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Chapter 1541: The Only Successor

When Duan Ling Tian felt the sharp pain on his thigh, he finally realized he was not dreaming.

All of it was real.

He had really obtained the supreme Sword Dao mental cultivation technique that was named Sovereign Heart Sword by Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang.

"Is this Sovereign Heart Sword a cultivation technique or a martial tactic?" Curious, Duan Ling Tian began to search through the extra information in his mind. After going through the information, he began to understand it a little.

The Sovereign Heart Sword was not a cultivation technique nor a martial tactic. Instead, it was a heart cultivation technique for Sword Cultivators.

'If you want to cultivate the sword, you need to cultivate your heart first. Only when the heart and sword are both present and there's utmost sincerity that the whole world will step aside and let you pass.'

This was the Sovereign Heart Sword.

"This..." When Duan Ling Tian saw part of the content of the second half of the Sovereign Heart Sword, he was stunned again. "When the Sovereign Heart Sword is cultivated to the highest stage, all of the weapons will submit to me with just a thought?"

According to the explanation, when Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang was at his prime, nobody could use their weapons in front of him.

This was because all of the weapons would submit to him. To be more precise, they would submit to his Sword Heart.

The highest stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword was also called the Heart-Sword Amalgamation.

"Even if I don't cultivate it to the highest stage, the early stages are also pretty amazing on its own...

Although it's not a martial tactic, it's far greater than martial tactics!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked by the content of the Sovereign Heart Sword.

As he continued to read on, he saw the last clause of the Sovereign Heart Sword. It was also a summary of the Sovereign Heart Sword.

There were many specific cultivations in the content, but Duan Ling Tian did not read it in detail. He skimmed through it. He wanted to see what the names of all the stages in the Sovereign Heart Sword and what differences they had.

The summary of the Sovereign Heart Sword was not too elaborate. It was only a small paragraph.

"The Sovereign Heart Sword is the fruit of my painstaking labor in my entire life. Although it's not a Saint Grade Martial Tactic, it far surpasses Saint Grade Martial Tactics. The techniques inside Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic are barely even one-tenth of the Sovereign Heart Sword! Naturally, this will only be the case if you cultivate the Sovereign Heart Sword to the highest stage... Even I only managed to cultivate it to the highest stage in the last ten years before I underwent Transcendence. The person who obtains the Sovereign Heart Sword will become the only successor of my Fog Rain Progeny." This was the summary of the Sovereign Heart Sword.

Well, instead of saying it was a summary. It was more like an epilogue from Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang.

"The techniques of a Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic are barely even a tenth of it? Is this Heart-Sword Amalgamation, the highest stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, really that impressive?" Duan Ling Tian found it hard to believe. His first thought was this Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang must be lying.

However, his train of thoughts soon changed its course. He felt that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang had no need to lie. After all, if he had lied, the truth would come out eventually, and he would only taint his own reputation.

'If what he said is true... Then, what I possess is more valuable than Heaven Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactics?' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his breathing began to quicken, and he found it hard to calm his emotion.

"Young Master, you're awake?" Duan Ling Tian had woken up and sat up due to his shock, surprising Xiong Quan.

Everybody else was alerted as well.

"Ling Tian boy, are you alright?" Feng Wu Dao asked, concerned.

"Duan Ling Tian, how are you feeling?" The others were also looking at Duan Ling Tian worriedly.

Faced with everyone's concern, a warmth enveloped Duan Ling Tian's heart. He shook his head and said, "I'm alright."

"Ling Tian boy, you were sitting motionless for half a year before you seemed to have fallen into a state of enlightenment. Are you really enlightened?" Feng Wu Dao asked curiously.

"Yes." Knowing that it would be difficult to explain his encounter, Duan Ling Tian did not explain too much and just nodded in response to Feng Wu Dao's question.

The others instantly looked at him enviously.

After all, enlightenment was not something that one could easily obtain.

As the saying went, 'When one has an epiphany, all of one's followers would also gain from it.' They believed Duan Ling Tian's strength must have been raised tremendously.

Boom!

When the group of people was still surrounding Duan Ling Tian, a loud sound suddenly reverberated in the air, shocking all of them.

At once, they looked at the place where the noise came from.

In the next moment, apart from Duan Ling Tian who was slightly stunned, horror dawned on the others immediately. "What's going on?"

Under the watchful eyes of the others, the word 'Sword' that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang left behind on the mountain wall suddenly began to crack. To be more precise, the entire mountain wall began to crack.

In just a blink of an eye, a series of deep cracks spread on the mountain wall like spiderwebs.

The word 'Sword' began to blur immediately.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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In the next instant, a scene that took everyone by surprise, including Duan Ling Tian, appeared. After the mountain wall cracked and fissured, a huge amount of dense green sword Qi shot out from inside and swept out into the surroundings of the wall before the mountain wall shattered into dust.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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When a huge surface of the mountain wall shattered, the dust was sent flying up, covering the sky. After a while, it descended before it exploded like a mushroom cloud.

Due to their state of shock, Duan Ling Tian and the others had no time to evade the dust and was covered head to toe in gray.

"What's going on?" Feng Wu Dao and the others were dumbfounded.

Only Duan Ling Tian seemed to be lost in thoughts when he saw the mountain wall with the word 'Sword' was no longer there.

'Could it be the reason Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang left behind the word 'Sword' is to find a successor for the Sovereign Heart Sword? At the end of the information about the Sovereign Heart Sword, he seemed to have mentioned that the person who obtains the Sovereign Heart Sword will also become the only successor of that Fog Rain Progeny or something.... Didn't he also leave behind a similar legacy in the other two Mortal Continents? Why did he say I'm the only successor? Don't tell me after he had acknowledged me as the successor of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the word Sword' on the mountain wall on the other two Mortal Continents has also disappeared?' Duan Ling Tian speculated inwardly.

Naturally, it was just a speculation, and he was not certain.

What Duan Ling Tian did not know was when he was watching the mountain wall carved with the word 'Sword' crumble into dust, somewhere on the other two Mortal Continents, the same thing was also happening.

On one of the Mortal Continents, nobody had found the mountain wall yet.

On the other Mortal Continent, a sect had found it. They had instantly made the place their sect's Saint Land.

However, today was destined to be an unforgettable day for everyone in the sect.

This was because their sect's Saint Land was suddenly turned into dust for no apparent reason at all.

A disciple who was guarding the Saint Land noticed the cracks on the mountain wall with word 'Sword.' After a while, the high-level officials of the sect came to the Saint Land and witnessed a scene that would be forever engraved in their minds.

After the Saint Wall in their sect's Saint Land cracked, a dense sword Qi shot out and caused the Saint Wall to crumble into dust.

"The Saint Wall shattered and the Saint Land crumbled... Could it be that God is punishing us for taking this land as our own?" The high-level officials who witnessed the incident all felt glum.

In fact, even the strongest powerhouse in their sect was not able to leave a scratch on the Saint Wall. However, the Saint Wall had turned into dust at this moment.

If this was not a punishment from Heaven, then what was it?

Was there anybody who possessed such strength in this world?

They would have never guessed that this incident happened because the ultimate powerhouse who had left behind what they called the 'Saint Wall' had found his only successor.

Since he had found his successor, there was no need for the other mountain walls with words 'Sword' to remain.

It was not difficult to imagine they would hunt Duan Ling Tian down and demand him to return their Saint Land if they knew he was the cause of it.

Now that the mountain wall that was carved with the word 'Sword' word had turned to dust, the only thing that remained of the word 'Sword' was its name, Sword Valley.

Duan Ling Tian and the other hovered above the canyon, standing across one another.

"Everyone, I'll soon start my journey to the Moon Illumination Sect in the Dao Martial Saint Land. I wonder what are your plans?" Duan Ling Tian asked bluntly as he looked at Feng Wu Dao and the others.

There was no longer anything on Cloud Continent that he cared about. His two fiancées whose whereabouts were unknown filled his heart with worries.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's question, Feng Wu Dao and the others turned quiet.

They had spent the past few years in Half Moon Island, and they were used to Half Moon Island to a certain extent.

Currently, Half Moon Island had been turned into ruins. Even if they returned, it would be risky.

At this moment, they really had no plans at all.

"Duan Ling Tian, what kind of place is the Dao Martial Saint Land?" Chen Shao Shuai was the first one to speak.

"Dao Martial Saint Land?" Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian pondered silently before he told them about the Dao Martial Saint Land that he knew. At the same time, he told them about his current situation as well.

"If you all want to go to the Dao Martial Saint Land, you can follow me... With my senior brother there, it won't be difficult to find ask for a place for all of you to stay," Duan Ling Tian said when he reached the end of his sentence.

Feng Wu Dao and the others had long been interested in the Dao Martial Saint Land described by Duan Ling Tian.

Other than having a far more exaggerated gravitational pull, there was nothing on Cloud Continent or the Mortal Continent that could compare to the Dao Martial Saint Land at all... Over there, even the powerhouses who were at the Martial or Demon Emperor level were considered as nothing.

The cultivation environment, Saint Stones, and Saint Grade Martial Tactics there were very attractive to Feng Wu Dao and the others.

"Duan Ling Tian, are you a Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivator now?" Nangong Yi could not help but ask as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 1542: Han Jin Nian

Based on Duan Ling Tian's words, the others, including Chen Shao Shuai, learned about Mortal Shedding Stage Martial Cultivators in the Dao Martial Saint Land. They knew it was a presence that was superior to Martial and Demon Emperors.

"Mortal Shedding Stage?" When Duan Ling Tian heard Chen Shao Shuai's words, he shook his head. "I'm not at the Mortal Shedding Stage."

"Impossible!" Feng Wu Dao and the others did not believe him. "If you're not at the Mortal Shedding Stage, how can your speed be so fast previously when you brought us back?"

"Exactly! The speed previously was insane! It was so fast I couldn't even see my surrounding clearly!"

"Duan Ling Tian, you're not joking with us, right? Although I've not reached the Emperor Stage, I know it's impossible for someone at the peak of the Emperor Stage to possess that kind of speed."

The people expressed their disbelief.

"I only said I'm not at the Mortal Shedding Stage, but I didn't say I'm still at the Emperor Stage." Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he smiled wryly.

"What do you mean?" Everyone was stunned.

In the end, it was still Feng Wu Dao who first realized what was going on. He asked with a shocked expression, "C-Could it be that you've surpassed the Mortal Shedding Stage and made a breakthrough to a higher stage?"

When Feng Wu Dao's words left his mouth, the others shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian in unison.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I'm at the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage now."

Then, Duan Ling Tian explained to Feng Wu Dao and the others about the cultivation stages in Dao Martial Saint Land... They found out the Saint Rudiment Stage was the cultivation stage above the Mortal Shedding Stage.

On top of that, they also learned about the specific stages of the Mortal Shedding Stage and the Saint Rudiment Stage.

The Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage was the fourth stage of the Saint Rudiment Stage.

Feng Wu Dao and the others were dumbfounded when they discovered how tremendously Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base had risen in just three short years.

When they returned to their senses, their breathing quickened immediately.

"The cultivation environment in the Dao Martial Saint Land is actually this ridiculous?" Chen Shao Shuai exclaimed in surprise.

"That's right! Although your innate talent is high, this sort of progress is just ridiculous, Duan Ling Tian... Although my innate talent is not comparable to yours, my cultivation base would be able to rise a lot even if I only have one-tenth of your innate talent," Nangong Yi said.

Although Nangong Chen did not say a word, his thoughts were obvious from his burning gaze.

Feng Wu Dao and the others were eager to go to the Dao Martial Saint Land.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian knew they had already made up their minds. They came to this decision because their thoughts were similar to Nangong Yi.

They felt the cultivation environment in the Dao Martial Saint Land would allow them to make ridiculous progress in as short as three years... However, they did not know the actual reason his cultivation base had progressed so fast was mainly due to the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

However, it was not convenient for him to tell them about the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

It was not that he was being selfish, but he was worried. It was similar to how he could not tell Bai Li Hong about it.

