

SOVEREIGN 2901

Chapter 2901: He is Duan Ling Tian?!

"I, Ji Fan, hereby announce that from today onward, I'm severing all ties with the Blissful Sect. I'm no longer the Arhat nor a disciple of the Blissful Sect!" Ji Fan's voice reverberated through the entire Blissful Sect's estate, shocking everyone.

The disciples of the Blissful Sect watched in stunned silence as Ji Fan, the Arhat, now former Arhat, of the Blissful Sect, announced his intention to cut ties with the Blissful Sect. All of them were dumbstruck and wore a disbelieving and confused expression on their faces. Their Arhat had killed his own sect's people and severed ties with the sect! What was going on? What was wrong with the Arhat?

It did not take long before the disciples discovered Duan Ling Tian's presence. He stood there calmly with an apathetic expression on his face. He exuded an aloof and mysterious air.

"W-who's that man?"

"Well, he came with the Arhat. I've never seen him before so I'm certain he's not from our sect."

"Since the Arhat decided to cut ties with us, do you think it has something to do with that man?"

Meanwhile, the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect had come out of their residences after hearing Ji Fan's announcement. When they gathered, they looked at each other in confusion as they began to discuss fervently among themselves.

"Ji Fan has returned?"

"H-has he gone mad? Does he know what he's saying? He wants to cut ties with the Blissful Sect?"

"What's wrong with him?"

"His words are definitely going to infuriate the sect leader!"

"I feel that Ji Fan's acting strange. It's not in his character to do something like that. Is it possible that he has been coerced into saying such words?"

The disciples of the Blissful Sect did not stop and continued to discuss among themselves.

"Is it really the Arhat who has spoken?"

"Sounds like it... I guess, he has finally returned."

"The sect leader and old ancestor are waiting for his return. I bet not even in their wildest dreams did they imagine the Arhat would cut ties with the sect once he returned to the sect."

"I heard that the Arhat went out with Old Ancestor Li An... Old Ancestor Li An's dead, but the Arhat's alive and well. Nobody knows what had happened at all!"

"The Arhat's acting rather strangely... Could it be related to the Old Ancestor's death?"

Ji Fan's words, naturally, caused a huge uproar in the Blissful Sect's estate.

At this moment, a thunderously loud and furious voice resonated through the entire Blissful Sect. "Ji Fan!!"

"It's the sect leader!" Many of the disciples, naturally, recognized the voice as belonging to Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect.

"He sounds furious!"

"Of course, he's furious. How could he not be? The Arhat is his direct disciple... If I were him, I'd be furious as well regardless if the Arhat has a good reason for doing this!"

"Well, the sect leader has every reason to be furious."

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A loud explosion sounded as soon as Liu Xuan Kong spoke. A tall and stout figure seemed to appear out of thin air at this moment. The figure moved at lightning speed, leaving the air distorted in his wake.

'So this must be Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect...' Previously, Duan Ling Tian would not have been able to see Liu Xuan Kong's movements. After all, just like Li An, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, Liu Xuan Kong was also a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke! Liu Xuan Kong might not be as powerful as Li An, but he was still much more powerful than ordinary Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes. At this moment, Liu Xuan Kong's appeared slow in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, making it easy for him to see Liu Xuan Kong's every movement. After all, his strength was now that of a Ten Palaces Celestial King after it had slightly depleted. How could a Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes hide his movements from a Ten Palaces Celestial King?

With Liu Xuan Kong's appearance, many people began to fly from all directions of the Blissful Sect's estate and gathered behind Liu Xuan Kong.

Liu Xuan Kong finally stopped a distance away from Duan Ling Tian and Ji Fan. He looked at Ji Fan somberly and asked, "Ji Fan, do you know what you're saying?"

"M-mas..." Upon seeing Liu Xuan Kong, Ji Fan almost instinctively blurted out the word 'master'. However, he swallowed the words back when he remembered he had cut ties with the Blissful Sect. With the thought of the impending disaster that was about to befall the Blissful Sect in mind, he ignored Liu Xuan Kong even though there was a feeling of bitterness that rose in his heart.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A gust of wind stirred in the air as another group of people appeared behind Liu Xuan Kong. They were the high-rank officials of the Blissful Sect. All of them glared at Ji Fan and rebuked him one after another. It was clear they could not wait to skin him alive.

"Ji Fan, the sect leader is talking to you!"

“Ji Fan, have you grown arrogant and sprouted wings after returning from the Wasteland that you don’t see the need to bow and greet the sect leader who’s your master? You even dare to ignore him!”

“Ji Fan, are you out of your mind? What do you mean by cutting ties with the sect?”

“Ji Fan, even if you regret this, I will no longer acknowledge you as the Arhat of our Blissful Sect again no matter what!”

“That’s right! You’re a disgrace to the sect! We won’t allow filth like you to tarnish the position of the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect!”

Ji Fan was, naturally, discomfited and felt pressure from listening to their angry words. Nevertheless, when he recalled the strength of the purple-clad young man next to him, he remained unwavering and resolute. In the end, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and pointed at Liu Xuan Kong as he said, “Master Duan, he’s Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of Blissful Sect... Li Ping, the Blissful Sect’s other Old Ancestor, isn’t here yet. He’s a Ten Directions Celestial Duke.”

“Ji Fan! How dare you!” Liu Xuan Kong felt his blood boil when he heard Ji Fan’s words. A hint of exasperation could be seen in his eyes as well.

Needless to say, the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect were similarly incensed by Ji Fan’s lack of respect; their faces flushed red in anger.

“Ji Fan, not only did you disrespect your master, but how dare you disrespect Old Ancestor Li Ping by addressing him by his name! How impudent!”

“Ji Fan, are you seeking death?”

“Ji Fan, according to the sect rules, you’ll be severely punished for disrespecting your elders!”

“That’s right! Do you think you can leave the sect just because you want to? You were brought up by the sect! You can only leave if the sect agrees to it!”

Ji Fan, on the other hand, turned a deaf ear to their rebukes. He turned to Duan Ling Tian before humbly gesturing him over.

Duan Ling Tian, as poised as usual, stepped forward slowly before he stood in front of Ji Fan.

With this, everyone’s attention shifted to Duan Ling Tian. They extended their Divine Consciousness immediately to probe him. Although he could easily stop them from doing so, he chose to let them probe him.

The high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect discovered they could find out Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base; they only managed to find out his age.

“This purple-clad young man is not even 100 years old...”

“Ji Fan addressed him as Master Duan earlier, and Master Duan is less than 100 years old... Could he be...”

“Is he Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?!”

As soon as they discovered Duan Ling Tian was not even 100 years old, the shocked high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect finally realized the purple-clad young man standing before them was Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!

Chapter 2902: Li Ping, A Celestial King?

The high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect burst into an uproar. All of them were confused and curious as to why Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, had brought Duan Ling Tian to their sect's estate.

"Duan Ling Tian? He's Duan Ling Tian?"

"So, he's the transcender who's not even 100 years old and is widely regarded as the best Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions?"

"So he's the person Old Ancestor Li An went to the Wasteland to kill? How's he still alive? What's he doing in the Blissful Sect's estate?"

"What happened? Why did Ji Fan bring him here?"

At this moment, Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect, looked at Duan Ling Tian pointedly. He decided to suppress his anger for now as he asked in a deep voice, "So, you're Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?"

Duan Ling Tian did not deign to respond to Liu Xuan Kong's question. Instead, he asked nonchalantly, "Ji Fan told me that the bunch of you there unanimously decided to kill me?"

Ji Fan's strange behavior and Duan Ling Tian's presence in the Blissful Sect's estate gave rise to an ominous feeling in Liu Xuan Kong's heart. "Why are you here? Was it your people who killed my master?"

"No," Duan Ling Tian replied as he shook his head.

"No?" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's answer, Liu Xuan Kong looked at Duan Ling Tian intently, trying to gauge if Duan Ling Tian was telling the truth. When he ascertained that Duan Ling Tian was not lying, he felt relieved.

Before anyone could say anything, Ji Fan said, "Li An, your Blissful Sect's Old Ancestor, overestimated himself and attempted to kill Master Duan. Alas, he died by Master Duan's hand."

As soon as Ji Fan finished speaking, the entire place was as silent as a graveyard. The people of the Blissful Sect were rendered speechless. A hint of fear could be seen in their eyes as they exchanged a look among each other.

At this moment, an old monk wearing a silver kasaya who was standing behind Liu Xuan Long broke the silence. He sneered at Ji Fan before he said, clearly not believing Ji Fan's word, "Ji Fan, do you take us for three-year-old children? How could this brat who's not even 100 years old kill Old Ancestor Li An?!"

"Ji Fan must have lost his mind!"

“I’ve already suspected he has gone crazy when he announced he’s cutting ties with the Blissful Sect. With this, I can confirm he has really gone crazy!”

“Did he hit his head and sustain an injury to his brain? How could he utter such nonsense? It’s already unbelievable for someone who isn’t even 100 years old to break through and become an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. And yet, he claims that brat killed Old Ancestor Li An? Only a fool would believe his words!”

Needless to say, nobody took Ji Fan’s words seriously. They thought he had gone crazy!

