

Chapter 3311: Inquiring About the Thousand Chains Prison

Duan Ling Tian was enlightened upon hearing Sun Xing's words. He used to wonder how the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor of the Heavenly Pool Palace was related to the Howling Heaven Celestial Dog that belonged to Erlang God. If he was indeed the Howling Heaven Celestial Dog, he should be in one of the heaven-grade forces in the Jade Emperor Heaven. Why was he in the Boundless Heaven's heaven-grade Heavenly Pool Palace instead? As it turns out, the Howling Heaven Celestial Dog and Yang Jian had a fallout. He was rather curious about the conflict that made the Howling Heaven Celestial Dog leave the Jade Emperor Heaven for the Heavenly Pool Palace in the Boundless Heaven that he was not familiar with.

Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly, 'Perhaps, Sun Xing doesn't know the reason as well. After all, he joined the Heavenly Pool Palace as soon as he left the Yan Huang Realm and ascended to the Boundless Heaven...'

"Both of you are from the same planet?" Liu Bai Feng was surprised when she heard Duan Ling Tian and Sun Xing's conversation.

"Even my master is from the same planet," Sun Xing smiled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Junior Brother Duan, let's exchange Soul Pearls... Let's have a drink when I'm free. When it's convenient for you, I'd like to bring you to meet my master. He'll definitely be happy to meet you." He was much friendlier now compared to earlier where he was just polite. It was as though he had known Duan Ling Tian for years.

"Alright." Similarly, Duan Ling Tian also felt a sense of familiarity with Sun Xing due to them coming from the same place. Therefore, he did not hesitate to exchange Soul Pearls with Sun Xing.

After a moment, Sun Xing nodded to the others and bade Duan Ling Tian farewell before he left. "Junior Brother Duan, I'll take my leave first."

After Liu Bai Feng spoke a few more words to Lu Ji, she took her leave as well.

When Duan Ling Tian continued on his journey back to the cultivation ground, Hong Fei said, "Little Junior Brother, you can't trust him completely even if both of you came from the same place. I've never seen him so enthusiastic and friendly toward someone before." He was suspicious since he felt Sun Xing's behavior was unlike him.

"Fatty, Senior Brother Sun Xing doesn't necessarily have any bad intentions. Moreover, with his strength, he doesn't benefit from being friendly to Little Junior Brother, right?" Hu Mei said after she shook her head.

"Third Senior Sister, I beg to differ. From what I know, there are many beautiful female disciples in the Heavenly Pool Palace who are interested in Sun Xing, and yet, he ignores them. Isn't that weird? Maybe he likes men? Little Junior Brother is so handsome, it's not surprising if he likes Little Junior Brother," Hong Fei replied.

Wen Wan'er laughed upon hearing Hong Fei's words. Then, she asked meaningfully, "Sixth Junior Brother, are you still upset about Junior Sister Xiao Feng's rejection? Do you dislike Senior Brother Sun Xing because she said she likes a man like Senior Brother Sun Xing?"

"Fourth Senior Sister!" Hong Fei exclaimed, flustered. Wen Wan'er had hit the nail on the head.

"Alright, alright, I won't say a word anymore." Wen Wan'er shook her head and chuckled.

Hu Mei laughed. "Fatty, I didn't expect you to hold a grudge against Senior Brother Sun Xing because of this matter. Didn't he reject Junior Sister Xiao Feng anyway?"

"Little Junior Brother," Hong Fei ignored Hu Mei and said to Duan Ling Tian, "I'm saying this not because of that matter. I really think he's weird."

Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile on his face, "Sixth Senior Brother, you're not an ascender, right?"

Hong Fei was confused by Duan Ling Tian's question, but he still nodded. "You're right. However, what does that have to do with this matter?"

Not only was Hong Fei born in a Devata Realm, but he was also a direct descendant of the Hong clan, a supreme-grade force in the Boundless Heaven. His grandfather was the Clan Leader of the Hong clan.

"Those who are not ascenders will never understand the feelings when ascenders from the same place meet in a Devata Realm," Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly as he explained, "Not only is each Devata Realm extremely vast, but there are 81 Devata Realms as well. What are the odds of meeting someone from your home planet in a Devata Realm? The probability of one in a million is not an exaggeration in this case."

After discovering Sun Xing was from earth, Duan Ling Tian had an explicable sense of camaraderie with Sun Xing. Although they were from different times, he felt like Sun Xing was an old friend.

At this moment, Lu Ji said, "Little Junior Brother is right. I'm an ascender as well so I understand his feelings. If I meet someone from the same place I came from, I'd probably have a good feeling about him immediately..."

Hong Fei fell silent. He dared to refute his other seniors' words, but he did not dare to do so toward Lu Ji and their Eldest Senior Sister.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Hu Mei and asked, "Third Senior Sister. A few days ago, I heard someone mention the Thousand Chains Prison... Does such a place exist in the Heavenly Pool Palace?"

The Thousand Chains Prison!

Huan'er's eyes lit up instantly when she heard Duan Ling Tian mention the Thousand Chains Prison where her father was imprisoned. Her body involuntarily stiffened as she waited for Hu Mei's reply.

"The Thousand Chains Prison?" Hu Mei seemed startled by Duan Ling Tian's question. She asked curiously, "Why are you asking, Little Junior Brother?"

"I'm just curious," Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly with a smile.

Before Hu Mei replied, Hong Fei said, "Little Junior Brother. I know about the Thousand Chains Prison... It's a prison built by the Heavenly Pool Palace. Members who have committed grave sins are imprisoned there. It's said that there are all kinds of physical and soul punishment devices there. Many perish in there because they were unable to withstand the torture."

Upon hearing Hong Fei's terrifying description of the Thousand Chains Prison, Huan'er paled, and her grip on Duan Ling Tian's arm tightened.

Duan Ling Tian gently patted Huan'er's hand before he continued to ask, "Where's the Thousand Chains Prison located?"

"It's a slight distance away from the back of the Prodigy Arena," Hong Fei replied, "It's constantly guarded by powerful elders. No one's allowed to enter without permission. Only disciples who volunteer to be wardens have access to the prison."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed upon hearing Hong Fei's words. He asked, "Volunteer to be a warden? What are the requirements to become a warden of the Thousand Chains Prison?"

Hong Fei replied, "Only prodigious disciples are allowed to volunteer as wardens. This was a rule created by one of the former Palace Masters of the Heavenly Pool Palace. What was he thinking when he stipulated only prodigious disciples can volunteer. Is there any prodigious disciple who has the time to become a warden in the Thousand Chains Prison?"

Lu Ji looked at Hong Fei before he said, "Volunteering at the Thousand Chains Prison comes with huge responsibilities. Not only are members of the Heavenly Pool Palace imprisoned there, but there are outsiders as well. In fact, it's said there are a few titled Celestial Emperors imprisoned there as well. It's likely that those titled Celestial Emperors tried to harm the palace or slighted the palace. I heard some of them can't be killed due to their comprehension of the law of earth. After all, with the law of earth, their defenses are extremely good. One can only dream about breaking them out of prison. In the past, there was a titled Celestial Emperor who was freed by his descendant. After that, he massacred many Heavenly Pool Palace disciples. In the end, he was captured and defeated by the Palace Master again. Since prodigious disciples were carefully selected, there was a low chance of them being spies who came to release prisoners. As expected, after the rule was created, there were little to no incidents of prisoners escaping from the Thousand Chains Prison."

Duan Ling Tian learned a lot about the Thousand Chains Prison from Lu Ji.

"The wardens will be stationed at the Thousand Chains Prison for a certain period of time... Apart from that, they'll be rewarded generously with Royal Grade Celestial Crystals for their services," Lu Ji added.

"Second Senior Brother." Hu Mei looked at Lu Ji. "I remember... You and Eldest Senior Sister used to be wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison, right?"

"That's right." Lu Ji nodded. "In fact, there's something none of you know... Eldest Senior Sister started to comprehend the law of death because of the Thousand Chains Prison. The Thousand Chains Prison is filled with death aura so it's the best place to comprehend the law of death. Before Eldest Senior Sister left the Heavenly Pool Palace, she was the head of the Thousand Chains Prison wardens."

Duan Ling Tian was surprised. The Eldest Senior Sister he had yet to meet used to be the head of the Thousand Chains Prison wardens?

Chapter 3312: Prison Warden

“Eldest Senior Sister did not comprehend the law of death previously?”

Hu Mei, Wen Wan’er, Ouyang Qi Fei, and Hong Fei turned to look at Lu Ji in unison, shocked,

“Eldest Senior Sister only switched to comprehending the law of death after becoming a prodigious disciple.” Lu Ji smiled faintly as he looked at his confused juniors. A hint of nostalgia could be seen on his face as he continued to say, “It’s only normal that none of you knew about it... After all, you haven’t joined us. There were only Eldest Senior Sister and me at that time.”

Still stunned, Hong Fei asked, Hong Fei was stunned as he looked at Lu Ji. “Second Senior Brother, Eldest Senior Sister is highly skilled in the law of death. Not only did she comprehend all the profundities to the mastery stage, but she also can fuse three profundities. I can’t believe she only began to comprehend the law of death after becoming a prodigious disciple!”

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian was not shocked since he knew nothing about their Eldest Senior Sister at all.

“Before Eldest Senior Sister started to comprehend the law of death, she had comprehended many profundities from the law of water to mastery stage as well,” Lu Ji added.

This time, not only Hong Fei and the others were shocked, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er were shocked as well.

