen his lifespan and travel to other planets in this galaxy?

du wei's expression changed drastically when he heard duan ling tian's words. he had thought his ambitions were something that normal people on earth would not even dare to think of. however, it seemed like duan ling tian was disdainful of his ambitions. "what did you say? w-what do you mean by this is the extent of my ambitions?"

duan ling tian replied indifferently, "what do i mean? it's nothing really. i just think you're like a frog in a well."

"a frog in the well?" du wei was so furious that his face turned red as soon as he heard duan ling tian's words.

at this moment, duan ling tian turned to look at tang xiao xiao who was standing next to him and said, "please wait for me here. i'll bring this frog in the well to see the other planets in the galaxy that he dreams of visiting. i'll show him the difference between me and him!" as soon as he finished speaking, he waved his hand before disappearing from the luxury cruise ship with du wei who was still in shock.

the three bikini-clad beauties were dumbfounded when they saw duan ling tian vanishing into thin air.

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meanwhile, the sound of wind whistled in the air as duan ling tian brought du wei away from earth with just a wave of his hand.

when du wei regained his senses, he said mockingly, "shameless boasting! you think you're strong enough to bring me..." however, it did not take long before he abruptly fell silent, and his face turned pale. at this moment, his legs were shaking. as he stared at an azure planet from a distance, he wondered if he was dreaming. he instinctively lowered his head and discovered he was floating in space without the help of any machine. how was this possible? he knew very well that the aliens had erased all technology that would allow them to travel to space. it did not take long before he calmed down. after all, he was the head of one of the strongest super soldier organizations, the devil's hand. then, he thought to himself, 'it seems like an invisible force is supporting me...'

"boasting?"

duan ling tian's voice rang in du wei's ears suddenly, causing him to be momentarily frightened. he turned to look at duan ling tian who was standing confidently next to him and looking at him condescendingly. at this moment, duan ling tian looked at him as though he was truly a frog in the well.

"h-how's this possible? how can you travel here without relying on a flying machine? even a super soldier who can manipulate wind is only able to stand in the air for a moment. even then, they would only be able to rise 500 meters into the air at the most." du wei was completely dumbfounded. a hint of amazement could be seen in his eyes as well at this moment.

### **Chapter 2530 Lifeless Plane**

du wei truly did not expect this. although he had encountered strong super soldiers who could manipulate wind and fly without the need of a flying machine, this was still beyond the scope of his imagination. he was completely dumbfounded by the sight of the purple-clad young man hovering in space without the use of any flying equipment.

"am... am i dreaming?!" du wei thought he was dreaming. he seemed to have disregarded his dignity as he slapped himself in front of duan ling tian. however, the burning sensation that spread from his face only made him even more dumbfounded.

"have you ascertained you're not dreaming?" du wei's expression changed drastically when he heard duan ling tian's voice. it was as though he had encountered some sort of terrifying demon. it was obvious he had begun to panic as he turned to look at duan ling tian and asked, "you... who the hell are you?!" he was so shocked that he had a difficult time accepting all of these.

"who am i?" duan ling tian smiled. "didn't you already figure out my identity when we were on the cruise ship?"

"no... impossible! you can't possibly be ling tian. even if he managed to survive all those years ago, he couldn't have gotten so strong."

duan ling tian's current display of power had completely frightened and stunned du wei, so much so that du wei no longer believed that duan ling tian was the ling tian he had known decades ago.

"couldn't have gotten so strong?" duan ling tian chuckled. "with just this small bit of strength, i managed to scare the leader of the devil's hand? i'll let you have a taste of my power by taking you to other galaxies in the milky way!"

prior to this, du wei would have thought duan ling tian was just a raving lunatic. however, he did not doubt duan ling tian's words now. in his opinion, the purple-clad young man before him was not even human. how could a human fly to outer space without the help of any technology? not only that, but duan ling tian was even able to bring him, an ordinary human, into space! he no longer dared to think he was an elite super soldier at this point. in front of someone like duan ling tian, he was no different from the average person.

whoosh!

a gust of wind appeared as duan ling tian brought du wei with him away from the solar system. with his speed, he could have left the solar system in just a blink of an eye. however, he had intentionally lowered his speed so du wei could have a good look at his surroundings.

du wei who was being brought away by duan ling tian using some unseen force only felt that he had been bound from head to toe. he could barely move at all. he could only look around fearfully. he took in the sights around him as they approached the star of the solar system, the sun. his expression changed when they passed the sun, afraid of getting burned. after all, based on his knowledge, the heat from the sun was extremely terrifying.

