

Chapter 4091: Spanked

Not only did Duan Ling Tian's Fourth Senior Sister possess the appearance of a young girl, but her personality was also that of an innocent young girl.

"You're my junior brother?" the young girl asked as she circled Duan Ling Tian a few times and said, "Not bad. You're more handsome than Third Senior Brother and Second Senior Brother. Junior brother, hurry up and greet your Fourth Junior Sister. Otherwise, I'll spank you."

When the young girl saw Duan Ling Tian looking at her silently without responding to her, she grew a little annoyed. Then, she raised her hand, intending to smack Duan Ling Tian's behind.

Her speed was so fast, causing Duan Ling Tian's expression to change slightly. He hastily teleported and appeared far away. However, as soon as he appeared, he discovered she was already there waiting for him. Without any hesitation, he cast the Double Teleportation Profundity. However, before his afterimage even had time to dissipate, she had already appeared near him.

Duan Ling Tian hastily mobilized his spatial storm to defend his behind, but the girl easily destroyed the spatial storm with just a slap of her hand. Her hand destroyed Duan Ling Tian's defense and landed on his behind with a smack.

Although the pain on his behind was no different than the pain from a mosquito bite, Duan Ling Tian was shocked. Clearly, the girl was an Emperor of Gods. However, after thinking about it, for her to be in the Inner Palace faction, it was not surprising that she was an Emperor of Gods. Perhaps, the shock was mostly due to the incongruence between her cultivation base and her young appearance.

"Junior brother, if you don't call me 'Fourth Senior Sister', I'll spank you again," the young girl said with a hint of annoyance on her face. She completely ignored the shocked and horrified expression on Duan Ling Tian's face.

This time, without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian hurriedly called out, "Senior sister! Greetings, Fourth Senior Sister!"

Duan Ling Tian was really worried she would spank him again if he did not obey. Although the pain was nothing, it was really uncomfortable being spanked by a girl who looked no older than 15 or 16 years old. At the same time, he said to Yang Yu Chen, who was watching the show excitedly with his arms crossed at the side, "Third Senior Brother... Fourth Senior Sister..."

Duan Ling Tian wanted to ask if his Fourth Senior Sister was truly like that or if she was just pretending to be like that. In his opinion, she was definitely not as young as she looked. After all, she came to the Profound Energy Land from a lower realm. It was likely that she was only acting young.

In the cultivation world, there were some cultivation methods that could cause a problem if one cultivated them at a very young age. It would stunt one's growth, and the most problematic part was that it could stunt one's personality as well.

As though Yang Yu Chen could read Duan Ling Tian's mind, he said through Voice Transmission, "Your Fourth Senior Sister is originally an orphan who was abandoned in the mountain range of a mundane realm. After an accident when she was a little over ten years old, she only began to learn since she lived among beasts. That accident brought her to the human world. She knew she was human, but since she lived among the beasts, she did not have common sense in the beginning. Later on, perhaps, due to her bestial nature, a powerhouse wanted to kill her. However, after defeating her, he found out about her origin. As such, he did not kill her and even adopted her as his daughter. From him, she obtained a powerful cultivation technique. Following that, with his guidance, she made rapid progress. In the end, she even surpassed her adoptive father. Everything went smoothly until her 16th birthday. That day, she waited for him to come home, but he did not come home at all. It was only the next day that she found out that he had died. Due to her shock and grief, she fell onto the Devil's path. She avenged her father, killing his murderer and also annihilating the sect the murderer belonged to. As such, she became infamous in that mundane realm. After ascending to a Devata Realm, she did not shed her violent personality and made enemies wherever she went. It was also at that time that she ran into Eldest Senior Sister, who went to that Devata Realm to gather some common herbs. At that time, Eldest Senior Sister saved her when she was almost killed. After finding out about her past, Eldest Senior Sister took pity on her. As for her, she also gradually began to change after meeting Eldest Senior Sister. To her, Eldest Senior Sister was the second person who was kind to her in the world after her adoptive father. Initially, Eldest Senior Sister didn't plan to bring her back to the Realm of Gods. However, later, her innate talent and comprehension skills shocked Eldest Senior Sister. In the end, Eldest Senior Sister decided to bring her back to the Profound Energy Land and the Myriad Laws Academy. Hence, her current personality is not a pretense. She was truly pitiful. Although she's not even 10,000 years old, she's definitely older than you. As such, there's really nothing wrong with you addressing her as 'Fourth Senior Sister'."

Yang Yu Chen continued to say, "Put everything aside, if you don't want to suffer, it's best just to placate her and go along with her. Although she's not even 10,000 years old, she has long become an advanced Emperor of Gods."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened upon hearing Yang Yu Chen's last sentence. His sympathy for his Fourth Senior Sister had been forgotten, replaced by the shock from finding out she was an advanced Emperor of Gods despite being younger than 10,000 years old.

In the Pure Yang Sect, even Ye Chen Feng, who was certain he would be recruited by heavyweight supreme-rank forces once he became an advanced Emperor of Gods, was nearly 20,000 years old. He had not even become an advanced Emperor of Gods, but Duan Ling Tian's Fourth Senior Sister was already an advanced Emperor of Gods before reaching the age of 10,000.

When Duan Ling Tian looked at the girl in front of him, he no longer saw her as just a young girl. After all, the young girl in front of him was an advanced Emperor of Gods. When he recovered his senses, he smiled and said cautiously, "Fourth Senior Sister, I'm Duan Ling Tian."

It was only natural for him to be cautious since the girl in front of him fell onto the Devil's path and practiced the Devil Dao in the mundane realm. She even annihilated an entire sect. Naturally, he

understood that she had done it out of anger and grief, not on a whim, and that she was not an indiscriminate murderer.

After listening to Duan Ling Tian's greeting, the girl smiled. She said, "Junior brother, my name is better than yours..." She paused dramatically before she looked at him mischievously and asked, "Do you want to know my name?"

Duan Ling Tian felt rather helpless seeing that he had to coax his Fourth Senior Sister like a child. Naturally, he did not show it on his face and could only say, "Yes."

At the same time, he could not help but wonder, 'Her name is better than mine? How does one judge that? Is she just bragging like a child? Moreover, my name is pretty good.'

Then, the girl said seriously, "My name is Lang Chun Yuan."

Duan Ling Tian felt rather speechless. 'How can she say her name is better than mine with such confidence? What's so special about it? She's just bragging, right?'

At this time, Yang Yu Chen said through Voice Transmission, "Junior brother, she took the surname 'Lang' because 'Lang' means wolves. This is because she was raised by wolves. Chun is her adoptive father's name. As for Yuan, it's part of Eldest Senior Sister's name. For these reasons, she feels that her name is the best. It holds great meaning to her after all. In any case, it's best not to refute her. Otherwise, you'll only suffer."

After listening to Yang Yu Chen, Duan Ling Tian was reminded of the spank, and his heart skipped a beat. With that, he decisively gave Lang Chun Yuan a thumbs-up as he forced a smile on his face and said, "Fourth Senior Sister, your name is indeed much better than mine! This name is so special that you really can't find it anywhere else."

Although Duan Ling Tian had said these words, he was still worried about being spanked again. Although it did not hurt, it was very embarrassing. Most importantly, he was powerless to resist.

"My name is so special that you can't find it anywhere in the world?" Lang Chun Yuan muttered as she pondered on Duan Ling Tian's words. Then, after a moment, her eyes brightened as she exclaimed, "Junior brother, you're truly amazing! You have really great insight! I like you!"

Chapter 4092: Joining the Myriad Laws Academy

Yang Yu Chen, who was standing at the side, looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of surprise. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so good at flattering people. After all, prodigies were all arrogant, right? He could not help but cringe when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words of flattery. However, seeing his Fourth Junior Sister's smiling face, he could not help but secretly give Duan Ling Tian a thumbs-up. With just a few words of flattery, Duan Ling Tian managed to obtain Lang Chun Yuan's approval. In the past, it had taken him a few hundred years for Lang Chun Yuan to acknowledge him as her senior brother after she joined the Inner Palace faction. Comparing himself to Duan Ling Tian was truly a joy-killer.

At this time, Lang Chun Yuan asked, "Junior brother, how did Third Senior Brother trick you here?"

The corners of Yang Yu Chen's lips twitched when Lang Chun Yuan asked how he had 'tricked' Duan Ling Tian here. Was he that kind of person in her eyes?

Duan Ling Tian laughed before he replied, "Fourth Senior Sister, Third Senior Brother didn't trick me. He promised to let me enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic."

Since Lang Chun Yuan, as a member of the Inner Palace faction, had also entered the Supreme Powerhouse Relic, there was no need to hide this matter.

"The Supreme Powerhouse Relic?" Lang Chun Yan asked, slightly surprised, "He's going to let you enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic? Did he say you must make contributions to the Inner Palace faction before doing so?"

"He said that as long as I agree to join the Myriad Laws Academy and the Inner Palace faction, he'll make an exception for me," Duan Ling Tian said. Then, he asked skeptically, "Why? Does he not have the authority to do so? If so, I'm afraid I won't be joining the Myriad Laws Academy or the Inner Palace faction."