‘I lost my mind?’ Ji Fan sneered inwardly when he heard the discussion in his surroundings. However, he did not bother explaining himself. It would only be a waste of his energy. He thought to himself, praying fervently as his eyes darted to the purple figure in front of him. ‘I kept my promise and has cut ties with the Blissful Sect... I really hope Master Duan would spare my life after he annihilates the Blissful Sect!’

Meanwhile, the voices of the people from the Blissful Sect had reached a crescendo as they discussed among themselves.

Duan Ling Tian found the cacophony of noises irritating so he scoffed before releasing his Celestial Origin Energy, allowing it to ripple into the surroundings within 1000 meters radius. He had restricted the area to 1000 meters to increase the energy’s destructive power.

In the next moment, miserable cries from the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect rang in the air one after another. They were clearly in pain.

Meanwhile, the disciples of the Blissful Sect with poorer cultivations were less fortunate; the energy caused blood to surge out of their orifices, resulting in their deaths. Their corpses dropped like flies to the ground.

Upon seeing many disciples falling to the ground, the high-ranking officials extended their Divine Consciousness to probe them only to discover the disciples were all dead. Not even the peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial disciple survived! It seemed like only those high-ranking officials who were Celestial Dukes managed to survive. There were, however, a few high-ranking officials with a lower cultivation base who managed to survive as well. However, they suffered minor injuries to their eardrums, and some even bled from their orifices. In any case, a small release of Celestial Origin Energy from the purple-clad young man had successfully killed all the low-rank disciples of the Blissful Sect.

“Dead!”

“They’re all dead?!”

At this moment, the expressions of Liu Xuan Kong and the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect changed dramatically. Their eyes were widened in horror as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Even Liu Xuan Kong, a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke, was shocked to the core by the destructive force of Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy. Although he was also capable of this, he did not think he would be able to do it as effortlessly as Duan Ling Tian did. Panicked thoughts surfaced in his mind at this

moment. 'He's definitely stronger than me. In fact, there's a possibility he's even stronger than an ordinary Ten Directions Celestial Duke! I-is... is it really possible that he's a quasi Celestial King?! If it's true, then, there's no doubt he's the one who killed master!'

Upon witnessing Duan Ling Tian's strength, a terrifying realization finally dawned on the people of the Blissful Sect. It seemed like Ji Fan was not lying. With this realization, the atmosphere turned heaven and tense.

At this moment, the atmosphere was even worse than when Li Ping, the only surviving Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, found out about the death of Li An, the late Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian looked into the distance as he extended his Divine Consciousness to the deepest part of the Blissful Sect's estate. The corner of lips curled up slightly as though he had discovered something amusing. "Interesting."

Boom!

The grounds of the Blissful Sect's estate suddenly shook and quaked for 15 minutes before it came to a stop.

Then, a burst of hearty laughter rang in the air before a voice sounded. "I, Li Ping, have finally broken through and become a Celestial King!" His voice was extremely energetic.

A moment later, an uproar erupted among the high-rank officials once again.

"Did... did I mishear? Did the Old Ancestor Li Ping say he has become a Celestial King?"

"Old Ancestor Li Ping has broken through and become a Celestial King?"

"It's been 10,000 years since a Celestial King had appeared in our Blissful Sect, right?"

After 10,000 years, a Celestial King finally appeared in the Blissful Sect again.

"Senior uncle has broken through and become a Celestial King?" Liu Xuan Kong's eyes lit up immediately. A hint of hope could be seen flashing in his eyes. Earlier, he had been worried if Duan Ling Tian was a quasi Celestial King. If it were true, Li Ping who was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke would definitely not be a match for Duan Ling Tian. Relief coursed through his veins now that he heard Li Ping has become a Celestial King.

The energetic and ancient voice rang in the air again. "Fan'er has returned?" He had clearly enveloped the entire Blissful Sect's estate with his Divine Consciousness and had discovered Ji Fan's presence.

"Master Duan... It's Li Ping, the other Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect I told you about earlier," Ji Fan promptly said to Duan Ling Tian. "It seems like he has just broken through and become a Celestial King!" A hint of fear could be seen in his eyes as he stared intently at Duan Ling Tian. He tried to look for signs of fear in Duan Ling Tian's eyes as well. After all, if Duan Ling Tian was afraid, it meant that Duan Ling Tian was not confident he would be able to best Li Ping who had just become a Celestial King.

Chapter 2903: The Celestial King Attacks

Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, stared at Duan Ling Tian unblinkingly, trying to study Duan Ling Tian's expression to see if he could glean anything about Duan Ling Tian's thought about the breakthrough of Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect. Currently, he felt as though his heart was in his mouth. If Duan Ling Tian was afraid of Li Ping who had become a Celestial King or was not a match of Li Ping, it meant he had essentially destroyed his own future since he had denounced the Blissful Sect. He would no longer be able to return as the Arhat of the Blissful Sect.

"Celestial King?" Duan Ling Tian's expression remained unchanged even after he heard Ji Fan's words. He surveyed the Blissful Sect's estate indifferently before his eyes finally landed in the direction of where the voice came from. A small smile could be seen on his face.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's reaction, Ji Fan deduced Duan Ling Tian must feel confident, and he sighed in relief inwardly. It was obvious to him that Duan Ling Tian did not seem afraid of Li Ping who had just broken through and became a Celestial King!

"What happened? Why are all these men dead?" The loud and clear voice rang again. Obviously, he had just discovered the Blissful Sect's disciples who were killed by the wave of Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy.

"He is here." Duan Ling Tian's gaze turned pointed. An old figure appeared before his eyes. The figure belonged to an old monk, and his speed was much faster than Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect. However, he was unsurprised. After all, that old monk, Li Ping, was the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect. Moreover, Li Ping had just announced he had become a Celestial King. 'Li Ping... He was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke before this, but he has just become a Celestial King...'

Li Ping was now undoubtedly the strongest person in the Blissful Sect. After all, no one from the sect knew if they had quasi Celestial Kings protecting secretly. Even if these reclusive powerhouses were Celestial Kings, having stayed in the borderlands for so long, their cultivation bases would have deteriorated to that of a quasi Celestial King or a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. For this reason, they were definitely not a match for a real Celestial King like Li Ping who had just had a breakthrough.

Whoosh!

Moments later, everyone, excluding Duan Ling Tian, saw Li Ping seemingly appear out of thin air next to Liu Xuan Kong. With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, he could, naturally, catch Li Ping's movements.

"Congratulations, senior uncle, for breaking through and becoming a Celestial King!" Liu Xuan Kong immediately congratulated Li Ping as soon as Li Ping appeared!

"Congratulations, Old Ancestor!" The high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect followed in Liu Xuan Kong's footsteps and quickly congratulated Li Ping when they regained their senses.

However, Li Ping ignored the words of congratulations as he looked at the corpses strewn on the ground. "These are our Blissful Sect's disciples... It seems like they were killed by a wave of Celestial Origin Energy?" Even before becoming a Celestial King, it would have been easy to determine the cause of the men's death with his Divine Consciousness, let alone now that he had become a Celestial King. His voice

gradually turned louder and louder in fury, striking fears into the hearts of the members of the Blissful Sect, as he said, "Who can tell me what happened?"

As soon as Li Ping finished speaking, he finally saw Ji Fan who was standing across him near Duan Ling Tian. He could tell something was amiss and was about to say something to Ji Fan when one of the elders of the Blissful Sect standing behind Liu Xuan Kong spoke up.

"Old Ancestor!" the elder of the Blissful Sect cried out in anger as he pointed at Ji Fan, "Ji Fan brought an outsider back to our sect and announced he's cutting all ties with the Blissful Sect. All the men are killed by the man Ji Fan brought here!" After he finished speaking, he shifted his eyes to Duan Ling Tian who was standing in front of Ji Fan as he spoke.

"What?!" Li Ping's expression changed drastically as a terrifying aura surged out of his body. It was the Celestial Origin Energy of a Celestial King; it, naturally, sent chills running up the spines of the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect, including Liu Xuan Kong.

The high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect looked at each other and saw their fear in each other's eyes. Although all of them were Celestial Dukes, they could clearly feel the threat Li Ping posed.

"So this is the Celestial Origin Energy of a Celestial King?"

"A Celestial King is truly powerful!"

On the other hand, although Ji Fan's cultivation base was weaker than those high-ranking officials from the Blissful Sect, he was not really affected since he was protected by Duan Ling Tian who was standing in front of him. Nevertheless, his face still turned deathly pale when he saw Li Ping looking at him coldly.

Then, Li Ping turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. All of a sudden, he extended his powerful One Basic Celestial King's Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian. 'He's not even 100 years old?' He was shocked to discover Duan Ling Tian's age. He quickly tried to probe Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base as well, but he yielded no result. Then, he turned to the elder who had spoken earlier and asked with a chilling grin on his face, "You said he's the one who killed our sect's disciples?" His tone turned more and more pointed as he continued to say, "Someone who's not even 100 years old killed so many of our sect's disciples in front of all of you, and yet, all of you are standing motionlessly like a puppet?"

The elder from the Blissful Sect broke out in cold sweat, but he remained silent, too afraid to speak.