Feng Wu Dao and the others were willing to sacrifice their lives for him, there was no doubt they would not betray him... However, if one was under some soul-ransacking Spiritual Secret Tactic, one's actions would no longer be under one's control.

This was what Duan Ling Tian was most worried about.

When he saw the eagerness in their eyes when he spoke about the Dao Martial Saint Land, he did not discourage them.

Besides, although the Dao Martial Saint Land's cultivation environment was not as ridiculous as they thought it was, it was still better than Cloud Continent by more than 50%... Particularly in the Moon Illumination Sect, the cultivation environment was far greater than the cultivation environment in other ordinary eighth or ninth-rate sects.

Feng Wu Dao who was looking forward to the Dao Martial Saint Land suddenly remembered his daughter who had long gone to the Dao Martial Saint Land. He immediately looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked eagerly, "Ling Tian boy, did you receive any news about Wu'er when you were in the Dao Martial Saint Land?"

"Uncle Feng, the Dao Martial Saint Land is so big that Cloud Continent can't compare to it at all... However, I guess the group of people who brought Tian Wu away must not be from a powerful force. I've also asked my senior brother in the Dao Martial Saint Land to send his men out to look for Tian Wu... If there's some news, my senior brother will tell me immediately," Duan Ling Tian told Feng Wu Dao.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not forget about Feng Tian Wu.

After Bai Li Hong had taken him as his junior brother, he had already asked Bai Li Hong to help look for Tian Wu.

Bai Li Hong had also used all of his connections to search for Tian Wu in every corner of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

However, Bai Li Hong was only a Three Star Saint Inscription Master, his connections were pretty limited. He could only look into seventh, eighth, and ninth-rate forces in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

If Feng Tian Wu happened to be in a more powerful force like a sixth-rate force or above, unless she made a name for herself, it was unlikely for them to find her with just Bai Li Hong's connections.

Just looking into all the seventh-rate forces in the Dao Martial Saint Land would take him a long time, let alone those eighth and ninth-rate forces.

"Alright." Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Feng Wu Dao nodded. Although he looked relieved, his heart still felt heavy.

In the past, he was not too worried even though he knew his daughter had gone to the Dao Martial Saint Land because he did not know much about it. Now that he understood the Dao Martial Saint Land more, he could not help but feel worried.

The harshness in the Dao Martial Saint Land was even worse than Cloud Continent.

Over there, the top powerhouses on Cloud Continent like Martial and Demon Emperors were ranked at the bottom where people would step on.

Since Feng Wu Dao and the others had made up their minds, Duan Ling Tian did not intend to stay any longer on Cloud Continent.

However, there was still something he needed to do before he left.

"Uncle Feng, Teacher... Please wait for me here for a while. I have some things I need to deal with, and I'll be back soon." After he spoke to Feng Wu Dao, Sima, and the others, he instantly disappeared from their eyes. With the fastest speed, he headed south.

Duan Ling Tian was a Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator now. When he moved using his fastest speed, it did not take him more than twenty breaths to arrive at the Crimson Sky Kingdom from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

He only had one intention of returning to the Crimson Sky Kingdom. It was to inform his good friends in the Crimson Sky Kingdom about his next destination.

"If Little Fei'er and Little Gold have really gone to find Xue Nai, they'll definitely return in the future... At that time, when they discover Half Moon Island has been ruined, with Little Fei'er's intelligence, she'll definitely come back to the Crimson Sky Kingdom to ask around." It was precisely because of this that Duan Ling Tian returned to the Crimson Sky Kingdom's Imperial City and secretly told his good friends about his next destination.

It did not take him too long to finish all this.

In a span that did not exceed twenty breaths, Duan Ling Tian had returned to where Feng Wu Dao and the others were waiting. After motioning to them, he proceeded to bring them north. Soon after, they all left Cloud Continent.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not head in Half Moon Island's direction. Instead, he took a huge detour.

Who knew if Di Jue was waiting for them at Half Moon Island or not!

He did not dare to take the risk.

It was also due to this reason that Duan Ling Tian left a backup plan in the Crimson Sky Kingdom. He did not have a chance to leave any clue behind on Half Moon Island.

When he was in the Crimson Sky Kingdom, he did not only told his good friends about his destination, but he even left behind a voice transmission jade slip that contained the words he had wanted to tell Li Fei. He told her about where he had been, the things that had happened after his return, including Ke'er's abduction.

Due to Duan Ling Tian taking a huge detour to stay away from Half Moon Island, he was unaware the original Half Moon Island had already been completely submerged and no longer existed.

While Duan Ling Tian brought Feng Wu Dao and the others to the Dao Martial Saint Land, four travel-weary figures approached a mountain hidden by clouds somewhere in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Just as they had gotten close to the mountain, before they even passed through the clouds, their way was obstructed.

The people who obstructed their path were three middle-aged men who were dressed in blue uniforms and two young men who were dressed normally.

Between the two young men, one of them was luxuriously dressed. Judging from his movement, it seemed as though he was a dandy rich man's son... The other one, on the other hand, was dressed ordinarily, serving as a contrast to the former. Following closely behind the former, it was obvious he was an attendant who ran all the errands.

The luxuriously dressed young man, on the other hand, was also the leader of the group of five.

"Who are you to trespass into my Greenwave Han Mansion?" The luxuriously clad young man asked easily. From the moment they appeared until now, he did not even look at the other four properly in the eyes.

"Young Master! A beauty!" Just as the luxuriously dressed young man's words left his mouth, a fawning voice resonated by his ears, "What a pity! She's pregnant!"

Beauty?

After hearing this fawning voice, the luxuriously dressed young man instantly lifted his head and began to study the four people.

One of them quickly caught his eyes.

It was a woman with a seductive body and an angelic face. Her extremely beautiful face could topple the nation and dim her surroundings.

The most important thing was her temperament. It was particularly attractive.

He had seen many beauties before, but this was his first time seeing such a beauty with such a temperament.

"So what if she's pregnant?" After glancing at the woman's slightly protruding stomach, the luxuriously dressed young man scoffed at the words of the bootlicker standing at the side. 'I, Han Jin Nian, have been with countless women before, but I've never tried being with a pregnant woman... Particularly one that's so beautiful and has such a temperament!"

"I wonder how should I address you, Miss?" Han Jin Nian's expression changed quickly. It only took him a split second to change from being cold to enthusiastic.

The most important thing was even though Han Jin Nian harbored ill-intention in his heart, he did not show it on his face and eyes at all. The glimmer of lust in the depth of his eyes flashed quickly before it vanished without a trace.

At this moment, he looked just like a refined and courteous son of a noble family.

Chapter 1543: Greenwave Han Mansion, Han Xue Nai

This was also a habit of Han Jin Nian.

Usually, he would first treat those women he took a liking to politely, only when he realized the method would not work then he would suddenly turn hostile and force the women to submit to him.

Since the beginning until now, he had never failed before.

"Who are you?" At this moment, three short figures immediately stood in front of Han Jin Nian in unison, blocking his view.

It was a little boy and two little girls. They were staring at Han Jin Nian guardedly.

When Han Jin Nian saw the three little kids were obstructing his view of the beauty, his expression turned grave immediately. However, he remembered he needed to maintain a good image in front of the woman, in just an instant, a smile appeared on his face again. "I'm Han Jin Nian from the Greenwave Han Mansion."

At this moment, the lackey behind Han Jin Nian chimed in, "Hurmph! My Young Master is the favorite grandson of the Supreme Elder of Greenwave Han Mansion."

Meanwhile, a hint of pity could be seen in the eyes of the three middle-aged men who were dressed in uniforms when they looked at the beautiful pregnant woman. They could see Han Jin Nian had already taken a liking to this woman.

As far as they knew, none of the women whom Han Jin Nian took a liking to had managed to escape him. However, there was nothing they could do even though they frowned upon it.

Who asked Han Jin Nian to be the grandson of the only Supreme Elder in their Greenwave Han Mansion?

Besides, like the lackey next to Han Jin Nian had said, he was also the favorite grandson of the Supreme Elder of the Greenwave Han Mansion.

That Supreme Elder of the Greenwave Han Mansion had an extraordinary position in the Greenwave Han Mansion. Even the current Master of the Greenwave Han Mansion needed to politely address him as uncle.

"So you're that great womanizer, Han Jin Nian, that Sister Xue Nai spoke of." A fair and delicate goldenclad little girl nodded her head in realization.

The moment the lackey behind Han Jin Nian heard the little girl's words, horror dawned on him as chills ran down his spine.

What did the little girl say?

Sister Xue Nai?

Did she mean the Eldest Miss who was loved by everyone in the Greenwave Han Mansion? That Little Devil who could elicit a change in expression from everyone in the Greenwave Han Mansion the moment her name was mentioned?

"You know Xue Nai?" When Han Jin Nian heard the little girl's words, he could not help but frown too. A hint of lingering fear flashed in his eyes.

In the Greenwave Han Mansion, there were only a few people he was afraid of.

As luck would have it, that Eldest Miss was one of them.

In the past, he had been teased by that Eldest Miss a lot.

Meanwhile, Han Jin Nian's face turned a little pale. Just because the word 'Great womanizer' had been spoken so loudly by that little girl, his image had been completely destroyed in front of that beauty.

Whoosh!

At this moment, a breeze blew past all of them, and a green figure appeared suddenly. It was an old woman dressed in green.

As she stood there, it seemed as though she was blending in with the background.

"Lord Qing Nu." The moment the three middle-aged men in uniforms saw the old woman, they bowed respectfully and did not dare to slack at all.

The green-clad old woman was Qing Nu who used to follow Han Xue Nai previously. She glanced indifferently at the three middle-aged men and said, "They are friends of Eldest Miss. All of you can retreat now."

"Alright." The moment the three middle-aged men heard her words, they instantly retreated. At the same time, they sighed in relief inwardly. They could finally get away from that dandy good-for-nothing rich kid.

After asking the three men to retreat, Qing Nu glanced indifferently at Han Jin Nian and greeted him out of formality, "Young Master Jin Nian."

"Qing Nu, are they really Xue Nai's friends?" Han Jin Nian asked with a frown.

"Why? Do you want to ask Young Miss personally, Young Master Jin Nian?" There was a hint of mockery in Qing Nu's tone. It seemed like she did not really respect Han Jin Nian this Young Master.

"No, there's no need for that." Han Jin Nian's eyes gleamed coldly as he shook his head. Unless it was necessary, he was unwilling to meet that Little Devil.

Whoosh!

At this moment, Qing Nu waved her big hand and the sky trembled immediately, a profound energy flashed past them.

In the next instant, whether it was Qing Nu, the extremely beautiful woman, the two little girls or the little boy, all of them had vanished without a trace. Only Han Jin Nian and his lackey were left on the scene.

"Young Master, let's go back," the lackey standing at the side suggested when he sensed a drop in Han Jin Nian's mood.

"Return and investigate the origins of those few people, especially that woman! I must have her!" Now that there was nobody else on the scene, Han Jin Nian no longer bothered with putting on a facade. Hints of lust instantly rose in his eyes.

"Young Master, maybe we should just let it go? Lord Qing Nu has also said that she's Young Miss Xue Nai's friend. If you touch her, I'm afraid Young Miss Xue Nai won't just let the matter go." The lackey seemed to be particularly afraid of Young Miss Xue Nai. Every time he mentioned her, his body would tremble for no reason.

"Hurmph! So what if she doesn't want to let the matter go? Don't tell me she's going to kill me? Put aside the fact that she might not even have the ability to do that, even if she has, I don't believe she'll kill me over an outsider!" Han Jin Nian snorted coldly in disdain.

"Even so, it's not easy to deal with Young Miss Xue Nai." The lackey smiled wryly.

"You don't have to say anything... No matter what, I must get my hands on that woman! If I can get her, I don't mind shortening my life span by a few years, let alone dealing with the painless teasing from the Little Devil!" With a raise of his hand, Han Jin Nian stopped his lackey from continuing.

When the lackey heard this, he no longer said anything. He knew once his young master made up his mind, there was no changing it at all.