Then, Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Yang Yu Chen suspiciously before he turned to look at Lang Chun Yuan again.

Lang Chun Yuan said with a hint of resentment, "He has the authority to do so. It's within the authority of the leader of the faction to do such a thing. However, in the past, when I joined the faction, he didn't make an exception for me. He insisted and lied to me that it was a test and a chance for me to grow by not making an exception for me..."

Yang Yu Chen coughed a few times before he said awkwardly, "Fourth Junior Sister, isn't that because I found you much stronger compared to our junior brother? Moreover, isn't it great that I found you a junior brother? Previously, didn't you keep urging me to find you a junior brother or a junior sister?"

Yang Yu Chen was desperately trying to save himself.

Lang Chun Yuan scoffed softly. "Fortunately, you found me a junior brother. Otherwise, I wouldn't have let you off the hook. I might not be able to beat you now, but when I surpass you in the future, I'll hang you at the mountain gates of the academy in the future and spank you 100 times in front of everyone in the academy!"

Yang Yu Chen's expression froze upon hearing these words.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was slightly shocked when he saw the change in Yang Yu Chen's expression. 'Does Third Senior Brother really think that Fourth Senior Sister will surpass him?'

Yang Yu Chen was a well-known genius in the Profound Energy Land, after all. He became a Supreme God when he was just a little over 10,000 years old and became an intermediate Supreme God when he was 20,000 years old. There were very few people like him in the Profound Energy Land. However, it seemed like someone like him did not think it was impossible for Lang Chun Yuan to catch up to him or even surpass him.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian knew that Lang Chun Yuan was not as simple as he had thought. Before this, he only knew she had become an advanced Emperor of Gods before reaching the age of 10,000.

However, based on Yang Yu Chen's reaction, it seemed like Lang Chun Yuan was even more extraordinary than he had thought.

"Fourth Junior Sister, please arrange for a place for junior brother to stay. I'll bring him to deal with the admission procedures now," Yang Yu Chan said. He only wanted to leave as soon as possible lest she embarrassed him again.

Duan Ling Tian naturally had to be enrolled in the Myriad Laws Academy as a member of the Inner Palace faction. After all, the Inner Palace faction, hidden or not, was part of the Myriad Laws Academy.

Before Yang Yu Chen led Duan Ling Tian away, Lang Chun Yuan ignored Yang Yu Chen and said to Duan Ling Tian with a grin, "Junior brother, don't worry. I'll make sure your accommodation is better than that of Third Senior Brother!"

Yang Yu Chen thought to himself gloomily, 'This girl hasn't even surpassed me yet, but she's already messing around like this... When she surpasses me, I'm afraid she'll really hang me at the mountain gates of the academy and spank me! I really have to cultivate harder. Otherwise, I'll be embarrassed by her!'

Yang Yu Chen decided to go into closed-door cultivation as soon as possible to stabilize his cultivation base in the realm of an intermediate Supreme God after helping Duan Ling Tian deal with the admission procedures.

Yang Yu Chen sighed inwardly. He thought to himself helplessly, 'It's really to stabilize the cultivation base of an intermediate Supreme God... It's more than ten times harder than stabilizing my cultivation base when I was a rudimentary Supreme God. That girl's cultivation speed is in fact only comparable to mine. However, perhaps, due to her fortuitous encounter in the mundane realm, she doesn't need to stabilize her cultivation base. Eldest Senior Sister even said that the fortuitous encounter was related to a supreme powerhouse.'

For these reasons, Yang Yu Chen did not take it lightly when Lang Chun Yuan spoke about catching up to or surpassing him. After all, she would save a lot of time since she did not need to stabilize her cultivation base. In the past, as soon as she broke through and became an advanced Emperor of Gods, her cultivation base was already completely stable. As such, it stood to reason that she likely would not need to stabilize her cultivation base as well after becoming a Supreme God.

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As they left the Inner Palace faction, Yang Yu Chen also taught Duan Ling Tian the hand gestures to enter and leave the faction. Then, he gave his Soul Pearl to Duan Ling Tian and said, "You can contact me directly if you have any problems. Now, I'll bring you to complete the admission procedures."

As the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, even if Yang Yu Chen did not have absolute authority, he still had very high authority. As such, it was not a problem for him to make an exception and recruit a student. Moreover, the person he recruited was Duan Ling Tian who recently rose to fame in the Profound Energy Land during the Seven Mansions Feast. Many people in the Myriad Laws Academy had heard of him as well.

It did not take long for news to spread about Duan Ling Tian's enrollment.

“Duan Ling Tian joined our Myriad Laws Academy?!”

“Vice Academy Master Yang personally brought him here. Did Vice Academy Master Yang recruit him?”

“The academy doesn’t take the initiative to recruit students, right?”

“Who knows? Perhaps, Vice Academy Master Yang broke tradition for such a prodigy?”

At the same time, many people watched curiously as Yang Yu Chen and Duan Ling Tian completed the admission procedures. It only took Duan Ling Tian 15 minutes to obtain a student token.

At the same time, when the people in the surroundings heard Duan Ling Tian address Yang Yu Chen as ‘third senior brother’, they were shocked and confused.

“I assumed that Vice Academy Master Yang accepted him as a disciple, but that’s clearly not the case!”

“Then, it means that Vice Academy Master Yang’s master accepted Duan Ling Tian as a disciple, right?!”

The majority of the people in the Myriad Laws Academy naturally knew nothing about the Inner Palace faction. However, they knew that Yang Yu Chen had a senior sister, a senior brother, and a junior sister. As such, they assumed they all shared the same master.

As for those in the know, they naturally knew that Yang Yu Chen had recruited Duan Ling Tian to join the Inner Palace faction when they heard Duan Ling Tian addressing Yang Yu Chen as ‘third senior brother’.

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At the same time, this matter also caused an uproar among the high-ranking officials of the Myriad Laws Academy. The senior members from the Legacy faction looked down on the Inner Palace faction and expressed their dissatisfaction to the current Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy.

“Vice Academy Master Yang broke tradition by personally recruiting a student. With this, he ruined the reputation of our academy.”

“That’s right! Our academy has never personally recruited students. His action will definitely damage our reputation!”

Faced with the complaints, the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy said indifferently, “It’s a tradition, but there’s no rule prohibiting him or anyone else from doing so. Just because no one has taken the initiative to recruit students before, it doesn’t mean that it’s against the rules. As for the reputation of the academy, if such a matter could ruin the reputation of our academy, our reputation would’ve been ruined a long time ago.”

After listening to these words, no one spoke up again. However, some people from the Legacy faction grew slightly anxious and worried.

“It seems like the rumor is true! The Academy Master really intends to make Yang Yu Chen his successor!”

“We can’t allow it to happen! Yang Yu Chen is a member of the Inner Palace faction. Even when he switches factions after becoming the academy master, his allegiance will still be with the Inner Palace faction.”

“What should we do?”

“We can delay this matter anymore. Otherwise, the academy will belong to the Inner Palace faction soon! I don’t care if the Inner Palace faction has a glorious past or a noble objective, it shouldn’t exist anymore.”

Chapter 4093: Tan Fei

“Junior brother, you can live here or you can go back to the Inner Palace faction,” Yang Yu Chen said after completing the admission procedures with Duan Ling Tian. He brought him to the student dormitory that occupied a large place.

There were different kinds of student dormitories. Some were shared dormitories. There were also some that were courtyards with a few floors with one student occupying each floor. The best dormitory was small exclusive courtyards that only housed one student while the most common one was shared dormitories.

Yang Yu Chen arranged for Duan Ling Tian to stay in the most common dormitory. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian might not necessarily stay in the dormitory even if he arranged for Duan Ling Tian to stay in the nicest dormitory. Even if Duan Ling Tian did stay in the dormitory, it would not be for long. After all, the independent realm where the Inner Palace faction was located had a much better environment. This was because the founder of the Inner Palace faction had taken half of a divine crystal vein from a supreme-rank force and placed it in the independent realm in the past.

Duan Ling Tian thought about the dormitory room that Yang Yu Chen arranged for him. He was not dissatisfied with the arrangement since he knew he could change it at any time if he had enough divine crystals. Now that everything was done, he could not help but ask, “Third Senior Brother, when will you let me enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic?”

“Why are you in such a hurry?” Yang Yu Chen smiled and said, “Since I’ve given you my word, I naturally won’t go back on it. I’ll let you in after a year. Before that, I’ll check and see if the energy in the Supreme Powerhouse Relic is stable. Although the relic is left behind by a supreme powerhouse, it still depends on us to maintain it with our energy. Otherwise, it would have disappeared long ago due to the excessive consumption of energy.”

‘After a year?’

Although Duan Ling Tian felt slightly dissatisfied upon hearing this, he did not say much. After all, a year was truly not a long time. After a moment of silence, he finally said, “I understand, Third Senior Brother. If there’s nothing else, you can leave now.”

Yang Yu Chen nodded before he said, “Alright. If any students break the rules and bully you, remember to reach out to me.”

