

Chapter 2831: Are They from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?

Upon hearing his father's words, Bai Yu Xuan knew his father was truly furious. He hastily replied, "Yes, father!" At this time, he could only temporarily compromise even if he was unwilling. He would not let the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect go, but he would compromise for now. 'So what if you're the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect? I, Bai Yu Xuan, swear that I will never let you leave the Alchemy City of Barren Land alive!'

Although Bai Yu Xuan decided to temporarily compromise in front of the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, his hatred did not diminish at all.

A sly expression flitted across his face as he thought to himself, 'Judging by the time, my Soul Pearl that is in father's possession only has half a month left before the energy in it runs out.'

The Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, naturally, did not notice his son's expression. When he saw his son's attitude softening, his tone became less harsh as well. After all, Bai Yu Xuan was his only son. He did not like seeing his son being wronged as well. "If that's all, you can take your leave now. Mind your behavior and stop getting into trouble within the next month."

Upon hearing this, Bai Yu Xuan remained silent and took his leave.

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Outside Alchemy City.

"Third Senior Sister, we're here... Alchemy City lies before us," a green-clad girl said to a woman next to her as they descended from the sky. Her voice was as melodious as a silver bell.

The other woman wore a simple purple robe. Her eyebrows were like the feathers of a peacock, and her skin was as fair as snow. Her waist was slender as well. Her face was half-hidden by a veil, only her limpid eyes could be seen. Her temperament was extraordinary that everything in the surroundings dimmed in comparison. Her veil was slightly translucent so the outline of her face could be vaguely seen. This only added to her charm, filling people with the urge to lift the veil so they could see her face. One could only imagine how much more beautiful she would be without a veil hiding her face.

"Indeed," the purple-clad woman said with a slight smile on her face. Her smile was like a delicate blooming flower, capable of enchanting anyone who saw it.

Seeing the purple-clad woman's smile, the green-clad girl fell into a momentary daze. She said with a sigh, "Third Senior Sister, you're really beautiful."

"Trying to flatter me, huh? Are you short of Celestial Crystals?" The purple-clad woman shook her head and smiled.

"Third Senior Sister, how can you doubt me? My compliment is sincere. Moreover, I've asked for a lot of Celestial Crystals from master this time around so I don't need to ask you for more," the green-clad girl said smugly.

Another woman who was standing nearby said irritable, "Lyu Luo, you've been chattering incessantly throughout our journey... We can finally get some peace and quiet after we settle down in Alchemy City." This woman could also be considered a beauty in her own right. However, her beauty was outshone by the purple-clad woman.

The green-clad girl made a silly face as she looked at the other woman before she said with a smile, "Senior Sister Xiao, sect leader and senior aunt have said that all of you are lucky to have me on this trip. Otherwise, you'd be bored to death. Are you saying that sect leader and senior aunt are wrong?"

The pretty woman was rendered speechless by the green-clad girl's words. She, naturally, did not dare to say that her master was wrong.

"Lyu Luo, you really have a glib tongue. Xiao Ping was just joking with you," a beautiful woman, who seemed to be the leader of the group, said, trying to diffuse the situation.

"Senior aunt, I was just joking with Senior Sister Xiao as well." The green-clad playfully stuck out her tongue.

"You..." The beautiful woman only shook her head helplessly as she led the group into Alchemy City. This beautiful woman wore a white robe that was embroidered with many lotuses. The people in her group were all women. There were three old women, two middle-aged women, and three young women in the group. Including her, there were ten people in the group.

As they approached the gate of Alchemy City, a thought appeared in the white-clad woman's mind. She looked at the purple-clad woman and asked, "Bing'er... Why did you decide to come to Alchemy City to participate in the Alchemy Conference this time around? In the past, you've never been interested in this kind of event."

"Senior aunt," the purple-clad woman replied, "I received a Communication Celestial Talisman from Shu Qiu saying that she'll be attending the conference as well."

"Shu Qiu?" The white-clad woman was slightly taken aback. Then, she said with a slight smile, "You mean the girl from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect in the Wasteland? As it turns out, she invited you to come along. I was wondering why you're suddenly interested in alchemy." After that, she glanced at the green-clad girl who was standing next to the purple-clad girl and said, "If it weren't for you, Lyu Luo definitely wouldn't have come along."

"Of course... I definitely wouldn't come if Third Senior Sister didn't come," the green-clad girl said.

When the group of women entered Alchemy City, they successfully attracted the attention of the crowd. It was only natural since this group of women was simply too eye-catching.

The white-clad woman who was in the lead was graceful and noble. She exuded a sense of superiority, it was clear that she was an elite. Moreover, one of the old women standing behind her would constantly scan their surroundings, clearly wary.

When the old woman's gaze swept past them, they felt a chill running up their spines.

In addition, two of the three young women were rare beauties. Although one of them was still young, one could tell she would grow up into a beauty in the future. In fact, it was easy to see she would be on par with the other beautiful women in the group.

The most eye-catching person in the group was, naturally, the purple-clad woman. Although her face was partially hidden by a veil, based on her eyes, brows, and the vague outline of her face, one could tell she was a great beauty.

With all these factors, how could this group of women not attract everyone's attention?

"Who are they...?"

"Are they from one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions?"

"This group of people are all women... In the Six Southeastern Regions, there are only two top sects that are composed of all women."

"One of the sects is the Colored Glaze Celestial Sect of Light Region, and the other one is the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect of General Region."

The passersby discussed among themselves as they looked at the group of women who had just entered the city. Based on the temperament of this group of women, most of them guessed the women were from one of the two all-women top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions.

"In the Six Southeastern Regions, the only person who matches the description of the purple-clad woman is Murong Bing from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, right?" a middle-aged man muttered to himself as he looked at the back of the purple-clad woman. Although he did not speak loudly, most people in his surroundings heard his words.

"Murong Bing?"

"If the purple-clad woman is Murong Bing, then, this group of women is from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!"

"Speaking of this... The beautiful white-clad woman walking in the lead seems to match the description of the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect as well."

As some speculated that the purple-clad woman was Murong Bing, there were also people who speculated the white-clad woman walking in the lead was the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.

A young man said, "She's Murong Bing? Indeed, she's as beautiful as the rumor says... Among all the women I've seen in the Six Southeastern Regions, she's probably the second most beautiful woman in regard to appearance and bearing."

Many people heard the young man's words.

One person asked, "You've seen someone who's more beautiful than Murong Bing?"

“Yes.” The young man nodded and pointed ahead of him. “I met that woman on that street in front of us recently.”

“Recently? The street in front? Are you talking about the white-clad woman with the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect? They had a conflict with the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, right?” an old man asked.

“That’s right,” the young man said with a lovestruck expression on his face, “That woman is definitely the most beautiful woman I have ever seen in my life... Both her appearance and figure are perfect. She is flawless!”

“I have also heard people talking about that woman. They described her just as you did... It’s a pity that I didn’t get to see her.”

“What’s the rush? The people from Tai Yi Celestial Sect must have come to participate in the Alchemy Conference... During the conference, you’ll definitely be able to see her.”

“You’re right. I’ll be able to see her at that time!”

Meanwhile, the green-clad girl also heard the discussions in her surroundings. She was clearly upset by the words she heard. “So what you’re saying is there a woman who’s more beautiful than my Third Senior Sister?”

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The green-clad girl stopped in her tracks and turned around. She asked angrily, “So what you’re saying is... There’s a woman who’s more beautiful than my Third Senior Sister?” In her eyes, her Third Senior Sister was the most beautiful woman she had ever seen. No other woman could compare to her Third Senior Sister. Moreover, her Third Senior Sister was extremely talented so she has regarded her Third Senior Sister as an idol since she was a child. How could she not be upset when she heard people saying there was someone more beautiful than her Third Senior Sister?

“Lyu Luo...”

When the green-clad girl stopped moving, the other nine women stopped and turned to look at her.

The purple-clad woman looked at the green-clad girl and said with a smile, “The Six Southeastern Regions is vast, let alone the entire Spirit Overarching Heaven. It’s only natural that there are women more beautiful than your Third Senior Sister.” Clearly, she did not take the passersby’s words to heart.

“Third Senior Sister, I don’t believe there’s anyone more beautiful than you!” The green-clad girl pouted.

One of the women who had remained since the beginning chimed in, “Junior Sister Lyu, beauty is in the eye of the beholder... Although they think the other woman is more beautiful than Junior Sister Bing, it doesn’t mean that everyone feels the same way.”

“That’s right,” Xiao Ping, the young woman who had quibbled with the green-clad girl earlier, said, “Sister Lyu, I disagree with what they said as well... Moreover, Junior Sister Bing is wearing a veil. They can’t see her appearance so it’s only natural that they came to this conclusion. Didn’t they say the

woman is from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect? We can always master to bring us to visit the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. At that time, we'll be able to see that woman and compare her beauty to Junior Sister Bing."

At this moment, the purple-clad woman said, "Junior Sister Lyu Luo, Senior Sister Xiao Ping, Senior Sister Yu Huan... Let's not keep senior aunt, junior grandaunt, and the four Celestial Alchemists waiting. Let's go." Then, she added, "I, myself, don't care about these things. Why do you guys care about it so much?"

"Bing'er is right... She doesn't care about these silly things. Why are three of you so angry? Let's go," the beautiful white-clad woman who seemed like the leader of the group said before she walked into the inner part of Alchemy City.

