

### **Chapter 2921: The Three Powerful Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect**

There were three Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect: Nangong Xiu, the sect leader, Lin Ru, the First Guardian of the sect, and Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the sect.

At this moment, one of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes had arrived. It was none other than Wang Dan Feng!

Wang Dan Feng's arrival caught the attention of the people from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect who were present. After regaining their senses, they greeted Wang Dan Feng respectfully.

"Guardian Dan Feng!"

As the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, Wang Dan Feng was weaker than Lin Ru, the First Guardian. However, the people of the sect were more nervous around Wang Dan Feng compared to Lin Ru. One, it was due to Wang Dan Feng's explosive temper. Two, it was due to the fact that Wang Dan Feng's father was the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!

The Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke. He was an important pillar of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect! Even the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had to treat him with the utmost respect.

'Guardian Dan Feng?' Duan Ling Tian had noticed the beautiful lady as soon as she appeared. When he heard the way the people had addressed her, it was not difficult for him to figure out the beautiful lady was Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect! Most importantly, Wang Dan Feng was Murong Bing's master. Wang Dan Feng was the biggest reason for his visit to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. He had planned to give Wang Dan Feng a warning so she would not harm Murong Bing.

Wang Dan Feng was a beautiful woman who was dressed luxuriously. It was rather clear she was someone who paid attention to her appearance. She looked as though she was only around 30 years old. Although she might not look young and tender, she had a charismatic air about her. At this moment, her eyes were flashing with killing intent as she looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly.

'It seems like she has already found out about Murong Bing and me.' Duan Ling Tian's expression changed imperceptibly when he saw the killing intent in her eyes. A sense of unease rose in his heart as he continued thinking to himself, 'There's no way she would let Murong Bing off lightly if she has found out about us. She might hesitate to act in the beginning when she thought I come from a powerful clan in the central area. However, since the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect is located much closer to the Blissful Sect compared to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, I'm sure the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect has already heard about the Blissful Sect's findings. Murong Bing... she...' He did not dare to continue on that line of thoughts. He hastily extended his Divine Consciousness and shrouded the entire Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate with it. The first thing he sensed was Wang Dan Feng's

presence because Wang Dan Feng's strength was truly outstanding. Moreover, she, as a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke, was standing among lower rank members from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. How could she not stand out?

Duan Ling Tian focused on investigating the place with his Divine Consciousness. It did not take long before he sensed the auras of the other two Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes who were making their way to him at this moment. He was rather familiar with their auras since he had met both of them during the Alchemist Conference. The two Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes were Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru, the Sect Leader and the First Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect respectively.

It should be noted that Wang Dan Feng, Nangong Xiu, and Lin Ru could not sense Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness at all due to the differences in their strength. After all, Duan Ling Tian was now similar to a Six Combination Celestial King.

Duan Ling Tian continued to extend his Divine Consciousness in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate.

'A Ten Directions Celestial Duke? He must be Wang Qiu Kuang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, and Wang Dan Feng's father!' When Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness swept over Wang Qiu Kuang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, Wang Qiu Kuang was completely clueless.

'There!' When Duan Ling Tian finally sensed Murong Bing's aura, he inwardly sighed in relief. After confirming she was unharmed, he recalled his Divine Consciousness.

Wang Dan Feng who had been coldly staring at Duan Ling Tian the entire time finally spoke up when she saw a hint of fear fleeting past Duan Ling Tian's face. "You're Duan Ling Tian?"

"That's right. I'm Duan Ling Tian. Pleased to meet you, Guardian Dan Feng." Although Duan Ling Tian had come to warn Wang Dan Feng, he was still respectful toward her. After all, Wang Dan Feng was Murong Bing's master.

The cold expression on Wang Dan Feng's face did not ease at all even after Duan Ling Tian had bowed and greeted her. She had been furious when she learned about Duan Ling Tian's arrival, but now that she had seen Duan Ling Tian, she had cooled down considerably. At the same time, she discreetly scanned her surroundings, looking for possible hidden powerhouses who might be protecting Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian followed suit and greeted Wang Dan Feng with a bow. "I'm Tai Yi Celestial Sect's Tie Tai He. Pleased to meet you, Guardian Dan Feng."

Naturally, it did not escape Duan Ling Tian's eyes that Wang Dan Feng was subtly looking for hidden powerhouses who might be guarding him. Hence, he said indifferently, "Guardian Dan Feng, you can stop looking around... Only three of us came to visit. There's no one else around. It's just as the Blissful Sect had said, I'm not from a powerful clan in the central area. I'm just a mere transcender from the

mundane realm.” He looked at Wang Dan Feng knowingly as he added, “I’m sure you’ve heard about the results of the Blissful Sect’s investigation...”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, various expressions flitted past Wang Dan Feng’s face. A hint of surprise flashed in her eyes as she looked at Duan Ling Tian.

A familiar voice rang in the air at this moment. “Duan Ling Tian, how dare you lie to me!”

Duan Ling Tian saw Nangong Xiu in the distance, and Lin Ru was following closely behind Nangong Xiu. He raised an eyebrow before he greeted them. “Sect Leader Nangong, Guardian Lin Ru.”

Duan Ling Tian did not have much interaction with Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru, and there was no enmity between them. Although Nangong Xiu had sent her subordinate after him once, he understood it was out of concern for Murong Bing. Therefore, he had a rather good impression of Nangong Xiu.

As Nangong Xiu glared at Duan Ling Tian, he said with a sigh, “Sect Leader Nangong, I only lied due to the pressing situation at that time. I hope you’ll be able to understand.”

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Nangong Xiu grew even more furious. She coldly said, “You lied to me, and yet, you dare to ask for my understanding?”

“Sect Leader Nangong, can we talk about this later?” Duan Ling Tian replied bluntly with a gleam in his eyes, “I came today to challenge your Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s Supreme Guardian, Wang Qiu Kuang... We can talk about our issues later.” When he finished speaking, he instinctively turned to look at Wang Dan Feng. After all, Wang Qiu Kuang was Wang Dan Feng’s father.

“You want to challenge my father?” Wang Dan Feng did not attempt to conceal her sneer that was laden with disdain. “Without a powerful force from the central area as your support, don’t even think about leaving the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect alive!” Killing intent spilled out in waves after waves as soon as she finished speaking.

The disciples from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler standing close to Wang Dan Feng shuddered. Their expressions changed drastically as they retreated a few steps, trying to put some distance between themselves and Wang Dan Feng.

“It seems that Guardian Dan Feng doesn’t believe that I’m strong enough to challenge your father.” Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by Wang Dan Feng’s disdain. “In that case, I’ll show you that I’m capable of challenging your father!” His demeanor changed completely as soon as he finished speaking.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air as purple energy suddenly surged out of Duan Ling Tian in waves. As soon as the purple energy surged out of his body, it seemed to turn into hundreds of thousands of purple light beams.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The three Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had not even reacted when the purple light beams shot toward Wang Dan Feng.

When Wang Dan Feng finally regained her senses, she quickly readied herself to deflect Duan Ling Tian's attack. However, to her surprise, Duan Ling Tian did not attack her. Instead, the purple light beams had formed a cage around her, effectively trapping her. Her expression changed drastically when she realized what had happened.

Similarly, Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru's expressions changed drastically as well when they saw this. Both of them exchanged a look.

Nangong Xiu's voice seemed to tremble in the Voice Transmission she sent to Lin Ru. "For him to be able to act so quickly before the three of us can even react, I'm afraid he's a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, at least..."

The people in the surroundings were equally as shocked by this turn of events.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian lifted his right hand before he suddenly fist it. "Shrink!" As soon as he finished speaking, the purple cage that imprisoned Wang Dan Feng suddenly shone brilliantly!

### **Chapter 2922: The Nine Sons Lotus Throne And The World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk**

As soon as the purple cage shone intensely, it began to shrink as well, tightening the cage around Wang Dan Feng.

Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, who was trapped, struggled desperately, but it was futile. The purple energy seemed endless like the ocean. Every time she managed to muster up some of her Celestial Origin Energy, the purple energy would ruthlessly nullify her Celestial Origin Energy! Her expression changed drastically when she realized she was as helpless as a calf that was bound for slaughter.

"The Eastern Purple Qi!"

The expressions of Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru, the Sect Leader and the First Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect respectively, changed again when they saw that Wang Dan Feng was trapped. They easily recognized the technique Duan Ling Tian had cast as the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's Duke Grade Divine Ability, the Eastern Purple Qi. Moreover, they could tell that he had completely mastered the Divine Ability. Otherwise, he would not have such precise and free control of the purple energy.

Although Nangong Xiu was shocked by Duan Ling Tian's strength and mastery of his skills, she did not hesitate to make a move when she saw Duan Ling Tian had imprisoned Wang Dan Feng. "Duan Ling Tian, release my junior sister!"

Whoosh!

A gust of wind stirred in the air as Nangong Xiu shot toward Duan Ling Tian in the air.

Lin Ru who remained silent followed suit. She was prepared to join hands with Nangong Xiu to fight Duan Ling Tian. Never in their wildest dreams did they imagine they would have to join forces to fight Duan Ling Tian in anything apart from alchemy. In fact, they were not even certain they could defeat

Duan Ling Tian even if they worked together. After all, based on the strength he displayed, it was clear he was very powerful and was a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, at least. There was a possibility that he was even stronger than a Ten Directions Celestial Duke.

Duan Ling Tian had noticed the instance Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru made a move, but he did not even deign to spare them a glance. His eyes were trained on Wang Dan Feng who was still desperately struggling. If Murong Bing did not have a close relationship with her master, he would have killed Wang Dan Feng instantly to avoid future troubles. Although Wang Dan Feng had the protection of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, Duan Ling Tian was, currently, capable of killing a One Basic Celestial King. He did not fear a Ten Directions Celestial Duke at all.

Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru were fast approaching Duan Ling Tian at this moment. He still did not look at them, but he gathered his force inwardly with just a thought. 'The Immobilization King Method!'

In just a few short moments, a golden Buddha silhouette laced with purple energy appeared, shrouding and protecting Duan Ling Tian.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air as Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru's attacks landed on the golden Buddha silhouette. They pulled back before they continued to attack. Alas, it was futile. Their attacks were akin to scratching the golden Buddha silhouette. The attacks posed no threat to Duan Ling Tian at all.

"The Nine Sons Lotus Throne!"

"The World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk!"

Shocked by Duan Ling Tian's terrifying and impregnable defenses, Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru brought out their respective Royal Grade Celestial Weapons with a grim expression on their faces.

A miniature square lotus throne appeared in Nangong Xiu's hand. Nine boys could be seen standing in three rows on top of the lotus throne. Five boys stood at the bottom row, three boys stood on the second row, and one boy stood at the top of the row. This was the Nine Sons Lotus Throne, one of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's three most powerful sect-guarding Celestial Weapons. It was a double-trait Royal Grade Celestial Weapon that specialized in speed and offense. In fact, it was the strongest weapon among the sect's three sect-guarding Celestial Weapons!

Whoosh!

After Nangong Xiu solemnly sent her Celestial Origin Energy into the Nine Sons Lotus Throne, two clones of the Nine Sons Lotus Throne appeared. The original Nine Sons Lotus Throne in her hands began to shine even more brilliantly. One of the clones appeared beneath Nangong Xiu's feet. It grew until it was big enough for Nangong Xiu to stand on. Meanwhile, the other clone grew so big until it became a translucent silhouette that shrouded Nangong Xiu.

On the other hand, a horsetail whisk appeared in Lin Ru's hands.

Duan Ling Tian was no stranger to the horsetail whisk. It was the Celestial Weapon Murong Bing had obtained in the Little World that they had both entered. It was one of the Compassionate Celestial

Traveler Sect's three sect-guarding Celestial Weapons, the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk. It had been lost for many years before Murong Bing found it and brought it back to the sect.

The third sect-guarding Celestial Weapon of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect was in the possession of Wang Qiu Kuang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.

At this moment, the disciples and elders of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect finally returned to their senses. They were shocked and baffled.

"Our sect leader has to use the Nine Sons Lotus Throne? Are Duan Ling Tian's defenses so terrifying?"

"Isn't it obvious? Before they brought out their Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, Sect Leader Nangong and Guardian Lin Ru weren't able to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses even after they joined forces. How could it not be terrifying?"

"Since Guardian Lin Ru has brought out the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk, the two Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes should be able to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses with two Royal Grade Celestial Weapons, right?"

"So what if they manage to breach or destroy Duan Ling Tian's defenses? It's clear now that he's at least a Ten Directions Celestial Duke!"

How could the people from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect not be shocked? Wang Dan Feng was the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, a Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes, and yet, she was completely defenseless when faced with Duan Ling Tian. Although Wang Dan Feng had underestimated Duan Ling Tian, it was clear even if she had been guarded, she would not have been able to do anything to Duan Ling Tian. This was sufficient enough to prove Duan Ling Tian's strength. Moreover, they had seen how the other two Nine Palace Dukes from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had joined forces but were unable to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses. At this moment, they could only wait and watch what happened next now that the two Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes had brought out their sect-guarding Celestial Weapons. Most of them had assumed that it would be enough to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses even if they could not defeat him. Alas, they were quickly disabused of that notion.

They saw a Celestial Weapon appearing in Duan Ling Tian's hand soon after Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru brought out their Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. His weapon was an umbrella that was etched with strange carvings, even the handles were etched with strange carvings.

"That's..."

"Isn't that a Royal Grade Celestial Weapon as well?"

"Of course... It's impossible for a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon to possess such an aura!"

Duan Ling Tian opened the umbrella as soon as it appeared in his hands. With a flurry of movements that could not be captured by the people present, the umbrella was soon in the hands of the golden Buddha silhouette that was protecting him. It shone with a golden light that was laced with purple energy as soon as it was in the hands of the golden Buddha silhouette.

At this moment, Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru arrived close to Duan Ling Tian.

It seemed as though the nine boys standing on the lotus throne in Nangong Xiu's hand had come to life.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The wind whistled in the air as the nine boys left the lotus throne and flew toward Duan Ling Tian swiftly. As they flew, the nine boys kept growing in size. When they finally arrived near the golden Buddha silhouette that was holding an umbrella, they dove fearlessly like suicide bombers. They glowed with a mysterious light as they landed with an explosion on the golden Buddha silhouette.

Boom!

The sound of the nine boys exploding was thunderously loud and seemed as though it could shake the lands. Waves and waves of violent energies rippled out into the surroundings upon impact.

The golden Buddha silhouette with an umbrella flickered in the midst of the explosions. It seemed as though it was going to shatter at any moment.

Whoosh!

The golden Buddha silhouette was still flickering when an ear-piercing noise rang in the air.

Lin Ru, hot on the heels of Nangong Xiu, had attacked as well. The World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk seemed to have come alive in her hands. She swung her hand, and the air rippled and distorted as a flurry of violent tornadoes swept toward Duan Ling Tian. It swept out like a ravenous and powerful prehistoric beast, leaving destruction in its wake, as it continued on its trajectory toward Duan Ling Tian.

The golden Buddha silhouette flickered even more intensely when the tornadoes landed on it.

The elders and disciples from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect stared at the golden Buddha silhouette unblinkingly. Their hearts were hoisted high as they watched with hope shimmering in their eyes.

"Will it be able to shatter Duan Ling Tian's defenses?"

Nevertheless, the subsequent scene destroyed all of their hopes.

The golden Buddha silhouette with an umbrella protecting Duan Ling Tian remained even after the attacks.

Nangong Xiu had shielded the disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect from the backlash of the attacks so the disciples remained unharmed.

"This... It's not enough to shatter his defenses?"

"Well, his Royal Grade Celestial Weapon is remarkable... It looks like a defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon!"

"There's no doubt he's at least a Ten Directions Celestial Duke!"

Not only were the people of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect shocked by Duan Ling Tian's defenses that were able to withstand Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru's attacks, but they were also amazed by

the umbrella in the hands of the golden Buddha silhouette. The umbrella that shone with a mysterious golden light that was laced with purple energy seemed capable of blocking all attacks!

While everyone marveled over Duan Ling Tian's strength, Duan Ling Tian noticed something in the distance. His eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he looked at a figure heading toward him at top speed. 'Is he finally going to show himself?'

### **Chapter 2923: Someone You Can't Afford to Offend**

The figure was traveling at such a high speed that Duan Ling Tian was the only one who noticed his presence. None of the three powerful Nine Celestial Dukes of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect had noticed his presence yet. Although the figure was fast, Duan Ling Tian could easily see his movements.

Whoosh!

A gust of wind stirred in the air, heralding the arrival of a tall middle-aged man with a well-built body. He seemed to have materialized out of thin air when he appeared next to Wang Dan Feng.

"Supreme Guardian." Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru, the Sect Leader and the First Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect respectively, were the first to react. However, they seemed unsurprised by the middle-aged man's appearance as they quickly bowed and greeted him. After all, they had used the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's sect-guarding Celestial Weapons against Duan Ling Tian earlier. It must have caused quite a commotion.

Although most of the disciples from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect present on the scene knew about their sect's Supreme Guardian and that he was a man, it was their first time seeing their sect's elusive Supreme Guardian. All of them were staring at him at this moment.

"Supreme Guardian?"

"H-he's the Supreme Guardian?"

Meanwhile, the eyes of the elders from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect lit up with hope when they saw Wang Qiu Kuang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Earlier, their hearts had sunk when they saw Nangong Xiu and Lin R failing to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses even after joining forces. Wang Qiu Kuang's arrival seemed to have rekindled their hopes.

Wang Dan Feng who was held captive by Duan Ling Tian cried out upon seeing her father, "Father!" Her eyes began to brim with tears at this moment. Although she was a Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes and the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, she was like a young girl in front of her father. As soon as she saw her father, the floodgates of her emotions seemed to break.

"Feng'er!" Wang Qiu Kuang was enraged when he saw the tears brimming in Wang Dan Feng's eyes. He raised his arms as waves after waves of Celestial Origin Energy surged out of him toward Wang Dan Feng. His Celestial Origin Energy dispersed the purple energy holding Wang Dan Feng captive, freeing Wang Dan Feng.



Upon seeing Wang Qiu Kuang successfully freeing Wang Dan Feng, the eyes of the people from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect brightened even more. Even the sect's Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes could not deal with the purple energy, how could they not be amazed by Wang Qiu Kuang's superior strength? With this, many of them assumed Duan Ling Tian was not any stronger than Wang Qiu Kuang. They were, naturally, unaware that Duan Ling Tian had deliberately withdrawn most of his strength when Wang Qiu Kuang arrived. Otherwise, Wang Qiu Kuang would not have been able to free Wang Dan Feng at all.

"Who are you?!" Wang Qiu Kuang asked in a deep voice that was laden with arrogance as he stared at Duan Ling Tian intently. It was as though he was talking to someone whom he deemed inferior to him. He had never seen Duan Ling Tian before and was not present when Duan Ling Tian had revealed identity, therefore, he was unaware that Duan Ling Tian was the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Wasteland's Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Moreover, how could anyone relate someone so powerful to the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?