In fact, Yang Yu Chen's words were only perfunctory. He knew very well that few people in the Myriad Laws Academy would dare to look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian since news of Duan Ling Tian being his junior brother had spread.

After Yang Yu Chen left, Duan Ling Tian brought out the key he had been given during the admission process and glanced at it. The words 'Building 2, No. 603' were engraved on the key. This was the dormitory room assigned to him.

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In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian arrived in front of a building. A stone table with the words 'Building 2' hovered in the air. His eyes soon shifted to the sixth floor and a room with the number 603.

'It's a little like the dormitories in the university back on Earth in my previous life...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. In his previous life, he had never attended a university, and it was one of the things he regretted in life.

After a brief moment, Duan Ling Tian went to his room. He inserted the key and opened the door. The room was neither big nor small. An ordinary bed was placed in the room. It was clean and tidy. Clearly, someone had tidied up the place.

Just as Duan Ling Tian was about to enter the room, someone said, "Brother, are you new here?"

The speaker had just walked out of room 602. He was an honest-looking young man with a muscular body. He was almost two meters tall, half a head taller than Duan Ling Tian. He smiled as he continued to say, "My name is Tan Fei, and I live next door to you. We'll be neighbors from now on."

Tan Fei was very friendly. His actions and words were not pretentious at all.

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"Duan Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian said with a nod before he walked into the room and closed the door behind him. He was not interested in getting to know anyone at this time. Even if he did, the relationship would be superficial. If he somehow forged a deep relationship with the other party, he might implicate the other party in the future. It was not impossible for his enemies to use his friends to threaten him after all.

When Duan Ling Tian was in the Pure Yang Sect, he learned about the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation's ruthlessness. It reminded him that having friends was not necessarily a good thing. He would only put his friends at risk.

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Meanwhile, Tan Fei frowned slightly. "Duan Ling Tian? Why does this name sound so familiar? Anyway, this guy is quite arrogant. If I didn't know better, I'd think he's one of those who live in an exclusive courtyard."

Those who lived in exclusive courtyards had good backgrounds or were exceptionally strong. These people did not lack divine crystals so how could they live in the most common dormitory?

Tan Fei shook his head and no longer dwelled on this matter. After all, he had matters to attend to. When he left his room earlier, he was about to leave to do something. He did not come out specifically to greet his new neighbor.

'Although my background and strength are only ordinary, I won't bother befriending someone so arrogant,' Tan Fei thought to himself.

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of Tan Fei's thoughts. After entering the room, he brought a Formation compass out and activated it. Then, he sat cross-legged on the bed and thought about his day. In fact, he was mostly thinking about Lang Chun Yuan, his Fourth Senior Sister.

Lang Chun Yuan looked like she was 15 or 16 years old, and she seemed harmless. However, she was in fact quite ruthless. However, for now, her attitude toward Duan Ling Tian was not bad.

'I think I should avoid going to the Inner Palace faction for now. She seems very interested in me. If she keeps staring at me, it won't be convenient for me to cultivate...'

Under normal circumstances, if Formations were activated, indicating that someone was cultivating, most people would tacitly stay away to avoid disturbing the other party's cultivation. However, Duan Ling Tian felt that Lang Chun Yuan was not someone who followed the rules.

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After leaving the dormitory, Tan Fei went to the Myriad Laws Market, the trading place in the Myriad Laws Academy. He wanted to buy some divine pills to help with his cultivation. As soon as he arrived, he heard many people discussing the new student whom the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy personally recruited.

"Vice Academy Master Yang personally recruited him? In the history of our academy, there's no precedent for this, right?"

"What kind of person is he? Is he so great that even Vice Academy Master Yang personally recruited him?"

Tan Fei was a little surprised and envious when he heard the discussion in his surroundings. Someone who was personally recruited by the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy would definitely receive special treatment. Even an exclusive courtyard was not good enough for someone like that.

Tan Fei could not help but sigh when he thought about his own dormitory room. Truly, comparison was a thief of joy. Nonetheless, he knew that the other party had to be extraordinary to receive such treatment. How could he compare to someone like that?

In the beginning, Tan Fei only heard about the new student whom Yang Yu Chen recruited. He was stunned when he finally heard the name of the new student.

'Duan Ling Tian?' Tan Fei's eyes widened in disbelief as he thought to himself, 'Is he that new guy I met earlier?! The guy from room 603?! Vice Academy Master Yang personally recruited him, but he's staying in a shared dormitory? Is this a joke? Does he plan to experience the suffering of common people, or does he plan to climb his way up? Hmmm, no wonder I found his name familiar. As it turns out, he's the prodigy from the Pure Yang Sect in one of the Seven Mansions, the champion of the Seven Mansions Feast. He's not even 3,000 years old, but he's an intermediate Lord of Gods and has already comprehended the Sword Dao. His comprehension of the law of space is very profound as well since he managed to comprehend the Double Teleportation Profundity.'

The more Tan Fei thought about it, the more shocked he became.

'Such an amazing figure lives next to me... Is this fate? If I manage to successfully curry favor with him, I'll probably save myself 30 years of struggles, right?'

At this time, Tan Fei seemed to have forgotten his earlier thought about not befriending Duan Ling Tian due to his arrogance.

'This is great! I wonder if Duan Ling Tian has chosen which department to join. I don't think he's chosen since he just arrived today,' Tan Fei thought to himself excitedly.

There were a few departments in the Myriad Laws Academy. There was the War Department, the Divine Technique Department, the Alchemy Department, the Divine Artifact Department, and the Divine Botanical Department.

The War Department focused on strength.

The Divine Technique Department focused on the study of cultivation methods and techniques. Some people from this department even managed to comprehend one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth and gained impressive strength.

As for the Alchemy Department and the Divine Artifact Department, as their names suggested, they focused on the study of alchemy and divine artifacts.

Finally, the Divine Botanical Department focused on the study and hybridization of various botany. Their research included the study of producing rare hybrid divine fruits and such.

Regardless of the department, needless to say, except for a rare few, the priority was still cultivation. After all, with the Heavenly Tribulation looming above them, no one dared to neglect their cultivation. It did not matter if they were not Kings of Gods, but once they became Kings of Gods, they would have to deal with the Heavenly Tribulation every 1,000 years.

Meanwhile, Tan Fei's eyes shone brightly as he continued to speculate inwardly, "It's likely that he'll enter the War Department. A combat genius like him should place a lot of importance on his strength. However, there were rumors that he's also skilled in refining divine pills and that he can also refine king-grade Limit Divine Pills. I wonder if there's any truth to the rumors...'

Tan Fei was truly excited that his new neighbor was Duan Ling Tian. As the saying went, 'A distant relative isn't as useful as one's neighbor'.

'I have to befriend him! A chance to befriend such an amazing person is hard to come by after all. If he gives me even a little guidance, it'll be enough to last me a lifetime.'

Chapter 4094: The Dark Net

The Myriad Laws Academy's single dormitory was individual small courtyards with their own illusory landscapes. Although they were not spacious, they were rather nice and tranquil.

At this moment...

Swoosh!

A figure suddenly appeared outside of one of these small courtyards and asked with a smile, "Wang Yun Sheng, if you're not busy cultivating, can I come in?"

The figure belonged to a handsome young man dressed in a green robe. His smile was as warm as the sun.

After the young man's voice fell, a voice rang from inside the stone house in the courtyard.

"What brings you here?"

Following that, the door swung open, and a tall and burly young man walked out. His appearance was ordinary, but his gaze was cold.

The green-clad young man flew into the courtyard and took a seat on a bench that was placed next to a small pool. He crossed his legs and placed his hands on the back of the bench, making himself comfortable. It was as though he was the owner of the courtyard.

Wang Yun Sheng looked at the green-clad young man with no change in his expression as though he was already used to the green-clad young man's behavior. He asked with a hint of impatience, "So what brings you here?"

The green-clad young man smiled meaningfully before he said, "Do you know that Duan Ling Tian, the prodigy from the emperor-rank Pure Yang Sect in the Eastern Ridge Mansion, has joined the Myriad Laws Academy?"

Wang Yun Sheng nodded before he asked, "You came because of that?"

The green-clad young man chuckled. "I heard that he refused to join the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation even though they sent a Supreme Powerhouse to recruit him. Hey, he clearly looks down on the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. As one of the congregation's Holy Sons, are you going to let that slide?"

Upon hearing this, Wang Yun Sheng scoffed. "Xiao An, did you come just to say this? If I'm not mistaken, Duan Ling Tian refused to join the Scholar Woods Divine Manor as well."

Both Wang Yu Shen and Xiao An were the most outstanding young prodigies from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation and the Scholar Woods Divine Manor respectively. They enrolled in the Myriad Laws Academy hoping to learn in the academy and understand the strengths of their peers.

When the duo first joined the Myriad Laws Academy, they sparred numerous times, but their sparring sessions always ended in a tie. As time passed, they had gotten rather familiar with each other even if they could not exactly be considered friends.

Wang Yun Sheng had always been aloof, but that did not stop Xiao An from looking for him, which caused Wang Yun Sheng to feel annoyed and helpless. There was nothing he could do about it since he could not defeat Xiao An. Despite his displeasure, he acknowledged Xiao An's strength. Perhaps, that was why he was still somewhat tolerant of Xiao An.

