

## Chapter 1681: Olive Branch

After the Sun's Flame had fused with the True Origin, it was called the Sun True Origin. However, the Sun's Flame in Duan Ling Tian's body still could not be considered as the true Sun's Flame.

The true Sun's Flame was the Sun's Flame the Three-legged Golden Crow, Elder Huo, mastered when he was still in his prime. It was famous in the Devata Realm for being able to burn almost everything.

As Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base increased, his True Origin would transform as well, and the tyrannical force of the Sun True Origin would gradually become stronger as well. In the end, it would turn into the true Sun's Flame!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian would have to raise his cultivation base to a specific level before he could master the true Sun Flame. The specific level he had to attain far surpassed the level of cultivation base in not just the Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land but the Upper Province as well.

"Boy, you're seeking death!" At this moment, an infuriated shout rang by Duan Ling Tian's ears. It was Xu Cen, the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion. He was enraged and humiliated when Duan Ling Tian defied his words and killed the disciple of the Rising Sky Mansion.

Naturally, this was said through Voice Transmission since Xu Cen did not dare to say this out loud.

Initially, he had told the Rising Sky Mansion's disciple to kill Duan Ling Tian because he did not think Duan Ling Tian would be a match for the disciple since he was not even forty years old.

Who knew Duan Ling Tian was actually powerful enough to kill the Rising Sky Mansion's disciple?

If Xu Cen had known this earlier, he would have asked the disciple to surrender. Although it would be embarrassing, it would save the Rising Sky Mansion from suffering losses. Currently, he had already lost two Early Refined Saint Stage disciples from the Rising Sky Mansion on this trip.

Moreover, these disciples were not even fifty years old, but their cultivation base was at the Early Refined Saint Stage. They could be considered as being in the top five among the junior disciples in the Rising Sky Mansion. However, those two talented people had died today.

Xu Cen could imagine how angry the Mansion Master, Vice Mansion Master, and the Supreme Elder of Rising Sky Mansion would be when they returned.

Xu Cen could not intervene since it was the rules, and Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang was here. However, he could not free himself from being implicated in the matter.

Cold sweat began to break out on his forehead immediately.

Faced with Xu Cen's angry words, Duan Ling Tian merely raised his head and looked at him indifferently before saying, "You're the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion, right? What's the problem? Your Rising Sky Mansion's disciple is allowed to kill me, but I can't kill him? Am I supposed to stand by idly and let him kill me? Tsk tsk... You keep saying I'm seeking death. Don't tell me the people from Rising Sky

Mansion have the privilege to disregard the rules? If that's the case, there's no point in continuing the Rising Sky Ranking Battle anymore. Just rank the ten positions in the Rising Sky Ranking directly on your own!" Duan Ling Tian had a mocking smile on his face.

Xu Cen did not expect Duan Ling Tian would publicly reveal his threats that he had sent through Voice Transmission. His expression turned grave immediately.

At this moment, everyone's eyes were trained on him. Some of them contained hints of mockery and some of them contained hints of anger.

It had long been decided that killing was allowed in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. However, the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion had threatened a sectless cultivator for killing one of his own?

Did this mean the disciples from his Rising Sky Mansion was allowed to kill the sectless cultivators, but they were not allowed to kill the disciples from the Rising Sky Mansion?

What a bully!

The sectless cultivators present on the scene, including Zhong Gu, looked at Xu Cen coldly. Many people even began to mock him.

"Tsk ts... To think he's the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion. How can he be so petty and threaten a sectless cultivator?"

"The Rising Sky Mansion is allowed to kill other people, but other people are not allowed to kill their people? What a tyrant!"

"It serves them right that two of their disciples are dead. We're in the midst of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, and it has been clearly stated that killing and death are allowed. How could he threaten someone over the death of his own people? What an embarrassment to the Rising Sky Mansion."

Currently, not only were the sectless cultivators mocking Xu Cen, but even the people from other forces were looking at Xu Cen strangely as well.

Even Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang were looking at Xu Cen with a grave expression. The way Xu Cen had acted had undoubtedly provoked them and their positions as the main moderators of the Rising Sky Mansion.

