

Chapter 2911: Liar

The Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate consisted of a cluster of floating islands. The floating islands looked majestic; it looked like a sacred utopia where the gods and deities dwelled. At the highest point of the estate, there were three smaller floating islands. Each of the islands housed a residence with a courtyard and was surrounded by a landscape of lush trees and beautiful flowers.

"The Tai Yi Celestial Sect's Supreme Elder and Chief Celestial Alchemist, Tie Tai He and Duan Ling Tian, are here to meet the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!" The voice of Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, resounded across the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate. His voice caught the attention of the three people living separately on the three small islands at the peak, temporarily interrupting their activities.

"Tie Tai He? The former Left Guardian of the Wasteland's Tai Yi Celestial Sect who had a breakthrough and became a Seven Stars Celestial Duke a few years ago?" an old man muttered to himself while sipping tea in his courtyard. The old man was skinny. The long white robe he was wearing made him look like a martial expert. His expression remained calm as he ignored Tie Tai He.

On another small island, a middle-aged man was lying on the lawn in the courtyard, napping. He bolted up as soon as he heard Tie Tai He's voice. His blue robes fluttered in the air as his eyes glinted coldly. He muttered under his breath, "A mere Seven Stars Celestial Duke dares to come looking for trouble at the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect... Is he tired of living?!"

On the third island at the peak of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, a green-clad middle-aged man was watering the flowers in his courtyard. He paused for a moment when he heard Tie Tai He's voice before he continued to silently water his flowers. The expression on his face remained the same from the beginning until the end. It felt as though even if a mountain were to collapse in front of him, he would still remain unfazed.

The two middle-aged men living on two of the three smaller floating islands on the peak of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate were identical twins. Despite their similar appearances, it was not difficult to tell them apart based on their bearing and the auras they exuded.

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Meanwhile, in the outer ring of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate.

As soon as Tie Tai He finished speaking, a group of Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's patrolling disciples appeared and surrounded Tie Tai He, Duan Ling Tian, and Huan'er. Hints of fear could be seen in the depths of their eyes as they looked at Tie Tai He. Although a Seven Stars Celestial Duke like Tie Tai He was disdained by the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, these patrolling disciples were no match for Tie Tai He at all. A Seven Stars Celestial Duke could easily kill them in just a blink of an eye! The disciples knew they were risking their lives by coming here to confront Tie Tai He. However, they had to carry out their duties. Otherwise, they would be reprimanded by the elders of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

'Based on the tone of his voice, it's clear that the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect came to look for trouble. In the name of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, I pray that he doesn't act recklessly and attack us on a whim.' One of the patrolling disciples prayed fervently as anxiety and fear set in.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, the sound of wind howling rang in the air as a group of people appeared from all directions of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate.

Upon seeing this, the patrolling disciples sighed in relief inwardly. Soon after, their eyes were brimming with contempt, and their expressions were smug when they looked at Tie Tai He. The fear in their eyes had completely vanished.

"Elder Hong is here! He's an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!"

"Elder Qi is here too! He's also an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke!"

"Elder Huang, Elder Qiu, Elder Chen... The Seven Stars Celestial Dukes of our sect are here as well!"

"Tie Tai He has trespassed on our Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. His misconduct is considered a huge blunder in all the sects!"

The disciples' morale soared as the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect arrived. Now that the tides had seemingly turned, they began to feel sorry for the trio from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect instead.

Two men stood in the lead of the group of high-ranking officials from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect; they were an old man and a middle-aged man.

The old man wore a long green robe. His expression was grim and cold. The disciples had addressed the old man as Elder Hong, one of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's Eight Trigrams Celestial Dukes!

The middle-aged man wore a light grey robe. He possessed a jade-like complexion. His eyes glinted coldly as he looked at Tie Tai He. The disciples had addressed him as Elder Qi. He was also an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke.

"Tie Tai He, as the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, you should be aware that you violated the rules when you charged into the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate. You better explain yourself..." Elder Hong said coldly as he stared at Tie Tai He.

"That's right!" Elder Qi chimed in as he glared at Tie Tai He, "Tie Tai He, as a Supreme Elder you should know that trespassing is a big misconduct, right? I believe the Tai Yi Celestial Sect would be displeased as well if people were to trespass on its estate, right?" His eyes grew colder as he spoke.

As soon as Elder Hong and Elder Qi finished speaking, the elders behind them began to speak up one after another in an indignant manner as they glared at Tie Tai He. Killing intent flashed in their eyes as they spoke.

"Tie Tai He! If you don't give us a satisfactory explanation today, we won't let this matter go!"

“That’s right! Even without Elder Hong and Elder Qi, we’re still capable of imprisoning you in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!”

“Tie Tai He, you should pay for trespassing!”

Tie Tai He was slightly taken aback by their blatant hostility. They had directly accused him of misconduct without any attempt at being diplomatic. Nevertheless, he turned a deaf ear to them and retreated to Duan Ling Tian’s side in just a flash.

The high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were dumbfounded when they saw this. Based on Tie Tai He’s actions, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was the leader of the trio?

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian stepped forward and casually said, “Today’s misconduct has nothing to do with Elder Tie. I’m the one who suggested charging into the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate. I, Duan Ling Tian, came today only for one purpose, and one purpose only. I want to listen to your young master, Bai Yu Xuan, recount how he survived when He Shan, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, supposedly tried to kill him!” His eyes flashed coldly when he spoke.

A commotion broke out among the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

“You’re the one who suggested trespassing on our Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate? Are you even qualified to do something like that?”

“That’s right! Although you’re a rare genius in alchemy, you’re just a mere Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. It’s impossible for a puny Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial like you to be able to breach the defensive Formation of our sect!”

“Do you think we’re stupid?”

The high-ranking officials sneered as they looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he was an idiot. They continued mocking him.

“Hey, haven’t you heard the news from the Blissful Sect? Master Duan from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had lied about coming from a powerful clan in the central area!”

“I heard about it. How can we trust the words of a liar?”

“He’s nothing but a liar!”

Duan Ling Tian remained unaffected by their words. Despite the nonchalance in his tone, when he spoke, his voice drowned out the clamor from the high-ranking officials. “I’ll give you three breaths’ time... In three breaths time, if no one summons Bai Yu Xuan over, I’ll kill one of you. I’ll keep on killing one of you at a time until the young master is summoned...” He had spoken so flippantly that it seemed as though he was talking about something insignificant.

The entire place was as silent as a graveyard as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. After a beat, the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect laughed uproariously when they regained their senses.

“This is killing me! Everyone, did you hear what he said? He said if we don’t summon the young master here after three breaths, he’s going to kill us one at a time until we accede to his demand!”

Chapter 2912: A Hidden Powerhouse?

The high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect laughed uproariously when they heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Contempt brimmed in their eyes as they ridiculed Duan Ling Tian. Although Elder Hong and Elder Qi, the two Eight Trigrams Celestial Dukes from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, had remained silent, their disdain was palpable as well.

“I wonder where did this puny Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial get the courage to utter such nonsense?”

“He must be crazy... He’s only a mere Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, and yet, he has the audacity to spew death threats at us!”

“I wonder after three breaths’ time, which of us does he think he’s capable of killing?”

“We’ll see in two more breaths...”

At the same time, the patrolling disciples discussed among themselves furtively. Most of them thought Duan Ling Tian had overestimated himself and would soon have to suffer the consequences of his arrogance.

“So, he’s the Chief Alchemist Celestial from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian? The most famous person in the Six Southeastern Regions during the Alchemy Conference?”

“That’s right! It’s him! He’s acknowledged as the best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions. It’s also said that he’s an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial even though he hasn’t even reached the age of 100!”

“It’s undeniable that he’s truly remarkable, having achieved such feats in both alchemy and his cultivation base. However ultimately, he’s still just an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Why is he so confident?”

“He just threatened to kill the elders if they don’t comply with his demand! Is he crazy?”

“Before his true identity was being exposed by the Blissful Sect, the elders were wary of him. However, after finding out that he’s just a transcender, the elders are no longer wary!”

“He’s seeking death!”

“Isn’t he aware that the Blissful Sect had thoroughly investigated and exposed his background and identity?”

“I bet he’s unaware... Otherwise, how could he be so arrogant?”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's voice rang in the air. "Time's up." Although he had not spoken loudly, his voice drowned out the commotion in his surroundings.

The high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect looked at Duan Ling Tian smugly and disdainfully.

One of the elders stepped forward and said, "That's right. Time's up. I wonder who among us would you kill?!" He continued to say derisively, "Among the elders from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, a Six Combination Celestial Duke like me is considered mediocre... Why don't you try me?"