On the other hand, the four travel-weary people were brought into the mountain hidden by the clouds.

There was a vast land with buildings on it, like a little kingdom behind the clouds.

This was the Greenwave Han Mansion.

The four travel-weary people were none other than Li Fei, Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold who had traveled all the way here from Half Moon Island.

After leaving Half Moon Island, Li Fei was worried about Ke'er's safety. However, she was weak now, and she knew if she went back, she would only be digging a grave for herself. If she was alone, she would not have left Ke'er even if she died.

However, right now, she was not alone.

She was carrying a child in her belly. It was the child of the man she loved and her.

Due to this reason, she acceded to Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold's decision to return to the Dao Martial Saint Land and to the Greenwave Han Mansion to ask for help.

Their journey here was not easy. It had taken them almost an entire year before they finally arrived at their destination.

Soon after, Li Fei and the others met Han Xue Nai. When Han Xue Nai saw Li Fei, her eyes lit up. She held her hands enthusiastically and greeted her, "Sister Fei'er! What brought you here?"

"Xue Nai, you've changed a lot!" Li Fei was shocked when she saw Han Xue Nai again.

After Han Xue Nai made a breakthrough to the Mortal Shedding Stage, her appearance was no longer bounded by her cultivation method. That was why she began to mature from a young girl to a beautiful woman.

In terms of beauty, she was in no way inferior to Li Fei.

"Hehe..." Han Xue Nai chuckled before glancing behind Li Fei. She looked at Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White as she asked, "Why are there only four of you? Where's Sister Ke'er?"

Li Fei sighed. The moment she heard Han Xue Nai mentioning Ke'er, a worried expression appeared on her face immediately.

During the entire journey here, the one she was most worried about was Ke'er.

"Why? What happened?" Han Xue Nai's expression changed a little. She could tell that something was not right.

"Sister Xue Nai, Half Moon Island..." Little Gold began to speak furiously. She recounted what had happened after Di Jue, the Five-clawed Golden Dragon, came to Half Moon Island. In the end, she even added dejectedly, "Right now, we don't even know if Sister Ke'er and the others are still alive or not. Sister Xue Nai, you must save them!"

"Almost a year ago?" Han Xue Nai's heart felt a little heavy. It had been almost a year since that incident happened, it was unknown if the remaining people were alive or not.

Moreover, when she heard Di Jue the Five-clawed Golden Dragon was the culprit, a wave of helplessness washed over her.

As the Eldest Miss of Greenwave Han Mansion, she, naturally, had heard of Di Jue before. She knew he was one of the only two Five-clawed Golden Dragons left in the dragon clan. Moreover, he was so powerful that not many people from the Greenwave Han Mansion could compare to him.

It was not too bad if it was just Di Jue alone. However, the problem was the dragon clan supporting him from the back. There were many others who were stronger than Di Jue in the dragon clan.

"Sister Fei'er, just take care of your baby and don't worry. Just leave this matter to us... All of you have been traveling for so long, Qing Nu will lead you all to a place to rest first," Han Xue Nai told Li Fei as she looked at Qing Nu.

Without waiting for Han Xue Nai's order, Qing Nu had already waved her hand and brought Li Fei and the three little fellows away. Li Fei did not even have time to respond to Han Xue Nai.

"Di Jue, Five-clawed Golden Dragon, dragon clan... I think even Father will find it hard to intervene in this matter. I can only look for Master then. Hopefully, she's not in closed-door cultivation now," Han Xue Nai muttered to herself. When she reached the end of her sentence, her heart clenched for a moment.

"However, even if Master is in closed-door cultivation, I still have to alert her... This matter concerns Sister Ke'er so nothing can happen! I've already lost Brother Ling Tian. No matter what, I can't lose Sister Ke'er too... Otherwise, how am I going to face Brother Ling Tian when I see him in the future?" Based on Han Xue Nai's words, it seemed as though she was certain Duan Ling Tian was still alive. The reason she was so certain was due to her Master as well.

The moment she thought of this, she left the spacious mansion and soared up into the sky, heading to the depth of the mountain range north of the Greenwave Han Mansion.

That was her master's usual cultivation place.

Chapter 1544: A Meeting Gift

During the journey back to the Moon Illumination Sect in the Dao Martial Saint Land, Duan Ling Tian's mood turned worse and worse.

Currently, there was not a moment when he was not thinking about his two fiancées.

Ke'er was still okay since he was certain of her safety for the time being.

Although he suspected Li Fei and the three little fellows had gone to look for Han Xue Nai, danger lurked everywhere in the journey from Cloud Continent to the Dao Martial Saint Land. Would they arrive safely?

He was extremely worried about this.

Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian did not have the mood to read the Sovereign Heart Sword in detail throughout his journey.

However, even if Duan Ling Tian did not read the Sovereign Heart Sword in detail, his Sword Dao was already at the first stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword.

His six-month meditation did not go to waste at all.

When he seemed to have entered a state of enlightenment and practiced his swordsmanship — from simple to complex and then complex to simple again — it was also one of the signs of entering the first stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword.

The first stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword was also called Heartfelt Sword.

Although it was only the first stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, it had already surpassed the highest stage of the Aerolite Strike that Duan Ling Tian had cultivated in terms of strength... Naturally, this was under the condition the Aerolite Strike was cast without the help of the Saint Inscriptions.

In other words, the first stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword had already surpassed the highest stage offensive technique cultivated from a Human Rank top-grade Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, apart from not feeling fully confident in defeating some Imminent Saint Stage powerhouse, he was confident in defeating — and even killing — other Martial and Dao Cultivators below the Saint Stage.

With his strength now, it was safe for him to bring Feng Wu Dao and the others with him.

Soon after, he brought them to the monastery gate of Moon Illumination Sect's estate.

Duan Ling Tian was already a famous person in the Moon Illumination Sect. Due to this reason, the moment the few outer court disciples who were guarding the monastery gate saw him, they called out, "Senior Brother Duan," one after another and welcomed him inside politely.

They did not even check Feng Wu Dao and the others.

What a joke!

In addition to being famous among the younger generation in the Moon Illumination Sect, this Senior Brother Duan was even Elder Bai Li Hong's junior brother. Who would dare to stop him from bringing people into the sect?

"Duan Ling Tian, those Moon Illumination Sect's disciples seem to be very respectful toward you," Chen Shao Shuai remarked, slightly surprised.

The others were just as surprised. Earlier, they could see the respect the few Moon Illumination Sect's disciples had shown Duan Ling Tian was sincere. There was even a hint of idolatry in their eyes when they looked at him.

They were curious. How did Duan Ling Tian manage to achieve this in just three short years?

If they discovered Duan Ling Tian had only entered the Moon Illumination Sect less than a year ago, they would be stunned motionless.

"Senior Brother Duan!"

"Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian!"

"Senior Brother Ling Tian!"

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As they continued on their way, Feng Wu Dao and the others began to get used to the polite greetings.

Duan Ling Tian led them past the outer court district. Almost all of the outer court disciples they encountered greeted and bowed at him.

Since Duan Ling Tian was not in the mood, he merely nodded indifferently in response to all the greetings.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian led Feng Wu Dao and the others to the inner court district and to Bai Li Hong's mansion.

Under Duan Ling Tian's order, the people inside Bai Li Hong's mansion brought Feng Wu Dao and the others to rest. As for Duan Ling Tian, he went to look for Bai Li Hong immediately.

"Junior Brother, why did you come back so fast?" Bai Li Hong was surprised when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

"Didn't Junior Brother want to accompany the two sisters-in-law to give birth? Don't tell me my two sisters-in-law have already given birth when you went back? Did two of them and my nephews follow you back?" Bai Li Hong asked eagerly.

"Senior Brother." When Duan Ling Tian heard Bai Li Hong mentioning his two fiancées, the worries that finally lessened a little surged back into his heart as it clenched.

"I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you," Duan Ling Tian answered Bai Li Hong as he took a deep breath.

Horror dawned on Bai Li Hong when he saw how gloomy Duan Ling Tian was, and he hastily asked, "What? Don't tell me something has happened?"

When Duan Ling Tian saw how worried Bai Li Hong was, a sense of warmth enveloped his heart immediately. He began to recount everything that had transpired to Bai Li Hong.

"Dragon clan? Five-clawed Golden Dragon?" Bai Li Hong's expression turned grave as well when learned about everything.

The knowledge he had on the dragon clan was only limited to the text passage he had read.

Although he had only read about it, he knew it was an extremely terrifying force. Not many sects in the Dao Martial Saint Land were willing to pick a fight with the dragon clan.

Bai Li Hong's heart was also filled with a sense of helplessness when he found out about how powerful Di Jue was.

According to his junior brother's description, that Di Jue's strength was even more powerful than the few Saint Stage powerhouses in their Moon Illumination Sect.

Apart from that, Bai Li Hong had also learned about Chi Mei.

"Junior Brother, seeing that Chi Mei is sister-in-law's twin sister, and how she's so friendly to her, I'm sure she won't harm sister-in-law at all... However, as for that Fire Worship Sect, I've lived for so long, but I've never heard of them before." Bai Li Hong reassured Duan Ling Tian. However, when he reached the end of his sentence, he could not help but shake his head.

"As for the other sister-in-law, since she's the person you love and is pregnant with your child, I'm sure she's also a blessed person... You don't have to worry too much about this, Junior Brother," Bai Li Hong added again.

Seeing how colors had returned to Duan Ling Tian's face after he had heard his words, Bai Li Hong seized the opportunity to strike while the iron was still hot and continued to persuade and reassure him.

One must admit Bai Li Hong was indeed an eloquent old fox. In the end, he really did manage to calm Duan Ling Tian down a lot.

"Senior Brother, I've brought some seniors and friends with me this time," Duan Ling Tian also told Bai Li Hong about Feng Wu Dao and the others.

Bai Li Hong was also very direct. "Just let them stay at my place since I have nothing but empty rooms here. Junior Brother, they're your seniors and friends, naturally, they're also my friends."

"Thank you, Senior Brother." Duan Ling Tian quickly expressed his gratitude.

"Junior Brother, again?" Bai Li Hong said unhappily as he pulled a long face.

"Ah, I forgot, I forgot. I'll be sure not to thank you again if I come to you for help next time." Duan Ling Tian flashed an awkward smile.

"Let's go! Bring me to see those seniors and friends of yours." Bai Li Hong motioned. "It's always a delight having friends visiting from afar. It'll be impolite of me if I don't greet them."

Subsequently, the two of them went to see Feng Wu Dao and the others.

When Feng Wu Dao and the others saw Bai Li Hong, they were also struck dumb.

Although they had long heard from Duan Ling Tian that he had a senior brother in the Moon Illumination Sect, and his senior brother had quite a high position in the sect, they merely thought Duan Ling Tian's senior brother was the son or a disciple of a Moon Illumination Sect's high-level official. They did not expect him to be an old man with a head of white hair. Moreover, with just a look, they could tell this old man was not an ordinary person.

"Everyone, since you're seniors and friends of my junior brother, it's only natural that you're all also friends of mine. All of you can just stay here from now on. I'll help all of you get an Identity Order Token tomorrow. From tomorrow onward, all of you will become inner court disciples in the Moon Illumination Sect," Bai Li Hong said to Feng Wu Dao and the others with a smile.

Inner court disciples?

Although they suspected Bai Li Hong was not a simple person, Feng Wu Dao and the others were still shocked when they heard his words.

During their journey here, they had also heard from Duan Ling Tian about the Moon Illumination Sect. They knew that inner court disciples of the Moon Illumination Sect were usually at the Saint Rudiment Stage and above.

Even the weakest person in the outer court was at the Mastery or Perfection Mortal Shedding Stage.

However, they had not even broken through to the Mortal Shedding Stage, but they were instantly promoted to inner court disciples as soon as they entered the sect?

"D-Don't tell me this senior brother of Duan Ling Tian is actually the S-Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect?" Chen Shao Shuai asked using his Voice Transmission as he looked at Nangong Yi.

