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Chapter 351: Void Initiation Stage Expert

Eternal Jade Restaurant.

Duan Ling Tian and the others all sat around the table as they gulped down the fragrant and steaming hot dishes.

"It's too good! No wonder Big Brother Zhang said we would even wish for nothing more than to swallow our own tongues... Big Sister Wang Qiong, your culinary skill is too good." Li Fei praised as she ate.

"If you like it, then eat more. If there isn't enough, I'll just go make more." Wang Qiong smiled to Li Fei, and her beautiful eyes had tender affection mixed within. She had heartfelt love towards this little sister.

After their meal, Wang Qiong started to clear the dishes and Zhang Shou Yong went to the kitchen to help as well.

Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei sat before the tabled and rested, and were prepared to rest for a while before bidding their farewells to Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong.

"Senior Withered, they're within the restaurant." Suddenly, a clear voice sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear, the sound resounded out from outside the Eternal Jade Restaurant and approached swiftly...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian heard three ear piercing sounds of wind howling enter his ear.

In the blink of an eye, three figures had appeared before him.

Two middle aged men stood at the back, one in azure clothes, another in red clothes, and their faces were exactly similar. Obviously, they were twin brothers.

Before these two middle aged men stood a withered old man, the old man's body was frail, like bones covered in skin, and he seemed as if a gust of wind would be able to blow him down...

Duan Ling Tian didn't dare look down on the old man because of this.

He was able to discern that amongst the three people before him, the old man in the lead was the most terrifying.

Relying on his Spiritual Force and the experiences of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, he was able to see through the cultivation of the two middle aged men, and they were both fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists.

As for the old man, his Spiritual Force stretched out but it was like a stone sinking in a great sea.

The old man was very likely an existence at the Void Initiation Stage!

Duan Ling Tian's face sank.

"It's him?" Duan Ling Tian saw the old man abruptly speak, his muddy eyes emitting dense cold lights the instant the old man's gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian. The old man seemed as if he was waiting for a chance to swallow Duan Ling Tian up.

Duan Ling Tian's heart jerked.

This old man's target is me?

"Yes." Meanwhile, the azure clothed middle aged man behind the old man hurriedly nodded. "Senior Withered, the two of us saw him kill you grandson with our own two eyes... The servant by your grandson's side was killed by this seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist." The gaze of the azure clothed middle aged man first descended onto Duan Ling Tian, then he looked at Xiong Quan who was beside Duan Ling Tian.

What the azure clothed middle aged man said caused Duan Ling Tian's pupils to constrict.

He finally knew what was going on.

So it turned out that what he had done at the foot of Solitary Summit this morning had been exposed.

This old man that seemed to be a Void Initiation Stage expert was actually the grandfather of the blue clothed young man he'd killed?

He recalled it now, before his death, the blue clothed young man seemed to have mentioned this old man.

But under his violent rage at that time, how could Duan Ling Tian have paid any attention to him?

However, even if he now knew that there was an existence that seemed to be at the Void Initiation Stage behind the blue clothed young man, he still didn't have a shred of regret. Not only had that blue clothed young man dared be disrespectful to Little Fei, the blue clothed young man had even tried to kill him...

He deserved death!

He could imagine that if it wasn't for himself being protected by Xiong Quan, the person that had died this morning wouldn't have been the young man, but him instead.

So he didn't regret it!

If he were to really talk about regret, then what Duan Ling Tian regretted the most now was not seeing the two corpses' burn to ash with his own two eyes...

Although he didn't see it, he was able to roughly guess what happened after he set the corpses aflame.

It should be that when he and Xiong Quan did the deed, it was seen by the two twin brothers behind the old man.

Later on, one of them went to tip off the old man, while the other followed them all the way here...

"Looks like what Big Brother Zhang noticed earlier was the people that were following us." Duan Ling Tian recalled that before their lunch, Zhang Shou Yong had asked if he'd brought anyone else over.

For a time, Duan Ling Tian's heart was clear as a mirror.

"Why did you kill my grandson?" The withered old man's sharp gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian, and it seemed to transform into a bloodthirsty venomous snake that would bite Duan Ling Tian at any moment.

Duan Ling Tian could feel the old man's killing intent that was difficult to restrain.

"He deserved death!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze went slightly cold, and he spoke with a cold tone that contained killing intent mixed within.

Since it had come to this, Duan Ling Tian knew he didn't have any choice, any he could only go at it head-on.

Now, he still wasn't sure that the old man was a Void Initiation Stage expert.

Perhaps, he still had a chance.

He'd already sent a voice transmission to Xiong Quan, asking Xiong Quan to await for the opportunity to launch a surprise attack at the old man and strive to kill him in one attack.

"Deserved death?" The withered old man was stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian.

In next to no time, his gaze descended onto Li Fei who was beside Duan Ling Tian...

Presently, Li Fei hadn't worn her veil yet, and her drop dead gorgeous face was unobstructed.

When he saw Li Fei, a fierce light flickered within the withered old man's eyes, and he said in a deep voice. "Looks like my grandson was destroyed because of a woman..."

Obviously, the old man knew his grandson very well.

Now that he saw Li Fei, he easily guessed some things.

Duan Ling Tian's face went grim when he felt the bloodthirsty killing intent towards Li Fei that was emitted by the withered old man, and he stood up in a hurry to stand before Li Fei and block this bloodthirsty killing intent for her.

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian's expression was cold and indifferent, and his waist and back were straight. When faced with the old man's bloodthirsty killing intent, he wasn't afraid in the slightest as he stood there, immovable like a mountain.

"Scoundrel." When the old man's killing intent enveloped her, Li Fei felt as if she was within a mountain of corpses and a sea of blood. The suffocating feeling caused extreme discomfort to her.

Now, Duan Ling Tian was standing before her, and at the same time that this caused her to feel warmth in her heart, she was also slightly worried.

"Hmm?" When the old man saw this, his white brows rose and he grunted coldly. "Kid, needless to say, you're not bad... But unfortunately, today, you must die! As the saying goes, women are a source of disaster. Remember to stay far away from women in your next life..."

Whoosh!

As soon as he finished speaking, Origin Energy flickered atop the withered old man's hand.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, an ear piercing sound of something tearing through the sky carried along a string of sounds of air exploding had suddenly echoed out.

It was Xiong Quan who's been waiting for an opportunity all along.

When he saw his Young Master's life in danger, Xiong Quan's body flashed out, transforming into a lightning bolt as he flashed towards the withered old man.

Swoosh!

A dazzling sword light shot out violently, it was like a venomous snake that had left its burrow as it struck towards the old man while carrying along traces of an extremely terrifying aura.

Advanced Sword Force!

The energy of heaven and earth roiled in the sky, then first an ancient horned dragon silhouette appeared, then almost 5,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared to surround it, they were like twinkling stars that were surrounding the bright moon.

Xiong Quan exerted his full strength at the moment he attacked, without holding back in the slightest!

He desired to kill the old man directly.

"Advanced Sword Force?" The old man's slightly muddle eyes squinted, and his voice contained a trace of surprise.

Then.

"Trifling skill!" The old man sneered, and he casually raised his hand to intercept Xiong Quan.

Instantly, the energy of heaven and earth roiled above the old man, and in the end, it condensed into two ancient horned dragon silhouettes...

The old man didn't utilize a spirit weapon, nor did he utilize a Void Initiation Stage experts 'Concept.'

He only attack purely with Origin Energy, and it was already comparable to the strength of two ancient horned dragons!

"First level Void Initiation Stage!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted and his face went pale, then he shouted out abruptly. "Xiong Quan, watch out!"

Meanwhile, Xiong Quan had noticed the two ancient horned dragon silhouettes above the old man, and he instantly realized that the old man was a first level Void Initiation Stage expert...

His face couldn't help but go pale.

Slap!

The old man raised his hand and grabbed out, easily seizing the grade seven spirit sword in Xiong Quan's hands.

At this moment, Xiong Quan's seventh level Void Prying Stage strength, the amplified strength from his grade seven spirit sword, and even the Advanced Sword Force were all so weak, like paper.

"Move!" Duan Ling Tian's acute Spiritual Force vaguely detected that the old man was about to attack with his sword, so Duan Ling Tian shouted out explosively again to warn Xiong Quan.

Due to his trust towards Duan Ling Tian, Xiong Quan didn't hesitate in the slightest when he heard Duan Ling Tian, and his legs stomped on the ground as his strength of one ancient horned dragon exploded out fully, desiring to dodge the attack coming from the side.

Whoosh!

At practically the instant Xiong Quan moved, the grade seven spirit sword in the withered old man's hand that he'd seized from Xiong Quan was like a stroke of the gods as it flashed out directly towards Xiong Quan.

This sword strike was originally flashing straight for Xiong Quan's heart.

It was precisely because of Duan Ling Tian's warning that seemed like foresight that Xiong Quan was able to dodge a moment earlier, allowing his heart to escape by a hair's breadth.

However, even then, the grade seven spirit sword still pierced into Xiong Quan's body like piercing through dry leaves.

Hitting right on his Dantian!

Pu!

Fresh blood sprayed out, transforming into numerous red roses.

Xiong Quan's body fiercely flew out, knocking over a few tables as he flew.

"No! No!!" Xiong Quan's voice was in panic, and after he dropped to the ground, he fiercely clenched his fists.

However, what appeared above him now wasn't an ancient horned dragon any longer... It was instead an ancient mammoth silhouette!

Ninth level of the Body Tempering Stage!

His Dantian had been crippled by the sword strike of the withered old man, and he'd lost all the Origin Energy in his body. All that remained was a cultivation at the ninth level of the Body Tempering Stage...

Xiong Quan roared for a short moment, then stopped and had a dejected expression.

Right at this moment, a wave of clamorous sound echoed out.

It was the crowd of customers on the second floor of the Eternal Jade Restaurant that were watching the events unfold, and when they saw the matter had developed to this extent, they were extremely afraid it would affect them. So, they all put down their money and left in panic, rushing to leave the restaurant.

"Xiong Quan!" Duan Ling Tian glanced at Xiong Quan, and his eyes went crimson red and his face was terrifyingly gloomy.

A trace of guilt arose within his heart.

If it wasn't for him wanting to go to Solitary Summit, Xiong Quan wouldn't have been here, and nothing would have happened to him...

During all these years that Xiong Quan had followed by his side, Xiong Quan had exerted himself to the utmost limit to handle work for Duan Ling Tian, and didn't complain in the slightest.

Duan Ling Tian had always been grateful for this in his heart.

Now, because of him, Xiong Quan's cultivation was crippled... He felt as if he'd been crippled.

When he heard Duan Ling Tian's explosive shout, Xiong Quan raised his head, and when he noticed Duan Ling Tian's gaze, he couldn't help but force a smile. "Young Master, I'm fine... I only lost my Origin Energy, my Advanced Sword Force is still here. No one beneath the Void Prying Stage is able to defend against a single strike of my sword!"

The Advanced Sword Force was a type of deep comprehension of a Void Prying Stage martial artists towards the sword.

It had separated itself from Origin Energy, and was comparable to the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths!

Chapter 352: Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation

A wisp of bitterness appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth when he heard Xiong Quan.

A seventh level Void Prying Stage expert had his Dantian crippled in the blink of an eye, and had lose all his Origin Energy to become a martial artist that was inferior to even a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist...

Could this be said to be fine?

Duan Ling Tian asked himself, if it was him, he would surely be unable to accept reality!

He knew clearly in his heart that Xiong Quan only said this to console him, as Xiong Quan didn't want Duan Ling Tian to feel guilty.

But how could he not feel guilty?

"Xiong Quan, I owe you." At the same time that Duan Ling Tian silently sighed in his heart, a bitter smile appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth.

What he owed Xiong Quan was something he would probably only be able to return in his next lifetime.

He'd killed the grandson of this Void Initiation Stage expert before him and it was impossible that this old man would let him off.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and stared coldly at the withered old man in a neither haughty nor humble manner.

"Scoundrel." Meanwhile, LI Fei held Duan Ling Tian's hand and stood shoulder to shoulder with him.

They would share everything together!

As far as she was concerned, being able to live and die together with Duan Ling Tian in this lifetime was a life that wasn't lived in vain.

"Little Fei." When Duan Ling Tian saw Li Fei like this, the cold indifference on his face vanished, and replacing it was extreme gentleness. He lightly stretched his hand out to stroke Li Fei's beautiful face. "Do you regret knowing me?"

Li Fei shook her head. "In this lifetime, being able to know you is the greatest providence the heavens gave me... Even if I have to leave this world with you in the next moment, I still wouldn't regret it. Because I'll be able to stay by your side at all times. You will never be alone."

Duan Ling Tian nodded heavily, then he took a deep breath and forced out a trace of a smile on his face.

In her eyes, a trace of firmness was gradually revealed.

No matter what, so long as there was still a sliver of a chance, he wouldn't let anything happen to Little Fei!

"Hmph!" A cold snort sounded out, breaking this beautiful atmosphere.

"A truly touching scene... My poor grandson, he died because of this woman!" The withered old man's voice was cold and indifferent, his expression extremely gloomy.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the withered old man moved to attack.

In the blink of an eye, he'd taken Li Fei from Duan Ling Tian's side.

"Little Fei!" Duan Ling Tian's face went grim when he saw this and the instant he reacted, his figure flashed out, wanting to save Li Fei.

Whoosh!

The old man casually raised his leg and a leg image swept out. He only used the strength of over a hundred ancient mammoths to kick Duan Ling Tian flying.