The three old women, two middle-aged women, and the purple-clad woman followed after the white-clad woman's footsteps.

Xiao Ping, Yu Huan, and Lyu Luo exchanged a look before Xiao Ping and Yu Huan followed the rest of the group as well.

Only Lyu Luo remained unmoving. She glared at the young man who had brought the topic and said, "After I visit the woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, if I find she's not as beautiful as my Third Senior Sister, you better pray that you don't run into me. Otherwise, I'd beat you up every time we meet! "Remember... My name is Lyu Luo, and I'm the last disciple of Wang Dan Feng, the second Guardian of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!" After warning the young man, she left.

It took a while before the crowd regained their senses.

"Did she say she's the last disciple of Wang Dan Feng, the second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?"

"It seems like they're really from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!"

"So the purple-clad woman whom the green-clad girl refers to as Third Senior Sister is really Murong Bing of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect? From what I know, Murong Bing is the third direct disciple of Wang Dan Feng."

"The Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's second Guardian, Wang Dan Feng... Isn't she the only daughter of the Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?"

"I heard that the Ten Directions Celestial Duke of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect is the only man in the sect. He's not a real member of the sect, he's just a sort of guardian of the sect. After all, his wife is the former Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. He had promised his wife that he would spend the rest of his life protecting the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect."

"Now that the people from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect are here, ten of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions have arrived."

“As the Alchemy Conference draws closer, more and more people from the top sects will arrive... I wonder whether Sun Chao, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Blazing Sun Celestial Sect, will be crowned the Most Skilled Prominent Celestial Alchemist during the Alchemy Conference again.”

“If Sun Chao is acknowledged as the most skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist again, his standing in the Six Southeastern Regions as a Celestial Alchemist would be further cemented.”

“How exciting! There’s roughly a month left before the start of the Alchemy Conference!”

Gradually, the crowd’s topic changed. After all, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect from the General Region was not the only top sect that would come to Alchemy City.

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Meanwhile.

“Senior Sister, that guy said another woman is more beautiful than you... Aren’t you upset at all?” Lyu Luo asked in confusion as she looked at Murong Bing who was walking next to her. If she were in Murong Bing’s shoes, she would definitely feel upset.

“There is nothing to be upset about.” Murong Bing shook her head slightly. Her expression was as calm as usual.

“Why?” Lyu Luo asked again.

“Because I’m, indeed, not as beautiful as the woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect,” Murong Bing said. Then, she added, “Even if she’s not more beautiful, I still wouldn’t care about what others say about me. It’d be too tiring to care about what everyone says.”

“What?!” Lyu Luo did not seem to hear the latter half of Murong Bing’s words. She was shocked by Murong Bing saying the other woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was, indeed, more beautiful. An expression of disbelief appeared on her face as she asked, “Senior Sister, you... Did you just agree that the woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is more beautiful than you?”

“Huh?”

It was not only Lyu Luo who was shocked by Murong Bing’s words, but the others, including the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, turned to look at Muring Bing in shock as well.

“Junior Sister Bing... are you joking?” Xiao Ping looked incredulous. “There’s someone even more beautiful than you? Unbelievable!”

Yu Huan also looked at Murong Bing in surprise. For Xiao Ping and Yu Huan, Murong Bing was the most beautiful woman they had seen in their lives. Even as women themselves, they admired Murong Bing’s beauty.

The old woman whom Murong Bing referred to as junior grandaunt could not help but ask in surprise, “Bing’er, have you seen that woman from Tai Yi Celestial Sect?” She was also the one whose gaze sent chills running up people’s spines.

“Junior grandaunt, I haven’t seen her before.” Murong Bing shook her head.

“Third Senior Sister, since you haven’t seen her, how can you say that you’re not as beautiful as her?” Lyu Luo asked, looking unconvinced.

“Well, Sister Shu Qiu has seen her before, She said that woman is a peerless beauty,” Murong Bing said with a faint smile. However, a hint of bitterness could be seen in her smile.

When Zhou Shu Qiu had told Murong Bing about the peerless beauty from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect through a Communication Celestial Talisman, Zhou Shu Qiu had also said that beautiful woman was by the side of the man whom she had dearly missed. In fact, she, herself, did know why she would miss that man so much when she had only seen him once. She had forced herself to not think about him, but it was futile. When she learned there was a woman more beautiful than her next to him, she felt her heart ache.

“Sister Shu Qiu?” Lyu Luo fell silent after hearing Murong Bing’s words. She had met Zhou Shu Qiu many times since Zhou Shu Qiu was Murong Bing’s best friend. Therefore, she knew Zhou Shu Qiu was a trustworthy person. If Zhou Shu Qiu had said the other woman was more beautiful, then, it had to be true.

However, Lyu Luo was still firm in her beliefs. “Third Senior Sister, you’ll always be the most beautiful in my eyes. Even if Sister Shu Qiu says that woman is a peerless beauty, it might not be true since everyone has different preferences.”

“Perhaps.” Murong Bing smiled faintly, Then, she looked at the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and asked, “Senior aunt, are we arriving soon?” She changed the topic. She was clearly unwilling to discuss that subject.

At the same time, the figure of a man appeared in Murong Bing’s mind. ‘Since that woman is here... He must be here as well.’

Chapter 2833: A Special Guest

The man who appeared in Murong Bing’s mind was a handsome purple-clad young man with an extraordinary air about him; the man was none other than Duan Ling Tian. She sighed inwardly as she thought to herself, ‘I wonder if he looks forward to meeting me.’

The reason Murong Bing had taken an interest in the Alchemy Conference was not just due to her best friend, Zhou Shu Qiu, it was mostly because she wanted to see Duan Ling Tian whom she missed dearly and who was also attending the Alchemy Conference. He was currently the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in the Wasteland who was recognized by the three prominent Celestial Alchemists of the sect.

When Murong Bing had first learned about this, she was shocked beyond words. She did not expect that he would grow so strong in such a short time. In just a blink of an eye, he had left that remote place where they met and went to the center of the Wasteland and entered one of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. She did not think she would be able to meet Duan Ling Tian again so she asked Zhou Shu Qiu to look out for him.

"I will find you... The woman I slept with can only be mine alone!" These were the words Duan Ling Tian had said after she left. In fact, she did not really leave. She had hidden at the side and quietly watched his reaction after he thought she had left. It was at that time that she overheard his words. She had thought he was too domineering and did not take his words to heart. Who knew after she returned to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, he and his words would appear constantly in her mind? When she learned her senior aunt had sent someone to kill him, she could not help but worry. Thus, she had asked Zhou Shu Qiu who so happened to be in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect at that time to protect the man after she returned to the Wasteland.

Murong Bing sighed inwardly again, 'Perhaps, you've already forgotten about me...' She heard from Zhou Shu Qiu that there was a peerless beauty who followed Duan Ling Tian around. According to Zhou Shu Qiu, the peerless beauty not only had a close relationship with him, but they also often cultivated together in the same room for months on end. With all these in mind, she did not think they had a platonic relationship.

"We'll arrive after passing through two more streets ahead," the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect said to Murong Bing.

The Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect was one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions so they were given a good residence in Alchemy City, similar to the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

After the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's group settled down, they returned to their independent courtyards one after another.

In the end, only Lyu Luo and Murong Bing did not leave. They stood in the courtyard of the Sect Leader Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, waiting for everyone to leave.

"Senior aunt... Why don't you bring us to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's residence?" Lyu Luo asked excitedly.

"Why? Do you want to meet that woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to see if she's more beautiful than your Third Senior Sister?" the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect asked as she shook her head.

"Yes." Lyu Luo did not deny it. She nodded and said, "I just want to see how beautiful that woman is... Even Sister Shu Qiu said she is more beautiful than the Third Senior Sister."

"Sister Shu Qiu is your Third Senior Sister's best friend so she has no reason to side with an outsider over your Third Senior Sister."

This matter had been on Lyu Luo's mind as well during their journey to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's residence in Alchemy City. Zhou Shu Qiu was Murong Bing's best friend. Zhou Shu Qiu would not arbitrarily side with an outsider and say that the other woman was more beautiful than Murong Bing. This made her even more curious about the other woman's appearance.

The Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect did not respond to Lyu Luo. Instead, she looked at Murong Bing and asked, "Bing'er, do you want to see her as well?"

“No, senior aunt” Murong Bing shook her head. Since that woman was here, Duan Ling Tian must be here as well. If she went to have a look at the woman, she would definitely run into him. What would he think when he saw her? Would he not think she was overenthusiastic? She would never do something that would trample on her pride.

Lyu Luo had been looking at Murong Bing expectantly. After all, if Murong Bing wanted to see the woman, the sect leader would definitely bring them over to have a look at that woman. She began to feel anxious when she heard Murong Bing rejecting the sect leader’s offer. “Third Senior Sister, aren’t you curious at all about how that woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect looks like? I don’t believe you’re not curious at all...”

“I’m not curious.” Murong Bing shook her head. She said, slightly angry, “Lyu Luo, I’m going to rest now. Are you coming? If not, I’ll go ahead on my own.” After that, she bade farewell to the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect before she turned to leave.

Upon seeing this, the innocent Lyu Luo cried out anxiously, “Third Senior Sister, wait for me! I’m coming with you!” She did not waste any time and hurried after Murong Bing.

