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Chapter 2601 Jian Qiu Ping's Confidence

The Valley of Ares was a place where soldiers from the Black Dragon Army could spar and train. Naturally, when there were disputes among soldiers, they could also swear a death pact before their respective captains and fight in the Valley of Ares.

Usually, the Valley of Ares was very lively. Many Black Dragon Army's soldiers loved to spar and train here to improve their combat skills, Celestial Techniques, and Divine Abilities. However, the Valley of Ares was even livelier than usual. After all, there would be a duel between Jian Qiu Ping, who just got his title as captain stripped off, and Duan Ling Tian, a newly-appointed Captain of the Black Dragon Army. For this reason, most of the soldiers dropped everything they were doing and rushed to the Valley of Ares.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

For a moment, the sound of wind blowing rang in the air continuously as more and more soldiers from the Black Dragon Army made their way to the Valley of Ares. Like a swarm of locusts, their figures almost blotted out the sky.

Some soldiers who had just arrived could not help but exclaim, "Woah! There are so many people here!"

"Of course. After all, things like this don't happen every day. It's only natural that everyone will stop whatever they're doing and rush here to watch the fight."

"One of them is our former captain while the one is a newly-appointed captain who just joined us today. I wonder who's going to be the victor?"

"Although we can't say for sure who's going to be the victor, I'm certain Jian Qiu Ping has something up his sleeve. Otherwise, he wouldn't have conceded so easily to Qin Yun."

"You're right. If he weren't certain of his victory, he wouldn't have thrown the towel in so easily. Apart from that, Qin Yu was once a centurion under his command. It would be too embarrassing if he loses to Qin Yun."

"Jian Qiu Ping has always been a person who places great importance on his reputation. He definitely has something up his sleeve."

"Don't tell me you still can't see it? He has calculated that it would be more beneficial for him to forfeit the fight between him and Qin Yun and challenge the newly-appointed captain instead!"

Everyone in the Valley of Ares had their own thoughts about Jian Qiu Ping's motive. The majority of them were of the opinion that Jian Qiu Ping must be extremely confident he could defeat Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he would not have made such decisions. After all, losing a duel to his subordinate was embarrassing enough, let alone surrendering without a fight. He would be an even bigger laughingstock if he lost to Duan Ling Tian. For this reason, many people were certain he would be able to defeat Duan Ling Tian.

When the soldiers under Duan Ling Tian's command arrived in the Valley of Ares and heard the discussion in their surroundings, they scoffed contemptuously. They did not think Jian Qiu Ping would be able to defeat their captain.

"All of you are dreaming! There's no way Jian Qiu Ping will be able to defeat our captain!"

"He said he's going to show us what hell is like after he becomes our captain... Well, he'll have to defeat Captain Duan first before that can happen."

Upon hearing this, the soldiers began to discuss among themselves again.

"Oh? So you're saying Captain Duan is stronger than Jian Qiu Ping?" A Black Dragon Army soldier asked.

"Don't ask them. It's only natural they think their captain is stronger."

Another Black Dragon Army's soldier chimed in, "They've been bragging about how strong their captain is and how he's not a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial."

"Hmm, they might be lying though..."

"We'll see... The truth will eventually reveal itself if they're lying. I'd like to see their reactions when their captain is defeated by Jian Qiu Ping."

"Heavens! This is so exciting!"

"Well, to be honest, I think the odds are in Jian Qiu Ping's favor. Putting everything aside, he has been a Captain of the Black Dragon Army for years, and he never fights a battle unprepared."

"Now that you mention it, it does seem like Jian Qiu Ping has a better chance of winning."

After the discussion, a few of the soldiers from the Black Dragon Army who initially thought Duan Ling Tian had a chance of winning were swayed by the discussion in their surroundings. In the end, the only people who firmly believed Duan Ling Tian would win were his subordinates.

At this moment, someone shouted, "Here comes Centurion Jian Qiu Ping!"

For a moment, everyone in the Valley of Ares began to look around. In the end, their eyes were trained in the east direction and zeroed in on a figure that was descending from the sky.

Jian Qiu Ping was, naturally, in the limelight since he was one of the main characters of today's battle. None of the centurions present caused such a scene when they arrived. It was only natural since Jian Qiu Ping was still a captain of the Black Dragon Army not too long ago.

Whoosh!

Soon after, Jian Qiu Ping arrived at the platform in the center, which was known as the First Ring, in the Valley of Ares. After he descended, he stood with his hands clasped on his back and closed his eyes as he waited for Duan Ling Tian's arrival.

"Look how steady Centurion Jian is."

"Didn't I say Centurion Jian Qiu Ping will never fight a losing battle. Since he dares to challenge Captain Duan, he must be confident of winning the duel."

"Well, let's wait for Captain Duan Ling Tian. I wonder when he will show up..."

The crowds began to anticipate the arrival of Duan Ling Tian.

"Look! It's Captain Qin Yu!"

After about a quarter of an hour, another uproar broke out in the Valley of Ares. Everyone looked up and saw a strapping young man dressed in black robes. He was the newly appointed captain, Qin Yu.

Qin Yu had an awe-inspiring aura about him that made him stand out from the rest of the soldiers when he wore the Black Dragon Army's armor. Although his stance was casual, it did not detract from his aura at all.

Currently, there were about 200 centurions in the Valley of Ares. Although they were not as powerful as Jian Qiu Ping, they were Golden Celestials as well. When they showed up in the valley, the crowd was slightly excited by the sight as well.

As soon Jian Qiu Ping heard the commotion from Qin Yu's arrival, he suddenly opened his eyes and looked at Qin Yu coldly. He asked, "Qin Yu! Are you here to show off?" His expression darkened when he saw Qin Yu. After all, this person had just caused him to lose his position as captain. As a person who placed great importance on his reputation and pride, he was, naturally, unhappy.

"Don't misunderstand me, Centurion Jian Qiu Ping," Qin Yu said calmly as he met Jian Qiu Ping's eyes, "I'm here to see the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army. Naturally, it'll be best if you can defeat him. I'll be rooting for you."

Jian Qiu Ping scoffed and remained silent. He closed his eyes, no longer wanting to look at Qin Yu. However, just a few seconds had passed after he closed his eyes when a commotion broke out again, causing him to open his eyes again.

"Commander Chen!"

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A few of the Black Dragon Army's soldiers standing at the edge of the Valley of the Ares discovered a group of five men approaching from the distance. A middle-aged man with a curly beard and stocky built stood at the lead.

"Commander Chen!"

Soon after, everyone, including Jian Qiu Ping and Qin Yu, bowed at the middle-aged man as well.

"It has been a long time since I saw such a lively scene." Chen Xuan Ba stepped into the Valley of Ares first, followed by Duan Ling Tian and another three captains. He laughed as he turned to look at Qin Yu and congratulated him, "Well, I didn't have a chance to congratulate you earlier! Congratulations!"

"Thank you, Commander Chen," Qin Yu replied respectfully. Then, he joined the rank of captains standing behind Chen Xuan Ba.

Chen Xuan Ba turned his head slightly and looked at Duan Ling Tian briefly before he said to Qin Yu, "Qin Yu, I'd like you to meet Duan Ling Tian, our new captain."

"Greetings, Captain Duan Ling Tian. I'm Qin Yu," Qin Yu greeted Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 2602 A Furious Duan Ling Tian

"It's an honor to meet you, Captain Qin," Duan Ling Tian replied with a nod. He had roughly learned about what had happened during his journey here.

Originally, Qin Yu was a centurion under Jian Qiu Ping's command. He had gone into closed-door cultivation for a long time before coming out today. The moment he came out, he wasted no time in challenging Jian Qiu Ping. Who knew Jian Qiu Ping would give up without a fight? In the end, he had smoothly replaced Jian Qiu Ping as captain, and the latter was demoted to a centurion.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'That's why he addressed himself as a centurion when he challenged me to a duel earlier.'

"Captain Duan!"

"Captain Duan!"

While Duan Ling Tian was immersed in his own thoughts, he heard people calling out to him. He turned to look and was slightly taken aback by the sight of his subordinates bowing at him. Although he had quelled his subordinates' dissatisfaction with a show of strength earlier, he did not expect them to accept him as their captain so soon, let alone treat him with such respect

At the same time, everyone in the Valley of Ares shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian. Everyone sized him up as they began to discuss animatedly among themselves.

"He's the new captain, Duan Ling Tian?"

"He must be? Otherwise, why would his subordinates greet him like so? Those men used to be under Huang Ji Bing's command."

"Rumor has it that he's only a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. If it's true, they definitely won't treat him so respectfully."

"Who knows? Both sides are saying different things. We'll find out soon enough once everything is over."

"I didn't expect to meet our new captain under such circumstances."

"I'm really curious about his strength. After all, ordinary people wouldn't be able to retrieve Captain Huang's identity token."

"I'm starting to look forward to this fight."

After that, the group of Black Dragon soldiers turned in unison and looked at Jian Qiu Ping who was standing on the First Ring in the center of the Valley of Ares.