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian felt his internal organs shake, and something sweet rushed up his throat.

Bang!

In the next moment, his entire body flew out like an arrow leaving the bow before fiercely smashing onto the wall.

Pu!

Duan Ling Tian spat out a mouthful of blood, and his internal organs quaked, causing him to be almost suffocated.

However, when he saw Li Fei was still in the hands of the old man, Duan Ling Tian abruptly shouted out explosively and flew out once again, transforming into a venomous serpent.

Sword Drawing Arts!

His sword flashed out like lightning as it flew straight for the old man.

Whoosh!

The sword light that flashed by seemed to have transformed into the fangs of a venomous snake that bit at the old man.

"Futile effort!" The old man sneered, then casually raised his hand to blast Duan Ling Tian flying once again.

Pu!

Duan Ling Tian spat out a mouthful of fresh blood again. He was barely able to stand up using his sword to support himself, and his body swayed, seeming as if he might fall at any moment.

"Scoundrel!" This scene caused Li Fei's eyes to nearly split open and she exclaimed in sorrow.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, a slovenly figure flashed out from within the second floor of the Eternal Jade Restaurant, and his hand held the hand of a beautiful woman.

It was precisely the husband and wife pair of the Eternal Jade Restaurant.

Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong.

They were originally busy in the kitchen, but when they noticed the commotion they'd hurried out at the first possible moment.

When they saw the scene before them, Zhang Shou Yong frowned, whereas Wang Qiong's beautiful face went pale. "Little Sister Li Fei!"

"Kid, looks like you love this woman very deeply... You actually fight so desperately for her sake!" The withered old man only glanced at Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong indifferently, then didn't pay any attention to them. Perhaps he felt that the two of them were of no threat to him, and his gaze that contained traces of coldness once again descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the withered old man then gnashed his teeth and said, "Old goat, I killed your grandson, it has nothing to do with her! You're a Void Initiation Stage expert in any case, don't you feel it's a loss of face for giving a weak girl a hard time? Whatever it is, come at me!"

"Truly touching." A wisp of a strange smile appeared on the old man's face as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said indifferently. "Kid, I know that it's surely because of this woman that you killed my grandson... How about this? I'll give you a chance. I'll let you leave, but leave this woman behind for me to kill. How about it?"

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian snorted coldly and disregarded what the old man said.

Not to mention he didn't believe that the old man would be so kind, even if the old man was speaking the truth, it would still be impossible for him to leave.

Li Fei was his woman and his life.

Asking him to leave him woman and use his woman's life in exchange for his own, and live on alone?

He would rather die!

"Scoundrel, leave quickly!" However, Li Fei instead believed the old man, and she looked at Duan Ling Tian as she said anxiously. "Quickly leave! You have to take good care of Little Sister Ke Er in the future, and live on with Little Sister Ke Er..."

In Li Fei's eyes, even if she exchanged her life for the life of her man, she would have no regrets.

A wisp of a sneer appeared on the corners of the old man's mouth as he grunted. "Did you hear it? Your woman asked you to go... Kid, hurry up and leave, so as to avoid leaving your life here."

Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to the old man. He looked at Li Fei and lightly shook his head. "Little Fei, you're too foolish. I killed his grandson, how could he easily let me off? Even if he'd really be willing to let me off, but if the price was your life... Then I, Duan Ling Tian, would rather die!"

I, Duan Ling Tian, would rather die!

Duan Ling Tian's voice was clear and contained his will to die, his heroic spirit shooting into the sky.

"Scoundrel." Li Fei's delicate figure trembled and tears flowed down her beautiful eyes like the rain. At this moment, although she was facing the danger of death, her heart was still filled with happiness...

At this moment, it seemed that only Duan Ling Tian remained in the world within her eyes.

This was her man...

Her, Li Fei's, man!

Duan Ling Tian's resoluteness caused the withered old man's face to become unsightly.

He naturally wouldn't be so kind as to let Duan Ling Tian leave.

He only wasted to smash the laughable love between this pair of little lovers, and let them know that their so-called love was so fragile...

Now it would seem that he'd failed.

This young man that had killed his grandson was actually willing to die for this woman.

The withered old man took a deep breath as his hand shook and Li Fei was directly tossed out by him, then he said with a cold and indifferent tone. "I'll give you ten breaths of time, disappear before my eyes and I'll spare your life... Otherwise, I'll kill you with this kid!" As the old man finished speaking, his eyes emitted a cold and fierce expression.

He still wanted to see the scene of the person who killed his grandson being deserted by his loved ones...

Only in this way would he be able to vent the hatred in his heart.

When he saw this scene, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sneer. "Old goat, doing the same thing twice... Don't you feel it's a waste of time? You probably wish for nothing more than to burn our bones and scatter our ashes in your heart, would you let any one of us leave? Laughable!"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the old man's face to flicker between a livid and pale expression.

"Scoundrel." Li Fei went to Duan Ling Tian's side and supported the pale face Duan Ling Tian up, and the gaze she looked at Duan Ling Tian with was full of gentleness.

As long as she could stand together with this man, she would have no regrets even if she died in the next moment.

In the distance, Zhang Shou Yong was slightly moved when he saw this scene.

Subsequently, his gaze descended onto Wang Qiong...

Wang Qiong's beautiful face was currently fully covered by tears, as if she'd transformed into a tearing beauty.

Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei's actions of not abandoning each other had deeply affected her.

The love between the two of them had already surpassed life and death.

It was shocking!

"Kid, what you mean is I will go back on my word?" The killing intent in the old man's eyes was awe-inspiring and his face sank.

For the sake of seeing Duan Ling Tian being abandoned by his loved ones, he secretly gritted his teeth and made a decision.

He raised his hand and the Origin Energy in his hand transformed into a needle that pierced into the tip of his finger.

Hiss!

A faint strand of fresh blood scattered in the air.

"I, Withered Old Man, establish this oath with my blood. So long as this woman is willing to abandon this kid and leave, and let this kid experience the bitterness of being abandoned by his loved ones... I, Withered Old Man, am willing to let this woman live. If I go against this oath, I, Withered Old Man, am willing to be blasted to death by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation!" As soon as the old man finished speaking, the fresh blood in the air rose up to the sky in a bizarre manner.

In the blink of an eye, a formidable and majestic aura was emitted from above the strand of fresh blood...

This aura suppressed everyone present, including the withered old man, and caused them to be unable to refrain from trembling.

Bang!

That strand of fresh blood directly pierced through the roof of the Eternal Jade Restaurant and rushed into the sky.

After a short moment.

Bang!

A thunderclap sounded out from the horizon, shocking the entire Ancient City of Everlast...

"A Void Prying Stage martial artist is overcoming the Six-Nine Heavenly Tribulation in the Ancient City of Everlast?" This was the first thought that arose within the minds of most people.

Only because this thunderclap was no ordinary thunderclap.

Bang!

Subsequently, another thunderclap resounded out in the sky.

"No, it's impossible for the gap between the six lightning strikes in the Six-Nine Heavenly Tribulation to be so short," Some Void Stage experts that had experienced the Six-Nine Heavenly Tribulation said in astonishment.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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In next to no time, many more thunderclaps resounded out, and it only stopped after a total of nine resounded.

"This is... The Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation?"

For a time, the entire Ancient City of Everlast was in an uproar.

Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation!

Within the Eternal Jade Restaurant, Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted as he never expected that the old man would actually establish such a heavy oath...

"Looks like for the sake of seeing the scene of me being abandoned by my loved ones, this old man is really willing to let Li Fei go." Duan Ling Tian's heart trembled slightly as he guessed the reason the old man did this.

In next to no time, he looked at Li Fei who was beside him and his eyes revealed traces of tender affection, and within this tender affection was slight reluctance mixed within.

Through the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian knew of the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation like the back of his hand.

The Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation was an Oath Tribulation that caused the people of Cloud Continent to tremble with fear on hearing of it.

In Cloud Continent, other oaths didn't have a substantial binding force as it merely relied on one's conscience, and the person who made the oath could go back on his word it at any moment.

But once one used one's own blood and establish the oath with the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation, then it possessed absolute binding force!

Chapter 353: Third Level Earth Concept

Supposedly, once someone within Cloud Continent used their own blood to establish an oath under the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation, then if they dared go against the oath, they would be directly annihilated by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation

On Cloud Continent, similar incidents had occurred many times.

So no one dared rashly establish on oath under the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation.

"This withered old man really does hate me to the bones." Duan Ling Tian gazed at the old man with an emaciated figure, his gaze was cold and indifferent like ice.

The old man looked at Li Fei, and coldness arose on the corners of his mouth. "Now, you can leave peacefully... I truly look forward to how pained he will be when you abandon this kid and leave!" As he finished speaking, a wisp of an evil smile appeared on the corners of the old man's mouth.

As if he'd already seen the scene of Duan Ling Tian being abandoned by all his loved ones.

Coldness arose within Li Fei's beautiful eyes as she glanced calmly at the old man, then paid no attention to the old man as her delicate hands tightly held onto Duan Ling Tian, and her gaze was firm as before, not changing in the slightest.

She wouldn't abandon her man to save herself.

Just like her man wouldn't abandon her.

"Little Fei..." When Duan Ling Tian saw the withered old man establish the oath under the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation and was willing to let Li Fei go, he intended to persuade Li Fei to leave.

But when he saw the gaze contained within Li Fei's eyes, he perceived the meaning Li Fei wanted to convey. That was a gaze of incomparable firmness and gaze of being unwilling to abandon him forever...

He didn't say anything in the end, and a brilliant smile appeared on his face.

With a stretch of his hand, he'd taken Li Fei into his embrace, and felt Li Fei's heartbeat...

At this moment, Li Fei's heartbeat seemed to completely merge with his heartbeat, and it was difficult for a distinction to be made anymore.

"I'll give you three breaths of time, if you still don't leave, then die with him!" The withered old man's body lightly trembled as he suddenly realized that everything he'd done earlier seemed to have been for nothing.

Although they were young, this pair of little lovers were actually willing to sacrifice their lives for love.

At the same time that he felt it was beyond belief, it also caused him to be slightly angry from embarrassment.

When faced with the old man's threats, Li Fei didn't pay a shred of attention to it. She silently leaned in Duan Ling Tian's embrace, feeling the familiar aura on Duan Ling Tian's body as she enjoyed every minute and every second...

She truly hoped that this moment could become eternal.

As for Duan Ling Tian, as he embraced Li Fei and smelt the fragrance in her hair at this moment, he felt his heart become incomparably calm...

At this moment, he was even able to clearly feel that it was as if his soul had raised to a higher level, and his Spiritual Force that remained dormant for so long was growing at an extremely fast speed.

It raised all the way until it was at the verge between the Nascent Soul Stage and the Void Prying Stage.

Towards all this, Duan Ling Tian seemed as if he'd entirely not noticed, or perhaps, he knew in his heart that even if his Spiritual Force had increased, it wouldn't be able to change anything.

Three breaths of time later.

"Looks like you really want to die with this kid..." The withered old man sneered, then his withered figure slightly shook and his Origin Energy howled. "Then I'll let you and this kid become a pair of dead lovebirds!"

Whoosh!

Above the old man, two ancient horned dragons gradually condensed into form, their imposing manner shooting into the sky like a rainbow.

"Young Master!" When he saw this scene, the face of Xiong Quan who'd been struggling to get up went pale, and his body that had just gotten up fiercely dropped onto the ground again.

His fist madly hammered the ground like a madman, extremely hating his weakness.

"Stay your hand!" Suddenly, a tender shout resounded in the entire second floor of the Eternal Jade Restaurant and caused everyone to be stunned.

"Hmm?" The withered old man's face sank, then he turned around to look at the source of the sound, and his gaze descended onto Wang Qiong. "I, Withered Old Man, hate it the most when someone tells me what to do. This matter has nothing to do with you. If you dare say another word, then I'll let you die with them!"

Duan Ling Tian looked at the young man by Wang Qiong's side and said slowly, "Big Brother Zhang, take sister-in-law out of the restaurant."

He didn't want to implicate this pair of young husband and wife...

"Big Sister Wang Qiong, if there's a next life, I hope that I'll still be able to eat the food you cooked." Li Fei raised her head and slightly smiled to Wang Qiong. "It's really tasty... Now, quickly go with Big Brother Zhang."

"Little Sister Li Fei." Wang Qiong looked at Li Fei and a wisp of a light smiled appeared on her beautiful face that was weeping. "Both of you have taught me many things, and allowed me to instantly understand a lot... Thank you. If you really want to eat the food Big Sister cooked, then live on and Big Sister will cook for you."

Live on?

What Wang Qiong said caused Li Fei to sigh.

Did she have the chance?

"Brother Yong." Suddenly, under the gazes of everyone present, Wang Qiong looked at the slovenly young man that was by her side, and she slowly said, "I know that when you followed me to the Ancient City of Everlast, you said that unless someone threatened our lives, otherwise, you wouldn't kill again."

Suddenly, Wang Qiong's fierce gaze descended onto the withered old man and the two middle aged men in the distance, and her voice became colder. "But today, I hope that you can make an exception for me!"

For a time, besides the slovenly young man, Wang Qiong's words caused everyone to be stunned.

"Big Brother Zhang, he... Wouldn't also be a...." When Duan Ling Tian heard Wang Qiong, his heart raced.

And at the instant Duan Ling Tian's heart raced, a chilly voice sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears. "I understand."

This voice came from the far away slovenly young man.