After Murong Bing and Lyu Luo had left, the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect frowned slightly as she muttered under her breath, ‘There’s something off with Bing’er today... She’s extremely adamant and decisive about not meeting the woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. How strange.’ She was quite observant, being able to see that something was amiss with Murong Bing solely from Murong Bing’s reactions. However, she would never imagine the reason Murong Bing was acting strangely was due to the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Most importantly, not even in her wildest dreams could she imagine that the man whom she wanted to kill for taking Murong Bing’s innocence away and had escaped with a Shadow Void Escaping Talisman was the Chief Celestial Alchemist from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

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Murong Bing and Lyu Luo shared a courtyard that had two rooms. When they entered the courtyard, they entered their respective rooms one after another.

Lyu Luo said on the bed, resting her face in her hands. She muttered to herself with a pout, “What’s wrong with Third Senior Sister? Why did she tell the senior aunt that she doesn’t want to see that woman?”

Lyu Luo was clearly frustrated that Murong Bing had rejected the sect leader’s offer to bring her to visit the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s residence.

After a while, she rose to her feet. Her eyes gleamed as she said, “Hmph! Since the sect leader and Third Senior Sister don’t want to visit the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s people, I’ll just go on my own. I’m the last disciple of the second guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Moreover, my senior granduncle is a Ten Directions Celestial Duke and an elite in the Six Southeastern Regions... They wouldn’t dare to turn me away even if they want to!” Then, she quickly left the room.

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At the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's residence in Alchemy City.

"Master Duan!" Situ Ming cried out anxiously in Duan Ling Tian's courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian had just refined a prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven Pill, when he heard Situ Ming's voice. He quickly put away the Overarching Heaven Pill and walked out of his room. "Master Situ, what's the matter?"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian walked out, he saw the urgent expression on Situ Ming's face. It seemed like Situ Ming had something important to tell him.

"Master Duan, you finally came out... I've been waiting for a long time." Situ Ming sighed in relief when he saw Duan Ling Tian. His anxiety had also eased.

"What happened?" Duan Ling Tian asked, perplexed.

"Nothing happened. However, an uninvited guest came half a day ago and demanded to see Miss Huan'er. Naturally, we didn't agree to it even though the visitor has somewhat of a special background. The Old Ancestor sent me over to ask for your opinion," Situ Ming said.

"Who is it?" Duan Ling Tian raised his brows.

"The guest claims to be the last disciple of Dan Feng, the second Guardian of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. She said the Ten Directions Celestial Duke of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect is her senior granduncle. She wants to meet Miss Huan'er because she has heard about Miss Huan'er's peerless beauty," Situ Ming continued to say.

Duan Ling Tian seemed to only hear the first part of Situ Ming's words. "Master Situ... You said that she claims to be the last disciple of the second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, Dan Feng? Are you sure?" His eyes were bright as he spoke.

"Well, that's what she said." Situ Ming nodded.

"Take me to her!" Duan Ling Tian said urgently.

"Master Duan, the person she wants to see is Miss Huan'er..." Situ Ming smiled wryly.

"No matter. If she wants to see Huan'er, she'll need my permission," Duan Ling Tian said calmly. Although his tone was calm, an indescribable emotion flashed in the depths of his eyes. If he was not mistaken, Murong Bing was also the direct disciple of Wang Dan Feng, the second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!

Chapter 2834: Murong Bing's Junior Sister?

Murong Bing was the third disciple of Wang Dan Feng, the second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Two of the disciples who came before Murong Bing had passed away a long time ago. One of them had died in an accident, and the other one was personally killed by Wang Dan Feng. He knew Wang Dan Feng had five disciples, including the two who had died. Among the three disciples,

Murong Bing was the most talented. The other two living disciples were slightly inferior compared to her. He had learned all this from Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

'If this person is really Wang Dan Feng's last disciple, then, she's Murong Bing's junior sister as well!' Duan Ling Tian was excited to see the special guest, hoping that Murong Bing had come as well.

Situ Ming nodded and said, "Okay... I'll bring you to her." Although the guest's identity was rather special, he believed the Old Ancestor would support Duan Ling Tian if Duan Ling Tian refused to let the guest meet Huan'er.

As they walked, Situ Ming could not help but remind Duan Ling Tian. "Master Duan, The guest is rather young. If she says anything that offends you, please don't take it to heart." He had seen the guest earlier and heard her say she refused to believe Huan'er was an unrivaled beauty unless she saw Huan'er with her own eyes. She had even accused them of exaggerating Huan'er's beauty since they refused to let her meet Huan'er. They felt rather helpless, but they did not refute her words. Now that he was bringing someone other than Huan'er to meet the guest, he could only imagine the offensive words that would spew out of the guest's mouth.

"Don't worry, I know the limit." Duan Ling Tian nodded. If the guest was truly the last disciple of Wang Dan Feng, the second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, then, she was also Murong Bing's junior sister. He had long regarded Murong Bing as his woman so he would treat Murong Bing's junior sister as his junior sister as well. He would let it slide even if her words were offensive. Moreover, Situ Ming had said she was only a young girl.

After a while, Situ Ming and Duan Ling Tian finally came to the main hall of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's residence in Alchemy City.

Duan Ling Tian saw two people in the hall. One was Yang Chong, and the other was a girl who stood with her back facing him.

Duan Ling Tian heard Yang Chong said helplessly, "Miss, for the last time, please be patient. They'll arrive soon..."

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Even someone as patient as Yang Chong seemed to be at his wit's end. He could imagine how difficult the guest was.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian and Situ Ming entered the hall, Yang Chong cried out in relief, "They're here! They're here!" His eyes brightened the moment he saw the duo. It was as though he had seen his savior.

"They're here?" A melodious voice rang in the air, and the green-clad figure turned around. She was delicate and pretty. Although she was still young, one could see she would grow into a beauty in the future. The girl was none other than Lyu Luo.

"A-Are you bullying me because I'm young?" Lyu Luo's expression soured immediately when she saw Situ Ming and Duan Ling Tian. She sounded furious when she spoke. Her eyes were cold as she looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Don't tell me he's Huan'er, the unrivaled beauty whom everyone has been talking about!"

Duan Ling Tian ignored Lyu Luo's pointed gaze and asked, "Little girl, are you really the last disciple of Wang Dan Feng, the second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?"

"So what if I am or if I am not? I don't care about you. The person I want to meet is not you," Lyu Luo said coldly.

Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged as he continued to ask, "Is Murong Bing your Third Senior Sister?"

"Huh?" Lyu Luo was slightly shocked when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. She looked at him suspiciously and asked, "Do you... know my Third Senior Sister?"

"Of course," Duan Ling Tian calmly replied, "Not only do I know her, but I'm very close to her as well... Perhaps, you can address me as brother-in-law."

"You're close with my senior sister? Brother-in-law? What do you mean?" Lyu Luo frowned, failing to grasp the meaning of Duan Ling Tian's words.

However, Situ Ming and Yang Chong understood the meaning of Duan Ling Tian's words. The two looked at each other in shock when they heard him say he was close to Murong Bing and even asked the little girl to address him as brother-in-law.

"Is Master Duan dating Murong Bing of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?" Yang Chong asked Situ Ming through Voice Transmission.

"How would I know? I haven't heard Master Duan mention this before," Situ Ming responded.

"I mean... I am your Third Senior Sister's boyfriend. Since you're her junior sister, you should call me brother-in-law." Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow.

"Bullsh*t!" Lyu Luo said vehemently, "My Third Senior Sister is a pure and innocent woman. There's no way she has a boyfriend. She's the future Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect so she can't have a boyfriend!"

"Did she come to Alchemy City as well?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Why should I tell you that?" Lyu Luo said disdainfully. Suddenly, she raised an eyebrow and said, "I see. You must be deliberately diverting my attention in hopes that I'll forget about the purpose of my visit."

Then, Lyu Luo turned to look at Situ Ming and Yang Chong before firing words after words at them. Even Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. "Both of you are still insisting you're not trying to hide anything? What's the meaning of this? I've waited for such a long time but I still haven't seen Huan'er. You even brought this effeminate man to meet me! It's obvious you're exaggerating Huan'er's beauty and are afraid of being exposed by me! Those people are really blind for saying Huan'er is more beautiful than my Third Senior Sister. If she's so beautiful, why is she hiding?"

Situ Ming and Yang Chong looked at Duan Ling Tian helplessly.

When Duan Ling Tian recovered from his shock, he asked, "Do you really want to see Huan'er?"

“Of course! Otherwise, why do you think I’m here?” Lyu Luo retorted.

“If you want to see Huan’er, you’ll need my permission,” Duan Ling Tian calmly said, “If you answer my question truthfully, I’ll let you meet Huan’er.”

“Do you think I’ll believe you?” Lyu Luo looked at Duan Ling Tian skeptically. “Earlier, these two old men also said that I’ll be able to meet that woman. In the end, after waiting for such a long time, I only got to meet a shameless pretty boy.”

“It’s fine if you call me a pretty boy... But why are you calling me shameless?” Duan Ling Tian frowned, slightly dissatisfied.

“Didn’t you say you’re my Third Senior Sister’s boyfriend? Isn’t that shameless?” Lyu Luo said irritably.