‘The mysterious Eldest Senior Sister comprehended many profundities from the law of water to the mastery stage before she started comprehending the law of death?’ Duan Ling Tian had assumed his comprehension skill and talent in regard to comprehending the law of space was incredibly rare. It seemed like that was not entirely the case. “Moreover, I relied on the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity to comprehend the law of space... Even if Eldest Senior Sister had some fortuitous encounters, it’s unlikely to be able to compare to the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity.”

With this new information, a sense of reverence toward his Eldest Senior Sister began to take root in Duan Ling Tian’s heart.

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When Duan Ling Tian returned to Xu Lang’s cultivation ground, he returned to his cultivation place with Huan’er after bidding farewell to his seniors.

“Brother Ling Tian,” Huan’er called out with unconcealed excitement.

How could Duan Ling Tian not know what Huan’er was thinking about? He smiled faintly and said, “I’ll speak to Sixth Senior Brother and find out how to become a Thousand Chain Prison’s warden.”

After speaking to Hong Fei through his Soul Pearl, Duan Ling Tian found it was rather simple for a prodigious disciple to become a warden of the Thousand Chain Prison through his Soul Pearl. All he needed to do was sign up for the position, and when there was a vacancy, he would be called up for

duty. The permanence of the position naturally depended on the type of vacancy as well. Sometimes, there were wardens who had personal matters to attend to such as going into closed-door cultivation. At that time, a prodigious disciple would be called in as a substitute warden instead.

“Huan’er, let’s apply for the positions of wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison.”

After learning about the ins and outs of the matter from Hong Fei, Duan Ling Tian did not waste time and brought Huan’er with him to volunteer at the Thousand Chains Prison as wardens.

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When they arrived at the Thousand Chains Pavilion that was located on another floating island, Duan Ling Tian discovered it was even more isolated than the Sword Trial Pavilion. There were no human activities at all during their journey here.

Swoosh!

A gust of wind blew past, stirring up and scattering the fallen leaves at the entrance of the pavilion.

“This is... the Thousand Chains Pavilion?”

The Thousand Chains Pavilion was the headquarters of the Thousand Chain Prison. This was where one signed up to become wardens. Since there were only 100 prodigious disciples in the Heavenly Palace and only prodigious disciples could apply to be wardens, the registration process was incredibly simple.

‘It looks abandoned,’ Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly as they entered the pavilion. It was dusty and cobwebs hung everywhere. It seemed like nobody had visited this place in a long time.

“Is there anyone here?” Duan Ling Tian called out.

Creak!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s voice fell, the sound of a door creaking rang from the depths of the pavilion.

An ancient and emotionless voice rang in the air. “Are you here to apply to become a warden?”

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian responded.

“The prodigious disciple identity token.”

Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er quickly brought their identity tokens out.

A gust of wind surged out and brought their identity tokens away. It was rather strange.

“You’re Duan Ling Tian? The latest prodigious disciple to join Xu Lang? You’re a talent indeed.”

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er identity tokens were returned to them. Additionally, they received two jet-black tokens that glowed with faint red light. Their names and the words ‘Thousand Chains Prison’ were engraved at the back of the tokens.

“Has that girl, Xu Ya Si, returned?”

The old man’s voice rang in the air again when Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er collected their tokens.

“Xu Ya Si?” Duan Ling Tian asked, puzzled.

“You don’t even know the name of your Eldest Senior Sister? Aren’t you here to be a warden because your Eldest Senior Sister was the head warden of the Thousand Chains Prison and to comprehend the law of death on the Life-or-Death Platform?”

Although the old man did not appear in front of Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er, it felt as though he could see them. However, Duan Ling Tian did not sense any Divine Consciousness at all. Who was this old man?

Based on the old man’s words, it was clear that the Life-or-Death Platform was where one could comprehend the law of death in the Thousand Chains Prison.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked respectfully, “Senior, may I know who you are?”

“Me?” The old man remained silent for a moment before he replied, “I’m supposed to be a dead man...”

Immediately after that, the sound of a door banging shut rang in the air.

Duan Ling Tian tried calling out a few times, but the old man no longer responded to him. Following that, he tried to detect the old man through his Divine Consciousness only to discover the pavilion was impenetrable.

“Senior, I’ll be taking my leave.” Since the old man was not responding to him. Duan Ling Tian did not stay any longer at the pavilion. Moreover, he also achieved his purpose of coming here after receiving the warden token. He said, “Huan’er, let’s go to the Thousand Chains Prison.”

In order to become a warden of the Thousand Chains Prison, one must first obtain a warden token from the Thousand Chains Pavilion before registering with the Thousand Chains Prison. After that, when there was a vacancy, they would be called up to carry out duties.

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The Thousand Chains Prison was located a distance away behind the Prodigy Arena.

A huge floating island could be seen in the air above a towering mountain. The island seemed to be wrapped with numerous thick chains. The mountain was carved with many intricate and incomprehensible patterns and words.

“The Thousand Chains Prison!”

The words ‘Thousand Chains Prison’ hung in front of the mountain, covering half the mountain. Similar to the island, numerous chains crawled all over the mountain. In the center of the mountain, there was an entrance that seemed to lead to a cave. The entrance was so exquisitely decorated that it seemed as though it was the entrance to a luxurious palace instead.

“This must be the entrance to the Thousand Chains Prison,” Duan Ling Tian said to Huan’er.

A hint of excitement could be seen in Huan’er’s eyes as she gazed at the Thousand Chains Prison. Her body began to tremble slightly as she struggled to control her emotions.

Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Huan'er, we'll enter after you've calmed down a bit."

Huan'er nodded slightly. After a dozen breaths, she finally managed to calm down.

"Let's go."

At the entrance, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er saw four old men guarding the entrance.

They were in groups of two standing at each side of the entrance.

Before the duo could speak, one of the old men said menacingly, "Unauthorized personnel isn't allowed to enter the Thousand Chains Prison."

The old man looked like a white lion with his full white beard, messy long white hair, and white brows.

"Elder, we're prodigious disciples who just applied to become wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison."

Duan Ling Tian brought out their warden tokens and handed them to the old man.

After receiving the tokens, the old man turned the tokens around to have a look. His eyes seemed to widen slightly when he saw Duan Ling Tian's name.

"You're Duan Ling Tian? The one who killed Han Yun Jin, the eldest disciple of the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor at the Prodigy Arena today?" The old man looked at Duan Ling Tian in shock. Although he was not present at the Prodigy Arena, news of Duan Ling Tian's battle had spread all over the Heavenly Pool Palace.

Chapter 3313: Life or Death Platform

"Senior, do you know me?" Duan Ling Tian asked the two old men who were clearly shocked.

"Everyone in the Heavenly Pool Palace should've heard of you by now," the old man, who was unfriendly in the beginning, said with a smile, "Since you're Head Warden Xu's Little Junior Brother, the Thousand Chains Prison can be considered your second home in the Heavenly Pool Palace."

"The Thousand Chains Prison can be considered my second home?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly taken aback when he heard these words. When he regained his senses, he smiled wryly. If he were back on earth and someone had said a prison was his second home, he would have slapped that person.

The old man laughed before he said, "Duan Ling Tian, let me show you around. This must be your first time in the Thousand Chains Prison. After I show you around, I'll bring you to the Internal Affairs Pavilion to register your warden token. When there's a vacancy, you'll be informed of it. However, since your Head Warden Xu's Little Junior Brother, you can visit the Thousand Chains Prison whenever you like even if you're not on duty."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised upon hearing the old man's words. He did not expect his Eldest Senior Sister's position and reputation would grant him such a privilege. After a beat, he replied with a smile, "Thank you, elder."

The old man seemed pleased with how polite Duan Ling Tian was. This prodigious disciple with a bright future did not look down on him because he was just a mere elder guarding the Thousand Chains Prison. After all, the elder was just an ordinary member of the Heavenly Pool Palace. He was not even as strong

as Han Yun Jin whom Duan Ling Tian killed. Therefore, he knew Duan Ling Tian was much stronger than him. Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian did not put on air but treated him politely instead. How could he not be pleased?

“Let’s go.” The old man gestured to Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er before leading them into the Thousand Chains Prison.

The Thousand Chains Prison was dark and had many mountains. The entire place seemed to be cast in a faint red light. Metal pillars could be seen at the sides of the mountains to support the building structures.

After walking along a wide path, the old man led Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er to a spacious square. At the end of the square was another pathway. Apart from this pathway, there were no other paths.

At this moment, the old man said with a faint smile, “Duan Ling Tian, this is the Thousand Chains Prison’s Deadly Square.”

“The Deadly Square?” Duan Ling Tian was curious. Based on the name of the square, it seemed like a dangerous place.

The old man said, “I bet you’re wondering about the name of the square, right?”

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“It’s called the Deadly Square because it has a Killing Formation that’s capable of seriously injuring titled Celestial Emperors. Ordinary Celestial Emperors have no chance of surviving the Killing Formation, let alone those who’re below the stage of a Celestial Emperor. That’s why it’s called the Deadly Square,” the elder explained.

‘It can seriously injure titled Celestial Emperors and those who are below the stage of a Celestial Emperor will definitely die?’ Duan Ling Tian inhaled sharply upon hearing the old man’s words. He was instantly wary of his surroundings.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian’s reaction, the old man chuckled and said, “Don’t worry. You won’t trigger the Killing Formation in the Deadly Square. Only prisoners who attempt to escape will trigger the Killing Formation. Even if we’re in the square when it’s triggered, we won’t be harmed.”

