

Chapter 2821: The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect

“The person who’s widely acknowledged as the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist in the last Alchemy Conference... is Sun Chao, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of Blazing Sun Celestial Sect in the Light Region, right?” Bai Ping’s eyes widened when he heard Yu Zhong Jing’s words. He had also attended the last Alchemy Conference thirty years ago and knew about Yu Zhong Jing’s discussion with Sun Chao.

At that time, Sun Chao, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Blazing Sun Celestial Sect, from the Light Region, defeated many prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Six Southeastern Regions and was recognized as the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions! Bai Ping remembered being in awe of Sun Chao’s skills at that time. He truly did not expect such a high evaluation of Duan Ling Tian from Yu Zhong Jing. Who knew Yu Zhong Jing would say Duan Ling Tian had surpassed Sun Chao even if it was just in regard to theoretical knowledge?

Yu Zhong Jing, Situ Ming, and Yang Chong would have scoffed if they were privy to Bai Ping’s thoughts. Theoretical knowledge? They were far more familiar with Duan Ling Tian compared to Bai Ping. Bai Ping might be unaware, but three of them knew how outrageously rare and extraordinary Duan Ling Tian’s prominent Celestial Fire was! His prominent Celestial Fire could heat up a cauldron in half an hour! It was leagues above other prominent Celestial Fires. They also knew he was so talented that it would not be difficult for him to put his theoretical knowledge to practice. With all these factors, it was not difficult to see that he was superior to the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions.

A thought appeared in Situ Ming’s mind. He hastily turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. His action caught everyone’s attention. Under everyone’s watchful eyes, he bluntly asked, “Master Duan, did you have any fortuitous encounter when you were in the Little World? Is that why you improved so much? I really can’t think of another reason why your alchemy skills skyrocketed in such a short time!”

Upon hearing this, Yang Chong and Yu Zhong Jing’s eyes brightened. That was right! Why did they not think of this? Duan Ling Tian’s alchemy skills had skyrocketed after he returned from the Little World. Prior to entering the Little World, although he was highly talented, it was not outrageously so.

Although Bai Ping did not think that was the case, he was also curious about Duan Ling Tian’s answer?

“Master Situ, now that you mention it, I finally recalled that I received the memories of a prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Little World. However, I did not dwell on it since the prominent Celestial Alchemist’s skills were similar to mine and inferior to the three of you. However, after our memories merged, it seems like I’ve become more knowledgeable.” Except for the part about inheriting the memories of a prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Little World, Duan Ling Tian was not lying. He had found it strange as well. With the Rebirth Martial Emperor’s knowledge of alchemy and his own knowledge, his talent seemed to have become shocking. Perhaps, this could also be considered as an enlightenment like Situ Ming had said earlier.

Then, Duan Ling Tian looked at Situ Ming.

Situ Ming said with a frown, "It's strange. If it's as you said, by right, your skills shouldn't have improved so much due to the level of the prominent Celestial Alchemist whose knowledge you inherited. Moreover, it's unlikely to make you even more talented."

Yang Chong and Yu Zhong Jing nodded, agreeing with Situ Ming's words.

"Then, what do you think is going on?" Duan Ling Tian was also puzzled.

Duan Ling Tian was still ruminating on this matter when a cold scoff rang in mind, startling him. 'Huh? You're...'

An energetic voice spoke in Duan Ling Tian's mind, "Do you really think your talent is because of the Rebirth Martial Emperor from the mundane realm? It's the Chaos Divine Flame that enhanced your talent. that used his memory as a medium to enhance your alchemy talents. Boy... Work hard to improve me and the Chaos Divine Flame. If you help us, you'll be greatly rewarded!"

'Is that the voice of the Profound Divine Metal?' Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and took a look inside his body. He saw the Profound Divine Metal flashing a few times before the light dimmed. No matter how many times he called out to it, the Profound Divine Metal no longer responded to him. A sudden realization dawned on him after a while. 'He... can read the thoughts in my head?' Otherwise, how did the Profound Divine Metal know about the Rebirth Martial Emperor from the mundane realm?

A hint of fear appeared in Duan Ling Tian's heart as he thought to himself, 'I really don't know if it's a good thing or a bad thing that there are two monsters in my body...'

They could read his mind. Did it mean that he would not be able to keep any secrets from them?

Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly. 'Fortunately... they seem to be in a state of unconsciousness most of the time. Otherwise, I'll truly be exposed in front of them.'

After that, Duan Ling Tian called out several times to the Chaos Divine Flame, but there was no response from the Chaos Divine Flame.

With this, Duan Ling Tian determined that the Profound Divine Metal and the Chaos Divine Flame were not always conscious. Moreover, he had only exchanged a few words with the Profound Divine Metal earlier before it seemed to fall unconscious again.

"In any case, currently, they're beneficial to me," Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he recalled the Profound Divine Metal that guarded his soul like soul defense Celestial Weapon and how the Chaos Divine Flame elevated his talent in alchemy. With these thoughts in mind, the fear in his heart dissipated a lot.

'The mystery is solved. I finally know why I improved so much in alchemy. As it turns out, it's not the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor or any enlightenment. It's all thanks to the Chaos Divine Flame using the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor as a medium to greatly boost my alchemy talent!'

Duan Ling Tian's curiosity was aroused as he continued thinking to himself. 'However... What's the Chaos Divine Flame? It can also function as a Celestial Fire... There's no doubt it's far superior to Celestial Fire... The next time the Chaos Divine Flame wakes up, I must ask it about this...'

Although the Chaos Divine Flame had awoken once, and the Profound Divine Metal had awoken twice, Duan Ling Tian failed to communicate with them. They would fall unconscious so fast that he did not have time to communicate with them.

'Earlier, the Profound Divine Metal said if I work hard to improve their strength, I would be greatly rewarded... This means they need my help, to a certain extent...'

While Duan Ling Tian and the three prominent Celestial Alchemists were lost in their own thoughts about Duan Ling Tian's sudden and shocking improvement, Bai Ping's voice suddenly rang in the air. "Four masters, the Old Ancestor has arrived!"

Four of them regained their senses immediately and looked outside the main hall.

An old man entered the main hall. The old man was tall and had a sturdy body. He had a kind and youthful appearance. An old figure floated into the hall from outside.

He was a tall and sturdy old man wearing a gray robe. He had a benevolent appearance and a youthful face. At first glance, they thought that he was a kind old man.

'He is the Old Ancestor of our sect?'

"Greetings, Old Ancestor," Bai Ping, Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing said in unison and hurriedly bowed.

"Old Ancestor." Duan Ling Tian cupped his hands together and greeted the old man.

On the other hand, Huan'er, who was standing by Duan Ling Tian's side, looked at the old man curiously. She did not greet him, let alone bow to him. She would not simply bow to anyone.

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The gray-clad old man, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, nodded in response to Bai Ping, Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing's greeting. Then, his eyes fell on Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. His eyes were bright as he sincerely said, "Both of you are like a match made in heaven."

"Thank you for your compliments." Duan Ling Tian smiled modestly.

Huan'er who was usually indifferent blushed immediately when she heard the gray-clad old man's words.

"Girl, are you blushing?" The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect laughed when he saw Huan'er's rosy cheeks.

Upon hearing this, Huan'er's cheeks reddened even more. She glared at the Old Ancestor and said, "Stupid old man, are you making fun of me just because I didn't greet you?"

Stupid old man?

Duan Ling Tian's expression stiffened as soon as he heard Huan'er's words. Not only was the old man the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, but the old man was also an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke. And yet, Huan'er just called the old man stupid?

Bai Ping, Situ Ming, and the others were taken aback as well. Their expressions changed drastically.

Bai Ping quickly said, "Please don't mind her, Old Ancestor! She's naive by nature. She rarely interacts with others so her words can be blunt. She definitely didn't mean to insult you."

Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing quickly bowed as well. "Please forgive her!" The three of them had a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, they did not wish for harm to come to Huan'er. As the saying went, 'Love me, love my dog'.

Contrary to their expectations, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect laughed heartily when he heard Huan'er's words, ignoring the pleas of the high-ranking officials of the sect. After his laughter subsided, he looked at Huan'er and said, "Girl, this is the first time I've been called a stupid old man... Aren't you afraid that I'll get angry and attack you?"

Before Huan'er could reply, Duan Ling Tian's expression changed. He quickly said, "Old Ancestor, Huan'er rarely interacts with people. She doesn't know the proper etiquette when speaking with others. I hope you can forgive her."

However, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect did not pay attention to Duan Ling Tian. He continued to look at Huan'er, clearly waiting for her response.

"Old man, aren't you the Old Ancestor of Tai Yi Celestial Sect? How can you be so petty?" After seeing the reaction of Duan Ling Tian and the others, Huan'er could vaguely feel that her words and manners were inappropriate. After all, she had been rude and casual when she had spoken to the old man who was an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke.