At this moment, Liu Xuan King said in a somber tone, "Senior uncle, don't underestimate him just because of his age. He's actually stronger than me... If I'm not mistaken, he's a Ten Directions Celestial Duke at least. In fact, there's a possibility that he's a Celestial King." When he finished speaking, he looked at Duan Ling Tian warily.

"A Ten Directions Celestial Duke or a Celestial King?" Li Ping was stunned by Liu Xuan Kong's words. He instinctively turned to look at Duan Ling Tian skeptically and said with a sneer, "Him? It'd be easy for me, Li Ping, to kill a brat who isn't even 100 years old with my little finger!" As soon as he finished speaking, his Celestial Origin Energy began to rage before they converged in his right hand. Li Ping, the Celestial King, had finally begun to attack.

Bang!

Li Ping pushed his right hand out before his Celestial Origin Energy shot toward Duan Ling Tian's head with a terrifying momentum.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Celestial Origin Energy was palpable and seemed like tens of thousands of soldiers stampeding in the air; it left a series of explosions in its wake as it shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

At the crucial moment...

"The Immobilization King Method!" A golden light appeared on the surface of Duan Ling Tian's skin. Then, in just a blink of an eye, it grew in size and formed the shape of a Buddha as it shrouded Duan Ling Tian, effectively protecting him.

Bam!

A deafening sound rang in the air as Li Ping's palm attack landed on the golden silhouette of the Golden Buddha. The golden Buddha shield only rippled, but it remained unbreached. It was like a powerful guardian, loyally protecting Duan Ling Tian.

"The Immobilization King Method? W-who are you? How did you master the Blissful Sect's Celestial Method?" Although Li Ping did not use much strength in his attack, he was still stunned to see someone who was less than 100 years old surviving his attack. Most importantly, he was thoroughly shocked by the Celestial Method Duan Ling Tian had used. Was that not the Blissful Sect's triple-trait Duke Grade Celestial Method, the Immobilization King Method! Moreover, based on what he could see, it was obvious that Duan Ling Tian had completely mastered the Immobilization King Method.

"Senior uncle," Liu Xuan Kong said to remind Li Ping, "He's the one who won our Blissful Sect's Immobilization Celestial Method during the Alchemy Conference... He's Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!" He continued to say in a tone that grew increasingly grim, "I... I suspect he's probably the one who killed my master!"

"What?! He... He's the Tai Yi Celestial Sect's Chief Celestial Alchemist? The brat who's not even 100 years but is recognized as the best prominent grade Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions? What's the meaning of this? Didn't you say he's an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?" Although Li Ping did not attend the Alchemy Conference, the others had reported everything that happened during the Alchemy Conference.

Chapter 2904: I Don't Mind Killing One More Person

Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect, and the high-ranking officials of the sect could only smile bitterly in response to Li Ping's questions. The Sect Leader Liu Xuan Kong couldn't help but smile bitterly in response to Li Ping's questions. How were they supposed to answer his question? Who should they ask for an answer? Naturally, they did not dare to verbalize this.

Finally, still with a bitter smile on his face, Liu Xuan Kong said, "Senior uncle, I didn't attend the Alchemy Conference in Alchemy City as well... It was my master who told me that Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, is an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial."

Then, the high-ranking officials chimed in one after another, going along with Liu Xuan Kong's words as soon as he finished speaking.

"That's right, Old Ancestor!"

"We obtained the information from Old Ancestor Li An."

"Yes! We didn't attend the Alchemy Conference so we haven't seen the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect prior to today. How could we have known what his cultivation base is?"

"Old Ancestor..."

Upon hearing the high-ranking officials' words, Li Ping's expression darkened greatly. He rebuked them immediately, "Based on your words, it seems like you're pushing all responsibilities to my late brother. Are all of you trying to blame a dead person?"

Li Ping's tone was so cold that Liu Xuan Kong and the others no longer dared to speak.

After a brief moment of silence, Li Ping turned to look at Duan Ling Tian with a sneer. "If someone had told me that someone who's not even 100 years old would be able to withstand a casual hit from me after I've broken through and become a Celestial King, I wouldn't have believed it if I didn't witness it for myself. To be capable of such a feat, you must be a Ten Directions Celestial Duke at least. In fact, you might even be Celestial Kinn, right?" Toward the end of his sentence, it was clear he was trying to probe Duan Ling Tian.

"A Celestial King?" A small smile could be seen on Duan Ling Tian's face as he cocked an eyebrow.

A sense of unease rose in Li Ping's heart for a moment when he saw Duan Ling Tian's composure. He was instantly on alert. 'He knows I'm a Celestial King, and yet, it seems like he has no intention of backing down?' He had lived for a long time, and therefore, was much more experienced. He was rash and would think things through before acting.

In Li Ping's opinion, there were only two reasons why Duan Ling Tian seemed unafraid of him. First, Duan Ling Tian was bluffing and putting on a front to intimidate the Blissful Sect into backing down. Second, Duan Ling Tian might really come from a powerful clan and was therefore, unafraid of the Blissful Sect. Naturally, he wished the reason was the former. If it were the latter, there was a risk the Blissful Sect would be annihilated today when he killed Duan Ling Tian!

After mulling over it for some time, Li Ping took a deep breath before he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Duan Ling Tian, did you kill Brother An?"

"Brother An?" Duan Ling Tian seemed confused.

"Li An. He's my younger cousin," Li Ping said in a low voice.

“Li An?” Duan Ling Tian returned Li Ping’s gaze and nonchalantly said, “That’s right, I killed him because he tried to kill me. It seems like he wasn’t the only who wanted to kill me. From what I know, there are many men from the Blissful Sect who want me dead.” Then, he glanced at the people present with a sneer. “This is the reason I decided to visit the Blissful Sect. I don’t have a habit of letting those who want to kill me live...” At the end of his sentence, his voice was icy, and his gaze flashed with killing intent.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence, Li Ping’s expression changed.

Similarly, the expressions of the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect changed drastically as well. They knew Duan Ling Tian was referring to them. Before Li An, the late Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, brought Ji Fan with him to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in the Wasteland to kill Duan Ling Tian, they had convened for a meeting. During the meeting, everyone unanimously voted for Duan Ling Tian to be killed. After all, based on their investigation, they ascertained Duan Ling Tian did not come from a powerful clan in the central area. Alas, at this moment, they could finally see how wrong their decision was. Even if Duan Ling Tian was not from a powerful clan in the central area, it was terrifying enough that he was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke or possibly a Celestial King. Someone like that was not someone the Blissful Sect could afford to offend!

At this moment, many of the high-ranking officials in the Blissful Sect sighed in relief inwardly as various thoughts flitted through their minds. The consensus was most of them were extremely glad Li Ping had a breakthrough and become a Celestial King at the crucial moment. All of them fervently hoped Li Ping would kill Duan Ling Tian.

‘How lucky! We’re lucky Old Ancestor Li Ping broke through at this moment and became a Celestial King. Otherwise, he might not be a match for Duan Ling Tian!’

‘The heavens are really looking out for our sect! If Old Ancestor Li An didn’t become a Celestial King, our sect would probably be annihilated. After all, a Celestial King wouldn’t be afraid even if we have hidden quasi Celestial Kings protecting us.’

‘With Old Ancestor Li Ping’s current strength, it shouldn’t be hard for him to kill Duan Ling Tian!’

Contrary to the expectations of the people from the Blissful Sect, Li Ping did not make a move. He seemed very cautious. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and said in a deep voice, “Duan Ling Tian, since you’ve already killed Brother An, don’t you think you should let this matter go? I’ll let the matter go as well.” Although he was more inclined to believe Duan Ling Tian was just putting on a front to intimidate them, he did not dare to take the risk. After all, if he was wrong, it would be the end of the Blissful Sect!

“Let the matter go?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback when he heard Li Ping’s words. Then, he burst into laughter. When his laughter subsided, he said, “Well, I don’t think I can let things go. Ji Fan told me you weren’t present at the meeting where everyone decided to kill me. For this reason, I’ll spare your life. However, as for everyone else... they’ll have to die!” At the end of his sentence, his eyes found Liu Xuan Kong and the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect. Ji Fan had told him all these people had voted to kill him.

One of the elders from the Blissful Sect glared at Duan Ling Tian spitefully as he mockingly said, “Duan Ling Tian, our Old Ancestor is now a Celestial King. He’s magnanimous enough by sparing your life. If you continue talking, don’t blame us for killing you!”

“That’s right! You want to kill all of us? Can you even defeat our Old Ancestor?” another Blissful Sect’s elder said.

All the Blissful Sect’s high-ranking officials, including Liu Xuan Kong, regarded Li Ping as their lifeline. They were confident Li Ping was strong enough to protect all of them.

Duan Ling Tian grinned. “So all of you think Li Ping will be able to protect you?”

Duan Ling Tian’s grin made the uneasy feeling rise in Li Ping’s heart again. He began to grow more warier by the minute. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and said in a deep voice, “Duan Ling Tian, all of them are the pillars of the Blissful Sect. Killing all of them is no different from annihilating the Blissful Sect... I agree we’re at fault. If you let this matter go, I promise the Blissful Sect will compensate you accordingly. If it’s within our means, we will not refuse your request.”