Duan Ling Tian and Jian Qiu Ping were the main characters of today's fight. Naturally, everyone's attention was focused on them.

"You've come, Duan Ling Tian," Jian Qiu Ping said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian contemptuously. He said in a provoking manner, "No offense, but I didn't think you'd accept the challenge. I thought you'd hide in your tent like a coward and pretend like you've gone into closed-door cultivation."

Everyone's eyes shifted to Duan Ling Tian upon hearing this.

"You're so full of yourself," Duan Ling Tian said in response to Jian Qiu Ping's provocative words. Then, he took a step forward. His figure blurred, and before his voice even faded away, he was hovering in the air and looking down at Jian Qiu Ping.

Jian Qiu Ping's expression changed when he saw Duan Ling Tian rising into the air and looking down at him. Anger erupted within him as he leaped up into the air, standing on even ground with Duan Ling Tian. He mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy before it began to surge out of his body in just a blink of an eye. He glared at Duan Ling Tian as he spat, "You're just a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial, how dare you say I'm full of myself. Do you really think you can defeat me?"

Duan Ling Tian did not deign to reply to Jian Qiu Ping. He remained as motionless as a statue as he planted his feet firmly in the air.

Upon seeing this, Jian Qiu Ping's expression darkened as he continued to hurl provocative words at Duan Ling Tian, "Well, you're quite talented, I'll give you that. You're quite good at currying favor with your subordinates. Otherwise, they wouldn't have spread rumors about you being stronger than me and how you're not a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial."

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly stunned when he heard Jian Qiu Ping's words. He instinctively turned to look at his subordinates. He did not expect his men would stand up for him without his knowledge.

Sensing his gaze, the centurion who was previously injured by Duan Ling Tian stepped forward and said, "Captain Duan, Centurion Jian came to our tents today and announced he would teach us a lesson after he replaces you as captain. However, I believe he doesn't stand a chance." He felt his blood boiled as he spoke.

"That's right!"

"We believe in you, Captain Duan!"

"We believe you won't give him a chance to replace you!"

All of the men in Duan Ling Tian's troops were roused by the centurion's speech. They began to cry out loudly in support of Duan Ling Tian. They looked at him expectantly, certain he would emerge victorious.

"What the hell are you talking about?! How dare you accuse me of such things?!" Jian Qiu Ping's expression changed. He scowled at the centurion who had spoken up. He did not expect to be exposed before Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army. It was only natural that he denied his

words. Although it was not unheard of for a superior to abuse his powers, such actions were frowned upon. At the very least, Chen Xuan Ba would not turn a blind eye to such a thing.

"Jian Qiu Ping!" As expected, Chen Xuan Ba's expression turned grim. He looked at Jian Qiu Ping menacingly as he said in a stern voice, "Care to explain yourself?"

Jian Qiu Ping knew there was no way he could talk himself out of this. There were too many witnesses and the circumstances were just right. He replied meekly, "Commander Chen, I was just joking with them. I didn't expect them to take it to heart..."

Chen Xuan Ba scoffed before he turned to Qin Yu and said, "Captain Qin, if Jian Qiu Ping defeats Captain Duan and manages to regain his position as captain, I want you to take over Captain Duan's troops and let Jian Qiu Ping have control over his original troops."

"Yes, Commander Chen," Qin Yu replied respectfully.

"This... I can't believe Commander Chen would give such an order."

After Chen Xuan Ba gave his order, all of the Black Dragon Army's soldiers were stunned. They fell momentarily silent before they began to discuss among themselves again.

"It seems like even Commander Chen doesn't think Captain Duan stands a chance against Centurion Jian."

"You don't say. Would Commander Chen make such an arrangement if he thinks Captain Duan stands a chance in winning?"

"Commander Chen is protecting Captain Duan's men. In case Captain Duan is defeated by Centurion Jian, he'll be able to protect them by putting them under Captain Qin's command."

"It seems like Captain Duan's fate is sealed."

"Even Commander Chen doesn't have confidence in Captain Duan, there's no doubt Captain Duan is going to lose."

Everyone, apart from Duan Ling Tian's men, was further convinced that Duan Ling Tian was going to be defeated. It was only natural since they did not personally witness Duan Ling Tian's strength.

Duan Ling Tian's men looked at him with eyes that were brimming with confidence.

"Based on Captain Duan's strength, at the very least, he'll come to a draw with Jian Qiu Ping. In other words, there's no way Jian Qiu Ping will become our captain!"

"Right! Captain Duan is not any weaker than Jian Qiu Ping!"

Duan Ling Tian was unaware of Jian Qiu Ping's words to his men until now. How could he let this pass? His expression darkened as he said, "You're going to replace me and teach my men a lesson?"

In the next second, Duan Ling Tian's figure seemed to have vanished into thin air as he soared into the sky like an eagle. He said in a grim voice, "Jian Qiu Ping! I'll give you three seconds to unleash whatever

skills and techniques you have in your arsenal. After three seconds are up, if I fail to defeat you with a strike, I'll give up my position as a Captain of the Black Dragon Army." As his voice resounded in the valley, the temperature seemed to plummet, causing the people in the surroundings to feel as though winter had arrived.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian's voice faded, the Valley of Ares fell deathly silent.

2603 Gigantic Rod Tremor

"Jian Qiu Ping! I'll give you three breaths to cast and use all your skills and techniques. If I can't defeat you in a single strike after three breaths, I, Duan Ling Tian, will concede the position of Captain of the Black Dragon Army to you!" Duan Ling Tian said icily. A heavy silence descended on the Valley of Ares as his words resounded in everyone's ears for a long time. Everyone, including Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, and Jian Qiu Ping, was shocked by how outrageous Duan Ling Tian's words were!

Chen Xuan Ba was the first to regain his senses. When he looked at Duan Ling Tian, his eyes gleamed with suspicion as he thought to himself, 'Is it possible that I've underestimated Duan Ling Tian?' As the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, he was a good judge of character. Although Duan Ling Tian's words were domineering and arrogant, he could see Duan Ling Tian was brimming with confidence. Moreover, it did not seem like Duan Ling Tian was putting on a front. After all, the confidence Duan Ling Tian exuded was not something that could be faked!

Meanwhile, Jian Qiu Ping who had just regained his senses laughed uproariously as though he had just heard a very funny joke. His laughter was so loud that it caused everyone to regain their senses.

"Captain Duan s-said that he's going to defeat Centurion Jian with a single strike? Heavens! Is he joking?"

"Defeat Centurion Jian Qiu with a single strike? I'm afraid only Commander Chen is capable of that in the Black Dragon Army, right?"

"If he's truly so strong, why is there a need for him to come here and assume the position of a captain?"

"I think he's just putting on a front. Perhaps, he's doing this to mentally affect Centurion Jian, sort of like a psychological attack."

"Psychological attack? Based on the current situation, Centurion Jian doesn't seem to be affected by his words at all."

Based on the discussions of the officers and soldiers of the Black Dragon Army, one could see they thought Duan Ling Tian was just boasting and putting on a front. None of them believed he was capable of defeating Jian Qiu Ping with a single strike.

"Our captain is truly..."

"Although I believe he's not any weaker than Jian Qiu Ping, it doesn't seem like he'll be able to defeat Jian Qiu Ping with a single strike, right?"

"What's our captain doing? Why did he say he's going to concede the position to Jian Qiu Ping if he can't defeat Jian Qiu Ping with a strike? Does he dislike being our captain?"

Even Duan Ling Tian's subordinates were stunned by his words and found them hard to believe. Although they were confident he would not be defeated by Jian Qiu Ping, they did not think he would be able to defeat Jian Qiu Ping with a single strike! If Jian Qiu Ping was a mere centurion who had yet to become a Golden Celestial, it would be possible for him to achieve such a feat. However, Jian Qiu Ping was a Golden Celestial and had been a captain for a long time! Only Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, would be capable of defeating Jian Qiu Ping with a strike in the Black Dragon Army.

"Arrogant!"

"I think he's crazy!"

Among the four captains standing behind Chen Xuan Ba, Qin Yu and Zhao Dong Xing wore a slight frown on their faces while Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu had a contemptuous expression on their faces.

Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu had been disdainful of Duan Ling Tian ever since they learned he was only a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. Naturally, they did not believe Duan Ling Tian when he said he was going to defeat Jian Qiu Ping with a single strike. They only thought Duan Ling Tian had gone crazy!

After Jian Qiu Ping stopped laughing, his eyes gleamed with anger as he said disdainfully, "Is there a need for me to cast and use all my techniques and skills just to defeat a mere Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial? I just need to use half of my strength to defeat you!" As soon as he stopped speaking, the Celestial Origin that he had mobilized since a while ago surged out of his body like a trapped dragon that had just broken free of its constraints. He roared, "Duan Ling Tian, I don't even need a Celestial Weapon to defeat you. All I need is a mere rod!" His Celestial Origin Energy twined around his body like a dragon and lifted him into the sky and transformed into a pair of wings. This was a movement Divine Ability that he had mastered. He did not use any Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities since he did not see the need for it.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Celestial Origin Energy in Jian Qiu Ping's palm solidified into a long rod as the wind howled in the air. It was obvious that he was skilled with the rod. As he charged toward Duan Ling Tian, he bellowed, "Gigantic Rod Tremor!" Based on his speed, he would be able to reach Duan Ling Tian in just a blink of an eye.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Jian Qiu Ping wielded the long rod that was formed from his Celestial Origin Energy skillfully. It seemed as though his rod was capable of causing a tremor in heaven and on earth!

Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu who were standing behind Chen Xuan Ba looked at Jian Qiu Ping in admiration as though they could already see the scene of Duan Ling Tian being defeated.

"Based on Jian Qiu Ping's strength, this rod is more than enough to defeat a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial!"

"Jian Qiu Ping's rod contains the subtleties of Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. The Gigantic Rod Tremor is an attack he had mastered by merging an offensive Celestial Method and offensive Divine Ability. Hence, its power should not be underestimated."

Meanwhile, Chen Xuan Ba looked at Duan Ling Tian intently as he murmured to himself, "I really want to see how you're going to defeat Jian Qiu Ping with a single strike..." He saw Duan Ling Tian remained calm even as Jian Qiu Ping charged toward him menacingly with his rod. It seemed like Duan Ling Tian did not take Jian Qiu Ping seriously at all.

"Hmm?" In between lightning and thunder, Chen Xuan Ba who was carefully observing Duan Ling Tian saw a flicker of disdain in Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

At the same time, Jian Qiu Ping brandished his rod and was fast approaching Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When Jian Qiu Ping was only a stone throw away from Duan Ling Tian, the ear-piercing sound of wind howling rang in the air. It sounded as though it could split the heavens.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, dazzling sword rays surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body. There were so many of them that it seemed that there were at least 10,000 of them.

Boom!

At the same time, a loud and heavy sound similar to a drum rang in the air.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Soon after, a series of thunderous explosions rang in the air, stirring up a flurry of hurricanes in the Valley of Ares. The hurricanes were so strong that some soldiers with a weaker cultivation base could not see what was going on.

At this moment, a giant sword had appeared under Duan Ling Tian's feet. The giant sword was formed by the dazzling sword rays that surged out from his body earlier. The giant sword seemed like an impenetrable fortress as it repelled Jian Qiu Ping's seemingly powerful strike from his rod.

As soon as Jian Qiu Ping's rod connected with the giant sword under Duan Ling Tian's feet, his hands trembled from the backlash. His rod that was formed from his Celestial Origin Energy disappeared instantly, and he was sent flying back like a shot arrow. After he spat out a mouthful of blood, he managed to regain his footing. His eyes burned with fury and humiliation as he roared, "Duan Ling Tian, I want you dead! Die!"

Everyone was stunned speechless by this scene.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The wind howled again.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

At this moment, Jian Qiu Ping had brought out his Celestial Weapon, a long rod, and he had also cast all his Divine Abilities. His Celestial Origin Energy had risen in strength before he cast the Gigantic Rod Tremor again! Although it was the same technique, now that he had unleashed it with his full strength, the attack was, naturally, stronger. The Celestial Rod whistled in the air as it fell toward Duan Ling Tian like a falling pillar of heaven. The visual impact was truly stunning. It seemed capable of destroying heaven and earth!

Bang!

Jian Qiu Ping's Celestial Weapon, a long rod, finally connected with the gigantic sword beneath Duan Ling Tian's feet that seemed like a protective shield. The power from the Gigantic Rod Tremor was two times stronger this time around!

Chapter 2604 Not Complying With the Rules

Bang!

A deafening explosion sounded in the air when Jian Qiu Ping's Celestial Rod connected with Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword that was formed by sword rays, causing many soldiers with a weaker cultivation base to feel a stabbing pain in their eardrums.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A circle of shockwave rippled out from Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword. It was as though a boulder had been through into a calm lake.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The shockwave spread out in all directions. Many officers and soldiers of the Black Dragon Army in the Valley of Ares were forced to retreat under this extreme pressure.

"Centurion Jian unleashed his full strength?"

"Of course, he was so angered earlier. There's no way he would hold back!"

Many of the officers and soldiers in the Valley of Ares discussed among themselves as they looked up into the sky above the First Ring. However, they were dumbfounded by the sight that greeted their eyes.

A purple-clad young man stood on a gigantic sword in the air, looking like a divine being.

Slightly below, Jian Qiu Ping's hand that was holding the long rod was bleeding. It could be seen that the web between his index finger and thumb was torn. Moreover, his face was dyed in shades of blue and white as he retreated ten steps. When he sensed the gazes in his surroundings, he became agitated, causing him to throw up a mouthful of blood that arced dazzlingly in the sky.

Upon seeing this, most of the soldiers felt a frisson of fear.

"Wh-what happened?"

"Captain Duan only defended himself, but he managed to make Centurion Jian look so wretched?"

"It was acceptable earlier since Centurion Jian didn't use his full strength. However, Centurion Jian attacked with all his might the second time, but he still couldn't hurt Captain Duan. Moreover, Centurion Jian is injured as well?"

"Heavens! How is Captain Duan so strong?"

In the Valley of Ares, the soldiers who regained their senses looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock and incredulity. Since their commander did not think highly of this new captain, they thought the new captain was bound to lose. The result was too shocking! Jian Qiu Ping, their former captain, had attacked with all his might, but he did not even manage to breach the new captain's defense.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian's subordinates were similarly shocked when they witnessed this scene. However, they felt joy coursing through their veins as well. In the future, with such a strong captain at their backs, they would be able to do as they pleased, right?

"Our captain is so s-strong?"

"Heavens! Am I dreaming?"

"Based on his strength, it seems like he's even stronger than Captain Huang Ji Bing, right?"

At the same time, many officers and soldiers of the Black Dragon Army looked at Duan Ling Tian's men in envy and jealousy. They were, naturally, jealous that Duan Ling Tian was not their captain. It seemed like Duan Ling Tian's men had gained a strong backer.

'Who's he? Why did he come to my Black Dragon Army?' Chen Xuan Ba thought to himself as he shuddered slightly. He knew that even he could not have perfectly blocked Jian Qiu Ping's attack just by relying on his defensive technique. How could he not be stunned by this?

"H-how is this possible?"

"I-isn't he a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial?"

Meanwhile, Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu, who were standing behind Chen Xuan Ba, exchanged a look and saw the incredulity in each other's eyes.

"How strong!" Qin Yu and Zhao Dong Xing stared at Duan Ling Tian in awe.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was standing on his gigantic sword with his hands clasped on his back. He looked like an emperor looking down on his subject as he looked at the injured Jian Qiu Ping. "Are these all your skills and techniques?"

Jian Qiu Ping trembled when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. At this moment, he stared at Duan Ling Tian as though he was the devil incarnate. His eyes were slightly widened and his expression changed drastically as he hastily said, "I surrender! I surrender!" He had no qualms admitting defeat. After all, although he was confused as to why Duan Ling Tian was so strong, he no longer doubted Duan Ling Tian's strength. He only wanted to get as far away as he could from Duan Ling Tian. Who cared about honor and pride at this time? He knew he would only be beaten if the battle continued. He had attacked with all his might, and yet, he could not even break through Duan Ling Tian's defense.

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "You'll have to receive one strike from my sword. If you survive, I'll allow you to surrender!" At the same time, the gigantic sword beneath his feet suddenly rose, radiating a dazzling light. The gigantic sword was formed from sword rays after all. For this reason, everyone in the Valley of Ares could feel the formidable Sword Qi from Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword.

"No..." Jian Qiu Ping's expression changed drastically. He knew Duan Ling Tian intended to kill him. He said hysterically, "You can't kill me! We have a rule in the Black Dragon Army that prohibits us from killing unless we've signed a death pact! If you kill me, you'll be violating the Black Dragon Army's rules, and you'll be severely punished!" It could be seen that he was grasping at straws when he mentioned the Black Dragon Army's rules.

Boom!

However, Duan Ling Tian's only response was the sword slashing down from the sky. It seemed to have blotted out the sky at this moment. The gigantic sword's sharp blade did not fall on Jian Qiu Ping, but its body fell on Jian Qiu Ping instead. It looked as though a huge mountain was following after Jian Qiu Ping as Jian Qiu Ping tried to avoid it.

Jian Qiu Ping discovered the gigantic sword had locked onto his aura earlier so there was no way he could escape it. He felt he could no longer endure it. After all, he had been injured twice earlier. Even in peak condition, he would barely survive even if he unleashed all his strength. The power of the gigantic sword was far beyond what he could endure.

Boom!

The giant sword continued to shoot after Jian Qiu Ping, suppressing him. In just a blink of an eye, it was hovering above his head. He quickly turned to Chen Xuan Ba and pleaded, "No! No! Save me, Lord Commander! Save me!"

However, Chen Xuan Ba did nothing as though he was dumbstruck by the scene.