"Your intelligence network is quite wide," Xiao An remarked before he continued to say, "Do you want to test this prodigy whom Vice Academy Master Yang personally recruited? This is unprecedented. The two of us didn't even receive this kind of treatment. Moreover, I heard that Vice Academy Master Yang even addressed him as 'junior brother'."

Wang Yun Sheng said indifferently, "If you want to test him, do it yourself. Don't even think about using me."

"How boring," Xiao An said as he rose to his feet. He shrugged and continued to say, "I'm just saying. If you're unwilling, then forget about it."

Xiao An's expression turned solemn as he said, "The main purpose of my visit is to discuss a matter with you."

After saying that, Xiao An surveyed his surroundings vigilantly before he said something through Voice Transmission.

Wang Yun Sheng frowned in the beginning before his eyes finally glinted at the end of the Voice Transmission. Then, he looked at Xiao An suspiciously as he said, "I don't think you need my help in this matter. You can do it yourself. Aren't you tempted by the rewards?"

Xiao An shook his head. "I am, but just like most people, it's inconvenient for me to make a move. I'm afraid of offending him because of this matter. It'll be fine if he dies prematurely. Otherwise, I'll be in trouble once he grows stronger and seeks revenge from me. Although I have the support of the Scholar Woods Divine Manor, I'm not indispensable. However, you're different, Wang Yun Sheng. You're the direct descendant of an elder in the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. In short, I can't afford to offend him, but you can."

Xiao An sighed at the end of his words.

Wang Yun Sheng scoffed and said knowingly, "In my opinion, I don't think you're that afraid of him seeking revenge from you when he grows stronger. You're just afraid of Vice Academy Master Yang, right?"

Xiao An smiled sheepishly and silently acquiesced to Wang Yun Sheng's words.

Wang Yun Sheng asked Xiao An, "Do you know who posted the task on the Dark Net?" Then, he added, "Even if you don't know for sure, tell me about your suspicions. I have my own suspicions as well, but I still need to confirm it."

"I can't say who posted the task, but I think I know it's related to someone. I think our suspicions are the same..." Xiao An said as he looked at Wang Yun Sheng.

After a moment, the duo said in unison, "Yang Yu Chen!"

The duo knew Yang Yun Sheng did not post the task on the Dark Net, but they had a feeling it was related to Yang Yu Chen.

"It's likely someone from the Legacy faction. The Myriad Laws Academy posts their tasks through a divine artifact. Only an advanced Supreme God can investigate this matter and find out who's behind it."

"How is it possible? Many people speculated that the divine artifact belongs to that person..."

The Dark Net was an open secret in the Myriad Laws Academy. Many people knew about its existence, but no one spoke about it. It was rumored that the Dark Net existed due to an assistive prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul.

One could access the Dark Net with a series of hand gestures. Then, one could post their tasks there along with a deposit for whoever accepted the task. After the task was completed, the remaining payment would be made. Those who reneged on the payment would have a bad outcome. Those who violated the rules would be severely punished, and in some serious cases, the punishment was death. Conversely, the smallest infringement would be punished with a small fee.

Xiao An said, "The Dark Net isn't exclusive to Supreme Gods. Even if that person from the Legacy faction is behind it, he must have done it through someone else."

Wang Yu Sheng nodded. His eyes glinted as he said, "You're right. You're afraid to accept this task, but I'm not. I really want to see what he's made of. How dare he refuse the invitation from my Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation."

After saying that, Wang Yun Sheng executed a series of hand gestures. A moment later, the words 'the Dark Net' appeared in the air.

"Browse the tasks available," Wang Yun Sheng said coldly.

A list of tasks appeared, scrolling down slowly.

After a short moment, Wang Yun Sheng said, "The third task."

The third task was to test the strength of Duan Ling Tian from the Seven Mansions. The reward for the task was so lucrative that even someone like Wang Yun Sheng was tempted. Those who managed to defeat Duan Ling Tian would be rewarded even more.

The task also specified that only those below the realm of an Emperor of Gods could accept the task. Clearly, the task was targeted at young prodigies like Wang Yun Sheng and Xiao An.

Previously, Xiao An had seen the task on the Dark Net so he came to look for Wang Yun Sheng. He knew Wang Yun Sheng did not have a habit of browsing the Dark Net.

"Accept the third task," Wang Yun Sheng said indifferently.

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At the same time, in a corner of the Myriad Laws Academy.

An intermediate Emperor of Gods, who was cultivating, suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes gleamed as he sent a message.

“Master, someone has accepted the task, but I don’t know who it is. In any case, we’ll find out sooner or later.”

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Meanwhile, those people who paid close attention to the task also noticed that someone had accepted the task.

“Who is it?”

Chapter 4095: Duan Ling Tian Learns About the Dark Net

Most people in the Myriad Laws Academy knew about the Dark Net. As long as one stayed in the academy long enough, one would eventually find out about the Dark Net.

There were rumors that the Dark Net existed since the founding of the Myriad Laws Academy, and many people highly suspected that the Dark Net was maintained by the Academy Masters from generation to generation. Otherwise, how could it have existed for so long?

In the past, there were many high-ranking officials of the Myriad Laws Academy who tried to destroy the Dark Net, but their efforts were futile. Their investigation would always lead to dead-ends, and they failed to find its source. Moreover, even if they had their suspicions, none of them dared to investigate the Academy Masters of their times. As time passed, they also no longer brought up the matter of destroying the Dark Net. Although nothing was confirmed, most of them were certain that the Academy Masters supported or created the Dark Net. Since the beginning, not one Academy Master had opposed the existence of the Dark Net as though they were tacitly supporting its existence.

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Meanwhile, more and more people began to pay attention to Duan Ling Tian when they discovered that the task related to him had been accepted by someone.

Although the task was targeted at those below the realm of an Emperor of Gods, it did not take long before the Emperors of Gods and those who were stronger found out about the task.

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‘Someone posted a task related to Duan Ling Tian on the Dark Net?’

Before leaving the Myriad Laws Market, Tan Fei had heard people discussing this matter. A frown could be seen on his face as he hurried back to the dormitory.

When he finally entered his room, he executed a series of hand gestures to open the Dark Net. He browsed the list and quickly found the task related to Duan Ling Tian.

The task specified that one had to make a move against Duan Ling Tian in the open to test Duan Ling Tian. If one was able to defeat Duan Ling Tian, the reward would be much greater.

'I should warn him about this...' Tang Fei thought to himself as his eyes brightened.

He did not waste time and quickly went to the room next to his.

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At this time, Duan Ling Tian was looking through the jade tokens he received during the admission process. When he heard a knock on the door, he raised an eyebrow.

'It's him?'

Duan Ling Tian did not activate the noise-canceling Formation so he could hear the knock loud and clear. He frowned, wondering why Tan Fei was looking for him. Since he was not cultivating, he rose to his feet and opened the door.

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"How may I help you?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Tan Fei looked around warily before he asked, "Duan Ling Tian, is it convenient for us to speak in private? We can speak in my room if it's inconvenient to speak in yours."

"Please come in," Duan Ling Tian said, feeling curious as he gestured for Tan Fei to enter the room.

After the door was locked, Tan Fei looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Duan Ling Tian, do you know about the Dark Net?"

"The Dark Net?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Tan Fei, puzzled. He naturally did not know about the Dark Net. The jade tokens he received did not mention the Dark Net at all.

Seeing the puzzled and curious expression on Duan Ling Tian's face, Tan Fei said, "It seems like you haven't heard of it yet. Perhaps, Vice Academy Master Yang forgot to tell you about it. Anyway, the Dark Net is a special platform in the Myriad Laws Academy. People can post various tasks there or accept tasks there..."

After listening to Tan Fei's explanation, Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly, 'So people suspect that the Dark Net is created by an assistive prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul and that the owner of that prominent divine artifact is the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy?'

Duan Ling Tian also thought that it was likely the Academy Masters of the Myriad Laws Academy were behind the Dark Net after Tan Fei told him that no Academy Masters had ever opposed the existence of the Dark Net.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian frowned as he muttered, "Someone issued a task related to me?"

Tan Fei completed a series of hand gestures and summoned the Dark Net. Then, he quickly looked for the task related to Duan Ling Tian,

The task was to test Duan Ling Tian's strength, and it was even better if one could defeat him. The task was only open to those below the realm of an Emperor of Gods.

Even Duan Ling Tian was tempted when he saw the lucrative reward.

In just a short moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed that someone had accepted the task.

"Since only those below the realm of an Emperor of Gods are allowed to accept the task, this means that Emperors of Gods and those who are stronger won't be able to see the task. However, it won't be long before they hear about it," Tan Fei said. His expression grew solemn as he continued to say, "Since someone has accepted the task, I think it won't be long before he or she comes looking for you. Duan Ling Tian, your performance during the Seven Mansions Feast isn't a secret. Since the other party dares to accept the task, the other party has to be a very outstanding Lord of Gods in the academy. In fact, the other party likely comes from a powerful supreme-rank force. As such, you shouldn't act recklessly."