After hearing Chen Shao Shuai's Voice Transmission, the stunned Nangong Yi regained his senses and replied, "Even if he's not the Sect Leader of the Moon Illumination Sect, he must have a high position in the Moon Illumination Sect. Otherwise, how can he have this ability?"

Feng Wu Dao and the others were still stunned by Bai Li Hong's words when he took out a bunch of sixth-grade Saint Stones. "Just take these sixth-grade Saint Stones as my meeting gift to all of you... On

top of that, I'll make a Crystal Card for all of you too. At that time, I'll transfer some Merit Points to all of you so you can use it to exchange for Saint Grade Martial Tactics or Pills in the Merit Pavilion. As for Saint Weapons, I'll personally make one for all of you," Bai Li Hong said with a smile.

When Feng Wu Dao and the others heard this, they quickly expressed their gratitude.

Naturally, they did not understand the magnitude of Bai Li Hong's gifts, particularly the last one. It was enough to elicit jealousy from more than half of the people in the Moon Illumination Sect.

The Saint Weapons that Bai Li Hong would personally make them would undoubtedly be inscribed with a Saint Inscription that was suitable for them.

Once they began to use this kind of Saint Weapons, their strengths would improve tremendously.

"Everyone, you must be tired from your long journey so I won't disturb you from resting." After bidding goodbye to Feng Wu Dao and the others, Bai Li Hong bade goodbye to Duan Ling Tian before he left.

After Bai Li Hong left, Feng Wu Dao and the others looked at Duan Ling Tian. Feng Wu Dao was the first one to speak. "Ling Tian boy, who is this senior brother of yours?"

"Duan Ling Tian, don't tell me your senior brother is actually the Sect Leader of the Moon Illumination Sect?" Chen Shao Shuai asked as well.

"My senior brother is an inner court elder of the Moon Illumination Sect... However, due to various reasons, my senior brother's position in the Moon Illumination Sect is special. Even the Sect Leader doesn't dare to slack when he meets my senior brother," Duan Ling Tian explained after he saw the shock and doubt on Feng Wu Dao and the others' faces.

Chapter 1545: The Call From The Jasper Celestial Sword

"As for what those reasons are, it's hard for me to explain to you now... However, you'll naturally find out about it after staying in the sect for a while," Duan Ling Tian added.

The moment he recalled the meeting gifts his senior brother, Bai Li Hong, mentioned, he felt touched.

His senior brother had already arranged everything for him.

Now that Feng Wu Dao and the others came to the Dao Martial Saint Land, the thing they lacked the most was cultivation resources. The meeting gifts his senior brother had mentioned earlier solved this problem completely.

"Uncle Feng, Teacher... It's time for all of you to rest properly. Just rest for today since you're going to have a lot of things to do tomorrow," Duan Ling Tian told Feng Wu Dao and the others.

Then, under Feng Wu Dao and the others' doubtful eyes, Duan Ling Tian bade them goodbye before he turned to leave.

"Duan Ling Tian said there's a lot we have to do tomorrow?"

"What are the things we have to do? Just like before, Duan Ling Tian really likes to keep us guessing."

Chen Shao Shuai and Nangong Yi said one after another.

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After Feng Wu Dao and the others had a good night sleep, they met with Bai Li Hong the next day. They finally understood Duan Ling Tian's words.

Apart from giving them an inner court disciple's identity Order Token, Bai Li Hong had also given them a Crystal Card each. Moreover, he even personally brought them to the Moon Illumination Sect's Merit Pavilion and let them choose and borrow their own cultivation method. On top of that, he had also recommended many meridian cleansing Saint Grade Pills and jade tokens explaining the various provinces in the Dao Martial Saint Land to them.

During this time, they learned about the use of the Merit Points in their Crystal Cards. As it turned out, Merit Points were the most important currency in the Moon Illumination Sect.

Besides, after borrowing the Saint Grade Martial Tactics using the Merit Points, it made them realized the martial techniques they cultivated on Cloud Continent were trash compared to these Saint Grade Martial Tactics in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

After they had tasted the sweetness of the Saint Grade Pills, they were shocked.

At this moment, they felt their former selves were like country bumpkins who had not seen much of the world.

After a few days, Feng Wu Dao and the others finally understood Bai Li Hong's identity in the Moon Illumination Sect. They were shocked when they found out.

Three Star Saint Inscription Master!

Bai Li Hong, Duan Ling Tian's senior brother, was a Three Star Saint Inscription Master!

During the past few days in the sect, they understood more of the Dao Martial Saint Land from the jade tokens they obtained from the Merit Pavilion.

They learned that apart from Martial Cultivators, the Dao Martial Saint Land also had Dao Cultivators.

Among the Martial Cultivators, there were some special people who were called Saint Inscription Masters.

There were also some special people among the Dao Cultivators who were known as Dao Talisman Masters.

In the Nine Sect Alliances' district they were currently in, a Three Star Saint Inscription Master was the highest level Saint Inscription Master around. Even in the entire Nine Sect Alliances' district, there were only two Three Star Saint Inscription Masters. Due to this reason, the two Three Star Saint Inscription Masters had a high position in the Nine Sect Alliances' district.

It was because of this they were all shocked when they found out Bai Li Hong was one of the Three Star Saint Inscription Masters and the only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in the Moon Illumination Sect.

At this moment, they finally understood the words Duan Ling Tian had spoken before.

"T-That Duan Ling Tian is just too ridiculous, isn't he? Just how many years has it been since he came to the Dao Martial Saint Land? And yet, he has already managed to obtain support from someone like Elder Bai Li Hong? N-Not only that, he even became Elder Bai Li Hong's junior brother," Nangong Yi remarked, stunned.

His words also mirrored the thoughts of Feng Wu Dao and the others.

Even Xiong Quan who had always been confident in Duan Ling Tian was also in complete shock after he learned the truth about Bai Li Hong.

It did not cross his mind that his young master would have such an achievement in the three years he was here.

"As expected of my young master." His heart swelled with pride.

When Feng Wu Dao and the others were still in shock over Bai Li Hong's identity, many of the outer and inner court disciples in the Moon Illumination Sect had also learned about Feng Wu Dao and the others... During these few days, there were at least eight or ten outer or inner court disciples who were discussing them.

This was because they were just too conspicuous.

Naturally, it was a different kind of conspicuous that was used to describe Duan Ling Tian since he had depended on his own strength to make a name for himself.

As for Feng Wu Dao and the others, it was because of the care that Bai Li Hong had given them that they became famous.

Due to this reason, many people looked down in disdain at Feng Wu Dao and the others in their hearts since they had used their connection. Moreover, they were instantly promoted to inner court disciples the moment they entered the sect. It caused many outer and inner court disciples to go insane from jealousy.

A few days after Duan Ling Tian's return, Liu Huan who had just walked out of his quiet room finally heard about his return.

"He's still alive!" Liu Huan's had a grave expression plastered on his face. The thing he dreaded the most had happened.

Zhao Feng was killed by a mysterious powerhouse before he could kill Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, I can't believe you actually have such a long life... Unless you keep hiding in the sect, I, Liu Huan, will definitely let you die a horrible death!" Liu Huan's eyes were gleaming coldly as he gritted his teeth.

His words were filled with hatred. It was as though Duan Ling Tian had killed his father or stolen his wife away.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of what was happening outside. He had been sitting in his room, in a daze, for several days and nights now. He did not change his position at all from the beginning until the end.

In front of Bai Li Hong, he acted calmly in order not to worry him.

However, he still could not let it go in his heart.

After several days and nights, Duan Ling Tian finally was able to let go a little. "It's useless no matter how much I think about it... The most important thing right now is to raise my strength. Only then will I be able to find Ke'er and bring her back!"

Although Di Jue, a Five-clawed Golden Dragon, did not know about the Fire Worship Sect, just from the power that Chi Mei displayed that far surpassed Di Jue was more than enough to prove the Fire Worship Sect was not your average sect.

Now that Ke'er had been taken away by Chi Mei, he would definitely have to go against the Fire Worship Sect if he wanted to snatch Ke'er back in the future... If he was not strong enough, he might even be killed before he could see Ke'er.

"As for Little Fei'er..." The moment he thought of Li Fei, a worried look crept up on his face immediately. "With how intelligent the three fellows are, there should be no mishap in their journey to look for Xue Nai. I really hope they didn't meet with any mishap on the road"

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that Li Fei and the three fellows had met with more than one mishap on their way to the Greenwave Han Mansion.

However, it was fortunate they managed to turn the calamities into blessings. Otherwise, he would not be able to see Li Fei and the three little fellows ever again in his life.

When he realized he was only wasting time being glum, he quickly entered the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

The moment he entered, he instantly heard Elder Huo's voice. "Don't worry, they're all okay now."

"Huh?" When Duan Ling Tian heard his words, he could not help but be taken aback for a moment. He realized Elder Huo was talking about Li Fei and Ke'er when he regained his senses.

When Duan Ling Tian saw how serious Elder Huo was, he could not help but ask, "How do you know that, Elder Huo?"

"Have you forgotten my origin? Although I'm not skilled in the Daoist magic, Divination Dao, I'm subtly influenced by what I constantly see and hear. After spending such a long time with you, I can foretell a little about the life and death of those close to you," Elder Huo answered.

"E-Elder Huo, you're not joking, right?" When Duan Ling Tian heard Elder Huo's words, he instantly became excited. He was afraid Elder Huo was just trying to reassure him.

"Since when have I ever joked with you before?" Elder Huo asked.

"Elder Huo, since you've already foreseen this, why didn't you tell me about this earlier? How can you just watch me sitting in daze talking to myself?" While he was joyfully surprised that Little Fei'er was safe, he could not help but smile wryly.

"Well, since I rarely get the chance to see you in that state, there's nothing wrong if I want to see you in that state for a few more days." Elder Huo's words almost made Duan Ling Tian throw up blood. He complained inwardly, 'Why didn't I notice that Elder Huo is actually this childish?'

"Oh?" Without warning, Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted. It was as though something was calling out to him. To be more precise, it was calling out to his heart.

Duan Ling Tian's expression that had suddenly turned solemn baffled Elder Huo.

Then, he saw Duan Ling Tian walked up to the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda as though he was under a thrall. He instantly followed him out of curiosity.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian could only feel his heart palpitating. He did not have any way to control it.

When he walked up to the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he noticed that his heartbeat had gradually slowed down. However, the feeling of something calling out to him turned stronger.

'Something seems to be calling for me from the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself before he went up to the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

He was puzzled since he had never felt this way before when he was in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"What is it exactly?" Soon after, Duan Ling Tian arrived at the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and discovered what had been calling out to him.

"The Jasper Celestial Sword!" The thing that was calling out to him was the Jasper Celestial Sword that was lying quietly on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. It was also one of the six Celestial Supreme Treasures hidden inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda... The Jasper Celestial Sword was the Celestial Supreme Treasure on the second level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Previously, when he had just restored the second level of the pagoda, he had wanted to claim the Jasper Celestial Sword.

However, he realized the Jasper Celestial Sword was so heavy that he could not lift it up at all.

After he had broken through to the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage, he had purposely come here to try again, but he realized that he still could not move the Jasper Celestial Sword.

However, the Jasper Celestial Sword was calling out to him at this moment.

It seemed as though his heart was resonating with the Jasper Celestial Sword.

'Don't tell me it's because of the Sovereign Heart Sword?' Duan Ling Tian felt puzzled when a thought flashed in his mind.

The more he thought about it, the more certain he felt about it.

Chapter 1546: The Devata Realms

'Now that I think about it, there's only one possibility left. Ever since I obtained the Sovereign Heart Sword's legacy, I didn't enter the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda at all. This can't be a coincidence.' Duan Ling Tian felt excited the moment he thought about this.

How could he not be excited?

The Jasper Celestial Sword was the Celestial Supreme Treasure like the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Moreover, it was a Celestial Supreme Treasure that specialized in killing.

In his opinion, it would definitely win all the other Saint Weapons if he could use it.