Duan Ling Tian inwardly sighed in relief upon hearing these words. Based on the old man’s words, he guessed the Killing Formation must contain the blood or soul auras of the prisoners in the Thousand Chains Prison for it to specifically target prisoners who tried to escape.

After leaving the Deadly Square, they traveled on a long pathway before arriving before a medium-sized pavilion. A plaque with the words ‘Internal Affairs Pavilion’ hung at the entrance of the pavilion.

“I’ll bring you in to register...” the old man said as he led Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er into the pavilion.

The registration process simply involved Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er showing their warden tokens to an elder in the Internal Affairs Pavilion. Following that, the elder recorded their names and exchanged Soul Pearls with them, which would allow the elder to contact them where there were vacancies. If they were unable to report for duty, the elder would then summon the next person on the list. To be placed on the list again, they would have to speak to the elder again.

The elder in the Internal Affairs Pavilion was rather friendly. He said, "Duan Ling Tian, since you're Head Warden Xu's Little Junior Brother and a warden of the Thousand Chains Prison, you can come here even if you're not on duty. You can go to the Life or Death Platform to comprehend the law of death if you so wish. However, the area where the prisoners is kept is strictly off-limits when you're not on duty. Only the head warden has the authority to enter the prison."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

The elder continued to say, "However, since you're a newcomer, you're allowed to familiarize yourself with the prison once. Normally, you'd have to make an appointment beforehand to visit and familiarize yourself with the prison. Since you're Head Warden Xu's Little Junior Brother, I'll make an exception..."

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's eyes lit up instantly upon hearing these words. "Thank you, elder."

At this moment, the elder of the Internal Affairs Pavilion looked at the elder who led the duo here and said, "Show them around the prison and explain the situation inside to them..." After he finished speaking, he tossed a token to the old man.

After the old man caught the token, he motioned Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er to follow him.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lingered briefly on the black token that the elder received. The token carried a cold and oppressive aura. He was certain that the token contained many kinds of Formations.

When the old man saw Duan Ling Tian looking at the token, he explained, "This is the entrance token to the prison that is issued by the Internal Affairs Pavilion. This token contains our soul auras from our Soul Pearls so we can freely enter the prison. Those without this token wouldn't be able to enter the prison."

With everything he had learned so far, it was clear to him that the Thousand Chains Prison was tightly guarded.

As though the elder could read Duan Ling Tian's mind, he explained, "In the past, the Thousand Chains Prison didn't have so many rules and restrictions in place. However, after a prisoner, a titled Celestial Emperor, escaped and slaughtered many Heavenly Pool Palace disciples in the past, the palace began to put strict restrictions on the prison and limit those who have access to the prison."

"What are the duties of the warden of the Thousand Chains Prison?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Wardens are to supervise and keep a close eye on the prisoners. It's imperative that a warden reports any abnormalities in a prisoner to the Internal Affairs Pavilion immediately," the elder replied.

"I see. How many wardens are on duty?" Duan Ling Tian continued to ask.

"There'll be six wardens on duty, and they'll be divided into groups of two. Each of the time will be in charge of guarding and patrolling a section of the prison. The prisoners are separated and placed in different sections according to their identities. There's the area for titled Celestial Emperors, the area for those who were below the stage of a titled Celestial Emperors, and the area for disciples and elders of the Heavenly Pool Palace who have committed crimes. Wardens will be on duty for a year after being summoned and will patrol a section for four months before switching to another section," the elder explained.

After a beat, the elder continued to say, "Since only prodigious disciples are allowed to become a warden, the Thousand Chains Prison is rather short-handed. Therefore, elders in the prison will act as wardens as well. For example, out of the six wardens on duty this year, only three are prodigious disciples. The other three are elders of the Thousand Chains Prison. Both of you will have to wait for 11 months before you'll be summoned to report for duty since we've just changed the wardens. In any case, there's no need to worry. You'll definitely get your chance. After all, not many prodigious disciples are willing to come here even if the reward is lucrative. Those who volunteer are mostly here for the Life or Death Platform. As mentioned earlier by the elder in the Internal Affairs Pavilion, you're free to come to the Life or Death Platform whenever you want. It's an extremely good place to comprehend the law of death since the Thousand Chains Prison contains the death auras of countless prisoners who were sentenced to death on the Life or Death Platform."

Chapter 3314: A Pitiful Woman

This was not the first Duan Ling Tian had heard of the Life or Death Platform. He knew before he came here that the platform was highly conducive to comprehending the law of death. After listening to the old man speak about the Life or Death Platform again, he was eager to explore the platform.

"None of the prodigious disciples who signed up to be wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison were here for the Celestial Crystals. All of them were here to comprehend the law of death on the Life or Death Platform," the old man said, "Each warden is only given a year to comprehend the law of death on the Life or Death Platform, similar to the time they're on duty. If they want to comprehend the law of death again on the platform, they'll have to sign up for another year of service in the Thousand Chains Prison. There are some prodigious disciples who work continuously for a few years before comprehending the law of death all at once on the platform."

After saying that, the elder looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er before he added, "However, an exception will be made for both of you. You're free to go to the Life or Death Platform whenever you want and to stay for as long as you need since you're Head Warden Xu's junior."

A hint of envy could be seen in the old man's voice when he spoke. If he wanted to comprehend the law of death on the Life or Death Platform, he would have to contribute accordingly before being allowed to do so.

"Since Head Warden Xu is also the Pavilion Master of the Life or Death Pavilion, she has ordered her subordinates in the pavilion to allow her juniors to have free access to the platform. Naturally, this means only Xu Lang's prodigious disciples have such privilege in the Heavenly Pool Palace," the old man explained.

'Not only is Eldest Senior Sister the Head Warden of the Thousand Chains Prison, but she's also the Pavilion Master of the Life or Death Pavilion?' Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian felt there were still many things he did not know about his Eldest Senior Sister. It seemed like what he had learned so far was just the tip of the iceberg.

As Duan Ling Tian continued following the old man, he asked curiously, "How many Head Wardens are there in the Thousand Chains Prison?"

“There are three Head Wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison. They’re in charge of the Internal Affairs Pavilion, the Life or Death Pavilion, and the Purgatory Pavilion respectively,” the old man replied.

“The Purgatory Pavilion?” Duan Ling Tian’s interest was piqued. He had learned that the Internal Affairs Pavilion managed the Thousand Chains Prison, and the Life or Death Pavilion was where prisoners were executed, and it was also where the Life or Death Platform where one could comprehend the law of death was located. He had yet to hear about the Purgatory Pavilion.

“The Purgatory Pavilion is also known as the Punishment Pavilion. Apart from those on death row, it deals with the punishment of the other prisoners. As you already know, those on death row are sent to the Life or Death Pavilion,” the old man replied. After a brief pause, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and solemnly said, “The Pavilion Master of the Internal Affairs Pavilion has a rather good relationship with Head Warden Xu. However, the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion and Head Warden Xu are bad terms. If it’s possible, try to avoid the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion. He’s certain to give you a hard time. After all, Head Warden Xu isn’t around now. If she were around, he wouldn’t act so recklessly.”

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow and asked, “How strong is he?”

“His strength is almost comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor,” the old man replied.

“Almost comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned. When he regained his senses, he asked, “Elder, do you know the strength of my Eldest Senior Sister?”

“It seems like her strength is comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor as well...”

Upon hearing the reply, Duan Ling Tian realized the people of the Thousand Chains Prison seemed to be unaware of his Eldest Senior Sister’s true strength. He did not find it surprising. After all, as her juniors, it was natural that they understood their Eldest Senior Sister’s strength more than outsiders.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian asked as his eyes glinted coldly, “Elder Xie, if the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion Master comes looking for trouble, will there be a problem if I retaliate?”

The old man, Elder Xie, was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian’s question. “D-Duan Ling Tian... His strength is comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor, a-are you confident you’re able to stand against someone like that? In the Heavenly Pool Palace, there isn’t anyone below the stage of a titled Celestial Emperor who’s capable of defeating him. At most, the fight would end in a draw.”

Duan Ling Tian replied with a faint smile on his face, “I’m just asking. There’s no other meaning to the question”

“You can naturally retaliate if he attacks you, but he’ll definitely accuse you of disrespecting your superior. He won’t be able to kill you, but he can bring you to the Purgatory Pavilion to punish you,” the old man said as he shook his head.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes narrowed imperceptibly as he asked, “What if he’s not a match for me?”

The old man replied, “That... Well, if he’s no match for you, he won’t dare to provoke you in the first place. However, if he does, if you retaliate, the Heavenly Pool Palace will let the matter slide as long as you don’t kill him.”

"I see." Duan Ling Tian nodded before he added, "Elder Xie, you can lead us to the prison now."

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, the prison was more important than the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion Master and the Life or Death Platform. After all, the only reason he and Huan'er joined the Heavenly Pool Palace was to rescue her parents. How could visiting the prison not be important when they had all but confirmed Huan'er's father was imprisoned in the Thousand Chains Prison? Although they had yet to confirm Huan'er's mother's whereabouts, it was likely that she was also imprisoned in the Thousand Chains Prison.

Although Huan'er possessed her mother's Soul Pearl, her mother did not possess her Soul Pearl. Therefore, even if they could communicate through Soul Pearls, it was impossible for Huan'er to contact her mother. She had obtained her mother's Soul Pearl from the Clan Leader of the Zhang clan in the Phantom Fox Clan when they returned to the Overarching Spirit Heaven with the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect's Zhuge siblings.

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, "Elder Xie... Can we communicate using Soul Pearls in the Thousand Chains Prison?"