Based on Li Ping’s words, it was obvious he was trying to defuse the situation and come to a peaceful solution. He was clearly trying to save the lives of Liu Xuan Kong and the others. After all, after becoming a Celestial King, he had no thought of staying in the Six Southeastern Regions. He had already made up his mind to leave for the central area as soon as he could. If he did not leave, his cultivation base would only deteriorate, and it would cause his cultivation progress to slow down in the future. Without him in the Blissful Sect, if Duan Ling Tian killed Liu Xuan Kong and the others, the Blissful Sect was as good as dead. He, naturally, did not want this to happen nor would he allow it to happen.

“Old Ancestor!”

All the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect, apart from Liu Xuan Kong, cried out in unison when they heard Li Ping’s words. They were confused. Why did it seem like Li Ping was negotiating with Duan Ling Tian? In their opinion, Li Ping should just kill Duan Ling Tian.

Liu Xuan Kong who had remained silent vaguely felt that something was amiss. He quickly sent a Voice Transmission to the high-ranking officials of the sect. “Everyone, don’t you find it strange that Duan Ling Tian remains unafraid of our Old Ancestor even though he knows our Old Ancestor is now a Celestial King? How sure are we that he isn’t from a powerful clan in the central area? He’s not even a 100 years old, but he’s a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, if not a Celestial King. Could someone like that come from an ordinary background? Moreover, it seems like our Old Ancestor is trying to come to a compromise. He’s probably worried killing Duan Ling Tian would bring disaster to the Blissful Sect.”

Upon hearing Liu Xuan Kong’s Voice Transmission, the high-ranking officials of the sect fell silent. On second thought, it did seem risky to kill.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes that were flashing coldly at Li Ping as he said, “Sorry. I came to kill all of them today. I will not compromise on this. Li Ping, you should stand aside and watch. Otherwise, I don’t mind killing one more person.”

Chapter 2905: Li Ping Attacks

All the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect heard Duan Ling Tian's statement, causing them to feel chills running up their spines. At this moment, many of them were overwhelmed with fear. Since Duan Ling Tian dared to make such a bold claim at this moment, it was likely that he was confident about being able to kill them. There might be a possibility he was just putting on a front to intimidate them, but they were becoming increasingly uneasy and unsure about what is true or not.

"You don't mind killing one more person?" Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, said scornfully, "Duan Ling Tian, I'm only compromising out of respect for your clan. Don't mistake it for me being afraid of you!" His words were dripping with disdain.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes imperceptibly as he calmly asked, "Is that so?"

"No matter what, I won't stand by idly and watch while you kill all of them. You'll have to pass through me if you want to kill them!" Li Ping said in a deep voice.

As soon as Li Ping finished speaking, a dense and vast aura surged out of his body, causing the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect to shudder. The aura placed a heavy pressure on them, making it difficult for them to breathe. Only Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect, fared better than the others. Even then, his expression was grim. It was clear he felt the pressure as well.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Currently, Li Ping had released all his Celestial Origin Energy without holding back. Wave after wave of his terrifying Celestial Origin Energy rolled out into the Blissful Sect's estate. At this moment, every other member of the sect in the estate could clearly feel it.

Many disciples discussed among themselves as they made their way to the source of the energy. Naturally, they did not dare to come near; they only dared to watch from afar.

"Such a powerful aura!"

"Does it belong to Old Ancestor Li Ping?"

"So this is the aura of a Celestial King?"

It did not take long for the disciples of the Blissful Sect to discover the corpses strewn on the ground. It belonged to the disciples who had come earlier to watch the show. The new group of disciples began to speculate among themselves again.

"Is that..."

"What happened? Why are so many disciples dead?"

"Isn't that Senior Huang Bin? He was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial... How did he die?"

"There are no visible wounds on any of them. However, they seemed to have bled through their eyes, noses, and ears."

"No visible injuries... It doesn't seem like they're killed by a Soul Attack. It's likely they're killed by a soundwave of Celestial Origin Energy!"

“Heavens! Just the Celestial Origin Energy is enough to kill our senior brothers? How powerful is the culprit exactly?”

“The culprit’s cultivation base should at least be on par with Lord Sect Leader.”

Soon enough, the disciples’ attention shifted to the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect.

“It’s Lord Sect Leader!”

“The elders are here as well.”

“Is that... Is that Old Ancestor Li Ping?”

“I think so... However, don’t you think Old Ancestor Li Ping seems extremely wary of that purple-clad young man?”

“Look! Isn’t that person standing next to the purple-clad young man our Arhat?”

“Didn’t you hear? Earlier, Arhat announced his intention to sever all ties with our sect. Do you think he plans to join the purple-clad young people’s sect instead?”

“Well, the purple-clad young man must be remarkable if our Old Ancestor is wary of him...”

“Our senior brothers are most likely killed by the purple-clad young man.”

At this moment, the eyes of the disciples of the Blissful Sect were trained on Duan Ling Tian. Anxiety and fear could be seen churning in the depths of their eyes. After all, the dead disciples on the ground were far stronger than them. How could they not be afraid of the purple-clad young man releasing a wave of his Celestial Origin Energy to kill them?

“Lord Sect Leader and the elders have been here for a while now. The Old Ancestor has just arrived not too long ago. Don’t tell me the others didn’t fight with the purple-clad young man at all before the Old Ancestor came?”

“Since Lord Sect Leader and the elders didn’t make a move even after the purple-clad young man killed so many disciples of our sect, it’s quite clear the purple-clad young man is extremely powerful. Let alone Lord Sect Leader, even the Old Ancestor seems wary of him.”

“Who’s he? Is he really a Ten Directions Celestial Duke?”

“I have never heard of there being such a young Ten Directions Celestial Duke in the Six Southeastern Regions.”

“Who is he?”

“Well, it doesn’t matter who he is. Now that our Old Ancestor is here, he’ll be greatly injured if not dead!”

“That’s only natural since Old Ancestor Li Ping is now a Celestial King!”

All of the disciples from the Blissful Sect speculated among themselves and came to the conclusion that Duan Ling Tian must be very strong. Otherwise, the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect would have taken action immediately after seeing so many disciples being killed. Nevertheless, their confidence in Li Ping was unwavering even if they could discern Duan Ling Tian was stronger than Liu Xuan Kong. It was only natural since they knew Li Ping had broken through and become a Celestial King. In the Six Southeastern Regions and the entire borderlands, Celestial Kings were invincible.

“It seems like you’re determined to stop me...” Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he looked at Li Ping’s raging Celestial Origin Energy that looked terrifyingly fierce. His eyes flashed coldly for a brief moment.

The cold light in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes did not escape Li Ping’s notice. Fear gradually grew in his heart as a thought appeared unbidden in his mind. He found it difficult to dismiss the thought. ‘He... Could he be stronger than a Ten Directions Celestial Duke? Is he a Celestial King as well?’

Duan Ling Tian said, “Since you’re determined to stop me, you’ll have to die along with the rest of them!” A terrifying aura surged out of Duan Ling Tian’s body as soon as he finished speaking. His aura was clearly stronger and more terrifying compared to Li Ping’s.

At this moment, Li Ping’s expression changed drastically, and his face turned deadly pale.

Similarly, the expressions of the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect changed drastically as well when they sensed Duan Ling Tian’s aura. Their eyes flashed with a mixture of panic, desperation, and fear. After all, they could acutely feel the difference between Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy and Li Ping’s Celestial Origin Energy. The gap was so wide; the difference was like between heaven and earth!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Before the people from the Blissful Sect could react, a purple energy wave rolled from Duan Ling Tian’s body toward Li Ping.

Whoosh!

Li Ping had already prepared himself for Duan Ling Tian’s attack. Therefore, he reacted immediately as soon as Duan Ling Tian attacked, casting his defensive technique. An almost solid-looking golden Buddha’s silhouette shrouded him immediately and protected him. Apart from that, a huge translucent bell could be seen near him as well.

“The Immobilization King Method!”

“The Mythical Bell guard!”

The high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect could, naturally, tell Li Ping had cast the sect’s triple-trait Duke Grade Celestial Method, the Immobilization King Method, and the sect’s double-trait Duke Grade Divine Ability, the Mythical Bell Guard! Defense-wise, both were first-rate. Seeing this, they grew hopeful, thinking, perhaps, Li Ping would be able to defend against Duan Ling Tian. It seemed like they had forgotten just how terrifying Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy was.

Meanwhile, Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, had quickly taken out his Floating Image Pearl as soon as Duan Ling Tian made a move. However, he discovered Duan Ling Tian's speed was too fast. 'He's too fast! I can't even record his movements!

Ji Fan continued thinking to himself, 'Fortunately, it seems like the Old Ancestor has no intention of fleeing. At the very least, I'll still be able to record the moment when Master Duan's attack lands on the Old Ancestor's defenses. I wonder if Master Duan will be able to breach the Old Ancestor's defenses. Since the Old Ancestor cast two defensive techniques, I think it'd be difficult even for a Two Forms Celestial King, who hasn't mastered any offensive Duke Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability, to breach the Old Ancestor's defenses.'