Upon seeing this, Tie Tai He shook his head and muttered under his breath, "A bunch of idiots." A wave of pity welled up in his heart as he looked at the people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. He felt sorry for their ignorance.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the elder who had spoken as his eyes flashed with killing intent. "Honestly, it's difficult to pick one... Since you couldn't wait and volunteered yourself, I'm more than happy to fulfill your wish!"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the Six Combination Celestial Duke suddenly clasped his hands around his neck. His face was flushed red, and his expression was twisted in agony.

The other elders from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect watched in shock as their expressions changed drastically.

"What's going on?"

Suddenly...

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the air. The Six Combination Celestial Duke from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect had exploded into a mist of blood. Only a Spatial Ring could be seen in the midst of the blood fog. They watched as a wave of energy brought the Spatial Ring to Duan Ling Tian before he put the Spatial Ring away.

When the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect regained their senses, they inhaled sharply. Fear crept into their hearts and flashed in their eyes when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, Elder Hong and Elder Qi, the two Eight Trigrams Celestial Dukes from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, hurriedly surveyed their surroundings in search of hidden powerhouses. They were convinced this was the work of a hidden powerhouse. It would be easy for them to kill a Six Combinations Celestial Duke with their cultivation bases, but it was impossible for them not to leave any traces behind.

"Only someone who has our sect leader's cultivation base, at least, is able to kill a Six Combination Celestial Duke without leaving any trace behind, right?" Elder Hong asked Elder Qi through Voice Transmission. He was inwardly terrified.

"I'm afraid so... Only a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke or someone stronger is able to kill a Six Combination Celestial Duke in such a manner... We weren't vigilant enough, that's why we didn't catch his

movements!” Elder Qi replied through Voice Transmission. In his opinion, as an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke, he would be able to capture the movements of a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke as long as he stayed alert. He was also convinced the hidden powerhouse who had killed their sect’s Six Combination Celestial Duke was a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke at most, only a rank higher than them.

Meanwhile, the patrolling disciples were stunned and in disbelief. The derision in their eyes had vanished as they looked at Duan Ling Tian again.

“What happened?”

“D-dead... The elder’s dead?”

“Elder Peng is a Six Combination Celestial Duke, right? He just exploded and died?”

“Did Duan Ling Tian kill him?”

Soon enough, the patrolling disciples noticed Elder Hong, Elder Qi, and the other elders seemed to be looking around their surroundings, and realization dawned on them.

“It must have been a sneak attack from a hidden powerhouse!”

“However, why is there such a powerhouse with Duan Ling Tian? Didn’t the Blissful Sect prove Duan Ling Tian was lying about coming from a powerful clan in the central area?”

“That’s right... But, how else would you explain what happened earlier?”

At this moment, not only the patrolling disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were confused, but even the high-ranking officials were confused as well.

Despite the death of the Six Combinations Celestial Duke, the people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect seemed to have forgotten Duan Ling Tian’s request for them to summon Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes; his patience was running low. “Very well... Another three breaths have passed.”

Earlier, the people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect had dismissed Duan Ling Tian’s death threats. However, after witnessing the death of an elder, a Six Combination Celestial Duke, they began to take him seriously. When they heard Duan Ling Tian’s voice again, it felt as though the Grim Reaper had whispered in their ears. Chills ran up their spines, and their faces turned as white as a sheet of paper.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed. He flickered out of sight, leaving only afterimages in his wake. In just a blink of an eye, he appeared in front of Elder Hong.

Upon seeing this, it finally dawned on the people of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect that there were no hidden powerhouses protecting Duan Ling Tian in the dark. It was all Duan Ling Tian’s doing all along!

Indeed, Duan Ling Tian had intentionally made a move that would make it obvious that there was no hidden powerhouse. He stood in front of Elder Hong and coldly said, “An Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke?”

Elder Hong's expression drastically changed. His eyes widened in fear as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

'He's fast!' Elder Qi who had just regained his senses was petrified when he saw Duan Ling Tian standing in front of Elder Hong.

Chapter 2913: The Three Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect

"An Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke?" Duan Ling Tian asked indifferently as he looked at Elder Hong, one of the Eight Trigrams Celestial Dukes of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

Elder Hong and Elder Qi's expressions changed drastically when Duan Ling Tian appeared in front of Elder Hong.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Without any warning, a streak of purple light shot out of Duan Ling Tian like a purple ribbon toward Elder Hong and bound his hands and legs together.

The high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were stunned, and their eyes widened in disbelief when they saw Elder Hong struggling in vain to break free of the purple energy's binding.

Similarly, the patrolling disciples from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were in shock as well.

"How's that possible?!"

"Heavens! Am I dreaming? Duan Ling Tian, a prominent Celestial Alchemist who's not even 100 years old from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, managed to restrict Elder Hong's movement? Based on Elder Hong's expression, it seems like he's struggling to break free!"

"Isn't he just an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? How could a mere Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial possess such strength? This must be a joke!"

"Th-this is outrageous!"

At this moment, a hint of fear shone in Elder Qi's eyes as he asked Duan Ling Tian, "Y-you're the one who killed our sect's Six Combinations Celestial Duke?" He realized now the Six Combination Celestial Duke was not killed by a hidden powerhouse protecting Duan Ling Tian. It was clear the purple-clad young man, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, had killed the elder. Moreover, it was clear that Duan Ling Tian was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, at least, since he was able to restrict Elder Hong so effortlessly. It was impossible even for a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke to render Elder Hong completely helpless. He knew this very well since his strength and Elder Hong's strength were equal. There was no way Duan Ling Tian was just a puny Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. It did not even occur to him that Duan Ling Tian was a Celestial King. After all, a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who was not even 100 years old was terrifying enough as it is. A Celestial King who was not even 100 years old was just absurd so it did not even cross his mind.

Faced with Elder Qi's question, Duan Ling Tian turned slightly and looked at him. "What do you think?"

Elder Qi was about to reply when Duan Ling Tian forcefully pushed out his right hand against Elder Hong who had been bound.

“No!!!” Elder Hong wailed miserably. His cry resonated through the entire Profound Heaven Celestial Sect’s estate.

The people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect could clearly see a purple flame that seemed to be Celestial Origin Energy shooting out of Duan Ling Tian’s hand before it engulfed Elder Hong. When the purple flame disappeared, only a Spatial Ring hovered in the spot where Elder Hong was standing just a moment ago.

When Elder Qi and the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect regained their senses, they were shocked out of their minds.

After Duan Ling Tian put away the Spatial Ring, he stared pointedly at Elder Qi and said, “After three breaths, if there’s still no one willing to summon the young master here, I’m going to continue killing!”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Elder Qi looked at Duan Ling Tian solemnly before he said, “Master Duan, our sect leader has sentenced the young master to 10 years in closed-door cultivation in the Profound Heaven Limit to reflect on his mistake. This serves as a sign of respect for Old Ancestor He Shan’s death.”

“A closed-door cultivation as punishment? 10 years?” Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback by Elder Qi’s words. Then, he scoffed as he coldly said, “Preposterous! Sect Leader Bai Wu Ji is really good at sugarcoating things. What’s the difference between 10 years of closed-door cultivation and no punishment?”

After a beat, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed with killing intent again as he looked at Elder Qi. He said, “Another three breaths have passed...”

Elder Qi’s face paled at once when he sensed Duan Ling Tian’s killing intent.

Duan Ling Tian was about to kill Elder Qi when a few furious voices cried out in unison from afar.

“Stop at once!”

“Stop!”

At the same time, three figures moved at lightning speed and appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian, shielding Elder Qi, in just a blink of an eye.

“Greetings, Old Ancestors!” Elder Qi cried out in relief. He was almost scared to death by Duan Ling Tian. A huge wave of relief overwhelmed him when the three men appeared. Nevertheless, he did not forget to bow and greet the trio.

The trio consisted of an old man and two middle-aged men.

The old man was skinny and was dressed in a long white robe. He looked like a martial arts expert.

The two middle-aged men who shared similar appearances were clearly identical twins. One was dressed in a blue robe while the other was dressed in a green robe.

These three men were none other than the Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. All three of them were Ten Directions Celestial Dukes. They were the pillars of the sect, and the reason the sect was regarded as the strongest sect in the Six Southeastern Regions.

“Greetings, Old Ancestors!” The high-ranking officials and the disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect greeted the trio in unison.

Swoosh!

At this moment, another figure shot into the sky before appearing on the scene.

Duan Ling Tian found the figure rather familiar. It did not take long for him to identify the figure before the figure arrived. He narrowed his eyes that were glinting coldly. “Bai Wu Ji, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!” Indeed, it was Bai Wu Ji, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Bai Wu Ji was the one who killed He Shan, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!