The old man shook his head. "No. There's a Formation that restricts the use of Soul Pearls in the Thousand Chains Prison... Naturally, this is to prevent prisoners from colluding with outsiders to escape."

After listening to the old man's words, Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Huan'er. "If your mother is here, this is probably the reason why you've not received any replies from your mother despite sending so many messages through the Soul Pearl."

Following that, Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man and asked, "Elder Xie, one of my senior brothers told me that someone from the Solitary Destructive Heaven's Heavenly Sword Mountain is imprisoned in our Heavenly Pool Palace's Thousand Chains Prison for breaking a marriage alliance. Is it true?"

"You mean the proud prodigy from the Heavenly Sword Mountain? He's rather pitiful," the old man shook his head and said with a sigh, "By right, it's a blessing that he's able to marry a female prodigy from our Heavenly Pool Palace... However, he broke the marriage alliance because of another woman. How could the Palace Master not be furious? Fortunately, the Heavenly Sword Mountain did not hesitate to hand him over to our Heavenly Pool Palace. Before our Palace Master even went to the Heavenly Sword Mountain to demand an explanation, they took the initiative to send the prodigy to our Heavenly Pool Palace."

"Is he still imprisoned here?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes." The old man nodded. "If you're curious about him, I can bring you to meet him. He's truly worthy of being called the proud prodigy of the Heavenly Sword Mountain. Even after being imprisoned here, he's fully focused on his cultivation. Currently, his strength is comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor. When the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion challenged him to a duel recently, their duel ended in a draw."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's eyes lit up immediately.

“Alright. I’m curious about the person who refused the marriage to the Palace Master’s daughter...”
Duan Ling Tian said.

On the other hand, Huan’er was overwhelmed by her emotions when she thought that she would finally be able to meet her father.

Duan Ling Tian continued to ask, “Elder Xie, do you know the woman who caused the proud prodigy of the Heavenly Sword Mountain to reject the Palace Master’s daughter?”

“I do. That woman is imprisoned here as well,” the old man nodded as he said, “She’s not human but a Celestial Beast... To be precise, she’s a Phantom Fox. The Palace Master had ordered for them to be jailed next to each other. They can only see each other but are unable to be together. Every once in a while, the woman would be tortured as well as a form of punishment for the proud prodigy. The woman is mostly unconscious. Whenever she regains consciousness, she’d be torture again.” The old man paused briefly before he continued to say with a sigh, “In fact, she’s rather pitiful. She didn’t commit any crime but was tortured only because she fell in love with the wrong man.”

Duan Ling Tian’s expression changed slightly upon hearing the old man’s words.

On the other hand, Huan’er trembled as tears welled up in her eyes.

Meanwhile, the old man was startled by the duo’s reactions, but he did not seem suspicious. He looked at Huan’er and said with a smile, “Miss Huan’er is really kind to sympathize with that pitiful woman...”

Chapter 3315: The Prison

“Brother Ling Tian...” Huan’er’s voice trembled with fury when she sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian understood her feelings. After all, he would be furious as well if his mother was treated in such a manner. He solemnly vowed, “Don’t worry, Huan’er. Trust me. I’ll definitely find a way to rescue your parents.”

Huan’er nodded imperceptibly in response to Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Naturally, the old man was unaware of the emotional upheaval in Huan’er’s heart.

The duo continued to follow the old man as they traveled on a long and narrow path. Soon enough, they arrived at a spacious area after leaving the path.

“That’s the Purgatory Pavilion!” The old man pointed at the pavilion in front of them.

The pavilion occupied a vast area. A stone with the words ‘Purgatory Pavilion’ engraved on it was even taller than the pavilion itself.

Duan Ling Tian finally saw the first sign of human activities since he entered the Thousand Chains Prison. He saw many people entering and leaving the pavilion. Most of them were carrying people who were covered in blood in and out of the pavilion. Some of the people they carried seemed unharmed physically, but all of them without an exception only stared at the air lifelessly as though they had lost their souls.

“I’m sure you’ve already guessed these people being carried in and out of the pavilion are the prisoners who are brought here to be punished,” the old man said emotionlessly, clearly desensitized, as he led Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er to a short tunnel.

After exiting the tunnel, another vast space appeared in front of their eyes.

Duan Ling Tian saw a pavilion suspended in the air at the right corner. There was a floating stone platform behind the pavilion where people could be seen sitting cross-legged. A greyish-black energy could be seen lingering on the bodies of these people. It was obvious that the energy was from the law of death.

“This is the Life or Death Pavilion,” the old man promptly said.

Needless to say, even without the old man’s reminder, Duan Ling Tian knew this place was the Life or Death Pavilion and the platform was the Life or Death Platform.

‘Eldest Senior Sister is really capable...’ Before coming to the Thousand Chains Prison, Duan Ling Tian was already convinced of his Eldest Senior Sister’s abilities. However, after coming here, his regard for her grew even higher. Nevertheless, he was not interested in the Life or Death Pavilion at this moment. He looked at the old man who seemed to have slowed down before he said, “Elder Xie, there are things I need to attend to after this... Can I trouble you to lead us to the prison now?”

“Alright.” The old man picked up his pace as soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. If Duan Ling Tian was just an ordinary prodigious disciple, he would not have been so easygoing. However, he was willing to oblige since Duan Ling Tian’s Eldest Senior Sister was the Head Warden and the Pavilion Master of the Life or Death Pavilion in the Thousand Chains Prison. Moreover, among the three Head Wardens, she was very strong despite being the youngest. He mused inwardly, “With Head Warden Xu’s talent and comprehension skills, it’s likely that she’d return to the Heavenly Pool Palace a titled Celestial Emperor.’

After leaving the Life or Death Pavilion, they entered a seemingly endless tunnel. When they finally exited the tunnel, a gargantuan cube-like metal building with only one entrance appeared before their eyes.

At this moment, an old man and a young man who had just exited the building walked over when they saw the old man. “Elder Xie.”

When the duo arrived, they looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er curiously. “Who are these people?”

Upon hearing these words, the old man tactfully began to make the introductions. “They’re the new wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison... He’s Duan Ling Tian, Lord Xu Lang’s newest prodigious disciples, and she’s Lord Lei Ying’s third disciple, Huan’er.” Then, he said to Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er, “This is Elder Wang. He’s also an elder in the Thousand Chains Prison. This young man is also a prodigious disciple. He’s Hu Ye, the second disciple of the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor.”

“Duan Ling Tian?”

Upon hearing Elder Xie’s words, Hu Ye and Elder Wang were clearly taken aback. After all, they had heard about Duan Ling Tian’s life-or-death battle with Han Yun Jin, one of the top five prodigious disciples in the Heavenly Pool Palace. When they heard about the battle, they thought that Duan Ling

Tian had overestimated his strength. Naturally, they did not dare to say this bluntly since Duan Ling Tian's Eldest Senior Sister was a Head Warden in the Thousand Chains Prison.

After a brief silence, Hu Ye smiled faintly and said, "Duan Ling Tian, your life-or-death battle with Han Yun Jin should be due soon, right? It's too bad that I'm on duty and would have to miss such an exciting battle." A hint of contempt could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He continued to say, seemingly concerned, "Heed my advice. It's best if you forfeit your battle with Han Yun Jin. No one will think any less of you since you're still young..."

Upon hearing Hu Ye's words, Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded. When he recovered, he could not help but chuckle.

Hu Ye frowned; he did not understand Duan Ling Tian's reaction.

At this moment, Elder Xie, who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian, spoke up. "Hu Ye, you must be unaware that Duan Ling Tian and Han Yun Jin's battle took place early this afternoon."

"What?!" Hu Ye's eyes widened upon hearing Elder Xie's words. "You... The battle took place earlier? Did... Did the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor intervene on your behalf?"

In Hu Ye's opinion, Duan Ling Tian's teacher, Xu Lang, must have intervened and prevented Han Yun Jin from killing Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he did not think it was possible for Duan Ling Tian to survive a life-or-death battle with Han Yun Jin.

Elder Xie shook his head and said, "Han Yun Jin is dead. In fact, when Duan Ling Tian was about to kill Han Yun Jin, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor showed up with the intention to intervene. However, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor and the Merciless Celestial Emperor brought our Palace Master to the arena at the critical moment. For this reason, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor failed to save Han Yun Jin. News of the battle had already spread; I'm sure you'll hear more about it once you leave the Thousand Chains Prison."

Hu Ye and Elder Wang were dumbfounded. It took them a long time to regain their senses.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian gently urged Elder Xie. "Elder Xie, shall we?"

"Alright." Elder Xie no longer wasted time and led Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er to the entrance of the metal building before showing the token he obtained from the Internal Affairs Pavilion to the prison guards.

As soon as they stepped into the prison, the miserable cries of men, women, and beasts rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Elder Xie said, "I'm sure you've guessed these are the cries of the prisoners. However, they're mostly prisoners with low cultivation bases. Those with high cultivation bases naturally wouldn't make such a huge ruckus."

When they arrived before a stairway that led up and down, Duan Ling Tian discovered the cries were coming from the bottom of the stairs. On the contrary, no sounds could be heard at the top of the stairs.

“When you’re on duty, it’s not necessary for you to patrol the prison underground. However, you can go and have a look if you want. However, when there are wardens around, these prisoners usually don’t dare to cause such a huge commotion since wardens can kill them for the disturbance. They only dare to make so much noise when there are no wardens around,” the old man said, clearly disdainful of the prisoners underground.