Ji Fan was unharmed by Li Ping's Celestial Origin Energy since he was somewhat protected, standing behind Duan Ling Tian. It was also for this reason he did not realize the huge gap between Duan Ling Tian and Ji Fan's Celestial Origin Energies!

Chapter 2906: Li Ping's Death

Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, was still lost in his thoughts when...

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Duan Ling Tian's purple Celestial Origin energy that surged out violently crashed onto the silhouette of the golden Buddha that was protecting Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, in just a blink of an eye.

Bang!

The high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect heard another explosion before they saw the silhouette of a golden Buddha shrouding Li Ping being shattered by Duan Ling Tian's purple energy. It did not even manage to endure for a minute before it was easily destroyed by Duan Ling Tian's energy.

"No!" Li Ping roared, unresigned, as his golden Buddha silhouette was destroyed by Duan Ling Tian. At the same time, a mini bell appeared in his hand. His Celestial Origin Energy entered the bell, causing it to shine brilliantly.

Duan Ling Tian watched as numerous translucent and complicated runes shot out of the mini bell in Li Ping's hand as soon as Li Ping sent his Celestial Origin Energy into it. Then, the runes merged with the giant bell hovering next to Li Ping. In just an instant, runes appeared on the surface of the giant bell. It was clear it was the runes from the mini bell.

Based on this, a thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind, 'Royal Grade Celestial Weapon? The Blissful Sect has two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons... One of them is in the possession of their Ten Directions Celestial Duke, and the other one is in the possession of their sect leader.' He had learned about this from Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Since he did not find any Royal Grade Celestial Weapon in Li An's Spatial Ring after killing him, it stood to reason the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon must have been in the possession of the other Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, Li Ping.

Boom!

An explosion rang in the air again.

Duan Ling Tian did not waste any time. As soon as the runes appeared on the giant bell's surface, he cast the Duke Grade Divine Ability, the Eastern Purple Qi. His attack landed true on the giant bell.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of loud explosions rang in the air again as the giant bell trembled. The runes seemed to be disappearing at a rapid speed as well.

"I didn't expect your defense would grow so much stronger after you use your Royal Grade Celestial Weapon..." Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback by the improvement in Li Ping's defense after he began to use the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. After all, earlier, it has been easy for him to destroy Li Ping's Immobilization King Method!

Although Duan Ling Tian did not use all his strength, and his attack was weakened by the first layer of Li Ping's defense, it was not much weaker than before. Therefore, he had managed to successfully get rid of all the runes on the surface of the giant bell. Based on the situation and the addition of the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, it seemed like he had to attack once more to destroy the bell and kill Li Ping!

At this moment, Li Ping suddenly cried out with a frightened expression on his face, "Duan Ling Tian! I surrender! From today onward, I'll cut ties with the Blissful Sect and will no longer be the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect. The Blissful Sect's affairs have nothing to do with me now. Please show mercy!"

Humans were inherently selfish. Perhaps, Li Ping might have sincerely thought he would be able to sacrifice everything he had for the Blissful Sect in the past. However, now that his life was on the line, it was clear that it was not true. Moreover, he had just broken through and become a Celestial King. He was planning to leave the borderlands for the central area soon! If he kept a low profile, his future would be boundless. However, if he died now, everything would be for naught. His death would not even count for anything. Once he died, there was no doubt all the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect would be killed as well. The Blissful Sect would be destroyed. At that time, would there even be anyone left who remembered his sacrifice for the sect? Therefore, in the end, he came to the conclusion that his life was more precious than the sect.

"It's too late," Duan Ling Tian said flatly with a cold gaze. He remained indifferent to Li Ping's frightened expression.

Bang!

As soon as the runes on Li Ping's giant bell disappeared, it did not take long for the giant bell to disappear as well. In just half a breath's time, the giant bell was destroyed by Duan Ling Tian after the runes disappeared.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Once both layers of Li Ping's defenses fell, Duan Ling Tian's attack fell on Li Ping and devoured him like a ferocious beast. Just like that, Li Ping, a One Basic Celestial King, had died!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

After Li Ping's death, the remnants of Duan Ling Tian's attack did not die down. It continued to explode, seemingly endlessly, in the spot where Li Ping was standing. The series of explosions stirred up a gust of violent wind that blew against the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect high-ranking officials. Those with a lower cultivation base staggered several steps back to resist the force of the wind with pale faces.

Apart from that, even the group of disciples watching from afar was affected by the remnants of Duan Ling Tian's attack. Although they were standing far away, their cultivation bases were really weak. Many of them were sent flying back and some even suffered internal injuries!

A fight between strong powerhouses would, naturally, a wide area around them. It was inevitable and no surprise that the backlash from the fight would injure onlookers.

'Scatter!' With just a thought, Duan Ling Tian dispersed the raging purple energy. Peace was restored immediately. It seemed as though the purple energy was never there at all.

"Come!" Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and brought the Spatial Ring and mini bell that was hovering in the air to him.

'Indeed, it's a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon.' Duan Ling Tian confirmed the bell's grade as soon as he touched it. 'It's rather powerful. Based on how well it worked with the Blissful Sect's defensive Divine Ability, it should work well with my Eastern Purple Qi as well.'

With these thoughts in mind, Duan Ling Tian's skin began to glow purple. The purple energy formed a shield surrounding him. Then, he moved the bell in his hand. In just an instant, runes began to shoot out from the mini bell and appeared on the surface of the purple shield.

'I wonder if this Royal Grade Celestial Weapon can improve the defenses of my Celestial Method as well.' Duan Ling Tian quickly cast the Celestial Method he won from the Blissful Sect, the Immobilization King Method. A golden Buddha silhouette appeared and shrouded him and the purple energy shield. He shook the bell again, and sure enough, runes appeared on the golden buddha as well. His eyes lit up immediately when he saw this. 'It works!' He could clearly feel his defense was stronger now. He studied the bell in his hand and thought to himself, 'It seems like the bell is a defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!'

After arriving in this Devata Realm, Duan Ling Tian learned that there were a few types of Celestial Weapons. Defensive Celestial Weapons were one of them, and the bell in his hand is exactly a defensive Celestial Weapon.

While Duan Ling Tian is testing out the Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, none of the Blissful Sect members dare to make a sound or move a muscle. All of them were staring at Duan Ling Tian anxiously and fearfully. They were worried that one wrong move would get them killed. After all, even the strongest person in the Blissful Sect, Li Ping, had been killed. They might not have been as afraid if Li Ping did not become a Celestial King. After all, the quasi Celestial Kings secretly protecting their sect would surely be able to save them. However, if Duan Ling Tian could kill a Celestial King, would he even need to be afraid of those quasi Celestial Kings? Although Li Ping had just recently become a Celestial King, he was

stronger than those quasi Celestial King whose cultivation bases had deteriorated due to their prolonged stay in the borderlands. Since Duan Ling Tian could easily kill Li Ping, it would be even easier for him to kill those quasi Celestial Kings.

Chapter 2907: Shirking Responsibilities

In the distance, the terror in the eyes of the group disciples from the Blissful Sect intensified when they saw what happened. All of them were worried Duan Ling Tian would kill them even though they were not sure of the purpose of his visit to the sect. Regardless, they knew if Duan Ling Tian wanted to kill them, Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect, would not be able to protect them. After all, Duan Ling Tian had no problem killing Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect. Based on this, it could be seen that it would be easy for Duan Ling Tian to destroy the entire Blissful Sect if he so wished.

The disciples from the Blissful Sect furtively discussed among themselves.

“He... Who’s he?”

“The Old Ancestor called him Duan Ling Tian earlier...”

“Duan Ling Tian?”

“The name Duan Ling Tian sounds familiar...”

“Duan Ling Tian... Isn’t he the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Wasteland’s Tai Yi Celestial Sect? He caused an uproar in the Six Southeastern Regions?”

“That’s right! It’s him! The Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Wasteland’s Tai Yi Celestial Sect is also called Duan Ling Tian. No wonder this name sounds so familiar to me.”

“It’s not possible that this person is the same person as that Duan Ling Tian, right?”

“You’re overthinking things! The Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is not even 100 years old. Although he’s widely acknowledged as the best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions, it’s not possible for him to be so powerful at such a young age!”

“Exactly! This person should be a Celestial King, at least. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to kill Old Ancestor Li Ping so easily...”

“Old Ancestor Li Ping used one of our two Sect Guarding Celestial Weapons, the Ten Thousand Talismans Bell. Even then, he couldn’t withstand Duan Ling Tian’s attacks. Based on this, I’m afraid Duan Ling Tian is a Three Talents Celestial King, at least.”

“I agree. After all, Duan Ling Tian didn’t use any Celestial Weapon when he attacked!”

“Why did he come to our Blissful Sect?”

“He... won’t kill us, right? We don’t stand a chance at all if he decides to kill us!”

“Surely he won’t bother killing us since he’s so powerful, right?”

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to the disciples from the Blissful Sect. Instead, his pointed gaze was firmly trained on Liu Xuan Kong and the other high-ranking officials from the Blissful Sect. "Now, it's time to settle our grievances."