Xu Cen could ignore other people's words and looks. However, when he noticed the cold looks in Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang's eyes, he had no choice but to calm down. He immediately glared at Duan Ling Tian angrily and said, "Boy, I don't know what you're talking about! Since when did I say you're seeking death? Don't slander me!"

Quite a few people instantly looked at Duan Ling Tian skeptically. However, most people were sneering. They could tell Xu Cen had already planned to deny this.

"Slander you?" Duan Ling Tian smirked. The mocking expression on his face turned even more obvious. "If that's the case, I'd like to ask you, the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion, if you dare to swear on the

lightning penalty oath that you did not say such words to me? How about that? To be fair, I'm willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath as well!"

Lightning penalty oath!

The moment these words left Duan Ling Tian's mouth, those who felt skeptical jolted. They finally realized Duan Ling Tian was not lying. Otherwise, why would he take the initiative to bring up the lightning penalty oath?

Xu Cen did not expect this sectless cultivator to be so ruthless to the point that he would mention the lightning penalty oath. His eyes turned cold, but he did not remain silent. "Who are you to make me, Xu Cen, swear on the lightning penalty oath?"

"If you don't dare to do it then it's fine. Why are you talking so much then? So much for being the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion!" Duan Ling Tian smirked.

"How dare you!" Duan Ling Tian had infuriated Xu Cen so much that Xu Cen became speechless. However, Xu Cen's grandson, Xu Can, who was also a Ring Master, could no longer endure it. He originally had an indifferent expression on his face, but his expression had turned cold now.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not even bother to look at him. He was not even afraid of Xu Can's grandfather, why would he be afraid of Xu Can?

The fact that Duan Ling Tian was bold enough to be rude to Xu Cen, the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion, made the blood of the sectless cultivators present on the scene boil passionately. Duan Ling Tian had done something none of them dared to do. Moreover, he had helped them vent their anger as well.

Many of the sectless cultivators look at Duan Ling Tian with admiration as though they thought of him as their idol.

At this moment, Ren Zhong opened his mouth to speak. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked kindly, "Young man, what's your name?"

His eyes were filled with enthusiasm.

When Ren Zhong spoke, it seemed as though Liu Hong Guang was reminded of something. He immediately turned to look at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze and asked with a smile, "Young man, I've never heard of such a remarkable person as you in the Rising Sky Mansion's district. I wonder if you're interested in joining our Raging Wave Mansion?"

Boom!

The moment Liu Hong Guang's words left his mouth, it was as though a bolt of lightning had struck the place, and a stone that has been thrown into still water. It caused an uproar among the spectators.

The Second Elder of the Raging Wave Mansion had actually extended an olive branch to this sectless cultivator who killed a Rising Sky Mansion's disciple! Moreover, he did it right in front of Xu Cen, the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion.

Was he not afraid of offending the Rising Sky Mansion?

In fact, the reason Liu Hong Guang had done this was due to pressure. When he saw how friendly Ren Zhong was to this talented sectless cultivator, he could already guess his intention. There was no doubt he wanted to recruit Duan Ling Tian into his Sky Hurdle Mansion.

Talented sectless cultivators had always been fought over by many powerful sects.

Just like Zhong Gu the sectless cultivator who was famous in the Rising Sky Mansion's district. Other than Rising Sky Mansion, even Sky Hurdle Mansion and Raging Wave Mansion had also tried recruiting him. However, since he was unwilling, there was nothing the three great sects could do.

However, Duan Ling Tian was different. He was not famous and not much was known about him. Moreover, his innate talent far surpassed Zhong Gu. He was someone the Raging Wave Mansion definitely wanted.

Ren Zhong had originally planned to beat around the bush. He was shocked when he saw how blunt Liu Hong Guang was. He said to Duan Ling Tian hastily, "Young man, our Sky Hurdle Mansion welcomes you to join as well! As long as you join our Sky Hurdle Mansion, apart from giving you our best cultivation resources, we'll even protect you until you've grown even stronger!"

Ren Zhong glanced at Xu Cen. The meaning of his words was obvious. He was telling Duan Ling Tian the Sky Hurdle Mansion would protect him and not let the Rising Sky Mansion harm him.

Perhaps, the Rising Sky Mansion's people did not dare to make their moves during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. However, who knew what they would do as soon as the battle ended.