“Greetings, senior granduncle and junior uncles,” Bai Wu Ji greeted the three men with a bow as soon as he arrived behind them. The senior granduncle he referred to was the relatively youthful-looking old man, and the twins were his junior uncles.

After that, Elder Qi, the other high-ranking officials, and the disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect bowed and greeted Bai Wu Ji. “Greetings, sect leader.”

Bai Wu Ji and the three old ancestors had come after they heard Elder Hong’s miserable cry.

At this moment, Elder Qi had finished recounting what had happened, causing the four newcomers’ expressions to change drastically. Based on Elder Qi’s words, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, at least!

‘Duan Ling Tian... is a Ten Directions Celestial Duke?’ Bai Wu Ji gulped before he stepped forward. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and solemnly said, “Master Duan. I sincerely apologize for Old Ancestor He Shan’s death. I was under the impression that he had killed my son at that time. However, when I discovered my son survived, I felt guilty. Therefore, I sent my men to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect to offer reparation for the matter... Alas, it was rejected by the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect! Regarding this matter, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is, indeed, at fault... If the Tai Yi Celestial Sect has any request, as long as it’s within the sect’s capability, we will surely fulfill it.” Based on his words, he was clearly ready to compromise. Although he was still rather skeptical about Duan Ling Tian’s strength, based on the reactions of the people in the surroundings, he could only begrudgingly accept it.

“Request?” A faint smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian’s face when he heard Bai Wu Ji’s words. “Sect Leader Bai is really direct and upfront about this matter... Now that you mentioned it, I do have a request. I believe my request isn’t too big, and it shouldn’t pose any difficulties to Sect Leader Bai or the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.”

“May I know what the request is?” An ominous feeling rose in Bai Wu Ji’s heart when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

“I want the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect to summon Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, here! If I’m not mistaken, Bai Yu Xuan is your son, right, Sect Leader Bai? It’s not a difficult task for you to summon him over, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Bai Wu Ji pointedly.

Bai Wu Ji’s expression soured when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s request.

When Bai Wu Ji was hesitating over Duan Ling Tian’s request, the green-clad middle-aged man, one of the three Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, scoffed. His gaze was frosty as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It felt as though winter had arrived early.

Chapter 2914: The Death of A Ten Directions Celestial Duke from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect

After being informed by his subordinate that Duan Ling Tian was most likely a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, Bai Wu Ji, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, knew that although the sect had three Ten Directions Celestial Dukes, they might not be able to kill Duan Ling Tian at all. Moreover, how was it possible for a Ten Directions Celestial Duke under the age of 100 to have come from an ordinary background? What were the chances that someone like that was a transcender? These questions bothered him. He knew even if the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect was able to kill Duan Ling Tian, they would need to consider the consequences. For this reason, he had offered to compromise earlier. He had hoped to solve this peacefully. However, Duan Ling Tian’s request to summon Bai Yu Xuan, his son, here was tantamount to asking him to choose between his son’s life and the sect’s wellbeing.

One of the twins, a green-clad middle-aged man who was also an Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, scoffed before he said, “Master Duan, my junior nephew has been magnanimous to you, but you’ve overstepped the line!” He had spoken up because he knew Bai Wu Ji was in a dilemma.

“I’ve overstepped the line?” Duan Ling Tian laughed uproariously when he heard the green-clad middle-aged man’s words.

“Why are you laughing?” the green-clad middle-aged man asked. His expression soured before it turned icy-cold.

“Why am I laughing? Do I need to report to you?” Duan Ling Tian retorted nonchalantly as he briefly glanced at the green-clad middle-aged man.

Flames of fury rose in the green-clad middle-aged man’s heart and danced in the depths of his eyes. He was infuriated by Duan Ling Tian’s words. Since he had broken through and became a Ten Directions Celestial Duke and the Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, he had never been blatantly disrespected until today when he met Duan Ling Tian.

“Who do you think you are?” Duan Ling Tian added again.

These words kindled the flames of fury rising in the green-clad middle-aged man’s heart. It was the straw that broke the camel’s back; he completely lost control of his temper. He said furiously, “Impudent! How dare you speak to me in such a rude manner! I, Zhou Ming, would love to see what you’re made of, you brat!” As soon as he finished speaking, purple Celestial Origin Energy spiked and surged out of his body before he was shrouded by a purple flame. He had cast the Profound Heaven

Celestial Sect's triple-trait Duke Grade Divine Ability, the Eastern Purple Qi. This was the Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian had gained from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect during the Alchemy Conference.

"Brat, here I come!" The green-clad middle-aged man's voice rang the air as his Celestial Origin Energy gathered and transformed into a giant purple sword. The purple sword sailed in the air like an arrow released from its bow toward Duan Ling Tian. It left ripples in its wake as it flew in the air.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The massive purple sword split into tens of thousands of purple sword qi all of a sudden as it shot toward Duan Ling Tian before they merged into one again. However, unlike its previous giant form, it had shrunk to a size that was even smaller than the smallest sword qi. Its color had also turned a purple so dark that it was almost black.

Whoosh!

Its speed increased at an alarming rate. It seemed even faster than what a Ten Directions Celestial Duke was capable of after it merged again. The movements of the green-clad middle-aged man, Zhou Ming, could only be seen by the other two Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Even Bai Wu Ji, a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke, was only capable of seeing the dark purple light from the sword.

As for Elder Qi, the Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, he could only catch a brief glimpse of the dark purple light before it vanished without a trace.

"Very well!" Duan Ling Tian did not expect Zhou Ming would take the initiative to attack. His eyes flashed coldly, and the corners of his lips lifted slightly. "If you wish to die, I'd be happy to kill you!"

Purple Celestial Origin Energy surged out and shrouded Duan Ling Tian in an instant. His domineering aura rippled out into the surroundings. His body flickered and disappeared into thin air.

Let alone Bai Wu Ji, even the three Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect could not catch Duan Ling Tian's movements at all. It truly seemed as though Duan Ling Tian had vanished into thin air.

"This..."

"How's this possible?!"

"Is this a disappearing technique?"

At this moment, an invisible force blocked the incoming purple-black sword qi, forcefully stopping it in its track. The backlash caused ripples in the air that spread into the surroundings.

All of a sudden, the purple-black sword qi turned around and shot toward Zhou Ming instead.

"It's Duan Ling Tian!"

"He's too fast!"

"He single-handedly blocked Brother Ming's attack!"

As the purple-black sword qi took a sudden turn, the two Old Ancestors and Bai Wu Ji vaguely saw a figure beside the purple-black sword qi. It was none other than Duan Ling Tian!

Duan Ling Tian had grabbed hold of the purple-black sword qi with his bare hand. No matter how hard the purple-black sword qi struggled, it could not break free from Duan Ling Tian's grasp at all.

Whoosh!

With the purple-black sword qi in his hand, Duan Ling Tian moved at the speed of sound and headed toward Zhou Ming. At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's strength had been reduced to that of an Eight Trigrams Celestial King. However, it was more than sufficient to deal with Zhou Ming who was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke even without the use of a King Grade Celestial Weapon.

'The strength of a Celestial King is indeed far superior to a Celestial Duke... A mere Ten Directions Celestial Duke like Zhou Ming is no match for the Celestial Origin Energy of an Eight Trigrams Celestial King.' Zhou Ming's attack felt like a mosquito struggling in Duan Ling Tian's grasp. It was only natural since a Ten Directions Celestial Duke could not be compared to an Eight Trigrams Celestial King at all!

"You're one of the Ten Directions Celestial Dukes of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect... Is this all you've got?!" Duan Ling Tian scoffed as he suddenly appeared before Zhou Ming. He raised his hand that was firmly grasping the purple-black sword qi. He exerted a slight force, completely shattering the purple-black sword qi. Then, he fisted his hand and gathered his Celestial Origin Energy in his fist before he swung them at Zhou Ming. A golden Buddha silhouette shrouded him, and his fist that was shrouded in Celestial Origin Energy shone with a golden light.

'It's the Blissful Sect's Duke Grade Celestial Method, the Immobilization King Method!' The same thought appeared in the minds of the two Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect as Duan Ling Tian swung his fist.

The blue-clad middle-aged man cried out anxiously and fearfully at this moment, "Please be merciful, Master Duan!"

Alas, it was too late.

Boom!

Before the Ten Directions Celestial Duke, Zhou Ming, could even defend himself, Duan Ling Tian's fist had landed on him. With just a punch, Zhou Ming exploded into a mist of blood that rained down from the sky and painted the ground red.

"It seems like the Ten Directions Celestial Duke from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect is nothing but an ant!" Duan Ling Tian said as he held Zhou Ming's Spatial Ring in his hand.

After hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the people of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect slowly regained their senses. Duan Ling Tian was too fast for them to see his movements so they were unable to tell what happened. However, based on the Spatial Ring in Duan Ling Tian's hand, it was not difficult to guess what had happened.

"Heavens! Did Duan Ling Tian really kill Old Ancestor Zhou Ming?"

“That... That’s impossible, right?”

Meanwhile, Zhou Ming’s twin brother, the blue-clad middle-aged man who was also an Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, cried out at the top of his lungs when he witnessed the death of his brother, “Brother Ming!”

On the other hand, everyone from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, including Bai Wu Ji and the other Old Ancestor of the sect, looked at Duan Ling Tian in horror.

Chapter 2915: Bai Wu Ji Commits Suicide

As the blue-clad middle-aged man, an Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, mourned the death of his brother, a bone-chilling killing intent flashed in the depths of his eyes as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He could not wait to grind Duan Ling Tian’s bones and scatter his ashes to avenge his twin brother’s death! Tears welled up in his eyes again as his eyes shifted to the blood mist that was gradually dispersing in the air. Zhou Ming was his dearest twin brother, and both of them shared a close bond. They had depended on each other since they were young. After witnessing Zhou Ming’s death, how could he not be consumed with revenge? However, he also knew how insignificantly weak he was compared to Duan Ling Tian after witnessing Duan Ling Tian’s display of strength. Therefore, he could only forcibly suppress the storm of hatred in him.

“Zhou Ming!” The expression of the old man, another Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, changed drastically when he witnessed Zhou Ming’s death. His eyes brimmed with horror as he looked at the purple-clad young man who had killed a Ten Directions Celestial Duke who was only slightly weaker than him. Zhou Ming did not even have a chance to defend himself! Based on this, he knew he was not a match for Duan Ling Tian at all.

“Ju-junior Uncle Ming!” Bai Wu Ji, the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, cried out after he regained his senses. Similarly, his eyes were filled with horror as well when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was as though he was seeing the Grim Reaper himself, here to harvest the souls of the members of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. It was clear to him how formidable Duan Ling Tian was. After all, even his junior uncle, a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, was easily killed by Duan Ling Tian. The fear on his face intensified as he thought to himself, ‘Even a quasi Celestial King couldn’t have easily killed Junior Uncle Ming... This Duan Ling Tian... Could he have become a Celestial King?’

Although the other high-ranking officials and disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect could not see what happened earlier, based on the tense atmosphere and Zhou Ming’s sudden absence, they could tell Duan Ling Tian had, indeed, killed Zhou Ming. They were in shock and disbelief that a young man who was not even 100 years old was capable of killing their old ancestor who was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke in just a blink of an eye. Who was this young man?

“Dead?”

“Old Ancestor Zhou Ming is dead?”

“Duan Ling Tian is capable of killing Old Ancestor Zhou Ming?”

“Old Ancestor Zhou Ming’s a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, but he’s able to kill Old Ancestor Zhou Ming so quickly and effortlessly. Not even a quasi Celestial King is capable of such a feat, right?”

“Is it possible that he’s a Celestial King?”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Bai Wu Ji coldly and asked in a flippant tone, “Sect Leader Bai... can you summon your son here now?”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Bai Wu Ji’s expression turned grim at once. Nevertheless, he cupped his fists together and replied, “Master Duan, I’ll fetch my unfilial son here at once!” As soon as he finished speaking, he took off in the direction of the Profound Heaven Limit where his only son, Bai Yu Xuan, was in closed-door cultivation.

The old man, one of the Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, quickly said, “Master Duan, I’ll accompany the sect leader and make sure Bai Yu Xuan doesn’t put up a resistance!”

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not stop the old man. He knew the old man was worried Bai Wu Ji might release his son and allow his son to flee or even flee along with his son. If that were to happen, the old man knew disaster would definitely rain on the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!

After putting Zhou Ming’s Spatial Ring away, Duan Ling Tian moved in a flash and returned to Huan’er’s side as he waited for Bai Wu Ji to bring his son, Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, over.

Huan’er held onto Duan Ling Tian’s arm and leaned against him, clearly unfazed by Duan Ling Tian’s display of strength.

Even Tie Tai He seemed unsurprised by Duan Ling Tian’s strength. After all, he had witnessed Duan Ling Tian killing Li An, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, who was a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke. Moreover, according to Duan Ling Tian, he had also killed Li Ping, the other Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, after Li Ping had broken through and became a Celestial King. Even a Celestial King was no match for Duan Ling Tian, what could a Ten Directions Celestial Duke do to Duan Ling Tian? It was only natural that Zhou Ming was so quickly and effortlessly killed by Duan Ling Tian.

As the trio from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect waited, the high-ranking officials and disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were too afraid to speak. What if they accidentally offended Duan Ling Tian and incurred his wrath? They were plagued with anxiety and fear, and the feelings only grew stronger as time slowly passed.

After a while, Bai Wu Ji’s voice rang in the air. “Master Duan, I’ve brought my son here!” He appeared with a confused-looking young man in tow. The young man was none other than Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

Upon seeing this, the high-ranking officials and the disciples of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect finally heaved a huge sigh of relief.

In just a moment, Bai Wu Ji brought Bai Yu Xuan before Duan Ling Tian.

'Duan Ling Tian?' Bai Yu Xuan was thoroughly shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian. He was unaware of what had happened outside the Profound Heaven Limit since he was in closed-door cultivation. He had no clue the Master Duan his father had mentioned was Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Bai Yu Xuan who was hovering in the air in front of him and said with a faint smile on his face, "Young master, we meet again."

"You... Why are you here?" Bai Yu Xuan stammered. He could sense something was amiss.

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, Bai Wu Ji cried out, "Master Duan!" Then, he truthfully recounted Bai Yu Xuan's plot against He Shan, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. After that, he earnestly said, "Master Duan, I was truly unaware of it in the beginning. I'm at fault for shielding him even after I learned of the truth. Therefore, Master Duan, please take my life as well after you kill this unfilial son of mine to avenge Old Ancestor He Shan... However, I beg you to spare the innocent lives of the people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect and the sect itself!"

The high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were moved by Bai Wu Ji's actions and words. All of them began to harshly reprimand Bai Yu Xuan one after another.

"Sect leader! This is all young master's fault. You're not to be blamed since you're unaware of his evil scheme."

"That's right, sect leader... Young master should pay with his life, but there's no need for you to bear his responsibilities!"

"Sect leader!"

After hearing the words of the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, Bai Wu Ji smiled mirthlessly and said, "A father should be held accountable for his son's faults. As his father, I have to take responsibility for his actions as well." Then, he turned to Duan Ling Tian and said, "Master Duan, on account of my genuine remorse, I beg you to spare the sect and its member..." As soon as he finished speaking, his Celestial Origin Energy spiked and surged from his body.

Swoosh!

Boom!

In the next moment, Bai Wu Ji shot up into the sky like a launched rocket and exploded with a loud bang. At the same time, a fog of blood appeared and rained down as Bai Wu Ji's Spatial Ring fell to the ground.

At this moment, someone cried out, "Master Duan!" Soon after, a figure appeared in the sky from afar. It did not take long before he appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian and solemnly said, "The sect leader is telling the truth... I can attest to that! Bai Yu Xuan is solely responsible for Old Ancestor He Shan's death!"

The man was none other than He Pei Yuan, the supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. He was someone Duan Ling Tian was rather familiar with. In fact, during the Alchemy Conference, he had left Duan Ling Tian with a good impression.

“Junior granduncle, help me...” The terrified Bai Yu Xuan begged the blue-clad middle-aged man. His face was pale; he was confused. He did not understand why his father would commit suicide. Nevertheless, he knew Duan Ling Tian was not someone whom they could afford to offend.

The blue-clad middle-aged was Zhou Wen, Zhou Ming’s twin brother.

Chapter 2916: The Death of Bai Yu Xuan

“Save you?” Zhou Wen, the Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, was still grieving the death of Zhou Ming, his twin brother. Upon hearing the words of Bai Yu Xuan, the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, he raised his head and looked at Bai Yu Xuan coldly. “You little punk! I’ve treated you well in the past, and yet, you brought such a huge disaster upon our sect. Not only did you cause the death of your Junior Granduncle Ming, but you also caused the death of your father. How dare you ask me to save you?” Near the end of his words, the flames of fury in the depths of his eyes burned hotter as he looked at Bai Yu Xuan. If looks could kill, Bai Yu Xuan would have died a couple of times over.

After catching his breath, Zhou Wen continued to say, “I would’ve killed you if I knew you would bring such a disaster upon us, you filthy brat! Punk, my brother died for nothing because of you!”

Bai Yu Xuan was shocked to the core by Zhou Wen’s words. “What?! Junior Granduncle Zhou Ming... is... is dead?!”