Wang Qiu Kuang had long sensed the commotion here before he arrived. Through his Divine Consciousness, he saw how Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru had failed to breach Duan Ling Tian's defenses even after they had joined forces and used their Royal Grade Celestial Weapons. He could tell Duan Ling Tian's Royal Grade Celestial Weapon was a defensive Celestial Weapon. Otherwise, he would not dare question Duan Ling Tian in such a manner. He would have been much wavier if Duan Ling Tian managed to block Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru's attacks without using the defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. After all, it would mean Duan Ling Tian was a quasi Celestial King or even a true Celestial King! As a Ten Direction Celestial Duke, he would not even dare to breathe loudly in front of a quasi Celestial King or Celestial King, let alone question them.

Duan Ling Tian had used his Celestial Weapon so that he would not have to use his Celestial Origin Energy unnecessarily.

The umbrella was a defensive Royal Grade Celestial Weapon he had obtained in the Little World where he had obtained the Mystical Yin Nine Water Chestnut Ring. Apart from the umbrella, he had obtained several other Royal Grade Celestial Weapons.

"Are you questioning me?" Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened when he heard Wang Qiu Kuang's words. He sent his Celestial Origin Energy that was similar to a Six Combination Celestial King toward Wang Qiu Kuang. His Celestial Origin Energy left the air distorting and rippling in its wake.

Wang Qiu Kuang's expression changed drastically when he felt Duan Ling Tian's terrifying Celestial Origin Energy sweeping toward him. He could not even mobilize his Celestial Origin Energy in time when Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy landed on him.

Bang!

Wang Qiu Kuang was sent flying several hundred meters back at once. He spat out mouthfuls of blood as he struggled to his feet.

Bang!

“It was easy for me, Duan Ling Tian, to kill Li Ping, a One Basic Celestial King, let alone a mere Ten Direction Celestial Duke like you,” Duan Ling Tian said. After hitting Wang Qiu Kuang, he had retracted his Celestial Origin Energy. His eyes were filled with disdain, and a sneer could be seen on his face as he spoke.

The entire place fell deathly silent as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

Wang Dan Feng had been standing next to Wang Qiu Kuang when Duan Ling Tian attacked earlier. Although she was not the target of the attack, she had acutely felt the immensity of Duan Ling Tian’s strength. She was almost suffocated by Duan Ling Tian’s energy. She was certain he was stronger than a Celestial Duke. Even a quasi Celestial King might not be a match for him. Fear tightened its grip on her heart as a thought appeared unbidden in her mind. ‘It seems like he didn’t even use his full strength earlier...’

Wang Qiu Kuang who had yet to gather his composure after being hit by Duan Ling Tian heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. With an unreadable expression on his face, he said, “Li Ping had broken through and became a Celestial King before you killed him?”

Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently, “There’s no need for me to lie about this. In fact, it won’t be long before news of it spread here.”

When Wang Qiu Kuang recalled Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy that had hit him earlier, he did not doubt Duan Ling Tian’s words. Based on Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy alone, it was clear Duan Ling Tian was stronger than an ordinary Celestial King. He knew very well that even a One Basic Celestial King would not be able to injure him to this extent with just Celestial Origin Energy alone. At this moment, his eyes suddenly widened, and hints of incredulity flashed in them. It looked like he had seen a monster when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. “Wait... W-what did you say? Y-you’re D-duan Ling Tian?”

Wang Qiu Kuang had heard about Duan Ling Tian, the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect in the Wasteland.

‘I’m Duan Ling Tian. I’m Murong Bing’s man, and I’m here to challenge the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s Ten Direction Celestial Duke Wang Qiu Kuang!’ Duan Ling Tian’s earlier words when he arrived at the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s estate resounded in Wang Qiu Kuang’s mind at this moment. There was no doubt the purple-clad young man standing before him was the Chief Celestial Alchemist of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect whom he had looked down on.

Although Wang Qiu Kuang was surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base at such a young age, he had no time to dwell on it. Duan Ling Tian had said he had come to challenge him! In the past, he would not have even bothered with Duan Ling Tian since he did not think Duan Ling Tian was qualified to challenge him. However, after witnessing and experiencing Duan Ling Tian’s strength, how could he dare to accept the challenge? What a joke! Duan Ling Tian had managed to injure him with just his Celestial Origin Energy alone. He was clearly no match for Duan Ling Tian at all.

A bitter smile could be seen on Wang Qiu Kuang’s face. Since Duan Ling Tian seemed to be targeting him, he asked, “Master Duan, is there a misunderstanding between us?”

“There’s no misunderstanding between us. I’m only doing this to show your daughter my strength. I want your daughter to know her disciple, Murong Bing, has me. Let alone your daughter, with me by Murong Bing’s side, Murong Bing is not someone the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect can afford to offend!” Duan Ling Tian’s cold eyes shifted from Wang Qiu Kuang to Wang Dan Feng as he continued to say, “I came to say that if any harm comes to Murong Bing, not only would I kill you, but I’ll make sure to completely destroy the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!”

#### **Chapter 2924: Duan Ling Tian, A Reincarnated Powerhouse?**

“There’s no misunderstanding between us... I’m here to inform your daughter that I’m with her disciple, Murong Bing. Murong Bing is someone the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect can’t afford to offend! If any harm comes to Murong Bing, not only will I kill you, but I’ll destroy the entire Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect as well.”

Although Duan Ling Tian spoke calmly, those from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect could feel the weight of his words. At the same time, they thought he was really domineering. If they did not witness his strength today, they would have treated him like a joke. However, after witnessing his strength, none of them doubted he would be able to carry out his threats.

After Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, everyone from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect shifted their eyes to Wang Dan Feng, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Even Wang Qiu Kuang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and Wang Dan Feng’s father, looked at Wang Dan Feng immediately.

Most of the elders and disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect were confused by Duan Ling Tian’s words. They did not understand why Duan Ling Tian spoke as though Wang Dan Feng would harm Murong Bing since they were unaware of the matters between Duan Ling Tian and Murong Bing.

On the other hand, Wang Qiu Kuang was privy to the matter between Duan Ling Tian and Murong Bing. As soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words, he sent a Voice Transmission to Wang Dan Feng. “Dan Feng, I know you’re angry about Bing’er losing her virginity to him and that she has disappointed you. However, you can see for yourself now that the man Bing’er has chosen is extraordinary. He’s stronger than ordinary Celestial Kings. If he intends to kill you or destroy our sect, it’d be as easy as snapping his fingers!” A hint of helplessness could be heard in his tone when he spoke.

“Father, I understand,” Wang Dan Feng said. Despite her words, her expression was rather unsightly. She truly did not expect the man who had violated her disciple was a Celestial King! She knew there was nothing she could do to her disciple at this point. Even if she insisted on punishing her disciple, her father and the entire Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect would stop her.

“Bing’er, you really found yourself a good man,” Wang Dan Feng muttered to herself. She gritted her teeth to suppress her anger; her helplessness was driving her crazy.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian looked in the direction where he had sensed Murong Bing before he infused some energy into his voice and sent a Voice Transmission to her, “I’ll come back for you after 1,000 years.”

When Murong Bing heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he had already made a move to leave the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect's estate with Huan'er and Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Let alone the others, even in the eyes of Wang Qiu Kuang, a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, it seemed to him as though Duan Ling Tian and his companions had vanished into thin air.

"He's too fast! Even a One Basic Celestial King isn't so fast!" Wang Qiu Kuang shuddered inwardly when he saw Duan Ling Tian's speed. He vowed to guard his daughter carefully to ensure his daughter would not harm his grand disciple, Murong Bing.

Lyu Luo, who was standing among the disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, had, naturally, witnessed everything. She was in shock and disbelief. 'H-he's so powerful? Third Senior Sister seems to have found herself an amazing man... However, why didn't he bring Third Senior Sister away with him?'

"After a thousand years? I'm not sure if I'll still be alive at that time..." Meanwhile, a bitter smile appeared on Murong Bing's face after she heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission. She had assumed he had been forced to leave. She did not think much about how his Voice Transmission had managed to reach her ears even though they were a distance away from each other. She had thought someone had pointed him to her location, and he had sent her a Voice Transmission before he left. She did not dare to reply to his Voice Transmission in fear of someone intercepting the message. After all, she was unaware that Duan Ling Tian was incredibly strong now. All she knew was Duan Ling Tian did not really come from a powerful clan in the central area. She assumed her master would come looking for her soon to vent her anger now that it was proven that Duan Ling Tian did not have any extraordinary background.

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Meanwhile, Nangong Xiu, the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, asked, "Junior sister, do you want to personally release Bing'er or should I do it on your behalf?" She wanted to release Murong Bing immediately but decided to ask Wang Dan Feng out of respect. No matter what, Wang Dan Feng was still Murong Bing's master and the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. Moreover, Wang Dan Feng's father was the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.

Before Wang Dan Feng could respond, Wang Qiu Kuang said, "Sect leader, can you do it on her behalf?" After he finished speaking, he used his Celestial Origin Energy to carry Wang Dan Feng away with him.

Nangong Xiu's eyes lit up when she heard Wang Qiu Kuang's words. She did not waste any time and prepared to head to the place where Murong Bing was held captive.

At this moment, Lyu Luo's voice rang in the air. "Senior aunt, can I accompany you to release Third Senior Sister?"

Nangong Xiu who had just begun to move used her Celestial Origin Energy to carry Lyu Luo with her before she left.

After Nangong Xiu and Lyu Luo left, Lin Ru, the First Guardian of the Celestial Traveler Sect, left as well.

At this moment, only a few elders and disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect remained on the scene.

“Can anyone explain what just happened to me?”