When Li Xuan Kong and the other high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect saw Duan Ling Tian's pointed gaze, their expressions changed drastically.

At this moment, an elder from the Blissful Sect who was standing behind Liu Xuan Kong stepped forward. He had a nervous expression on his face as he said with a stutter, "D-duan... D-duan Ling Tian... O-old A-ancestor Li An acted on his own. H-he didn't go to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect under the Blissful Sect's order. T-this is all a misunderstanding. The Blissful Sect has nothing to do with it... It's not our fault!"

An expression of relief briefly flitted past the faces of Liu Xuan Kong and the other high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect when they heard the elder's words. Although they did hold a meeting and decided to kill Duan Ling Tian, it was certainly not a good time to admit to it now. There was no doubt all of them would die if they admitted it. After all, even Li Ping, their sect's Old Ancestor, who had broken through recently and became a Celestial King was no match for Duan Ling Tian. They would not even have a chance to escape. It would be a walk in the park for Duan Ling Tian to kill all of them.

Another Blissful Sect's elder stepped forward, supporting the other elder's words. "Yes, it's true. Master Duan, we didn't order Old Ancestor Li An to go to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect and kill you. He went on his own accord to seek revenge because he felt you were too arrogant and pretentious during the Alchemy Conference. He didn't dare to attack you back then because he thought you came from a powerful clan in the central area. When he returned to our sect, he used our sect's intelligence network to investigate you. When he discovered you didn't have an extraordinary clan, he brought Ji Fan with him to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to kill you."

The elder paused for a moment before he shifted his gaze to Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian. He looked at Ji Fan coldly before he continued to say, "Ji Fan is the one who incited Old Ancestor Li An to kill you! He's only trying to shirk all responsibilities and protect himself by pushing all the blame to the sect and saying it's the sect's decision to kill you!" He spoke with feigned sincerity, clearly trying to win Duan Ling Tian's trust.

Before the elder could continue speaking, Ji Fan who had just put his Floating Image Pearl away cried out furiously, "Rubbish! Elder Yuan, stop talking nonsense! I admit I attended the meeting pertaining to killing Master Duan. I admit I even voted for Master Duan to be killed. However, don't think you can shift all the blame to me! I refuse to shoulder the blame for all of you." His expression was cold when he spoke.

Apart from Liu Xuan Kong, the other high-ranking officials spoke up one after another, turning against Ji Fan now that they were faced with their impending deaths. All of them shifted the blame to him, in hopes of turning him into a scapegoat.

"Ji Fan, you're clearly the culprit. We have no quarrel with you in the past, why must you implicate us?"

"Ji Fan! You and Old Ancestor Li An went to kill Master Duan without our consent, and yet, you expect all of us to pay the price for your wrongdoing now!"

“Ji Fan, do you think you can fool Master Duan? Master Duan is wise. I’m sure he knows it was all you and Old Ancestor Li An’s doings!”

Meanwhile, the group of disciples from the Blissful Sect who was standing in the distance was stunned when they overheard their sect elders’ words.

“Master Duan?”

“The elders are addressing Duan Ling Tian as Master Duan?”

“Wait... Most importantly, based on their words, it seems like this person truly is Duan Ling Tian from the Wasteland’s Tai Yi Celestial Sect!”

“H-he... Is he really Master Duan from the Wasteland’s Tai Yi Celestial Sect?”

“No, that’s unlikely. The Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s Master Duan hasn’t even reached 100 years old. His accomplishments and skills in alchemy are already mind-blowing, and now you’re saying he’s also a Celestial King? You must be joking!”

All of the disciples knew Duan Ling Tian was from the Wasteland’s Tai Yi Celestial Sect. They knew he was widely acknowledged as the best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions even though he had not even reached the age of 100. However, that was the extent of their knowledge about Duan Ling Tian.

“That’s right. It’s impossible for them to be the same person!”

“That’s right! Wouldn’t he be a freak if he’s such an outstanding prominent Celestial Alchemist and also a Celestial King at such a young age? How could there be someone like that in this world?”

“I agree. I think it’s highly unlikely for them to be the same person.”

Soon enough, the tide of the conversation among the group of disciples from the Blissful Sect changed.

“But... how can there be such a coincidence? Didn’t you hear the elders talking about the grievances between Duan Ling Tian and Old Ancestor Li An during the Alchemy Conference? To my knowledge, there’s only one person called Duan Ling Tian who attended the Alchemy Conference!”

“S-so... h-he’s really that Duan Ling Tian?”

“Incredible! T-this is... too incredible!”

How could the disciples not be shocked speechless that the purple-clad young man in front of them, a Three Talents Celestial King at least, was the Chief Celestial Alchemist from the Wasteland’s Tai Yi Celestial Sect as well?

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian scoffed when he heard the Blissful Sect’s elders trying to shift all the blame to Ji Fan.

The elders from the Blissful Sect fell silent immediately when they heard Duan Ling Tian scoffing.

Ji Fan looked at the group of elders from the Blissful Sect coldly before he grimly said to Duan Ling Tian, "Master Duan, even if you kill me today, I stand by my words that these elders all voted to kill you!"

Upon hearing Ji Fan's words, the group of elders from the Blissful Sect who had just fallen silent began to protest vehemently.

"Ji Fan! How dare you lie about our involvement in this matter? It was clearly your idea!"

"Master Duan, don't listen to Ji Fan. He knows he won't be able to get away with it so he's trying to implicate all of us as well!"

"It's true! Ji Fan is lying!"

"Master Duan..."

The elders were sweating profusely as they tried to convince Duan Ling Tian of their innocence again.

Duan Ling Tian did not even deign to respond to the elders. Instead, he looked at Liu Xuan Kong and asked, "Sect Leader Liu, what do you have to say about this?"

Liu Xuan Kong who had remained silent all this while finally spoke up. "Master Duan, it's just as the elders said. The blame lies solely on the shoulders of my unworthy disciple, Ji Fan, and my master, Li An. However, if you still feel dissatisfied after killing my master and disciple, you can kill me as well, Master Duan..."

Chapter 2908: Curtain Drops

"Although I played no part in their attempt to kill you, they're my master and disciple. I have to bear some responsibility as well," The expression of Li Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect, was one of sincerity as he said, "However, I hope you'll spare our sect's elders who are completely innocent..."

As soon as Liu Xuan Kong finished speaking, Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, burst out laughing. When his laughter subsided, he said, "Liu Xuan Kong, although I've been your direct disciple for years, I never knew you had this side to you. You really know how to act. Grandmaster, you, me, and all the elders... All of us unanimously decided to kill Duan Ling Tian... But now, you're trying to shift all the blame to me and grandmaster?" A sneer could be seen on his face as he continued to say, "If what you say is true, why didn't you try to explain yourself earlier? Why are you only scrambling to explain yourselves after Master Duan killed Li Ping?"

The group of high-ranking officials from the Blissful Sect panicked again when Ji Fan brought up their conduct earlier.

"Master Duan, don't listen to him!"

"Master Duan, he is lying!"

"Master Duan, he is spouting nonsense!"

However, Duan Ling Tian paid no heed to them at this moment. The more these people tried to deny their involvement, the more certain he was that Ji Fan did not lie to him. Moreover, he had interrogated Ji Fan directly after killing Li An, the other Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect. At that time, Ji Fan was so utterly frightened that it was impossible for him to lie at the moment even if he were to be given the courage of a lion.

The group of elders from the Blissful Sect was still scrambling to explain themselves and shift all the blame on Ji Fan when Duan Ling Tian scoffed. His expression was even colder than before, making everyone feel as though the surroundings' temperature had drastically dropped.

Before Liu Xuan Kong and the other high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect could even react, Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed with killing intent as a golden Buddha's silhouette appeared. A purple energy surged out of his body at the same time. When the golden Buddha's silhouette merged with the purple energy, it turned life-like.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

With a wave of his hand, purple palm prints fell like torrential rain on the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect.

"No!" Liu Xuan Kong could only cry out miserable in a voice laden with despair, clearly unresigned, when he finally regained his senses and was drowned in the palm prints.

Meanwhile, the other high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect, whose strength was inferior to Liu Xuan Kong, had not even regained their senses before they were killed by the shower of palm prints.

For a moment, a shower of blood rained down on the Blissful Sect's estate, dyeing the ground red. When the rain of blood finally stopped, the metallic stench permeated the entire estate.

The disciples from the Blissful Sect felt like throwing up when the smell of blood wafted into their noses. Although they could not see Duan Ling Tian's movements at all, seeing the shower of blood and Duan Ling Tian collecting a large number of Spatial Rings, they knew that the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect had died. All of them were terrified. Many of them wanted to throw up from the reek of the blood in the air, but they endured it, fearing they might draw the ire of the purple-clad young man standing in the distance.

Meanwhile, after Duan Ling Tian collected all the Spatial Rings, he looked at his hands as he clenched them a few times. An expression of fascination could be seen on his face as he thought to himself, 'How good would it be if this strength doesn't fade away...' At this moment, he felt as though he was truly unrivaled in the Six Southeastern Regions. He felt as though he had the world in the palms of his hands. He was truly fond of this feeling.