At this moment, the old man, also another Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, scoffed before he chimed in, “He died because of you, you b*stard! If you didn’t plot to kill Old Ancestor He Shan from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, would Master Duan come today? Would Zhou Ming die? Would your father die? In my opinion, the only person who deserves to die is you!” He had always had an even temper, but at this moment, he had lost control over his temper. How could he not be infuriated by Bai Yu Xuan’s mistake that cost the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect the loss of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke and their sect leader? It was a devastating loss to the sect!

‘M-master Duan? How’s it possible? D-didn’t the people from the Blissful Sect had him thoroughly investigated? Isn’t he just a transcender with no background?’ Bai Yu Xuan thought to himself with a skeptical expression on his face. He knew Duan Ling Tian was someone not to be offended when he saw his father committing suicide. Naturally, he did think Duan Ling Tian was capable of killing Zhou Ming, the Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect who was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. He had assumed the remaining two Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect did not raise any objection about Zhou Ming’s death because Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background. It did not occur to him that Duan Ling Tian was the one who killed Zhou Ming. Duan Ling Tian’s alchemy skills were superior to a supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist despite only being a prominent Celestial Alchemist who had not even reached the age of 100. This alone was rare enough. How could he guess that Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was also stronger than the three Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?

Bai Yu Xuan trembled as his eyes darted around his surroundings. 'Where's the powerhouse protecting him? Even a quasi Celestial King might not be able to kill Junior Granduncle Ming or make Junior Granduncle Wen so wary. The powerhouse protecting Duan Ling Tian has to be at least an ordinary Celestial King or stronger!' Alas, regardless of how hard he searched his surroundings with his eyes, he found no trace of any hidden powerhouse.

When Bai Yu Xuan's eyes landed on Tie Tai He, he found Tie Tai He rather familiar. It did not take long for him to identify Tie Tai He. 'I remember now! He's the former Left Guardian of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Tie Tai He! I've met him once before! There's no way he's the person protecting Duan Ling Tian... So where's the powerhouse protecting Duan Ling Tian?' He continued to look around, hints of doubts were visible on his face. He truly felt unresigned that Duan Ling Tian had a strong powerhouse protecting him.

At this moment, Zhou Wen scoffed. He looked at Bai Yu Xuan coldly as he said, "Stop looking around. It's pointless. There's no powerhouse protecting Master Duan." His anger that had not subsided fueled him as he continued talking. "It's all because of you, you b*stard, that your Junior Granduncle Ming was killed by Master Duan. You're the reason your father has to atone for this crime with his life because he's afraid Master Duan might annihilate the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. It's all because of your evil scheme against Old Ancestor He Shan!"

Bai Yu Xuan was shocked again. An incredulous expression could be seen on his face, and his mouth was agape as he stared at Duan Ling Tian. "What?! He killed Junior Granduncle Ming? Father's afraid he'll annihilate our Profound Heaven Celestial Sect? It doesn't make sense...How's that possible?! He's not even 100 years old. How can he be so powerful?!"

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian finally spoke up. His eyes glinted coldly as he looked at Bai Yu Xuan and slowly said, "If there's an afterlife, please remember that there are mountains beyond mountains, and heavens beyond heavens. Sometimes, a small mistake is all it takes to cost you your precious life..." As soon as he finished speaking, he pushed one hand out, and a purple palm print shot out of his hand. The palm print grew bigger and bigger until it was the size of a hill as it sailed toward Bai Yu Xuan.

Bang!

A loud explosion rang in the air, and the shockwave from the explosion rippled into the surroundings.

A mist of blood hung in the air where Bai Yu Xuan had been standing just a moment ago. Only a Spatial Ring could be seen as blood began to rain down again.

After killing Bai Yu Xuan, Duan Ling Tian said, "What happened today is due to my personal grudge with Young Master Bai. It has nothing to do with the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. If the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect intends to blame the Tai Yi Celestial Sect or seek revenge..." He paused for a moment as he glanced at the people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect before he slowly said, "I, Duan Ling Tian, don't mind visiting the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect again to annihilate it!"

Duan Ling Tian's words sent chills running up the spines of the people of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

“Rest assured, Master Duan!” The old man looked at Duan Ling Tian and hastily vowed, “As long as I remain an Old Ancestor of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, no members of the sect would be allowed to act against the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.”

“Master Duan, I, Zhou Wen, assure you of that as well,” Zhou Wen said solemnly. Although he really wished he could kill Duan Ling Tian to avenge his twin brother, he knew the difference between their strength was like heaven and hell. Under such circumstances, he could only force himself to suppress and bury the hatred in his heart.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “Bear in mind... This applies to the future generations of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect as well. If any of them dare to trouble the Tai Yi Celestial Sect regarding this matter, I won’t spare the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!”

The people from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect felt their hearts skipping a beat.

Whoosh!

With a flurry of movements, Duan Ling Tian, Tie Tai He, and Huan’er disappeared without a trace before the people of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

Even the two Old Ancestors who were Ten Directions Celestial Dukes could not catch Duan Ling Tian’s movements at all. They saw the fear in each other’s eyes when they exchanged a glance.

Finally, the old man somberly said, “Elder Qi, you’re temporarily in charge of the sect’s matter for now... We’ll decide on the candidates for the new sect leader after Zhou Wen and I have a discussion. During this time, the sect should continue operating as normal in an orderly manner. If you perform well, who knows, you might be appointed as the new sect leader...” At the end of his words, he looked at Elder Qi meaningfully.

“Yes, Old Ancestor!” Elder Qi was, naturally, inwardly delighted that there was a chance he might be promoted.

Elder Qi was among the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect whose lives were hanging by a thread before the arrival of the three Old Ancestors and the late Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. He was just an Eight Trigrams Celestial Duke; how on earth did he suddenly obtain the chance to become the new Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?

Chapter 2917: Shocking News!

Elder Qi and Bai Wuji, the late Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect, were from the same generation. In the past, he was a potential candidate for the position of sect leader and had competed against Bai Wu Ji for the position. However, due to his incompetence in all aspects, Bai Wu Ji was eventually selected to take up the mantle of the Sect Leader of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Since that day, he had been secretly obsessed with becoming the sect leader for half of his life. Never in his wildest dreams did he expect such an opportunity would come his way. For this reason, he was actually grateful for Duan Ling Tian’s visit to the Profound Heaven Celestial Sec that had indirectly provided him with the chance to become the next sect leader.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who had only gone to the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect to avenge He Shan, the Old Ancestor of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, was unaware of Elder Qi's thoughts. Now that Bai Wuji and his son, Bai Yuxuan, were dead, He Shan's spirit should be able to rest in peace in heaven.

After Duan Ling Tian used his Celestial Origin Energy to bring Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, and Huan'er away from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate, Tie Tai He bowed at Duan Ling Tian and sincerely expressed his gratitude. "Master Duan, on behalf of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, I would like to thank you for avenging Old Ancestor He Shan!"

To a certain degree, Duan Ling Tian could be considered as a member of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect even if he was only an interim elder. However, as an interim elder, he had no obligations to avenge He Shan at all. Thus, Tie Tai He truly felt grateful toward Duan Ling Tian.

"Elder Tie, you're being too courteous. As a Revered Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, it's my duty to avenge Old Ancestor He Shan," Duan Ling Tian said with a slight smile on his face, "Regarding this matter, the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect has gone too far. I just can't let things slide." Before Tie Tai He could speak again, his eyes flashed as he continued to say, "Elder Tie, I'll need to trouble you to lead us to our next destination, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect in the General Region."

The Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect would be Duan Ling Tian's final destination before he left the Six Southeastern Regions and the borderlands for the central area. The central area would be an entirely new place that could help him to further improve his strength and skills!

"Yes, Master Duan," Tie Tai He humbly responded. After Duan Ling Tian had avenged He Shan, his respect for Duan Ling Tian had grown to the point where it exceeded his respect for Bai Ping, the Sect Leader of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Unbeknownst to Tie Tai He, Duan Ling Tian had wanted him to bring them to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect in the General Region because he wanted to conserve his Celestial Origin Energy that was granted to him by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. He was, naturally, unwilling to use his Celestial Origin Energy that was currently comparable to a Celestial King if it was unnecessary. Tie Tai He had assumed Duan Ling Tian wanted his help because Duan Ling Tian wanted to focus on comprehending his Celestial Method and Divine Ability during the journey.

'I've used up quite a large amount of my Celestial Origin Energy... My strength is at least that of an Eight Trigrams Celestial King when we arrived at the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. Now, at most, it's comparable to a Six Combination Celestial King. I'll have to use my remaining Celestial Origin Energy wisely when we arrive at the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect... Otherwise, my cultivation base might revert to its original level before I make it to the central area,' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly during their journey from the Cross Region to the General Region.