Bang!

At this moment, the gigantic sword, seemingly wielded by a god, fell on Jian Qiu Ping, crushing him. As soon as it fell on him, he exploded into a blood mist. Only a long rod and a Spatial Ring could be seen in the blood mist.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian who was hovering in the air casually raised his hand to retrieve Jian Qiu Ping's Celestial Weapon and Spatial Ring before putting them away.

A heavy silence descended on the Valley of Ares again. It took a while before the crowd finally regained their senses. They inhaled sharply as they turned to look at Duan Ling Tian in awe. Even the four captains standing behind Chen Xuan Ba look at him in admiration.

A hint of remorse could be seen in Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu's eyes. They really regretted not being able to see through Duan Ling Tian's strength. They truly hated Jian Qiu Ping who was killed by Duan Ling Tian for misleading them. If it were not for Jian Qiu Ping, they would not have thought Duan Ling Tian was a mere Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial.

At this moment, Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Army, finally said in a low voice as he stared at Duan Ling Tian, "Captain Duan, you didn't have a death pact with Jian Qiu Ping, and yet, you killed him. It seems like you didn't comply with the Black Dragon Army's rules, right?"

Chapter 2605 Liu Feng Gu, The City Governor of Bloody Specter City!

When Duan Ling Tian heard Chen Xuan Ba's question, he looked at Chen Xuan Ba meaningfully and replied slowly, "Broke the rules? Commander, rules are set by humans, right? As the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, it all depends on your words if I have broken a rule or not today." His eyes were slightly narrowed when he spoke. "Captain Duan, what's your objective in coming to the Black Dragon Army?" Chen Xuan Ba asked in a low voice. After witnessing Duan Ling Tian's attack, he could see that Duan Ling Tian was not weaker than him. Moreover, there was a chance that Duan Ling Tian was even stronger than him. Why would someone with such strength come to the Black Dragon Army just to be a captain under his command? He was not worried his position as the Commander of Black Dragon Army would be taken away just because Duan Ling Tian was stronger. After all, it was not easy for one to be appointed as a commander. The process was different from captains, centurions, and decurions who could obtain their positions through sheer strength. A commander, on the other hand, had to be personally appointed by the City Governor. In other words, one would need the approval of the City Governor to become a commander.

Duan Ling Tian answered bluntly, "I'm looking for a place to cultivate."

Chen Xuan Ba studied Duan Ling Tian intently, trying to determine Duan Ling Tian's motive. However, he did not see any signs that showed Duan Ling Tian was lying. After mulling over it, he could not think of a reason for Duan Ling Tian to harbor ill intentions toward the Black Dragon Army. He thought to himself, 'It seems like there's nothing in the Black Dragon Army that's worthy of his attention.' In the end, he decided not to think about it anymore and only glanced at Duan Ling Tian before he left the Valley of Ares.

Chen Xuan Ba's departure undoubtedly expressed his stance toward today's incident. It seemed like he was not going to pursue the matter of Duan Ling Tian killing Jian Qiu Ping.

The officers and soldiers present in the Valley of Ares were not surprised by this outcome. Although their commander did not battle with Duan Ling Tian, it was quite clear that Duan Ling Tian was as strong, if not stronger, as their commander. For that reason, even if their commander wanted to hold Duan Ling Tian accountable for Jian Qiu Ping's death, he might be unable to do so unless he reported the matter to the City Governor. Even then, based on what they knew about the City Governor, he was a man who valued talent. As long as Duan Ling Tian did not harbor ill intentions toward Bloody Specter City, it was very likely that he would not hold Duan Ling Tian accountable for Jian Qiu Ping's death as well. After all, Jian Qiu Ping who was killed was nowhere near as valuable as Duan Ling Tian.

After Chen Xuan Ba had left, under everyone's watchful eyes, Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu, two of the Captains of the Black Dragon Army, flew toward Duan Ling Tian and spoke enthusiastically.

"Captain Duan, I didn't expect you to conceal your strength! That fellow, Jian Qiu Ping, was truly blind for calling you a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial!"

"That's right! That's right! That damn Jian Qiu Ping! It's certainly his honor for being able to die in your hands!"

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian sneered at them inwardly. Initially, two of them had changed their attitude as soon as Jian Qiu Ping declared he was a mere Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial. For this reason, he was indifferent to their friendliness. He ignored both of them and approached the other two captains on the scene, Zhao Dong Xin and Qin Yu. He bade them farewell. "Captain Zhao, Captain Qin, I'll take my leave first since I'm in a rush to cultivate!"

"Take care, Captain Duan," Zhao Dong Xing and Qin Yu quickly responded. Although Duan Ling Tian was just a captain like them, they did not dare to treat him as an equal. After all, based on the strength that he displayed earlier, it seemed like his strength was not any weaker than their commander's.

After Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Zhao Dong Xing and Qin Yu, he turned and nodded at his subordinates who were looking at him excitedly before he swiftly flew out of the Valley of Ares.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu left after Duan Ling Tian had left. After all, their current situation was very awkward. They took the initiative to greet Duan Ling Tian earlier and even took the initiative to say flattering words, but Duan Ling Tian had just ignored them. They were, naturally, angry, but they did not dare to express it. Based on the strength Duan Ling Tian had displayed earlier, it was clear he was not someone they could afford to offend!

Soon after, Qin Yu and Zhao Dong Xing followed suit and left as well.

With the high-ranking officials gone, the soldiers in the Valley of Ares broke into an uproar!

"I really didn't expect Captain Duan to be so strong. I don't think he's any weaker than our commander," a centurion said with a sigh.

Many people agreed with the centurion's words.

"Indeed."

"I wonder why Captain Duan came to the Black Dragon Army when he's so strong?"

"Didn't you hear him say he was looking for a place to cultivate? Apart from Lord City Governor's isolated room, the best cultivation locations in and around Bloody Specter City are the locations of the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrm Army's commanders and captains' tents."

"I wonder what the expressions of those from the Silverwyrm Army would be like if they learn that we have a captain who's as strong as our commander?"

"There's no doubt that it would be splendid!"

The officers and soldiers of the Black Dragon Army were so focused in their discussions that they stayed in the Valley of Ares for half a day. Their animated discussions revolved around their new captain.

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Meanwhile, Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, left the camp after he had left the Valley of Ares. At this moment, he had entered the Bloody Specter City, rushing to the City Governor's estate to meet the City Governor.

The City Governor was called Liu Feng Gu. He was a tall middle-aged man with a dignified air about him. He was in the midst of cultivating when Chen Xuan Ba arrived. Since he was not in closed-door cultivation, he could stop cultivating as he pleased and go out to greet Chen Xuan Ba.

In the main hall of the City Governor's estate, Liu Feng Gu was sitting on the main seat. He looked at Chen Xuan Ba who was sitting at the bottom and asked with a smile, "Xuan Ba, you're in such a hurry to find me, is there something important?"

Chen Xuan Ba was one of his commanders and was in charge of the Black Dragon Army. He had always been conscientious and had never made a mistake. Therefore, he liked this subordinate very much. Furthermore, after years of being together, he had long stopped treating Chen Xuan Ba as an outsider.

Chen Xuan Ba did not beat around the bush and replied, "Lord City Governor, do you remember I made an announcement about giving the position of captain to whoever finds the identity token of one our captains who died?"

Liu Feng Gu nodded. "Yes, I heard about it." A shocked expression appeared on his face as he asked, "What? Did someone find it? However, I heard your captain died because he was accidentally pulled into the Little World in the mountain range south of our Bloody Specter City. Does this mean the deceased captain was not pulled into the Little World?" Judging from his expression, he was quite curious about this matter.

"There's no mistake he died in the Little World. However, someone managed to retrieve his identity token from the Little World," Chen Xuan Ba said.

Upon hearing Chen Xuan Ba's words, Liu Feng Gu rose to his feet in shock. His eyes were burning as he asked, "What? Xuan Ba, are... are you certain about this?"

"Yes." Chen Xuan Ba nodded. Then, he recounted what Duan Ling Tian had told him to Liu Feng Gu. "After that, I personally made a trip south to verify that the entrance to the Little World had disappeared."

Liu Feng Gu narrowed his eyes and murmured, "As it turns out, that Little World was created by a Supreme Celestial King from the Blissful Sect! It's no wonder that even high-rank Celestial Kingdoms that came couldn't decrypt the secret of the Little World after all these years. After all, the Blissful Sect is far stronger than the forces of high-rank Celestial Kingdoms!" A hint of awe and reverence could be heard in his voice as he spoke about the Blissful Sect. To someone like him, even a high-rank Celestial Kingdom was out of his reach, let alone the Blissful Sect that was much stronger. "Your new captain is, indeed, lucky for being able to leave the Little Word alive."

At this moment, Chen Xuan Ba revealed the reason for his visit. "Lord City Governor, I'm here today because of him. I've witnessed his strength earlier, he's not any weaker than me!"