Instantly, in Duan Ling Tian's field of vision, the slovenly young man vanished on the spot, as he'd obviously increased his speed to the limit.

Duan Ling Tian saw the energy of heaven and earth roil in the sky, and it finally condensed into three ancient horned dragon silhouettes...

The strength of three ancient horned dragons!

"Big Brother Zhang is a second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist?" Duan Ling Tian revealed an expression of disbelief, as he'd never imagined that this young man that looked to be a little over 30 would actually possess such terrifying strength!

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian had just realized all this when he heard an enormous bang. It was Zhang Shou Yong who'd instantly arrived before the withered old man before smashing out with his fist that was like a sledgehammer, and before the old man could even react, it had already smashed onto his chest.

The old man was smashed by the fist to the point that he flashed backwards in retreat, his face flushed red.

"Second level Void Initial Stage!" The old man gaped with astonishment, and he felt something sweet in his mouth before spitting out a mouthful of blood.

Never had he expected that this young man that looked to be a little over 30 would actually be an existence that was even more formidable than him...

Whoosh!

The old man didn't dare hesitate, the Origin Energy on his body roiled as a narrow sword appeared within his hand, and then his Origin energy skyrocketed as it carried with it an extremely terrifying aura.

This aura even surpassed Advanced Sword Force!

"Sword Concept!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted.

In the blink of an eyes, another ancient horned dragon and 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the two ancient horned dragons above the old man....

The 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes were like twinkling stars around a bright moon as they surrounded the three ancient horned dragons in the middle.

"It's a grade six spirit sword!" A cold light flashed within Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

The grade six spirit sword in the old man's hand was able to amplify almost 40% of his strength.

The strength of almost 8,000 ancient mammoths was from the amplification of the grade six spirit sword founded from the two ancient horned dragons...

As for the other ancient horned dragon, that was the strength bestowed upon the old man by his Sword Concept.

Concept surpassed Force.

Although the old man's Sword Concept was only the lowest first level Sword Concept, it still surpassed the Advanced Sword Force...

Advanced Sword Force was able to allow a martial artist to obtain an extra strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths, just like Xiong Quan's Advanced Sword Force.

Whereas the first level Sword Concept that surpassed the Advanced Sword Force was instead able to allow a martial artist to obtain an extra strength of 10,000 ancient mammoths, or in other words, the strength of one ancient horned dragon!

Presently, the old man went all out, and his entire strength was comparable to the strength of three ancient horned dragons and almost 8,000 ancient mammoths...

"Die!" The old man's eyes were crimson red as his body flashed out, and the narrow sword in his hand trembled before flashed towards Zhang Shou Yong like a bolt of lightning.

Of course, in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, the old man had vanished into thin air...

The old man's speed was too swift!

With Duan Ling Tian's current cultivation, he was utterly unable to see it clearly, and he could only feel a gust of wind swiftly flash by as it swept towards Zhang Shou Yong.

"Big Brother Zhang, watch out!" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but warn.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian realized that his warning was unnecessary...

He saw Zhang Shou Yong disappear within his gaze, and when Zhang Shou Yong appeared once again, he already stood at the spot where the old man had stood earlier.

"Merely at the first level of the Void Initiation Stage and only at the first level Sword Concept, you dare display your slight skill before me?" Zhang Shou Yong's voice contained slight disdain and arrogance mixed within.

Whoosh!

Practically the instant Zhang Shou Yong finished speaking, a light barrier with flowing lights flashing about had suddenly appeared on his body.

This wasn't a defensive qi barrier, and was instead a layer of an earthen yellow light barrier

Instantly, Zhang Shou Young's entire figure seemed as if it had merged with the earth, and couldn't be differentiated any longer...

Suddenly, Zhang Shou Yong took a stride forward.

A stride forward was like a mountain collapsing!

Bang!

An extremely strong aura surged out from Zhang Shou Yong's body, and it seemed as if it had perfectly merged with the entire earth.

This aura was even stronger than the old man's Sword Concept...

"Earth Concept?" Duan Ling Tian was shocked in his heart as he gazed at Zhang Shou Yong who seemed as if he'd completely merged as one with the earth.

After he'd merged with the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, he wasn't unfamiliar to 'Concept.'

Even to the extent that he was able to discern that the Concept Zhang Shou Yong was utilizing was a Concept that was extremely difficult to comprehend...

One of the Concepts of nature, the Earth Concept.

Earth Concept was able to allow one's aura to completely merge with the earth.

Not only would one be able to hide and conceal one's self, one was even able to draw support from the strength of the earth to attack, and it was an extremely domineering Concept.

Whoosh!

At this moment, another three ancient horned dragons appeared beside the three ancient horned dragons above Zhang Shou Yong.

Six ancient horned dragon silhouettes floated in mid-air, as they brandished their claws and bared their fangs and accumulated strength while waiting to attack.

"Big Brother Zhang's Earth Force was actually able to draw upon the energy of heaven and earth to condense into three ancient horned dragon silhouettes?" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted and he had an astonished expression.

"Third... Third level Earth Concept!" The pair of twins that stood nearby had long since been dumbstruck by what they'd seen. Now, when they saw this scene, their faces went ghastly pale and their legs started shivering.

Chapter 354: The Death of The Withered Old Man

Similarly to the cultivation levels of a martial artist, Concept was divided into nine levels.

Each level was stronger than the next!

First level Concept was comparable the strength of one ancient horned dragon.

Second level Concept was comparable the strength of two ancient horned dragons.

Third level Concept was comparable the strength of three ancient horned dragons.

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So on and so forth.

The strongest level of Concept, the ninth level Concept was comparable to the strength of nine ancient horned dragons!

"Third level Earth Concept!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked as well. When he saw the second level Void Initiation Stage cultivation that Zhang Shou Yong displayed, his heart was already filled with shock.

Now, Zhang Shou Yong had actually utilized a third level Earth Concept?

Duan Ling Tian didn't even have the chance to recover from his shock when Zhang Shou Yong had already taken another stride forward and in the blink of an eye, he seemed to have completely merged into the earth and vanished without a trace.

At this moment, the emaciated figure of the withered old man that stood with an expression of terror in the distance trembled suddenly.

Subsequently, his face went deathly pale, as if his neck was forcefully choked by someone. His mouth gaped open but he wasn't able to say anything even after quite a while.

In the next moment, his eyes that flickered with a fierce light had completely dimmed down.

Bang!

The withered old man's body swayed for a little while before crashing onto the floor. When he fell on the ground, eye piercing fresh blood that was dazzling and resplendent flowed out of his seven apertures.

The withered old man, a first level Void Initiation Stage expert.

Earlier, he even controlled Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei within his hands and was incomparably mighty.

But now, a mighty Void Initiation Stage expert like this had crashing onto the ground and died while his seven apertures bled.

The scene before them caused Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei to have an unreal feeling.

Was this really a Void Initiation Stage expert?

At the same time, they were completely shocked by Zhang Shou Yong's strength.

Although they weren't able to perceive the movements of Zhang Shou Yong when he attacked, they knew clearly that all this was related to Zhang Shou Yong who seemed to have merged with the earth and disappeared on the spot in the blink of an eye.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, Zhang Shou Yong's slovenly figure once again appeared before everyone, and he just happened to be standing before the withered old man's corpse.

Zhang Shou Yong's gaze calmly glanced at the withered old man, as if he'd only done something of no great importance.

Meanwhile, the pair of twin brother that stood nearby looked at each other, and they could both see the terror within each other's eyes...

They'd realized that they'd rammed against a plate of iron.

A second level Void Initiation Stage expert that has comprehended the third level Earth Concept!

Even in the entire surrounding areas of the Ancient City of Everlast, such an existence was still considered to be a top existence...

They'd actually encountered such an existence.

Flee!

The same thought arose within their minds, and they executed their movement techniques in panic to flash out of the restaurant.

They wanted to leave this place that caused despair to emerge within their hearts...

In this place, they felt that their lives had completely left their own control.

Zhang Shou Yong's brows lightly twitched, he was about to chase after the two of them when he suddenly perceived something, and a wisp of a smile appeared on the corners of his mouth as he lightly shook his head.

Suddenly, Zhang Shou Yong's figure jerked, and he disappeared on the spot.

When he appeared again, he was already by Wang Qiong's side.

"Eh." Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force that had advanced to the peak of the Nascent Soul Stage shook, and he faintly noticed that someone happened to be flashing over, and the person was going straight for the pair of fleeing twins.

Who is it?

Right when Duan Ling Tian was wondering in his heard, a sylphlike figure appeared before his eyes, and obstructed the path of the twin brothers.

Above this person, a lifelike ancient horned dragon lingered there, and another 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes were like twinkling stars around a bright moon as the surrounded the ancient horned dragon silhouette, as if they were worshipping the supreme emperor...

"Ninth level Void Prying Stage!" The faces of the twin brothers that were stopped went pale as they shouted out in surprise.

"Leave your lives here." The person voice was extremely pleasing to the ear, and she instantly attacked.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Her pair of delicate hands flashed out like lightning, seeming to transform into two venomous serpents that bit towards the twin brothers and directly twisted their heads off.

Kacha!

The sound of bones breaking was clearly audible, and caused chills to run down one's spine.

Bang! Bang!

In the wake of her attacks, the bodies of the twins crashed onto the ground, and followed in the withered old man's footsteps.

"This..." Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei glanced at each other, and they both saw the astonishment in each other's eyes.

Only because they recognized the woman that had appeared before their eyes to kill the pair of twins.

This woman wasn't anyone else but precisely that beautiful manager from the Drainpool Inn opposite of Eternal Jade Restaurant...

Duan Ling Tian never imagined that this beautiful manager that seemed incomparably weak would actually possess such a terrifying cultivation.

The beautiful manager nodded with a smile to Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei, then flowing light revolved within her pair of beautiful eyes as she gazed at the far away Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong, and her gaze mostly descended onto Wang Qiong.

"Xuan Chi." Zhang Shou Yong nodded to the beautiful manager and greeted indifferently.

When faced with Zhang Shou Yong's cold and indifferent attitude, the beautiful manager's delicate body trembled imperceptibly, yet it was clearly seen by Duan Ling Tian.

However, Duan Ling Tian knew that this was a private matter of Zhang Shou Yong, so he didn't pay any extra attention. He brought Li Fei to stand before Xiong Quan, then helped Xiong Quan up before letting him sit at the side. "Xiong Quan, are you alright?"

Xiong Quan shook his head and forced out a smile. "I'm fine."

Duan Ling Tian gave Xiong Quan a grade seven Gold Injury Pill before starting to help him dissolve the medicinal strength...

Presently, Xiong Quan had lost all his Origin Energy, and was utterly unable to dissolve the medicinal strength of the pill.

In next to no time, under the assistance of Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy, Xiong Quan's injuries had recovered substantially. Although his Dantian couldn't recover, his complexion had become much better and it wasn't ghastly pale as before.

"I understand now." Suddenly, a rather miserable voice sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head to look and what he saw was the beautiful manager of Drainpool Inn sighing before turning around and leaving.

That sylphlike and beautiful figure of hers was lonely and desolate, as if she'd lost the most important thing in her life in an instant...

Besides that, when Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong, he had the feeling that something was different in this husband and wife pair.

Before long, he got the answer he was looking for.

So it turned out that it was because of Wang Qiong.

The current Wang Qiong didn't lack a shred of confidence.

Compared to herself in the past, the current Wang Qiong was simply like a completely different person.

"What happened?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled in his heart, it was difficult to imagine how a person could change so greatly in the blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian held Li Fei's hand and walked over to Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong before sincerely thanking. "Big Brother Zhang, sister-in-law, thank you."

His tone was filled with gratitude.

Today, if it wasn't for Zhang Shou Yong's help, it would be impossible for him and Li Fei to have survived...

"Little Sister Li Fei, you're fine right?" Wang Qiong stretched out her delicate hand to 'seize' Li Fei from Duan Ling Tian's side, then pulled Li Fei to her side before asking about Li Fei's well-being.

"Big Sister Wang Qiong, I'm fine." Li Fei lightly shook her head.

"Come, we sisters will go talk privately, let's ignore them." Wang Qiong brought Li Fei to sit at the side, and they started chatting happily.

This caused Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Shou Yong to glance at each other and smile helplessly.

The two of them found a place to sit nearby, and after they sat, Duan Ling Tian slightly sighed with emotion. "Big Brother Zhang, I really never imagined that you're actually a Void Initiation Stage expert... Moreover, you're a Void Initiation Stage expert that had comprehended the third level Earth Concept!"

Zhang Shou Yong smiled. "It's just luck."

"Luck?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head as this was certainly not luck.

Zhang Shou Yong's comprehension ability that was able to comprehend the third level Earth Concept at such an age caused Duan Ling Tian to be shocked.

According to the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, even in the entire 'Foreign Lands', such comprehension ability could already be considered as pretty good...

"Big Brother Zhang, you're not from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"No." Zhang Shou Yong shook his head. Suddenly, as if he'd thought of something, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and revealed a slight smile. "Brother Ling Tian, thank you."

Duan Ling Tian was stunned. "For what?"

He couldn't wrap his head around it. It was Zhang Shou Yong who saved him earlier, right?

Why is he turning around and thanking me?

"Brother Ling Tian, I presume you ought to be curious of the relationship between me and the manager of Drainpool Inn, right?" Zhang Shou Yong asked.

Although he didn't know why Zhang Shou Yong would suddenly ask this, but Duan Ling Tian still couldn't refrain from nodding.