"Petty?" The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was briefly taken aback by Huan'er's words. Then, he laughed again. "How interesting. I've taken a liking to you. How about it? Are you interested in becoming a direct disciple?"

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian and the others heaved a sigh of relief. They were surprised that not only was the Old Ancestor not angry, but he even wanted to accept Huan'er as his direct disciple. This result was somewhat unexpected.

Everyone, except for Duan Ling Tian, was certain Huan'er would agree to become the Old Ancestor's direct disciples. They were shocked again when they saw her shaking her head.

"You are just an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke. I refuse to be your direct disciple."

The Old Ancestor laughed again. "Are you looking down on me even though I'm an Eight Trigrams Celestial?" However, he did not force Huan'er. Some things could not be forced, and he did not like repeating himself. Moreover, if he had insisted, would it not look like he, an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke, was desperate for a direct disciple?

After a brief moment, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect narrowed his eyes and looked at Duan Ling Tian, "Master Duan, the sect leader has praised you and spoken about your cauldron-heating speed. This time around, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect will have to depend on you to obtain better Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities." After he finished speaking, he cupped his hands at Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you for your trust. I will do my best to live up to your expectations," Duan Ling Tian replied.

At this moment, Bai Ping looked at the Old Ancestor and said with a smile, "Old Ancestor, the sect will gain more than we've ever imagined during the Alchemy Conference. Not only is his heating skill outrageous, but he's extremely knowledgeable in alchemy as well. He's comparable to Sun Chao who was chosen as the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist during the previous conference. There are many people who would debate about theories of alchemy, and most of the time, these discussions would turn into a bet and competition..." Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian expectantly. He was clearly confident Duan Ling Tian would be able to obtain better Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities for the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

"Oh?" Hearing Bai Ping's praise, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect glanced at Duan Ling Tian in surprise. His eyes were filled with a hint of doubt. He naturally knew who Sun Chao was. Sun Chao was widely acknowledged as the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions. Sun Chao was so famous that even sects from foreign lands had invited him to join their sects. In any case, Bai Ping only said Duan Ling Tian's alchemy knowledge was comparable to Sun Chao. Bai Ping did not say anything about Duan Ling Tian's practical ability. For this reason, he did not think Duan Ling Tian was as good as Sun Chao.

"Old Ancestor, what the sect leader said is true." Yu Zhong Jing who was standing across the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect stepped forward to support Bai Ping's words when he saw the skeptical expression on the Old Ancestor's face.

"During the last Alchemy Conference, I discussed alchemy with Sun Chao. Sun Chao's mastery of alchemy at that time is certainly not as high as Master Duan. However, so many years have passed since then, I'm not sure if Sun Chao has further improved. However, one thing's for certain, Master Duan will not be inferior to Sun Chao!" He did not say it was impossible for Sun Chao to improve much after thirty years unless he was as talented as Duan Ling Tian.

"Oh?" The Old Ancestor seemed to be finally convinced about Duan Ling Tian's skills. After all, not only did Bai Ping vouch for Duan Ling Tian, but Yu Zhong Jing had vouched for Duan Ling Tian as well. When he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian again, a hint of shock could be seen on his face.

Not only was Duan Ling Tian a prominent Celestial Alchemist below the age of 100 and possessed an extraordinary prominent Celestial Fire, but his knowledge and skills were not inferior to Sun Chao who was widely acknowledged as the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeast Regions, Sun Chao! His talent in alchemy was outrageous! Unexpectedly, such a person was the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!

A hint of anticipation could be seen in the Old Ancestor's bright eyes as he said, "Master Duan, I'm looking forward to your performance in the conference even more compared to before."

“I will do my best,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

Since the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had arrived, they could start making their way to the Barren Land where the Alchemy Conference would be held.

Duan Ling Tian and the others bade Bai Ping farewell and left the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s estate under the lead of the Old Ancestor. Since the Old Ancestor was an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke, his speed was, naturally, extremely, fast. Although he had to carry five people with him, he was so fast that even Duan Ling Tian found the flashing scenery had turned into a blur. The gray and yellow of the barren desert and the green of the grass seemed to bleed into one another...

‘How fast! So this is the speed of an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself in shock.

However, regardless of the Old Ancestor’s speed, the distance they had to travel was long so it would take a while for them to arrive in the Barren Land.

Seeing the shocked expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face, Situ Ming asked with a smile, “Do you think the Old Ancestor is fast?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “He’s really fast... At this speed, it won’t take long for us to reach our destination, right?”

“After all, we need to cross regions, and the place where the Alchemy Conference is held is on the other side of the Barren Land. The venue is quite far from the borders of the Wasteland and the Barren Land. We’ll need at least two months before we arrive at our destination,” Situ Ming replied.

“Two months?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked. It would take two months even though they had the help of an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke? If he were alone, would it not take him several years just to arrive at the destination?

“In fact, the Wasteland is rather vast. In our Wasteland, the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland are based in the central area of the Wasteland, surrounded by various Celestial Kingdoms. However, in the periphery of the Celestial Kingdoms, there’s a desert that’s void of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. The desert is even more vast than all the Celestial Kingdoms combined,” Situ Ming said to Duan Ling Tian.

“That’s right,” Yang Chong chimed in at this moment, “It would take at least two months to leave the Wasteland from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect if one were an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke. However, it would only take five days to go to the desert that’s unsuitable for cultivating.”

Situ Ming and Yang Chong’s words helped Duan Ling Tian understand the Wasteland better. ‘As it turns out, the Wasteland is so vast... Who knew the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland and the Celestial Kingdoms under their rule only make up a small part of the Wasteland. Most of the Wasteland is a desert with little to no Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.’

Chapter 2823: The Title Temple

Through his conversation with Situ Ming and Yang Chong, Duan Ling Tian also learned that apart from the Wasteland, five out of the Six Southeastern Region were just as vast.

Due to how big the Devata Realm, the Spirit Overarching Heaven, was, the Celestial Stone ores and Celestial Crystal veins only covered an insignificant amount of the land. Therefore, only certain parts of the Spirit Overarching Heaven were rich in Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. The gap between the place with the richest Heaven and Earth Spirit and the place with the least Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was insurmountably big.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian learned about many other things as well.

Situ Ming said, "The Six Southeastern Regions are divided into the Wasteland, the Barren Land, the General Region, the Cross Region, the Light Region, and the Shadow Region... The names of the regions were given based on three famous titled Celestial Lords in the history of the Southeastern Regions. The three titled Celestial Lords were the Waste Barren Celestial Lord, the General Cross Celestial Lord, and the Light Shadow Celestial Lord. The Barren Land and Wasteland are named after the Waste Barren Celestial Lord. The General Region and Cross Region are named after the General Cross Celestial Lord, and the Light Region and Shadow Region are named after the Light Shadow Celestial Lord."

"What's the difference between a titled Celestial Lord and ordinary Celestial Lords?" It was the first time Duan Ling Tian had heard of titled Celestial Lords. He only knew Celestial Lords were a level stronger than Celestial Kings, and Celestial Lords were divided into ten stages, from One Basic to Ten Directions.

"In Devata Realms, the strongest Celestial Lords usually have their own title. For example, the strongest Celestial Lord in the Wasteland and the Barren Land was given the title Waste Barren Celestial Lord. The strongest Celestial Lord in the General Region and the Cross Region was given the title General Cross Celestial Lord, and the strongest Celestial Lord in the Light and Shadow Regions was given the title Light Shadow Celestial Lord," Yang Chong explained to Duan Ling Tian.

"Titled Celestial Lords are leagues above ordinary Celestial Lords. Apart from being stronger, they have to go to the Title Temple, the most mysterious and sacred force in the Spirit Overarching Heaven, to compete in a life or death battle with nine Celestial Lords before they are given a title. Among the ten Celestial Lords competing for a title, only the last surviving Celestial Lord would be given a title by the temple. Then, the name of the surviving Celestial Lord would be recorded in the Titled Celestial Lords book in the Title Temple. The list would be updated and made known to the public. It's truly not easy to become a titled Celestial Lord. Therefore, titled Celestial Lords acknowledged by the Title Temple are definitely extraordinary and superior to ordinary Celestial Lords!" Yang Chong explained in one breath.

"How cruel! Out of ten Celestial Lords, nine have to die. Only one surviving Celestial Lord would be given a title!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in shock. He did not expect this. He had thought titled Celestial Lords were just given a special title based on their strength. He did not expect that the Celestial Lords had to go through such a difficult process just to become a titled Celestial Lord.

"Currently, the Six Southeastern Regions don't even have a Celestial King. However, you're saying, in the past, not only were there three Celestial Lords, but the three Celestial Lords were also titled Celestial Lords?" Duan Ling Tian asked. A year ago, during his journey from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's estate, Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, had told him that there was no Celestial King in the Six Southeastern Regions. How could he not be surprised to learn that there were once three titled Celestial Lords in the Six Southeastern Regions?