“I...” Duan Ling Tian was speechless. He did not know how to respond. Who knew if Lyu Luo would tell Wang Dan Feng about him and Murong Bing? If Wang Dan Feng found out about it, she would definitely kill Murong Bing. After all, she had killed one of her disciples in the past for the same reason.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and said to Lyu Luo, “Little girl, I promise. If you tell me whether your sister is in Alchemy City or not, I’ll take you to Huan’er immediately.” After a beat, he added, “Although I do think your senior sister is a rare beauty, Huan’er is still slightly more beautiful. This is a fact. Even if I’m your senior sister’s boyfriend, I will not arbitrarily take her side.”

“You also think Huan’er is more beautiful than my Third Senior Sister?” Lyu Luo became even more upset when she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. She said, “I hope you’re not lying to me. Otherwise, I’ll ask my senior granduncle to annihilate the Tai Yi Celestial Sect! You better believe it... He’s a Ten Directions Celestial Duke so he can easily destroy your Tai Yi Celestial Sect who only has an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!” A proud expression could be seen on her face at this moment. She clearly took pride in the fact that her senior granduncle was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke.

“Little girl, why are you talking so much nonsense? Just tell me if your Third Senior Sister is in Alchemy City, and I’ll take you to Huan’er immediately,” Duan Ling Tian said with a hint of impatience.

“My Third Senior Sister is here,” Lyu Luo said.

“She’s here?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up.

Chapter 2835: No One Would Believe That

Duan Ling Tian had been looking forward to seeing Murong Bing again. He was nervous earlier, uncertain if she had come to Alchemy City as well. Now that Lyu Luo said Murong Bing was in the city as well, his eyes brightened, and he could not help but feel excited. He would be able to see that woman whom he had considered his own soon.

Lyu Luo sternly said, “I’ve already answered your question so you better take me to that woman called Huan’er. You better not lie to me. Otherwise, I definitely won’t let you off the hook. My senior granduncle won’t let the Tai Yi Celestial Sect go as well!”

“Don’t worry, I’ll keep my promise,” Duan Ling Tian calmly said. Then, he turned to look at Situ Ming and Yang Chong who were standing at the side and said, “Master Situ, Master Yang, both of you can take your leave. Just leave her to me.”

“Alright!” Yang Chong hurriedly replied, lest he had to deal with Lyu Luo again.

“Thank you, Master Duan,” Situ Ming said.

Then, the two prominent Celestial Alchemists left the main hall together, leaving only Duan Ling Tian and Lyu Luo in the hall.

Lyu Luo was about to speak again when Duan Ling Tian looked at her and said, “Let’s go.” Then, he turned around and walked outside.

Lyu Luo quickly followed Duan Ling Tian. After she caught up with him, she asked, “Hey! Pretty boy, my name is Lyu Luo. What’s your name?”

“Duan Ling Tian,” Duan Ling Tian responded, “Also, I’m not a pretty boy... If you call me pretty boy again, I’ll go back on my words.”

Faced with Duan Ling Tian’s threat, Lyu Luo was dissatisfied. She said with a scoff, “I thought you’re more honest compared to those two old men, but I guess I was wrong.”

Duan Ling Tian did not respond to her words, instead, he asked, “You went to such great lengths just to meet Huan’er and verify if she’s more beautiful than your Third Senior Sister?”

“Of course,” Lyu Luo replied, “So many people said she’s more beautiful than my Third Senior Sister so I want to see how beautiful she is... My Third Senior Sister is the most beautiful woman I’ve ever seen in my life. I don’t believe there’s someone more beautiful than her.”

“Your Third Senior Sister did not come with you. This means she doesn’t care about this matter, right? You came on your own not only because of your Third Senior Sister’s sake, but you’re curious as well, right?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Lyu Luo knowingly with his bright eyes. It seemed as though he could read Lyu Luo’s thoughts.

“So what? Anyway, you’ve already promised me so you have to take me to her!” Lyu Luo did not deny Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian arrived in his courtyard in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s residence in Alchemy City. He asked Lyu Luo to wait for him in the compound before he walked to Huan’er’s room. He gently knocked on the door before he opened it and walked in.

Lyu Luo wanted to follow Duan Ling Tian into the room, but he shut the door in her face. Realization dawned on her as she stared at the room intently, as though she was afraid she would miss the people coming out of the room. “That woman... is in this room?”

Inside the room.

Duan Ling Tian had told Huan'er they would explore Alchemy City after resting for a few days. She had taken this time to comprehend her Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities.

"Brother Ling Tian," Huan'er called out when she discovered Duan Ling Tian's presence.

"Huan'er, there is a little girl outside who wants to see you," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Huh?" Huan'er was confused when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "Little girl? Who's she?"

"Her name is Lyu Luo, and she's a disciple of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. I promised her that I'll let her meet you. You just need to go out for a moment, and let her take a look at you..." Duan Ling Tian said.

Huan'er smiled slightly and rose to her feet, getting ready to leave the room. "Well, since you promised her, I'll go out and meet her." She did not even ask Duan Ling Tian why he agreed to Lyu Luo's request. In her eyes, everything Duan Ling Tian did was for good reasons, and he would never harm her. Therefore, she trusted him unconditionally and did not put up her guard against him.

"Let's go." Duan Ling Tian nodded, preparing to leave the room as well. Before they exited the room, he added, "That girl's words can be offensive... Just let her look at you for a short while, then you can return to your room."

"Okay." Huan'er nodded before she left the room under Duan Ling Tian's lead.

When Huan'er's door opened, Lyu Luo's eyes lit up immediately. She had been staring at the door all this while. "She's here!"

Lyu Luo ignored the familiar figure that walked out of the room first, her attention was completely focused on the second person who was walking out of the room. When she saw the appearance of the second figure, her eyes widened slightly as a hint of astonishment flashed in her eyes. The sunlight shone on a woman dressed in a thin white robe, revealing her face and figure. The white-clad woman's appearance was flawless, and her figure was graceful. She had never seen such a beautiful woman in her life. It was as though the white-clad woman was a goddess who had descended from the heavens. The white-clad woman's face seemed as though it was personally sculpted by God himself. Moreover, although the white-clad woman was peerlessly beautiful, she exuded an air of innocence. These contradicting traits made the white-clad woman even more charming. She had no choice but to admit the white-clad woman's beauty eclipsed her Third Senior Sister's beauty. Before this, she did not think such a beautiful woman existed in this world. She could not tear her eyes away from the white-clad woman even though she was also a woman. She had seen many beautiful women in her life. In fact, her Third Senior Sister was a rare beauty. However, none could compare to the white-clad woman standing before her.

Lyu Luo's eyes were trained on Huan'er as she thought to herself, 'She's really too perfect... How can there be such a perfect woman in this world?' Everyone appreciated beauty, and Lyu Luo was no different even if she was just a little girl. 'All the men who see her will definitely go crazy for her... Ordinary men definitely wouldn't be able to resist her charm and beauty. Some might even be driven to

commit heinous acts. Fortunately, she's from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect so most people wouldn't dare to act recklessly. Otherwise, I don't think she'd be able to remain safe for long."

"Huan'er, you can return to your room now," Duan Ling Tian said when Lyu Luo was still in a daze.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Lyu Luo regained her senses. She watched as Huan'er, who was only obedient to Duan Ling Tian, returned to her room.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Lyu Luo and asked, "Are you satisfied now?"

"What a surprise! There's truly a woman who's even more beautiful than my Third Senior Sister... Pretty boy, you're really lucky to be favored by such a woman," Lyu Luo said as she looked at Duan Ling Tian. She had noticed Huan'er did not look at her at all when she came out of her room. Huan'er's attention was completely focused on Duan Ling Tian, and her eyes were filled with tenderness when she looked at him. Although she was young, she knew a lot about the romantic relationships between men and women.

"Did you just call me a pretty boy again?" Duan Ling Tian frowned and said, somewhat dissatisfied, "Are you burning the bridge now that you've gotten what you want?"

"So what if I am? I have already seen her so you can't threaten me anymore," Lyu Luo said smugly. She was delighted when she saw the dissatisfied expression on Duan Ling Tian's face. Her bad mood seemed to have disappeared, she felt as though she had successfully taken revenge from Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian did not bicker with Lyu Luo. She was a little girl after all. Instead, he solemnly said, "Lyu Luo, I want to meet your Third Senior Sister..."

"Huh?" Lyu Luo's smug expression froze when she heard Duan Ling Tian's words. She frowned and asked, "Why do you want to see my Third Senior Sister?" She scoffed before she continued to say, "Master's right! Men are all no good. You're a cheater! You already have such a perfect woman by your side, and yet, you still have designs on my Third Senior Sister!"

"Don't talk nonsense... There's nothing between Huan'er and me. I treat her like my younger sister," Duan Ling Tian said with a frown.

"Younger sister?" Lyu Luo said disdainfully, "Do you think I'm stupid? I'm young, but I'm not blind! The way she looked at you earlier told me everything I need to know. No one would believe there's nothing going on between both of you!"

Chapter 2836: Lin Ru, The First Guardian of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!

Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by Lyu Luo's words. In the early days, Huan'er was extremely innocent and naive. She was fully dependent on him at that time and was clueless about romance. However, as time passed, she was no longer as ignorant as she used to be. After she had some understanding of romance, her feelings toward him had gradually changed. He was aware of her feelings, and he felt helpless. He could only pretend to be unaware of her feelings. After all, he had no intention of getting into another relationship. His two wives, partner, family, and friends were still imprisoned in the Divine Offering Land. He only wanted to diligently cultivate and get stronger so he

could enter the Divine Offering Land to save them after the passage from the Devata Realms to the Divine Offering Land was opened.