Ren Zhong knew the sectless cultivator standing before him knew about this as well.

When the people saw Ren Zhong, the Vice Mansion Master of the Sky Hurdle Mansion, also trying to recruit Duan Ling Tian, a commotion broke out again. However, they were no longer as surprised since Liu Hong Guang's words had taken much of the surprise away.

"Young man, as long as you agree to join the Raging Wave Mansion, whoever dares to touch you will become my, Liu Hong Guang's enemy!" Liu Hong Guang chimed in. He had no intention of giving up when he saw how Ren Zhong had spoken without a trace of arrogance to recruit this person.

"A talented sectless cultivator is always so popular... Unfortunately, with an innate talent like mine, let alone a fourth-rate force, even a fifth-rate force wouldn't want me." A sectless cultivator smiled wryly.

"That's right! The fourth-rate and fifth-rate forces wouldn't want us, and we don't want the sixth-rate forces... This is the dilemma that sectless cultivators face," another sectless cultivator added.

Duan Ling Tian garnered the attention of the crowd again when he received invitations continuously by the Second Elder of Raging Wave Mansion and the Vice Mansion Master of Sky Hurdle Mansion

They were curious as to what his decision would be.

With Duan Ling Tian's innate talent, they believed as long as he joined either the Raging Wave Mansion or the Sky Hurdle Mansion, the two huge forces would never treat him badly if he swore on the lightning penalty oath.

Xu Cen, the Grand Elder of the Rising Sky Mansion's expression had turned grave now.

How could it not turn grave?

Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang had actually tried to recruit the person who killed the Rising Sky Mansion's disciples. Based on their words, they intended on protecting him as well.

It was unfortunate, but there was nothing he could say even if he was furious.

If he was in Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang's position, he would have done the same thing as well.

Even if he was unwilling to admit it, he had to admit the aloof sectless cultivator before him had a shockingly high innate talent.

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If that person did not kill the disciple from the Rising Sky Mansion, he would have been willing to put aside his arrogance to recruit him into the Rising Sky Mansion as well.

Duan Ling Tian smiled at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang before telling them his fake name. At the same time, he added, "Thank you for thinking so highly of me, Vice Mansion Master Ren and Elder Liu. As for joining the Sky Hurdle Mansion and Raging Wave Mansion, this is an important matter to me. Is it okay for me to think it over and give both of you an answer after the Rising Sky Ranking Battle has ended?"

Think it over?

The moment Duan Ling Tian's words left his mouth, Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang's eyes lit up immediately.

Naturally, they knew what his words implied. He did not reject them so there was still a chance!

Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang looked at each other immediately, and they could see the sparks in each other's eyes.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not reject their invitations, ultimately he would have to choose between the two of them. Due to this reason, the scent of gunpowder seemed to fill the space between them.

They, naturally, knew even if Duan Ling Tian had the intention of joining a sect, he would also need to consider the conditions they both offered. Just as the saying went, 'A wise bird carefully selects its tree.' Due to this reason, both of them began to think of the limit of the things they could offer.

"Li Feng! You're indeed not simple!" The Flowery Monk confirmed Duan Ling Tian was not a simple person after the Golden Brilliance Territory that was impenetrable by most people's eyes formed around him. He could not see through Duan Ling Tian's Territory at all. It was his first time encountering such a peculiar Territory. In the end, the disciple from Rising Sky Mansion had even vanished without a trace.

This Li Feng was not an ordinary person!

Among the group of people from Pure Yang Shrine, Jing Xu Zi's eyes had brightened as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Previously, he had taken notice of Duan Ling Tian. However, it was only because Duan Ling Tian was alone, making him look very conspicuous.

At this moment, he realized that in terms of strength, this person who was as eccentric as Zhong Gu was most likely not inferior to Zhong Gu at all.

Zhong Gu stared at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze.

Since Duan Ling Tian had made his appearance, he had a good impression of him. However, based on Duan Ling Tian's words, it seemed as though he was willing to join either the Sky Hurdle Mansion or Raging Wave Mansion. It made his impression of Duan Ling Tian drop immediately.

He did not like those huge and powerful sects. Otherwise, he would not have remained a sectless cultivator for so long.