"She's called Chen Xuan Chi, and is my childhood friend, and my clan and hers have been friends for generations. Our clans arranged our marriage together when we were young... She can be said to be my fiancée. Of course, that's all a matter of the past. The moment I left the clan, that marriage became annulled." As Zhang Shou Yong spoke, he picked up his wine gourd and poured a mouthful into his mouth.

Childhood friend?

Duan Ling Tian never imagined that Zhang Shou Yong would still have this type of relationship with the inn manager.

Zhang Shou Yong continued. "Since we were young, I took her as my own sister, and have never thought of having anything happen between us... So, I never cared about the marriage contract. Later on, I met Qiong, and we quickly fell into the river of love...

"Originally, my clan didn't interfere with me and Qiong. Although Qiong didn't have any background, her natural talent in the Martial Dao was extremely superb... However, later on, an accident caused Qiong's Dantian to be damaged, and she lost all her Origin Energy. From that moment onwards, my clan started obstructing me and Qiong from meeting and wanted to separate us. They even took out that marriage contract to force me...

"Influenced by my rage, I left the clan... At that time, another bigger problem descended! Qiong actually wanted to leave me, just because she felt that since her cultivation was completely lost, she didn't deserve me, and she lost all confidence... For the sake of allowing her to renew her confidence, I brought her far away to this Ancient City of Everlast and established the Eternal Jade Restaurant with her."

As he spoke up to here, a slight smile appeared on Zhang Shou Yong's face. "Here, I once again saw her smile. Even though she was still so uncertain."

In next to no time, the smile on Zhang Shou Yong's face transformed into a bitter smile. "However, what I never expected was that Xuan Chi would actually come to this Ancient City of Everlast in search of me..."

Chapter 355: Resurrection Pill

Zhang Shou Yong didn't have to say what happened after that as Duan Ling Tian was able to roughly guess what happened.

It was nothing but that Chen Xuan Chi didn't give up.

Then, coupled with Wang Qiong's own lack of confidence, it caused Chen Xuan Chi to feel that there was an opportunity to take advantage of.

So, Zhang Shou Yong and his wife had always been at a standstill with her.

Zhang Shou Yong spoke in an unrestrained manner. "This time, the feelings of you and sister-in-law, not leaving each other even in death, had infected Qiong... Qiong seemed as if she'd come around in an instant. She didn't feel she didn't deserve me anymore, and her past lack of confidence didn't exist anymore. To the extent that she even took the initiate to suggest wanting to leave the Ancient City of Everlast with me and travel around."

"It was practically impossible for something like this to occur in the past." As he spoke up to here, Zhang Shou Yong had an excited expression.

"Congratulations Big Brother Zhang." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he congratulated Zhang Shou Yong.

Zhang Shou Yong continued. "Earlier, Xuan Chi realized that Qiong had renewed her confidence, and she knew that she didn't have a chance anymore... So, she came around and will be leaving within the next few days. This time, you and sister-in-law have really done me a great service. Otherwise, if Xuan Chi was really allowed to continue on like this for a few more years, I don't know how guilty I would feel."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

One hour later.

Duan Ling Tian, Li Fei, and Xiong Quan left the Ancient City of Everlast again.

But there were another two people beside them.

It was precisely the husband and wife pair, Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong.

Duan Ling Tian gave away his Ferghana Horse to Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong, and he sat on the Ferghana Horse with Li Fei.

Duan Ling Tian hugged Li Fei as he spurred the horse forward.

Currently, Zhang Shou Yong had changed into clean clothes and he didn't possess the slovenly appearance from before. Moreover, the stubble on his face was already shaved, making him look elegant and unrestrained.

However, a wine gourd still hung on his waist.

This wine gourd was like his treasure that never left his side.

"Big Brother Zhang, why does the wine in this gourd seem as if it can't be finished?" Half a month later, Duan Ling Tian was finally unable to refrain from asking.

During this half month, he could be sure that Zhang Shou Yong hadn't replenished the wine in the wine gourd. His wine gourd was like a bottomless pit that contained wine that couldn't be drunk to the bottom.

Zhang Shou Yong was stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question, then he couldn't help but burst into laughter.

"Brother Ling Tian, the wine gourd of your Big Brother Zhang isn't any ordinary gourd... This is a grade five spirit weapon, and it's able to contain 10,000 pounds of wine." Wang Qiong lightly smiled as she explained to Duan Ling Tian.

Grade five spirit weapon?

Wang Qiong spoke casually, but when it entered Duan Ling Tian's ears, it was instead like a thunderclap.

"Grade five spirit weapon?!" Li Fei who sat before Duan Ling Tian and lay on his chest couldn't help but exclaim in surprise, then her beautiful eyes flickered with a gleam of disbelief as she gazed at the wine gourd in Zhang Shou Yong's hands.

Xiong Quan who spurred his horse in the lead was slightly moved as well and was shocked.

"I've really misjudged it." Duan Ling Tian sighed with emotion, now, when his Spiritual Force extended out, he was able to noticed that the wine gourd in Zhang Shou Yong's hand was indeed a grade five spirit weapon.

Grade five spirit weapon!

Duan Ling Tian's mood surged.

According to his knowledge, even throughout the entire Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, this grade five spirit weapons was still an existence like phoenix feathers and qilin horns.

The Seven Star Sword Sect he'd joined was one of the top sects in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

However, a formidable sect like this seemed to only have one grade five spirit weapon, a grade five spirit sword. Supposedly, this grade five spirit sword was in the Sect Leader's control.

That grade five spirit sword was the Seven Star Sword Sect's Sect Leader's sword for generations and generations.

"Besides being able to store wine, this wine gourd is probably an extremely formidable offensive spirit weapon as well..." Duan Ling Tian was able to notice the difference in this wine gourd, unlike the Spatial Ring which was a spirit weapon purely used for storage, the wine gourd still carried along traces of killing intent.

This was the killing intent that only an offensive spirit weapon would possess.

"Grade five spirit weapon... There are extremely few within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom. Even if it's the Empire that surpassed the Imperial Kingdom, there probably wouldn't be many as well. Could it be that Big Brother Zhang is from the Darkstone Empire?" Duan Ling Tian secretly guessed in his heart.

Along the way, he'd tried to ask Zhang Shou Yong about his background, but Zhang Shou Yong would only laugh it off, then say they he wasn't related to the past any longer and didn't want to mention it.

Duan Ling Tian could feel the aloofness and resoluteness in Zhang Shou Yong's tone.

It looked like the clan of this Big Brother Zhang of his had hurt Zhang Shou Yong greatly.

Zhang Shou Yong wasn't willing to say anything so Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't ask anymore. This also caused the background of Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong to become a riddle in his eyes.

"Big Brother Zhang, sister-in-law, do you two have any plans?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"We don't have any specific plans for now. But, we should be going to take a spin around the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... So we'll send you and sister-in-law back to the Seven Star Sword Sect before we make any plans." Zhang Shou Yong lightly smiled.

A trace of warmth flowed within Duan Ling Tian's heart.

He naturally knew Zhang Shou Yong's intentions, it was undoubtedly wanting to escort him and Li Fei back to the Seven Star Sword Sect.

After all, now, Xiong Quan's cultivation was different from before.

Even if it was a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist, so long as the person used a spirit weapon, then Xiong Quan wouldn't be a match.

Although Xiong Quan was able to execute the Advanced Sword Force that's comparable to the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths, the strength bestowed by the Advanced Sword Force was unable to be amplified by a spirit weapon.

A spirit weapon was only able to amplify the strength of the body and Origin Energy...

Currently, Xiong Quan had lost all his Origin Energy, and only a ninth level Body Tempering Stage cultivation remained in him.

When the strength of his body exploded out completely, it would only be comparable to the strength of one ancient mammoth...

Even if he did utilize a grade seven spirit sword and obtained the amplification from it, Xiong Quan's strength wouldn't even reach the strength of two ancient mammoths!

"Xiong Quan..." Duan Ling Tian sighed then looked at Xiong Quan who rode his horse in the front and asked. "Xiong Quan, what plans do you have?"

Xiong Quan took a deep breath when he heard this, then said slowly, "Young Master, with my current strength, I can't help you with anything... I want to return to my hometown."

Xiong Quan's tone carried slight bitterness within.

"Then we'll send you back to your hometown." Duan Ling Tian nodded, he respected Xiong Quan's choice.

He'd already decided in his heart that he would surely help Xiong Quan restore his Dantian in the future! Restore a Dantian...

If anyone knew of Duan Ling Tian's current thoughts, they would surely insult Duan Ling Tian as a madman and think Duan Ling Tian was indulging in the wildest of fantasies.

After all, once the Dantian was damaged, even if one consumed the best healing medicine in the entire Cloud Continent, the grade one Life Recovery Pill, it would still be powerless to save the person's Dantian...

This was a fact that was publically acknowledged within Cloud Continent.

Once the Dantian was crippled, one's life was over.

This was an iron law.

However, as the person who'd merged with the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian wouldn't care about these so-called iron laws.

According to the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, there were two ways that could restore a crippled Dantian...

The first, find a legendary medicinal herb called the Immortal Spirit Herb.

The Immortal Spirit Herb only existed in legends, and even the Rebirth Martial Emperor had only heard of it, but not seen it.

Allegedly, the Immortal Spirit Herb was able to cause a cripple to regrow his limbs.

Its medicinal strength could be called heaven defying!

The second, was to become a Quasi Royal Grade Alchemist, and refine a Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill.

The Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill was a healing medicine that surpassed the grade one Life Recovery Pill.

Within the Cloud Continent, people only knew that the best healing medicine was the grade one Life Recovery Pill.

They didn't know that since long ago, the Rebirth Martial Emperor had refined the Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill and the Royal Grade Resurrection Pill surpassed the grade one Life Recovery Pill.

No matter how serious the injury was, so long as the heart hadn't stopped beating, then they could be saved by consuming the Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill.

As for the Royal Grade Resurrection Pill? It was even more exaggerated.

Even if the heart had stopped beating, so long as it hadn't stopped for more than an hour, then the person could be save by consuming a Royal Grade Resurrection Pill.

"That Immortal Spirit Herb is too impractical... Looks like I have to wait until I arrive at the 'Foreign Lands' and obtain the great treasure that the Rebirth Martial Emperor left for his third lifetime to be able to help Xiong Quan restore his Dantian." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

Within the pile of treasures that the Rebirth Martial Emperor had prepared for his third lifetime, the Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill and Royal Grade Resurrection Pill were amongst them...

After spending an entire month of galloping the whole way, Duan Ling Tian's group had finally arrived at Xiong Quan's hometown.

Xiong Quan's hometown was situated within a group of mountains, and it was considered a remote village.

"Xiong Quan, you grew up here?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the remote village and couldn't help but exclaim in a low voice.

It was difficult for him to image how Xiong Quan, the formed guardian elder of the Boundless Sect, had such an ordinary and common birth...

"Yes." Xiong Quan nodded, and he was slightly excited as he looked at the faraway village.

Duan Ling Tian's group had only just entered the village when they were noticed.

"It's Uncle Xiong Quan." In next to no time, a 12 or 13 year old youth with sharp eyes had recognized Xiong Quan and he exclaimed in shock before dashing over. "Uncle Xiong Quan! Uncle Xiong Quan!"

"You are?" Xiong Quan was stunned as he gazed at the youth that leaped into his embrace.

"Uncle Xiong Quan, you don't recognize me? I'm Er Hu!" The youth raised his head and looked at Xiong Quan with an excited expression.

"You're Er Hu?" Xiong Quan was stunned then couldn't help but laugh as he rubbed the youth's little head. "Er Hu, we've only not seen each other for a few years and you've already grown so big..."

The youth laughed slyly. "Uncle Xiong Quan, I was only seven when you left the last time."

"Is everyone in the village still well?" Xiong Quan asked.

The youth nodded hastily. "Everyone is fine, just that we usually slightly miss Uncle Xiong Quan... Hmph! I'm going to become an outstanding martial artist like Uncle Xiong Quan in the future, then enter the Boundless Sect and become a great guardian like Uncle Xiong Quan!"

The youth's naïve appearance caused Duan Ling Tian, Li Fei, Zhang Shou Yong, and Wang Qiong to be unable to refrain from smiling.

"Then you have to work hard, Er Hu." Xiong Quan smiled as he encouraged, yet a trace of misery flashed deep within his eyes.

"Xiong Quan!"

"Uncle Xiong Quan!"

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Before long, a crowd of people poured out of the village and they were incredibly fervent.

Duan Ling Tian's thought inwardly when he saw this scene. "Looks like after Xiong Quan became the guardian elder of the Boundless Sect, he didn't forget his own hometown... These villagers all respect him from the bottom of their hearts."

Xiong Quan relied on his own hard work to grow into the guardian elder of the Boundless Sect from a kid that grew up in the mountains.

This was a shocking feat!

Moreover, after he'd become the guardian elder of the Boundless Sect, Xiong Quan was able to remember his roots and take care of his own hometown, and this was even more difficult to come by.

He was truly respectable!

It was precisely because of this that Xiong Quan was able to obtain the acknowledgement of all the villagers in his hometown.

Because of their relationship with Xiong Quan, the villagers love for Xiong Quan extended onto Duan Ling Tian's group, and they obtained an extremely passionate welcome from the villagers.

After staying in the village for a few days and enjoying the rural life, Duan Ling Tian's group were prepared to leave.

Before they left, Duan Ling Tian went to meet Xiong Quan.