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As soon as Chen Xuan Ba finished speaking, Liu Feng Gu's eyes widened in surprise. "What? He's not weaker than you?"

"Yes." Chen Xuan Ba nodded and recounted everything that transpired in the Valley of Ares as he crushed a Celestial Talisman.

A small and crisp noise rang in the air as a projected screen appeared in the main hall. It was a mirror image that showed the duel between Duan Ling Tian and Jian Qiu Ping in the Valley of Ares today.

It showed Jian Qiu Ping's first failed attempt in attacking Duan Ling Tian. Then, it showed him unleashing all his strength out of anger to attack but to no avail as well. Soon after, the mirror image showed a purple-clad young man standing above a gigantic sword that emitted dazzling lights with his hands clasped on his back. It seemed as though he had remained motionless as the sword crushed Jian Qiu Ping and turned him into a blood mist!

Liu Feng Gu inhaled sharply after he watched the scenes in the mirror image. Although as the City Governor, he had seen and experienced a lot, he was still startled by the recording that Chen Xuan Ba had recorded using a Celestial Talisman. His expression was solemn as he said, "Indeed. He's not any weaker than you." He did not reveal all his thoughts to Chen Xuan Ba. He did not tell Chen Xuan Ba that it was highly probable that the purple-clad young man did not unleash his full strength. Moreover, the purple-clad young man did not even use a Celestial Weapon. He thought to himself, 'I wonder if I can best him in a battle...'

After a moment, Liu Feng Gu turned to look at Chen Xuan Ba and asked solemnly, "Xuan Ba, what do you think his reasons are for joining the Black Dragon Army?"

"I asked him about this directly. He said he just wanted a good cultivation location to cultivate in," Chen Xuan Ba replied.

"A good place to cultivate in?" Liu Feng Gu was startled.

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In the Black Dragon Army's camp.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware that Chen Xuan Ba had gone to see Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, because of him. After he left the Valley of Ares, he had returned to his tent to continue cultivating.

"Unfortunately, I don't have a graded cultivation method from the Devata Realms. Otherwise, the assisttype Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, that I cast would raise my Celestial Origin Energy higher than just two levels," Duan Ling Tian said with a sigh.

Previously, Elder Huo, the pagoda spirit of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, had told him that the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was an extraordinary Divine Ability even in the Devata Realms. However, the assist-type Divine Ability would only be able to unleash its full potential after his Celestial Origin Energy had been tempered by a graded cultivation method from the Devata Realms.

In other words, currently, Duan Ling Tian was unable to unleash the full potential of the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, because his Celestial Origin Energy had not been tempered by a graded cultivation method from the Devata Realms!

Duan Ling Tian murmured to himself, "Previously, the young waiter from the restaurant in Bloody Specter City said the City Governor possesses a graded cultivation method. Apparently, there are only three people who cultivated it in the entire city. These people are the City Governor and the Commanders of the Black Dragon Army and the Silverwyrm Army. It's undoubtedly important to cultivate a graded cultivation method in the Devata Realms to temper one's Celestial Origin Energy, and most importantly, to increase one's cultivation speed. The higher the grade of the cultivation method, the faster one would be able to increase one's cultivation base. Perhaps, I should try and obtain that cultivation method from the City Governor." His eyes shone brightly at this moment. If he could get his hands on the cultivation method, he would be able to cultivate at a faster rate. Based on how only three people had cultivated the cultivation method, he knew it was not casually given to people to cultivate.

"With my current strength, I might not lose to the City Governor if I unleash my full strength. However, force doesn't seem to be the best way to obtain that cultivation method," Duan Ling Tian sighed.

After Duan Ling Tian had exited the Little World, he had discovered that after he had become a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial, he might be capable of defeating the Commanders of the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrm Army and even the City Governor of Bloody Specter City if he unleashed all his strength. However, he knew he would not necessarily be made a Commander of the Black Dragon Army or the Silverwyrm Army just because of his superior strength. After all, the City Governor's approval was needed for one to be appointed as a commander. Moreover, even if he was stronger than the City Governor, he could neither kill the City Governor to seize control of the city nor force him to appoint him as the Commander of the Black Dragon Army or the Silverwyrm Army. After all, Bloody Specter City was under the jurisdictions of the Nine Specters County. To become the City Governor, one would require approval from the county!

If Duan Ling Tian used force on the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, the City Governor was more than capable of sending a message to the Nine Specters County for help. If he were to kill the City Governor hastily, the Nine Specters County would definitely hunt him down. For this reason, he could only be content with the position of Captain of the Black Dragon Army in order to live in the Bloody Specter City safely.

Duan Ling Tian had thought about going to other bigger places in the Nine Specters County. However, he felt he was still too weak. In larger cities, there were definitely many more powerhouses. If he was unlucky, he might be killed by someone stronger. For this reason, he decided to stay in Bloody Specter City to improve his strength. He would only leave once he was certain he was able to protect himself. He had to play it safe. After all, the lives of his family and friends rested on his shoulders. Not only did he have to stay alive for his own sake, but he had to stay alive for his loved ones as well.

'Cultivation method... The cultivation method from Devata Realms...' Duan Ling Tian could not stop thinking about the cultivation methods from Devata Realms. Due to the distracting thoughts in his mind, he decided to stop cultivating and left his tent.

"Commander?" As soon as Duan Ling Tian left his tent, he saw Chen Xuan Ba who had just returned to camp.

Chen Xuan Ba approached Duan Ling Tian and greeted him politely, "Captain Duan." He did not treat Duan Ling Tian with the air of a superior but as an equal. Naturally, this was because he had determined Duan Ling Tian was in no way inferior to him.

"Commander, is it true that our Bloody Specter City has a yellow-grade cultivation method?" Duan Ling Tian asked bluntly as he looked at Chen Xuan Ba.

The yellow-grade cultivation method was the method the City Governor of Bloody Specter City possessed. Like Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities in the Devata Realms, there were also grades for cultivation methods in the Devata Realms. The lowest grade was yellow-grade cultivation methods. Regardless, it was still better than the cultivation methods that had no grades. For example, the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique that Duan Ling Tian cultivated was considered as an ungraded cultivation method in the Devata Realms. Although he could continue cultivating that method, his cultivation speed would be a lot slower compared to if he were to cultivate a graded cultivation method. Moreover, the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique could not temper his Celestial Origin Energy that would allow him to unleash his assist-type Divine Ability's full potential and raise his Celestial Origin Energy even higher!

"Yes. That method was given to our Lord City Governor by the County Chief of the Nine Specters County. In Bloody Specter City, only Lord City Governor, the Commander of Silverwyrm Army, the Golden Serpent Guards, and I have cultivated that method." Chen Xuan Ba nodded.

"Golden Serpent Guards?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly startled. He was unaware that the City Governor's Golden Serpent Guards also cultivated that method.

"Yes." Chen Xuan Ba nodded.

"So the reason why all of the 100 Golden Serpent Guards are Golden Celestials is mostly due to the yellow-grade cultivation method..." Realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. Previously, he had been rather surprised when the young waiter had told him that each and every one of the 100 Golden Serpent Guards were Golden Celestials. After all, there were only about ten Golden Celestials in the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrm Army.

When Chen Xuan Ba heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he shook his head. "100 Golden Serpent Guards? That's a misinformation. In truth, the City Governor only has 18 Golden Serpent Guards, and they're known as the Eighteen Golden Serpent Guards. Although there are only 18 of them, they're far stronger than any captains in the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrm Army." He paused for a moment before he said, "Naturally, this doesn't include you, Captain Duan."

"Commander, if I want to cultivate that cultivation method, do you think the City Governor will be willing to impart it to me?" Duan Ling Tian asked bluntly.

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Faced with Duan Ling Tian's question, Chen Xuan Ba replied frankly, "It'll be very difficult. Lord City Governor treasures that cultivation method greatly. He'll only impart the method to someone he trusts

and has achieved a certain cultivation base." Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully before he said again, "Your cultivation base definitely meets Lord City Governor's requirement, but in regard to trust... If you serve the Black Dragon Army for decades or centuries, he might be willing to teach you at that time."

"Decades or centuries?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Not to mention the Black Dragon Army, but he could not stay in Bloody Specter City for long. 'Well, even if I don't cultivate a graded cultivation method now, I can still cultivate as fast the Commander of the Black Dragon Army and the City Governor of Bloody Specter City just by relying on my 99 Heavenly Veins.' After he thought it through, he decided to put the matter aside.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not have a graded cultivation method for now, he had 99 Heavenly Veins that everyone would envy. In Devata Realms, it was advantageous to have more Heavenly Veins since it would help one to mobilize one's Celestial Origin Energy and cultivate at a faster speed. Moreover, he thought he would be able to obtain a graded cultivation method easily after he improved his strength and left the Bloody Specter City. In Bloody Specter City, a yellow-grade cultivation method was treated like a peerless treasure. He was certain that the strong forces in the Nine Specters County would have higher grade cultivation methods.