Following that, Elder Xie continued to explain, “There are three floors aboveground... These are the important areas. A warden will have to patrol a floor when they’re on duty. They will patrol each floor for four months before switching to another floor. We’re now heading to the first floor where Heavenly Pool Palace disciples and elders are imprisoned.”

Duan Ling Tian had to tamp down his urge to bring Huan’er to the higher floor to look for her parents in order to prevent rousing the old man’s suspicion. In the end, he only asked, “Elder Xie, what kind of crimes did they commit to be imprisoned here?”

“The elders and disciples here had behaved unethically by murdering others, harming others, abusing their powers, accepting bribes...”

Duan Ling Tian also learned that the Heavenly Pool Palace disciples and elders’ time in the prison was proportional to their crimes.

“The second floor is used to imprison outsiders below the stage of a titled Celestial Emperors. The proud prodigy from the Heavenly Sword Mountain and his wife are imprisoned here,” the old man said as he led the duo to the second floor of the prison.

Chapter 3316: Huan’er’s Father

When they climbed to the second floor, Huan’er’s Voice Transmission rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears. “Brother Ling Tian, I... I can sense my mother’s aura... There’s no doubt she’s here as well...”

Duan Ling Tian looked in the direction of Huan’er’s gaze, but he could only see the rows of cells. He could not see the prisoners at all.

At the same time, Elder Xie began to explain the crimes the prisoners here had committed. The prisoners here were outsiders who had seriously offended the Heavenly Pool Palace.

Soon enough, Elder Xie came to a stop in front of two cells that were separated by one empty cell.

A middle-aged man with white hair at his temples sat cross-legged in one of the cells while the other cell held a motionless white fox whose fur was stained with blood. The fox’s aura was so weak that one could mistake it for a carcass.

Duan Ling Tian knew the white fox, a Phantom Fox, was Huan’er’s mother, Du Xuan. With this, it was not difficult to figure out that the middle-aged man was Huan’er’s father, the former proud prodigy of the Heavenly Sword Mountain.

Du Xian’s pure white fur was stained red by the pool of blood she was lying in. It was a gruesome and horrifying sight.

“Brother Ling Tian, that’s my mother!” Huan’er’s agitated voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears. Despite being overwhelmed, she managed to keep a straight face to avoid rousing suspicion. She knew she

would lose access to the prison if acted suspicious, after all. At that time, it would be even more difficult for her to rescue her parents. Her voice quivered as she continued to say through Voice Transmission, "Brother Ling Tian, I sent a Voice Transmission to my mother, but she's not responding to me at all. She must be gravely injured..."

"Huan'er, I've checked your mother using my Divine Consciousness... Her life is not in danger. I'll speak to that middle-aged man; it's likely he's your father," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission. Following that, he sent a Voice Transmission to the middle-aged man. "Is that Phantom Fox... Du Xuan?"

The middle-aged man who was sitting cross-legged with his eyes closed opened his eyes immediately as he looked at Duan Ling Tian warily.

In the old man's opinion, the middle-aged man had only opened his eyes because he sensed their presence.

"Who are you? How do you know my wife's name?" the middle-aged man asked through Voice Transmission.

"Do you know you have a daughter?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes," the middle-aged man replied warily, "Who are you? How do you know Xuan'er's name, and how do you know we have a daughter?"

Duan Ling Tian replied, "Your daughter is standing next to me. Watch your reaction. If her identity is exposed, she might be imprisoned by the Heavenly Pool Palace as well."

As soon as the middle-aged man heard Duan Ling Tian's words, his eyes lit up immediately. However, when he heard Duan Ling Tian's reminder, he hurriedly averted his eyes away from Huan'er. He could only look at Huan'er furtively. To avoid suspicion, he even regarded them with a cold expression on his face. However, when the elder was not looking, his gaze would soften when he looked at Huan'er.

Elder Xie glanced at the middle-aged man and explained, "He's the proud prodigy from the Heavenly Sword Mountain we spoke of earlier, Lian Qiu. He's the one who broke the marriage agreement between our Heavenly Pool Palace and the Heavenly Sword Mountain. As I said earlier, the Heavenly Sword Mountain was tactful enough to take the initiative to send him to us. The white fox in the other cell is his wife. I don't think I've said it earlier, but she came to us on her own accord..." He shook his head at the end of his words. A hint of pity shone in the depths of his eyes as he looked at the unconscious white fox.

Duan Ling Tian nodded as he held Huan'er's hand and followed the old man who had begun to walk away.

Meanwhile, Huan'er's expression remained indifferent when she looked at the middle-aged man intently.

'Huan'er... S-she's our daughter, Huan'er... Her eyes are just like Xuan'er's eyes. In fact, I can tell she resembles Xuan'er even though her face is hidden by the veil...' Lian Qiu thought to himself as he closed his eyes after the trio walked away. His emotions were in turmoil now that he finally saw his daughter.

For the longest time, Lian Qiu was unaware that he had a daughter. It was only when his wife, Du Xuan, came to the Heavenly Pool Palace to look for him and was imprisoned along with him in the Thousand Chains Prison that he found they had a daughter who was in the Spirit Overarching Heaven. When he had first learned about his daughter's existence, he had been angry that his wife had left their daughter alone and walked into the lion's den by coming to the Heavenly Pool Palace. However, his anger soon vanished when he was forced to watch his wife being tortured in front of him; at that time, he only felt distressed. He could only pray that their daughter was alive and well. He had come to terms with the fact that it was unlikely for him to meet his daughter in this lifetime. Who knew one of the two strangers who appeared today, a purple-clad young man and a young woman, would turn out to be his daughter? In fact, when Lian Qiu saw the young woman, before he even received Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission, he had a strong feeling the young woman was his daughter due to her resemblance to his wife.

Before Duan Ling Tian and the others vanished from Lian Qiu's sight, Duan Ling Tian solemnly said through Voice Transmission, "Senior Lian Qiu, Huan'er and I will find a way to rescue you and Senior Du Xuan."

'Huan'er...' Upon hearing Huan'er's name, Lian Qiu was even more convinced of Huan'er's identity. How could there be any doubt when the young woman not only resembled his wife but had the same name as their daughter as well?

'Rescue us?' Lian Qiu's expression changed drastically when he realized what Duan Ling Tian had said. His daughter and the purple-clad young man, who seemed to be his son-in-law, intended to rescue them?

'I hope those silly kids don't act recklessly... It's not easy to escape from the Heavenly Pool Palace's Thousand Chains Prison. If it's so easy, the titled Celestial Emperors on the third floor would've long escaped,' Lian Qiu thought to himself worriedly. Although he wished he could escape this place with his wife, he was unwilling to leave if it meant putting his daughter at risk.

'Xuan'er... I'm sure you feel the same way I do.' Lian Qiu's body trembled slightly as he looked at the injured white fox. Due to being constantly tortured, she had to revert to her true form to recuperate.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian tightened his grip around Huan'er's hand as they made their way to the third floor of the prison. At the same time, he asked the Cleansing Divine Water in his Little World, "Sister Water, do you have any ideas about how we can save Huan'er's parents?"

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had confided in the World Cleansing Divine Water about the reason he decided to volunteer in the Thousand Chains Prison in hopes that it would be able to help him find a way to rescue Huan'er's parents.

"To be honest, it's going to be a difficult task."

Upon hearing the World Cleansing Divine Water's reply, Duan Ling Tian's heart sank. It must be incredibly difficult if even the World Cleansing Divine Water said so.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked, “Seniors... If lend Huan’er’s father, Lian Qiu, the Five Divine Elements, to increase his strength, will he be able to escape from the Thousand Chains Prison?”

Although Duan Ling Tian knew it was risky to expose the existence of the Five Divine Elements, in order to rescue Huan’er’s parents, he did not hesitate at all. Moreover, his instincts told Huan’er’s father would not betray him. However, if Huan’er’s father escaped using the Five Divine Elements, it would expose the Five Divine Elements’ existence and make him a target. After all, even Heavenly Emperors of Devata Realms would covet the Five Divine Elements.

Nevertheless, the World Cleansing Divine Water quickly refused his suggestions. “No. Things aren’t as simple as you think they are. Only the host of the Five Divine Elements can unleash our strength. You’re mistaken if you think others can easily unleash our power with just a thought like you...”

Chapter 3317: The World Cleansing Divine Water’s Suggestion

“Although it’s possible for you to lend the Five Divine Elements’ strength to others, they’d only be able to utilize less than 1% of our strength. Only the host is able to exert the full strength of the Five Divine Elements. Unless the host dies, and the Five Divine Elements acknowledge a new host, no one else can use the full power of the Five Divine Elements. Moreover, if your idea is possible, does it mean that someone who has evolved the Five Divine Elements to their highest forms and became a supreme powerhouse can lend the Five Divine Elements’ strength to another person to help them become a supreme powerhouse as well? Therefore, it’s impossible to lend our full strength to another person...”

Upon hearing the World Cleansing Divine Water’s words, Duan Ling Tian grew anxious. “Sister Water, do you have any other suggestions?”

“I do, but it’ll be very dangerous for you,” the World Cleansing Divine Water said.

“What is it?” Duan Ling Tian hurriedly asked as his eyes brightened. He did not care if it would be dangerous for him as long as there was a solution. As the saying went, ‘Fortune favors the bold.’ He had experienced many hardships from the time he was in the mundane realm and after he had ascended to a Devata Realm.