There was no doubt Huan'er was the most beautiful woman Duan Ling Tian had seen in his two lifetimes. Moreover, she was gentle and obedient. He would be lying if he said he was not moved at all. However, he was truly not in the mood to get entangled with another woman. The burden on his shoulders was too heavy, after all. It was fine if he did not think too deeply about it, but when he did, he felt suffocated.

'It doesn't matter. Since she's already in Alchemy City, it's only a matter of time before I see her...' Duan Ling Tian's desire to immediately see Murong Bing had faded when Lyu Luo mentioned Huan'er's feelings for him.

Lyu Luo was certain Duan Ling Tian was guilty since he was unable to refute her words.

Meanwhile, the frown on Duan Ling Tian's face disappeared as he glanced at Lyu Luo briefly. He said as he walked out of the compound, "I will send you out."

Lyu Luo followed him. She scoffed and muttered to herself, "This pretty boy is a womanizer!"

Duan Ling Tian was about to turn around after he sent Lyu Luo to the gate when he saw an old woman appearing out of thin air behind Lyu Luo.

As soon as the old woman appeared, she glanced at Duan Ling Tian. He felt chills running up his spine when he saw her looking at him. He could not help but shudder. He sighed in relief when the old woman disappeared with Lyu Luo. He muttered to himself, "Who's she?"

At some point, unbeknownst to Duan Ling Tian, an old figure had appeared next to him. "She's Lin Ru, the first Guardian of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect."

"Old Ancestor?" Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, shocked by the Old Ancestor's sudden arrival.

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect continued to say, "She followed that little girl here... However, she didn't come in. She was hiding outside."

"Old Ancestor, if I'm not mistaken, Lin Ru, the first Guardian of Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, is a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke, right? Since she deliberately concealed her presence, how did you detect her?" Duan Ling Tian asked, perplexed.

"She didn't conceal her presence. In fact, I suspect she deliberately let me discover her presence." The Old Ancestor's eyes were bright as he looked in the direction where Lyu Luo and Lin Ru had left. After a while, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Master Duan, did that little girl from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect really come here just to see Miss Huan'er?"

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian nodded as he said, "She wasn't convinced when many people said Huan'er is more beautiful than her senior sister. Therefore, she came to verify if those people's words are true."

"She looked calm when she left. Did she see Huan'er?" the Old Ancestor asked.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“So is she convinced?” the Old Ancestor asked with a smile. He had lived for a very long time and had seen countless beauties. However, none was comparable to Huan’er. She was flawlessly beautiful. It was as though God had favored her so he made her into such a beauty.

“I think so.” Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly when he recalled Lyu Luo’s stunned expression when she saw Huan’er.

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Meanwhile, Lyu Luo had returned to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s residence in Alchemy City. She was unaware that someone had been protecting her all this time. Moreover, that person was the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s first Guardian, her senior grandaunt.

As soon as Lyu Luo entered the courtyard she shared with Murong Bing, she saw Murong Bing sitting in front of a stone table in the courtyard.

Murong Bing, who had taken off her veil, seemed to be lost in her own thoughts as she rested her cheek on one hand.

“Senior sister, weren’t you cultivating in your room?” Lyu Luo asked.

“Hmm? Lyu Luo? You went out?” Murong Bing frowned slightly when she saw Lyu Luo returning from outside. “You... Did you go and see that woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?” She knew her junior sister well. Her junior sister was bold and was used to acting as she pleased.

Lyu Luo giggled as she sat opposite Murong Bing. “Senior sister, you really know me well.”

“Girl, your curiosity is your only shortcoming... Based on how excited you look, I guess you managed to meet that woman from them Tai Yi Celestial Sect, right?” Murong Bing asked. She was not worried about Lyu Luo’s safety because she knew their senior grandaunt would definitely follow Lyu Luo to protect her. After all, their senior grandaunt had come on this trip to protect and keep an eye on the younger generation.

“Yes.” Lyu Luo nodded.

“So how was it?” Murong Bing asked. An expectant expression flitted swiftly across her face before it disappeared. Her best friend, Zhou Shu Qiu, a disciple of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect in the Wasteland, had said the woman from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was more beautiful than her, and she did not doubt Zhou Shu Qiu’s words. However, she still looked forward to hearing her junior sister’s evaluation now that she found out her junior sister had seen that woman.

Lyu Luo had grown up next to Murong Bing, and they shared a very close relationship. Lyu Luo had even less of a reason to exaggerate.

“Senior sister... You should see for yourself,” Lyu Luo said as she took a pearl out from her Spatial Ring and handed it over to Murong Bing. “When I saw her, I secretly recorded it with a Floating Image Pearl...”

This Floating Image Pearl that's inscribed by a Celestial Duke is really amazing. Anyone weaker than a Celestial Duke won't be able to discover it. Neither the pretty boy nor the beautiful woman noticed it."

Floating Image Pearls were generally considered as primitive Celestial Tools. However, if it was inscribed by an elite using superior materials, its grade would definitely rise. The higher the grade, the less easy it was to discover it.

"Pretty boy?" Murong Bing held the Floating Image Pearl and sent her Celestial Origin Energy into it. Suddenly, a clear recording appeared in the space above the Floating Image Pearl.

Murong Bing saw a closed door. After a while, the door opened, and a purple figure walked out. When she saw the purple figure, her expression changed drastically as an indescribable emotion flashed in the depths of her eyes. She was no stranger to the purple figure, after all. She felt her heart tremble as she thought to herself, 'He... hasn't changed at all.'

The purple-clad young man in the recording looked exactly the same as when they last met. His eyes and body exuded a strong sense of confidence.

"Third Senior Sister... Do you know him?" Lyu Luo had seen the change in Murong Bing as soon as Duan Ling Tian appeared. She had paid close attention to Murong Bing's reaction because Duan Ling Tian had mentioned Murong Bing earlier. She was curious if Murong Bing and Duan Ling Tian truly knew each other. Now that she had seen Murong Bing's reaction, she was rather certain Duan Ling Tian and Murong Bing were acquainted. More questions appeared in her mind. She wondered when or how Murong Bing met Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, based on Murong Bing's expression, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was special to Murong Bing.

How could Lyu Luo not be curious? Murong Bing had never lacked pursuers. One of her pursuers was Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. However, she had never seen Murong Bing pay any attention to her pursuers. She did not even care about someone like Bai Yu Xuan who had an extraordinary background.

At this moment, Murong Bing finally saw Huan'er who was walking behind Duan Ling Tian. When she saw Huan'er's perfect appearance, she could not help the sense of inferiority that rose in her heart. She sighed inwardly. 'Indeed. I can't compare to her beauty at all...'

Chapter 2837: Don't Want Any Harm To Come To Him

For the first time in her life, Murong Bing felt a sense of inferiority when compared to another woman. Moreover, she had only seen the other woman through the recording of a Floating Image Pearl. Although there might not be much of a difference between the real person and a recording, one could only imagine how beautiful the other woman was in real life. Disheartened, she murmured inwardly, 'So this is the woman by his side?'

After that, Murong Bing waved her hand and dispelled the Floating Image Pearl's recording with her Celestial Origin Energy, and it vanished without a trace.

Lyu Luo looked at Murong Bing and curiously asked, "Third Senior Sister... Do you know that womanizer?"

“Womanizer?” Murong Bing was confused. “W-who’s a womanizer?”

Lyu Luo replied, “The guy in the Floating Image Pearl’s recording.”

“Him?” Murong Bing frowned slightly. “Lyu Luo, how can you call people names? Don’t you know it’s rude to name call?”

Lyu Luo was taken aback by Murong Bing’s words. However, she only playfully stuck out her tongue and said, “Third Senior Sister, I don’t mean anything by it... However, he really looks like a womanizer..”

“Quit calling him names, okay?” Murong Bing looked at Lyu Luo sternly.

“Why?” Lyu Luo asked. She paused for a moment before she meaningfully asked, “Third Senior Sister, do... do you know him?”

“I... I...” Murong Bing stammered. She was rendered speechless by Lyu Luo’s question.

“You do know him!” Realization dawned on Lyu Luo when she saw Murong Bing’s reaction. “It seems like he wasn’t lying when he said he knows you... Third Senior Sister, just ignore him. There must be something going on between him and that woman. I saw how affectionate her gaze was when she looked at him... If there’s really nothing going on between them, I, Lyu Luo, will spell my name backward!” Her tone turned solemn as she spoke. It was as though she was afraid Murong Bing would be deceived by the purple-clad young man that appeared in the recording of the Floating Image Pearl.

As soon as Lyu Luo finished speaking, Murong Bing sternly said, “Lyu Luo, I’m capable of discerning a person’s character. There’s no need for you to remind me about it.” Her tone turned slightly harsh as she spoke, clearly angered.

“Third Senior Sister... A-are you angry at me because of that guy? You’ve never gotten angry at me before...” Lyu Luo said in shock. She looked aggrieved with tears brimming in her eyes.

Upon seeing this, Murong Bing realized she had spoken a little too harshly to her junior sister. She quickly apologized. “Lyu Luo, I’m sorry... Can you forgive me?”

“Okay, I’ll forgive you. However, I want to know what relations do you have with him. Why are you so defensive of him?” Lyu Luo asked. Tears were still glistening in her eyes.