“Based on sect leader’s words, it seems like Senior Sister Murong Bing is being locked up by Guardian Dan Feng?”

“W-what happened? Earlier, Duan Ling Tian said he’s Senior Sister Murong Bing’s man, right?”

“Senior Sister Bing is supposed to be the next sect leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, isn’t she? She’s prohibited from having relations with a man.”

“Guardian Dan Feng had locked her up. Duan Ling Tian even warned Guardian Dan Feng not to harm her... It seems like he was genuinely worried Guardian Dan Feng will harm her...”

“Could it be...”

Although there were some elders present who knew the whole story, they, naturally, did not dare to gossip about it. Nevertheless, most people managed to piece the story together after witnessing what had happened earlier.

The disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect gossiped among themselves when they pieced the story together. Many of them were envious of Murong Bing and amazed by Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

“Guardian Dan Feng had killed one of her disciples in the past because her disciple had relations with a man. After all, Guardian Dan Feng had such hopes for that disciple; she had hoped for that disciple to be the next Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect!”

“Isn’t this just like history repeating itself?”

“Well, there’s one difference. Senior Sister Bing seems to have found herself a powerful man to rely on. That man is so powerful that Guardian Dan Feng is powerless to do anything.”

“I truly envy Senior Sister Bing... Where did she find such a powerful man? He’s not even 100 years old, but he’s already a Celestial King. Can you just imagine his achievements in the future?”

“A Celestial King who hasn’t even reached the age of 100. If I didn’t witness it for myself, I wouldn’t have believed it.”

“Is there anyone like him in the Southern Heaven Territory?”

“I don’t think so... Before today, I’ve never heard about anyone like him.”

“That’s right.”

“Master Duan confirmed he’s not from a powerful clan from the central area, but he’s a Celestial King who hasn’t even reached 100 years old...”

“Perhaps, he’s not from the Southern Heaven Territory? He merely said he’s not from a powerful clan in the central area. That doesn’t mean he doesn’t have an extraordinary background!”

Most of the elders and disciples of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler were convinced Duan Ling Tian must have come from an extraordinary clan. In fact, he might belong to a force that was even stronger than all the top forces in the Southern Heaven Territory.

They continued to speculate among themselves and dissected Duan Ling Tian’s words, and soon enough, their speculation changed direction again.

“Wait... Didn’t Master Duan say that he’s a transcender?”

“If that’s the case, Master Duan must be the reincarnation of some powerhouse who managed to retain his memories from his past life. This explains everything!”

“The more powerful one is, the more dangerous it is for one to reincarnate... It isn’t dangerous for those in the mundane realms to reincarnate, but it’s a completely different story for those in Devata Realms!”

“If Master Duan is truly the reincarnation of some powerhouse, he must be a powerful sectless cultivator if he’s not from a powerful sect or clan! ”

More and more people were convinced that Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of some strong powerhouse. Otherwise, how could he be so strong at such a young age?

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Meanwhile, Nangong Xiu was undoing the Formations that kept Murong Bing captive.

As soon as Nangong Xiu completely removed the Formations, Lyu Luo rushed forward and hugged Murong Bing who had yet to regain her senses. “Third Senior Sister!”

Murong Bing looked at Lyu Luo who was hugging her before she shifted her eyes to Nangong Xiu in confusion. “Lyu Luo? Senior aunt?”

Her confusion was apparent on her face. After all, she had expected her master to look for her and kill her as soon as Duan Ling Tian left. How could she not be confused upon seeing Lyu Luo and her senior aunt who treated her like a daughter?

### **Chapter 2925: Preparing to Leave the Borderlands**

“Bing’er, you’re free to leave this place,” Nangong Xiu, the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, said when she saw the confusion on Murong Bing’s face. A faint smile could be seen on her face, and her eyes were brimming with affection as she looked at Murong Bing. She was thoroughly relieved. Although Duan Ling Tian had lied to her during the Alchemy Conference, she was really impressed by the strength Duan Ling Tian had demonstrated today. With this, she no longer had to worry about Wang Dan Feng, her junior sister, harming Murong Bing. She was pleased to see that her niece seemed to have found herself a good man.

“Leave?” A bitter smile appeared on Murong Bing’s face. “Is master going to punish me now? Did she send both of you here so we can say our goodbyes?” Although she had expected this outcome, she found it difficult to remain indifferent.

“Silly girl, what are you thinking? You’re fine. Your master won’t be punishing you now or in the future.” Nangong Xiu shook her head and smiled.

“Third Senior Sister, your man is truly amazing... Even our supreme guardian didn’t dare to offend him,” Lyu Luo said after she released Murong Bing from the hug. A hint of excitement could be seen on her face, making her look child-like, as she spoke. She spoke as though she was in Duan Ling Tian’s shoes and was the one who possessed such intimidating strength.

“Hm?” Murong Bing remained confused until Lyu Luo recounted everything that had happened in detail. She found out Duan Ling Tian had easily imprisoned Wang Dan Feng, her master, the Second Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, and a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke. Moreover, his defenses managed to withstand the attacks of Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru, the Sect Leader and the First Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect respectively. Most importantly, Nangong Xiu and Lin Ru were both Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes as well. Both of them had even used two of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s sect-guarding Celestial Weapons. Even then, they failed to breach his defenses.

“H-he’s a Celestial King?!” Murong Bing was further stunned when she heard that even Wang Qiu Kuang, the Supreme Guardian of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and a powerful Ten Directions Celestial Duke, was wary of Duan Ling Tian and did not dare to act rashly. Although she knew Duan Ling Tian had come to challenge Wang Qiu Kuang, it did not cross her mind that he was truly stronger than Wang Qiu Kuang. After listening to Duan Ling Tian’s Voice Transmission earlier, she had assumed he had failed and was forced to leave. Who knew he was capable of such feats? Even Wang Qiu Kuang did not dare to accept his challenge and was forced to compromise?

“This...” It took Murong Bing a long time before she regained her senses.

At this moment, Lyu Luo asked in confusion, “Senior sister, he clearly came because of you, but why did he leave without even seeing you?”

“Bing’er, did he say anything to you before he left?” As the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and a Nine Palaces Celestial Duke, Nangong Xiu, naturally, knew it would be easy for Duan Ling Tian to send Murong Bing a Voice Transmission despite the distance that separated them.

“Yes.” Murong Bing nodded as she stared woodenly in the direction where the Voice Transmission came from. Then, she muttered in a low voice. “He told me he’ll come back for me after 1,000 years.”

“1,000 years?” Lyu Luo’s eyes widened. “So long?” 1,000 years, naturally, seemed like a long time to Lyu Luo who had not even reached the age of 100.

Nangong Xiu speculated out loud, “1,000 years... It seems like he has important matters to attend to, and it must be inconvenient to bring you along with him...”

“Yes.” Murong Bing nodded.

“It’s inconvenient for him to bring Third Senior Sister with him, but it’s not inconvenient for him to bring another woman with him?” Lyu Luo retorted, clearly displeased. She was not convinced by Nangong Xiu’s words.

Murong Bing remained silent.

Nangong Xiu said, “Bing’er, I can’t say for sure what his relationship is with the white-clad lady. However, it seems to me that the way he looked at the other woman is akin to the way an elder brother looks at his younger sister. It’s not the type of love between a woman and a man.” She might not be experienced, romance-wise, but after living for such a long time, she had seen her fair share of things. Therefore, she could tell Duan Ling Tian’s relationship with Huan’er was not that of a man and a woman.

Upon hearing Nangong Xiu’s words, Murong Bing’s eyes seemed to lit up.

Nangong Xiu sighed inwardly when she saw Murong Bing’s reaction. She had bit her tongue and did not finish her sentence. She did not think it was wise to tell Murong Bing that although Duan Ling Tian did not seem to look at Huan’er as a man would, Huan’er was definitely looking at Duan Ling Tian like a woman in love. In the end, she only said, “I’m sure Master Duan has his own reason for deciding to come back for you in 1,000 years... 1,000 years will pass in a blink of an eye for us celestials. Stay in the sect during this time to wait for him...” After a moment, she continued to say, “Bing’er, for now, avoid seeing your master. I’m afraid she won’t be too happy to see you now. After a few days have passed, I’ll accompany you to visit her.”

“Thank you, senior aunt.” Murong Bing knew her master would be furious since she was forced to compromise. If she went to see her master now, there was no doubt it would worsen her master’s mood.

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Huan’er had remained silent from the time they left the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect. However, she could no longer hold back and finally asked, “Brother Ling Tian, why didn’t you bring Sister Murong Bing along?”

“It’s easy for me to bring her away from the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, but I can’t guarantee her safety if she were to come with us,” Duan Ling Tian replied truthfully, “I think it’s best for her to stay in the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect for now... When the time is right and I’m strong enough to protect her, I’ll come back for her.”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he turned to look in the direction of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect’s estate one last time as he thought to himself. ‘If I survive going to the Divine Offering Land a thousand years later, I promise I’ll come back for you.’ He believed that if he survived the Divine Offering Land, he would surely possess sufficient strength to roam the Devata Realms fearlessly!

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Tie Tai He, the Supreme Elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, with a glint in his eyes as he said, “Elder Tie, now that I’ve dealt with my affairs in the Compassionate



Celestial Traveler Sect, I'm not planning to return to our sect. I plan to leave the borderlands and directly make my way to the central area!"

Duan Ling Tian did not wait for Tie Tai He to respond and immediately took out two Memory Celestial Talismans.

"These Memory Celestial Talismans hold the Blissful Sect's Duke Grade Celestial Method, the Immobilization King Method, and the Profound Heaven Celestial Sect's Duke Grade Divine Ability, the Eastern Purple Qi. Can you please bring this back to the sect leader?" He used his Celestial Origin Energy to pass the Memory Celestial Talismans to Tie Tai He.