The World Cleansing Divine Water said without beating around the bush, “Release a few of the titled Celestial Emperors imprisoned on the third floor. In fact, if it’s possible, release all of them.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened imperceptibly upon hearing these words. Then, he said with a wry smile, “Sister Water, is that feasible? Even if I release them, could they really leave this place? Would they even listen to me? As Elder Xie said, the Thousand Chains Prison is different from what it was in the past.”

“The dangerous Formations in the Thousand Chains Prison are the Formation here in the prison and the one in the square in front of the Internal Affairs Pavilion. However, I can deal with both of them. You can tell them about this...”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up. Perhaps, he would be able to convince the titled Celestial Emperors to escape this place if he told them he had a way to deal with the two dangerous Formations in the Thousand Chains Prison.

At this moment, Elder Xie suddenly rang in the air.

“The prisoners here are all titled Celestial Emperors. As of today, we have six titled Celestial Emperors imprisoned here!”

They had finally arrived at the third floor of the prison. The prison here was different from the bottom two floors. The cells were more a cultivation place than a prison cell. To the naked eyes, there were no bars or anything on the cells.

Each cell had a person sitting cross-legged in it. There were an old man with messy greyish-white hair, a bald and burly man, a skinny old lady, and a young man.

When Duan Ling Tian and the others appeared, the bald and burly man opened his eyes and looked at them indifferently before he closed his eyes again.

Elder Xie said, “This bald man is the Touching Cloud Celestial Emperor. Previously, he killed two of our elders. Since our Palace Master couldn’t kill him, he was captured and imprisoned here instead.” After a brief pause, he continued to say, “All of the six titled Celestial Emperors here, including him, comprehended the law of earth. Therefore, their defenses are really strong. Although they specialized in defenses, it doesn’t mean their offensive strength is weak. They’re titled Celestial Emperors, after all, so their attacks can’t be that weak no matter what. For example, I’m sure you’ve noticed the difference in the cells here compared to the ones below. These cells are special and have special Formation to prevent them from breaking free. Normal cells can’t hold them captive at all. For people like Lian Qiu on the second floor who’s almost comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor, apart from the physical restraints, we have a slightly weaker Formation compared to the ones here restraining him as well...”

Following that, Elder Xie listed the crimes of the other five titled Celestial Emperors as well. All of them had either killed members of the Heavenly Pool Palace or provoked the Heavenly Pool Palace. Although the titled Celestial Emperors in the Heavenly Pool Palace were stronger than these titled Celestial Emperors, it was still rather difficult to kill them. For this reason, they were captured and imprisoned in the Thousand Chains Prison instead.

“Apart from that, the cells holding them cause their speed of absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy to be incredibly slow. The cells also prevent them from comprehending profundities...”

Duan Ling Tian had studied the second floor of the prison earlier with his Divine Consciousness earlier. Now that he used his Divine Consciousness to check the third floor, he realized the cultivation restriction Elder Xie spoke of only existed on the third floor.

“Elder Xie, are these restrictions from the Formations on the third floor?” Duan Ling Tian asked despite knowing the answer to this question.

“That’s right. There are unique Formations here that prevent the titled Celestial Emperors here from growing stronger. There’s no shortage of talented prisoners. If they were allowed to grow stronger, it wouldn’t take long before they’re capable of escaping from the prison.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“In fact, the prison is very secure; they wouldn’t be able to escape. Therefore, when you’re on duty, you can actually just find a place to cultivate. There’s nothing much you have to do... Once the time is up, you can just leave...”

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

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After showing Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er around the Thousand Chains Prison, Elder Xie led the duo out of the prison.

Meanwhile, Huan’er was still overwhelmed by her emotions when they returned to the second floor.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian consoled her through Voice Transmission before he spoke to the World Cleansing Divine Water again. “Sister Water, can I help Huan’er’s parents to escape by sneaking them into my Little World? My Little World is special after all. Is there a way for them to avoid detection if they hide in my Little World?”

“If there’s a simpler way, I would’ve suggested releasing the titled Celestial Emperors on the third floor,” the World Cleansing Divine Water replied, “Although your Little World is special, the Thousand Chains Prison isn’t an ordinary prison. Moreover, the prisoners’ soul auras have already been recorded. Therefore, it’s almost impossible for them to avoid detection. From what I gathered, the only way is for you to release the titled Celestial Emperors.”

After a pause, the World Cleansing Divine Water continued to say, “However, like I said earlier, this method comes with a lot of risks and danger. It won’t take long for the Heavenly Pool Palace to find out that the prisoners have been released. If you’re exposed, you’ll be an enemy of the Heavenly Pool Palace. Don’t forget the blood ties between the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace and the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. Therefore, not only do you risk making an enemy out of the Heavenly Pool Palace, but the Heavenly Emperor’s force will certainly hunt you down as well...”

After listening to the World Cleansing Divine Water clearly analyzing the pros and cons, Duan Ling Tian fell silent. He did not tell Huan’er about his conversation with the World Cleansing Divine Water.

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After leaving the Thousand Chains Prison, as Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er flew back to their cultivation place, Huan’er still failed to calm down. As soon as they arrived at their cultivation place, she broke down immediately. She could no longer hold back her tears, and let them stream down her face. A pained expression could be seen on her face as she said through her tears, “Brother Ling Tian, my mother... She suffered so much! I’m really useless; I can’t even do anything for her!”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian slightly regretted his decision to bring Huan’er to the Thousand Chains Prison. He thought he should have gone alone instead. At least, he would be able to soften the blow for her.

“Huan’er, I have a way to save your parents,” Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes gleamed with determination. So what if he ended up making an enemy out of the Heavenly Pool Palace and being hunted down by the Heavenly Emperor’s force? He was not from the Boundless Heaven anyway. He had only come here to save Huan’er’s parents!

“Brother Ling Tian... Is that true?” Huan’er stopped crying as soon as she heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Although she trusted Duan Ling Tian with all her heart, she could not help but ask this question.

“Huan’er, have I ever lied to you?” Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile.

Huan’er shook her head. The expression on her tear-stained face turned solemn as she asked, “Brother Ling Tian, how long do you plan to wait before executing your plan? If it’s too dangerous, I’d rather you take your time to grow stronger before we rescue my parents.”

After their trip to the Thousands Chains Prison, Huan’er was aware of the many obstacles that stood in their way. Although she had never doubted Duan Ling Tian, she did not want him to unnecessarily put himself in danger.

“Silly girl, what are you thinking?” Duan Ling Tian patted Huan’er’s head as he said with a smile, “When have I ever done something that has no chance of success? Don’t worry.”

Chapter 3318: Returning to Fresh Breeze Town, His Hometown

Duan Ling Tian had to admit that Hong Fei was incredibly efficient. A few days after his visit to the Thousand Chains Prison, Hong Fei sent him three Celestial Fruits that could boost the cultivation of Celestial Lords. Moreover, the three Celestial Fruits were rather rare fruits.

“Little Junior Brother, cultivate diligently. All of us are depending on you to make us proud when Eldest Senior Sister returns,” Hong Fei said. He was smiling so widely that his eyes looked as though they had disappeared into his chubby face.

“Thank you, Sixth Senior Brother.” Duan Ling Tian was sincerely grateful for Hong Fei’s help. He could not help but sigh inwardly. If he followed the World Cleansing Divine Water’s solution to save Huan’er’s parents, he knew it was inevitable that he would stand on opposing sides with Xu Lang and his seniors. He did not care about the people in the Heavenly Pool Palace except for Xu Lang and his seniors. If it was possible, he would rather choose another way that would not ruin his relationship with Xu Lang and his seniors. Alas, he had no other choice.

‘Huan’er, Brother Ling Tian will not disappoint you.’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he watched Hong Fei leave. He would begin to carry out his plan once he was called for duty in 11 months’ time.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian called out, “Huan’er, come with me.”

He led Huan’er out of the Heavenly Pool Palace’s estate before he made his way south. In the end, they finally came to a stop above a vast bamboo forest.

“Brother Ling Tian, why did you bring me here?” Huan’er looked at Duan Ling Tian in confusion. He did not say anything before he brought her here, after all.

Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, “Huan’er, didn’t you say you wanted to see the place where I grew up?”

“Yes.” Huan’er nodded.

“We’re going to the mundane realm.” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Alright.” Huan’er nodded. She knew Duan Ling Tian wanted to bring her out so she could relax.

Following that, Celestial Origin Energy surged out of Duan Ling Tian’s body before it dissolved into spots of starlight that gently fell on the bamboo forest.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When the spot of light touched the bamboo forest, a gentle energy rippled out as a beam of light shone on Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er. When the light finally disappeared, the duo could no longer be seen.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had asked for Hong Fei’s help to build a Transporting Formation in this bamboo forest that connected the Devata Realms and the mundane realms. He planned to travel to his hometown in the mundane realm that was known as the Saint Province Realm.

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Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er’s visions turned black. When their visions returned to them, they found themselves hovering above the ocean. They could sense the extremely weak Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings immediately. It was so weak that they felt rather uncomfortable. It took a while for them to get used to the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

‘Is this the secular karma that I heard of?’ Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly. He could sense a strange energy trying to enter his body. Fortunately, it was easy for him to keep the strange energy at bay. This was his first time encountering this since it was also his first time returning to the mundane realm after ascending to a Devata Realm.

“Huan’er, don’t let that strange energy enter your body,” Duan Ling Tian reminded Huan’er, “This should be the secular karma in the mundane realm. If cultivators from Devata Realms fail to keep the energy at bay, it’ll negatively impact their cultivation in the future. There are some who not only fail to improve, but their cultivation base regressed as well...”