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'It's possible that there are no Celestial Kings in the Six Southeastern Regions now because they have left the regions for a better place. After all, with a better cultivation environment, they would be able to break through and become a Celestial Lord.' Although the cultivation environment in the Six Southeastern Regions was good, it was still difficult for a Celestial King to break through and become a Celestial Lord. A Celestial King would need a place with more Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy than what the Six Southeastern Regions had in order to have a breakthrough.

"Master Yang, what kind of place is the Title Temple? You said it's the most sacred and mysterious force in the Devata Realm, the Spirit Overarching Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Yang Chong and asked. He was, naturally, curious about the force that bestowed titles to Celestial Lords. Up until now, he had never heard of the Title Temple.

"Yes," Yang Chong nodded and said, "The Title Temple is indeed the most sacred and mysterious force in the Devata Realm. They have remained neutral and stayed out of disputes between other forces. Nevertheless, they're one of the most terrifying forces in the Spirit Overarching Heaven. In the course of the Spirit Overarching Heaven's history, there were many forces standing at the peak that challenged the Title Temple. However, all of the forces were annihilated without exception. They were completely wiped out and disappeared from the history of the Spirit Overarching Heaven." His eyes were filled with sincere respect when he spoke about the Title Temple.

After a beat, Yang Chong continued to say, "In fact, there's a Title Temple in all 81 Devata Realms. That's how far the reaches of the Title Temple are. Without fail, every Celestial Lord in every Devata Realm who wants to be a title Celestial Lord has to go to the Temple Realm to compete for a title. The same goes for Celestial Emperors who want to become titled Celestial Emperors."

"Titled Celestial Emperors?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened slightly. "So if one wants to become a titled Celestial Emperor, one would have to battle with other Celestial Emperors as well?"

"That's right," Yang Chong said, "The process is similar to becoming a titled Celestial Lord. The only difference is Celestial Lords have to battle with nine other Celestial Lords while Celestial Emperors have to battle with four Celestial Emperors for the title. Titled Celestial Lords and Emperors stand on corpses of their peers..." He grew emotional as he spoke about this.

"A Celestial Lord or Celestial Emperor wouldn't go to the Title Temple unless they're extremely confident about their strength. After all, it's a battle to the death. All the Heavenly Emperors of the 81 Devata Realms are titled Celestial Emperors without exception," Yang Chong continued to say.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised that all 81 Heavenly Emperors of the 81 Devata Realms were titled Celestial Emperors. After all, if one could not even qualify for a title, how could one qualify to become the Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm?

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, "Is it possible for an army led by a Heavenly Emperor to defeat the Title Temple?" Based on what he knew, Heavenly Emperors were overlords in their own rights. Were Heavenly Emperors a match for the Title Temple?

“In the history of the 81 Devata Realms, there had been no less than ten Heavenly Emperors who wanted to take down the Title Temple. However, all of them died without exception!” Yang Chong solemnly said.

Duan Ling Tian inhaled sharply when he heard Yang Chong’s words. Was the Title Temple truly so terrifying?

‘Is the Title Temple related to the Divine Offering Land?’ Duan Ling Tian could not help but wonder to himself. He thought about the Divine Offering Land that seemed to be more powerful than the Devata Realms. It was also where Ke’er, his family, and his friends were currently at. All the people he had met from the Divine Offering Land so far were extremely strong. Even Yun Qing Yan, an insignificant lackey in the Divine Offering Land, was able to force the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven to escape to the Asura Hell, one of seven deadliest places in all Devata Realms! Xia Jie’s strength was even more unfathomable. After all, even a lackey like Yun Qing Yan was extremely respectful to Xia Jie.

“As far as anyone in the Devata Realms can remember, the Title Temple has been around for the longest time. It’s been there since the founding of Devata Realms. It’s the oldest force in the Devata Realms. Rumor has it that there are Ten Directions Celestial Emperors in the Title Temple! Naturally, no one knows if it’s true or just a rumor...” Yang Chong said, “Regardless, there’s no denying the Title Temple is unshakeable in the Devata Realms. Fortunately, the Title Temple has no interest in participating in the disputes between forces in Devata Realms. Otherwise, with its strength, it’s not difficult for it to dominate all Devata Realms!”

“The Title Temple...” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed briefly. He was curious about the Title Temple’s strength. A crazy idea appeared unbidden in his mind. If he gained control of the Title Temple, did it mean he could easily enter the Divine Offering Land to kill Yun Qing Yan and bring Ke’er, his family, and friends away? However, he quickly dismissed that thought. ‘How bold of me to have such thoughts. Even if it’s possible to control the Title Temple, there’s no way that I’ll be the one to achieve that...’ A self-deprecating expression could be seen on his face as he smiled wryly.

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‘I’m still miles away from becoming a Celestial Emperor or a Celestial Lord, let alone defeat the Title Temple... I’m just a measly profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!’ Duan Ling Tian knew he had easily broken through and became a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial due to him being very close to the profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial when he broke through and became a yellow-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial last time. With the help of Huan’er’s Divine Crystal, the King Grade cultivation method, the Taiyi Profound Method, his 99 Heavenly Veins, and Overarching Heaven Pills, he would be truly useless if he did not have a breakthrough.

‘I had a breakthrough in such a short time is mainly because my cultivation base was very close to that of a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial after my stint in the Little World. Without the help of Huan’er Divine Crystal, Taiyi Profound Method, and my 99 Heavenly Veins, it wouldn’t be possible for me to become a profound-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial in just over a year.’

Duan Ling Tian also knew very well that if Huan'er's aunt did not help him to become a yellow-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, he would not have been able to break through and become a profound-rank Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial in such a short time.

"Master Yang." Duan Ling Tian looked at Yang Chong with a gleam in his eyes as he changed the subject. "If I'm not mistaken, there must be differences in strength between the Six Southeastern Regions, right? For example, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect from the General Region is stronger than the Three Major Sects of the Wasteland..."

"Yes." Yang Chong nodded. "There's indeed a difference in strength among the Six Southeastern Regions... The Wasteland is one of the weakest regions among the Six Southeastern Regions. The Barren Land, our destination this time, is also one of the weakest among the Six Southeastern Regions. There are also three Celestial Sects in the Barren Land that are equal in strength with the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. The strongest among the Six Southeastern Regions are the General Region and the Cross Region, followed by the Light Region and the Shadow Region... The Wasteland and the Barren Land are the weakest."

"The General Region, and the Cross Region..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened as he asked, "Master Yang... Which region is the Blissful Sect from?"

"The Blissful Sect is in the Cross Region," Yang Chong replied. A thought appeared in his mind, and he continued to say, "The Blissful Sect and Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect are old enemies. They fought each other intensely in the early years, but their conflict has eased up in recent years... However, even now, the members of the two sects are hostile to each other when they meet."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Previously, when he had spoken to Murong Bing, he had learned that the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and the Blissful Sect had a strained relationship. Otherwise, the Celestial King from the Blissful Sect would not have taken the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, one of the three Celestial Weapons of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, and hid it in the Little World.

If Murong Bing did not go into the Little World to search for the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, Duan Ling Tian would not have met her. If he could go back in time, he would not have entered the Little World. It was not that he disliked Murong Bing. However, he had no intention of cheating on his wives. Moreover, he was fully focused on saving his wives, family, and friends from the Divine Offering Land. Alas, there was no way for him to turn back time. He could only take responsibility for his actions. Murong Bing was his woman now. He had told her that she could only be his woman since they had sex. Although these words were overbearing, they clearly expressed his basic instinct of claiming the woman he had slept with.

Yang Chong said, "The Blissful Sect and the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect are equal in strength. However, there's a sect that's even more powerful than the Blissful Sect in the Cross Region. It's so strong that the Blissful Sect would only be a match for it if it joined forces with another two sects in the Cross Region. There are four sects that are considered to be the strongest in the Cross Region while there are five sects that are considered to be the strongest in the General Region... The Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect is one of the five powerful forces in the General Region. In any case, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and Blissful Sect can only be regarded as sects of the second

echelon in the General Region and the Cross Region.” He explained the situation of the Blissful Sect, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler, the General Region, and the Cross Region to Duan Ling Tian.

Yang Chong continued to say, “In the General Region and the Cross Region, only one sect in the Cross Region stands above all the sects...”

“What’s the name of that sect?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“It’s the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!” Yang Chong said slowly and clearly. Then, he added, “The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is also the most powerful sect in the Six Southeastern Regions!”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed as he asked again, “Since the Profound Heaven Celestial is the strongest in the Six Southeastern Regions, the sect must have more than one Ten Directions Celestial Duke, right?” Based on what he knew, there was only one Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Since the Blissful Sect’s strength was similar to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, it stood to reason that the sect had one Ten Directions Celestial Duke as well. If the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect was the strongest sect in the Six Southeastern Regions, it was only natural that they had more than one Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the sect.