Duan Ling Tian's strength was similar to that of a Ten Directions Celestial King today. It had been so easy for him to kill Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, who had recently broken through and became a Celestial King. It was even easier for him to kill all the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian's true strength was incomparable to the strength he possessed after using the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Alas, the strength granted to him by the consumable Royal

Grade Celestial Weapon was fast depleting. Killing Li Ping and the high-ranking officials of the Blissful Sect took a lot of the strength granted to him by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. He sighed inwardly, lost in his thoughts. 'Unfortunately, with every use, the strength would deplete. It seems like I've used quite a bit of it. At this moment, my strength is probably comparable to an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke...'

Meanwhile, Ji Fan who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian was laden with anxiety. After all, he did not know if Duan Ling Tian would kill him or spare him. Every second was agonizing to him as he waited for Duan Ling Tian to act.

Duan Ling Tian, who was still lost in his thoughts, shook his head. 'I'm a little too greedy. I'm lucky enough to obtain this consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that's able to grant me the power of an ordinary Celestial Lord. Even if it doesn't last, I should be thankful. Not everyone is so lucky after all...'

Any other person in Duan Ling Tian's shoes would have the same thoughts as well. If one was ignorant, one, naturally, would not know what one was missing. However, if one experienced something amazing, it was only natural to be reluctant to part with it.

When Duan Ling Tian finally regained his senses, he turned to look at Ji Fan and lightly asked, "Those people who voted to kill me... Are there any who escaped?"

Ji Fan was momentarily taken aback when Duan Ling Tian spoke to him. Then, he shook his head and hastily replied, "No, no! There are a few elders left, but they weren't in the sect when he had that meeting." Then, as though he was speaking to himself, he mumbled in a soft voice, "Well... I can't say that none of the culprits escaped..."

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow and asked, "So there are people who escaped?"

"W-well... I mean, t-there's me..." Ji Fan pointed to himself nervously.

"You?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Ji Fan indifferently, and he did not continue down that line of conversation. Instead, he asked, "I asked you to record me killing Li Ping with your Floating Image Pearl. Did you do it? Although it was unexpected that he had broken through and became a Celestial King, he stood at one spot from the beginning until the end when I killed him. Under such circumstances, your Duke Grade Floating Image Pearl should still be able to record his death..." His eyes flashed coldly as he looked at Ji Fan and continued to say, "Don't tell me you've forgotten this task... Otherwise, don't blame me for going back on my words and killing you!"

Ji Fan hastily replied, "I-I recorded it, Master Duan! I recorded it!" He sighed in relief inwardly, glad he did not forget the task he was entrusted with.

"Good. I have another task for you..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed as he said, "If you complete the next task well, I'll disregard the enmity between us... Otherwise, you should know what the consequences are..."

Faced with Duan Ling Tian's threat, Ji Fan earnestly said, "You can rest assured, Master Duan. I, Ji Fan, will make sure to complete this task well!"

“Mm...” After acknowledging Ji Fan’s words, Duan Ling Tian no longer paid any attention to Ji Fan. He turned around and left.

Ji Fan sighed in relief as he watched Duan Ling Tian disappear into the fog from the Formations. Then, he flew toward the disciples from the Blissful Sect.

The disciples from the Blissful Sect who just sighed in relief after Duan Ling Tian left tensed up again when they saw Ji Fan approaching them.

The disciples’ expressions changed drastically, but all of them respectfully greeted Ji Fan in unison. “Arhat!” It was as though they did not hear Ji Fan openly proclaiming that he was severing ties with the Blissful Sect earlier.

Since they were standing in the distance earlier, they did not hear the conversation between Ji Fan and Duan Ling Tian. For this reason, they were unaware that Duan Ling Tian no longer had anything to do with Ji Fan after assigning him a final task. They instinctively thought Ji Fan must have a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian, someone who was a Three Talents Celestial King, at least. However, even if they were privy to the conversation, they still would not dare to act disrespectfully toward Ji Fan. After all, Ji Fan was much stronger than them. Thus, they were extremely deferential toward Ji Fan.

Ji Fan looked at the disciples from the Blissful Sect indifferently and said, “I need your help with something...”

Despite the indifference in Ji Fan’s voice, the disciples from the Blissful Sect felt chills running up their spines when they heard him speak. They did not dare to dally and quickly responded with a ‘yes’.

Chapter 2909: Next Destination: The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!

“Master Duan.” Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, greeted Duan Ling Tian as soon as Duan Ling Tian emerged from the fog. He had been waiting outside the Blissful Sect’s estate, and due to the fog from the Formations, he was not able to see what happened there. His eyes that seemed as bottomless as an ancient well flickered faintly when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

“Elder Tie.” Duan Ling Tian returned to Tie Tai He’s side. After greeting Tie Tai He, he glanced at Huan’er who was still comprehending her Celestial Method and Divine Ability. Then, he turned back to look at Tie Tai He and said with flashing eyes, “Elder Tie, I’ll have to trouble you to lead me to the General Region next.”

“General Region?” Tie Tai He looked at Duan Ling Tian blankly. Then, he asked in confusion, “Master Duan, although the Cross Region borders the General Region, it’s on the other side of where we are. Why do you want to go to the General Region?” The General Region was located in the opposite direction of the direction they had to take to return to the Wasteland, after all.

“I’m going to make a trip to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect,” Duan Ling Tian bluntly replied, but he did not explain further. His eyes that were gleaming flashed even brighter than before like stars in the night sky. Before coming to the Blissful Sect, he had already decided to visit the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Naturally, he did not plan to take her away against her will. There was no doubt that Murong Bing was his woman. He wished that she would be able to live a safe and stable life. If

Murong Bing left the Six Southeastern Regions and the borderlands and followed him to the central area, it was only natural that she would have to face dangerous situations. He could not selfishly let her brave dangers for his sake. After all, his future was riddled with uncertainties. Who knew if he would die? Moreover, she had spent all her life, relatively sheltered, in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect so she might have trouble adjusting to new surroundings. Therefore, after mulling over the matter, he decided it was not a bad thing if she continued to stay in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect was a pretty good option.

When he had gained enough strength and had rescued his wives Ke'er and Li Fei, and his family from the Divine Offering Land, he would return to the Southern Heaven Territory again to take Murong Bing away. He knew it would not be an easy task to gain enough strength in ten years to rescue Ke'er, Li Fei, and the others from the Divine Offering Land. The path he needed to take to grow stronger would certainly be fraught with dangers. He did not want Murong Bing to walk down this treacherous and vicious path with him.

The General Region was just next to Cross Region, therefore, their journey was faster compared to if they were traveling from the Wasteland. With Tie Tai He's speed, it would take them a few months to arrive at their destination.

Not long after they left the Blissful Sect, Tie Tai He finally could not suppress his curiosity and asked, "Master Duan, y-you didn't really kill all the high-ranking officials in the Blissful Sect, did you?" He knew very well the Blissful Sect was the second strongest sect in the Six Southeastern Regions, after all. Their strength was only inferior to the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

"I did," Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently with a faint nod, "All the Blissful Sect members who voted to kill have been killed, including Liu Xuan Kong, the Sect Leader of the Blissful Sect. Ji Fan is the only exception." His tone was extremely nonchalant as though he was speaking about an insignificant matter that had nothing to do with him.

Although Tie Tai He had mentally prepared himself for this outcome, he still could not help but inhale sharply when he heard Duan Ling Tian's reply.

"Oh, right. I did kill one person who didn't have anything to do with the plan to kill me... However, since he tried to stop me from killing Liu Xuan Kong and the others, I had to kill him," Duan Ling Tian said tonelessly.

"Someone tried to stop you from killing Liu Xuan Kong and others?" Tie Tai He asked in confusion. However, his eyes widened as realization dawned on him. "Master Duan, a-are you talking about Li Ping, the other Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect?" It was not difficult for him to guess the identity of the person Duan Ling Tian mentioned. After all, after the death of Li An, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, Liu Xuan Kong was the only Nine Palaces Celestial Duke left in the Blissful Sect. Someone who tried to stop Duan Ling Tian from killing Liu Xuan Kong, naturally, had to be stronger than Liu Xuan Kong. Only one person fit this criterion: Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect and a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. Naturally, he was unaware that Li Ping had a breakthrough and became a Celestial King.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded faintly.

Tie Tai He sneered when he heard Duan Ling Tian's confirmation. "Master Duan, he's just a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, but he had the audacity to stop you from killing Liu Xuan Kong and the others? He was seeking death!"

"Ten Directions Celestial Duke?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head when he heard Tie Tai He's words. "Elder Tie, that's no longer accurate. Li Ping had just broken through and became a Celestial King today. Otherwise, how could he have the guts to stop me from killing Liu Xuan Kong and the others?"

"What?!" Tie Tai He was frightened by Duan Ling Tian's words. Shock and disbelief were clearly written on his face as he asked, "Master Duan, did you say Li Ping became a Celestial King today?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian faintly nodded.

Tie Tai He looked at Duan Ling Tian with a dumbfounded expression on his face. "This means... this means you killed a One Basic Celestial King?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian faintly nodded again.