'not even the heat of the sun can hurt him?' du wei thought to himself when he saw duan ling tian was unaffected by the heat when duan ling tian had flown past the sun with him in tow. he grew more and more shocked.

swoosh!

duan ling tian suddenly increased his speed, causing du wei's sight to turn blurry.

the sun that resembled a gigantic fiery ball grew smaller and smaller as they traveled further away. it turned into a small red dot before it completely disappeared from du wei's sight.

after a while, duan ling tian finally came to a halt. he had brought du wei to the cosmos of a lifeless planet. "this is a different stellar galaxy in the milky way..."

du wei began to observe his surroundings when he heard duan ling tian's words. he discovered that he was very far away from the solar system at this moment.

"do you see that planet in front of you?" duan ling tian asked.

du wei turned to look at the planet duan ling tian had pointed out. he saw a yellow planet with a tinge of gray. unlike earth, there were no bodies of water on this planet.

duan ling tian glanced at du wei and asked, "what's the ratio of this planet's size compared to earth?"

although du wei was not sure why duan ling tian would ask such a question, he was frightened out of his wits after witnessing duan ling tian's earth-shattering strength. therefore, he quickly replied, "it's at least five or six times bigger than earth..."

"very observant." duan ling tian nodded after hearing du wei's answer. "this planet is nearly five times larger than earth... do you think your super nuclear bombs on earth are capable of destroying this planet?"

du wei still could not figure out the reason for duan ling tian's question, but he answered honestly, "no... no."

duan ling tian continued to ask, "then do you think a man can destroy this planet using solely his strength?"

as soon as duan ling tian finished speaking, du wei's expression changed dramatically. his eyes were filled with shock and disbelief when he turned to look at duan ling tian. he was no fool. he, naturally, understood the meaning behind duan ling tian's words. although duan ling tian was capable of traveling to space without relying on any sort of technology, he still found it hard to believe that duan ling tian was capable of destroying the planet before him. moreover, the planet was five times larger than earth.

let alone five super nuclear bombs, even ten super nuclear bombs would not be enough to destroy this planet. after all, the blast from a super nuclear bomb was limited, and it would be difficult to cover every surface on this planet.

“based on the look in your eyes, i suppose you think it’s impossible, right?” duan ling tian could tell du wei did not believe him.

du wei remained silent. he only watched as duan ling tian slowly lifted his hand. there was no life on the planet. it was clearly inhospitable, unsuitable for any type of lifeform.

as duan ling tian raised his hand, he muttered under his breath, “apart from not having any inhabitants, this planet also hasn’t formed an orbit around any planets. this means that it won’t affect this stellar galaxy at all even if it were destroyed.” this was the reason he had chosen this planet to show du wei the difference between their strength. he did not want to harm the innocent or destroy the balance of the planetary orbit in a galaxy after all.

duan ling tian said calmly, “watch carefully.”

du wei instantly averted his eyes and focused his attention on the planet as though he was afraid he would miss whatever happened next.

meanwhile, duan ling tian cast his extraordinary assist-type divine ability that was comparable to divine abilities in devata realms. “elementary devouring tactic!” whirlpools began to appear around him, some of them were even bigger than him, and began to absorb the heaven and earth spirit energy from the nearby planets.

everything happened in just a blink of an eye that du wei did not even have time to have a good look. he only saw shadows flashed across duan ling tian’s body before they disappeared.

whoosh!

then, du wei watched as a vast and majestic force suddenly appeared in duan ling tian’s lifted hand. the light from the force grew brighter and brighter like a burning sun, forcing him to close his eyes.

bang!

after a while, du wei opened his eyes and saw the force in duan ling tian’s hand suddenly shot toward the lifeless planet. then, he saw duan ling tian slap his hand down before a large handprint flew toward the planet as well, leaving tears in the void.

boom!

duan ling tian’s attacks brought with them a terrifying shockwave. although du wei was protected by duan ling tian’s power and did not suffer from the shockwave, he could still see how terrifying it was. the void seemed to ripple, like a stone that had been dropped into a calm lake, in the wake of duan ling tian’s attacks.

bang!

du wei was still in shock when he heard a deafening explosion from the lifeless planet, causing him to regain his senses. he instinctively looked at the lifeless planet again.

boom! boom! boom! boom! boom!

a series of explosions rang in the air again. du wei discovered his vision had been obstructed by a gigantic cloud of dust. he could no longer see the planet. after a while, when the dust finally settled, his eyes widened in shock as he stared at the scene before him. he stuttered, "t-this... t-this..."