“Of course!” Yang Chong nodded. “In the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, there are three Ten Directions Celestial Duke... Two out of the Ten Directions Celestial Duke are twin brothers. When they join forces, they’re invincible to those weaker than Celestial Kings in the Southern Heaven Territory!”

“They’re invincible to those weaker than Celestial Kings in the Southern Heaven Territory? Where’s the Southern Heaven Territory?” Duan Ling Tian was curious. It was his first time hearing about the Southern Heaven Territory after all.

“I don’t know much about the Southern Heaven Territory,” Yang Chong said, “I only know the Six Southeastern Regions are located in the Southern Heaven Territory... Master Situ, please explain to Master Duan. You’re the oldest and most knowledgeable among the three of us!” Then, Yang Chong turned to look at Situ Ming.

“What do you mean by the oldest? Master Yang, mind your words.” Situ Ming looked at Yang Chong irritably before he looked at Duan Ling Tian. “Master Duan, the Six Southeastern Regions, as well as the Nine Southern Regions, the Five Southwestern Regions, and the Seven Western Regions, are located on the edge of the Southern Heaven Territory. We’re located at the border and the most remote place in the Southern Heaven Territory. The Southern Heaven Territory is controlled by a titled Celestial Lord... Southern Heaven is the title of that Celestial Lord. The central area of ??the Southern Heaven Territory covers a vast area. It’s far bigger than the combined area of the borderlands, including our Six Southeastern Region... There are countless powerhouses in the central area of ??the Southern Heaven Territory, and there’s a barrier between them and the borderland where we are at. Because of that barrier Formation, the people born in the borderlands, including our Six Southeastern Regions, must go to the central area of the Southern Heaven Territory after becoming a Celestial King. Otherwise, one’s cultivation base would start to regress. After a long time, one would regress and become a Celestial Duke. If that happens, it would be much more difficult to have a breakthrough. After a Celestial King passes through the barrier Formation into the center of the Southern Heaven Territory, it would be

difficult to return to the other side. After all, the barrier is set up by the titled Celestial Lord. Not even ordinary Celestial Dukes are able to break the barrier Formation. This is part of the reason why there are no Celestial Kings in the borderland, including our Six Southeastern Regions. It's not that there are no Celestial Kings here, it's just that most of them have left for the center of the Southern Heaven Territory."

With this, Duan Ling Tian understood that Southern Heaven Territory was divided into the central area and the borderlands where the Six Southeastern Regions were located.

Situ Ming continued to say, "And once the Celestial Kings leave the borderlands and enter the central area, there's almost no way for them to return. To return, one has to be a Celestial Lord at least. In fact, even an ordinary Celestial Lord might not be able to break the barrier Formation."

"I see." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He no longer asked any question for the time being. After all, all the information he had just learned was a lot for him to take in. He learned that the Wasteland in the Six Southeastern Regions was also in the Southern Heaven Territory that was controlled by a titled Celestial Lord. In addition, the Southern Heaven Territory was divided into the borderlands and the central area. He also learned about how powerful titled Celestial Lords are. Ordinary Celestial Dukes could not compare to them at all.

Chapter 2825: Alchemy City

"Master Situ, since only Celestial Kings or those who are stronger can break the barrier Formation and return to the borderlands, it's a little ridiculous and redundant to say the twin Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect are invincible to those weaker than Celestial Kings, right?" Duan Ling Tian said. After getting a good grasp about the situation in the Southern Heaven Territory, he discovered it was redundant to say the two Ten Directions Celestial Dukes were invincible in the borderlands to those who are below Celestial Kings. After all, there were no Celestial Kings in the borderlands at all.

"Indeed, there are many people who think the twin Ten Directions Celestial Dukes are shameless for saying they're invincible to those who are weaker than Celestial Kings." Situ Ming nodded. "After all, there are so many Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the central area. Many of them cultivated King Grade cultivation methods and mastered King Grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities... Any one of them can easily defeat the two brothers. They know very well that Celestial Kings won't be able to come or return to the borderlands that's why they're shameless enough to say they're invincible to anyone below Celestial Kings in the Southern Heaven Territory."

Situ Ming continued to say, "However, there's no denying the brothers are strong. When they join forces, they're able to defeat the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Blissful Sect and other sects."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. A thought appeared in his mind, and he asked, "Master Situ, the Six Southeastern Regions are located in the borderlands of the Southern Heaven Territory, and the borderlands surround the central area of the Southern Heaven Territory. If we travel inward through the barrier Formation, we'll arrive at the center of the Southern Heaven Territory... Where would it lead to if we travel outward from the borderlands?" He was extremely curious about this.

Instead of Situ Ming, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect answered Duan Ling Tian's question, "If you travel outward and leave the borderlands, you'll arrive at the Riot Star Sea." His tone turned solemn when he mentioned the Riot Star Sea.

"Riot Star Sea?" Duan Ling Tian was perplexed.

"The Riot Star Sea covers much of the Spirit Overarching Heaven, and one could travel to everywhere in the Spirit Overarching Heaven through the Riot Star Sea. There are many low-intelligence Celestial Beasts there. However, despite their lack of intelligence, they're very strong. Since there are as many Celestial Beasts in the sea as there are stars in the sky, people call it the Riot Star Sea. It's said that to cross the sea or to travel the sea, one has to be as strong as a Celestial Lord at least. Even ordinary Celestial Lords would perish at sea. In the Spirit Overarching Heaven's history, only titled Celestial Lords and Celestial Emperors had successfully crossed the sea unharmed," the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect patiently explained to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian inhaled sharply. Just how terrifying and dangerous was the Riot Star Sea?

"Since the Riot Star Sea surrounds the Southern Heaven Territory, there are only two choices for people in the borderlands. They can either head inward to the center of the Southern Heaven Territory or head outward to the Riot Star Sea!"

Suddenly, another thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind. He looked at the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and asked, "Old Ancestor, if someone from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect breaks through and becomes a Celestial King... Does that mean the Celestial King can annihilate the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect before leaving the borderland to the center of the Southern Heaven Territory, leaving the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in charge of the entire Wasteland?"

"Impossible!" The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect refuted immediately, "There are rules in the Southern Heaven Territory. Once a Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the borderland breaks through and becomes a Celestial King, they can no longer participate in the disputes in the borderland... Otherwise, they will be executed by a special envoy from the central area! The restriction Formation that blocks the central area and the borderlands is able to monitor a Celestial King and restrict his or her strength. Therefore, those who have just become Celestial Kings don't dare to act recklessly."

Duan Ling Tian inhaled sharply, clearly shocked by the strength of a titled Celestial Lord. Just a Formation set up by a titled Celestial Lord was so strong. Not only must Celestial Kings obediently head to the center of the Southern Heaven Territory after their breakthroughs, but they were also monitored and restricted by the Formation. However, he was unaware that the restrictive Formation was not set up by the titled Celestial Lord, the Formation had existed since the founding of the Spirit Overarching Heaven. All the titled Celestial Lord needed to do was to maintain it at regular intervals. At that time, the Southern Heaven Territory was not called the Southern Heaven Territory yet.

When Duan Ling Tian no longer had any questions to ask, he silently focused on alchemy and cultivating during their journey to the Alchemy Conference. It was no longer useful for him to discuss alchemy with Situ Ming and the others since his alchemy skills had surpassed theirs.

Although the three prominent Celestial Alchemists wanted to discuss alchemy with Duan Ling Tian to improve their skills, they did not want to disturb Duan Ling Tian since he was about to participate in the Alchemy Conference.

On the other hand, since they had left the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Huan'er had been silently comprehending her Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. From time to time, an intimidating aura would ripple out from her body.

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Time flew by quickly. In just a blink of an eye, two months had passed.

Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived at the Barren Land where the Alchemy Conference would be taking place. Although it was said that the Alchemy Conference was jointly organized by the Six Southeastern Regions, it was actually organized by one region. Each time, each region would take turns organizing the conference. This time, it was Barren Land's turn to organize it. To be more precise, it was organized by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Lands.

The Barren Land was very similar to the Wasteland. The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Lands were located in the center of the Barren Land, and each of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Lands was based in a bustling city that spanned a large area. However, the Alchemy Conference this time was not held in any of the three major cities. It was going to be held in a city that was located on a plain in the center of the Barren Land.

The city was vast. Although it was not better than three cities occupied by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Lands, it was not much worse either.

"This city is called Alchemy City. It's where the Alchemy Conference would be held. There is a city like this in the Wasteland and the other four regions as well. Most of the time, these cities are protected by a restrictive Formation and aren't open to the outside world," Situ Ming took the initiative to explain to Duan Ling Tian when they arrived in Alchemy City. After all, among the group of people, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were the only ones who had not participated in the Alchemy Conference before.