“Okay.” Huan’er nodded slightly. Similar to Duan Ling Tian, it was easy for her to stop the secular karma from entering her body.

“Let’s go. I’ll show you the place where I grew up.” Duan Ling Tian held Huan’er’s hand before he flew to his hometown, Fresh Breeze Town.

The duo arrived in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian saw the town had changed since he was last here, but he was not surprised at the development. After all, it had been more than 200 years since he was last here. It would have been strange if Fresh Breeze Town did not change at all.

“Huan’er, this is where I grew up,” Duan Ling Tian said as he led Huan’er around, “There was a granny who used to sell sugar-glazed candies here... There was an old man who used to sell candies there as well... They’re long gone now that more than 200 years have passed...”

Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly when he finished speaking. It was not just the vendors, perhaps, most of his friends in the mundane realm were also long gone.

'The Li Clan...' When Duan Ling Tian passed by the Li Clan, he noticed the estate was much bigger compared to before. Since he and Huan'er had used a technique to stay invisible, they easily entered the Li Clan without anyone's notice.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian stepped into the estate, he was stunned by a statue near the entrance.

At the same time, Huan'er exclaimed, "Brother Ling Tian, the statue resembles you a lot!"

"This... This is how I used to look." For a moment, Duan Ling Tian did not know how to react to the statue in his likeness. There was a plaque next to the statue that was inscribed with his name and listed his achievements. Naturally, these achievements were only those that the Li Clan was aware of. There were many of his achievements that the Li Clan, and those in the Crimson Sky Kingdom, were unaware of.

At this moment, a teenager led a little girl who looked to be about five to six years old over. The boy pointed at the statue and said, "See this? This statue is of a famous outer disciple in our Li Clan in the past. Legend has it that when he was young, he was already capable of suppressing the Ten Great Dynasties... His mother, Li Rou, was the ninth elder of our Li Clan."

"Capable of suppressing the Ten Great Dynasties?" The little girl was surprised. "A dynasty is far superior to kingdoms and empires who are already powerful in their own right! Our Fresh Breeze Town is just a small town in the Crimson Sky Kingdom..."

"That's why he's the pride of our Li Clan. The reason the Li Clan in Aurora City is so courteous to us is due to this senior! We've been blessed by him so we built this statue to honor him. No one in the Li Clan has ever received such a treatment. To think he was just an outer disciple at that time."

The little girl stared at the teenager with wide eyes as she said excitedly, "Fourth Brother, I want to hear more!"

"Alright." The boy began to recount Duan Ling Tian's life story in the mundane realm. How Duan Ling Tian left Fresh Breeze Town for Aurora City before making his way to the Imperial Palace in the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

Listening to the teenager's story was like a trip down memory lane for Duan Ling Tian. There were many things that he himself had forgotten about.

Huan'er said with a smile, "Brother Ling Tian, these children really idolize you!"

Duan Ling Tian sighed. "200 years passed in just a blink of an eye, and all the people I know are long gone..."

Following that, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er left the Li Clan's estate. They continued to wander the streets when Duan Ling Tian suddenly came to a halt. He was frozen in place as he stared at a corner in a daze.

Huan'er remained silent; she did not want to disturb Duan Ling Tian. Only when Duan Ling Tian sighed after regaining his senses did she ask, "Brother Ling Tian, did you remember something?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded as his eyes inadvertently fell on that corner again. "That's where I first met my wife, Ke'er. At that time..."

Duan Ling Tian recounted the time when he first met the young girl trying to sell herself just so she could give her mother a proper burial. She had matured over the years, and her identity had undergone a huge change. She was now waiting for him to save her in the Divine Offering Land, a Realm of Gods. Apart from her, his family and friends were also captured by Yun Qing and brought to the Divine Offering Land. He could not wait to kill Yun Qing with his hands.

Chapter 3319: Duan Ling Tian's Objective

Duan Ling Tian could still vividly remember the day he met Ke'er. That once pitiful had grown so much and even gave birth to an adorable daughter for him. In just a blink of an eye, he had been separated from his wife and his daughter, Duan Si Ling, for more than 200 years.

'Ke'er, Si Ling... Once the passage between the Divine Offering Land and the Devata Realms is open, I'll come and look for both of you!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes shone with determination.

"Brother Ling Tian." Huan'er could sense Duan Ling Tian's emotions were in turmoil so she hugged him and consoled him. "Sister Ke'er and the others will be fine..."

Huan'er whose parents were being imprisoned could naturally empathize with Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and forced a smile on his face. "Huan'er, after leaving Fresh Breeze Town, let's go to Aurora City... That's the first place I went after leaving Fresh Breeze Town."

The main Li Clan was also located in Aurora City. The clan in Fresh Breeze Town was just a branch of the clan.

"Okay." Huan'er nodded obediently. A hint of worry could be seen in her eyes at this moment. Hearing Duan Ling Tian talk about his family and friends reminded her of her parents who were imprisoned in the Heavenly Pool Palace's Thousands Chains Prison. However, she quickly concealed her feelings. She did not want Duan Ling Tian to worry about her.

However, Huan'er's actions did not escape Duan Ling Tian's notice. He knew she was trying to be strong in front of him so he did not bring it up. Moreover, he already had a plan to save her parents. In fact, even this trip to the Saint Province Realm was one of the necessary steps in his plan to save her parents.

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When Duan Ling Tian arrived in Aurora City, he discovered the changes here were even bigger than that of Fresh Breeze Town. Not only did it double its size, but many areas were well developed now. Soon enough, he saw another of his statues in a spacious square in the heart of Aurora City.

Huan'er said with a smile, "Brother Ling Tian... It seems that you're well respected in your hometown."

"I didn't expect this as well." Duan Ling Tian did not have many friends in Fresh Breeze Town compared to Aurora City. However, perhaps for a handful of them, the rest were probably long gone.

Duan Ling Tian felt his heart ache again. He said, "Huan'er, I met my wife Li Fri in Aurora City."

Li Fei, along with their son, Duan Nian Tian, was also in the Divine Offering Land, waiting for him to rescue them.

“Back then...” As he stood in front of the Li Clan’s main entrance, his thoughts wandered to the time he first met Li Fei.

After he finished recounting his story, he took a deep breath to gather his thoughts before he walked away.

Instead of going to the Crimson Sky Kingdom after leaving Aurora City, he made his way to Iron Blood City instead.

Duan Ling Tian assumed the Genius Camp of the past might not exist now that 200 years had passed. Perhaps, the Iron Army was still around.

Unbeknownst to him, both were still around. In fact, a lot of importance was placed on the Genius Camp now because of him. It was all because of him that the Crimson Sky Kingdom’s Imperial Family strongly supported the Iron Blood Army’s Genius Camps.

Over the past 200 years, many outstanding talents had come from the Iron Blood Army’s Genius Camp. However, none of them could compare to Duan Ling Tian.

“Huan’er... The Iron Blood Army’s Genius Camp is where I first met Su Li,” Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, “You’ve met him before. He’s the same Su Li in the Jade Emperor Heaven’s Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect...”

“Brother Ling Tian, I didn’t know you met him at such a young age. No wonder both of you have such a strong bond,” Huan’er said, slightly surprised.

“Huan’er, this is the Crimson Sky Kingdom’s capital. That’s the Paladin Academy... Su Li and I were students once. It was during our time in the academy that I realized Su Li’s a good friend.”

Duan Ling Tian told Huan’er about the time Su Li decided to leave the Paladin Academy instead of letting the Su Clan harm him. It was what cemented their friendship.

After leaving the Paladin Academy, Duan Ling Tian led Huan’er to the Duan Clan. Both the Duan Clan and the Li Clan still existed after 200 years. Both clans seemed to be more powerful than before. There were many clans from the past that had ceased to exist, with new clans rising to take their places.

“This is the Duan Clan... My father Duan Ru Feng is from the Duan Clan.”

Following that, the duo left the Crimson Sky Kingdom for the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom. Their first stop was the sect he joined: the Seven Star Sword Sect.

Similarly, Duan Ling Tian had a lot of memories in the Seven Star Sword Sect.

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In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er had been traveling around the Saint Province for a month now. During that time, he would reminisce and recount his experience to Huan’er.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Huan’er solemnly and asked, “Huan’er, do you know why I brought you here?”

Huan'er shook her head.

"Huan'er, although I tried to suppress my feelings, it had the opposite effect. Sometimes the more you try to suppress the feelings, the stronger they become," Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath as he said, "All this while, I have no intention of starting another relationship because of my wives, Ke'er and Li Fei, and also Tian Wu. Moreover, they were all captured and brought to the Divine Offering Land. Even if none of that happened, I still wouldn't start a relationship easily. They're my greatest blessing, and I don't want them to have to share my love with another person again. However, I began to change my mind when I met you."

He paused for a moment before he continued to say, "All men would be captivated by your beauty, and I'm no different. However, at that time, I had too much on my mind. As I got to know you, my heart was moved, but I tried to hide it. In fact, I've always told myself to treat you like my younger sister. I've fallen for you, but recently, when I heard that Lei Jun is interested in you after we returned from the Title Temple, I was incredibly furious. It was at that time that I further realized your importance in my heart."

After he finished speaking, he shifted his gaze back to Huan'er. He was stunned. "Silly girl... Why are you crying?" He quickly reached out to wipe her tears away as he said, "It's okay, Huan'er. Don't cry."

At this moment, Huan'er reached out and hugged Duan Ling Tian tightly as though she would never let go. "Brother Ling Tian, do you know how long I've been waiting for this moment? I'm only crying because I'm really happy... I..." She was so happy that she had a difficult time articulating her thoughts.