"Xiong Quan, this is the antidote... In the future, you don't have to worry about the poison in your body recurring every six months as this antidote is sufficient to completely remove the poison within your body." Duan Ling Tian withdrew a medicinal pill and passed it to Xiong Quan.

That day, for the sake of controlling Xiong Quan, he'd added poison into the grade nine Spirit Cleansing Pill he gave Xiong Quan.

It was a type of slow poison, and so long as one didn't consume the antidote for a period of time that's more than six months, then one would undoubtedly die!

Now, Duan Ling Tian gave Xiong Quan the antidote to completely remove that poison.

"Thank you, Young Master." Xiong Quan took a deep breath before accepting the medicinal pill and consuming it, then he said sincerely. "Young Master, Xiong Quan can't be by your side in the future, so you must take good care of yourself, and protect yourself well... Young Master doesn't have to feel guilty about what has happened to me, as everything is fate."

"Fate?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Xiong Quan, let me ask you, what is fate?"

Xiong Quan was dumbstruck when he heard this.

He didn't know how to explain it.

"Xiong Quan, remember this. Never ever believe in the so-called 'fate'... Now, although your Dantian has been crippled, your Advanced Sword Force is still present. Since you've opened the door to Force, even if you don't have your Origin Energy, you're still able to continue comprehending the Sword Concept!" Duan Ling Tian slowly said to Xiong Quan.

"It's all not important anymore." Xiong Quan shook his head and smiled, seeming extremely free and easy.

Without Origin Energy, even if he comprehended Sword Concept, what good would that do?

At most, the sword in his hand and his attacks would be formidable.

In terms of speed, he would be no different than a ninth level Body Tempering Stage martial artist.

Duan Ling Tian had a serious expression as he said to Xiong Quan. "Xiong Quan, I know that your Dantian being crippled has caused you to be without hope... But, I still want to tell you that I have a way to restore your Dantian!"

"What?!" Xiong Quan was startled by what Duan Ling Tian said, and he was like a frightened bird as he asked. "Young Master, you said you have a way to restore my crippled Dantian? Is it true?"

Currently, Xiong Quan had lost his previous composure and his free and easy appearance.

He instead had an excited expression and had forgotten himself.

The only reason he feigned such an appearance earlier was because he didn't want Duan Ling Tian to be worried and guilty...

Actually, his heart hadn't walked out from the shadow of his Dantian being crippled since the beginning.

After living together with Duan Ling Tian for these few years, Duan Ling Tian had never once taken him to be a servant because of the poison that controlled him, and instead, Duan Ling Tian had taken him to be like a family member. This caused him to have always had gratitude in his heart.

Now even when he wasn't controlled by the poison, he still tried his best to be considerate of Duan Ling Tian.

"You've followed me for a few years, have I ever said something meaningless?" Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised by Xiong Quan's excitement, as if there was a choice, then no one would choose to become a cripple.

Xiong Quan's face flushed red when he obtained confirmation from Duan Ling Tian and he was extremely excited.

"However, even though I have a way to restore your Dantian, I'm afraid it will still require some time... It will take anywhere from five to even 10 plus years." Duan Ling Tian poured a bucket of cold water when he saw Xiong Quan being so excited.

But, Xiong Quan paid no attention to it, and he grinned. "Young Master, I can wait."

Duan Ling Tian nodded, then patted Xiong Quan on the shoulder. "Then I'll be leaving first... You don't have to send me off. Work hard in comprehending your Advanced Sword Force. With your comprehension ability, comprehending Sword Concept isn't difficult. I hope that when I see you next, you would have already comprehended Sword Concept."

"I will, Young Master. I will absolutely not let you down." Xiong Quan hurriedly nodded.

Duan Ling Tian smiled in satisfaction, then turned around and left. He converged with Li Fei, Zhang Shou Yong, and Wang Qiong before leaving the remote mountains.

"Scoundrel, are you still thinking about Xiong Quan?" Li Fei couldn't refrain from asking when she noticed Duan Ling Tian being silent all the way.

Duan Ling Tian sighed. "I am responsible for what happened to Xiong Quan."

Li Fei held Duan Ling Tian's hand and consoled. "Don't blame yourself, you were helpless at that time as well... That withered old man was too strong. However, Big Brother Zhang has killed that withered old man and it can be considered to have taken revenge for Xiong Quan."

Duan Ling Tian nodded then looked at the young man on the other Ferghana Horse. "Big Brother Zhang, thank you."

Zhang Shou Yong shook his head and smiled. "Brother Ling Tian, don't mention it... That day, when I saw you for the first time in Drainpool Inn, I felt as if I'd met an old friend. The facts prove that our tempers agree with each other and we were bound to become friends."

"Yeah." Wang Qiong who sat in front of Zhang Shou Yong nodded. "I and Little Sister Li Fei hit off well from the beginning as well, and I've taken her to be my own younger sister in my heart.... You're not allowed to bully her in the future. Otherwise, even though I'm not a match for you, I'm able to ask Brother Yong to help me teach you a lesson." As she finished speaking, Wang Qiong's contained a slight protective tone.

"Then wouldn't I be fully controlled by this little girl in the future?" Duan Ling Tian exaggerated with a laugh.

"Hmph! Scoundrel, let's see if you dare bully me in the future." Wang Qiong's words caused Li Fei to beam, and her beautiful face held a complacent expression.

In the following leg of the journey, Duan Ling Tian's group of four didn't travel quickly as they wandered about to enjoy the beauties of nature all along the way towards the Seven Star Sword Sect.

An event worthy of mention was that when they were about to arrive at Black Bamboo City, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation broke through once again.

The ninth level of the Origin Core Stage!

"Presently, I've broken through to the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage and my strength is comparable to the strength of 131 ancient mammoths... Compared to an ordinary ninth level Origin Core Stage martial artist, I possess an extra strength of 11 ancient mammoths!

"The Nine Dragon's War Sovereign Technique's third form, the Wyrm Python Form, has finally attained perfection!

"The scope of effect of the Quake Energy has already advanced to the limit at as well... So Long as the strength of my opponent doesn't exceed my own strength by the strength of 100 ancient mammoths, then I'm not afraid!" Since he broke through, Duan Ling Tian's mood was always slightly agitated.

"Liu Shi Ge!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze flickered with a cold light, and a cold smile appeared on the corners of his mouth. "When I return this time, it's time to properly settle the accounts between us..."

That day, Liu Shi Ge had heavily injured him and even knocked him out.

He'd always taken this to be a humiliation.

He hoped that one day, he would be able to rely on his own strength to make Liu Shi Ge pay tenfold, no, a hundred fold!

Now, although he hadn't broken through to the Nascent Soul Stage, after his cultivation stepped into the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage he was already unafraid of an ordinary first level Nascent Soul Stage martial artist...

"So long as Liu Shi Ge hasn't broken through to the second level of the Nascent Soul Stage, then my current strength is completely sufficient to completely destroy him!" As Duan Ling Tian thought about this, his eyes emitted a trace of yearning.

When he returned to his senses, Duan Ling Tian smelt the fragrance of Li Fei's hair and felt the strong breeze that blew at him while the horse galloped forward, and his eyes slightly narrowed as an extremely gentle expression appeared on his face.

Presently, it had already been an entire year since he left the Seven Star Sword Sect.

This time, not only had his cultivation broken through once again, Li Fei's cultivation had broken through half a month ago to advance to the seventh level of the Origin Core Stage!

Of course, the reason Li Fei's advancement was so swift, following closely behind Duan Ling Tian's footsteps, was because of the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk she'd consumed that time...

Presently, Li Fei's natural talent in the Martial Dao was similar to Duan Ling Tian and had arrived at the limit of what a martial artist could arrive at.

One year had passed.

Duan Ling Tian was already 21.

Zhang Shou Yong's gaze descended onto the small black dot in the distance as he asked slowly. "Brother Ling Tian, the city ahead is Black Bamboo City?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He knew that arriving at Black Bamboo City would also mean that they were about to go their separate ways from Zhang Shou Yong and his wife.

On the journey here, he, Li Fei, Zhang Shou Yong, and Wang Qiong had formed a deep friendship.

Reluctance was hard to avoid.

"After we've arrived at Black Bamboo City, we'll have a meal together." Zhang Shou Yong looked at Li Fei and Duan Ling Tian as he suggested.

Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei naturally had no objections.

Wang Qiong said to Li Fei with a face covered in tender affection, "Little Sister Li Fei, I'll surely come visit you with Brother Yong when I'm free in the future."

Li Fei's beautiful eyes became faintly misty as she said in a light voice, "Big Sister Wang Qiong, I'll miss you."

Duan Ling Tian consoled Li Fei. "Alright, all good things must come to an end, cheer up. What's more, it isn't like there isn't a chance to meet again in the future... Besides that, we have to eat together in a while, and your current appearance will surely cause Big Sister Wang Qiong to feel bad when she sees it."

Li Fei lightly nodded and she was barely able to force out a trace of a smile.

During this half year, she and Wang Qiong had hit off from the beginning and were close like sisters. Now that they were about to separate, she was naturally extremely reluctant.

The small black dot far away gradually became bigger, and in the end it transformed into a city.

This city stood in the distance. It was like it had transformed into an enormous beast that swallowed the streams of wagons and people that entered.

After Duan Ling Tian's group of four entered the city, they casually found a restaurant before finding a place that was adjacent to the window.

Subsequently, they ordered their food.

"Brother Ling Tian, they seem to be looking at you?" Suddenly, Zhang Shou Yong's voice entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Only now did Duan Ling Tian notice that the crowd of customers within the restaurant were all looking at him with a slightly strange gaze.

Actually, he'd noticed when he'd just entered the city that some people seemed as if they'd seen money when they saw him, as their eyes gleamed and they had greedy expressions.

"What's going on?" Duan Ling Tian completely didn't know what had happened.

Shi Clan Estate.

"Patriarch, I want to see the Patriarch!" An incomparably swift figure flashed into the Shi Clan Estate, then dashed violently all the way to finally charge to the Shi Clan Audience Hall.

Within the Shi Clan Audience Hall.

An old man in embroidered clothes had a cold expression as he gazed indifferently at the middle aged man before him and asked. "There still isn't any news of that Duan Ling Tian lately?"

The middle aged man was precisely the Patriarch of the Shi Clan, Shi Li.

Chapter 357: Heaven Encompassing Net

"Lord Xia Dou." Shi Li had a bitter expression. "I sent some people to the Seven Star Sword Sect to find out about him. One year ago, Duan Ling Tian left the Seven Star Sword Sect and hasn't returned since."

Xia Dou!

The Vice President of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Jade Magnolia Trading Company.

A sixth level Void Prying Stage existence.

Even if he was the Patriarch of the Shi Clan, he was only a Void Prying Stage expert, a first level Void Prying Stage...

"If Shi Hao wasn't killed by Duan Ling Tian, then he would have surely been able to become the Shi Clan's second Void Prying Stage expert with his natural talent!" As he thought up to this point, Shi Li's face sank.

"You told me this yesterday." Xia Dou swept Shi Li with an indifferent gaze. "Have you found out where he went?"

Shi Li shook his head. "Not for now. Don't worry Lord Xia Dou, Duan Ling Tian also crippled the cultivation of my daughter and killed my son... I, Shi Li, am irreconcilable enemies with him! So long as I have news about him, I would surely notify Lord Xia Dou at the first possible moment!"

Xia Dou's arrival had allowed Shi Li to see hope for taking revenge.

In the past, although he knew that his son, Shi Hao, was killed Duan Ling Tian, but he didn't dare act rashly.

Because Duan Ling Tian was an outstanding disciple of the Seven Star Sword Sect. The Shi Clan wouldn't allow him to take a risk for a personal enmity, and draw calamity for the Shi Clan...

However, some time ago, this Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company, Xia Dou, had come over in a threatening manner with a drawing in hand, and this picture allowed him to see hope.

His daughter Shi Yan recognized it with a glance, the young man within the drawing Xia Dou possessed was precisely Duan Ling Tian!

In this way, he invited Xia Dou into the Shi Clan Estate.

To plan their vengeance together!

"Duan Ling Tian, it's you who deserve death... You actually dared to kill Lord Xia Dou's only son!" Cold lights flickered within Shi Li's eyes, and a small sneer appeared on the corners of his mouth.

"Patriarch, Patriarch!" Right at this moment, a figure that was in a hurry charged into the Audience Hall before reporting his arrival.

Xia Dou frowned when he saw the Shi Clan disciple directly charge in, and he grunted coldly. "Patriarch Shi Li, looks like your Shi Clan's rules are nothing much... Could it be that this Shi Clan Audience Hall can be casually entered by anyone?"

Shi Li was slightly embarrassed and looked at the Shi Clan disciple as he asked in a low voice. "Why are you in such a hurry?"

"Patriarch." The Shi Clan disciple said excitedly, "The person in the drawing has appeared!"

Bang!

The instant Shi Li's pupils constricted, Xia Dou sat beside him and had just picked up a tea cup to take a sip. Xia Dou's body trembled and the teacup in his hand was directly smashed into pieces by his grip.

Xia Dou stood up and looked at the Shi Clan disciple as he shouted. "You said the person in the drawing has appeared?"

The Shi Clan disciple hurriedly nodded. "Yes, I saw him enter the city with my own two eyes."

"Patriarch!"

"Patriarch!"

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Meanwhile, numerous figures had flashed into the Audience Hall.

"My cousin brother noticed that young man in the drawing at the Tranquil Elegance Restaurant."

"My friend noticed him as well."

"I too saw him with my own two eyes."