Tie Tai He appeared anxious when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "Master Duan, please pass these Memory Celestial Talismans to the sect leader yourself. Besides, don't you owe Sect Leader Jian from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect a favor? Isn't it best if you repay her favor before leaving?" In order to convince Duan Ling Tian to stay, he even used the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect as an excuse. Previously, Duan Ling Tian had promised Jian Qiu Luo, the Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, a favor in exchange for bringing the party from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect back to the Wasteland.

"I haven't forgotten that favor." Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly. "Elder Tie, please convey my message to Sect Leader Bai. Tell him that after he or someone from the sect has mastered the Celestial Method and Divine Ability I won, please choose either one of them and bring it to the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect. With this, it can be considered that I've returned her favor. If she's unhappy about this, I'll have to return the favor in the future. Apart from that, please help me bid the sect leader, Master Situ, and the others farewell as well. Tell them I'll come back and visit if I have the chance..."

Duan Ling Tian vanished with Huan'er as soon as he finished speaking; he did not even wait for Tie Tai He's reply.

"I didn't know Master Duan is in such a hurry to leave..." Tie Tai He could only smile bitterly in response. He had expected Duan Ling Tian to leave for the central area after they had returned to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. It had taken him by surprise that Duan Ling Tian decided to make his way to the central area as soon as they left the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect.

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Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er reappeared above a forest.

Since Duan Ling Tian did not feel the need to hide anything from Huan'er, he bluntly said to her, "Huan'er, can I trouble you to carry us for the rest of our journey to the central area? I can only use my Celestial Origin Energy that's equivalent to that of a Celestial King two or three more times before it's completely depleted."

Although Duan Ling Tian had made an effort to conserve his Celestial Origin Energy during his trip to the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect, he had exhausted quite a large amount of it. Currently, his Celestial Origin Energy was only comparable to that of a Five Elements Celestial King.

Huan'er nodded. She was aware of the importance of Duan Ling Tian conserving his Celestial Origin Energy. "Please rest, Brother Ling Tian. Save your Celestial Origin Energy for when you truly need it."

**Chapter 2926: A Pack of Ravenous Wolves**

‘Among all the techniques I mastered previously, only the assistive Heaven Grade Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, is of any use. I finally mastered the offensive-defensive-movement Duke Grade Celestial Method and Divine Ability... This should be enough for now, technique-wise. I should focus on raising my cultivation base next. Although the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon grants me strength equivalent to a Celestial Lord, ultimately, the boosted Celestial Origin Energy would be depleted. In the end, I can only rely on my true strength.’

After using the boosted Celestial Origin Energy that was granted to him by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon a few times, Duan Ling Tian’s strength was now comparable to that of a Five Elements Celestial King. Although he enjoyed the power the consumable Royal Grade Weapon granted him, he was not blinded by it. He was keenly aware that he was just a mere Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. He did not forget that the power would disappear once he had depleted them. Apart from that, he could only use the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon thrice. Since he had already used it once, he was left with only two more uses.

‘The reason the rate of my Celestial Origin Energy’s depletion is so slow is due to my opponents being weak. The stronger my opponents are, the faster my Celestial Origin Energy would deplete.’ Duan Ling Tian knew his Celestial Origin Energy was depleting at a slow rate because his opponent was weak. The strongest among his opponents earlier had only recently broken through and became a One Basic Celestial King. He knew, to utilize the effect of the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon to its full potential, it would be better for him to only use it against opponents whom he could kill in one blow. After all, if his opponent managed to survive his attack repeatedly, his Celestial Origin Energy would continue to deplete to the point where it would make it easy for his opponent to kill him. Apart from that, the stronger his opponents were, the more Celestial Origin Energy he had to use to kill his opponents.

‘If I face a Nine Palaces Celestial King as soon as I use the consumable Royal Grade Weapon that would grant me the strength of a Celestial Lord, I’m afraid I’ll have to use up all the Celestial Origin Energy just to kill the Nine Palaces Celestial King. Even against those who are slightly weaker than Nine Palaces Celestial Dukes, I’m afraid I won’t have much Celestial Origin Energy left after dealing with them. This is not my true strength, after all. It’s just a temporary boost. In the end, it’s still best to rely on my own strength.’

With all these thoughts in mind, Duan Ling Tian immersed himself in cultivating. Thanks to the King Rank Cultivation Method, the Tai Yi Profound Method, that was given to him by Du Fei, Huan’er’s grandaunt, and the 99 Heavenly Veins he possessed, his cultivation speed was relatively fast even without the help of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from Huan’er’s Divine Crystal.

Since Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er were traveling, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to recklessly use Huan’er’s Divine Crystal in fear of exposing the Divine Crystal. With his current strength, he could sense everyone weaker than a Five Elements Celestial King who approached them, but who could say for sure they would not encounter powerhouses stronger than a Five Elements Celestial King? It was for this reason, he did not dare to risk using the Divine Crystal.

The Divine Crystal was too precious. Not to mention Celestial Kings, even Celestial Lords and ordinary Celestial Emperors would be tempted by it.

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"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian who had been immersed in his cultivation suddenly opened his eyes. At this point, they had been traveling for a month.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Almost as soon as Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, he saw nine figures flying toward him in the distance. He used his Celestial Origin Energy that was currently comparable to a Five Elements Celestial King and extended his Divine Consciousness to probe their cultivation bases. 'A One Basic Celestial Duke and eight peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials!'

It did not take long before the nine people appeared before Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er, blocking their path.

The leader of the group, a short middle-aged man, inhaled sharply when he saw Huan'er. "What a beauty!" A lecherous expression appeared on his face immediately. He looked like a ravenous wolf staring at its prey.

A young man standing at the back of the group looked at Huan'er with a similarly lecherous expression. He laughed heartily before he said, "Big brother, it seems like our luck is pretty good today. Not only will we be able to loot treasures, but we'll be able to enjoy ourselves as well!"

Everyone loved a beauty. With Huan'er's peerless beauty, ordinary men would definitely be tempted by her.

This group of nine people was experienced bandits. They had been looting and robbing people for a long time now. When they saw Huan'er carrying Duan Ling Tian with her Celestial Origin Energy, they assumed that Huan'er's strength was superior to Duan Ling Tian's strength. They had ascertained that Huan'er was only a Heaven Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Therefore, they were certain that Duan Ling Tian, at most, possessed strength equal to Huan'er. With this in mind, how could they be afraid of Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er? They had a One Basic Celestial Duke in their group, after all. Apart from that, all of them were peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials.

"I've never seen such a beauty in my entire life. My life would be complete if I could spend the night with her."

"I feel the same way."

"Too beautiful.... Where can you find such a beautiful woman? Our luck is really good today."

The men standing at the back began to talk among themselves as they stared at Huan'er hungrily. They were completely unrestrained with their words. It seemed as though they were certain of capturing Huan'er and making her obey their orders, based on their words.

Only one person among the group of nine remained silent. It was a middle-aged man who was dressed in a simple robe; he had an ordinary appearance and average height. At this moment, he stepped forward and looked at the One Basic Celestial Duke before he said, "Big brother, why don't we give up on this?" While he spoke, his eyes darted occasionally to Duan Ling Tian who was calmly sitting cross-legged in the air. Although this was his first meeting with Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er, he felt chills running up his spine when he saw how calm Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were. Moreover, Huan'er was, indeed, too beautiful. How could such a beautiful woman who traveled so confidently without hiding her appearance be an ordinary person?

"Give up?" The One Basic Celestial Duke was momentarily stunned when he heard the middle-aged man's words. Then, he said, "Old Second, can you really bear letting such a beauty slip away before your eyes? Where do you think you'll find such a peerless beauty again? This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance!" Despite his words, his tone was rather polite and curious.

At the same time, the remaining people of the group began to protest one after another as they stared at Huan'er lecherously. They also appealed to the small middle-aged man, afraid he would listen to the middle-aged man's words.

"Second brother, you can't ruin our fun!"

"Second brother, we know that you're very clever and extremely cautious.... However, this time, I really think you're being too cautious for nothing!"

"Exactly! No offense, wise as you are, Second brother, your judgments aren't always right!"

"Big brother, don't listen to second brother. We must seize this opportunity!"

"Old Second, as you can see, I can't heed your advice today." The short middle-aged man smiled wryly at the middle-aged man, Old Second. His tone was somewhat helpless, but one could tell it was feigned based on the hungry manner in which he looked at Huan'er. It was rather obvious that he could not bear to walk away from a beauty like Huan'er.

"Fine, fine... At most, I'll just accompany all of you to death!" The middle-aged man with average height, Old Second, shook his head helplessly. A grim expression could be seen on his face as though he had already prepared himself for death.

Upon hearing this, the leader, the short middle-aged man, seemed rather annoyed. "Old Second, don't be like this. If you're not interested, you can leave first. Don't act as though we're forcing you to do this."

A few men began to chime in one after another in support of their leader.

"That's right! Second Brother, if you don't want to be a part of this, you can leave. It just means we'll have one less person to share our prize with!"

Old Second scoffed before he said, "I'm not leaving. If I'm truly mistaken, I won't partake in the prize!" Based on his tone, it was obvious that he was also rather angry.

"Good! Second Brother, it'll be as you said!"

“Second Brother really cares about us younger brothers.”

“Without Second Brother, I should be able to have my turn with this beauty a bit sooner, right?”

Soon after, the men shifted their eyes to Huan'er like a pack of ravenous wolves.