“I...” Murong Bing remained silent as Lyu Luo tried to extract information from her. Nobody knew about the matter between her and Duan Ling Tian except for Zhou Shu Qiu, her best friend, the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, who was her senior grandaunt, and an elder who was the sect leader’s subordinate.

Lyu Luo, naturally, noticed the abnormality of Murong Bing’s behavior. She stopped crying and solemnly said, “Third Senior Sister, were you fooled by that womanizer? No wonder... No wonder he asked me to address him as brother-in-law. Ridiculous! I must inform senior grandaunt about this! Otherwise, he might become an obstacle on your path to becoming the next sect leader...” After she finished speaking, she turned around to leave.

Upon seeing this, Murong Bing cried out, "Lyu Luo!" In just a flash, she moved to stop Lyu Luo from leaving. "It... It's not what you think..."

"If it's not what I think then what is it?" Lyu Luo asked in confusion. Tears began to brim on her eyes again as she asked, "Third Senior Sister... D-Do you not trust me?" It was clear that Murong Bing had been keeping a secret from her. She felt wronged. Was she such an untrustworthy person in her Third Senior Sister's eyes? Was her senior sister afraid she would disclose her secret?

"To be honest, before we left for the Alchemy City of the Barren Land, I heard master saying that thirty years ago, Sister Shu Qiu had asked you to attend the previous Alchemy Conference. Moreover, the previous conference was held in the Cross Region that's not too far from our sect, and master even personally led the group to attend the conference. However, at that time, you declined to attend the conference. I've already felt something was wrong when I heard you wanted to attend the Alchemy Conference this time around. After all, not only will the Alchemy Conference be held further away from our sect, but master is also not leading the group to participate in the conference. Why would you suddenly accept Sister Shu Qiu's invitation? I didn't dwell on it, thinking you just wanted to come out and relax. However, it seems like things aren't that simple, right? If I'm not mistaken, you decided to attend this Alchemy Conference because of that woman... that Duan Ling Tian from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, right?" Lyu Luo asked as she looked at Murong Bing intently.

Lyu Luo had seen how Murong Bing had lost her composure when Murong Bing saw Duan Ling Tian. For this reason, she had made such a bold guess. After all, this was the first time she had seen Murong Bing losing her composure. Moreover, she could sense Murong Bing's despair, as though she had completely lost her soul, when Murong Bing saw Duan Ling Tian. Coupled with how reluctant Murong Bing was to visit the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's estate in Alchemy City, she came to this conclusion.

Murong Bing was inwardly amazed by how intelligent and observant Lyu Luo was. "Lyu Luo... if you really want to know, I'll tell you..." Then, she recounted what had transpired between her and Duan Ling Tian. She told Lyu Luo about her quest to look for the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, one of the guarding Celestial Weapons of the sect, and how she had encountered Duan Ling Tian. Then, she told Lyu Luo about how she found out Duan Ling Tian was now a Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect through Zhou Shu Qiu.

Upon hearing Murong Bing's words, Lyu Luo stood frozen like a statue. It took her a long time to process what she heard before she regained her senses. Her doubts and questions had disappeared after listening to Murong Bing's words. "No wonder you didn't seem happy even though you found the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk. You would stay on the top of the mountain alone and look in the direction of the Wasteland all the time. I thought you were thinking about Sister Shu Qiu. As it turns out, you were thinking about him!" After a moment, her expression turned grave as she asked, "Third Senior Sister, master... master doesn't know about this, does she?"

"Do you think I'll be standing here if master knows about it?" Murong Bing smiled bitterly.

"Third Senior Sister, you know that paper can't contain fire... Senior grandaunt might be able to help you, but she won't be able to help you forever. I was confused when senior grandaunt kept putting off your appointment as the next sect leader whenever the sect brought it up. As it turns out, it was

deliberate. She's afraid of master finding out that you lost your virginity, and to a stranger no less," Lyu Luo said. The immensity of the matter finally dawned on her.

"Yes." Murong Bing nodded.

"Third Senior Sister, what are you going to do?"

Both of them had been conversing through Voice Transmission the entire time to make sure their conversation would not be overheard.

"I-I don't know," Murong Bing replied.

Lyu Luo stared at Murong Bing as she asked, "Do... do you have feelings for that woman... Duan Ling Tian?"

Murong Bing avoided meeting Lyu Luo's knowing gaze and hesitantly answered, "M-Maybe..."

"Third Senior Sister, when I was at the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's estate in Alchemy City, Duan Ling Tian said he wanted to meet you. If you want to see him, I'll accompany you there. We'll have to come up with a good excuse though. Otherwise, senior grandaunt would definitely be suspicious," Lyu Luo said through Voice Transmission. Now that she found out the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had previously sent someone to kill Duan Ling Tian, she knew if the sect leader found that Duan Ling Tian was the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, the sect leader would definitely attempt to kill Duan Ling Tian again.

"No, I don't want to meet him..." Murong Bing shook her head. It was obvious she was determined not to meet Duan Ling Tian.

"Why? Is it because of that woman next to him?" Lyu Luo asked in disgust. A hint of resentment and dissatisfaction could be seen in her eyes when she thought about Duan Ling Tian and the white-clad lady next to him. After all, those two people caused her senior sister to suffer such grievances.

"Lyu Luo... Do you honestly think it's possible for us to be together? Even if he doesn't have another woman by his side, master still won't spare him. It's better for me to die alone than to drag him into this matter. Although we were only together for a short time, I don't want to see any harm coming to him," Murong Bing said as her eyes shone with determination.

Chapter 2838: Looking For Trouble

"Third Senior Sister, if he's a responsible man, he would take you away! Both of you can leave the borderlands and head to the central area! There's no need for you to worry about master coming after you once you enter the central area... Master won't leave the borderlands before she becomes a Celestial King. Even if she follows you into the central area, it would be like searching for a needle in a haystack if she wants to find you," Lyu Luo said through Voice Transmission.

"Leave the borderlands?" Murong Bing shook her head. She said resolutely, "No, I can't do that... It would be an injustice to master for her years of care and nurturing if I do that. I've already thought about it... When the cat is out of the bag, I'll leave it to master to decide my punishment. Even if it means death, I'll have no regrets." It was clear she was prepared to die.

“Third Senior Sister...” Lyu Luo’s eyes turned red. She could tell Murong Bing was determined. Her hands were tightly clenched into fists as she trembled. A hint of determination flashed so briefly in her eyes that Murong Bing did not notice it.

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In the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s residence in Alchemy City.

Two days had passed since Duan Ling Tian sent Lyu Luo away. At this moment, he had taken Huan’er with him to see the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to inform him of his and Huan’er’s intention to go out and take a stroll around the city.

“Master Duan, even if you didn’t come today, I planned to look for you in a day or two... We’ve been in Alchemy City for a few days now, but our shop selling medicinal pills and medicinal herbs is still not open. We’ll need to put some effort into it,” the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect said.

“We’ll do as you wish, Old Ancestor. However, I plan to take Huan’er around the city during these two days. Meanwhile, why don’t we let the three masters take charge of the shop opening?” Duan Ling Tian suggested.

“This is not a bad idea. I’ll ask Master Situ and the others to overlook the opening of the shop while I accompany you and Miss Huan’er to stroll around Alchemy City.” The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect nodded in agreement. He was not worried about the safety of the three prominent Celestial Alchemists. However, it was different for Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. After all, it was likely the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect held a grudge against Duan Ling Tian due to their previous conflict. Even if there was no conflict, he still would not leave Duan Ling Tian unprotected. After all, Duan Ling Tian’s safety was of great importance. The main reason he had decided to lead the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to Alchemy City was to protect Duan Ling Tian so that Duan Ling Tian would be able to obtain a double-trait or triple-trait Duke Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability. He was not worried about losing the sect’s King Grade Celestial Weapon since he believed in Duan Ling Tian’s alchemy skill, but it was still important to guard the King Grade Celestial Weapon. Most of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions would definitely make a move to regain a King Grade Celestial Weapon they lost. Naturally, they would act in the dark. After all, they acted openly, they would tarnish their reputation. However, since the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was one of the weakest sects among the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions, it would be difficult for them to regain the sect’s King Grade Celestial Weapon if the sect lost it to another top sect.

Upon hearing the Old Ancestor’s words, Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “Old Ancestor, it’s fine even if you don’t accompany us. By now, I’m sure the Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect must have found out I’m a prominent Celestial Alchemist and the Chief Celestial Alchemist of Tai Yi Celestial. He knows if I choose to detonate my Celestial Fire, I’ll be able to kill a Celestial King, let alone someone like him or a Celestial Duke. I don’t think he’ll take the risk and provoke me.”

“Master Duan, things aren’t as simple as you think,” the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect said with a sigh, “Even if you want to detonate your prominent Celestial Fire, it’ll only work if you have the time to do so. The Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect might not be a threat to you, but

what if a Celestial Duke attacks you instead? At that time, I'm afraid you won't even have time to detonate your prominent Celestial Fire. Unless you're a Celestial Duke, it'd be impossible for you to protect yourself if a Celestial Duke chooses to attack."

There was no need to worry if Duan Ling Tian was a Celestial Duke, even if he was just a One Basic Celestial Duke. Even against a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, a prominent Celestial Alchemist who was One Basic Celestial Duke would be able to kill a Ten Directions Celestial within 300 feet. Even a Celestial King would sustain grievous injuries, if not die. After all, even a One Basic Celestial Duke would be able to detect a Ten Directions Celestial Duke.