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These Shi Clan disciples were similarly providing information like the Shi Clan disciple before him.

"Good, good!" Xia Dou laughed heartily, and the imposing manner on his body surged. Although he didn't stretch it out intentionally, but it still caused the expressions of the Shi Clan disciples that were present to go ghastly pale, and their bodies shivered.

"Guang, father will go take revenge for you now!" Xia Dou's voice was like a thunderclap, shocking the Shi Clan Audience Hall to the point it seemed as if it swayed.

After eating their fill, Duan Ling Tian's group of four left the restaurant then spurred their horses out of Black Bamboo City.

On the way, Duan Ling Tian's brows knit.

His Spiritual Force told him that there were currently numerous people who were spying on him from the shadows and were following him.

Zhang Shou Yong looked at Duan Ling Tian as he lightly smiled and said, "Brother Ling Tian, the seven great sword peaks of the Seven Star Sword Sect are like thunder piercing the ear to me as well... I and Qiong will send you to the Seven Star Sword Sect and also look at the elegant appearance of the seven great sword peaks on the way, how about it?"

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded and lightly smiled, and his smile contained gratitude mixed within.

He knew in his heart that Zhang Shou Yong made such a decision because Zhang Shou Yong had surely noticed the people following him.

"Then let's go slowly, I still want to chat with Big Sister Wang Qiong. We don't know when we'll meet again." Li Fei's beautiful eyes flashed and it suffused with a sheen of reluctance as she suggested.

Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Shou Yong nodded.

Their group of four, two Ferghana Horses, walked out of Black Bamboo City and headed directly towards the Seven Star Sword Sect...

Because of Li Fei's suggestion, Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Shou Yong had both decreased their speeds and didn't spur their horses into a gallop.

Before they parted, Li Fei and Wang Qiong chatted happily to their hearts content.

Black Bamboo City wasn't far from the Seven Star Sword Sect, and even when they slowed down, Duan Ling Tian's group of four had already travelled halfway there after half an hour.

"The Seven Star Sword Sect really does deserve its reputation!" Zhang Shou Yong gazed at the seven sword peaks that stood in the distance and he couldn't help but praise them.

"I heard a long time ago that the Seven Star Sword Sect possessed seven great sword peaks, and it's one of the great wonders of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom. Now that I've seen it today, it truly does deserve its reputation." Wang Qiong deeply agreed and nodded.

Perhaps, any one of the peaks of the seven great sword peaks were inferior to the Solitary Summit that was nearby the Ancient City of Everlast.

However, when the seven great sword peaks were gathered together and stood there, it gave people a shocking sight to behold...

The seven great sword peaks were like seven sharp swords that shot up into the heavens!

As if it wanted to pierce seven holes through the heavens.

Right at this moment.

Thump! Thump! Thump! Thump!

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A string of dense sounds of horse hooves hitting the group interrupted the paid of husband and wife who were enjoying the sight of the seven great sword peaks.

Zhang Shou Yong's face sank as cold lights flickered in his eyes.

A trace of displeasure arose on Wang Qiong's beautiful face as well.

When Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Shou Yong turned their horses around, they could see over ten sturdy horses dashing over with three Ferghana Horses in the lead, and the galloped straight towards the location of Duan Ling Tian's group.

"Halt!"

"Halt~"

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In next to no time, the people who sat on the 10 over sturdy horses had surrounded Duan Ling Tian's group of four, as if they'd transformed into a heaven encompassing net, causing Duan Ling Tian's group to have nowhere to escape.

"Shi Yan!" Li Fei's sharp eyes noticed the woman by the dignified middle aged man's side with a single glance.

The woman had distorted and hideous features, and her pair of triangular eyes flickered with a gloomy sheen...

It was precisely the formed Alkaid Peak disciple, Shi Yan!

The Shi Yan that was crippled by Duan Ling Tian.

The Shi Yan that was the younger sister of the formed number one disciple in the outer court, Shi Hao.

"Bi**h!" Shi Yan gazed at Li Fei and her triangular eyes emitted a frightful icy coldness. "Today, you and your man will die... You crippled my cultivation and killed my brother, none of you will be able to escape today!" Shi Yao's voice was filled with gloominess.

Wang Qiong's beautiful face went grim when she heard Shi Yan insult Li Fei and she said in a low voice, "Watch your words!"

"What does me insulting this bi**h have to do with you?" Shi Yao coldly swept Wang Qiong with her gaze, then grunted. "Today, you can only blame yourself and your man for being unfortunate to actually be together with these two jinxes... You two are bound to be implicated by them."

Zhang Shou Yong who sat behind Wang Qiong has a calm expression as he asked indifferently. "What you mean is you want to kill all four of us?"

Right when Shi Yan intended to speak.

"Exactly, all three of you will die with Duan Ling Tian today!" An aged voice sounded out, and extreme coldness and indifference was mixed within the voice. It was the embroidered clothed old man on the Ferghana Horse that spoke.

The current group of people seemed to be following the lead of this old man.

"This person..." Duan Ling Tian frowned as he gazed at the old man in embroidered clothes. He kept having the feeling that the old man was slightly familiar, but he could be sure that he'd never seen the old man before.

If he'd met the old man before, it would be impossible that he didn't have an impression of the old man at all

Relying on his formidable Spiritual Force and the lifetime experience of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that the old man's cultivation ought to be at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Zhang Shou Yong's calm expression slightly sank when he heard the old man.

A Void Prying Stage martial artist dared talk nonsense before him?

"Duan Ling Tian!" Meanwhile, the dignified middle aged man beside Shi Yan glared angrily at Duan Ling Tian as he said coldly, "First, you crippled my daughter's cultivation, and later on you even killed my son, Shi Hao... Today, I, Shi Li, will make your blood splatter on the ground!"

"You're Shi Hao's father?" Duan Ling Tian glanced at the dignified middle aged man with an indifferent gaze, then his gaze descended onto the old man in embroidered clothes. "You're also taking revenge for Shi Hao?"

The old man in embroidered clothes hadn't even opened his mouth was Shi Li had already sneered and said, "Duan Ling Tian, this is Lord Xia Dou, and he'd the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company... I truly never expected that you actually dared kill the son of Lord Xia Dou, simply audacious!"

Jade Magnolia Trading Company's Vice President?

Xia Dou?

Duan Ling Tian frowned, he seemed to have heard of this somewhere.

"Scoundrel, Black Wind City." Li Fei reminded.

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding as he recalled what happened there.

That day, he'd only just left the Crimson Sky Kingdom, and when he passed the Black Wind City that was at the border between the Crimson Sky Kingdom and the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he'd participated in an auction.

After the auction ended, there was someone who coveted the infant Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse he'd won in the auction.

Later on, that person and the two old men by that person's side were killed by Xiong Quan.

That person seemed to be the person in-charge of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company's branch in Black Wind City.

"You're Xia Guang's father?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man in embroidered clothes, as he still clearly remembered the name from that day.

"Exactly, I'm Xia Guang's father, Xia Dou!" Xia Dou's gaze was incomparably icy cold and contained boundless killing intent. "Looks like you still remember my son you killed... I've been looking for you for an entire year and finally found a lead in Black Bamboo City! Looks like even the heavens want to allow me to take revenge for my son." As he finished speaking, Xia Dou's face flushed red and he was extremely excited.

He stared at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze that was as if he was looking at a dead man.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Xia Dou as he asked in a low voice. "Xia Dou, you're the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company in any case. Could it be that you don't want to know why I killed your son that day?"

That day, if it wasn't for Xia Guang coveting the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse in his possession and colluding with the people from the Ma Clan Auction House, wanting to kill them and seize the infant Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse, he wouldn't have made Xiong Quan kill Xia Guang.

As far as he was concerned, Xia Guang brought all this onto himself.

Xia Guang deserved death!

Chapter 358: The Death of Shi Li

Xia Dou snorted coldly when he heard Duan Ling Tian, then he said with a sunken face, "I don't care why you killed my son... I only know that regardless of who, if they kill my son, then they must be prepared to pay in blood! Even if the son of god killed my son... I, Xia Dou, would still tear him to pieces!"

"Even if it's your son who was in the wrong, even if your son was the first to arouse an intent to kill... You don't care? You don't think that it's because you didn't educate your son well?" Duan Ling Tian gazed at Xia Dou with an even colder gaze.

"Yes!" Xiao Dou's eyes flickered with cold lights as he said angrily. "Even if my son commits all sorts of crimes, no one can touch him... Only because he is the son of Xia Dou, the son of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company's Vice President!"

"Haha..." Duan Ling Tian couldn't refrain from laughing when he heard Xia Dou. "As expected, like father like son! He's the son of you, the Jade Magnolia Trading Company's Vice President, so his life is more precious than others?"

"Of course! As far as I'm concerned, his life is priceless. As for others... At least the life of you, Duan Ling Tian, is no different from lowly grass in my eyes!" Xia Dou's voice contained traces of ruthlessness mixed within.

No different from lowly grass?

Cold lights flickered within Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

If he possessed the strength to kill Xia Dou now, then he would kill Xia Dou without the slightest hesitation.

Do you really think that the life of your son is a life, but the life of others isn't a life?

"What a notion of being no different from lowly grass!" Zhang Shou Yong looked at Xia Dou and shouted coldly.

Presently, slight rage had appeared within the eyes of this young man who had a calm expression.

"Who are you to dare be presumptuous before Lord Xia Dou!?" Shi Li's face sank. He wanted to show off before Xia Dou, so he stomped his feet on the ground and his entire body seemed to transform into a bolt of lightning as he flashed towards Zhang Shou Yong.

Whoosh!

At the same time that Shi Li flashed out, 1,500 ancient mammoths appeared out of thin air above him...

Half-step Void Stage!

They saw Shi Li shouting explosively and charging at Zhang Shou Yong.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Li Fei was stunned as well.

As far as they were concerned, Shi Li was simply courting death.

A Half-step Void Stage martial artist was strong in their eyes, but in the eyes of Big Brother Zhang, he was no different than an ant.

After all, even a formidable first level Void Initiation Stage expert like the withered old man was instantly killed by Zhang Shou Yong...

A mere Half-step Void Stage, a martial artist that hadn't even stepped into the Void Prying Stage was nothing before Zhang Shou Yong!

Om!

A spirit saber suddenly appeared in the hands of Shi Li who seemed to have transformed into a bolt of lightning as he flashed out, and saber lights revolved on the saber.

Dazzling and resplendent.

For a moment, another 400 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the 1,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes above Shi Li.

Grade seven spirit saber!

Shi Li's hand shook.

Instantly.

Om! Om! Om! Om! Om!

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The grade seven spirit saber in Shi Li's hand instantly transformed into saber lights that covered the sky, like a net made of sabers that swept towards Zhang Shou Yong with an imposing manner that shot through the sky like a rainbow.

Whereas Wang Qiong who was in front of Zhang Shou Yong had become its first target!

If he wanted to harm Zhang Shou Yong, then he would have to first clear of the obstruction which was Wang Qiong.

Although Wang Qiong's cultivation was only at the ninth level of the Body Tempering Stage and didn't possess a shred of Origin Energy, when she was faced with the saber light net that covered the sky as it approached with Shi Li, she was not afraid in the slightest.

Her expression was calm, as if she didn't pay any attention to the scene unfolding before her eyes.

Because she knew that she had a formidable person by her side to support her.

So long as that person was present, she would be fine.

"Shi Li is dead." When he saw Shi Li attacking Wang Qiong, Duan Ling Tian had already given Shi Li the death penalty in his heart.

Just like Li Fei was his reverse scale; Wang Qiong was Zhang Shou Yong's reverse scale.

Shi Li actually dared make a move against Wang Qiong?

He's simply courting death!

Just as if he was responding to Duan Ling Tian's thoughts, Zhang Shou Yong's face swiftly became gloomy at the instant when Shi Li made a move and executed saber lights that covered the sky as they swept towards Wang Qiong.

"You're courting death!" Zhang Shou Yong's voice was chilly and carried with it a frightful killing intent, and when his voice entered the ears of everyone present, it caused them to feel a chill run down their spines.

In the next moment.

Whoosh!

Everyone only heard an ear piercing sound howl of the wind, and accompanying it was a string of sounds of air exploding that were like thunderclaps.

At practically the same instant.

Bang!

Everyone clearly saw that the body of Shi Li who approached menacingly had stopped in mid-air, then blew up in the blink of an eyes. Blood and flesh splattered in the sky, and not a single complete piece of Shi Li's body could be seen.

Obviously, he was blasted by an extremely terrifying force!

Silence.

The entire scene was deathly silent.

The group of people surrounding Duan Ling Tian's group including Xia Dou, at this moment, they seemed as if their throats were choked by someone and their faces flushed red.

Their eyes contained a sheen of extreme terror mixed within.

An existence at the Half-step Void Stage was directly blasted to the death in the blink of an eye, before they could even react to the attack?

Duan Ling Tian gazed at this scene calmly as he didn't feel surprised at all.

What a joke!

This Big Brother Zhang was an existence at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage.

A mere Half-step Void Stage martial artist dared be presumptuous before Big Brother Zhang? Virtually courting death!

Li Fei's beautiful face seemed ghastly pale as she was frightened by Big Brother Zhang's methods.

Although she didn't see clearly how Zhang Shou Yong attacked, she saw the scene of Shi Li's body being blown apart by the terrifying force.

When Shi Li was killed, he even didn't have the chance to let out a shrill cry.

Everything happened too quickly!

Quick to the point that it was shocking.