### **Chapter 2927: It's Really An Iron Wall**

While Huan'er was enraged by the eight men's unbridled gaze, Duan Ling Tian looked at the middle-aged man with an average height that was referred to as Old Second by the leader of the group of nine people as he said indifferently, “Hmm, it seems like you're quite loyal...”

Duan Ling Tian's purple robe fluttered in the air as he rose to his feet. In just a moment, he stood next to Huan'er before he gently placed his hand on her shoulder.

“Brother Ling Tian, you're awake?” Huan'er's attention had been focused on the nine men before her that she did notice Duan Ling Tian had awakened from his cultivation.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded with a faint smile on his face before he said, “It seems like I better carry us for the rest of our journey. Otherwise, who knows how many flies will come buzzing around us?” He looked at her with a dotting gaze, and he spoke as though only two of them existed in the world. He did not even spare the group of men a look.

Meanwhile, Old Second still had not recovered from Duan Ling Tian's indifferent gaze. He had met many people before, but he had only seen a few people with a gaze that was completely calm and devoid of panic. Those few times he had encountered people with such a gaze, he had learned that those who possessed such a gaze usually had the situation under their control. He shuddered inwardly as the ominous feeling in his heart continued to grow. ‘He's too composed...’

‘It seems like we've met an iron wall this time,’ Old Second thought to himself. He thought about dissuading the other eight men again, but when he saw their hungry gazes as they looked at the white-clad woman, he gave up. He knew his eight companions were currently blinded by desire. No matter how he tried to dissuade them, it would only be in vain. He had thought, perhaps, they might be lucky and avoid a disaster, but when he saw Duan Ling Tian's calm gaze, all his hopes vanished. ‘Let it be. If it weren't for big brother, I would've died previously. Since I should've died back then, I'll just consider this as repaying him.’

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the eight men were enraged.

“Flies?”

“He called us flies?”

“Does this brat have a death wish?”

The leader of the men, a short middle-aged man, glared at Duan Ling Tian as his body emitted killing intent. He flew toward Duan Ling Tian as he roared. “Brat, since you have a death wish, I'll fulfill your wish!”

As the short middle-aged man flew out, his Celestial Origin Energy surged out and gathered in his hands. Then, he struck Duan Ling Tian at lightning speed.

Although Duan Ling Tian was not threatened by the short middle-aged man's attack, he was displeased by the sudden attack. With just a thought, his body began to glow dazzlingly bright with a golden light that subsequently turned into a golden Buddha silhouette. 'The Immobilization King Method!'

As soon as the golden Buddha silhouette enveloped Duan Ling Tian, the expressions of the short middle-aged man and the eight men behind him changed slightly. All of them, except for Old Second, looked at Duan Ling Tian greedily.

"The Immobilization King Method is a triple trait Duke Grade Celestial Method from the Cross Region's Blissful Sect! It's an offensive-defensive-movement Celestial Method!"

"It's not just that! It seems like this guy has completely mastered the Immobilization King Method."

"That's right. With his mastery, he'll be able to record the Celestial Method in a Memory Celestial Talisman for others to comprehend!"

Then, the seven men shouted one after another, afraid that their leader would forget himself and kill Duan Ling Tian.

"Big brother, don't be too harsh!"

"Big brother, spare him! He's a walking and talking triple-trait Duke Grade Celestial Method!"

The leader who was charging toward Duan Ling Tian, naturally, shared the same thought as his companions. He quickly restrained a large amount of his strength to weaken his attack.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Although the short middle-aged man had weakened his blow, it was not that weak. When his attack landed, a loud explosion rang in the air.

Nevertheless, as soon as the earth-shaking attack landed on the golden Buddha silhouette, it left barely a ripple on the golden Buddha silhouette. It remained unmoving like a mountain or an impenetrable fortress.

"As expected of the Duke Grade Celestial Method from the Blissful Sect. It's truly powerful!" Despite the futility of his attack, the short middle-aged man was still unaware of Duan Ling Tian's terrifying strength. He had assumed his attack had failed because of the Duke Grade Celestial Method, not Duan Ling Tian's strength. Therefore, he increased the strength of his attack on Duan Ling Tian.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

However, even as the man continued to increase the strength of his attack, he discovered he could not breach Duan Ling Tian's offense at all. Even then, he did not give up and continued attacking with increasing ferocity.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

After a while, the short middle-aged man finally realized something was amiss. He studied the purple-clad young man whom he had previously dismissed as being weak and found the purple-clad young man staring at him indifferently with a smile that was not quite a smile.

Old Second did not look surprised. It seemed as though this was all within his expectations.

On the contrary, the seven men's expressions changed drastically.

"This... W-what's going on?"

"Earlier, big brother had used almost all his strength to attack, but he still failed to breach that young man's defenses!"

"Heavens! The Blissful Sect's Duke Grade Celestial Method is too powerful, right?"

"Is it really the Blissful Sect's Celestial Method? I'm suddenly unsure... Even if we completely mastered it, I'm afraid it'd still be difficult for us to withstand big brother's full attack, right? Moreover, look at how nonchalant he is! It's like it's easy for him to deflect big brother's attack!"

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at the short middle-aged man indifferently and said in an unhurried tone, "Now that you've attacked me, it should be my turn now, right?"

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the short middle-aged man's expression changed drastically. He opened his mouth to speak, but alas, before words could leave his mouth, it was already too late.

Swoosh!

A purple sword energy shot out like a shooting star and pierced the short middle-aged man's forehead. As the purple sword energy exited from the back of the short middle-aged man's head, an explosion rang in the air.

Boom!

The air around the spot where the short middle-aged man stood rippled violently for a moment as blood rained down. The only thing left of the short middle-aged man was a Spatial Ring that Duan Ling Tian collected.

The eight men could not catch Duan Ling Tian's movements at all. All they heard was the sound of an explosion before their leader exploded into a blood mist! Their leader had died, just like that!

Old Second sighed heavily, seemingly resigned to his fate. He had already foreseen this outcome earlier.

On the other hand, the other seven men's expressions changed drastically. The short middle-aged man was their leader, and most importantly, the only Celestial Duke among their ranks. The purple-clad young man had killed their leader, a One Basic Celestial Duke, with just one move! Even with the Blissful Sect's Duke Grade Celestial Method, only Three Talents Celestial Dukes and those who were stronger were capable of such a feat. All of their faces were pale as they looked at each other with a fearful expression on their faces.

"It's really as Second Brother said... W-we really kicked an iron wall!"

Soon enough, the seven men followed in the footsteps of their leader... Even a One Basic Celestial Duke had been easily killed, how could the seven men who were only Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials put up a resistance?

Old Second stood still, waiting for Duan Ling Tian to kill him. To his surprise, he heard Duan Ling Tian said, "You, there! Collect their Spatial Rings!" He was stunned speechless for a long time.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Old Second seemed to have fallen into a daze, he raised an eyebrow and asked, "What? Do you want to follow them in their deaths as well?"

Old Second snapped back to his senses when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words and hastily collected the seven Spatial Rings that were falling from the sky. Despite feeling apprehensive about Duan Ling Tian's plans for him, he could not help but sigh in relief. It seemed like Duan Ling Tian did not intend to kill him. He respectfully passed the Spatial Rings to Duan Ling Tian. "S-senior..."

Duan Ling Tian looked at Old Second indifferently and said, "You can keep them."

Old Second was still in a daze when a powerful energy suddenly surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body.

Boom!

The energy that surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body was that of a Celestial King, unlike the energy he had used earlier to kill the other men.

The energy pressed down on Old Second's body, making him feel as though his chest was being pounded by a huge hammer. His blood qi surged, causing him to feel dizzy.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's indifferent voice rang in Old Second's ears. "Use your cultivation method now and break through the bottleneck!"

### **Chapter 2928: Liu Guang Lin**

The middle-aged man, Old Second, was only a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Faced with the pressure of Duan Ling Tian's Celestial Origin Energy that was comparable to a Celestial King, he was like a lonely boat at sea on a stormy night that could capsize at any moment.

"Use your cultivation method and break through the bottleneck!" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, he regained his senses somewhat. He inhaled deeply before he started cultivating with his cultivation method. Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy converged from all directions, entered his body, and circulated in his body in increasingly big circles.

After a dozen breaths...

Whoosh!

A gust of wind stirred in the air as Duan Ling Tian retracted his Celestial Origin Energy and looked at the middle-aged man indifferently.

Bang!



At this moment, a boundless and majestic energy surged out of Old Second's body. His eyes flashed briefly when he opened them. The energy surging out from his body was now similar to the short middle-aged man whom Duan Ling Tian had killed earlier. An ecstatic expression could be seen on his face at this moment.

"Congratulations. You must've waited a long time for this day," Duan Ling Tian said tonelessly.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Old Second prostrated himself before Duan Ling Tian and said, "My lord, I, Liu Guang Lin, thank you for your help! Henceforth, my life belongs to you. As long as you're willing, my lord, I'm willing to be a slave at your side to serve you, and I'll never betray you."

Old Second, whose name was revealed to be Liu Guang Lin, finally had a breakthrough after being a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial for so many years. It was not because he lacked talents, he just did not have a Duke Grace Cultivation Method that could help him with a breakthrough. One needed to be exceptionally talented to become a Celestial Duke if one cultivated using a cultivation method that was below the duke grade. For example, the short middle-aged man, his leader, had cultivated using a subpar cultivation method, and his former leader was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial for a millennium before finally breaking through. Although he was much more talented than his former leader, he still needed 100 years before he could break through. He did not expect to meet a powerhouse who helped him to break through prematurely.