"I understand," Duan Ling Tian said with a nod and a smile, "Thank you for warning me about this."

After a beat, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Can you teach me the way to access the Dark Net?"

Duan Ling Tian was naturally intrigued by the Dark Net. It was somewhat similar to the platforms on the Internet on Earth. The difference was that the Internet existed due to the development of technology while the Dark Net existed because of an assistive prominent divine artifact.

'That assistive prominent divine artifact must have many Formations that can cover the entire Myriad Laws Academy so everyone in the academy has access to it. It's somewhat similar to platforms like Taobao on Earth. Did the creator of the Dark Net visit Earth before? It seems likely since Earth is just an insignificant mundane realm. In the Yan Huang Realm alone, where Earth is located, there are many more places where the technology is more advanced than that on Earth. Hence, the creator of the Dark Net might have visited one of those places...'

After Tan Fei taught Duan Ling Tian the series of hand gestures to access the Dark Net, he said, "You can only access the Dark Net in the Myriad Laws Academy. Apart from that, if a task requires you to kill a divine beast, the task will only be considered completed after you bring its carcass back to the academy. In short, tasks can only be posted and accepted in the academy, and the completion of the task also has to be in the academy. Apart from that, tasks that are impossible to complete in the academy or impossible for the Dark Net to verify their completions will mostly be posted at the Myriad Laws Market. A basic example of such tasks is sending a letter to someone outside of the academy. In any case, those who post on the Dark Net usually want to remain anonymous. If you ask me, the person who posted the task related to you wants to remain anonymous because he or she is afraid of offending Vice Academy Master Yang."

Duan Ling Tian was even more intrigued by the Dark Net after listening to Tan Fei's words.

'I wonder who issued the task?'

Before Tan Fei left, he said, "Duan Ling Tian, remember to stay vigilant. I'll take my leave first."

"Thank you," Duan Ling Tian replied with a nod.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian did not plan to have any intersections with Tan Fei. However, since Tan Fei warned him about this, he felt that he owed Tan Fei a favor.

Chapter 4096: The Dark Net Violates the Academy's Rules

After Tan Fei left, Duan Ling Tian looked through the jade tokens about the Myriad Laws Academy. However, he was distracted by the Dark Net. After a moment, he accessed the Dark Net and looked through the tasks.

There were many tasks that could only be accepted by those below the realm of an Emperor of Gods and those without certain cultivation limits. However, there were no tasks for those in or above the realm of an Emperor of Gods.

'Perhaps, I can't see those tasks due to my low cultivation base. In my opinion, the Dark Net is either created by an assistive prominent divine artifact as rumored or it's created by an array of Formations that cover the Myriad Laws Academy. I could feel the Dark Net confirming my cultivation base when I accessed it for the first time. It must have done so by sensing my Divine Energy while I executed the series of hand gestures. In any case, there's no smoke without fire. It's more likely that the Dark Net is created by an assistive prominent divine artifact with a complete artifact soul. It's impossible for a single person to maintain the Dark Net for so long, but it's possible with the help of an assistive prominent divine artifact. Moreover, if more than a single person is behind the Dark Net, it'd be impossible to keep their identities a secret for so long. However, it's different if it's a prominent divine artifact since the artifact soul wouldn't betray its master.'

Duan Ling Tian was very familiar with soul artifacts. After all, his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword had a complete artifact soul as well. In the beginning, Huang'er, his artifact soul, used to be another artifact's soul. Hence, she had been indifferent to him. However, after she merged with his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and became its artifact soul, her attitude changed dramatically. She became extremely loyal to him and would not hesitate even if he asked her to self-destruct. The purpose of an artifact soul was to serve its master, after all.

'The owner of that assistive prominent divine artifact must be the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy. It must have been passed down from generation to generation. That's why the Dark Net is able to exist until now...'

Duan Ling Tian continued to browse the task until he came across a task that involved killing the target.

'I wonder if the target is a member of the Myriad Laws Academy or if it's an outsider? How can the Academy Master let it slide if it's a member of the academy?'

The Myriad Laws Academy strictly prohibited killing among members. Killing was only sanctioned if both parties agreed to a life-or-death battle. Otherwise, the murderer would be sentenced to death immediately.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian could not help but send a message to Yang Yu Chen, his Third Senior Brother and the Vice Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy. With Yang Yu Chen's position, he should know more about the Dark Net.

Yang Yu Chen's reply came swiftly.

"Indeed, the Dark Net is created using an assistive prominent divine artifact. The Inner Palace faction possesses a few scrolls that were left behind by the previous Academy Masters, and they mentioned this matter. As such, the person, or people, behind the Dark Net should be the Academy Masters..."

"Should be?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

"I can't say for sure, but I think it has one-third of a chance to be true," Yang Yu Chen said with a sigh.

"Just a third?" Duan Ling Tian was even more puzzled.

Before Duan Ling Tian could ask another question, Yang Yu Chen said, "There are two more possibilities. First, the Dark Net is controlled by the powerhouse of the academy who's living in seclusion. Only the Academy Master knows about the existence of this powerhouse. Unless the academy faces the threat of extinction, the powerhouse will never reveal himself. No one can confirm if such a powerhouse exists, but there have been countless powerhouses since the founding of the academy. It's not surprising if there's one or two left. In any case, the powerhouse has never shown himself. If he did, it's likely only to the Academy Master."

After a moment, Yang Yu Chen said again, "The second possibility is that the assistive prominent divine artifact is without a master. The Academy Master knows of its existence and acquiesced to its action."

"In any case, whichever possibility it is, there's no doubt the Academy Master is involved and acquiesced to the Dark Net's existence. As for the killing task you mentioned earlier, it's a rather delicate matter. For the longest time, no one dared to issue a killing task. At some point, someone issued a killing task, and shockingly, someone accepted the task as well. In the end, the task was even successfully completed. As you can imagine, it caused quite a commotion at that time. With that as a precedent, killing tasks would pop up every once in a while."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed upon hearing Yang Yu Chen's words. Then, he asked, "Third Senior Brother, was the target an outsider or a member of the academy?"

However, if the target was an outsider, how could the Dark Net verify the completion of the task?

"It's impossible for the target to be an outsider," Yang Yu Chen replied, "The Dark Net can only verify the completion of a task if it's in the academy. Hence, the target can only be students, teachers, or even the Academy Master. In fact, in the past, someone issued a task to kill our Academy Master. Needless to say, no one dared to accept the task."

Duan Ling Tian was shocked. "Someone dared to issue a killing task that targeted the Academy Master? Was that person crazy? Was he not worried his identity would be revealed since everyone suspects the Academy Master to be involved in the matter regarding the Dark Net?"

“That person was either crazy or trying to test the Dark Net. Also, that person might not be worried because he had another person issue the task so it could not be traced back to him. Who knows? Perhaps, the Academy Master was bored and issued the task himself.”

Duan Ling Tian felt rather speechless when he heard Yang Yu Chen’s last sentence.

As though he could read Duan Ling Tian’s mind, Yang Yu Chen said, “You must be thinking that the Academy Master wouldn’t do such a ridiculous thing, right?” He smiled as he continued to say, “Our current Academy Master is very different from the past Academy Masters. For example, the past Academy Masters definitely wouldn’t choose a member of the Inner Palace faction to be his successor. However, our current Academy Master chose me as his successor. Although he’s the leader of the Legacy faction, he doesn’t care about the opposition of his members at all. If I didn’t know him, I’d find his actions baffling as well...”

Yang Yu Chen sighed after he finished speaking.

“In the past, many students and teachers were killed. However, only three were killed in the academy while the others were killed outside. The academy only found two killers who admitted to accepting killing tasks on the Dark Net. The people who made the posts were never caught. This is one of the reasons why most people suspect the Academy Master is behind the Dark Net. After all, the killing tasks violate the rules of the academy. If the Academy Master isn’t behind it, why did he allow the Dark Net to continue to exist? Naturally, there are some who believe the Academy Master has no control over the Dark Net. That would also explain the Academy Master’s inaction. That aside, very few people dare to accept a killing task unless they’re certain that they can complete the task. They would usually complete the task outside before bringing back the target’s corpse or belonging to verify the completion of the task. Needless to say, it’s hard to catch these people since the Dark Net helps them to remain anonymous.”

Duan Ling Tian learned a lot more about the Dark Net after listening to Yang Yu Chen. At the same time, he was no longer sure if the Academy Master was involved in the Dark Net. Moreover, he also could not figure out the point of the Dark Net. Was it a means to train the members of the Myriad Laws Academy?

Duan Ling Tian felt that the more he learned about the Dark Net, the less he understood it.

After ending his conversation with Yang Yu Chen, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘I wonder when the person who accepted the task related to me will come?’

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Duan Ling Tian finally obtained the answer to his question five days later.

A thunderous voice reverberated in Building 2.

“Duan Ling Tian, show yourself!”

A commotion broke out immediately.

A group of students who saw the person hovering outside Building 2 were shocked.

“It’s Wang Yun Sheng!”

“So he’s the one who accepted the task?”