"Father!" Shi Yan's body lightly trembled as she gazed at the pieces of Shi Li's body that covered the ground, her triangular eyes flickering with despair and astonishment. Her expression was filled with disbelief.

Her father had died just like that?

No!

Impossible!

For a time, Shi Yan was slightly battered out of her wits.

Whereas the others were jolted awake from their shock by Shi Yan.

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

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Numerous sounds of gasping rose and fell, causing the slightly oppressive atmosphere of the current scene to stand out.

Even Xia Dou, the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Company, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage now looked at Zhang Shou Yong with a gaze that carried traces of terror.

Earlier, he was completely unable to see clearly how this young man had attacked.

It was too fast!

Fast to the point his eyes wasn't able to catch the movements.

Xia Dou understood that this was a dangerous figure.

Xia Dou's heart sank. He looked at Zhang Shou Yong and cupped his fist. "Sir, I'm the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company, Xia Dou... Today, this is a matter of private enmity between me and this Duan Ling Tian. I hope that you don't interfere in this. I, Xia Dou, and even the entire Jade Magnolia Trading Company, will owe you a debt of gratitude."

Now, Xia Dou brought out the Jade Magnolia Trading Company to oppress Zhang Shou Yong, as he wanted Zhang Shou Yong to have some scruples and retreat in the face of difficulties.

As far as Xia Dou was concerned, the Jade Magnolia Trading Company still had a certain level of sway within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

But unfortunately, Xia Dou was bound to be disappointed.

Jade Magnolia Trading Company?

Duan Ling Tian knew Xia Dou's intention as soon as he heard Xia Dou's words, and he couldn't help but snicker.

Could it be that this Xia Dou thinks that Big Brother Zhang would be afraid of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company behind him?

Moreover...

"Xiao Dou." Duan Ling Tian looked at Xia Dou, and a wisp of ridicule appeared on the corners of his mouth. "You're just a Vice President but your dare spread word that you're able to represent the entire Jade Magnolia Trading Company? Laughable!"

"You!?" Xia Dao's face sank as cold lights shot out from his eyes and he wished for nothing more than to directly kill Duan Ling Tian.

However, the young man who caused extreme fear in him had not made his position known, so, even if he hated Duan Ling Tian any more, he could only grit his teeth and endure it as he didn't dare make a move.

The strength of that young man was too terrifying.

According to his estimations, it was at least at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage...

It was far from something he could compare to!

"Hmph!" Finally, Zhang Shou Yong gave Xia Dou a reply: a cold snort.

Though Xia Dou didn't know what Zhang Shou Yong meant by this, he saw Zhang Shou Yong move, disappearing into thin air above the Ferghana Horse.

In the next moment, an ear piercing and awe-inspiring howl of the wind swept out into the surroundings.

He could vaguely see that there were three enormous silhouettes in the sky, flashing as they made a circle in the sky in the blink of an eye...

When these three enormous silhouettes entered into Xia Dou's eyes, it caused his expression to become incomparably deathly pale. "Second... Second level Void Initiation Stage!"

As a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, he could clearly feel that this young man didn't utilize his Concept, and had only purely used his Origin Energy...

The strength of three ancient horned dragons.

This was the symbol of the second level Void Initiation Stage!

This young man was a Void Initiation Stage expert!

Whoosh!

As if a gust of wind had blown by, Zhang Shou Yong appeared before Xia Dou in the blink of an eye.

Aside from that, at this moment, besides Xia Dou and Shi Yan, not one of the other 10 plus people were alive...

They were all killed by Zhang Shou Yong.

Since the moment Zhang Shou Yong made a move to his appearance before the old man, he'd only used the time of one breath.

Zhang Shou Yong used his actions to show how terrifying a Void Initiation Stage expert was...

"So strong!" Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and his gaze contained yearning mixed within, a yearning towards the Void Initiation Stage.

"No..." Meanwhile, Shi Yan who was dumbstruck in the distance had finally recovered from her shock, and her face was deathly pale as she gazed at the corpses that covered the ground. Her legs went limp, collapsing onto the ground.

Her pair of triangular eyes flickered with boundless terror and despair.

Today, the reason she'd appeared here was because she wanted to see Duan Ling Tian killed with her own two eyes!

She'd even resolved in her heart that once Duan Ling Tian was killed by the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company, she would tear Duan Ling Tian's corpse to 10,000 pieces, as only then would she be able to vent the hatred in her heart.

But now...

All this was bound to become her imagination.

"Why? Why is it like this? Why does Duan Ling Tian have such formidable support by his side? Why?! The heavens are unjust! The heavens are unjust!" Shi Yan clenched her fist tightly and her triangular eyes flickered with unwillingness.

Her distorted and hideous features were now completely knotted together.

Zhang Shou Yong's gaze descended onto Xia Dou, and he asked with a calm tone. "You said earlier that you want to kill my brother?"

This caused Xia Dou's face to go deathly pale from fright, and his body trembled.

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Xia Dou took a deep breath, then looked at Zhang Shou Yong and asked. "Sir... Who exactly are you?"

Subsequently, he suppressed the fear within his heart as he slowly said, "Perhaps, the Clan or Sect that you're from has some friendly relationship with my Jade Magnolia Trading Company?" The way he spoke contained a slight sense of yielding.

"Jade Magnolia Trading Company?" The corners of Zhang Shou Yong's mouth held a trace of disdain as he said indifferently, "I'm sorry, but I've never heard of it."

Never heard of it?

Xia Dou's face instantly flushed red, as if his throat was choked by someone.

He naturally thought that Zhang Shou Yong had said this intentionally.

Although the Jade Magnolia Trading Company couldn't be considered the top trading company within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, it was still known far and wide...

Duan Ling Tian, however, wasn't surprised.

According to his knowledge, although Zhang Shou Yong stayed in the Ancient City of Everlast for a few years, besides having gained some understanding of the seven great sects of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he didn't take notice of any other powers.

Suddenly.

Whoosh!

The three ancient horned dragons appeared above Zhang Shou Yong once again, then bared their fangs and brandished their claws as they hover down, bringing about an extremely oppressive feeling to others.

Xia Dou's face went deathly pale when he saw this, and his eyes emitted dread.

"Since you kept saying you want to kill my brother... Then I'll send you off, and remove all future worries for my brother." Zhang Shou Yong spoke word for word, and every word he spoke seemed to transform into a sledge hammer that smashed onto Xia Dou's chest, causing Xia Dou's expression to become even paler.

In the end, it completely shattered Xia Dou's will to fight.

Thump!

Xia Dou's body dropped with a thump. He'd actually knelt on the floor and lowered his noble head, then he said with a slightly trembling voice. "Spare me Lord! I was only kidding earlier... That unfilial son of mine actually dared offend the brother of you, Lord. He deserves death even if he died a hundred times! Lord, it's I who didn't teach my son well, it's I who didn't teach my son well!"

Currently, Xia Dou was devoid of the arrogance of a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist and the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company...

Presently, he was like a dog that wagged its tail as it begged.

In the face of death, he'd completely abandoned his honor.

Just for the sake of survival.

"Vice President Xia Dou, this isn't what you said earlier." Ridicule appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth, and he had heartfelt disdain for Xia Dou.

A dignified sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist and the Vice President of the Jade Magnolia Trading Company had actually abandoned his honor as a man and a martial artist, all for the sake of survival...

A person like this was pitiable.

When he heard Duan Ling Tian, Xia Dou suppressed the flames of rage deep within his heart that would burst out at any moment and he said in panic, "Brother Duan, I was only joking earlier, I was just joking with you... Really, really!"

"Joking?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze went slightly cold, then laughed strangely. "Since Vice President Xia Dou like to joke... Big Brother Zhang, I think you can play a joke with Vice President Xia Dou. I think Vice President Xia Dou ought to not mind. Right, Vice President Xia Dou?"

"Yes, yes." Xia Dou nodded in panic, he didn't dare say no at this moment.

Zhang Shou Yong heard Duan Ling Tian and perceived Duan Ling Tian's intentions, and the corners of his mouth couldn't help but curl into a slight smile.

"Vice President Xia Dou, right?" Zhang Shou Yong asked indifferently.

"Lord, just call me Xia Dou, just call me Xia Dou." Xia Dou had a panicked expression and had lost himself.

"You like to play jokes, right?" Zhang Shou Yong asked again.

"Yes, yes." Xia Dou didn't dare hesitate and nodded in a hurry.

"Very good." Zhang Shou Yong nodded, then raised his hand to press it onto Xia Dou's head, and at the same time that Xia Dou's body shivered, he said slowly, "Then I'll play a joke with you, let's see if your head will explode when I slightly exert some Origin Energy..."

Xia Dou was already shaking with fright, and when he heard Zhang Shou Yong, he lost his mind and directly fell onto the ground as he said in a trembling voice. "Spare me Lord, Spare me Lord... I can't take this joke, I can't!"

"Hmph!" Zhang Shou Yong's gaze went cold, and lost any intention of continuing to tease Xia Dou, then his Origin Energy skyrocketed in his right hand.

"No!" Xia Dou's eyes were sharp and just happened to see this scene, at the same time that his face went pale, his limbs pushed against the ground and his body trembled before seeming to transform into an eagle. He flashed off, desiring to flee.

In the sky, 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes dashed on in tow.

But, would he be able to flee?

"Want to flee?" The corners of Zhang Shou Yong's mouth curled into a sneer, and in almost an instant, a layer of an earthen yellow light barrier had appeared on the surface of his body.

Above him, six ancient horned dragon silhouettes fought for the lead position as they fluttered out.

Whoosh!

In Duan Ling Tian's vision, Zhang Shou Yong's body completely merged with the earth in an instant before disappearing on the spot.

At the same time that Zhang Shou Yong who'd utilized his third level Earth Concept had disappeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes, he'd appeared over ten meters away to easily obstruct Xia Dou who wanted to flee.

Bang!

Zhang Shou Yong's palm descended with skyrocketing Origin Energy, and on the corners of the Origin Energy, traces of an earthen yellow halo could be vaguely seen.

Obviously, Zhang Shou Yong had utilized the third level Earth Concept in this strike.

Bang!

The palm strike that contained the strength of six ancient horned dragons had descended onto Xia Dou's chest and it emitted an enormous bang.

Instantly, Xia Dou followed in the footsteps of the Shi Clan's Patriarch, Shi Li, his entire body exploded, transforming into pieces of flesh that covered the sky before scattering all over the ground.

Utterly dead!

"Shi Yan!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian heard a delicate shout sound out, and subsequently, Li Fei who sat before him had flashed out.

Only now did Duan Ling Tian notice that Shi Yan was actually trying to flee.

Whoosh!

Li Fei's figure flashed out gracefully, and caught up with Shi Yan in the blink of an eyes, then the three foot long blade in her hand was send into Shi Yan's back, passing straight through.

Li Fei's gaze was extremely calm as she watched Shi Yan die before her eyes.

Shi Yan deserved death!

The 10 plus people that approached menacingly earlier were now scattered all over the place, dead!

"It's just nice for me to return this Ferghana Horse to the two of you." As Zhang Shou Yong spoke, he led two of the Ferghana Horses that were the spoils of the battle over, then he and Wang Qiong got on one each.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei rode two Ferghana Horses separately.

The four of them galloped towards the Seven Star Sword Sect.

The incident that happened earlier didn't affect the mood of Duan Ling Tian's group of four, and all of them chatted happily as they rode their Ferghana Horses forward slowly.

But unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. Unknowingly, the four of them had arrived at the foot of the Seven Star Sword Sect's Dubhe Peak.

Outside the Seven Star Sword Sect.

"Brother Ling Tian, sister-in-law, until we meet again." Zhang Shou Yong lightly smiled to Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei as he bid his farewells.

"Until we meet again." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled and nodded as well.

"Big Sister Wang Qiong, if you and Big Brother Zhang are free in the future, then you must come visit me." Li Fei had a reluctant expression as she looked at Wang Qiong.

"Of course." Wang Qiong lightly nodded, and her eyes contained reluctance.

When they saw the figures of Zhang Shou Yong and Wang Qiong disappear into the distance, Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei withdrew their gazes, then turned their horses around to head towards the stables in the sect.

The two of them had only just entered the stables when they saw a young man come greet them.

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian, Senior Sister Li Fei."

It was Mo Yu.

After a year of not seeing each other, Mo Yu had become much more mature.

"Eh, Mo Yu, you've broken through to the third level of the Origin Core Stage?" Duan Ling Tian glanced at Mo Yu with a surprised expression. "I remember that you were only at the first level of the Origin Core Stage one year ago... How'd you advance so quickly?"

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian... You're able to perceive my cultivation?" Mo Yu was dumbstruck.

Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian looked travel worn and had obviously just returned from outside the sect, so it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to know of his current cultivation.

In other words, Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian had perceived it.

Duan Ling Tian gave Mo Yu a mysterious smile in return, then descended from his horse and supported Li Fei down before saying to Mo Yu, "We'll leave our horses to you... Right, take this, it's a small gift from me." Duan Ling Tian took out a stack of silver as he spoke.

It was an entire one million silver, and he passed it to Mo Yu.

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian, I can't take this." Mo Yu shook his head then smiled honestly.

Duan Ling Tian glanced deeply at Mo Yu, then asked curiously. "Aren't you taking care of the horses here and being a horse keeper all for the sake of earning a little bit more pay? This money is sufficient to be equal to the pay you get from working here for many years, why do you not want it?"

Mo Yu rubbed the back of his head. "My mother told me that I have to rely on my own hard work to earn money... No gains without pains."