'The young waiter also said there would be graded cultivation methods that are put up for auction occasionally in the Nine Specters County.' With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian felt relieved. After bidding farewell to Chen Xuan Ba, he returned to his tent. He managed to calm down and begin to cultivate.

After cultivating for an hour, a loud voice rang from outside Duan Ling Tian's tent, waking him up from his cultivation.

"Lord Captain!"

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, a slight frown could be seen on his face. However, he still exited his tent since he knew the voice belonged to one of his men. It was the centurion whom he had injured.

"What can I do for you?" Duan Ling Tian asked. He knew the centurion must have something urgent to report based on his voice that was laden with anxiety.

"Lord Captain, I come with a message. Two centurions and seven decurions from our troops are being held hostage in a restaurant in Bloody Specter City by Captain Yang Kong Ping of the Silverwyrm Army. He had asked me to tell you to personally retrieve them!" The centurion quickly revealed the reason for his visit.

"Two of my centurions and seven of my decurions are being held hostage by a Captain of the Silverwyrm Army?" Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened immediately.

Duan Ling Tian was somewhat moved when he saw how his subordinates had trusted him in the Valley of Ares and how they had stood up for him. At that moment, he had sincerely accepted them as his

subordinates. Therefore, when he was told his subordinates were being held hostage by a captain from the Silverwyrm Army, he felt fury coursing through his veins!

"Take me there!" Duan Ling Tian demanded.

The centurion quickly stepped forward to lead the way without wasting any time.

During the journey, Duan Ling Tian asked the centurion, "What's your name?"

"Lord Captain, I'm Tong Zheng," the Centurion replied politely. Although he was injured by Duan Ling Tian earlier, and his injury had yet to heal, he did not resent Duan Ling Tian since he knew he was at fault!

"Tell me how the conflict with the people from the Silverwyrm Army started. Although the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrm Army don't get along that well, the Captain of the Silverwyrm Army would not act so recklessly for no reason, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Lord Captain, the thing is..." Tong Zheng recounted everything in detail as he led the way.

As it turned out, this matter was related to Duan Ling Tian. After he had defeated Jian Qiu Ping in the Valley of Ares, his subordinates, two centurions and seven decurions, not counting Tong Zheng, had gone to a restaurant in Bloody Specter City to celebrate. Since they were talking loudly about what had happened in the Valley of Ares, a captain and a few centurions from the Silverwyrm Army overheard their conversation. Those people from the Silverwyrm Army claimed his subordinates were bragging and telling lies. Since a Captain of the Silverwyrm Army was there, everyone in the restaurant, naturally, agreed with the people from the Silverwyrm Army and accused Tong Zheng and the others of lying.

Tong Zheng and the others, naturally, felt unresigned from being wrongfully accused so they began to defend themselves. Unfortunately, their voices were drowned out by the other guests in the restaurant. Although they felt wronged, they decided to leave the restaurant under everyone's contemptuous stare. However, they were prevented from leaving. The person who had stopped them from leaving was none other than the Captain of the Silverwyrm Army!

The Captain of the Silverwyrm Army had only allowed one of them to leave so that person would be able to convey his message to Duan Ling Tian. He wanted Duan Ling Tian to personally retrieve his subordinates because he wanted to see what kind of person had replaced Huang Ji Bing, the previous captain of Duan Ling Tian's troops.

Since Duan Ling Tian's ten subordinates were weaker than the Captain of the Silverwyrm Army, nine of them could only stay back while Tong Zheng left the restaurant to return to camp and convey the message to Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing Tong Zheng's words, Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed and shone with anger. "Yang Kong Ping, Captain of the Silverwyrm Army? How domineering..."

Although Duan Ling Tian looked calm, Tong Zheng who was leading the way in front could clearly feel chills running up his spine at this moment. Duan Ling Tian's anger felt palpable to him. 'Lord Captain is truly angry!' Before they arrived in Bloody Specter City, he continued to say, "Lord Captain, Yang Kong Ping's strength is ranked in the top three among the ten Captains of the Silverwyrm Army. Apart from being a captain, he's also the brother-in-law of the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army. For this reason,

even our previous captain, Huang Ji Bing, wouldn't simply provoke him even though he was not any weaker than Yang Kong Ping."

Then, Tong Zheng turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and said, "You can just display a little of your strength to Yang Kong Ping and take our men away. If it's possible, try not to hurt him. The Commander of the Silverwyrm Army is known to be protective!" When he saw the blank expression on Duan Ling Tian's face, his heart jolted, and he hastily said, "Naturally, I'm not doubting your strength. I just don't wish for our conflict to cause you trouble." Since he had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength in the Valley of Ares, he was confident his captain would be able to easily defeat Yang Kong Ping. However, he was not certain if his captain was a match for the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army.

"Okay, I know what to do," Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently. Since the beginning until now, his expression had remained calm.

It did not take long before they entered Bloody Specter City. Duan Ling Tian who was burning with anger followed Tong Zheng to a relatively fancy restaurant.

There was a board hanging on the entrance of the restaurants with the words, 'Lai Feng Restaurant'. Based on the calligraphy, the words were written powerfully with a strong hand. Therefore, it was not difficult to tell that it had been written by a man.

At this moment, there were many people, on the ground and in the air, crowding around the entrance of the restaurant. All of them were peering in as though something interesting was going on inside.

When a few sharp-eyed people in the crowd saw Tong Zheng, they began to cry out.

"They are here! They are here!"

"It's the centurion from the Black Dragon Army who left earlier! He has returned!"

"Is the purple-clad young man next to him the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army?"

Tong Zheng stood at the side of the entrance and respectfully motioned for Duan Ling Tian to enter. "Lord Captain, please!"

Duan Ling Tian calmly walked into the restaurant. The onlookers instinctively made way for him as he walked. After all, the purple-clad young man was a Captain of the Black Dragon Army, he was someone they could not afford to provoke!

Meanwhile, Tong Zheng followed Duan Ling Tian into the restaurant.

However, as soon as Duan Ling Tian stepped into the restaurant, a familiar voice exclaimed in shock, "It's you?"

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Currently, there were only a few dozen people left in Lai Feng Restaurant. Clearly, most people had left the restaurant.

A young man was seated in front of a table while three people stood tall behind him, giving him a formidable aura. The young man was dressed in casual clothing, his features were prominent, and his body was well built. He sat there with an air of importance as though he was the only one that mattered in the world.

The three men standing behind the young man were dressed in the standard silver armor of Silverwyrm Army. Judging by their badges, they were centurions in the Silverwyrm Army.

Meanwhile, nine people stood in front of them. These nine people were dressed in black armor, the standard armor of the Black Dragon Army. Similarly, from the badges on their chest, one could tell two were centurions and seven were decurions.

Based on this, it was easy to deduce the young man was Yang Kong Ping, a Captain of the Silverwyrm Army!

"It's you?!" One of the middle-aged centurion standing behind Yang Kong Ping exclaimed in shock upon seeing Duan Ling Tian. A hint of disbelief could be heard in his tone as well. The expression on his face seemed to indicate he had just seen something or someone terrifying!

Duan Ling Tian who had just entered the restaurant instinctively turned to look at the source of the voice. He recognized the middle-aged man immediately. The middle-aged man was one of the centurions present on the scene when he killed another Centurion of the Silverwyrm Army near the Celestial Ascension Pool. The other party had tried to kill him by launching a soul attack at that time. He looked at the seemingly-middle-aged man and said indifferently, "What a coincidence... We meet again."

At the same time, the nine soldiers from the Black Dragon Army looked at Duan Ling Tian with bright eyes and greeted him respectfully in unison.

"Lord Captain!"

"Lord Captain!"

'H-he really replaced Huang Ji Bing as a Captain of the Black Dragon Army!' The Silverwyrm Army's centurion who had met Duan Ling Tian before was stunned when he saw the soldiers from the Black Dragon Army respectfully greeting Duan Ling Tian. Since he had heard Tong Zheng's words before they came in, he knew the first person who walked into the restaurant would be the new captain who replaced Huang Ji Bing. Initially, when he saw Duan Ling Tian, he had felt skeptical. After all, how was it possible for someone who had just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven become a Captain of the Black Dragon Army? Based on his experience in the Silverwyrm Army, he knew it was not easy to gain respect from the soldiers, especially if Duan Ling Tian had merely found Huang Ji Bing's token. To gain the recognition of his men, Duan Ling Tian had to possess tremendous strength. As he watched the scene before him, it seemed there was no room left for doubt that Duan Ling Tian had truly replaced Huang Ji Bing as captain.

'Moreover, his strength is proven when he killed Zheng Gang. I forgot that his strength is equivalent to an ordinary Golden Celestial... With his strength, it's not too difficult for him to take the position of a

Captain of the Black Dragon Army.' The middle-aged centurion from the Silverwyrm Army became further convinced when he recalled the scene where his colleague was killed by Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, Yang Kong Ping, Captain of the Silverwyrm Army, stared at Duan Ling Tian coldly and asked, "You're the new captain from the Black Dragon Army who replaced Huang Ji Bing?"