Tie Tai He was only a Seven Stars Celestial Duke, it would take some time before they arrived at the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Apart from talking to Huan'er occasionally, Duan Ling Tian spent most of his time during their journey cultivating to improve his true cultivation base.

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The trio from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect on the way to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect was unaware of the commotion that had broken out in Blissful Sect at this moment.

The disciples from the Blissful Sect who were not present during Duan Ling Tian's visit finally learned about the disaster from the disciples who escaped the ordeal.

"The Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian, charged into our sect and killed Old Ancestor Li Ping?"

"Old Ancestor Li Ping... Didn't he just become a Celestial King? T-this must be a joke, right?"

"Old Ancestor Li Ping did become a Celestial King... However, he was no match for the Chief Celestial Alchemist of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian. Duan Ling Tian had easily killed Old Ancestor Li Ping!"

"Heavens! This is unbelievable! Duan Ling Tian hasn't even reached 100 years old, has he?"

"That's what makes him so terrifying..."

"Most of the high-ranking officials from our Blissful Sect were killed by Duan Ling Tian. Only a few survived because they were out running some errands. Unfortunately, with just a few of them left, the Blissful Sect is no longer as powerful as before... Under these circumstances, I'm afraid we're no longer one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions or the borderlands!"

"A few remaining high-ranking officials are insufficient to hold the Blissful Sect up... Even if the Blissful Sect has a few quasi Celestial Kings, do you think they'll dare to step forward to help revive the sect?"

"Of course not. In the past, the quasi Celestial Kings from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect managed to save their sect from total destruction. However, the Blissful Sect's current situation is different. Even Old Ancestor Li Ping who had become a Celestial King was killed by Duan Ling Tian... how could the quasi Celestial Kings from the Blissful Sect dare to step forward?"

"That's right!"

"Old Ancestor Li Ping was more powerful than the quasi Celestial Kings the moment he became a Celestial King... If the quasi Celestial Kings from the Blissful Sect show up, they're only seeking death."

"The Blissful Sect is doomed, my friends... It's time to think of an alternative now."

"I'll leave the Blissful Sect tomorrow and cultivate for a while... After I've grown my hair out, I'll join another top sect. I believe it's not difficult to do so with my talent."

"Why do you need to wait until your hair grows?"

"Isn't it obvious that people would be able to tell that you're a disciple of the Blissful Sect if you're bald? News of the Blissful Sect being destroyed by Duan Ling Tian will soon spread throughout the Six Southeastern Regions and the borderlands. Do you think the top sects will dare to accept a disciple of an annihilated sect?"

“That makes sense... Looks like I’ll have to grow my hair out as well.”

The Blissful Sect was in chaos. The majority of the disciples were planning to leave the sect.

At this moment, Ji Fan, the former Arhat of the Blissful Sect, hovered in the air as he blankly stared at the throng of disciples leaving the Blissful Sect’s estate. Before he left the sect, he muttered under his breath, “I’ve completed part of the task Master Duan entrusted me with. I’ll just have to spread the word now. From today onward, the Blissful Sect no longer exists.”

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Before Duan Ling had even entered the General Region, news of the destruction he left in his wake in the Blissful Sect’s estate spread like a wildfire and caused an uproar. The Blissful Sect was highly regarded as one of the top sects in the Six Southeastern Regions, how could people not feel shocked when they learned of its destruction?

“The Blissful Sect has been annihilated!”

“The Blissful Sect... has been annihilated? You’re joking, right?”

“Heavens... Is this true? The Blissful Sect is only second to the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect among the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions. How could they be annihilated?”

“What’s more outrageous is sources from the Blissful Sect said that it was Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, who had single-handedly ended the Blissful Sect!”

“The Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian? The person who’s acknowledged as the best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions during the Alchemy Conference?”

“Yes! It’s him!”

“He hasn’t even reached the age of 100, right? How is it possible for him to annihilate the Blissful Sect?”

“Listen... It gets even more outrageous. The people from the Blissful Sect claimed that Duan Ling Tian managed to easily kill their old ancestor who had successfully broken through and became a One Basic Celestial King!”

“Someone who’s not even 100 years old managed to kill a Celestial King?”

Naturally, there were people who were skeptical about the veracity of the news. Some of them even made a trip to the Blissful Sect to verify the authenticity of the news. Under the lead of some powerful sectless cultivators, these people entered the Blissful Sect’s estate and discovered the estate was completely empty. Even the primitive Celestial Stone ore that belonged to the Blissful Sect had been dug up. Everything aside, there was no doubt that the great Blissful Sect was truly gone!

Chapter 2918: Arrived at the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect

When Duan Ling Tian, Huan’er, and Tie Tai He had left the Cross Region and entered the General Region, news of the Blissful Sect being annihilated was verified by more and more people.

As soon as the trio arrived in the General Region, Tie Tai He looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Master Duan, we've arrived in the General Region... However, I don't know the exact location of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate since I've never been there before. My plan is to look for a city or a friendly sect we can lodge in while I look for the exact location of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate. We'll leave as soon as I find out the exact location of the sect."

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly and calmly replied, "Elder Tie, I'll leave this matter entirely up to you."

As soon as they arrived in the General Region, Duan Ling Tian had begun to feel restless.

'I wonder if I'll meet her when we go to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect...' Duan Ling Tian did not plan to insist on meeting Murong Bing during this trip to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect unless she was willing to meet him. After all, for now, he had no plans of taking Murong Bing away from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect to the central area.

"Brother Ling Tian." Huan'er could sense Duan Ling Tian's restlessness even though he was behaving as usual. She reached out to hold his hand and gently squeezed it in hopes of calming him down.

"Huan'er, I'm fine," Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile on his face as he stroked the back of her hand with his fingers. His eyes were filled with affection as he looked at her.

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At the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's estate.

After the deaths of Zhou Ming, Bai Wu Ji, and Bai Yu Xuan, the Old Ancestor, the Sect Leader, and the Young Master of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect respectively, a gloomy atmosphere loomed over the sect's estate. Since that fateful day, the sect had not returned to its lively state from before.

The members of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were morose, devastated by the deaths of crucial members of the sect.

Elder Qi seemed to be the only one who was in a good mood.

However, on this day, the Profound Heaven Sect seemed to turn lively again when they received certain news. The news turned the entire sect upside down.

"Not only did Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, kill Li Ping, a One Basic Celestial King, but he also destroyed the Blissful Sect?"

"Is it true that Old Ancestor Li Ping of the Blissful Sect had broken through and became a Celestial King prior to his death?"

"Many people have verified it to be true..."

Similarly, the high-ranking officials of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were shocked as well when they heard the news. However, their shock was replaced with relief soon after.

"Heavens! Duan Ling Tian is capable of killing a One Basic Celestial King?"

“In comparison, doesn’t it seem like Duan Ling Tian was very lenient toward our Profound Heaven Celestial Sect?”

“Yes...”

“Since he’s capable of killing a One Basic Celestial King, it’d be easy for him to destroy our sect. Thank the heavens he didn’t do so even after everything Bai Yu Xuan had done.”

The two remaining two Old Ancestors of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect were no exception and were equally shocked even though they had suspected this.

“Duan Ling Tian killed Li Ping after he became a Celestial King?”

“Indeed, he’s not just a One Basic Celestial King!”

Based on the strength Duan Ling Tian displayed on that fateful day, they knew he was stronger than an ordinary Celestial King. As Ten Directions Celestial Dukes, they should still be able to vaguely see his movements if he was a One Basic Celestial King. However, they could not catch his movements at all at that time. Therefore, they were rather certain he was stronger than a One Basic Celestial King. Now that the Blissful Sect’s destruction confirmed their suspicions, they could not help but heave a big sigh of relief that Duan Ling Tian did not destroy the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect.

“From today onward, the members of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect are strictly prohibited from finding fault with the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Be extra courteous when you encounter members of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect! This is an order!”

In fear of Duan Ling Tian’s formidable strength, the two old ancestors did not waste any time in passing down their order to the members of their sect.

All of the members of the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect did not object to the order and found it reasonable. Even without the order, they still would not dare to offend the people from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

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Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of the situation in the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect. All he knew was news about the destruction of the Blissful Sect had spread like a wildfire shortly before he left the Cross Region.

‘Everyone should’ve heard about the annihilation of the Blissful Sect by now, right? The quasi Celestial Kings in the Cross Region should’ve also heard about it... ‘ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he arrived at the outer area of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s estate.

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Indeed, Duan Ling Tian was right. Half a month ago, the quasi Celestial Kings of the Cross Region’s Blissful Sect had heard about the destruction of their sect.