"Take it, just take it to be the salary for taking care of our Ferghana Horses," Duan Ling Tian said again.

When he saw Mo Yu still not receiving it, he immediately glared. "If you don't take it, then you're looking down on me!"

When Mo Yu saw Duan Ling Tian speaking up to this extent, he could only receive it, and he had an expression of gratitude. "Thank you, Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian."

"Your natural talent isn't bad, work hard... I hope that I have the chance to see the day you show extraordinary results." Duan Ling Tian nodded and smiled to Mo Yu, then he took Li Fei's hand and left the stables before following along the mountain path to head up Dubhe Peak.

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian, I'll surely not let you down." Mo Yu had a serious expression as he held the silver in his hands tightly, his gaze firm like iron.

Duan Ling Tian sent Li Fei to the side of the chain bridge that led to Alkaid Peak, then helped Li Fei straighten out her lovely hair before saying in a gentle voice, "Little Fei, go back to your master. I've taken you away for more than a year and Elder Bi is surely anxiously by now... We've hurried on our journey for half the day and you're already tired, so have a good rest."

"Okay." Li Fei obediently nodded, then stepped onto the chain bridge and left with a slow pace.

Duan Ling Tian withdrew his gaze when he saw Li Fei's figure disappear before his eyes.

He didn't return to Megrez Peak, but instead headed to the top of Dubhe Peak...

There were things he had to face sooner or later.

"Liu Shi Ge!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a wisp of a cold smile.

After he arrived at the Trade Hall at the peak of Dubhe Peak, Duan Ling Tian didn't find any trace of Liu Shi Ge, so he went close to an inner court disciple and asked. "Senior Brother, do you know where Liu Shi Ge cultivates at?"

This inner court disciple turned his head around, and his pupils constricted when he saw Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian!"

He'd obviously recognized Duan Ling Tian.

The inner court disciple took a deep breath. That day, he was present when Duan Ling Tian was heavily injured and knocked out by Liu Shi Ge.

Presently, Duan Ling Tian had vanished for a year, and now took the initiative to look for Liu Shi Ge.

Duan Ling Tian's objective was apparent!

To seek revenge from Liu Shi Ge!

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"Duan Ling Tian, you..." The inner court disciple hadn't even finished speaking when his pupils constricted and his gaze shot behind Duan Ling Tian as if he'd seem something that struck fear into him.

Subsequently, before Duan Ling Tian could even react, he'd walked off in panic.

It was like if he stood a moment longer by Duan Ling Tian's side, he would encounter some sort of disaster.

The actions of the inner court disciple caused Duan Ling Tian to be stunned, then he turned around.

When his gaze shot into the distance, he'd noticed two people just happened to be walking shoulder to shoulder as they ascended the top of Dubhe Peak...

"Liu Shi Ge... I didn't even have to do anything and luck brought you to me." The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a cold smile.

The people that had appeared before him now were precisely Liu Shi Ge and Fan Jian.

Meanwhile, Liu Shi Ge and Fan Jian had noticed Duan Ling Tian as well, and after they walked over, Liu Shi Ge's gaze contained frightful coldness as he said in a cold and indifferent voice, "Duan Ling Tian!"

In the past year, he hadn't heard of any news about Duan Ling Tian, so he knew that Duan Ling Tian was still outside the sect and had not returned.

The longer it was like this, the more uneasy he felt in his heart.

He was afraid that Duan Ling Tian would stay outside the sect for too long, and when he returned, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation would far surpass him...

After all, Duan Ling Tian's natural talent was out there for all to see. Once Duan Ling Tian matured in another two or three years, it was impossible for him to be Duan Ling Tian's match.

Now that he saw Duan Ling Tian had returned, at the same time that he was relieved in his heart, he once again aroused killing intent towards Duan Ling Tian.

As far as he was concerned, only by killing Duan Ling Tian would he be able to remove any future worries.

"Liu Shi Ge!" When faced with Liu Shi Ge's provocations, Duan Ling Tian's reaction was no different to Liu Shi Ge and his eyes emitted a frightful cold light.

He'd ascended the peak of Dubhe Peak today precisely for the sake of looking for Liu Shi Ge...

Now, Liu Shi Ge had delivered himself into Duan Ling Tian's hands, and allowed him to save some effort.

Fan Jian borrowed the might of Liu Shi Ge to sneer and say, "Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian, you were heavily injured and knocked out by my Big Brother Liu the last time, and you still dare be so arrogant before my Big Brother Liu today?"

"Fan Jian." Duan Ling Tian calmly swept Fan Jian with his gaze, and an expression of a ridiculing smile jumped about in his eyes. "Do you think that with this Liu Shi Ge present, I'm unable to do anything to you?"

"You!" Fan Jian's face went slightly pale and he couldn't refrain from taking two steps back, as he was extremely afraid that Duan Ling Tian would suddenly attack him.

"Hmm?" Right when Duan Ling Tian intended to ridicule Fan Jian.

His acute Spiritual Force suddenly trembled.

He noticed that Liu Shi Ge had one again moved to attack him in surprise, as Liu Shi Ge seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind that swept over to him!

Duan Ling Tian's gaze went slightly cold and his face sank, then his legs lightly shook as he barely dodged Liu Shi Ge's palm strike...

Whoosh!

Liu Shi Ge's palm strike practically brushed Duan Ling Tian's clothes as it flashed by.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're natural talent in not bad indeed. It has only been a year and you've actually already broken through to the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage." As he gazed at the 120 ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared above Duan Ling Tian, the corners of Liu Shi Ge's mouth curled into a strange smile.

He'd launched a surprise attack on Duan Ling Tian only for the sake of sounding him out!

Otherwise, it would be impossible for Duan Ling Tian to dodge.

"Do you think that everyone is like you, not advancing a shred after a year?" Duan Ling Tian said in disdain.

Ninth level of the Origin Core Stage!

Duan Ling Tian and Liu Shi Ge's conflict created quite a commotion.

Before long, the crowd of Seven Star Sword Sect inner court disciples that were nearby the Trade Hall on the peak of Dubhe Peak had all surrounded over to watch the scene unfold.

"It's Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian vanished for a year and has finally returned."

"Duan Ling Tian has actually broken through to the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage... His natural talent is truly monstrous!"

"Yeah, with such natural talent, surpassing Senior Brother Liu Shi Ge in another year or two isn't difficult... Looks like Senior Brother Liu Shi Ge has really brought a great calamity upon himself."

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The crowd of inner court disciples whispered in discussion.

As far as they were concerned, so long as Duan Ling Tian didn't ascend to the life and death arena and continued to cultivate properly for another year or two, then at that time, he would absolutely be able to easily destroy Liu Shi Ge...

Now, he was still slightly lacking.

The words of the inner court disciples entered into Liu Shi Ge's ears and caused his face to sink, and his eyes emitted frightful cold lights.

The thing he was most afraid of was exactly this.

"Duan Ling Tian." Liu Shi Ge's ghastly gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian as he said in a low voice. "I've heard since long ago about your ability to defeat a stronger opponent with a weaker strength... Now that you've broken through to the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage, I presume you wouldn't be afraid even against a first level Nascent Soul Stage martial artist, right?"

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently when he heard Liu Shi Fei, "First level Nascent Soul Stage martial artist... I don't know about anyone else, but if it's you, Liu Shi Ge, then I'm naturally unafraid!"

"Good!" Liu Shi Ge started laughing, laughing in an arrogant and unrestrained manner. "Since it's like that, then do you, Duan Ling Tian, dare to battle me, Liu Shi Ge, on the life and death arena until only one remains?"

"Life and death arena?"

The surrounding crowd of spectating inner court disciples burst into an uproar when they heard Liu Shi Ge.

Duan Ling Tian's brows knit. "Why should I ascend the life and death arena with you?"

Liu Shi Ge frowned, then took a step forward as he provoked with an icy cold voice, "What? You, Duan Ling Tian, the famous genius in the Martial Dao of our Seven Star Sword Sect, the genius in the Martial Dao that can defeat a stronger opponent with a weaker cultivation... Now that you've broken through to the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage, you still don't' dare ascend the life and death arena with me, a first level Nascent Soul Stage martial artist?

"Earlier, who was it that said he wasn't afraid of me, this first level Nascent Soul Stage martial artist? What? Now that you've heard me challenge you to ascend the life and death arena, you're afraid?"

As he looked at Duan Ling Tian whose expression became unsightly by the moment, the ridicule on the corners of Liu Shi Ge's mouth became even denser. "Looks like some people are only good at boasting... Yet at the critical moment, they're instead pu**ies."

"Big Brother Liu, besides being good at boasting, what else is this Duan Ling Tian good at? What rare genius in the Martial Dao of our Seven Star Sword Sect? According to me, he's complete trash and not worthy of being mentioned!" Fan Jian matched Liu Shi Ge at the right moment and trampled on Duan Ling Tian's honor.

"Fan Jian!" Duan Ling Tian eyes seemed as if they would light up in flames as he gazed at Fan Jian and said coldly, "You said I'm good at boasting? Ok... I, Duan Ling Tian, the trash in your eyes, challenge you to a battle on the life and death arena! Do you dare?"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused all the inner court disciples who were present to look at Fan Jian with a strange gaze.

Right.

You, Fan Jian, said that Duan Ling Tian is only good at boasting, and is trash that can't do anything else.

Now, Duan Ling Tian challenged you to a battle in the life and death arena...

Do you dare?!

Duan Ling Tian's words caused Fan Jian to be speechless.

Not to mention Duan Ling Tian had already broken through to the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage now, even if it was a year ago, he still felt he wasn't a match for Duan Ling Tian who hadn't broken through yet.

How would he dare accept Duan Ling Tian's challenge to ascend the life and death arena?

"What? Don't dare?" The gaze Duan Ling Tian shot at Fan Jian carried an extra sense of disdain and contempt. "You, Fan Jian, said that besides being good at boasting, I'm good for nothing else, and you even said that I, Duan Ling Tian, am trash! Now, you don't even dare to agree to the life and death arena challenge of a trash like me... Are you telling everyone present that you, Fan Jian, are even inferior to trash?"

You, Fan Jian, are even inferior to trash!

Duan Ling Tian's words entered into Fan Jian's ears and caused his face to flush red. He gnashed his teeth and wished for nothing more than to agree to Duan Ling Tian's challenge and ascend the life and death area to battle Duan Ling Tian!

In the end, his reason still defeated his impulse.

Fan Jian sneered when he noticed the gazes of the surrounding crowd of inner court disciples that became more and strange. "Duan Ling Tian, don't change the topic... Today, it's Big Brother Liu that invited you to battle on the life and death arena first. If you dare agree to Big Brother Liu's challenge, then so what if I, Fan Jian, agree to your challenge?" Sure enough, Fang Jian's words caused a wave of disdain.

"Fan Jian is too shameless! He clearly knows that it's impossible for Duan Ling Tian to be a match for Senior Brother Liu Shi Ge, but he's still instigating Duan Ling Tian to agree to Liu Shi Ge's challenge.

"Exactly, once Duan Ling Tian agrees to Liu Shi Ge's challenge, the one to die would surely be Duan Ling Tian. Then even if he agreed to Duan Ling Tian's challenge, at that time, it would already be impossible for Duan Ling Tian to survive. In the end, he completely doesn't need to battle Duan Ling Tian on the life and death arena."

"If I'm Duan Ling Tian, I will request to first fight Fan Jian on the life and death arena, then battle Liu Shi Ge, and see if this Fan Jian dares or not!"

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The crowd of Seven Star Sword Sect inner court disciples discussed animatedly.

"What? Duan Ling Tian, weren't you extremely arrogant earlier? Don't dare now?" Fan Jian paid no attention to the surrounding discussion, using a ridiculing gaze to stare at Duan Ling Tian as he provoked.

"Fan Jian." Duan Ling Tian sneered. "I can agree to your request... But, the suggestion of one of the inner court senior brothers wasn't bad. So long as you agree to my challenge, I can agree to Liu Shi Ge's challenge... But, I, Duan Ling Tian, want to battle you, Fan Jian, on the life and death arena first!"

"After the two of us battle, I'll battle Liu Shi Ge on the life and death arena." Duan Ling Tian glanced deeply at Fan Jian.

"You!" Fan Jian's face sank and he glared at the inner court disciple that brought this suggestion forward, then his gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian once again. "Duan Ling Tian, don't forget that it was Big Brother Liu who challenged you first today... First come first serve, I, Fan Jian, won't fight with Big Brother Liu."

"Haha..." Duan Ling Tian couldn't refrain from laughing. "Fan Jian, in my entire life, I've seen many shameless people, but I've never seen a person as shameless as you! They can't hold a candle to you."

Duan Ling Tian's words that seemed like praise, had instead caused Fan Jian to feel it to be incomparably unpleasant to the ear when he heard it.

The surrounding crowd of inner court disciples couldn't help but burst out laughing.

They deeply agreed with what Duan Ling Tian said.

"If you don't dare, then say it! But you're still posing to be honorable here... Do you, Fan Jian, really think that the other disciples present here are unable to perceive your cowardice? Laughable!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a slightly ridiculing smile as he spoke with sharp words.

"Duan Ling Tian, looks like you don't dare accept the challenge of Big Brother Liu..." Fan Jian's face was incomparably gloomy as he ridiculed in return. "Since it's like this, then there's no need for I, Fan Jian, to agree to the challenge of a cowardly person... However, Duan Ling Tian, do you really think that Big Brother Liu can't do anything to you if you don't ascend the life and death arena?"