Even the ten Super Saint Weapons in the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking were far from being comparable to a Celestial Supreme Treasure like the Jasper Celestial Sword, let alone a Saint Weapon that was inscribed with a top-rated Nine Star Saint Inscription.

'Since it's calling out to me, does this mean I can wield it now?' A thought suddenly rose up in Duan Ling Tian's mind.

He could not dismiss the thought after it had appeared in his mind.

Under Elder Huo's shocked gaze, Duan Ling Tian reached out to touch the hilt of the Jasper Celestial Sword. It was obvious he meant to lift the sword.

However, Elder Huo did not think he would be able to pick the Jasper Celestial Sword up.

When Duan Ling Tian reached out to touch the Jasper Celestial Sword's hilt, he found his heart had become extremely calm. Moreover, the Jasper Celestial Sword gave him an intense sense of familiarity as though there was an intimate connection between them.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt as though his heart had merged into one with the Jasper Celestial Sword. It felt as though he could no longer distinguish between the two.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian gripped the Jasper Celestial Sword and gently applied some force.

The force he was using now was less than one-tenth of his full strength, and yet he was able to lift the Jasper Celestial Sword.

That was right!

As Duan Ling Tian lifted his hand gently, the Jasper Celestial Sword that was originally as heavy as a thousand ton had also been easily lifted by him.

The moment the Jasper Celestial Sword was in Duan Ling Tian's hand, he sensed a blood connection with it.

"T-This..." Upon seeing this scene, Elder Huo was astounded.

This was because, even with his current strength, although he was able to lift the Jasper Celestial Sword by force, it was almost impossible for him to wield it.

However, Duan Ling Tian was brandishing the sword skillfully at this moment as though it weighed nothing.

Elder Huo could not help but cast the Spiritual Secret Tactic, the Divine Eye, to check Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base... At this moment, he was eager to confirm Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base again. Although he knew the answer in his heart, Duan Ling Tian's feat still shocked him.

He had actually lifted the Jasper Celestial Sword.

Now that he had the Jasper Celestial Sword in his hand, Duan Ling Tian felt faintly majestic and the soaring determination of having the entire world under his feet.

At the moment when Duan Ling Tian tried to merge his True Energy with the Jasper Celestial Sword, his expression changed immediately.

This was because as his True Energy entered the Jasper Celestial Sword, the sword seemed to have transformed into an endless abyss. It was greedily devouring all of the True Energy in his body. Even the True Energy in his Qi Sea had also been devoured by the Jasper Celestial Sword through his 99 Saint Veins.

At this instant, Duan Ling Tian discovered that having too many Saint Veins might not necessarily be a good thing.

Through the 99 Saint Veins, Duan Ling Tian's True Energy had almost been fully devoured in less than 20 breaths. He panicked and immediately put down the Jasper Celestial Sword.

After the Jasper Celestial Sword left his hand, it stopped devouring the last bit of True Energy in his Qi Sea.

When he looked at the Jasper Celestial Sword again, the originally simple and unadorned sword currently had faint green energy on it... However, this green energy did not stay too long before it finally disappeared.

"It has absorbed all my True Energy and now it has dissipated again after just a short while?" When Duan Ling Tian saw this, he smiled wryly. He regretted his rash action earlier.

"Y-You can actually wield it?" As Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly to himself, Elder Huo stared at Duan Ling Tian as though he was staring at a ghost. His face was filled with disbelief. "Y-You're only at the Perfection Saint Rudiment Stage in this planet, and you don't even have the True Origin yet... How can you possibly lift the Jasper Celestial Sword? Moreover, you can actually wield it? What's going on?"

When Elder Huo reached the end of his sentence, even he who had seen and been through a lot could not help but feel puzzled.

Duan Ling Tian began to recount to Elder Huo how he had obtained the Sovereign Heart Sword's legacy that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang left behind and how he had mastered the first stage, Heartfelt Sword. There was no reason for him to hide this from Elder Huo after all.

"I see... I can't believe there are people who can comprehend the Sword Heart in this mundane planet. Even in the Devata Realm, Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang can also be considered as a peerless genius! After he has undergone Transcendence, just with his attainment in the Sword Dao, it wouldn't take him long to make a name for himself in the Devata Realm!" After Elder Huo heard the story about Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, he could not help but sigh emotionally.

Perplexed, Duan Ling Tian asked in disbelief, "It's that ridiculous?"

Who was Elder Huo?

The only Three-legged Golden Crow in the world. When he was in his prime, he was even more powerful than a deity.

The fact that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang was actually praised by the experienced and knowledgeable Elder Huo was very surprising.

"It's not ridiculous," Elder Huo shook his head before he solemnly said, "In the few Devata Realms that I know of, including the Jade Emperor Heaven, only one person is comparable to him when it comes to Sword Dao."

Although this was Duan Ling Tian's first time hearing Elder Huo mentioning the Devata Realm or something, he knew about the Jade Emperor Heaven.

The Jade Emperor Heaven had many names that he often heard so he remembered them. For example, the Heavenly Emperor of Jade Emperor Heaven was the Great Emperor of Jade — also known as Jade Emperor — in the ancient mythology of the Hua Nation on Earth in his past life.

The various immortals in the ancient mythology were also all present in the Jade Emperor Heaven, including Elder Huo.

Based on Elder Huo's words, it was obvious the Jade Emperor Heaven was only one of the Devata Realms.

"That person also came from our Jade Emperor Heaven, and his name was once very well-renowned. Just like you, he was also a human from a mundane planet, the Planet Yan Huang. Although the number of Saint Veins he had opened couldn't place him at a high level among all of those came from Planet Yan Huang, he's still the second person who walked out of the Jade Emperor Heaven and became the Heavenly Emperor in another Devata Realm," Elder Huo added.

"Who is he?" When Duan Ling Tian heard Elder Huo's words, he also became curious about that person's identity.

Not only was his attainment in the Sword Dao comparable to Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, but he even left the Jade Emperor Heaven and became the Heavenly Emperor of another Devata Realm.

"Gongsun Xuanyuan!" Elder Huo spat out two words in response to Duan Ling Tian's question.

"Gongsun Xuanyuan?!" The instant Duan Ling Tian heard Elder Huo's words, he could not help but feel stunned.

As an Earthling, a citizen of the Hua Nation, how could he possibly not know this name!

Yellow Emperor, Gongsun Xuanyuan!

Yan Huang Planet, Yan Huang's descendant. The word 'Huang' represented the Yellow Emperor.

The descendants of Yan Huang could be considered as the descendants of the Yellow Emperor.

The Yellow Emperor was their ancestor.

"With the Xuanyuan Sword in his hand, Gongsun Xuanyuan slaughtered his way to a Devata Realm outside of the Jade Emperor Heaven and killed the Heavenly Emperor of that Devata Realm before becoming the new Heavenly Emperor in that Devata Realm." From the way Elder Huo spoke about the Yellow Emperor Gongsun Xuanyuan, one could tell he held him high regard.

"How powerful!" Duan Ling Tian was excited. Although he had heard of the legend of Gongsun Xuanyuan, it was mostly about the things he had gone through on Earth.

He had never heard of the things that had taken place after. It was apparent those things were not something ordinary people were privy to.

"Elder Huo, you said earlier that only the Yellow Emperor alone from the various Devata Realms that you know of is comparable to Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang?" When Duan Ling Tian recalled Elder Huo's words, he gasped.

"Yes." Elder Huo nodded his head solemnly. "I don't know when the Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang existed, but even if he underwent Transcendence after Gongsun Xuanyuan, I'm certain his strength is in no way inferior to Gongsun Xuanyuan! Perhaps he has already become the Heavenly Emperor of another Devata Realm."

Transcendence!

Transcendence again?

This was not the first time Duan Ling Tian heard of Transcendence, but he had zero understanding of the word.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask, "Elder Huo, what exactly does Transcendence mean? What connection does it have with the Devata Realms?"

"Transcendence means once your strength has reached a certain level, you'll resonate with the Devata Realm. From there, the Transcending Calamity will take place. If you manage to overcome the Transcending Calamity, you'll able to enter the Devata Realm using the Heavenly Path the Devata Realm will specifically open up for you," Elder Huo explained.

"In this boundless universe, there's a total of 81 Devata Realms. The Jade Emperor Heaven that I was in previously is only one of them. If someone from Planet Yan Huang undergoes Transcendence, he would

go to the Jade Emperor Heaven since it's the closest. As for the people of this planet, I have no idea where they would go after they've undergone Transcendence," Elder Huo added.

"I meant it when I told you previously that you stand a chance of returning to Planet Yan Huang... As long as you achieve Transcendence and transcend to the Devata Realm that's closest to this planet, you'll be able to go to the Jade Emperor Heaven through the Transporting Formation. When you arrive at the Jade Emperor Heaven, you can then find your way to Planet Yan Huang," Elder Huo finished saying in one breath.

There was no doubt Elder Huo's words had greatly shocked Duan Ling Tian.

There was a total of 81 Devata Realms in this boundless universe?

The Jade Emperor Heaven was only one of them?

"A person who could form the Sword Heart in the mundane planet... I'm afraid there are very few who can do this even among all of the mundane planets underneath the 81 Devata Realms. Due to this reason, you must never look down on the person who passed the Sovereign Heart Sword's legacy to you," Elder Huo said again.

Chapter 1547: The Almighty Force Of The Jasper Celestial Sword

"Elder Huo, you keep mentioning Sword Heart, but I wonder what is it?" Duan Ling Tian asked, perplexed.

"It's difficult for me to explain Sword Heart in detail. You only need to know it's the summit of Sword Dao in the mundane planets... There are many people who could form the Sword Heart in the Devata Realms, but almost all of them achieved their Sword Heart in the Devata Realm. That's nothing at all. After all, the cultivation environment and resources in the Devata Realms are just too good. Basically everyone, apart from those Sword Cultivators who are naturally inept, can form the Sword Heart. The Sword Heart comprehended in the mundane planets, on the other hand, is a different thing. Those who have comprehended Sword Heart in the mundane planet will undergo divine baptism from the Devata deities when transcending to the Devata Realm. Their Sword Heart will then transform into the Divine Sword Heart. In the Devata Realms, those who possess the Divine Sword Heart are all people who have obtained the Sword Heart in the mundane planet... Like I said earlier, such an existence is very rare in all 81 Devata Realms. Gongsun Xuanyuan who's originally from the mundane planet, Yan Huang Planet, is one of them. The Feng Qing Yang you mentioned is also one of them," Elder Huo slowly explained.

When he reached the end of his sentence, he paused for a moment so Duan Ling Tian would have time to process the information.

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, was in a daze.

At this moment, he finally realized just how remarkable Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang was. He was actually a first-rate peerless Sword Dao genius even in the Devata Realm.

Moreover, the era Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang belonged to was a long, long time ago.

According to Elder Huo, Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang could possibly be a Heavenly Emperor in one of the Devata Realms now. He was someone comparable to the Yellow Emperor Gongsun Xuanyuan.

Duan Ling Tian's heartbeat quickened. He could not calm his chaotic emotions for a long time after that.

The Sovereign Heart Sword he obtained was actually left behind by such an amazing person.

"According to your words, the highest stage, HeartSword Amalgamation, of the Sovereign Heart Sword legacy you've obtained must be the stage that leads to Sword Heart... If you manage to forge the Sword Heart before you undergo Transcendence, your achievement in the future won't be inferior that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang and Yellow Emperor Gongsun Xuanyuan," Elder Huo added.

His words sent another wave of excitement to Duan Ling Tian.

He could still remain calm about Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang since he did not know much about him. However, the Yellow Emperor Gongsun Xuanyuan was someone he often heard about and remembered. He could even be considered as his ancestor.

After all, his soul originated from the Hua Nation on Earth. He was the descendant of Hua Nation, the descendant of Yan Huang!

The moment he thought about how he could have the same achievement as the ancestor of Hua Nation, Gongsun Xuanyuan, it became impossible for him to calm chaotic emotions.