Tie Tai He's mouth was agape; he was rendered speechless. This was just too shocking. As he continued to lead Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er on the journey, he thought to himself, 'It seems like Master Duan is no ordinary Celestial King. Since he's capable of killing Li Ping who's a One Basic Celestial King, he has to be a Two Forms Celestial King, at least!' He said a silent prayer for the Blissful Sect as he thought about this. 'From today onward, even if the Blissful Sect exists, it would no longer be considered as one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions. Once news of Master Duan killing Li Ping despite Li Ping becoming a Celestial King spreads, even those reclusive quasi Celestial Kings from the Blissful Sect wouldn't dare to confront Master Duan about it. Since Master Duan is able to kill a Celestial King, it would be easy for him to kill those quasi Celestial Kings. Alas, this outcome was due to the Blissful Sect provoking someone they couldn't afford to provoke. The Blissful Sect is finished!'

With these thoughts in mind, Tie Tai He glanced at Duan Ling Tian briefly. He felt a chill in his heart.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly called out, "Elder Tie." He looked at Tie Tai He and asked, "If I'm not mistaken, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is also located in the Cross Region, right?"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly as he recalled the matter of He Shan, the late Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, being unjustly killed by Bai Wu Ji, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, during Alchemy Conference. At that time, Bai Wu Ji had killed He Shan with the justification that He Shan had killed Bai Yu Xuan, his son and the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. With this, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had lost their pillar, an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke! If Bai Yu Xuan had truly died, he might have let the matter rest. However, Bai Yu Xuan was alive and kicking. Most importantly, everything seemed like a scheme to kill He Shan.

"Yes!" In truth, before they even reached the Cross Region, Tie Tai He had hoped that Duan Ling Tian could avenge He Shan. He simply did not know how to bring it up to Duan Ling Tian. After all, Duan Ling Tian was just an Interim Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect; he had no obligations to the sect at all. However, now that Duan Ling Tian mentioned the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, he vaguely understood Duan Ling Tian's intention. How could he not feel excited?

“In that case, let’s visit the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect first.” Duan Ling Tian’s expression eased up as he said with a sneer, “I want to ask Bai Yu Xuan how exactly did he manage to avoid being killed by the Old Ancestor...”

“Yes, Master Duan.” Tie Tai He could not help but feel moved. He did not hesitate and led Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er to the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate. Estate’s direction. He had visited the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate several years back with his master. Thus, it was not difficult for him to find his way there.

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After three days...

Tie Tai He who had been traveling at top speed suddenly came to a halt and said, “Master Duan, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is just up ahead.”

Chapter 2910: Barging Into The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s Estate

The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect was the strongest of all the top forces in the Six Southeastern Regions. Its strength far surpassed the other top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions, and the sect’s foundation was extremely stable.

In the Six Southeastern Regions, some of the top sects did not even have a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke, let alone a Ten Direction Celestial Duke. There were a few sects that had Nine Palaces Celestial Duke but no Ten Direction Celestial Duke.

The top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions with Ten Directions Celestial Dukes such as the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, and the Blissful Celestial Sect were the cream of the crop. However, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and the Blissful Sect only had one Ten Directions Celestial Duke in their respective sects. How could they hope to compare with the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect that had three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes? It was all thanks to the three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes that the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect managed to stand on the peak of the Six Southeastern Regions and the borderlands.

Naturally, this ranking of strength did not take into account the reclusive quasi Celestial Kings from each sect. After all, no one knew for sure if a sect had a quasi Celestial King or not. All of the top sects had Celestial Kings before. Who knew if some of these Celestial Kings stayed behind in the borderlands for the sake of their sects? If so, how many did they have? These reclusive elites would only appear when their respective sects were on the verge of destruction. In the known history of the Six Southeastern Regions, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was known to have quasi Celestial Kings. For all these reasons, although the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions had varying strength, none of them would recklessly make a move against each other due to the hidden danger.

However, although the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect did not dare to anything as bold as completely destroying the weaker sects due to the deterrence from the reclusive quasi Celestial Kings, the other sects still did not dare to challenge the authority of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Even the Sect Leaders of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and Blissful Sect who were equally as strong as Bai

Wu Ji, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial, greeted him with a nod. After all, as long as the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect did not do anything brash and foolish, the two sects would not recklessly oppose the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

“The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is up ahead?” In fact, when Tie Tai He came to a halt, Duan Ling Tian had already guessed they had arrived at the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Upon hearing the former’s words, he instinctively looked up. He saw a lush forest that seemed to stretch infinitely. Thousands of meters up high in the sky, there was an area that was shrouded in fog where the clouds looked peculiar. If he did not use the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, and thus, possessing extra strength, he would not have noticed this peculiarity. With this strength, it only took him a moment to discover the strangeness in the sky.

When Tie Tai He saw Duan Ling Tian staring at the peculiar spot in the sky, he explained, “The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate is located in the clouds and fog. This forest has many Celestial Beasts with the ability to fly that are without intelligence. The sect uses it as a training ground for their disciples.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded faintly as he said indifferently, “Come. Let’s have a look at the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect who managed to survive the Old Ancestor’s attack. I want to hear the details of how he managed to survive.” As soon as he finished speaking, a terrifying Celestial Origin Energy surged out his body and gently enveloped Tie Tai He and Huan’er. In just a blink of an eye, the trio seemed to have disappeared into thin air.

In the next moment, the trio had arrived at the sky ten thousand meters above the forest and passed through the fog from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s Formation. This Formation could be considered as the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s first layer of defense. If an outsider were to charge in, even if it was a One Basic Celestial King, the Formation would still detect him or her. However, since Duan Ling Tian was now like an Eight Trigrams Celestial King, he easily walked into defensive Formation as though it was his own backyard.

As soon as the trio entered the Formation and into the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, Huan’er, who had woken up from cultivating a few days ago, said. “Brother Ling Tian, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate seems a lot more powerful than Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s....”

Tie Tai He only smiled wryly when he heard Huan’er’s words. He had already gotten used to her blunt manner of speaking.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate with bright eyes as he said, “This is the strongest sect in the Six Southeastern Regions, after all. Their estate, naturally, would be impressive.”

Indeed, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate and its scenery were stunning. The estate consisted of beautiful islands hanging in the air. However, each island was different. The only thing in common they had was they were all exquisitely built.

“Elder Tie, we traveled such a long way just to visit the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Why don’t you make a friendly announcement about the arrival of the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial

Sect?” Duan Ling Tian said. Despite the faint smile on his face, his eyes were terrifyingly cold and pointed.

When Duan Ling Tian first learned that He Shan, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, had been plotted against and unjustly blamed for the death of Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, a fire of fury had blazed in his heart. He Shan had suffered such a great injustice, after all. Although he was not particularly close to He Shan, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had not mistreated him. Therefore, if it was within his ability to do something, he would not stand by idly and close an eye to this matter.

“Okay.” Tie Tai He had anticipated these words from Duan Ling Tian. Therefore, he did not hesitate and infused his Celestial Origin Energy into his voice before he loudly announced their arrival. “The Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s Supreme Elder and Chief Celestial Alchemist, Tie Tai He and Duan Ling Tian, have come to visit the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!”

Tie Tai He’s voice resonated clearly in the entire Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate, causing an uproar. After all, it was clear they had charged in uninvited. If they were outside the Formation, even a Ten Direction Celestial Duke’s voice would have been difficult to hear in the estate. Apart from being a defensive Formation, the Formation also had a sound-proofing effect. Only Celestial Kings would be able to easily project their voices into the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate.

The disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect began to discuss among themselves when they heard Tie Tai He’s voice. Their voices were dripping with disdain when they spoke among themselves.

“The Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s Supreme Elder, Tie Tai He? The former Left Guardian who recently broke through and became a Seven Stars Celestial Duke?”

“I don’t think our sect had invited them here nor did they inform us of their intention to visit in advance...”

“So not only did they come uninvited, but they also charged into our sect’s estate?”

Someone scoffed. “Just an insignificant Seven Stars Celestial Duke! How audacious!”

“It seems like he has brought Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, with him. Could Duan Ling Tian be the source of his confidence?”

Someone said with a sneer, “Even the former best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions, Sun Chao, had to wait outside before being invited in. Even if Duan Ling Tian has replaced Sun Chao as the best prominent Celestial Alchemist, he doesn’t have the qualifications to barge in unannounced!”

Meanwhile, Bai Wu Ji’s eyebrows rose when he heard Tie Tai He’s voice. “Tie Tai He? Duan Ling Tian? Why did they come?” Based on the way they had barged in unannounced, it was clear they were not here for a friendly visit. Regardless, he was not bothered. He did not even personally receive them. After all, he had his status to consider.

On the other hand, the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect had no qualms about going to see Duan Ling Tian and Tie Tai He.

“Come! Let’s have a look at the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s Tie Tai He... I really want to see where he gets the confidence to barge into our Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate!”

“Even a mere Seven Stars Celestial Duke dares to act so impudently... Let’s see if he’s able to maintain his arrogance in front of me, an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!”

“He thinks he can walk into our estate like it’s his backyard just because of the brat who’s recognized as the best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions is with him?”

“I want to see how he’s going to explain his impudence to us!”