"Huan'er," Duan Ling Tian said, "I want to tell you that your parents are also my parents now. I'll definitely save them!"

"Alright."

Following that, Duan Ling Tian said, "I hope you'll stay in the Saint Province Realm in the meantime. I'll definitely come back for you."

Upon hearing these words, Huan'er's expression changed drastically. "No, I want to go with you! I won't allow you to risk your life on your own!"

Realization finally dawned on Huan'er at this moment. As it turned out, Duan Ling Tian planned to rescue her parents on his own.

"Huan'er, I've made up my mind," Duan Ling Tian said solemnly, "Listen to me, alright?"

This time, Huan'er was not so easily convinced.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "Huan'er, don't worry. I'm confident that I'll succeed. I promise I won't act rashly. I told you about the Seven Absolute Sect previously... Senior Feng Qing Yang whose inheritance I received is the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. I'm planning to seek his help. With his help, it'd be much easier to save your parents."

Although Duan Ling Tian was not lying about his plan, he was not certain if Feng Qing Yang would be willing to help him. However, to reassure Huan'er, he could only put on a confident front.

“The Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven?” Huan’er was briefly stunned by Duan Ling Tian’s words. When she regained her senses, she said, “If that’s the case, why do I need to stay in the mundane realm? I can follow you to the Solitary Destructive Heaven to meet Senior Feng Qing Yang!”

Upon seeing Huan’er being so stubborn, Duan Ling Tian grew impatient. He said in a deep voice, “Huan’er, if you don’t listen to me, I won’t see you again after rescuing your parents.”

He knew these words were hurtful, and he would not say such words unless it was necessary. However, in order to make Huan’er listen, he could only say these words.

Chapter 3320: Heading to the Heavenly Emperor Palace in the Solitary Destructive Heaven

‘I hope everything goes smoothly.’

After Duan Ling Tian left Huan’er in the Saint Province Realm, he did not immediately return to the Heavenly Pool Palace in the Boundless Heaven. Instead, he found a Transporting Formation and went to the Solitary Destructive Heaven. To be precise, he went to the Solitary Destructive Territory in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. The territory was the heart of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, and it was also where the Heavenly Emperor’s palace was located. His only purpose for coming here was to look for Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven!

“Although I obtained Senior Feng Qing Yang’s inheritance in the mundane realm, he’s a Heavenly Emperor now. I’m sure he has many disciples now. Perhaps, to him, I’m just a random person who inherited his legacy. Moreover, I’m the cause of him being hunted down and forced to escape to the Asura Hell. I don’t know if he blames me for that...”

Duan Ling Tian felt heavy-hearted when he arrived in the Solitary Destructive Territory. If it were not for the fact that it was too dangerous for him to save Huan’er’s parents, he would not look for Feng Qing Yang. He wanted to try his luck no matter what. After all, if Feng Qing Yang agreed to his request, Feng Qing Yang might be able to set Huan’er’s parents free with just a few words.

With Feng Qing Yang’s current strength, even the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven would have to show a little respect to Feng Qing Yang, let alone the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, a mere heaven-grade force.

‘For Huan’er’s sake, I must swallow my pride and look for Senior Feng Qing Yang.’ Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. If it were not for the severity of the matter, he would be too embarrassed to seek help from Feng Qing Yang.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian began to ask for directions to the Heavenly Emperor Palace. It was such a well-known place so there would definitely be people who knew the location of the palace.

When Duan Ling Tian was about to stop someone to ask for directions, a thought suddenly occurred to him. ‘That’s right! How can I forget him?’

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian recalled Meng Hao Xuan who was the junior brother of Huan’er’s brother in the Heavenly Sword Mountain. Previously, before they parted ways, they had exchanged Soul Pearls. Therefore, it was not difficult for him to contact Meng Hao Xuan.

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When Meng Hao Xuan first received a message from Duan Ling Tian, he was surprised. He stopped what he was doing and agreed to meet Duan Ling Tian in three days.

When Meng Hao Xuan saw Duan Ling Tian, he said enthusiastically, "Duan Ling Tian, I didn't expect you to come to the Solitary Destructive Heaven so soon! What brings you here?"

Meng Hao Xuan was happy to see Duan Ling Tian. He truly admired this prodigious disciple from the Heavenly Pool Palace. Moreover, to a certain extent, he was only able to survive the Title Temple because of Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian did not beat around the bush and said, "I'd like to go to the Heavenly Emperor Palace in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Do you know where it's located?"

Although Meng Hao Xuan was confused, he nodded. "I do. Why do you want to go to the Heavenly Emperor Palace? You must know not everyone can just enter the palace..."

Duan Ling Tian replied honestly, "I'm looking for the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven."

"You're looking for the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven?" Meng Hao Xuan was stunned. The Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven? Why was Duan Ling Tian looking for Lord Feng Qing Yang? When he regained his senses, he shook his head and said, "Duan Ling Tian, it won't be easy for you to meet our Heavenly Emperor. Why do you want to look for him?"

"I'd like to ask for his help to save two people," Duan Ling Tian replied, "You know one of them. He's Lian Qiu, your Eldest Senior Brother!"

"Eldest Senior Brother?"

When Meng Hao Xuan heard Duan Ling Tian said he wanted to ask for Feng Qing Yang's help to save two people, he thought Duan Ling Tian was too naive. Why would the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven concern himself with the affairs of a disciple from the Heavenly Pool Palace? Regardless of how talented Duan Ling Tian was, Duan Ling Tian would only invite disdain by acting in this manner. After all, it could be seen that he deserted the Heavenly Pool Palace for the Solitary Destructive Heaven. In other people's opinions, if Duan Ling Tian could betray the Heavenly Pool Palace, he could betray the Solitary Destructive Heaven as well in the future. However, he did not expect one of the people Duan Ling Tian wanted to save was Lian Qiu, his Eldest Senior Brother.

"You...You want to save my Eldest Senior Brother?" Meng Hao Xuan asked in confusion.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian explained everything to Meng Hao Xuan.

"I see. I didn't expect your partner to be Eldest Senior Brother's daughter..."

Meng Hao Xuan did not think there was such a coincidence until today. As it turned out, the Heavenly Pool Palace's prodigious disciple whom he met in the Title Temple. In fact, Duan Ling Tian could be considered his senior brother's son-in-law. When he finally regained his senses, he shook his head and said with a bitter smile, "I understand your intention. However, it'd be difficult for you to obtain the Heavenly Emperor's help. Perhaps, if you were a sectless cultivator, you could've offered to join the Heavenly Emperor's force in exchange for his help. However, you're already a disciple of the Heavenly

Pool Palace. Regardless of your talent and aptitude, he won't have high regard for you if you abandon the Heavenly Pool Palace to join him."

"You... You think I'm planning to leave the Heavenly Pool Palace to join the Heavenly Emperor's force in the Solitary Destructive Heaven?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. He did not expect Meng Hao Xuan to arrive at this conclusion.

"Isn't that the case?" Meng Hao Xuan was confused. Apart from this method, there was no way Duan Ling Tian would be able to get the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven to help him.

"Of course not." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Although I only joined the Heavenly Pool Palace to save Huan'er's parents, I have received a lot of warmth and care from my seniors after joining the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor Xu Lang. For that reason alone, I won't easily betray the Heavenly Pool Palace."

"However, how are you going to get our Heavenly Emperor to help you then? Perhaps, he would help you if he personally knew you. Although he can solve this matter with just a few words, it's unlikely that he'll simply help a stranger."

Duan Ling Tian replied, "We come from the same mundane realm. I inherited his legacy and became his successor after joining his sect when I was in the mundane realm.

"I see." Meng Hao Xuan nodded. After a moment, he added, "Duan Ling Tian, I still think it's best to not place too much on this. After all, if Heavenly Emperors placed huge importance on their successors, they would personally bring their successors to the Devata Realms. He... Did he contact you?"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head

"Based on this, it's possible that he doesn't even know you exist or that you've inherited his legacy," Meng Hao Xuan said bitterly.

"I don't know why, but I feel like I have a chance. Didn't you say he's known as the Fog Rain Hermit? In our mundane realm, I was the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny."

"He might have just used the nickname out of nostalgia." Meng Hao Xuan was rather certain Duan Ling Tian did not have a high chance of succeeding.

Nonetheless, Duan Ling Tian's eyes shone with determination as he said, "It doesn't matter. I'd still like to try."

"Since you insist, I'll bring you there. It's quite hard to find the place if you've not been there before even if you have the directions," Meng Hao Xuan said.

The duo took flight immediately.

While they were flying, Meng Hao Xuan asked, "Duan Ling Tian, how's my Eldest Senior Brother?" Duan Ling Tian had mentioned earlier that he had seen his Eldest Senior Brother in the Thousand Chains Prison after all.

“He’s alright. His strength has improved as well. Currently, he’s almost comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor,” Duan Ling Tian replied.

Meng Hao Xuan’s eyes lit up immediately upon hearing these words. “My master will be very proud when he hears about Eldest Senior Brother’s achievement... It’s a pity the Heavenly Pool Palace imprisoned him. We don’t even know when the Heavenly Pool Palace will release him...”

“I don’t think the Heavenly Pool Palace has any intention of releasing him.” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes shone with killing intent. If the Heavenly Pool Palace intended to release Lian Qiu at some point, they would not have tortured Huan’er’s mother to punish him. Based on this alone, it was clear that the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace and his daughter still held a grudge.