Chapter 4097: Destroy That Mundane Realm!

Wang Yun Sheng was an outstanding student of the Myriad Laws Academy. He was from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, a heavyweight supreme-rank force, but he was also said to be the direct descendant of the congregation’s advanced Supreme God. Not only did he have a powerful background, but he was also an extraordinary advanced Lord of Gods who killed many ordinary rudimentary Emperors of Gods in the past even though he was not even 10,000 years old. The gap between an advanced Lord of Gods and a rudimentary Emperor of Gods was rather wide, hence, someone like him was considered very talented.

For all these reasons, the students of the Myriad Laws Academy all knew Wang Yun Sheng. Now that they saw him, they could not help but discuss among themselves.

“Hey, do you think that Duan Ling Tian will show up? After all, he can refuse a challenge without any consequences.”

“Who knows? I’m not a prodigy like him so I don’t know what he’s thinking. However, outstanding prodigies like him are all arrogant so I don’t think he’ll admit defeat so easily, right?”

“Duan Ling Tian became famous in the Seven Mansions after displaying his strength that’s comparable to a rudimentary Emperor of God and becoming the champion of the Seven Mansions Feast. However, Wang Yun Sheng is capable of killing rudimentary Emperors of Gods...”

“Wang Yun Sheng is one of the strongest Holy Sons of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation...”

At this moment...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A few figures flew up from a few independent courtyards and looked at Wang Yun Sheng from a distance.

Xian An said to the people next to him with a smile, “Look. Didn’t I say that Wang Yun Sheng accepted the task?”

Needless to say, those who were friends of Xiao An were also proud prodigies of various heavyweight supreme-rank forces. As the saying went, ‘birds of a feather flock together’.

The Myriad Laws Academy did not discriminate between backgrounds when accepting students. The students were judged by their capabilities. Students from heavyweight supreme-rank forces were not given special treatment. Even the Inner Palace faction, although a secret, was not given special treatment. Only the Legacy faction, which was the core faction of the Myriad Laws Academy, had special privileges.

Duan Ling Tian had heard about this matter from Yang Yu Chen before arriving at the Myriad Laws Academy. At that time, he felt that the Legacy faction was like an independent force raised to be superior in the academy while the students were its stepping stones to greatness.

Meanwhile, it did not take long for the other students to discover Xian An and his friends' presence. They naturally knew them since they were outstanding students in the Myriad Laws Academy; Xiao An and the others were advanced Lords of Gods like Wang Yun Sheng and were not even 10,000 years old.

In the academy, after reaching 10,000 years old, students would either choose to leave the academy or stay on and become teachers.

"It's Xian An!"

"Ang Tang Yu Ji!"

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Not long after that, while everyone was wondering if Duan Ling Tian would show up, the door to room 603 swung open. A handsome purple-clad young man with eyebrows that gave him a valiant air and extraordinary bearing walked out. The surroundings seemed to pale when he appeared. He flew into the air and looked at Wang Yun Sheng indifferently.

Wang Yun Sheng sneered. "Duan Ling Tian, I didn't think you have the guts to show up."

"Why wouldn't I have the guts? I heard someone accepted the task targeting me. So it's you?" Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

"That's right. Apart from being a student of the Myriad Laws Academy, I'm also one of the Holy Sons of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. I heard you refused our congregation's invitation... I really like to see how strong the most outstanding young prodigy in the history of the Seven Mansions is..." Wang Yun Sheng said.

"The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation?"

Although Duan Ling Tian knew many young prodigies from the heavyweight supreme-rank forces were enrolled in the Myriad Laws Academy, he did not expect the person who accepted the task to be one of the Holy Sons of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.

Duan Ling Tian said expressionlessly, "It's up to me which force I decide to join. In any case, I'm afraid you won't be able to test my strength today. I have no interest in sparring with you. You're free to think that I'm afraid of you. Whatever it is, you won't be able to complete that task."

After Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he returned to his room immediately.

Only when the door closed with a loud bang did Wang Yun Sheng and the other students regain their senses.

Wang Yun Sheng's expression darkened immediately. He said loudly, "It seems like the most outstanding young prodigy in the history of the Seven Mansions is overrated. You're nothing but trash, Duan Ling Tian. You don't even dare to accept my challenge! You really fail to live up to your reputation!"

Alas, Duan Ling Tian did not take the bait and did not respond to Wang Yun Sheng's provocative words. In the end, Wang Yun Sheng could only leave with an unsightly expression on his face.

Meanwhile, the students who had been anticipating a fierce fight began to discuss among themselves.

"Do you think Duan Ling Tian's too afraid to fight Wang Yun Sheng or do you think he just can't be bothered to waste time with Wang Yun Sheng?"

"I think he's too afraid to fight Wang Yun Sheng..."

"Me too!"

Duan Ling Tian naturally did not care that most people thought he was too afraid to accept Wang Yun Sheng's challenge.

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It did not take long before news of what happened spread. In the end, more than 90% of the members of the Myriad Laws Academy thought that Duan Ling Tian was too afraid to fight Wang Yun Sheng.

Meanwhile, Yang Yu Chen was slightly surprised when he found out that Duan Ling Tian refused to fight Wang Yun Sheng. He was also rather eager to find out if Duan Ling Tian was a match for Wang Yun Sheng. In his opinion, it was good enough if Duan Ling Tian could fight to a draw with Wang Yun Sheng.

'Did he really refuse to fight because he's no match for Duan Ling Tian or he just couldn't be bothered by Wang Yun Sheng?'

Yang Yu Chen could not guess Duan Ling Tian's thoughts at all. However, based on Duan Ling Tian's performance alone during the Seven Mansions Feast, Duan Ling Tian was indeed not a match for Wang Yun Sheng.

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Wang Yun Sheng was one of the Holy Sons of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. It was not surprising that the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation quickly received news about Duan Ling Tian refusing his challenge.

In fact, Wang Yun Sheng did not say anything to the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. As one of the congregation's Holy Sons, he was naturally not going to complain like a child when things did not go his way.

The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation had other disciples in the Myriad Laws Academy, and through them, the congregation learned about what happened.

At this moment, in a remote valley in the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.

A middle-aged man asked worriedly, "Vice Leader, do you really think it's wise to make a move? After all, Duan Ling Tian is now Yang Yu Chen's junior brother. Both of them have a good relationship..."

An old man, who was hovering in the air, said coldly, "There's no need to worry about Yang Yu Chen. Do you think he'll be able to trace this back to the congregation? Moreover, we've given Yang Yu Chen plenty of consideration previously for not making a move on Duan Ling Tian. However, that trash Duan Ling Tian actually dared to taunt our Holy Son! He deserves to die! Those related to him in the lower realms deserve to die as well. Pass down my order at once. Kill everyone related to Duan Ling Tian in the lower realm. Destroy the mundane realm he came from as well!"

"Understood, Vice Leader!" the middle-aged man said as his eyes glinted coldly. Then, he hurriedly took his leave to pass down the old man's orders.

Chapter 4098: The Mastermind

Upon finding out that Wang Yun Sheng was from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, Duan Ling Tian completely lost interest in fighting Wang Yun Sheng. If they fought, even if Wang Yun Sheng could not defeat him, Wang Yun Sheng would still be considered to have completed the Dark Net's task by testing his strength. If Wang Yun Sheng was able to defeat him or fight to a draw with him, Wang Yun Sheng's reward would be even higher.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian had wondered about the person who accepted the task. He also wondered if he could come to an agreement with the other party. If the other party was a decent person, he did not mind pretending to lose the fight to split the rewards. However, he dismissed his thoughts immediately when he found out that the other party was from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. He did not have any goodwill toward the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation at all since the beginning due to the various things he had learned about the congregation.

Later, when the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation came to the Pure Yang Sect to recruit him, the representative's words were laced with threat, causing his impression of them to fall even lower.

For all these reasons, when he learned that Wang Yun Sheng was from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, he decisively refused Wang Yun Sheng's challenge.

As for what Wang Yun Sheng and other people thought or said, Duan Ling Tian did not care at all. It was not like he would be hurt if people thought he was weaker than Wang Yun Sheng or if he was a coward.

'It's a pity that the other party is from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. If it were someone else, I might be able to get some benefits...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'However, who is so bored that he or she is willing to spend a fortune just to test or defeat me?'

Duan Ling Tian was perplexed. Since his arrival at the Myriad Laws Academy, his acquaintances could be counted on one hand. How could he have offended anyone? Why would anyone target him when he had just arrived?

In the end, Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Yang Yu Chen again.

"Third Senior Brother, you didn't post that task on the Dark Net, did you?"

Yang Yu Chen was stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission. Then, he replied, "How's that possible?! How can you suspect me? Your speculation is baseless."

Duan Ling Tian replied, "If you can speculate that the Academy Master posted a task for people to assassinate himself, it's not a stretch for me to speculate that you posted that task to test my strength, right? Moreover, Fourth Senior Sister treats me better than she treats you. Perhaps, you're too embarrassed to make a move so you turned to the Dark Net."