"Even I am envious of your blessed life... Not only did you obtain the recognition of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, but you even obtained the Sovereign Heart Sword that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang left behind! That's the supreme Sword Dao mental cultivation technique that could forge the Sword Heart in the mundane planets! Sometimes, I even suspect you're the reincarnation of a Devata deity. Otherwise, how can you be so blessed?" Elder Huo sighed as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze.

When Duan Ling Tian heard this, he smiled awkwardly. He did not know what to say at this moment.

Even since his soul had crossed over to this world from the Earth, everything felt like a dream to him. However, he also knew that everything was real.

When he recalled the fortuitous meetings he had encountered on his journey, he could not help but sigh emotionally in his heart. His blessing was indeed different compared to ordinary people.

Somehow, Duan Ling Tian's eyes had been opened a lot after listening to Elder Huo's words.

He now knew about the Devata Realms and also the worth of the Sovereign Heart Sword's legacy that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang left behind.

"Moreover, according to Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang's message in the Sovereign Heart Sword, he seems to be someone from Fog Rain Progeny or something. Apparently, I'm also the only successor of the Fog Rain Progeny." Duan Ling Tian was confused about the Fog Rain Progeny since Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang did not give him a detailed explanation on this.

"If it's possible, make sure you put in more effort in the Sovereign Heart Sword. Only then you'll able to forge the Sword Heart... Naturally, such a supreme sword Dao mental cultivation technique like the Sovereign Heart Sword will also be a great help to the other martial tactics that you cultivate. You don't have to worry about it negatively affecting your other martial tactics," Elder Huo told Duan Ling Tian.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian did not know what he meant.

However, when he tried to cast the various Saint Grade Martial Tactics, apart from being more skilled, there was a hint of sword intent from the Sovereign Heart Sword as well.

The Sovereign Heart Sword was almost similar to a martial tactic, but at the same time, it was different. It was superior to martial tactics.

The Sovereign Heart Sword was a tactic that worked on all other tactics, it was a law that all tactics abided to.

Besides, Duan Ling Tian did not forget about the research he made on the Jasper Celestial Sword previously. Now that he could lift it and was skilled in it, he must be able to wield it.

However, before trying the Jasper Celestial Sword again, he spent some time increasing the True Energy that had been depleted from his Qi Sea.

After recovering his True Energy, he once again merged his True Energy with the Jasper Celestial Sword. He was also cautious this time around since he was afraid of being almost sucked dry by the Jasper Celestial Sword like the previous time.

After trying a few times, Duan Ling Tian discovered he could indeed wield the Jasper Celestial Sword now.

Naturally, with his current strength, he would not be able to unleash the Jasper Celestial Sword's full potential... Even so, the strength he was granted just by merging his True Energy with the Jasper Celestial Sword was ridiculously powerful.

Duan Ling Tian had already made an estimation.

When he infused 30% of the True Energy in his Qi Sea into the Jasper Celestial Sword and casually waved the sword around, his strength was in no way inferior to his offensive attack unleashed at full strength.

"If I infuse 50% of the True Energy in my Qi Sea into the Jasper Celestial Sword, I'm 90% confident I can kill someone at the Imminent Saint Stage!" After experimenting with merging 30% and 50% of his True Energy in his Qi Sea into the Jasper Celestial Sword and brandishing his sword twice, Duan Ling Tian already had an answer in his heart.

"However, even if I infuse all the True Energy in my Qi Sea into the Jasper Celestial Sword with my current cultivation base, I still won't be able to kill the weakest Saint Stage powerhouse... The gap between Saint Stage and non-Saint Stage is just too wide. It's more than twice as powerful!" Duan Ling Tian knew this very well.

With his current cultivation base, even if he used his full strength to control the Jasper Celestial Sword, he could only kill an Imminent Saint Stage powerhouse.

Although his sword might be a threat to a Saint Stage powerhouse, he was still unable to kill him.

'However, if my cultivation base breaks through to the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage, my Qi Sea will expand once again and the True Energy will increase... At that time, if I infuse all my True Energy into the Jasper Celestial Sword, I don't think an ordinary Saint Stage powerhouse would be able to take down my sword!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his heart was overwhelmed with excitement.

Although he could already defeat an enemy of a higher level with his current strength, he could only defeat an Imminent Saint Stage powerhouse at most even if he used the Jasper Celestial Sword and all of his techniques.

The difference between the Saint Stage and the non-Saint Stage was just too wide. With his ability that far surpassed other people who were at the same level as him and his horrifying brute strength, it would still be difficult for him to defeat a Saint Stage powerhouse when he had not broken through to the Saint Stage yet.

However, everything was different now that he had the Jasper Celestial Sword.

By the time he made a breakthrough to the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage, those at the bottom of the Saint Stage definitely would not be able to withstand the sword if he wielded it with his full strength.

"However, I mustn't do that unless it's necessary... After all, if I deplete all my True Energy, I'll be like a spent arrow. If someone seizes the chance to attack me, it'll be difficult for me to escape." Duan Ling Tian knew this very well.

After a series of experiment, the True Energy in Duan Ling Tian's Qi Sea had been depleted by 80% so he began to recover them again.

After spending some time recovering his True Energy, Duan Ling Tian was not in a rush to leave the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Instead, he continued to stay in the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to cultivate diligently so that he could progress and break through to the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage.

Once he had broken through to the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage, with the help of the Jasper Celestial Sword, he would not need to worry about ordinary Saint Stage powerhouses.

Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian cultivated even more diligently.

While Duan Ling Tian was cultivating diligently, somebody else in the Moon Illumination Sect's inner court was in a bad mood.

"That Duan Ling Tian really refuses to come out?" Liu Huan's expression was grave. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian would not leave Bai Li Hong's residence at all since his return. It left him with no chance to make a move at all.

"Don't tell me I have to let him go?" Liu Huan's eyebrows were furrowed as he walked back and forth. His face was so dark as though ink would drip out from it. "If he stays in Bai Li Hong's residence and

doesn't come out for several years, don't tell me I'll have to watch as he grows stronger? No! This can't continue on like this!"

Liu Huan kept shaking his head as he took a deep breath. He looked as though he had gone insane. "With Duan Ling Tian's innate talent, his strength will most likely surpass mine in a few years... Currently, I can still defeat him. It'll be impossible in a few years time."

Although Liu Huan was unwilling, he had to admit this.

Duan Ling Tian's innate talent in Martial Dao was indeed shockingly remarkable.

"I can't let him continue to grow." A dangerous idea quickly popped up in Liu Huan's mind. He could hardly compose himself. "Although this might not impact him much, it'll at least ensure that he won't be able to cultivate in peace. As long as he leaves Bai Li Hong's residence and the sect, I'll have a chance to make my move!"

Chapter 1548: Two Impactful News

One month later, a few Moon Illumination Sect's disciples found a body not far away from the Moon Illumination Sect's monastery gate.

There was a Moon Illumination Sect's identity Order Token hanging by the body's waist. Moreover, it was an inner court disciple's identity Order Token.

A commotion immediately broke out in the sect.

Killing a Moon Illumination Sect's disciple in the proximity of the Moon Illumination Sect and it was an inner court disciple on top of that. This was no doubt giving a huge slap to the Moon Illumination Sect's face... Who was so daring?!

While the Moon Illumination Sect was still in an uproar over the death of an inner court disciple, another shocking news began to spread out.

"The inner court disciple was killed because he personally witnessed the death of Elder Zhao Feng. Due to this reason, he met with a misfortune!" Nobody knew where this news came from, and nobody knew who had spread the news. However, in just a few days, this news had swept through the entire Moon Illumination Sect.

The Moon Illumination Sect was in an uproar again.

Elder Zhao Feng was dead?

The people who received the news first were shocked when they heard about Zhao Feng's death. These people were the nominal disciples in Zhao Feng's residence.

"No wonder the Sect Leader previously came to ask us if Elder Zhao Feng told us where he was going...
Perhaps, the Sect Leader had already known something had happened to Elder Zhao Feng at that time."
The group of nominal disciples in Zhao Feng's residence exchanged glances with each other. They could piece the puzzles together immediately.

At the same time, many inner court elders who usually interacted with Zhao Feng came to Zhao Feng's residence in an attempt to confirm if the news was true.

When they found out Zhao Feng had left a long time ago and did not come back since then, they realized the news might not be a baseless rumor.

After these inner court elders had confirmed the news, almost the entire sect was certain about Zhao Feng's death.

Moon Illumination Sect's forbidden area.

Crash!

A cup was thrown violently on the ground and shattered into pieces.

The person who had smashed the cup was an old man. Currently, the old man's expression was grave.

Soon after, the old man left his mansion and arrived at a mansion nearby.

"Sect Leader, didn't you say that nobody in the sect knows about Zhao Feng's whereabouts? Then how did someone spread the news of an inner court disciple being killed after witnessing Zhao Feng's death?" The person whom the old man went to look for was Jiang Wei, the Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect.

Jiang Wei was not shocked when he saw the old man came to seek for an explanation. Instead, he smiled wryly. "Junior Uncle, the news is just a baseless rumor... I've investigated for a few days now, and I couldn't find from where or who the news came from. Someone must be pulling the strings from behind," Jiang Wei said with certainty.

"I don't care if there's anyone pulling the strings from behind. I must get to the bottom of this matter... If you can't do it, I'll investigate it personally! It has been a long time since an old fellow like me has flexed my muscles. Perhaps I can seize this chance to move around a little," the old man said in a deep voice.

"Please be rest assured, Junior Uncle Qian. I'll find out the cause of Zhao Feng's death as soon as I can," Jiang Wei pledged sincerely and solemnly. "Please just wait for my news, Junior Uncle Qian."

He was really worried the old man would personally make a move. He also knew about the old man's temper. He would do everything for the sake of Zhao Feng, his illegitimate son.

"Sect Leader, my patience is limited." After taking a deep look at Jiang Wei, the old man finally turned and left.

After the old man left, Jiang Wei's face was no longer filled with respect. Instead, it had turned glum.

Although the old man was his senior, he was still the Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect no matter what. The way the old man had threatened him really annoyed him. He felt as though his prestige as the Sect Leader had been provoked.

However, the moment he recalled the old man's strength was in no way inferior to his, the annoyance in his heart vanished without a trace.

Besides, no matter what, the old man was a patron to the Moon Illumination Sect.

The old man's matter was a duty that he could not simply disregard.

"I hope you've hidden yourself well. Otherwise, I'll make sure you die a terrible death when I find you!" The moment he thought of that person who spread the news about Zhao Feng's death, Jiang Wei's expression turned extremely grave.

"Among the people I know, other than Junior Uncle and myself, the only other person who knows about Zhao Feng's death is Liu Huan... Apart from that, I suppose only the person who knows about this is Zhao Feng's killer." As the Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect, Jiang Wei was, naturally, very meticulous.

Due to this reason, the first person he had suspected was Liu Huan.

However, how could he possibly give himself away so easily if he was the culprit?

Jiang Wei had tried to test Liu Huan several times, but it yielded no results.

"Perhaps it's time for me to release another wave of interesting news." When Liu Huan saw Jiang Wei had left his mansion, a cold sneer crept up on the corner of his mouth. "Duan Ling Tian, Bai Li Hong...

Prepare to accept the gift that I'm sending your way! The moment this news is out, I don't believe you'll be able to sit still anymore, Duan Ling Tian!" Liu Huan muttered to himself, his eyes gleaming viciously.

When the news of Zhao Feng's death began to die off, another news spread out and caused another commotion in the sect again.

"The reason Elder Zhao Feng left was to take revenge for his direct disciple, Feng Fan. Who knows, as the saying goes, 'There'll always be someone stronger.' Elder Zhao Feng failed to seek revenge but was killed instead!" This was the news that spreading around in the Moon Illumination Sect.

Just like before, nobody knew where the news came from, and nobody knew who had spread the news.

Regardless, this news was equally as shocking as the news before, causing an uproar in the Moon Illumination Sect.

"So Feng Fan was actually Elder Zhao Feng's direct disciple!"