Situ Ming continued to say, "In Alchemy City, in addition to the estates owned by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Land, there are also many Celestial Pills and medicinal herb stores specially opened for us... The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Land also provide accommodations for sectless cultivators and small sects. They're also allowed to shop in the stores. Alchemy City is open to the public for three months starting from a month before the start of the Alchemy Conference... During this time, people can come to participate in the Alchemy Conference and buy rare and precious medicinal herbs and Celestial Pills. There are also many who come just to join in the excitement."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian saw large groups of people entering Alchemy City from all sides one after another.

Chapter 2826: The Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect

The Tai Yi Celestial Sect, one of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, had a mansion in the Alchemy City of the Barren Land. They also had a shop downtown where they could sell medicinal herbs and Celestial Pills. The sect's mansion and shop were given to them free of charge by the Barren Land. Needless to say, such a treatment was only given to the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions.

The authorities of the Barren Land also arranged accommodations for sectless cultivators and small sects from various Celestial Kingdoms in the Six Southeastern Regions, but they would have to pay for them with Celestial Stones and Crystals. Naturally, the better the mansion was, the more Celestial Stones and Crystals one would have to pay. However, even the best mansion or residence available to these people were not comparable to the mansions and residence of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions. Apart from that, rent was also collected for the stalls provided to the small sects and sectless cultivators. The better the locations of the stalls, the higher the rent. The rent of a stall downtown was so expensive that most people simply could not afford it. Even if they could afford it, they might not be able to earn enough to cover the cost. For this reason, those who rented the stalls were outstanding mediocre Celestial Alchemists from small sects or without a sect.

Occasionally, one would be able to see a sectless prominent Celestial Alchemist, but it was really rare. After all, prominent Celestial Alchemists were in high demand and could join any of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions. If they join a top sect, they would be able to enjoy superior cultivation environments and resources. Moreover, they would be given a lofty position as an elder. The top sects would not restrict their freedom, and they were free to join and leave at any time. All they needed to do was refine Celestial Pills for the sect during their stay in the sect. The medicinal herbs and ingredients needed were also provided by the sect. They were treated extremely well and generously rewarded most of the time. How could they not join a top sect? Only a few eccentric prominent Celestial Alchemists would choose to remain solitary and not join any sects.

As soon as they entered Alchemy City, Huan'er's melodious voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears before he could even take a good look at the city. "Brother Ling Tian... There are so many people here!"

Duan Ling Tian had seen large groups of people entering the city earlier. However, the outside of the city was vast so it did not seem crowded. However, now that everyone was gathered in the city, the city looked shockingly crowded. Let alone downtown of the city, even the entrance was lively and crowded.

Huan'er held Duan Ling Tian's hand as they walked next to Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing.

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect walked in the lead and brought them to the residence of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in Alchemy City. He had been here numerous times so he was familiar with the city.

Needless to say, Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing were also familiar with Alchemy City.

The residences that the Barren Land arranged for the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions were the same each time. Thus, the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Land did not arrange for anyone to welcome and lead the way for the people from the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions.

The top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions would only set up Noise-Canceling Formations and Spirit Gathering Formations in their residences in Alchemy City. Although there were no restrictive

Formations, nobody would dare to simply trespass. It was only natural since these were the residences of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions, who would dare to simply provoke them?

“There are so many mediocre Celestial Alchemists!”

As they walked on the streets of Alchemy City, Duan Ling Tian saw many people dressed in black robes with flames embroidered on them. The flames formed the word ‘Yang’. At first glance, the flames were so well embroidered that they looked like they were burning. They were extremely eye-catching. These were the Celestial Master’s Robes.

The Celestial Master’s Robes were the uniforms of the members of the Alliance of Celestial Masters. The members of the alliance were Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen who have proven themselves worthy. Very few dared to wear imitations of the uniforms. If they were caught wearing a fake robe, their future would be ruined.

There were four different Celestial Master’s Robes; heaven-rank Celestial Master’s Robe, earth-rank Celestial Master’s Robe, Yang Celestial Master’s Robe, and Yin Celestial Master’s Robe. Heaven-rank Celestial Master’s Robe could only be worn by supreme Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen. Earth-rank Celestial Master’s Robe could only be worn by prominent Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen. Yang Celestial Master’s Robe could only be worn by mediocre Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen, and Yin Celestial Master’s Robe would be given to primitive Celestial Alchemists and Celestial Weapons Craftsmen after they have proven themselves worthy of joining the Alliance of Celestial Masters.

Based on the Yang Celestial Master’s Robes, Duan Ling Tian could tell the group of people before him were mediocre Celestial Alchemists. Since the Alchemy City was opened for the Alchemy Conference, more than 90% of the people here were Celestial Alchemists. There were very few Celestial Weapons Craftsmen here.

Duan Ling Tian also saw a few primitive Celestial Alchemists who wore the Yin Celestial Master’s Robes. However, their numbers were much smaller compared to mediocre Celestial Alchemists.

“Master Situ, why aren’t you wearing your Celestial Master’s Robe?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously as he looked at Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing. Although he was now a prominent Celestial Alchemist, and he could go to one of the branches of the Alliance of Celestial Masters in Tai Yi City, he had never done so since he did not have the time for it. Moreover, previously, there was no occasion that needed him to wear a Celestial Master’s Robe.

“We only wear our Celestial Master’s Robes when we need to prove our identities or during formal events like the Alchemy Conference. We’ll be wearing our Celestial Master’s Robes during the conference,” Situ Ming explained with a smile.

“I see,” Duan Ling Tian said with a wry smile, “I didn’t know we’re supposed to wear Celestial Master’s Robes during the Alchemy Conference. Otherwise, I would’ve gone to the Alliance of Celestial Masters’ branch in Tai Yi City to get a Celestial Master’s Robe. Is there an Alliance of Celestial Masters’ branch in Alchemy City?”

“No.” Situ Ming shook his head. “Master Duan, although there’s no Alliance of Celestial Masters’ branch in Alchemy City, there are other branches in other cities near Alchemy City that are governed by the

Three Major Celestial Sects of the Barren Land. If you want a Celestial Master's Robe, I can accompany you to one of the cities."

Upon hearing this, Yu Zhong Jing suddenly chimed in, "Master Duan, I have a set of Yin Celestial Master's Robe that has only been worn once. If you don't mind, you can wear them."

"Of course, I don't mind," Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "Thank you, Master Yu." He did not care that the robe had been worn once. After all, he could easily clean it again.

As Duan Ling Tian and the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect walked down the streets, Huan'er who was not wearing a veil, naturally, became the topic of everyone's discussion.

"What a beautiful woman!"

"I've never seen such a gorgeous woman... It would be a blessing of a lifetime to be able to sleep with her once."

"Don't think even about it... Can't you see she already has a boyfriend? The purple-clad young man next to her has an outstanding bearing. It's obvious he has an extraordinary background."

"It's not just that. Even the other four people in his party look like important personages. The old man walking in the lead, in particular, seems extraordinary. Although he looks just like an ordinary old man, it's unassuming people like him who are the most terrifying."

"Judging by their speech, behavior, and temperament, they don't seem like they're from small sects in the Six Southeastern Regions... I wonder which top sect in the Six Southeastern Regions they're from?"

Although these people were admiring Huan'er beauty, they did not fail to notice Duan Ling Tian and the others' extraordinary temperament. For this reason, although many people coveted Huan'er, they did not dare to act recklessly.

As Duan Ling Tian and the others continued walking down the street, a commotion could be heard as people began to move to the sides.

"Give way!"

"Move aside!!

"Do you know who my young master is? My young master is the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. If you don't want to die, move aside!"

Upon hearing these arrogant words, many people gave way and moved to the sides.

After a while, a young man dressed in white robes appeared. He was riding on the back of a gigantic tiger that was two meters tall. Three muscular men who were naked from the waist up parted the crowd for him.

"The Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?"

“The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect in the Cross Region? The strongest sect in the Six Southeast Regions?”

Chapter 2827: A Fly

“The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?” Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes imperceptibly. During the journey to Barren Land, he had learned that the Profound Heaven Celestial was the strongest force in the Six Southeastern Regions. It was head and shoulders above the other top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions. In the Cross Region, the Blissful Sect would have to join forces with another two top sects to even be a match for the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

‘What a coincidence! The first people from the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions we meet after arriving in Alchemy City are people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he looked at the young man who was riding on a giant tiger that was 2-meter tall. The young man was handsome with a dignified air about him.

‘He’s the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?’ Based on the three burly men’s words and the arrogant way they forced everyone to make way for the white-clad young man, it was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to guess the young man’s identity. In addition, he had a bad impression of the young man as well. It did not matter if the white-clad young man did or did not explicitly condone the three burly men’s domineering behavior, the white-clad young man was still at fault for not being strict with his subordinates. At the same time, he overheard the discussions in his surroundings.

“He is Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?”

“The two-meter tall giant tiger is the Red Electric White Tiger that was given to him by one of the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect for his 200th birthday, right?”

“Red Electric White Tiger? It’s the unintelligent Celestial Beast that has strength comparable to a Celestial Duke, right? I heard it was raised by one of the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.”