The more Duan Ling Tian spoke, the more confident he became. Apart from Yang Yu Chen, he really could not think of another person who would spend a fortune just to test his strength. The reward was so good that even Wang Yun Sheng, whom he offended, accepted the task. As such, the more he thought about it, the more certain he was that Yang Yu Chen was behind the task.

Yang Yu Chen said with a hint of annoyance and helplessness. "You... You really think too much. Do you think I have so much free time? Do you think I'll pay a fortune just to test your strength? This is such a trivial matter."

Duan Ling Tian could sense the helplessness in Yang Yu Chen's voice as well. However, he still said, "If it's not you, Third Senior Brother, who else would target me? I've only just arrived, and the people I know can be counted on one hand. How could I have offended anyone so soon?"

Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate to state the reason for his suspicions. He really could not figure out who would do such a thing.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, realization dawned on Yang Yu Chen. He said, "Junior brother, you seemed to have forgotten something. You didn't come to the academy alone..."

"What do you mean, Third Senior Brother?" Duan Ling Tian was confused. "Of course, I came alone."

Duan Ling Tian could not help but wonder if Yang Yu Chen discovered the presence of his complete artifact soul. He did not consider the Five Divine Elements since he was confident Yang Yu Chen would not be able to detect them. After all, his Little World had been sealed. Let alone Supreme Gods, even supreme powerhouses could not probe the inside of his Little World once he sealed it. For this reason, he wondered if Yang Yu Chen had discovered the secret of his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

"What I mean is that you arrived at the academy with me. Moreover, when I brought you to complete the admission procedures, everyone heard us addressing each other as 'junior brother' and 'Third Senior Brother'. Like I said not many people know about the Inner Palace faction, but there are people from the Legacy faction who know about our faction. Didn't I tell you before? Our current Academy Master broke tradition and chose me, someone from the Inner Palace faction, as his successor. As you can imagine, it ruffled quite a few feathers. Moreover, Academy Master has allowed me to remain in the Inner Palace faction even after joining the Legacy faction. It's only natural that those people, especially those who are qualified to be the successor, are dissatisfied with the matter. I'm like a thorn in their sides. When they found out that I have a junior brother, how could they let go of this chance to act? I'm not inferior to them in the first place. And if you, my junior brother, are superior to the younger generation they cultivated, they'll feel even more threatened."

Yang Yu Chen continued to say, "Previously, my advantage was my strength. However, in terms of the younger generation, I have no one under me. As the Vice Academy Master, I can't simply use my strength and status to act. Fortunately, I have the Academy Master's support."

“Now that you came along, the advantage they had is gone. Not only are my strength and status not inferior to theirs, but I have the Academy Master’s support as well. Now, I also have you, who are superior to the young prodigies they cultivated.”

“As such, it’s only normal for them to spend a fortune to test your strength or defeat you. If they think you’re a bigger threat than they’d imagined, it’s not surprising even if they release a task to assassinate you.”

Yang Yu Chen’s voice was relatively calm when he spoke, but a hint of fury could be detected under the surface.

“I see...”

Duan Ling Tian was finally enlightened after listening to Yang Yu Chen’s explanation. He felt much relieved after finding out about the mastermind behind the matter. He had felt uneasy when he thought about someone targeting him in the dark.

“Junior brother, try to stay in the academy in the future. It’s even better if you stay in our Inner Palace faction. I’m afraid that they’ll feel cornered once they learn about your strength, and they might sacrifice one of their people just to take you down. In any case, these are the reasons why you’re being targeted.”

Yang Yu Chen sighed and continued to say, “I apologize. I really didn’t expect this. Otherwise, I’d maintain a distance from you in public.”

Duan Ling Tian did not think much about this matter so he said, “There’s no need for that, Third Senior Brother. Even if they want to kill me, they’ll have to see if they have the capability to do so. Moreover, I don’t think they’ll be so bold as to assassinate me in the academy, right? It’ll be easy to trace the deed back to them. At that time, the Academy Master definitely won’t let them go, right? At most, I’ll just have to stay in the academy.”

After speaking to Yang Yu Chen, Duan Ling Tian also realized the situation in the academy was rather chaotic and unfavorable to him. Nonetheless, he was not afraid. After all, he did not think he was so easy to kill. From the beginning until now, there was no lack of people who wanted him dead, but in the end, he was still alive.

On the other hand, Yang Yu Chen felt very guilty about implicating Duan Ling Tian. However, he felt much better after listening to Duan Ling Tian’s words. After a while, he insisted that Duan Ling Tian stay in the Inner Palace faction until it was time to enter the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. He did not give Duan Ling Tian room to refuse at all.

“Alright.” Duan Ling Tian agreed to Yang Yu Chen’s proposal even though he did not think it was necessary. He was only worried now that this matter would delay him from entering the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. When he voiced his concerns, he felt at ease after Yang Yu Chen reassured him that there would be no delays.

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Following that, under Yang Yu Chen's secret protection, Duan Ling Tian returned to the independent realm where the Inner Palace faction was located.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian arrived, Lang Chun Yuan asked coldly, "Junior brother, why did you suddenly come? Did someone bully you? Tell me. Your senior sister will take care of it!"

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Duan Ling Tian felt moved when he saw the sincerity in Lang Chun Yuan's eyes. He knew she was genuinely concerned about him. After a moment, he shook his head and said with a smile, "I'm fine, Fourth Senior Sister. No one bullied me. I didn't come before this because I was still learning more about the academy."

"That's good," Lang Chun Yuan said as she sighed in relief. Then, she smiled brightly and said, "Junior brother, let me show you your cultivation ground. If there's anything you're dissatisfied with, just let me know. I'll change it for you immediately."

Lang Chun Yuan gestured to Duan Ling Tian before she led him to a secluded courtyard. It was small but cozy. Apart from the basic stone table and benches, she also made the effort to include a small artificial lake, a mountain, a swing, and so on.

"What do you think, junior brother? Is there anything you like?" Lang Chun Yuan said as she looked at him gently. She used to be the youngest among the members of the Inner Palace faction so she was rather excited now that she had a junior brother. She was eager to spoil him just like how her Eldest Senior Sister spoiled her.

"This is perfect. Fourth Senior Sister, I really like it," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

"That's great," Lang Chun Yuan said with a nod, "Junior brother, you should rest. Let's talk when it's convenient for you. I don't have anyone to talk to since Eldest Senior Sister and Second Senior Brother left. Third Senior Brother is busy so he rarely comes."

A hint of sadness could be heard in Lang Chun Yuan's voice at the end of her words.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh and wonder inwardly how Lang Chun Yuan managed to become an Emperor of Gods with her child-like temperament.

"Alright, go rest. I'll take my leave now. Come and talk to me when you have the time. I don't want to disturb you. If Eldest Senior Sister were here, she'd say that I'm hindering your cultivation, which might cause you to perish during your Heavenly Tribulation."

Although Lang Chun Yuan was childish, she was sensible. Based on this, Duan Ling Tian could tell that their Eldest Senior Sister spent a lot of effort to educate Lang Chun Yuan. He also felt sorry for Lang Chun Yuan when he recalled her pitiful past.

Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. 'I hope Fourth Senior Sister will live a carefree life for the rest of her life...'

After Lang Chun Yuan left, Duan Ling Tian entered the wooden house in the courtyard. Apart from the bed, there were a few decorative items and a painting that was hung on the wall behind the bed.

After taking a closer look, Duan Ling Tian saw that there were three people standing in a field. The scenery was exactly that of the independent realm where the Inner Palace faction was located. The three people were none other than Yang Yu Chen, Lang Chun Yuan, and Duan Ling Tian. The painting was incredibly lifelike.

‘Was this painted by Fourth Senior Sister?’ Duan Ling Tian was surprised by how realistic the painting was. He wondered if he was truly skilled in painting or if she truly had too much time on her hands.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and focused his thoughts. He would have to stay in the Inner Palace faction for at least a year. According to Yang Yu Chen, no one would be able to enter this independent realm unless they knew the specific hand gestures to open the realm. Even the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy did not know the hand gestures, let alone the others. After all, the independent realm was exclusive to members of the Inner Palace faction.

‘The Inner Palace faction and the Student faction are truly independent. They don’t receive resources from the academy and have to depend on their own capabilities to do so. However, this also means the factions are free from the academy’s interference. For example, the Supreme Powerhouse Relic only belongs to the Inner Palace faction...’ Duan Ling Tian was not sure if the Inner Palace faction had any other things apart from the Supreme Powerhouse Relic.

Based on Yang Yu Chen’s words, it was clear that Duan Ling Tian was targeted because he joined the Inner Palace faction.

The Myriad Laws Academy seemed calm on the surface. However, under the surface, the undercurrents were raging. It all started because the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy chose Yang Yu Chen, a member of the Inner Palace faction, as his successor, which was unprecedented in the history of the academy.

‘Third Senior Brother said that the current Academy Master is eccentric and chose him as the successor. However, the Academy Master can’t be simple. There must be a reason why he did this... Third Senior Brother must be very capable for the Academy Master to choose him. Otherwise, why would the Academy Master go to all this trouble?’