'His energy earlier... it's even stronger than that of a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, right?' Although Liu Guang Lin's cultivation base was not high, he had traveled far and met many people. Hundreds of years ago, he had casually decided to attend the Alchemy Conference that was hosted by the top sects of the Six Southeastern Regions. During the conference, he was lucky enough to witness Li Ping, the Blissful Sect's Old Ancestor and a Ten Directions Celestial Duke, in action. He clearly remembered Li Ping's aura and energy. It was clearly inferior to the purple-clad young man before him.

"You'll never betray me?" Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly when he heard Liu Guang Lin's words. 'Are you not betraying your eight companions now?'

"My lord," Liu Guang Lin solemnly said, "Out of those eight men, I only owed my life to the leader. As for the others, we only have a mutually-beneficial relationship. If it's not due to my leader's life-saving grace, I would've already left the group. My lord, I believe you're magnanimous and wouldn't kill someone who hasn't offended you or the lady." His eyes gleamed knowingly as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and continued to say, "Although he's my leader, we didn't have a master-servant relationship. I only followed him out of gratitude. Since now I'm willing to acknowledge you as my master, I will never betray you! Although the Devata Realms don't have anything like the Lightning Penalty Oath in the mundane realms, I'm willing to sever one of my arms to prove my loyalty to you."

As soon as Liu Guang Lin finished speaking, he did not hesitate as he lifted his right hand. A saber ray shot out of his right hand toward his left arm.

In Devata Realms, regrowing one's arm was not easy as it was in the mundane realms. In the mundane realms, there were some rare medicinal plants known as Celestial Herbs that could help one regrow their limbs. However, after one had ascended to the Devata Realm and soaked in the Celestial Ascension

Pool, one's body would turn into that of a celestial. A celestial body, once damaged, would not heal as easily regardless of how many Celestial Herbs one used. Perhaps, if one managed to gather truly rare and precious herb and medicinal pills from the Devata Realms, one might be able to regrow a limb.

Buzz!

The saber ray was about to sever Liu Guang Lin's left hand when...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A gust of wind laced with a terrifying energy swept past and easily destroyed Liu Guang Lin's saber ray. The saber ray disappeared into thin air in just a blink of an eye.

"I believe you." Duan Ling Tian said. Having lived in two worlds, he had developed a discerning eye. He could tell Liu Guang Lin was someone who would keep his word and return a favor. Liu Guang Lin's character could be clearly seen earlier by how he had stayed put and did not abandon his companions even though he knew that only death was waiting for them. This left a rather good impression on Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, unlike the other men, Liu Guang Lin did not behave lecherously toward Huan'er so he had no intention of killing Liu Guang Lin. For all these reasons, when he had extended his Divine Consciousness and discovered that Liu Guang Lin was only a step away from breaking through, he decided to give Liu Guang Lin a helping hand. Most importantly, he needed a reliable helper.

The journey to the central area was a long one. With Huan'er carrying them, their speed would be slow, and they would only attract trouble to themselves. Regardless if Liu Guang Lin was familiar with the central area or not, it would still save Duan Ling Tian a lot of time and effort if they had a Celestial Duke with them.

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "From now on, you'll follow me. I'm Duan Ling Tian. As for her, you can address her as Miss Huan'er. She's my little sister."

"Many thanks, my lord." Liu Guang Lin thanked Duan Ling Tian profusely. Then, he cupped his fists together at Huan'er who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian and said respectfully, "Liu Guang Lin greets Miss Huan'er."

Alas, Huan'er did not seem to hear Liu Guang Lin's words. Duan Ling Tian's words echoed in her mind at this moment. 'Little sister? As it turns out, he has always considered me as his little sister?' Although she had long suspected Duan Ling Tian only treated her like a sister and she could feel he was intentionally being oblivious to her feelings, she felt uncomfortable listening to his words.

"My lord, where are you and Miss Huan'er headed to?" Liu Guang Lin asked Duan Ling Tian respectfully.

"We're intending to leave borderlands for the central area... Since you decided to follow me, I'll count on you to carry us during the remaining journey to the central area," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Yes, my lord," Liu Guang Lin replied respectfully. He assumed Duan Ling Tian did not want to lead the way because Duan Ling Tian wanted to cultivate or comprehend his Celestial Method and Divine Abilities.

Just like that, there was an additional person in Duan Ling Tian's group.

After traveling for a while, it was clear to Liu Guang Lin that Duan Ling Tian had no intention of cultivating or comprehending techniques. He could not help but curiously asked, "My lord, y-you-re a Celestial King, right?"

"For now, yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded faintly.

"For now?" Liu Guang Lin was perplexed. He did not understand Duan Ling Tian's words.

Duan Ling Tian asked, "You must've heard of consumable Celestial Weapons, right?"

"Consumable Celestial Weapons?" Liu Guang Lin's heart thumped loudly in his chest when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "M-my lord... I've heard about them, yes. However, I heard they're as rare as ordinary Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons. I heard consumable weapons are able to bestow immense strength to its user for a time. Moreover, there are no negative side effects to using the consumable Celestial Weapons." All of a sudden, he stopped speaking as realization dawned on him. His expression was one of shock and disbelief as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and stammered, "M-my lord... do you mean... Is it possible that you..."

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian nodded and bluntly said, "My current strength is bestowed by a consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon. Although I've depleted much of the strength, I was as strong as a Five Elements Celestial King. However, after assisting with your breakthrough, my current strength is that of a Four Phenomenons Celestial King." Then, he continued to explain, "The reason Huan'er was carrying me with her Celestial Origin Energy is so that I can conserve my strength. I asked you to carry us for the remainder of the journey for the same reason as well."

After a beat, Duan Ling Tian continued to say to Liu Guang Lin without any prompt, "In fact, my true strength is slightly weaker than Huan'er's strength. I'm only an insignificant Profound Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Although I'm about to break through, I'll only be an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial." He had pushed his breakthrough to the back of his mind while he focused on comprehending Celestial Methods, Divine Abilities, and alchemy. He looked at Liu Guang Lin intently as he said, "I'll give you one chance to leave now that you know the truth. I'll pretend I didn't hear your oath earlier."

Liu Guang Lin inhaled deeply before he solemnly said, "My lord, I'm still willing to follow you!"

### **Chapter 2929: Huan'er Left Without Bidding Goodbye**

Duan Ling Tian nodded in response after he saw the determination on Liu Guang Lin's face. Then, he finally began to cultivate in a cross-legged position. He allowed Liu Guang Lin to follow him not only because of his innate talent and trustworthiness, but most importantly, it was due to his intelligence. He needed someone reliable and capable of helping him out, and Liu Guang Lin was the perfect match.

Liu Guang Lin greeted Huan'er before she sat crossed-legged and closed her eyes, completely ignoring Duan Ling Tian. No one knew if she was cultivating or comprehending Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was aware of Huan'er's change. He knew she was upset because he had introduced her as his little sister to Liu Guang Lin. However, he did not pay attention to her since he felt she would get over it sooner or later.

Now that Liu Guang Lin who had broken through and became a One Basic Celestial Duke was carrying them, the trio was moving much faster compared to before. Their journey progressed smoothly; they did not encounter any obstacles along the way. In the borderlands, there were Celestial Dukes who robbed travelers as well, but it was rare. Moreover, the route they were traversing was lesser known and mostly empty. Therefore, robbers would not usually lie in wait here.

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A few months passed in just a blink of an eye.

'I'm almost there, just a step away from a breakthrough. Soon enough, I'll be an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!' Duan Ling Tian's energy surged for a moment as he cultivated using the Taiyi Profound Method, a King Grade Cultivation Method. At the same time, the Overarching Heaven Pill he consumed quickly took effect and turned into Celestial Origin Energy that circulated in a great Qi circulatory cycle.

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Half a month later.

Duan Ling Tian was sitting cross-legged in the air. At this moment, a tremendous surge of aura roiled in his body. The aura he emitted was clearly different from before!

'Finally... I've broken through! I'm an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!' A hint of joy could be seen in his eyes when he opened them.

"Congratulations, master!" Although Duan Ling Tian's current strength was comparable to a Four Phenomenons Celestial King, Liu Guang Lin could feel the changes in Duan Ling Tian's aura that obviously belonged to an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. He was shocked when he extended his Divine Consciousness to Duan Ling Tian. 'M-master... He's not even 100 years old?' How could he not be shocked when he discovered Duan Ling Tian was an Earth Stage Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial younger than 100 years old? Such a person was never heard of in the past 10,000 years in the borderlands, right?

'Hm? Where's Huan'er?!' Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened slightly when he discovered Huan'er was nowhere to be found. He stared at Liu Guang Lin pointedly.

"Master." Liu Guang Lin's face was pale as he smiled wryly. "Miss Huan'er... She... She left..."

"When did she leave? Why wasn't I informed?" Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically when he heard Liu Guang Lin's words. He did not doubt Liu Guang Lin's words. For him to be unaware of Huan'er's departure, she must have willingly left.

"About a month ago..." Liu Guang Lin took out a Spatial Ring and passed it to Duan Ling Tian as he said, "Before Miss Huan'er left, she wanted you to have this Spatial Ring. I wanted to inform you when I

found Miss Huan'er was leaving, but she threatened me with her life, master. She seemed determined. I'm sure she wasn't joking. That's why I didn't dare to tell you." A helpless expression could be seen on his face as he spoke.

As Duan Ling Tian listened to Liu Guang Lin's explanation, he studied the Spatial Ring in his hand. The Spatial Ring was empty, saved for two items: a necklace and a voice-recording Celestial Talisman. His expression changed drastically when he saw the necklace. It was the necklace that held the Divine Crystal. He opened the pendant that revealed the Divine Crystal in the Spatial Ring, and Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy filled up the ring immediately.