“There’s no doubt it’s the Red Electric White Tiger!”

“There are less than five domesticated Celestial Beasts with strength comparable to a Celestial Duke in the Six Southeastern Regions, right?”

After hearing the discussions in his surroundings, Duan Ling Tian looked at the white-clad young man’s mount. He looked at the two-meter tall white tiger intently. ‘Red Electric White Tiger? A domesticated and unintelligent Celestial Beast with strength comparable to a Celestial Duke?’ Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened imperceptibly. He did not expect to see a Celestial Beast with strength comparable to Celestial Duke here. The strongest Celestial Beast he had seen before this only had strength comparable to a Great Overarching Golden Celestial.

The discussions in the surroundings did not die down.

“Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, is said to be the most outstanding genius in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect in the past 1,000 years. He’s only a little over

200 years old, but he has already become a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. He's just a hairbreadth away from becoming a Celestial Duke!"

"In the Six Southeastern Regions, the only person younger than 1,000 years old who's as talented as him is Murong Bing from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, right?"

"I think so..."

"Murong Bing is also a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, but she's younger than Bai Yu Xuan."

Duan Ling Tian's ears perked up when he heard the people mentioning Murong Bing from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Murong Bing was the female disciple from the Celestial Traveler Sect whom he had sex with in the Little World left by the Celestial King from the Blissful Sect. He was determined to claim her as his woman

'I wonder if she'll attend the Alchemy Conference...' At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's mind was no longer on Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. He did not even spare Bai Yu Xuan a glance. His mind was only focused on whether Murong Bing would come to Alchemy City in the Barren Land or not.

"Why are three of you yelling? How many times have I told you not to bully others... If it happens again, I'll ask my father to severely punish all three of you!" Bai Yu Xuan said with a gleam in his eyes. Initially, he was about to rebuke the crowd for not making way for him even after his subordinates ordered them to move aside. His sudden change in attitude was because he had seen Huan'er.

"Huh?"

"Young master, you're..."

The three burly men stopped in their tracks and looked at Bai Yu Xuan in confusion. They could not figure out why their young master suddenly changed his attitude. After all, he had never objected to their behavior in the past.

The three burly men were still confused when Bai Yu Xuan rode on the Red Electric White Tiger and stopped in front of Duan Ling Tian and the others. His eyes were trained on Huan'er, who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian, as he said, "Young lady, I'm the son of the Sect Leader of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. My name's Bai Yu Xuan. What's your name?"

Bai Yu Xuan's eyes were brimming with excitement as he thought to himself, 'What a perfect woman! Originally, I thought Murong Bing from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect is the number one beauty in the Six Southeastern Regions... Who knew I'd meet someone who's even more beautiful than Murong Bing?'

Huan'er's appearance, body, and bearing were flawless. Naturally, most men would be charmed by her, let alone a lecherous man like Bai Yu Xuan who only looked like a gentleman on the surface.

At this time, Bai Yu Xuan was so focused on Huan'er that he failed to notice his mount, the Red Electric White Tiger, was looking at Huan'er fearfully. It was as though Huan'er was some terrifying monster.

'Alas, she's only fit to become my concubine. My wife can only be Murong Bing from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!'

After a moment, Bai Yu Xuan's gaze fell on Huan'er's hand that was holding onto Duan Ling Tian's arm. His eyes turned cold immediately. His gaze was pointed, like a knife, as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Huan'er did not bother with answering Bai Yu Xuan's question. Instead, she looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a slight frown on her face, "Brother Ling Tian, this person is so annoying."

Duan Ling Tian who just regained his senses saw the lecherous look in Bai Yu Xuan's eyes. He glanced at Bai Yu Xuan briefly before he turned to Huan'er and said, "Huan'er, you can just think of him as a fly and ignore him."

"Okay." Huan'er nodded. She did not even spare Bai Yu Xuan a glance as she ignored him like Duan Ling Tian had told her to.

Bai Yu Xuan's expression darkened as he coldly asked, "What's your name? Which sect are you from? This is the first time I have met someone in the Six Southeastern Regions who dares to act so disrespectfully toward me!"

Similar to Huan'er, Duan Ling Tian did not pay any attention to Bai Yu Xuan and ignored him. He looked at the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and said with a slight smile on his face, "Old Ancestor, let's go."

The behavior of the three burly men had long angered the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. If they were not from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, he would have already killed them. Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, he nodded and said, "Let's go!" After he finished speaking, he stepped forward and walked past Bai Yu Xuan and the Red Electric White Tiger without sparing them a glance.

Duan Ling Tian and the others followed closely behind the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Upon seeing this, the onlookers broke out in an uproar.

"Who are these people? How dare they disrespect the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?!"

"They must be from one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions... Otherwise, how could they have the guts to act so arrogantly to the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?"

"I agree."

"How arrogant!"

Upon seeing the lack of respect from Duan Ling Tian and the people with him, Bai Yu Xuan's expression soured. However, he still maintained his composure. Similar to the onlookers, he was certain Duan Ling Tian and the others were from one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions. He looked at the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and asked again, "Which sect are you from?"

“Your father might have the right to question me, but the same can’t be said about you!” the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect said indifferently as he glanced at Bai Yu Xuan.

Upon hearing these words, the three burly men flew toward the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect at lightning speed, clearly angered. Despite their burly bodies, they were nimble and swift when they moved.

“This old man is seeking death!”

“How dare you be so rude to our young master?!”

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

A gust of violent wind blew in the air as punches rained down like a net on the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

The three burly men attacked in unison, wisely combining their strength. They were extremely fast and ferocious!

“Four Phenomenons Celestial Dukes joining forces... Your combined strength is equivalent to the full strength of a Six Combinations Celestial Duke. Not bad... If I’m not mistaken, three of you must be the Three Heroes of Huang Jiang who joined the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect 20 years ago!” the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect said unhurriedly. Although the three men’s punches seemed to form a net that was falling on him, he remained calm.

Chapter 2828: Huan’er’s Deterrence

The Three Heroes of Huang Jiang!

As soon as the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect finished speaking, his robes began to flutter. Under everyone’s watchful eyes, visible ripples of energy rolled off his body toward the three burly men, causing the air to distort.

Whoosh!

There was no dramatic sight, but a soft sound clearly rang in the air.

The crowd saw the energy easily overwhelmed the punches from the three burly men that formed a net. The punches disappeared in just an instant.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The ripples of energy continued to roll out and landed on the bodies of the three burly men. The three burly men’s faces paled in just a blink of an eye as they were sent flying like a shot arrow.

“Huh?”

The energy dispersed as soon as it landed on the three burly men and sent them flying. They were sent flying quite a distance away before they fell to the ground. They looked wretched and miserable as they struggled and failed to rise to their feet. After struggling for a while, they only managed to sit cross-

legged before taking pills to heal their injuries. It took a while before the pained expressions on their faces eased.

Upon seeing three of his men injured, Bai Yu Xuan glared at the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. He suppressed the fear that rose in his heart and loudly said, "H-How dare you hurt the members of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?!"

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect only scoffed in response, ignoring Bai Yu Xuan. Then, he walked past Bai Yu Xuan who was still on the Red Electric White Tiger's back toward the others. As he walked past Bai Yu Xuan, he casually raised one hand to shoo off the Red Electric White Tiger.

Upon seeing this, Bai Yu Xuan's expression changed drastically.

The Red Electric White Tiger let out a soft howl.

Anyone with an understanding of Celestial Beasts would be able to tell the tiger was frightened.

Bai Yu Xuan was about to speak up, thinking the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was going to attack his mount when...

Boom!

The earth trembled slightly as the Red Electric White Tiger moved to the side. It seemed to have lost its strength as it fell to the ground.

Bai Yu Xuan who was on the Red Electric White Tiger's back was horrified.

The Red Electric White Tiger lay on the ground like a docile kitten, its huge body trembled in fear. It looked at Huan'er fearfully as though she was a terrifying monster.

Only Duan Ling Tian and the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect noticed the tiger's frightened gaze when it looked at Huan'er. Bai Yu Xuan and the others who finally regained their senses were completely unaware of this. They only thought the tiger was frightened by the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Duan Ling Tian and the others followed closely behind the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect with indifferent expressions on their faces. They looked neither happy nor upset.

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect glanced at Huan'er. A look of surprise briefly flashed in his eyes. He thought to himself as he moved forward, 'This young lady must be quite powerful...'

'The Red Electric White Tiger... is actually afraid of Huan'er? Who is she exactly?' Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing looked at Huan'er in shock as well as they followed the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian looked at Huan'er and sent her a Voice Transmission. "Huan'er, although you're in human form, your aura is that of a Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox, right?" He speculated that the Red Electric White Tiger was so afraid of her because it could sense she was a Thousand Phantoms Ice

Fox. Although the Red Electric White Tiger was a Celestial Beast without intelligence, its survival instinct was strong. Naturally, it would be afraid when it encountered a stronger Celestial Beast.