"You have a point..." Duan Ling Tian smiled sheepishly when he heard the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's words. He had forgotten that the Young Master of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect could send someone else to cause trouble or kill him. Duan Ling Tian could still defend himself against the Three Heroes of Huang Jiang, but he would be powerless to deal with Celestial Dukes. Moreover, he did not possess a prominent Celestial Fire. What he possessed was the Chaos Divine Flame. Who knew if he could even make the Chaos Divine Flame detonate? It was only an empty threat when he said he could detonate his Celestial Fire.

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Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er spent the next two days strolling around Alchemy City with the protection of the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. They did not encounter any problems at all. Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, seemed to have vanished.

After two days, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er had explored almost half of Alchemy City. The city was extremely lively now compared to when they first arrived. The shops of the top forces in the Six Southeastern Regions gradually opened one after another. The shops lined the streets and alleys of Alchemy City. On the other hand, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's shop was not open yet. The sect was still in the process of opening it.

Huan'er who had spent two days exploring Alchemy City found that the city had lost its novelty. When they passed the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's shop, she held Duan Ling Tian's hand and said, "Brother Ling Tian, let's help Master Situ and the others." As soon as she finished speaking, she entered the shop.

"Master Duan, Lady Huan'er, Old Ancestor." The three prominent Celestial Alchemists stopped what they were doing and greeted in unison when Duan Ling Tian, Huan'er, and the Old Ancestor walked into the shop.

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect looked around the shop and said with a smile, "Three masters, it seems like the preparation is almost done. We should be able to officially open the shop tomorrow, right?"

"Yes, we're almost done with the preparation." Situ Ming nodded. Then, he turned to Duan Ling Tian and said with a smile, "Master Duan, you must come to the shop tomorrow for the opening. After all, we're selling the prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven Pill, that you refined. It's widely known that there were no prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, or the entire Wasteland for that matter, who could refine Overarching Heaven Pills. Nobody knows about you after

all. There's an agreement in place to sell pills in Alchemy City; sects can only sell pills that are refined by their sects' Celestial Alchemists. This is to prevent sects from resorting to unfair means to steal businesses."

"The sects can only sell pills refined by their own Celestial Alchemists? There's such a rule?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback. After all, he was not aware there was such a rule in place. However, after thinking about it, he felt it was only normal for Alchemy City to impose such a rule. The Alchemy City's purpose was to serve as a venue for the Alchemy Conference, it was not surprising that it would have various rules.

"That's right." Yang Chong nodded. "When we open our shop, it's inevitable that there would be people who come looking for trouble and accuse us of selling pills that aren't refined by our sect's Celestial Alchemists. At that time, we would need Master Duan to refine Overarching Heaven Pills to shut them up!"

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As expected, the next day, when the Tai Yi Celestial Sect opened its shop, two groups of people with obvious bad intentions came looking for trouble.

One of the leaders of the groups was a middle-aged man dressed in a long green robe whose face was pockmarked. When he arrived at the shop, he had his men clear the scene and obstruct customers from entering the shop. He said with a scoff, "The Tai Yi Celestial Sect has violated the rule agreed by the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions by publicly selling the prominent Celestial Pills, the Overarching Heaven Pills, that aren't refined by Celestial Alchemists of their sect. Do you think we're blind?"

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The people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect reacted immediately when they heard the green-clad middle-aged man's words. "The troublemakers are here!"

Situ Ming, Yang Chong, and Yu Zhong Jing were the first to step forward.

Situ Ming was furious. He coldly asked, "Who is it? How dare you act so brazenly in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's shop?"

The green-clad middle-aged man with a pockmarked face calmly looked at Situ Ming who was clearly angry. "Situ Ming, do you not recognize me?"

Situ Ming's anger seemed to vanish instantly when he had gotten a good look at the green-clad middle-aged man. His expression turned indifferent as he said with slight derision, "I was wondering who could it be... As it turns out, it's someone I defeated thirty years ago."

The green-clad middle-aged man was clearly angered by Situ Ming's words. He said irritably, "Situ Ming, my defeat to you thirty years ago is only due to a momentary slip. There's no reason for you to feel proud. During the upcoming Alchemy Conference, I'll definitely defeat you and let everyone know that you're inferior to me, Guan Qi Fei!"

Meanwhile, in the shop, the Old Ancestor of Tai Yi Celestial Sect was sitting at a wooden table. Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er sat opposite him. He cocked an eyebrow and said, "Guan Qi Fei? So it's him..."

"Who's he?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"He's a prominent Celestial Alchemist from the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect that's in the Shadow Region. The Supporting Sun Celestial Sect is one of the four top sects in the Shadow Region... The sect leader told me Guan Qi Fei and Master Situ had competed in the Alchemy Conference thirty years ago. Guan Qi Fei was eventually defeated by Master Situ due to a slight error. His mistake cost him a medicinal formula. I've not seen him prior to today," the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect replied as he calmly watched the proceeding outside.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes. "So this Guan Qi Fei came with ill intentions.."

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect continued to say, "Speaking of, 100 years ago, there was a huge conflict between the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect and our sect... For this reason, there's still animosity between the sects up to this day. Guan Qi Fei came with his men today because he knows the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect won't let him suffer losses in front of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's people."

Duan Ling Tian looked at the green-clad figure in amusement. It was as though he was looking at a circus clown who was performing. "I was just wondering why a mere Celestial Alchemist like him dares to look for trouble. As it turns out, he has the support of the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect."

At this moment, Situ Ming replied tauntingly to Guan Qi Fei's provocation, "Do you think I, Situ Ming, am afraid of you? I'm only waiting to defeat you during the Alchemy Conference!" Then, he coldly said, "Now take your men and leave! Stop disrupting our business!"

"Situ Ming, I'm not here to challenge you today... I will settle the score with you during the Alchemy Conference. I'm here today to represent the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions to order the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to cease selling the prominent Celestial Pills, the Overarching Heaven Pills! You have no right to sell the Overarching Heaven Pills in Alchemy City since they aren't refined by the Celestial Alchemists in your sect!" Guan Qi Fei said with a scoff. Then, he turned to the other leader of the group who had also come to the shop and asked, "If I'm not mistaken, Vice Sect Leader Tan came here for this matter as well, right?"

The other group only consisted of three people. The leader was an old man with a goatee who looked like a Taoist priest. He was dressed in what seemed to be like a priest's robe and held a whisk in his hand. One young man and one young woman stood behind him.

The Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect said to Duan Ling Tian. "This old Taoist priest is Tan Zheng Ye. He's the Vice Sect Leader of the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect from the Light Region. He's the fourth strongest person in his sect after the sect leader and the two Supreme Elders. He's a Seven Stars Celestial Duke."

"The Vice Sect Leader of Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect from the Light Region?" Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow and asked, "Old Ancestor, do we have a conflict with the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect as well?"

“No,” the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect shook his head. “The Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect usually don’t meddle in each other’s affairs. Tan Zheng Ye is probably here to investigate the matter of us selling prominent Celestial Pills, the Overarching Heaven Pills.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Meanwhile, outside the shop, Tan Zheng Ye nodded and replied to Guan Qi Fei, “You’re right.” Then, he looked at Situ Ming and said with a smile, “Master Situ, as far as I know, there are only three prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and none of you are able to refine the prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven Pill. Is it possible that some time during the past thirty years, a skilled prominent Celestial Alchemist who’s capable of refining Overarching Heaven Pills has joined the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?” His words were more mocking than curious. He had met the three prominent Celestial Alchemists of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect a few times, and he was certain the three prominent Celestial Alchemist would not be able to refine the Overarching Heaven Pills with their Celestial Fires even if they possessed the pill’s formula. One could only successfully refine the pills if one had the pill’s formula and a high-grade Celestial Fire and were skilled in pill-refining techniques! He did not think it was possible for any of the three prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to obtain a higher grade Celestial Fire. It would be impossible for them to subdue and claim a higher-grade Celestial Fire due to their existing inferior Celestial Fires. In the past, there were a few prominent Celestial Alchemists who tried to replace their Celestial Fires with a higher grade Celestial Fire. However, all of them died in the process because they failed to subdue and claim the higher grade Celestial Fire and caused it to detonate. The force of the explosion was so powerful that it could even kill a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who was in range. Only prominent Celestial Alchemists who were Celestial Kings or stronger would be able to survive the explosion. Moreover, in the history of the Six Southeastern Regions, a supreme Celestial Fire was a rare find in the past 10,000 years. If anyone obtained a supreme Celestial Fire, word of it would spread like a wildfire through the Six Southeastern Regions. How could the birth of a supreme Celestial Alchemist not cause an uproar in the Six Southeastern Regions? For this reason, he was very certain the three prominent Celestial Alchemists of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect did not refine the Overarching Heaven Pills. At most, a new prominent Celestial Alchemist who was capable of refining the Overarching Heaven Pills had joined the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. However, would someone like that join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect? Obviously not!

In the Six Southeastern Regions, prominent Celestial Alchemists capable of refining the Overarching Heaven Pills were mostly gathered in the General Region, the Cross Region, the Light Region, and the Shadow Region... Since at least 10,000 years ago, there were no prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Wasteland and the Barren Land who were capable of refining the Overarching Heaven Pills. Since these prominent Celestial Alchemists were highly revered, they could easily join any of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions. It was unnecessary for them to condescend themselves to join the weakest sects among the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions. It was also for this reason, Tang Zheng Ye was certain the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had violated the rules and was selling pills that were not refined by the Celestial Alchemists of the sect. As the Vice Sect Leader of the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect, how could he turn a blind eye to this matter? After all, the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect was one of the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions. The sect had a part in implementing the rule after all.