“Li Ping had become a Celestial King, but he was still killed?”

“The Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect possesses such formidable strength even though he hasn’t even reached the age of 100?”

“Who is he? How’s it possible that he possesses such terrifying strength at such a young age?”

The three quasi Celestial Kings of the Blissful Sect were furious and devastated when they heard about the Blissful Sect’s destruction. They were eager to come out from seclusion to avenge their descendants and disciples who were sacrificed in that ordeal. However, when they found out Li Ping, the Old Ancestor of the Blissful Sect, was killed even after becoming a Celestial King, they dismissed the idea of revenge. They did not even dare to think about stepping forward since they risked getting killed by Duan Ling Tian. They knew even if they banded together, they would not be able to survive more than 100 moves from a One Basic Celestial King. They knew this very well since they were once One Basic Celestial Kings as well. Therefore, they knew without a doubt how easy it would be for Duan Ling Tian to kill them.

“Senior uncle, are we just going to sit back and do nothing? Due to the limit on our innate talent, we decided to stay in the borderlands to protect our sect. Is there nothing we can do now that our sect has been annihilated? I feel unreconciled with the fate of our sect... I just can’t accept it...” a middle-aged quasi Celestial King of the Blissful Sect said to an old man.

The old man shook his head and said with a bitter smile on his face, “Do you think I can accept it? I know Li Ping was the disciple whom you’re most proud of, and you want to avenge him. However, Duan Ling Tian killed Li Ping even though Li Ping had become a Celestial King. Do you think you stand a chance against Duan Ling Tian?”

Another old man chimed in at this moment, “Perhaps, it’s time for us to leave the borderlands. We didn’t leave the borderlands due to our limited innate talent and decided to protect the sect instead. Inevitably, our cultivation bases had dropped from that of a One Basic Celestial King to that of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke... Unless we’re able to obtain rare medicinal herbs or rare Celestial Pills to eliminate the side effects of retrogradation, we won’t be able to improve our cultivation bases for the rest of our lives! Now that the sect’s gone, it’s meaningless for us to remain in the borderland... Let’s head to the central area. We might find rare medicinal herbs or Celestial Pills there to help us. This is the only chance we have to grow stronger.”

In the end, the three quasi Celestial Kings of the Blissful Sect decided it was best for them to leave the borderlands for the central area. At this moment, they regretted their decision to stay back in the borderlands. All these years, they had been protecting the Blissful Sect, but in just a day, all their efforts had gone to waste. For this reason, the trio hated Duan Ling Tian to the core. Alas, they could not seek revenge since they knew they were no match for Duan Ling Tian.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was oblivious to the fact that the three quasi Celestial Kings of the Blissful Sect had left the borderlands for the central area. He would never expect that, in the future, he would meet them in the central area.

Tie Tai He looked at an area that was shrouded in fog and said to Duan Ling Tian at this moment, "Master Duan, the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect is up ahead... Should we announce our arrival or should we just enter unannounced?"

Chapter 2919: Murong Bing's Predicament

Tie Tai He knew there was a conflict between Duan Ling Tian and the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect even if he did not know the details. Although he did not attend the Alchemy Conference, he had heard from the prominent Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Situ Ming, that the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had sent an elder to kill Duan Ling Tian in the past. However, according to Situ Ming, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have forgiven the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Therefore, he could not figure out the reason for Duan Ling Tian's visit to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.

Duan Ling Tian responded to Tie Tai He's question. "Let's just enter." His eyes glinted as his Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body and shrouded Huan'er and Tie Tai He.

In just a moment, the trio disappeared into thin air. When they reappeared, they were in a vast and majestic land filled with lush greeneries where the songs of birds rang in the air and the fragrance of flowers permeated the air. The mountains were so tall that they touched the clouds.

Tie Tai He was about to greet the people of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect when Duan Ling Tian suddenly said in a thunderously loud voice, "My name is Duan Ling Tian, and I'm Murong Bing's man. I have come to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect to challenge your sect's Ten Directions Celestial Duke, Wang Qiu Kuang!"

Tie Tai He was thoroughly shocked by Duan Ling Tian's words. Although he had heard vague whispers of Duan Ling Tian's romantic relationship with Murong Bing, a disciple of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, he did not expect Duan Ling Tian to travel all the way to the sect's estate just to challenge their Ten Directions Celestial Duke, Wang Qiu Kuang. It was not difficult for him to figure out the meaning behind Duan Ling Tian's actions. It was public knowledge that Murong Bing's master was Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. In her younger years, she was famous for her ruthlessness. Many people had also heard of how she had killed her direct disciple whom she had raised to be the next Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect when said disciple had a romantic relationship with an outsider.

'It seems like Master Duan and Murong Bing are really involved. Since this means Murong Bing would be disqualified from being the next Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, Master Duan must be worried she would suffer the same fate as her senior sister. He must have come here to stop Wang Dan Feng from doing so by directly challenging her father, Wang Qiu Kuang, who's a Ten Directions Celestial Duke!' Tie Tai He instantly understood what was going on.

Meanwhile, Huan'er's eyes were flashing with envy when she heard Duan Ling Tian announced he was Murong Bing's man. How could she not be envious when she had long developed feelings for Duan Ling Tian? However, her feelings were clearly unrequited since she could tell Duan Ling Tian was firmly

keeping a distance from her. She sighed inwardly, dejected. 'If only I can capture his heart like Sister Murong Bing did...'

Duan Ling Tian's thunderous voice that was infused with his Celestial Origin Energy resonated through the entire Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate.

The estate fell deadly silent.

The high-ranking officials and disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect were shocked and baffled.

"Did you hear that voice? I... I'm not hearing things, am I?"

"No, I heard it as well. A man just claimed to be Senior Sister Murong Bing's man. More importantly, he's here to challenge our Supreme Guardian!"

"The Supreme Guardian is our Second Guardian's father. He's also the sect's one and only male member... This man wants to challenge our Supreme Guardian who's a powerful Ten Directions Celestial Duke? Is he seeking death?"

"I'm curious... Since when did Senior Sister Murong Bing become romantically involved with this man? She should know it's forbidden for her to be in a romantic relationship since she's going to be our sect leader in the future!"

"Let's go find out what's going on."

"Who is he? Is he crazy?"

"He must be crazy. It's normal for men to go crazy over Senior Sister Murong Bing's beauty, after all."

Most of the disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect estate were of the opinion that Duan Ling Tian must have lost his mind to Murong Bing's beauty. They thought he was just a simpleton who had gone crazy due to his infatuation and came to challenge their Supreme Elder. These people seemed to have overlooked the fact that a simpleton would not have been able to enter the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate without the sect's permission.

At this moment, a group of the disciples from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect flew up into the air to the source of the voice. When they saw Duan Ling Tian, hints of pity could be seen in their eyes. It was as though they could already see their Supreme Guardian mercilessly killing Duan Ling Tian.

"Wait a minute... Did he say he's Duan Ling Tian? Why does that name sound so familiar?"

"Duan Ling Tian? Isn't he the genius prominent Celestial Alchemist who recently became famous during the Alchemy Conference in the Six Southeastern Regions?"

"You're right! Duan Ling Tian's the Chief Alchemist Celestial of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Although he hasn't even reached the age of 100, he's already a prominent Celestial Alchemist!"

"Most importantly, he's a prominent Celestial Alchemist whose skills are superior to the supreme Duke Grade Celestial Alchemist from the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect!"

“This lunatic is delusional. Not only does he think Senior Sister Murong Bing is his woman, but he also thinks he’s the genius prominent Celestial Alchemist from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!”

“How absurd! His actions are a blasphemy against Senior Sister Murong Bing. It’s an insult to our Supreme Guardian as well. There’s no doubt he’s going to have to pay with his life today!”

A commotion broke out among the disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect as they fervently discussed the madman who was impersonating Duan Ling Tian, the genius prominent Celestial Alchemist.

More and more disciples gathered to watch the show. It was human nature to be nosy, and this rang especially true for women. The female disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect were no exception.

Meanwhile, the elders of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect who were infuriated by Duan Ling Tian’s words took to the air immediately.

“Where did this madman come from? How dare he blaspheme our Supreme Guardian!”

“He said Junior Niece Murong Bing is his woman? Preposterous!”

“He even said he’s Duan Ling Tian, the best prominent Celestial Alchemist in the Six Southeastern Regions and the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.”

“How dare he provokes our Supreme Guardian! He must be tired of living!”

On the contrary, a few prominent Celestial Alchemists who had attended the Alchemy Conference were able to recognize Duan Ling Tian’s voice. Moreover, based on what they had seen during the Alchemy Conference, they had long suspected there was something going on between Duan Ling Tian and Murong Bing. They did not waste any time and left their courtyards to have a look.