“Brother Ling Tian, I haven’t matured so the aura of the Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox in me isn’t very strong. The little Red Electric White Tiger is afraid of me because of my Phantom Fox aura,” Huan’er replied through Voice Transmission, “In the Devata Realms, the Phantom Fox Clan is a powerful clan of Celestial Beasts... The aura of a Phantom Fox is enough to serve as a deterrent to most Celestial Beasts...”

“I see.” Duan Ling Tian was surprised that Huan’er had stepped aside because she knew the Red Electric White Tiger was afraid of her.

Meanwhile, everyone could only watch as the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect walked away.

Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, was left sitting on the Red Electric White Tiger that was lying in the ground. His expression was unsightly. He glared at Duan Ling Tian and the others viciously as he thought to himself, ‘No matter who you are... I, Bai Yu Xuan, will have my revenge one day!’

At this moment, the onlookers shifted their attention to Bai Yu Xuan and began to discuss among themselves.

“Who are they?”

“They’re definitely from a top sect in the Six Southeastern Regions... Otherwise, how could they act so arrogantly and offend the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?!”

“The Young Sect Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect really suffered a huge humiliation this time...”

Meanwhile, Bai Yu Xuan got off the Red Electric White Tiger’s back when it was about to rise to its feet. The crowd was still busy discussing among themselves as he left the tiger and his three men behind.

“He left just like that?”

“Why would he stay? Hasn’t he been humiliated enough?”

“I’ve long heard about Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. According to rumors, he has always been arrogant and domineering. Almost everyone would try to flatter him... It’s truly a sight to see him being humiliated today.”

Many people felt the same way.

“The three men... The old man who defeated them with just a single move called them the Three Heroes of Huang Jiang, right? I wonder why?” someone asked curiously, looking at the three burly men.

“The Three Heroes of Huang Jiang are famous thieves in the Cross Region. Although they’re just Four Phenomenons Celestial Dukes, they’re able to defeat Five Elements Celestial Dukes when they combine

their strength!” someone from the Cross Region replied. As he spoke, he looked at three burly men fearfully.

“That’s right! There are more than ten Five Elements Celestial Dukes who have died in their hands over the years,” another person from the Cross Region chimed in.

Upon hearing these words, many people inhaled sharply.

“Initially, I didn’t believe it when the old man said the three Four Phenomenons Celestial Dukes’ joint-attack was comparable to the full strength of an ordinary Six Combinations Celestial Duke. I thought the old man was trying to make himself look good!”

“When they join forces, their attack is comparable to the full strength of an ordinary Six Combinations Celestial Duke... It’s only natural that most Five Elements Celestial Dukes are not a match for them.”

“The old man didn’t even make any big movements. Just his Celestial Origin Energy is enough to subdue the Three Heroes of Huang Jiang. He even severely injured them... He must be a Seven Stars Celestial Duke at the very least, right?”

Someone scoffed. “Didn’t you see it earlier? The old man withdrew his strength at the very last minute. If he didn’t, not only would the Three Heroes of Huang Jiang die, but even the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect and the Red Electric White Tiger would have died!”

At this moment, a middle-aged man suddenly stepped forward and cried out, “I remember now!”

Everyone turned their attention to the middle-aged man.

At the same time, another middle-aged man exclaimed, “It’s him! No wonder I found him familiar!”

“Who’s he?!”

“Tell us!”

“I’m dying to know... Mister, please don’t keep us guessing!”

The group of people looked at the middle-aged man and urged him.

The middle-aged man took a deep breath to suppress his excitement before he said, “During the Alchemy Conference 300 years ago, I was fortunate enough to meet the old senior. If I’m not mistaken, he’s the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect! At that time, he was already an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!”

“The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?”

“He’s the strongest person in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, right?!”

“As it turns out, he’s the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. No wonder he’s so strong!”

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“No wonder, he’s an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke...”

“The Tai Yi Celestial Sect is one of the top sects in the Wasteland. Saying that, it’s still weaker than the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Why did he seem unafraid of offending the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?”

“That’s right... He didn’t leave a shred of dignity for the Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect at all!”

“Isn’t he afraid that he’ll get the Tai Yi Celestial Sect into trouble?”

Most people were certain the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect would bring trouble to the sect for offending the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

There were, naturally, some who disagreed as well.

“Well, if you think about it, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is senior to the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect... Why does he need to tread on eggshells around his junior?”

“Yes! Although the overall strength of the Profound Heaven Sect is stronger than the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions are somewhat equal to a certain extent. Many factors are involved when determining which sect is stronger... Who knows if there are currently Ten Directions Celestial Dukes silently guarding the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?”

“That’s right. If the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect acts against the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, that incident from hundreds of thousands of years ago might happen again.”

“The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect has already taken the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect into consideration by sparing the lives of the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect...”

“Indeed. If those three weren’t from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, they would’ve been killed by the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!”

Although the little conflict was over, the crowd was extremely lively as they continued to discuss among themselves.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and the others soon arrived at the residence of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in Alchemy City of the Barren Land.

After they entered the residence, before everyone went their own way, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect solemnly said to Duan Ling Tian, “Master Duan, since I took the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect into consideration and spared the lives of Bai Yu Xuan and his three men, we don’t need to worry about the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect looking for trouble with us. However, Bai Yu Xuan will certainly not let this matter go. Therefore, it’s better for you to not go out unless it’s absolutely necessary. If you truly need to go out, remember to inform me so I can accompany you...”

“That’s right!” Situ Ming nodded in agreement as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a somber expression and said, “Master Duan, in the coming month, you must remember to inform the Old Ancestor if you’re going out. Bai Yu Xuan is the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect after all. You shouldn’t

underestimate the influence he wields. Moreover, his cultivation base is higher than yours and Miss Huan'er's... He can easily defeat you and Miss Huan'er."

Although Yang Chong and Yu Zhong Jing did not speak, they both nodded in agreement.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Even without the reminder from the Old Ancestor of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, he still would not venture out alone. He had only acted so boldly in front of Bai Yu Xuan earlier because the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was present. Without the protection of the old ancestor, it would be easy for Bai Yu Xuan to retaliate against him.

After everyone went their own way, Duan Ling Tian sighed. 'Currently, I'm still too weak...'

Duan Ling Tian walked into an independent courtyard in the residence. It was located close to the others' courtyards. If anything happened, the others would be able to rush to his aid as quickly as possible. The courtyard had three rooms, and the compound was spacious and filled with flowers and plants. It looked refreshing and elegant, and it also gave off a cozy feeling.

At this moment, Huan'er curiously asked, "Brother Ling Tian, is the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect so strong? Why does it seem like even the old man is slightly afraid of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?" In her opinion, the old man who brought them to Alchemy City was the strongest person in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and was revered. Even the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was respectful and deferential to the old man. However, even such a person seemed slightly afraid of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Thus, she was a little curious.

Since Situ Ming and the others only told Duan Ling Tian about the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect during their journey here, Huan'er was, naturally, unaware of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. She was busy comprehending her Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities during the journey after all.

"Huan'er, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is the strongest sect in the Six Southeastern Regions..." Duan Ling Tian said, disclosing everything he knew about the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect to Huan'er.

"There are three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?" Even Huan'er who was usually indifferent was slightly surprised by the fact that there were three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. She asked, "Brother Ling Tian... If I'm not mistaken, the old man from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, the strongest person in the sect, is just an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke, right?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "The old ancestor is indeed an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke. Above Eight Trigrams Celestial Dukes are Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes and Ten Directions Celestial Dukes. This means the old ancestor's strength is two levels lower than the three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!"

Huan'er murmured, "Apart from the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes, there must be Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes as well in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect... It's no surprise the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is no match for the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect."

After a while, a thought appeared in Huan'er's mind, and she asked again, "Brother Ling Tian... Since the Profound Heaven Celestial is so much stronger than the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, why is the old man so bold

as to offend the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect earlier? Isn't he afraid the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect would look for trouble with the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in a fit of rage? If the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect attacks the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect won't stand a chance at all, right?"

"It's true that the Tai Yi Celestial Sect would be powerless to fight back if the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect makes a move against them. Even if the other two Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland lend a helping hand, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect still won't be a match for the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect," Duan Ling Tian replied.

"If that's the case, why did the old man act in that manner toward the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect? Isn't he afraid that the Sect Leader of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect would seek revenge?" Huan'er asked again.

"The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is the strongest person in the sect and represents the sect. The sect is also one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions so it has its own dignity to protect as well. If the old ancestor is subservient to the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, everyone would look down on the sect. Reputation is important. There are times where we shouldn't back down," Duan Ling Tian explained, "Furthermore, the old ancestor did not go too far. He did not kill anyone. If the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect attacks the Tai Yi Celestial Sect because of this, he would only gain a bad reputation. Moreover, the other high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect might not agree with their sect leader's actions over such a minor matter."