'Huan'er...' Duan Ling Tian's expression was grim. He did not expect Huan'er to leave him with her most precious belonging after she left. Without the Divine Crystal, her cultivation would be adversely affected. 'Silly girl!'

Then, Duan Ling Tian took out the Celestial Talisman. After crushing it, Huan'er's voice flooded his ears.

"Brother Ling Tian, I'm leaving. I don't actually want to leave, but I think it's best for me to leave. Perhaps, you'll miss me once I leave just like how you miss Sister Ke'er, Sister Li Fei, Sister Tian Wu, and Sister Murong Bing... Brother Ling Tian, I know you want to grow stronger as quickly as possible to save those you love so I left the Divine Crystal my mother has given me for you. I hope it will help you to improve your strength quickly."

'Huan'er...' Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grimmer. It would be a lie to say he was not moved by her action. After all, her cultivation would slow down immensely without the Divine Crystal. 'Silly girl! What a silly girl!'

A hint of anxiety could be seen on Duan Ling Tian's face as he looked at Liu Guang Yi with reddened eyes. He asked in a deep voice, "Which direction did Huan'er go?"

"That way." Liu Guang Lin pointed to the side.

As soon as Liu Guang Lin finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian's body flickered out of sight as his Celestial Origin Energy that was equivalent to that of a Four Phenomenons Celestial King surged out.

Liu Guang Lin stopped moving and waited for Duan Ling Tian's return. He knew his master had gone to look for Huan'er...

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With the strength granted by the consumable Royal Grade Celestial Weapon, Duan Ling Tian was moving at top speed toward the direction Liu Guang Lin had pointed out. Alas, even as his strength gradually weakened, there was still no sight of Huan'er.

'Based on Huan'er's speed, I should definitely catch up with her by now if she kept moving this way... unless she changed direction. Huan'er has grown bored of the borderlands so she would not stay here. There's only one possibility left: she intentionally left in this direction to mislead Liu Guang Lin. She must have changed direction halfway and is moving toward the central area as well,' Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly.

Duan Ling Tian quickly returned to Liu Guang Lin and continued his search as they traveled to the central area. He was moving at an extremely fast speed even though he had to carry Liu Guang Lin with his energy as well. In just a short while, he arrived near the border of the borderlands and central area.

“Master, the mountain range ahead is the border between the borderlands and the central area... It’s where the Formation that forces Celestial Kings and those who are stronger to leave the borderlands is located. It stretches through the entire Southern Heaven Territory, separating the borderlands from the central area.”

Duan Ling Tian’s Celestial Origin Energy had dropped to that of a Three Talents Celestial King by now. Therefore, Liu Guang Lin could vaguely make out his surroundings unlike before.

“We’re about to enter the central area? Based on Huan’er’s speed, it’s impossible for her to arrive before us... Could she have gotten into trouble? I would’ve kept her Soul Pearl with me if I knew she was leaving!” Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he hovered in the air above the border that separated the borderlands and the central area. His expression was grim as his eyes flashed with anxiety.

### **Chapter 2930: Supporting Fall Nation**

Duan Ling Tian did not ask Huan’er’s Soul Pearl since it did not cross his mind that she would leave him. His eyes were red as he said in a low voice, “Take me and make a round trip around this area, we’ll search for her as we go...”

“Yes, master.” Liu Guang Lin immediately averted his eyes away from Duan Ling Tian. He could tell Duan Ling Tian was anxious. Based on this, it was clear Huan’er was important to Duan Ling Tian. He looked remorseful as he apologized to Duan Ling Tian. “Master, I’m so sorry about...”

“It’s in the past, there’s no need to apologize. After all, you were left with no choice at all... I know Huan’er can be rather stubborn.” Although Duan Ling Tian was worried about Huan’er’s safety, he remained calm and did not wrongly blame Liu Guang Lin.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Liu Guang Lin was moved, but he felt even guiltier.

‘Huan’er, please be safe... How am I going to explain myself to Senior Du Fei if something happens to you?’ Duan Ling Tian clearly remembered the words of Huan’er’s grandaunt, Du Fei, when she gave him the King Grade Cultivation Method, the Taiyi Profound Method, in the Little World that she created. She had requested Duan Ling Tian to prevent Huan’er from coming in contact with members of the Phantom Fox tribe. If any members of the tribe that was not from the Du clan knew about her existence, he must kill them! He was so worried that he could not even cultivate.

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In just a blink of an eye, three years had passed.

“Master, over the past three years, we’ve covered about 500,000km of the area in the direction where Miss Huan’er had left. We even searched a vast area of the central area. Alas, we still fail to find Miss Huan’er. After three years, it’s going to be even more difficult to look for her.” All this time, Liu Guang Lin had diligently searched for Huan’er with no complaints at all. However, after three years had passed and there was still no sign of Huan’er, he knew it was futile to keep searching. Therefore, he had

mustered up all his courage to speak to Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, he also knew Duan Ling Tian was a reasonable man. Otherwise, he would not dare to speak up even if he was given the courage of a lion.

Despair was evident on Duan Ling Tian's face as he nodded. He knew Liu Guang Lin's words were reasonable, but he was unresigned. Although Huan'er was capable of defending herself and people weaker than Celestial Dukes were rarely a threat to her, the central area was a completely different place. How could he not worry about her safety? However, he had to face the reality. Three years had gone by, if they were to find her, they would have found her by now.

'Huan'er, please be safe... I won't be able to forgive myself for the rest of my life if something happens to you,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. After living two lifetimes, he rarely regretted his actions. However, he deeply regretted introducing Huan'er as his sister to Liu Guang Lin. Even if that was not the main reason Huan'er left, it definitely was the trigger!

"Let's find a place to stay and find out about our surroundings before we plan ahead."

The duo was lingering in an area near the borderlands at this moment.

After listening to Duan Ling Tian's words, Liu Guang Lin took Duan Ling Tian and entered the central area.

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Half a month later, there were still no signs of civilization. They had left the desert and began to enter an oasis.

'It won't take long before we come across human settlements,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as they entered the oasis.

Indeed. A few days later, a few figures appeared before them. When they approached one of the figures, the man was taken aback and wary. He thought Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin were trying to rob him.

"Sorry to disturb you. We just wanted to ask where is this place?" Liu Guang Lin said to an old man who was a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

Upon hearing Liu Gua Lin's words, the old man heaved a sigh of relief. He could tell Liu Guang Lin was a Celestial Duke. If Liu Guang Lin intended to kill him, he knew he would be helpless to do anything. He asked, "Are you from the borderlands?"

"Yes." Liu Guang Lin slightly nodded. It was his first time in the central area.

"Since both of you came from the borderlands, you must have reached this oasis not long ago... The oasis is an indication that you've entered the Supporting Fall Nation," the old man said.

'The Supporting Fall Nation?' Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. He did not think there were nations here, similar to the kingdoms in the borderlands. In the borderland, there were many Celestial Kingdoms. However, the Celestial Kingdoms were no match for the top sects in the borderlands. In fact, they were subordinates of the top sects.

“The Supporting Fall Nation?” Liu Guang Lin was also curious. After speaking to the old man, he discovered the differences between the kingdoms and nations in the borderlands and the central area.

In the central area, nations were mostly located near the borders in the central area. The nations were ruled by Celestial Kings.

“A Celestial King can establish a nation... Does this mean that any Celestial King from the borderlands is free to establish a nation here?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Theoretically, yes.” The old man nodded. “However, there are very few people who want to establish a nation due to the tremendous energy and effort they have to put in. Most would rather conquer a well-established nation by killing the ruling emperor. The emperors of the nations in the borders of the central area are mainly powerful Celestial Kings. Normally, the Celestial Kings from the borderlands are incapable of defeating the nations’ emperors... However, they’re also unwilling to yield to the emperors. Therefore, most of the Celestial Kings from the borderlands will eventually join powerful sects or clans in the central area. The powerful sects and clans are located further away from the borders of the central area where the resources are much better than the nations in the borders.”

Duan Ling Tian shuddered inwardly. The nations near the borders were the weakest factions in the central area. Even then, the strongest powerhouses in the nations were all extraordinary Celestial Kings.

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin continued their journey after speaking to the old man. “Our first stop will be the capital of the Supporting Fall Nation.”

Liu Guang Lin headed toward the direction of the Supporting Fall Nation after receiving directions from the old man.

During their journey, Duan Ling Tian, who was still worried about Huan’er, mulled over the information they obtained from the old man.

Liu Guang Lin who could sense Duan Ling Tian’s worries reassured him. “Master, don’t worry... Miss Huan’er will be fine.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly in response.

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Three months later.

“Master, according to the old man, we should arrive in the Supporting Fall Nation after we cross the mountains before us.”

Duan Ling Tian who was sitting in a cross-legged position in the air opened his eyes after hearing Liu Guang Lin’s words. A seemingly-endless mountain range that looked like a dragon crawling on the ground appeared before his eyes.

Swoosh!

All of a sudden, the sound of wind howling resonated in the air.



An old figure and a young figure flew out of the mountains and appeared before the duo, blocking their path.

Liu Guang Lin's expression turned grave. Based on the old man's speed, it was clear the old man was stronger than him!

'A Three Talents Celestial Duke!' Duan Ling Tian could sense the old man was a Three Talents Celestial Duke like him.

The young man was dressed in an embroidered robe. He had an obvious birthmark on his face. His expression remained unchanged as his eyes swept past Liu Guang Lin. However, he was filled with hatred and jealousy when he saw Duan Ling Tian. "Either you ruin your face or die!"

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Guang Lin ignored the two newcomers and continued on their journey.

Alas, the old man and young man appeared in front of them again, blocking their path.

The young man's hideous face twisted with envy as he looked at Duan Ling Tian as though Duan Ling Tian had murdered his father!