‘No matter what, I won’t sit still and do nothing if anyone looks for trouble with me...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes glinted coldly, ‘Third Senior Brother suggested that I return to the academy’s dormitory after coming out from the Supreme Powerhouse Relic. It’s clear he wants to get stronger first so I can defend myself... I’m still too weak. If I become an advanced Lord of Gods, it’ll be as easy as strangling a chicken for me to kill an ordinary rudimentary Emperor of Gods... With so many dangers lurking in the academy, I have to get stronger as soon as possible.’

With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed and began to cultivate.

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It did not take long for the Legacy faction to receive news from their intelligence network that Duan Ling Tian had left the dormitory for the Inner Palace faction’s independent realm.

“Duan Ling Tian hid himself...”

“Yang Yu Chen brought him back to the Inner Palace faction.”

“Did he sense that something was amiss?”

“Do you think Yang Yu Chen is stupid? How could he not know that something was amiss? Duan Ling Tian just arrived. Who else could have targeted him except for us?”

“I thought we’d be able to test his strength. I didn’t expect him to refuse Wang Yun Sheng so decisively. Wang Yun Sheng must have given up on the task by now.”

“Cancel the task. It’s pointless now that we’ve alerted the enemy.”

“I’m afraid the Academy Master might have found out about this matter now...”

“We should lay low for the time being. We should have confidence in our own disciples, after all...”

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At the same time, many people lamented that Duan Ling Tian did not live up to his reputation. There were also a few who thought Duan Ling Tian disdained fighting with Wang Yun Sheng. After all, in their opinion, Yang Yu Shen would not personally recruit someone simple.

As time passed, coupled with the absence of Duan Ling Tian, many people began to forget about this matter and him.

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Half a year passed in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian, who had been cultivating quietly in the Inner Palace faction’s independent realm, suddenly opened his eyes at this moment. His Divine Energy burst forth from his body as his eyes burned brightly. After a moment, he quickly withdrew his Divine Energy at the critical moment, preventing it from destroying the wooden house.

At this time, a melodious voice said anxiously from outside, “Junior Brother! Are you alright?”

Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply before he replied with a smile, “Yes.”

“What happened?”

The other party was none other than Lang Chun Yuan, Duan Ling Tian’s Fourth Senior Sister.

“Fourth Senior Sister, I made some progress with my cultivation so I momentarily lost control of my Divine Energy. I’m going to continue to cultivate again,” Duan Ling Tian replied before he closed his eyes again to cultivate.

Lang Chun Yuan sighed in relief after listening to Duan Ling Tian’s reply and left the courtyard.

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At the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

The Heavenly Palace, which had been rebuilt once, was reduced to rubble again.

A tall and burly figure dressed in a black robe hovered in the sky. His face, which had been concealed with his powerful Divine Energy, could not be seen at all.

“An advanced Emperor of Gods?” Duan Ling Tian’s doppelganger from the law of time looked at the mysterious black-clad man with a dark expression on his face as he said coldly, “Even if you hide your face, I know you’re from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.”

In the Heavenly Palace, Duan Ling Tian’s doppelganger from the law of time was the only survivor.

Chapter 4100: I’m Sorry

“The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation?” the black-clad man said with a scoff, “I’m sorry, but I’ve never heard of it before. It’s been a while since I last visited a lower realm. I didn’t expect my descendants would die in your hands, Duan Ling Tian. I’ll kill you and everyone related to you. Let me tell you. My friend from the Realm of Gods has accompanied me to the lower realms as well. His descendants were also killed by you. As such, he has gone to your hometown, the Saint Province Realm. I think the Saint Province Realm should’ve been destroyed by now.”

The black-clad man sneered at the end of his words.

Duan Ling Tian’s expression changed drastically upon hearing this. “You destroyed an entire mundane realm? Do you know how many living beings there are in a mundane realm?”

Duan Ling Tian did not expect the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation to be so cruel as to destroy an entire mundane realm just for revenge.

“That’s none of our business,” the black-clad man said with a smirk, “It’s your fault that the Saint Province Realm is destroyed. It’s all because of your heavy sins.”

The black-clad man ignored the dark expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face and continued to say, “It’s unfortunate that your friends and family are nowhere to be found. It seems like you’ve offended so many people that they have to hide. Well, I hope they hide themselves well. My friend and I will return to the lower realms again. We won’t hesitate to kill them once we find them. Oh, right, we’ve also destroyed all the clans and sects associated with you and those related to you. Your friends and family might have survived, but all those related to them have perished in their place. I wonder how your friends and family will feel once they find out about this?”

Duan Ling Tian’s expression grew even more unsightly. He did not expect the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation would even target those who were related to his friends and family.

“The killing won’t stop unless you publicly commit suicide in the Myriad Laws Academy,” the black-clad man said.

Duan Ling Tian said furiously, “So you know I’m in the Myriad Laws Academy... And you dare to say you’re not a member of the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation!”

The black-clad man's Divine Energy surged upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. Then, he waved his hand, sending his Divine Energy toward Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the black-clad man icily as he said, "From today onward, I, Duan Ling Tian, will fight the Lone Primordial Spirit to the death!"

Bang!

When the black-clad man's Divine Energy landed, Duan Ling Tian's doppelganger from the law of time was instantly destroyed.

At this time, only the black-clad man was the only one left in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

Fortunately, the people in the Heavenly Palace, including Meng Luo and Elder Huo, had long left the palace.

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In the mountain range of one of the many mundane realms.

Another one of Duan Ling Tian's doppelgangers appeared. His expression was extremely cold.

"Young Master, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation has made their move?" Meng Luo asked grimly after he flew into the sky to greet Duan Ling Tian.

The brave Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor, who was Feng Qing Yang's top general, looked extremely gloomy at this time.

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian replied after taking a deep breath.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had sent his doppelganger to the lower realms using the Destruction Divine Shuttle to help his family and friends move. Apart from his family, he had brought his good friends; Su Li, Huang Jia Long, and the others, teachers, seniors, and their descendants away to hide from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.

The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation was notorious for being wicked. It was not surprising that they would go to such lengths just because Duan Ling Tian refused to join them.

"Young Master, calm down. They only destroyed the Heavenly Palace and your doppelganger. It's not a big deal," Meng Luo said, trying to comfort Duan Ling Tian.

"Senior Meng Luo," Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "Not only did they do that, but they killed everyone indiscriminately. My family and friends might have survived, but everyone related to them was killed. They even destroyed the Saint Province Realm, which is my and my master's hometown. That's how strong Emperors of Gods are..."

"So these Emperor of Gods from the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation are originally from a Devata Realm?" Meng Luo asked.

"Yes. Natives of the Realms of Gods can't exert their full power in the lower realms after all," Duan Ling Tian said.

“How could they be so cruel? Do they not have descendants in the lower realms?” Meng Luo said indignantly.

Although Duan Ling Tian felt the same way, there was nothing he could do now to stop the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation from killing everyone.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he prepared himself to inform his family and friends of what had happened. Perhaps, some of them might have already learned about what happened since they must have Soul Pearls of their friends.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian went to meet his friends to explain and apologize to them. After all, if it were not for him, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation would not have made a move.

“Duan Ling Tian, don’t blame yourself. It’s not your fault! The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation should bear full responsibility,” Huang Jia Long said through gritted teeth.

The others nodded in agreement.

“The Lone Primordial Spirit Force isn’t the only force you refused to join, but they’re the only one who reacted in such a vicious manner.”

“That’s right! The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation is responsible for this! They’re nothing but a cult!”

“Junior brother, when you’re strong enough, you have to eliminate the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation to avenge the Heavenly Pool Palace!”

Although Duan Ling Tian’s friends did not blame him at all, he was still filled with self-blame and guilt.

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In the middle of the night.

Duan Ling Tian hovered above a towering peak silently as he stared blankly into the distance.

At this moment, a slender figure appeared and said softly, “Don’t be so hard on yourself. Nobody blames you.”

Then, the woman frowned slightly as she glanced in another direction. Then, she said, “Lyu Luo, why are you here? Go back immediately. Otherwise, I’ll tell master to ground you for three years.”

A young woman with delicate features emerged from the woods and stuck her tongue out cheekily before she said, “Senior sister, I’ll leave you and brother-in-law alone now.”

After saying that, the young woman vanished into thin air.

“I’m truly sorry. Not many people would’ve found out about us if I didn’t look for you again in the past. The Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation also wouldn’t have made a move on your sect,” Duan Ling Tian said apologetically as he turned to look at the aloof woman.

The woman’s countenance was cold, but her gaze was gentle as she looked at Duan Ling Tian. She was none other than Murong Bing. After listening to him, she shook her head and said, “It’s not your fault.

What you've done is more than enough. My master and the members of our faction survived. If it weren't for you, that wouldn't have been possible. Hence, I should thank you instead for saving their lives."

If it were not for Duan Ling Tian, Murong Bing knew that not just the sect, but even she would die.

"Thank you for remembering me after all this time," Murong Bing said softly.

"I'm sorry," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Is that all you have to say?"

"I'm sorry."

The night continued to pass as the man and the woman stood quietly under the moonlight. It was as though time had stopped at this moment.