"Why?" Huan'er asked in confusion, "With the strength of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, it'd be easy for them to annihilate the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, right?"

"Of course." Duan Ling Tian nodded. His eyes were bright as he said, "But that's based on the assumption that there are three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Profound Heaven Sect and none in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. However, who can be sure there are no Ten Directions Celestial Dukes silently guarding the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?"

"I heard the ancestor said that hundreds of thousands of years ago, there was a sect from the General Region that was the strongest sect in the Six Southeastern Regions. At that time, the Young Master of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect accidentally killed one of the descendants of the Ten Directions Celestial Duke of that sect. This caused a great war between the two sects. The Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect at that time was willing to sacrifice his son's life as compensation to the other sect. After all, the strongest member of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect at that time was only an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke just like now... Thus, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect could only give up his son's life in order to diffuse the situation. However, although the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect sacrificed his son's life, the other sect still refused to let the matter go. The Ten Directions Celestial Duke, whose child died, personally killed all the Celestial Dukes in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. In fact, he even planned to completely destroy the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. When the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was on the brink of destruction, two Ten Directions Celestial Dukes appeared... The two Ten Directions Celestial Dukes had strength similar to a One Basic Celestial King. They easily killed the other Ten Directions Celestial Duke. After that, those two even went to the other sect and killed all four of the sect's Ten Directions Celestial Dukes. That sect was subsequently wiped out and disappeared in the long river of history."

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“In fact 10,000 years before that incident, the two Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had a breakthrough and became Celestial Kings so they left the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... The people of Tai Yi Celestial Sect thought that they had already gone to the central area of the Southern Heaven Territory, but to their surprise, those two stayed in the borderlands, silently guarding the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Even now, there are many who believe the two Ten Directions Celestial Dukes are secretly guarding Tai Yi Celestial Sect and would show up when the sect faces a huge threat,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“When they made an appearance, it was clear that their cultivation bases had regressed to that of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke due to the restrictive Formation that separated the borderlands and the central area of the Southern Heaven Territory. Since they gave up on becoming Celestial Kings by refusing to go to the central area of the Southern Heaven Territory, their cultivation bases deteriorated. In any case, since that incident, there had been a few violent skirmishes between the forces in the Six Southeastern Regions, but the threat they posed would not destroy the sect. For this reason, the two Ten Directions Celestial Dukes haven’t been seen again. Many people are reluctant to get into a conflict with the Tai Yi Celestial Sect because of this. After all, someone who regressed from a Celestial King to a Ten Directions Celestial Duke is much stronger than most Ten Directions Celestial Dukes!” Duan Ling Tian patiently explained to Huan’er why the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect would not recklessly act against the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Apart from that, he also told her about the central area of the Southern Heaven Territory and the borderlands, and the restrictive Formation that separated them.

Huan’er pondered on Duan Ling Tian’s words for a long time. When she regained her senses, she only nodded and said, “I see.”

“Huan’er, let’s rest for a few days. After that, we’ll ask the old ancestor to accompany us to explore the city,” Duan Ling Tian said to Huan’er. Although he wanted to focus on cultivating and raising his cultivation base after realizing the difference in his strength and Bai Yu Xuan, he knew there was no rushing these things no matter how diligent he cultivated. Moreover, since the Alchemy Conference would be held a month later, it was useless for him to enter closed-door cultivation. He had also seen Huan’er looking around curiously when they were walking in Alchemy City. It was obvious she could not wait to walk around. For this reason, he decided to take her out to explore the city.

“Alright!” As expected, Huan’er’s eyes lit up with excitement when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, “Okay, for now, you should go to your room and rest...”

After Huan’er selected her room, Duan Ling Tian entered one of the rooms as well. He did not cultivate. Instead, he took out his prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron and began to refine prominent Celestial Pills. ‘The Alchemy Conference is happening in one month. Before that, I must improve my alchemy skills so I won’t embarrass myself during the conference’

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Meanwhile.

“Hey! Did you hear? The Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect was thoroughly humiliated!”

“The Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect? Humiliated? Impossible! Who would dare to do such a thing?”

“Hey... I’m guessing you’re unaware the other party is the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect! He’s an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke.”

“Tai Yi Celestial Sect? The sect from the Wasteland? As far as I know, there’s only one Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke in the sect, and he’s the strongest in the entire sect... The Tai Yi Celestial Sect is much weaker than the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Where did the Eight Trigrams Celestial Dukes of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect find the courage to offend the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?”

“Well, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect did provoke them first...”

“Don’t underestimate the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... In the past, the most powerful sect in the Six Southeastern Regions with five Ten Directions Celestial Dukes was destroyed by two hidden powerhouses of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!”

“That’s right. Although it’s said that the two hidden powerhouses have left the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, there are rumors they’re still in the Six Southeastern Regions.”

“I think it’s highly likely that the two hidden powerhouses are still in the Six Southeastern Regions. After all, they didn’t leave even after they became Celestial Kings. It’s clear that they’re determined to protect the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.”

“It’s not just the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... It’s said that there are hidden powerhouses in the other top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions as well. Therefore, the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions would not escalate their conflicts into a full-blown war.”

Due to nosy people, word about the conflict between Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, and Duan Ling Tian spread like a wildfire in Alchemy City. It did not take long before everyone in the city had heard about what happened.

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“Damn it!” Bai Yu Xuan was furious when he discovered word of what happened had spread everywhere in the city. “Don’t those people have anything better to do? Why are they gossiping about me?”

Bai Yu Xuan’s eyes flashed viciously as he muttered to himself, “Those people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... Just wait... I’ll definitely teach them a lesson!”

After taking a deep breath to calm down, Bai Yu Xuan discovered he could no longer endure the anger. Thus, he left his residence in search of his father, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

The party from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect who came to Alchemy City was led by the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. In fact, most of the forces who came to the Alchemy Conference were led by their sect leaders unless other powerhouses in the sects took the initiative to come along. This was the tradition of the Alchemy Conference.

“Father!” Bai Yu Xuan cried out.

“Xuan’er, you came at the right time.” The Sect Leader of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect was a middle-aged man of medium build and ordinary appearance. However, there was no denying his majestic aura. He furrowed his brows slightly when he saw Bai Yu Xuan and asked, “I’ve heard the gossip about you. What’s going on? Why did you go provoke the Tai Yi Celestial Sect for no good reason? Also... why did you leave the Red Electric White Tiger and the Tong brothers behind? The Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s people had already left at that time and no longer posed a threat to you, right? Moreover, if the Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke of Tai Yi Celestial Sect really wanted to kill you, you won’t have the chance to escape at all.” His tone grew more and more solemn as he spoke.

The eyes of the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect turned pointed and fierce as he said, “Apart from rumors about you being humiliated, everyone is also saying you’re cold-blooded and vicious. The Tong brothers were injured because of you, but you left them behind. The Red Electric White Tiger is a gift from your junior granduncle for your 200th birthday. If he knows that you just left it in the streets, what would he think?”

“Father, I...” Bai Yu Xuan did not expect he would be berated before he even had a chance to speak. He felt speechless and aggrieved.

After a while, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect looked at Bai Yu Xuan coldly and said knowingly, “Why are you here? Did you come to me to seek revenge for you over the trivial conflict between you and the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?”

“Yes.” Bai Yu Xuan took a deep breath before he burst into a tirade. “Father, the Eight Trigrams Celestial of Tai Yi Celestial Sect knows that I am your son, but he still didn’t take you into consideration and humiliated me anyway. It’s clear he has no respect for you! I think...”

Before Bai Yu Xuan finished speaking, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect interjected, “What do you think?” He looked at Bai Yu Xuan, clearly disappointed that his son fell short of his expectations, and said, “You want me to step forward and deal with the Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke from the Tai Yi Celestial Duke for you?”

“Father, if you don’t do anything... Your dignity and reputation would be tarnished,” Bai Yu Xuan said again. Before he came over to see his father, he had already planned to turn his father against the Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke of Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

‘As long as father is willing to help me deal with the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... I can easily deal with the others! At that time, that peerless beauty will become my plaything!’ Bai Yu Xuan’s heart burned with eagerness and excitement when he thought about Huan’er becoming his plaything.

“My dignity and reputation would be tarnished?” The Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect laughed. When he stopped laughing, his expression was icy-cold. The temperature of the surroundings seemed to have dropped as well when he looked at Bai Yu Xuan.

Bai Yu Xuan shuddered in fear. Based on his father's reactions, he knew it would be difficult to involve his father in this matter.

"If you really care about my pride, you should've behaved properly!" the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect said in a deep voice, "Before this, no one dared to provoke you because I'm your father. Even if you took the initiative to provoke others, they would endure... Why didn't you think of preserving my pride then, huh? Do you think... that's something to be proud of? Now that you're humiliated, you suddenly care about my dignity and pride?" His tone turned colder as he spoke, "I'm warning you... You better dismiss all ideas of seeking revenge from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!"