However, Duan Ling Tian only glanced at Yang Kong Ping briefly before he shifted his attention to his nine men. "Are all of you okay? Did they do anything to you?" His eyes flashed and his voice deepened as he reached the end of his question.

"Lord Captain, we're fine."

"We're fine."

All nine soldiers from the Black Dragon Army shook their heads before they stepped forward to join Tong Zheng and stand behind Duan Ling Tian. At this moment, all of them stared at the people from the Silverwyrm Army.

"Very well!" Yang Kong Ping's expression darkened after he was blatantly ignored. He looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly and scoffed. "Even He Jin Kun, the strongest Captain of the Black Dragon Army, doesn't dare to act so arrogantly before me, Yang Kong Ping!"

He Jin Kun, the strongest among the ten Captains of the Black Dragon Army, was known as the Black Dragon Army's First Captain. However, that was certainly in question after the battle in the Valley of Ares. After all, only the strongest bore the title of First Captain. After the battle in the Valley of Ares, there was no doubt Duan Ling Tian had become the First Captain of the Black Dragon Army!

Naturally, Yang Kong Ping was unaware of all this. Until now, he did not believe Duan Ling Tian, the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army, was capable of defeating Jian Qiu Ping with a strike! After all, someone with such strength was comparable to the Commanders of the Black Dragon Army and the Silverwyrm Army. In his opinion, those with such strength would not stoop so low and become a captain.

Duan Ling Tian disregarded Yang Kong Ping's words. He looked at Yang Kong Ping coldly and said, "Fortunately, you didn't injure any of my people... Otherwise, you'd have to pay with your life!"

Duan Ling Tian's words seemed to echo loudly in the restaurant.

Silence descended on the restaurant immediately. Even the people outside of the restaurant had fallen silent.

The crowd outside the restaurant could clearly see and hear everything inside. They were dumbfounded when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

'This new captain... is truly fearless.' This was the thought that appeared in everyone's minds. After all, they knew Yang Kong Ping was not just an ordinary Captain of the Silverwyrm Army. He was also the brother-in-law of the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army. For this reason, even He Jin Kun, formerly the strongest captain in the Black Dragon Army, would not simply provoke Yang Kong Ping. How could they not be shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian acting so fearlessly?

Inside the restaurant, Yang Kong Ping who had regained his senses rose to his feet immediately. His eyes were filled with killing intent as he said, "What did you say?! Even He Jin Kun wouldn't dare to say such words to me. Do you have a death wish?"

Duan Ling Tian ignored Yang Kong Ping's killing intent and continued indifferently, "I'll let this matter go if you cripple one of your arms today. If you don't, the consequences would be even more severe. I will cripple one of your arms and one of your legs just like what I did to one of the decurions from the Silverwyrm Army!"

Outside the restaurant, the crowd began to discuss among themselves.

"Ferocious! Ferocious! This new Captain of the Black Dragon Army is ferocious! It seems like he doesn't care that it's Yang Kong Ping he's speaking to."

"In my opinion, this is not ferocious. He's simply seeking death!"

"Based on his words, it seems like he had crippled an arm and a leg of a Decurion of the Silverwyrm Army?"

Back in the restaurant, Duan Ling Tian's men who were standing behind him looked at each other in confusion as well. They were, naturally, unaware their new captain had done something like that!

"Cripple an arm and a leg of a Decurion of the Silverwyrm Army?" Yang Kong Ping's eyes widened suddenly when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words as though he was reminded of something. Half a month ago, it seemed like a cultivator had ascended to one of the Celestial Ascension Pools that was manned by his subordinates. It was said that the newly-ascended cultivator had obtained a remarkable legacy in the mundane realm. Not only did the newly-ascended cultivator crippled an arm and a leg of a decurion under him, but he even killed one of his centurions! When he gave it some thought, it seemed like there had never been a case where a decurion was crippled by a newly-ascended cultivator.

"Lord Captain!" Chai Ming, the middle-aged centurion standing behind Yang Kong Ping, stepped forward and said, "This was the man who ascended to the Heavenly Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool half a month ago and killed Zheng Gang after crippling Wang Wei!"

Zheng Gang! Wang Wei!

The two Centurions from the Silverwyrm Army widened their eyes in shock. They had been curious when they saw Chai Ming seem to recognize the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army. How did Chai Ming know the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army? After hearing Chai Ming's words, realization finally dawned on them. As it turned out, the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army was the monstrous cultivator who ascended half a month ago!

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"It's him?!" Yang Kong Ping's eyes widened involuntarily when he heard Chai Ming's words. He trembled inwardly. This newly-descended cultivator had killed and crippled a Centurion and Decurion of the Silverwyrm Army half a month ago. The Silverwyrm Army had been trying to find this man!

Meanwhile, the soldiers of the Black Dragon Army standing behind Duan Ling Tian turned to look at him in unison. They felt their hearts skip a beat. If what the Centurion of the Silverwyrm Army said is true, this meant their new captain had just ascended half a month ago?

"Newly ascended? The Heavenly Celestial's Celestial Ascension Pool?"

"Lord Captain has just ascended half a month ago?"

"Moreover, he didn't ascend to the Bodiless Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool, but he ascended to the Heavenly Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool?"

"H-how is it possible?!"

"This Silverwyrm Army's Centurion isn't lying, is he?"

Duan Ling Tian's men whispered among themselves, concluding that Chai Ming must be lying! They would have been more inclined to believe his words if he had said their captain had ascended to a Bodiless Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool. After all, those Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials from the mundane realms would become Golden Celestials after they ascended to the Celestial Ascension Pool.

On the other hand, those who ascended to the Heavenly Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool were mere Heavenly Celestials. To be more precise, they were only Crimson Moon Heavenly Celestials!

More importantly, Chai Ming had said their captain had only ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven half a month ago! It would have been considered abnormal for a newly-ascended cultivator to become an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial after half a month, let alone become as strong as their captain! They had witnessed their captain's strength after all. Even if their captain was weaker than their commander, it was not by much. For these reasons, they completely disregarded Chai Ming's words.

Outside the restaurant, the crowd had also heard Chai Ming's words.

"Newly ascended?"

"He just ascended to the Heavenly Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool about half a month ago?"

"Is this centurion crazy?"

"He's delusional. How can someone who had just ascended to the Heavenly Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool half a month ago become a Captain of the Black Dragon Army?"

"That's right! Even if he's lucky enough to find Captain Huang Ji Bing's identity token and become a captain, he wouldn't be able to command his men's respect if he's only a Heavenly Celestial!"

"That's right. Based on how respectful his men are, he has to be a Golden Celestial."

Similarly, the crowd outside the restaurant came to the same conclusion as Duan Ling Tian's subordinates. They thought Chai Ming was lying. After all, his words were extremely absurd!

All of a sudden, Yang Kong Ping, Captain of the Silverwyrm Army, began to laugh uproariously. This caught everyone's attention except for Duan Ling Tian. His eyes were fixed on Duan Ling Tian as he said

excitedly, "We've been searching high and low for you but to no avail. Who knew we would find you when we least expect it?" He paused for a moment before he continued to say, "Lad, if you'd stayed hidden in the Black Dragon Army's camp, we might never have found you. However, since you decide to turn yourself in, you must come with me to the Silverwyrm Army's camp!"

Yang Kong Ping stared at Duan Ling Tian as though he was staring at some priceless treasure. After all, he knew this Captain of the Black Dragon Army possessed extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that granted him strength comparable to a Golden Celestial even though he was a mere Crimson Moon Heavenly Celestial. If he and the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army could master Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, their strength would improve drastically. At that time, the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army's leader could even head to the Nine Hidden County to see the County Chief to ask for the position of City Governor of Bloody Specter City!

Yang Kong Ping remembered how excited his brother-in-law, the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army, was when he told him about the newly-ascended cultivator. For this reason, during this half a month, the Silverwyrm Army had been secretly searching for the whereabouts of the newly-ascended cultivator. Who knew he had joined the Black Dragon Army and even became a captain?

Boom!

As soon as Yang Kong Ping finished speaking, a loud explosion rang in the air as Celestial Origin Energy surged out of Yang Kong Ping and shrouded him like a ball of flame. He looked like a god of war at this moment.

Bang!

Soon after, Yang Kong Ping stomped both his feet, causing the ground to quake. A wind began to blow violently in the restaurant, knocking down many chairs and tables.

Whoosh!

Then, Yang Kong Ping charged toward Duan Ling Tian like a predator with his arms wide open. However, he did not use a killing move, he merely intended to capture Duan Ling Tian. After all, Duan Ling Tian was more useful to him alive than dead. He needed to bring him back alive to the Silverwyrm Army's camp! This way, he and the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army would be able to obtain the extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. He no longer cared that Duan Ling Tian was a Captain of the Black Dragon Army. He would have to ask brother-in-law, the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army, to deal with it later. At this moment, he had no time to consider anything else apart from capturing his target.