"No wonder he had a Saint Weapon that was carved with a Two Star Saint Inscription even though he was only an outer court disciple. No wonder he had no inclination of becoming a disciple of all those outer court elders who kept eyeing him because he was a powerhouse ranked on the Earth Ranking."

At this moment, many questions the outer court disciples had were all answered as well.

All of those things they felt puzzled about actually had a reason behind them.

"Seek revenge for Feng Fan... Isn't Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian the one who killed Feng Fan?" Someone said, baffled.

"That's right! The person who killed Feng Fan is Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian! However, Feng Fan was the one who issued a Death Duel invitation to Duan Ling Tian... Even if he died, it was because he was much weaker than his opponent. He can't blame Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian, right!?!"

"If Elder Zhao Feng really went to seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian then he really didn't have the bearing of an inner court elder."

"Indeed! The moment the Death Duel invitation is issued, it's up to God to decide... This is the law that's passed down in the Moon Illumination Sect. Even if he's an inner court elder, he would have to abide by the law as well."

"I heard Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian left the sect for some time previously... Don't tell me Elder Zhao Feng was killed after he left?"

"I wonder what motive the person who spread the news has? Don't tell me he wants to say the person who killed Elder Zhao Feng is Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian?"

"How absurd! Although Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian is already a Saint Rudiment Stage Martial Cultivator, it's still impossible for him to kill Elder Zhao Feng... Elder Zhao Feng was a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse after all!"

"As some whose strength was ranked in the top three among the inner court elders, Eder Zhao Feng was not only a Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage powerhouse, he was also a powerhouse at the peak of the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage... It's basically impossible for someone to kill him if they're at not at the Imminent Saint Stage!"

"Don't forget Duan Ling Tian still has Elder Bai Li Hong behind him... Elder Bai Li Hong's strength is comparable to an Imminent Saint Stage powerhouse you know."

"Then, in that case, are you saying it's Elder Bai Li who killed Elder Zhao Feng?"

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Unlike the news before, this news concerned Duan Ling Tian, a popular figure in the Moon Illumination Sect. Due to this reason, things became even more heated.

In the end, many people suspected Zhao Feng had died in Bai Li Hong's hands.

"Unfortunately, Bai Li Hong met the Sect Leader when he left my mansion... Otherwise, the Sect Leader would most likely suspect him." Although Liu Huan was satisfied with the results of the news he spread, he felt a little rueful as well.

'Although Sect Leader knows it's impossible for Bai Li Hong to kill Zhao Feng, this issue will not end so fast... Who knows, it could be a powerhouse whom Bai Li Hong had hired to protect Duan Ling Tian who killed Zhao Feng?" Liu Huan smiled sinisterly. "All in all, there's no way for Duan Ling Tian to disentangle himself from this matter for a while... I hope he'll be disturbed and go outside for a walk.' The moment Liu Huan thought of this, his eyes flashed viciously.

This was his real intention!

Meanwhile, all was not calm in the Moon Illumination Sect's forbidden area.

"Junior Uncle Qian, I'm willing to swear using the lightning penalty oath and guarantee with my life that I saw Elder Bai Li with my own eyes when I went to investigate this matter the moment Elder Zhao Feng's Soul Pearl shattered," Jiang Wei pledged sincerely and solemnly to the old man before him. "If Elder Bai Li really killed Elder Zhao Feng, it would be impossible for him to return so quickly... Besides, as far as I know, Elder Bai Li stayed at Elder Liu Huan's mansion for quite some time. In other words, when Elder Zhao Feng was killed, Elder Bai Li was at Elder Liu Huan's mansion. It's impossible for him to be at two places at once."

Right now, Jiang Wei really itched to slaughter the man who spread the news again and again. Before the previous one had died down, a new wave had risen again. Was he really that eager to stir up trouble?

"Perhaps he didn't personally make a move. It could've been carried out by a powerhouse he hired to protect Duan Ling Tian?" The old man narrowed his eyes. His eyes flashed coldly as he said in a cold voice, "No matter what, I want to confront him personally about this!"

"Junior Uncle Qian, you... Y-You're making it difficult for me." When Jiang Wei heard the old man's words, he could not help but smile wryly.

Chapter 1549: Bai Li Hong — The One Who Takes Side

"Sect Leader, I know it's difficult for you because he's a Three Star Saint Inscription Master... Rest assured, Sect Leader. If he can prove he has nothing to do with Zhao Feng's death, I'm willing to disregard my old face and apologize to him," the old man replied with a deep voice.

Now that the situation had come to this, Jiang Wei knew he could no longer reject the old man. Even if he wanted to, he could not reject him at all. at all.

The old man had already made up his mind, and this was not something he could meddle in.

"Junior Uncle Qian, since you've already made up your mind, I'll follow along," Jiang Wei said.

The old man no longer said anything and allowed Jiang Wei to follow him.

Soon after, they arrived at Bai Li Hong's mansion.

When Bai Li Hong received news that the Sect Leader was here, he was not surprised at all... He had already heard the news that was spreading outside.

It had nothing to do with him so he was not worried at all. However, his mood was a little dark even though he was not worried.

If the news was real, did that not mean Zhao Feng did indeed try to kill junior brother previously?

To think he thought Liu Huan was the only one who was out for his junior brother's blood. He had actually missed Zhao Feng. 'It's a good thing nothing happened to Junior Brother. Otherwise, how can I explain this to Teacher?' The moment he thought of this, fear lingered in his heart.

However, he was surprised when he arrived at the main hall.

This was because Sect Leader Jiang Wei was not the only one who came to his mansion, there was another familiar face as well. It was none other than one of the few Saint Stage powerhouses in the Moon Illumination Sect.

It was Qian Kong, the Supreme Elder of Moon Illumination Sect.

"Good day, Sect Leader, Elder Qian." Although Bai Li Hong was a Three Star Saint Inscription Master and had a special position in the Moon Illumination Sect, he still did not dare to act haughtily in front of Jiang Wei and Qian Kong.

"Elder Bai Li." Jiang Wei smiled in response to Bai Li Hong.

If it was another time, Qing Kong would have smiled in response to Bai Li Hong. However, at this moment, he bluntly said, "Elder Bai Li, I'm here regarding Zhao Feng's matter."

"There was a rumor about a master and disciple relationship between you and Elder Zhao Feng. I have no idea why Elder Zhao Feng didn't become your disciple in the end. However, under such circumstances, it's indeed respectable that you're putting in so much effort in his matter." Although Bai Li Hong was surprised Qian Kong was concerned about Zhao Feng's matter, he still smiled when he responded to him.

He had also heard about Qian Kong and Zhao Feng's matter before and was curious why Qian Kong did not take Zhao Feng as his disciple in the end.

"Although I believe in your character, Elder Bai Li, I still hope that I can get a confirmation from you... Do you have anything to do with Zhao Feng's death?!" Qian Kong stared at Bai Li Hong with a burning gaze as though he was determined to see every subtle change on Bai Li Hong's face.

"I've nothing to do with it." A smile remained plastered on Bai Li Hong's face as he shook his head.

"Do you dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath that you have nothing to do with Zhao Feng's death?" Qian Kong continued to ask.

The moment Bai Li Hong heard Qian Kong's words, his smile froze immediately before he asked in his deep voice, "You don't believe me, Elder Qian?"

"It's not that I don't believe you, I just want to confirm it! Elder Bai Li, if you dare to swear on the lightning penalty oath that you have nothing to do with Zhao Feng's death... I, Qian Kong, will bow and apologize to you!" Qian Kong once again opened his mouth, saying irrefutable and shocking words.

Qian Kong's words shocked Bai Li Hong.

Qian Kong was willing to bow to him as an apology for Zhao Feng's sake?

Did he hear this clearly?

Bai Li Hong could not help but look at Jiang Wei who had remained silent since earlier. It was as though he was trying to ask him why did Qian Kong care so much about Zhao Feng?

Unfortunately, although Jian Kong knew the truth of the matter, there was no way he could reveal it.

"Elder Bai Li, the relationship between Elder Zhao Feng and Elder Qian is even stronger than the relationship between a father and son." This was the only answer Jiang Wei could give.

"Stronger than the relationship between a father and son?" When Bai Li Hong heard Jiang Wei's words, he scoffed immediately. If it really was stronger than the relationship between a father and son, why did Qian Kong not take Zhao Feng as his disciple previously?

"Elder Qian, you asking me to swear on the lightning penalty oath is no doubt questioning my character... I've not stooped so low as to lie in my entire life. However, since you insist that I swear on the lightning penalty oath, I'll do as you wish!" Bai Li Hong said with a grave expression as he looked at Qian Kong.

The moment these words left his mouth, he instantly swore on the lightning penalty oath in front of Qian Kong and Jiang Wei.

He swore he, Bai Li Hong, had nothing to do with Zhao Feng's death at all!

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Nine claps of thunder reverberated in the sky, but the lightning penalty did not come. This meant that Bai Li Hong did not lie.

Jiang Wei immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

He was truly worried Bai Li Hong had something to do with this matter. If that was the case, he would be stuck in the middle, not knowing what to do.

Qian Kong was a guardian of the Moon Illumination Sect.

Bai Li Hong was the only Three Star Saint Inscription Master in the Moon Illumination Sect.

Both were equally important to the Moon Illumination Sect, and he did not wish to lose either of them. This matter had concluded well.

"Elder Bai Li, I apologize for my rashness." Qian Kong was a man of his words. After Bai Li Hong swore by the lightning penalty oath, he really bowed as an apology. Although it was not entirely sincere, he still lowered his proud head.

"Elder Qian, if there's no other matter, please don't get offended that I don't see you out," Bai Li Hong said indifferently. Based on his words, it was obvious he was asking them to leave. nonchalantly.

He was someone with a good temperament, but Qian Kong's action today had lit a flame of rage in his heart.

"Junior Uncle Qian, let's go." There was no doubt Jiang Wei understood Bai Li Hong's feelings. He immediately asked Qian Kong to leave with him.

"Not yet." However, Qian Kong shook his head and looked at Bai Li Hong before saying, "Elder Bai Li Hong, please ask that Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian of yours to come out."

"Elder Qian, what do you mean?" Bai Li Hong asked in a hostile tone as his expression turned grave immediately.

"Elder Bai Li, I believe that Zhao Feng's death is unrelated to you, but I can't be certain this matter has nothing to do with your Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian! So, please ask your junior brother out so I can confirm this," Qian Kong said.

"What? Do you also want my junior brother to swear on the lightning penalty oath that he has nothing to do with Elder Zhao Feng's death, Elder Qian Kong?" Bai Li Hong mocked.

"That's right." Qian Kong nodded his head as though it was a matter of course.

"Elder Qian, apart from respect for you, I swore on the lightning penalty oath earlier is because I didn't want to put the Sect Leader in a difficult position. Otherwise, with my temper, I would've never sworn on the lightning penalty oath! That's a disgrace to me!" Bai Li Hong said coldly, his words left no room for doubts.

"Elder Bai Li, I've already apologized to you," Qian Kong replied in a low voice.

"Apologized?" Bai Li Hong flashed a dazzling smile. "Elder Qian, if that's the case, I would like to ask whether you'll swear on the lightning penalty oath per my request if I agree to apologize to you?"

"Why not?" Qian Kong answered indifferently.

"Very good. Please swear on the lightning penalty oath, Elder Qian, that you've never committed incest with your mother before... How about it? Although I believe in your character, I still want to confirm it with the lightning penalty oath, Elder Qian," Bai Li Hong said coldly and ignored the sudden change of expression on Qian Kong's face.

What a poisonous sentence!

Even Jiang Wei's expression changed. His True Energy began to stir, he was prepared to protect Bai Li Hong in fear that Qian Kong would attack him out of rage.

His heart was also filled with bitterness and helplessness. How come he never knew Elder Bai Li actually possessed such a poisonous tongue?

Even if Qian Kong dared to swear on the lightning penalty oath, he would never do it. This was because it would be a huge disgrace for him. Not only would it be a disgrace to him, but to his mother too!