“Vice Sect Leader Tan is, indeed, knowledgeable. The Tai Yi Celestial Sect has, indeed, gained a prominent Celestial Alchemist capable of refining the prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven

Pill,” Situ Ming said with a smile. It was as though he did not see the look of mockery in Tan Zheng Ye’s eyes.

“Oh?” After listening to Situ Ming’s words, Tan Zheng Ye’s flashed as he looked into the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s shop. “I wonder... Is the prominent Celestial Alchemist in the shop? If he is, Master Situ, please introduce us,” he said with a smile. However, he was clearly skeptical.

Before Situ Ming could respond, Guan Qi Fei interjected, “Vice Sect Leader Tan, he’ll definitely say the prominent Celestial Alchemist isn’t around. In fact, he’ll probably say the prominent Celestial Alchemist didn’t come to Alchemy City and isn’t participating in the Alchemy Conference!” He had spoken so confidently as though he could prophesy the future.

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After Guan Qi Fei finished speaking, he looked at Situ Ming with a triumphant and contemptuous expression on his face. Then, he continued to say in an increasingly derisive tone, “It’s impossible for someone like that to join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. After all, they would definitely join superior sects who would make them an elder. Why would a prominent Celestial Alchemist who can refine Overarching Heaven Pills stoop so low to join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?! In my opinion, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is only lying so they can sell Overarching Heaven Pills in Alchemy City. After all, we can’t immediately find out if there’s truly such a prominent Celestial Alchemist who has joined the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in the Wasteland.”

Guan Qi Fei did not relent. He continued to look at Situ Ming smugly and said, “Fortunately, the old ancestors of the top sects, who set the rules, are smart enough to come up with a way to counter lies like this. Not only must sects sell pills that are refined by their Celestial Alchemists, but the pills they sell must only be refined by the sects’ Celestial Alchemists who are participating in the Alchemy Conference in Alchemy City. In other words, even if a prominent Celestial Alchemist who can refine Overarching Heaven Pills has joined the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, you’re still not qualified to sell Overarching Heaven Pills if he’s not here!” A prideful expression appeared on his face. Clearly, he thought he was smart for being able to see through the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s supposed lie.

“Indeed, there’s such a rule.” Tan Zheng Ye nodded. Then, he looked at Situ Ming and said, “Master Situ, even if there’s such a Celestial Alchemist in your sect, you can’t sell these pills if he isn’t in Alchemy City. Just as Master Guan has said, sects are only allowed to sell pills that are refined by the sects’ Celestial Alchemists who are attending the Alchemy Conference.” He repeated the rule as though he was afraid Situ Ming was unaware of the rule.

At this moment, a crowd had gathered outside the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s shop.

“What happened?!”

“Isn’t this the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s shop? Is someone making trouble?”

The crowd was rather huge that those who were not in the know might even think the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was giving out free pills and medicinal herbs. Otherwise, why was it so lively outside the shop?

“The two groups of people here aren’t simple. One of them is Guan Qi Fei, a prominent Celestial Alchemist of the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect in the Shadow Region. The other person is Tan Zheng Ye, the Vice Sect Leader of the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect in the Light Region. I can understand why the people of the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect are causing trouble... After all, the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect and Tai Yi Celestial Sect have never been on good terms. However, why is the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect joining in as well? I don’t think there’s any conflict between the Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect and the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.”

“Don’t you know? They came because of the sale of Overarching Heaven Pills in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s shop!”

“Overarching Heaven Pills? There are Overarching Heaven Pills in Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s shop?”

“Early this morning, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s shop opened and started selling Overarching Heaven Pills cheaper than other shops. Therefore, more and more people came here to buy Overarching Heaven Pills.

Outside the Tai Yi Celestial Sect shop, more and more people were watching the drama. The onlookers finally found out why the members of the Supporting Sun Celestial Sect and Thousand Leaves Celestial Sect came to cause trouble.

“As far as I know, there’s no prominent Celestial Pill Alchemist who’s capable of refining the prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven Pill, in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, right? The Tai Yi Celestial Sect has never sold Overarching Heaven Pill in Alchemy City before. The top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions have prohibited sects from selling pills in Alchemy City that aren’t refined by the sects’ own Celestial Alchemists who aren’t participating in the Alchemy Conference.”

“Is it possible that the Tai Yi Celestial Sect has successfully recruited a prominent Celestial Alchemist who can refine Overarching Heaven Pills?”

“That better be the case. Otherwise, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect will be in big trouble!”

“Yes. It’s not a trivial matter to blatantly violate the rules set by the top sects... Their carelessness might even cause the top sects to attack them!”

Many of the onlookers had similar thoughts as Tan Zheng Ye. They did not think Tai Yi Celestial Sect was capable of recruiting a prominent Celestial Alchemists who was able to refine Overarching Heaven Pills nor did they think the three prominent Celestial Alchemists of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect were capable of refining Overarching Heaven Pills.

“Tai Yi Celestial Sect is in big trouble this time.”

“What on earth is the Tai Yi Celestial Sect thinking? Is it worth it to break the rules for a little bit of gain?”

“That’s right! Are they worried they won’t be able to sell the Overarching Heaven Pills in the Wasteland?”

Many people shook their heads. They felt the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was foolish and reckless for blatantly violating the rule set by the major Sects of the Six Southeastern Regions! They were certain the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was in big trouble this time!

Bolstered by the onlookers' words, the triumphant look in Guan Qi Fei's eyes intensified as he looked at Situ Ming provocatively. He could not wait to see how Situ Ming was going to extricate himself from this situation. In his opinion, there was no way Situ Ming would be able to get away from this.

"Vice Sect Leader Tan, I'm aware of the rule you mentioned..." Situ Ming remained calm in the face of Tang Zheng Ye's aggressive words and Guan Qi Fei's provocative words. "If our Tai Yi Celestial Sect's prominent Celestial Alchemist who's able to refine the prominent Celestial Pill, the Overarching Heaven Pill, didn't come to Alchemy City, the sect, naturally, wouldn't dare to sell Overarching Heaven Pills."

"Huh?" Guan Qi Fei was taken aback by Situ Ming's words.

Meanwhile, Tan Zheng Ye looked at Situ Ming in disbelief. "Master Situ, are you saying the prominent Celestial Alchemist from your sect who's able to refine Overarching Heaven Pills is here as well?"

"Of course." Situ Ming nodded. "He's in the store now."

"Situ Ming, who are you trying to fool?!" Guan Qi Fei who had regained his senses said disdainfully, "Don't think I'm unaware of the people of Tai Yi Celestial Sect who came to Alchemy City. Apart from three of you and the old ancestor of your sect, only a young man and a beautiful woman came to the city. Don't tell me you're going to say the prominent Celestial Alchemist lost his way so he's not here at the moment?" He had heard about the conflict between the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect with the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect when they arrived in the city. For this reason, he knew how many people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had come to Alchemy City to participate in the Alchemy Conference.

At this moment, a burst of hearty laughter rang from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's shop. Soon after, an old figure emerged from the shop. The person was none other than the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. As soon as he walked out, he looked at Tan Zheng Ye and greeted him. "Vice Sect Leader Tan, long time no see." He did not even spare a glance at Guan Qi Fei, blatantly ignoring him.

Huan'er held Duan Ling Tian's hand as both of them slowly walked out of the shop as well.

Upon seeing the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Tang Zheng Ye no longer dared to be as bold as he was before. His expression turned solemn as he cupped his fists together. "Senior He Shan." In terms of seniority, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was above him. More importantly, the Old Ancestor's cultivation base was higher than his. Therefore, he did not dare to act recklessly. He glanced at the two people standing behind him and sternly said, "Both of you, hurry and greet Senior He Shan! Senior He Shan is the Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and a powerful Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!"

However, the pair of young man and young woman seemed as though they did not hear Tan Zheng Ye's words. They stared at the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in a daze.

At this moment, everyone, including Guan Qi Fei, seemed to have fallen into a daze as they looked over the Old Ancestor's shoulder. To be precise, they were staring at Huan'er who had walked out hand-in-hand with Duan Ling Tian. It seemed as though they had seen some peerless treasure.

"She... Isn't she the woman who caused the conflict between the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect a few days ago?"

"I have long heard that there's a peerless beauty with the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect this time... Now that I've seen her, I have to say the rumors aren't exaggerated. She's even more beautiful than I'd expected. I didn't think there would be such a perfect woman in this world!"

"I have lived for nearly 10,000 years, and this is the first time I have seen such a beautiful woman... Compared to her, all the beauties I've seen can't be called beauties as well!"

As long as Huan'er did not conceal her appearance, she would definitely attract attention everywhere she went.

"What a marvelous beauty!" Even Guan Qi Fei who had come to stir up trouble was charmed by Huan'er's beauty. His eyes were trained on Huan'er, it seemed like he could not look away at all.

Even Tang Zheng Ye was shocked by Huan'er's beauty. 'No wonder Gang'er and Hui'er are stunned. If I were young, I would've been charmed by such a peerless beauty as well!'