"Lord Captain, look out!" Duan Ling Tian's subordinates cried out in unison when Yang Kong Ping shot out. Upon seeing this, they became so anxious that they had forgotten their captain's strength far surpassed all the Captains of the Black Dragon Army. After all, Yang Kong Ping was even weaker than He Jin Kun who was weaker than their captain.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

A series of swords' cries rang in the air.

Under everyone's watchful gaze, sword rays shot out of Duan Ling Tian who was facing the incoming attack calmly. At a glance, it seemed like there were at least tens of thousands of sword rays.

Everyone's attention was still focused on Duan Ling Tian's dazzling sword rays when a miserable shriek rang in the air. It sounded so wretched and painful that it sent chills running up everyone's spines.

Bang!

Another loud explosion rang in the air. At this time, everyone finally had a clear look at what was happening.

Yang Kong Ping, the Captain of the Silverwyrm Army, who was charging toward Duan Ling Tian had his hand severed before Duan Ling Tian sent him flying with a kick.

It was clear the miserable cry had come from Yang Kong Ping.

"No——" Yang Kong Ping cried out. He watched as the sword rays shot toward his severed arm. He could still reattach his arm as long as it was not destroyed, but once it was destroyed, he would really be a cripple.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sword rays flew toward the severed arm like a swarm of locusts. All that was left of Yang Kong Ping's severed arm was a blood mist and a palm. The reason the palm was not destroyed was due to the protection of a glove. The glove was Yang Kong Ping's Celestial Weapon.

Upon seeing his severed arm destroyed, Yang Kong Ping spat out a mouthful of blood due to anger and embarrassment.

"Kong Ping!" An angry female voice rang in the air at this moment. A flash could be seen as a huge but agile woman flew toward Yang Kong Ping and caught him.

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Bang!

Another thunderous explosion rang in the air as a huge but nimble figure caught Yang Kong Ping and landed on the ground. The whole restaurant seemed to be shaking at this moment.

At the same time, everyone could clearly see the figure now. It belonged to a tall and muscular woman. She was not any shorter than Yang Kong Ping while her waist seemed to be as wide as half her height. As she carried Yang Kong Ping in her arms, he looked like a doll. In terms of size, Yang Kong Ping was probably less than a third of the woman's size!

As soon as the woman revealed herself, a commotion broke out outside the restaurant.

"She is Lai Feng Restaurant's boss, Miao Lai Feng!"

"It's my first time seeing Lai Feng Restaurant's boss ... This Miao Lai Feng is no ordinary lady! She's the biological sister of Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army!"

"I heard the signboard of Lai Feng Restaurant was personally written by the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army. Based on that, one can see how much he dotes on his sister."

"S-she's Captain Yang Kong Ping's wife?"

When Duan Ling Tian heard the discussion from outside, he could not help but raise an eyebrow. His subordinates chose to celebrate in a restaurant owned by someone related to the Silverwyrm Army? Did they come here to look for trouble?

Regardless, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of stopping even after he learned about the tall and muscular woman's identity. He said, "You still owe me a leg!" As soon as he finished speaking, he shot forward like an eagle.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

As Duan Ling Tian flew out, swords' cries resounded in the air.

When everyone regained their senses, Duan Ling Tian had already returned to his original spot, standing in front of his ten men. The only difference was that he was holding someone in his hand. That person seemed to be Yang Kong Ping who was just in the tall and muscular woman's arms a moment ago!

"Kong Ping!" Miao Lai Feng cried out as killing intent surged out of her body. The expression on her chubby face was murderous!

Whoosh!

Miao Lai Feng, the sister of the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army, charged at Duan Ling Tian.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Miao Lai Feng looked similar to the tanks in Duan Ling Tian's past life. She was on a rampage, leaving a wave of destruction in her wake. The ground shook and deafening air explosions rang in the air. Although her huge and muscular frame was cumbersome, she seemed as light as a feather when she moved. In fact, she was outrageously fast.

'She's a Golden Celestial.' Based on Miao Lai Feng's speed that was slightly slower than Yang Kong Ping, Duan Ling Tian could tell she was also a Golden Celestial. Moreover, it was apparent she was weaker than Yang Kong Ping.

When Miao Lai Feng was close to Duan Ling Tian, a short broad knife that looked like a cleaver appeared in her hands. It shone brightly before saber rays began to shoot at Duan Ling Tian.

Judging by its aura, Duan Ling Tian knew Miao Lai Feng was wielding a Celestial Weapon. He scoffed as he coldly watched Miao Lai Feng charging at him. He casually lifted Yang Kong Ping into the air and blocked her attack.

"Despicable!" Miao Lai Feng spat as she came to a halt suddenly. The backlash caused her to retreat ten steps and spit out a mouthful of blood from internal injuries.

Xiu!

After he forced Miao Lai Feng back, Duan Ling Tian disregarded her. With just a thought, sword rays flew out and neatly severed Yang Kong Ping's left leg. The severed leg dropped to the ground with a thud.

Yang Kong Ping shrieked again.

Duan Ling Tian casually threw Yang Kong Ping back to Miao Lai Feng. His eyes gleamed coldly as he looked at the severed leg on the floor.

"If you dare destroy my husband's leg, I, Miao Lai Feng, will take you and your family's life as the price!" Miao Lai Feng screamed when she noticed Duan Ling Tian's attention had shifted to the severed leg on the floor. The expression on her chubby face was murderous as she threatened Duan Ling Tian. Her voice sounded so cold that it made the others feel as though they were in an ice cave. It was clear that she had lost her senses at this point. Otherwise, she would not have said such words. After all, Duan Ling Tian had just recently ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven.

She had been observing in the dark the entire time. She finally could not hold back after watching her husband's arm getting destroyed.

"I'll be waiting." Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned cold after he heard Miao Lai Feng's threats. Then, he lifted one of his feet. His Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his foot as stomped on Yang Kong Ping's severed leg, effectively destroying it!

"No!" Yang Kong Ping's eyes widened again. He screamed and trembled before he finally fainted. Naturally, Golden Celestials were not so weak. He had only fainted because he could not accept the reality.

Duan Ling Tian who had successfully severed Yang Kong Ping's arm and leg looked at Miao Lai Feng coldly before he turned around and said, "Let's go."

The crowd outside parted to make way for Duan Ling Tian and his men as they made their way out. They only regained their senses after Duan Ling Tian and his men disappeared from their sight.

"Heavens! This captain from the Black Dragon Army is truly domineering..."

"Not only did he injure the brother-in-law of the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army, but he even did it in front of the commander's sister. Even the Commander of the Black Dragon Army wouldn't do such a thing, right?"

"Where did he find the courage to do this?"

"I don't understand... I don't understand it..."

"Stop thinking... I'm sure there'll be a show to watch after this. Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army, definitely won't let this matter go!"

"Of course! The Lai Feng Restaurant's boss, Miao Lai Feng, is Miao Lai Long's biological sister after all... Do you think he'll let her suffer such an injustice?" The crowd outside Lai Feng Restaurant was tense. They knew this moment was just the calm before the storm.

Bang!

A loud bang suddenly rang from the restaurant as a flash streaked past them.

Whoosh!

A huge figure flew out of the restaurant at top speed while carrying another figure, making their way north. In just a moment, they disappeared among the clouds.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistling in the air sounded as the three Centurions of the Silverwyrm Army, including Chai Ming, also left the restaurant. All of them had a gloomy expression on their faces as they rushed to catch up with Miao Lai Feng. How could they not feel gloomy? Their captain had just been injured to such an extent in front of them. From the beginning until the end, there was nothing they could do and there was nothing they dared to do. After all, someone who was capable of overpowering their captain was not someone they could stand up to.

The crowd outside Lai Feng Restaurant was all atwitter again.

"Is Miao Lai Feng bringing her husband to the Silverwyrm Army's camp?"

"This time, things are about to get serious between the Silverwyrm Army and the Black Dragon Army! There has always bad blood between them, but nothing so serious has happened before."

"You're right. It seems like a storm is coming."

"I really didn't expect the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army captain to be so powerful. He managed to defeat and injure the Captain of the Silverwyrm Army so easily."

"So what? Do you think he's stronger than the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army?"

"Of course not! If he is, would he only be a Captain of the Black Dragon Army?"

"I wonder if Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, will be able to protect him?"

"I think it would be tough... Perhaps, if it's some other matter, it would be fine. However, he had turned Miao Lai Long's brother-in-law into a cripple!"

It took a long time before the crowd dispersed from outside the restaurant. Soon after, this incident spread like a wildfire through Bloody Specter City. Everyone who was not in closed-door cultivation had heard about the incident in Lai Feng Restaurant in no time at all.

Duan Ling Tian, the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army, had made a cripple out of Yang Kong Ping, Miao Lai Feng's husband. Miao Lai Feng's brother was the Commander of the Silverwyrm Army!

"Bloody Specter City... Things are about to change around here."

"This is... outrageous! I really don't know how the Black Dragon Army will deal with this."

"I'm afraid Duan Ling Tian, the Captain of the Black Dragon Army, will have to pay with his life."