"Bai Li Hong, it has been so many years, but you're the first person in a long time to make me feel murderous!" A hint of killing intent could be seen in Qian Kong's eyes as he stared at Bai Li Hong.

If it was not for Jiang Wei whose strength was not inferior to him standing next to him, if he was not the one who had humiliated Bai Li Hong first, he would have already made his move.

"Elder Qian, I just want to use this to tell you that there are some lightning penalty oath that can't be sworn even if one has the courage to," Bai Li Hong said nonchalantly, seemingly unafraid of Qian Kong.

Having said that, without waiting for Qian Kong's reply, he turned to look at Jiang Wei. "Sect Leader, I'm sure you've thoroughly investigated the origin of my junior brother, right? Do you think he has the ability to kill Elder Zhao Feng without my help? The lightning penalty oath I swore earlier is enough to prove that Elder Zhao Feng's death has nothing to do with me, and it also has nothing to do with my Junior Brother!"

Bai Li Hong said sternly, "Today, Elder Qian Kong has already humiliated me, and I won't allow him to humiliate my Junior Brother as well! If I, Bai Li Hong, can't even protect my junior brother, where should I look for my prestige to continue living in this world?"

Bai Li Hong became emotional when reached the end of his sentence.

"Please calm your anger, Elder Bai Li. It's also my fault for not telling Junior Uncle Qian properly about this." When Jiang Wei saw how worked up Bai Li Hong was, he began to panic. He looked at Qian Kong. "Junior Uncle Qian, since Elder Bai Li has already sworn by the lightning penalty oath that he has nothing to do with Elder Zhao Feng's death, it must have nothing to do with his junior brother, Duan Ling Tian! I've investigated his junior brother before. He came from Mound Hill City, one of the 18 cities under the command of our Moon Illumination Sect... On top of that, he's from the Mortal Continent so he doesn't have any other special background. It's impossible for him to kill Elder Zhao Feng with his strength... With his background, it's impossible for him to find someone more powerful than Elder Zhao Feng to help him," Jiang Wei quickly said. He wanted to disperse Qian Kong's suspicion. He was really worried he would pick a fight with Bai Li Hong again.

After listening to Jiang Wei's words, Qian Kong's face eased up a little. However, killing intent could still be seen in his eyes when he looked at Bai Li Hong.

Bai Li Hong, on the other hand, looked at him in the eyes, unafraid, It was as though he was not worried Qian Kong would attack.

"Hurmph!" After snorting coldly, Qian Kong left like a gust of wind.

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Regardless, Bai Li Hong was still a Three Star Saint Inscription Master who was important to the Moon Illumination Sect.

Qian Kong knew very well if he had attacked, Jiang Wei would definitely block it. Moreover, it would only make Jiang Wei feel dissatisfied with him. That was why he had held back.

If it was just him alone, naturally, there was no need for him to fear Jiang Wei since his cultivation base was at the Saint Stage.

However, he still had many descendants in the Moon Illumination Sect. If he wanted his descendants to have a good life in the future, he could not afford to offend Jiang Wei too much. He had to know when to stop.

Now that Jiang Wei had gone so far as to explain everything to him, he would be going against him on purpose if he had persisted.

"Elder Bai Li, I'm sorry about the trouble today." After Qian Kong left, Jiang Wei sighed in relief before he apologized to Elder Bai Li with a bitter smile on his face.

"Sect Leader, it has nothing to do with you. You don't have to apologize." Bai Li Hong shook his head. Naturally, he would not vent his anger toward Qian Kong on the Sect Leader. All along, the Sect Leader had been very accommodating.

Otherwise, he would not have resisted the offers from the other forces and would have left the Moon Illumination Sect.

"Regardless, I should take some responsibility for this matter... How about this. I heard several of your junior brother's family and friends have joined the sect. I'll give each of them one million Merit Points as a token of my apology to you, Elder Bai Li." Jiang Wei was an old fox. He knew he would be rejected if he offered to directly compensate Bai Li Hong. Therefore, he proposed to give Merit Points to Feng Wu Dao and the others.

As it turned out, he was right.

"If that's the case, then I must thank you, Sect Leader." Although Bai Li Hong was unwilling to accept Jiang Wei's compensation, the compensation would affect his junior brother's family and friends. Moreover, such a large number of Merit Points was indeed useful to them. Hence, he did not reject it.

"You're welcome, Elder Bai Li." Jiang Wei sighed in relief when he saw Bai Li Hong did not reject the compensation.

Jiang Wei as the Sect Leader of the Moon Illumination Sect would, naturally, keep his words. Not more than half a day later, an inner court elder came to Bai Li Hong's mansion and transferred the Merit Points to Feng Wu Dao and the others. All of them received a million Merit Points each!

Feng Wu Dao and the others were no longer newcomers in the Moon Illumination Sect. All of them knew the importance of Merit Points. Due to that reason, they were all dumbfounded.

"These are the Merit Points the Sect Leader gave us?" Feng Wu Dao and the others only shifted their eyes away from the Crystal Cards in their hands after the inner court elder left. For a time, they kept staring at each other. They could see the surprise in each other's eyes.

They were uncertain of what had happened. The Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect was too high above them, he was not someone they had contact with. However, someone with such a high status had given them a million Merit Points each without a reason.

"It must be Elder Bai Li's doing," Sima concluded.

Everyone agreed. Only Elder Bai Li had the capability to do so.

Duan Ling Tian only learned about the incident a few days later.

When he exited the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he had gone to see Feng Wu Dao and the others, intending to check on them to see if they had familiarized themselves with the Moon Illumination Sect. It was then he learned from Feng Wu Dao and the others that each of them had obtained a million Merit Points.

He was slightly surprised when he heard the Merit Points were given by the Sect Leader of the Moon Illumination Sect.

He immediately realized that things were not as simple as that.

What a joke!

Giving each person a million Merit Points would add up to more than ten million Merit Points.

Even if the Sect Leader of Moon Illumination Sect had more than enough Merit Points, it was impossible he would just freely give it away. Moreover, he had given it to a group of people who had just recently joined the sect.

Driven by his curiosity, Duan Ling Tian instantly went to see Bai Li Hong.

"Senior Brother, I heard the Sect Leader had given Uncle Feng and the others a million Merit Points each... What's that about?" Duan Ling Tian asked bluntly when he saw Bai Li Hong.

Bai Li Hong smiled faintly when he saw the confusion on Duan Ling Tian's face. "It's nothing. The Sect Leader just wanted to compensate me. He knew I won't accept it if he gives it to me directly so he came up with this method where I have no reason to reject it."

"Sect Leader is compensating you?" Duan Ling Tian heard him and became more confused, "Why is he compensating you?"

"Because of Zhao Feng." Bai Li Hong stared intently at Duan Ling Tian.

In the past few days, Bai Li Hong had mulled over that question a lot.

Was Zhao Feng's death really a coincidence?

Although he did not think his junior brother had the strength to kill Zhao Feng, everything was too much of a coincidence.

In the past, it was not rare for Zhao Feng to leave the sect alone. However, nothing had ever happened.

This time, Zhao Feng had met with an accident when he was hunting down his junior brother. An accident that killed him.

"Zhao Feng?"

Duan Ling Tian raised his eyebrows after listening to Bai Li Hong. "I think I've heard of him before... He seems to be the master of Feng Fan whom I've killed."

Although Duan Ling Tian seemed calm on the surface, he was affected inwardly.

'It seems that Zhao Feng also had a Soul Pearl,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Recently, two pieces of news were widely spread out in the sect. Junior Brother, you're unaware of it, right?" Bai Li Hong asked with a smile.

"What news?" Indeed, Duan Ling Tian was unaware because he had been in closed-door cultivation inside the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to try and break through to the Paramount Saint Rudiment Stage. Although he had yet to break through, he had already arrived at the bottleneck.

Due to the fact that Feng Wu Dao and the others had not gone out recently, they were also unaware of the news. That was why they did not say anything to him about this.

Following that, Bai Li Hong told Duan Ling Tian about the two news.

Duan Ling Tian lifted his eyebrows. "I didn't expect so much to happen while I was in closed-door cultivation... Who do you think the news came from, Senior Brother?"

"Is there even a need to guess?" Bai Li Hong narrowed his eye as his eyes gleamed coldly. It was as though he was waiting for a chance to devour that person.

"It's true. There's no need to guess." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"As for the compensation from the Sect Leader, it has something to do with the rumors... A few days ago, the Sect Leader and Elder Qian Kong came to confirm if I have anything to do with the death of Zhao Feng," Bai Li Hong began to recount what had happened a few days ago.

"Elder Qian Kong?" Duan Ling Tian questioned.

"He's one of the Moon Illumination Sect's Supreme Elder and one of the Saint Stage powerhouses in the sect," Bai Li Hong explained.

Saint Stage powerhouses!

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised. 'Is he related to Zhao Feng?'

He would never believe there was no relation between Zhao Feng and Qian Kong if Zhao Feng's death had driven Qian Kong to take such an extreme measure.

"I also didn't expect Zhao Feng's death would make Qian Kong apologize to me... To be able to make a Saint Stage powerhouse bow for his sake, the relationship between Zhao Feng and him is definitely not as simple as it seems. It's impossible they're not even master and disciple," Bai Li Hong said with great certainty.

"Perhaps he was his illegitimate son," Duan Ling Tian said casually, but he did not expect something he had uttered so casually as a joke was the truth.

"Senior Brother, you're so fierce when you asked Qian Kong to swear on the lightning penalty oath... At that time, Qian Kong probably wanted to kill you, right?" Duan Ling Tian seemed to be smiling, but he was feeling quite heavy-hearted.

Bai Li Hong had done that to defend him. However, he could not even admit to Bai Li Hong that he had killed Zhao Feng.

"He naturally can't wait to kill me!" Bai Li Hong sneered.

"It's a pity the Sect Leader wouldn't let him do it... Besides, even if he really kills me, his days in the Moon Illumination Sect wouldn't be good. At that time, it was not only the Sect Leader, the other Saint Stage powerhouses in the sect would also be dissatisfied with him. He might be able to leave, but he's not alone. He still has his descendants to consider." Although Bai Li Hong made light of the situation, Duan Ling Tian could feel the danger Bai Li Hong was in at that time.

He felt touched but also afraid. If something really happened to Bai Li Hong because of him, he would never forgive himself.

"Senior Brother, there's something I haven't confessed to you," Duan Ling Tian said to Bai Li Hong after he took a deep breath.

"I was the one who killed Zhao Feng."

Boom!

Duan Ling Tian's words were like a bolt of lightning to Bai Li Hong.

His junior brother killed Zhao Feng?

Although he had originally suspected Zhao Feng's death had something to do with his junior brother, he did not expect him to be the one who killed Zhao Feng. He had thought his junior brother had some secret background and had summoned a powerhouse to kill Zhao Feng.

Duan Ling Tian's words made him realized how wrong he was.

Bai Li Hong was stunned for a while before he asked in disbelief, "Junior Brother, you... You really killed Zhao Feng?"

"Senior Brother, there's no reason for me to lie to you. Before I left the sect, I had intentionally leaked the news of me returning to my hometown to bait Liu Huan. Who would've known Liu Huan did not come, but Zhao Feng came instead. It was completely out of my expectation," Duan Ling Tian said.

"He really wanted to kill me. Unfortunately, he still died in my hands."

"Junior Brother, you should tell Senior Brother about your plan in advance... Liu Huan did not go after you when you left because I was keeping an eye on him."

Bai Li Hong said with a bitter smile, "Under my surveillance, how could he find a chance to go after you."

"Senior Brother, you..." Bai Li Hong's words rendered Duan Ling Tian speechless.

He had been thinking, there was no way Liu Huan would not come after him with his temperament. As it turned out, Senior Brother had obstructed Liu Huan's way.

"Junior Brother, it's better to discuss your future plans with Senior Brother first... Just in case I spoil your plans again," Bai Li Hong said with a sigh, emphasizing on the word 'Plans.'

"Senior Brother, I shouldn't have hidden this from you." Although Bai Li Hong did not blame him, Duan Ling Tian still felt bad.