“Duan Ling Tian?”

“Yes, it does sound like him, doesn’t it?”

“Master Duan wants to challenge the Supreme Guardian? Did he lose his mind?”

“Who knows? Let’s go find out.”

“Duan Ling Tian?”

“Why is he here? Is he seeking death?”

Lin Ru, the First Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, had followed Nangong Xiu, the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, to the Alchemy Conference. Therefore, she also recognized Duan Ling Tian’s voice. Nangong Xiu had told her about the matter between Duan Ling Tian and Murong Bing, and she was rather happy when she heard Duan Ling Tian saying he was from a powerful clan called the Crimson Sky’s Duan Clan in the central area. The marriage between Duan Ling Tian and Murong Bing would definitely be a wonderful story in the history of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.

After returning from the Alchemy Conference, Lin Ru and Nangong Xiu had even gone to speak to Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. As expected, Wang Dan Feng was furious and wanted to kill Murong Bing when she found out Murong Bing had lost her virginity to Duan Ling Tian. However, since Wang Dan Feng was wary of Duan Ling Tian's extraordinary background in the central area, she did not dare to kill Murong Bing.

It remained so until Wang Dan Feng heard the news about the Blissful Sect's investigation that Duan Ling Tian was just a mere transcender with no background. She had almost killed Murong Bing. Fortunately, Nangong Xiu managed to stop her in time. Nangong Xiu had planted doubts in Wang Dan Feng's mind, questioning the veracity of the result of the Blissful Sect's investigation. However, this was only a solution that could only temporarily preserve Murong Bing's life. Murong Bing was still held captive by Wang Dan Feng as they waited for the result of their own investigation. As soon as Wang Dan Feng confirmed Duan Ling Tian did not have any extraordinary background, there was no doubt she would immediately kill Murong Bing!

Chapter 2920: Wang Dan Feng

“Duan Ling Tian?”

The expression of Nangong Xiu, the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, turned grim, and she narrowed her eyes when she heard Duan Ling Tian's voice that resounded through the entire Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate. Although she had convinced her junior sister, Wang Dan Feng, that the Blissful Sect might have made a mistake in their investigation of Duan Ling Tian, in her heart, she did not doubt the result of the Blissful Sect's investigation. As the saying went, 'There's no smoke without fire'. Since then, she was left with a terribly bad impression of Duan Ling Tian, and she was angry at herself for naively believing him. After all, due to her foolishly believing his lies, she had gone to Wang Dan Feng and revealed the matter between Murong Bing, her niece, and that man. As a result, Murong Bing was now being held captive by Wang Dan Feng. As soon as Wang Dan Feng ascertained Duan Ling Tian did not come from an extraordinary clan, she would kill Murong Bing immediately.

“He wants to challenge the Supreme Guardian of our Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect? Did he lose his mind?” Nangong Xiu recognized Duan Ling Tian's voice as well since they had recently met during the Alchemy Conference. She was perplexed. Why did Duan Ling Tian come to challenge their Supreme Guardian who was one of the most powerful Ten Directions Celestial Dukes in the Six Southeastern Regions and the borderlands? What could a mere Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who had not even reached the age of 100 do to their sect's Supreme Guardian? Similarly, she felt he had gone crazy for doing such a thing.

Whoosh!

Nangong Xiu's robe fluttered in the wind as she took off from her cultivation ground and headed toward Duan Ling Tian's direction.

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In a courtyard built on the edge of the cliffs of the steep mountains in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate.

A beautiful woman who was teaching a girl sword technique stilled at once when she heard Duan Ling Tian's voice. Her originally cold expression turned even colder at this moment. "Duan Ling Tian?"

A green-clad girl who was standing next to the beautiful woman widened her eyes as she exclaimed in shock inwardly, 'Duan Ling Tian? W-why is he here? He wants to challenge grandmaster? Is he mad?'

The beautiful woman looked at the green-clad girl pointedly as she coldly asked, "Lyu Luo, does the voice really belong to Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?"

The green-clad girl's heart skipped a beat before she replied hesitatingly, "Y-yes, master. It's Duan Ling Tian's voice."

The green-clad girl was none other than Lyu Luo, a disciple of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. The beautiful woman whom she had addressed as master was none other than Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect! Wang Dang Feng was also the only biological daughter of Wang Qiu Kuang, the sect's Supreme Guardian and Ten Directions Celestial Duke!

"Well, well, well... Who knew he would send himself to our doorstep?" Wang Dan Feng's eyes glinted coldly after she heard Lyu Luo's words. In just a second, she disappeared into thin air.

"Master, wait for me!" Lyu Luo cried out. Although she could not catch Wang Dan Feng's movements, she knew her master had gone to meet Duan Ling Tian. She did not hesitate and followed suit. As she flew, she thought to herself with a sigh, 'Third senior sister should have heard Duan Ling Tian's voice by now, right? Unfortunately, she's unable to leave that dilapidated place now.'

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In a dilapidated residence at the foot of the mountains in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate.

"W-why is he here? Did he say he wants to challenge grandmaster?"

A woman who was quietly sitting in front of an old wooden table suddenly rose to her feet when she heard Duan Ling Tian's voice. If those who had only met Duan Ling Tian once during the Alchemy Conference could recognize his voice, how could she fail to recognize his voice? Her eyes shone with hope for a fleeting moment before it was replaced with anxiety and fear. The woman wore a simple purple dress that revealed her wasp waist. Her eyebrows were perfectly arched, and her skin was clear. A translucent veil concealed the lower half of her face, but her bright eyes and elegant bearing were enough to make the surroundings pale in comparison. In fact, the translucent veil added to her charm. It filled people with the urge to remove her veil so they could have a look at her beautiful face. The veil did not detract from her beauty at all so one could only imagine how much more beautiful she was without the veil. This woman was none other than Murong Bing.

She was currently being held captive by her master, Wang Dan Feng, in this dilapidated residence that was covered with many Formations that prevented her from escaping.

“Is it possible that he really came from an extraordinary clan in the central area? Did the Blissful Sect make a mistake? However, if he has brought his clansmen here... Why did he challenge grandmaster?” Murong Bing was perplexed. Based on her understanding, Duan Ling Tian was only an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. He was as vulnerable as an ant before a Ten Directions Celestial Duke.

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In the secluded area of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s estate stood the tallest mountain that stretched past the clouds. This place had the best cultivation environment in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s estate since it was the closest place to the sect’s primitive Celestial Crystal vein. This place was also the cultivation place of Wang Qiu Kang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and a Ten Directions Celestial Duke.

Wang Qiu Kuang was a tall middle-aged man with a strong build and average looks. He was sitting cross-legged in the air of a valley halfway up the mountain, cultivating, when he was interrupted by Duan Ling Tian’s voice. His eyes flashed coldly when he opened them.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, the corner of his lips curled disdainfully as he said, “He wants to challenge me?”

He was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, after all. He would not pay any attention to a nobody. He had never heard of Duan Ling Tian, therefore, he was certain Duan Ling Tian was not another Ten Directions Celestial Dukes from the Six Southeastern Regions or the borderlands. Soon enough, he continued cultivating, completely dismissing Duan Ling Tian as someone not worthy of his attention.

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Meanwhile, the members of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect slowly surrounded Duan Ling Tian, Tie Tai He, and Huan’er as they arrived in group after group in all directions.

The patrolling disciples were the first to arrive before the high-ranking officials and other disciples.

Soon after, a large crowd had formed around the trio. Naturally, their eyes were trained on Duan Ling Tian as soon as he arrived.

“So he’s the madman?”

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

“Hm?” Suddenly, one of the disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect saw Huan’er and exclaimed, “I heard there’s a peerless beauty who’s always by Duan Ling Tian’s side. This is my first time seeing such a flawless beauty. Even the most beautiful woman in our sect, Senior Sister Murong Bing, pales in comparison to her.” She continued to say, “It seems like this purple-clad young man is truly Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect!”

“What a stunning and perfect woman!”

“Such a beauty... It’s impossible to find another beauty like her in this world, right?”

“Looks like this purple-clad young man is the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian!”

Most of the disciples who thought Duan Ling Tian was a madman were convinced of Duan Ling Tian’s identity when they saw Huan’er peerless beauty.

“He’s the Chief Celestial Alchemist of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian?”

“For real?”

An expression of shock could be seen on the faces of the high-ranking officials of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect when they looked at Duan Ling Tian again.

At this moment, a voice laden with fury rang in the distance. “So, you’re Duan Ling Tian?!” In just a moment, a beautiful woman appeared out of thin air in front of everyone.

Everyone from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect recognized the beautiful woman immediately.

“Guardian Dan Feng!”