With his innate talent, it was not impossible for him to enter a fourth-rate force. Moreover, if he was willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath, the force would even nurture him wholeheartedly.

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of Zhong Gu's thoughts. Currently, he was puzzling over the absence of Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

It was almost noon now. The only people who had yet to enter the ring seemed to be the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi.

'Rumor has it that Xu Jing is wildly ambitious and covets the position of Mansion Master in the Rising Sky Mansion. It's impossible for him to not come.' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he relaxed again.

He had been in the Rising Sky Mansion's district for quite some time, and he had been enquiring about Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. He knew that other than being a playboy and a good-for-nothing rich kid, he was pompous and wildly ambitious as well.

When Duan Ling Tian regained his senses, he looked at the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi, wondering which of them would enter the ring first.

Other than these two people, he did not think anybody from the crowd would enter the ring anymore.

After all, none of the ten Ring Masters, including him, was weak.

However, it was beyond Duan Ling Tian's expectation to see another figure rising up into the sky.

Duan Ling Tian had some impression of this man.

"Xu Gang?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He did not expect Xu Gang who had lost to Yin Xu Zi would come out again. If he was not mistaken, Xu Gang was merely a Martial Cultivator at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage. Entering the ring at this moment was just like seeking trouble for himself.

"Xu Gang? Why's he going up again?" Xu Gang's presence also baffled the group of spectators in the surrounding.

“Xu Gang is merely a Martial Cultivator who’s at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage. Moreover, he has been defeated by Yin Xu Zi earlier. All the Ring Masters are above the Refined Saint Stage currently. Don’t tell me he actually thinks he stands a chance of winning?” Many people mocked.

“According to the rules, he can challenge anyone he likes apart from Yin Xu Zi who has defeated him,” somebody said.

“Well, it’s true. However, we need to be aware of our own capability as well, right? He’s a Martial Cultivator who’s at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage. It’s obvious he’s no match for any of the ten Ring Masters. Not only is he looking for trouble by doing this, but he’s wasting everyone’s time as well.” Many people were unhappy with Xu Gang’s action.

Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang frowned as well. They both thought Xu Gang had overestimated himself.

Everyone was wondering who Xu Gang was going to challenge when he landed firmly in the middle of one of the chess pieces.

“T-This...” Everyone was dumbfounded the moment they saw the chess piece Xu Gang had landed on. This was because the opponent he had chosen was none other than Xu Can who was a disciple of the Rising Sky Mansion. Moreover, he was also Xu Cen’s biological grandson.

“Xu Gang actually dares to challenge Xu Can?” Many people were stunned. They found this sight unbelievable. Many of them even slapped themselves or pinched their thighs to see if they were dreaming.

As it turned out, they were not dreaming.

Xu Gang had indeed wanted to challenge Xu Can whose cultivation base was at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage.

“They’re both Rising Sky Mansion’s disciples, but Xu Gang actually wants to challenge Xu Can. Moreover, he’s only at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage, but he wants to challenge Xu Can who’s at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage... Could it be that he has some enmity with Xu Can?”

“Even if he has, with his current strength, he’s no match for Xu Can at all! It’s impossible for him to seek revenge now!”

“Perhaps he just wants to provoke Xu Can?”

“That’s possible.”

One had to admit the power of the people was impressive. In just a short time, someone had managed to ‘guess’ Xu Gang’s intention.

“Just how big is their enmity for him to provoke such a disciple from the Rising Sky Mansion during such an occasion? Isn’t Xu Gang worried about bringing shame to the Rising Sky Mansion?” Many people shook their heads. They felt that Xu Gang was behaving irrationally.

As for Duan Ling Tian, he did not think Xu Gang had appeared again for such an absurd reason. He frowned as he lifted his head to look at Xu Cen, the Grand Elder of the Rising Sky Mansion.

If Xu Gang really challenged Xu Can over such an absurd reason, Xu Cen's expression would definitely be grave right now. However, Duan Ling Tian noticed there was a scheming smile on Xu Cen's face at this moment.

Xu Cen's eyes were even staring at him intently like a poisonous snake, eliciting chills from Duan Ling Tian's heart.

"There's a conspiracy!" Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted when he realized something was afoot.

At this moment, something happened that shocked everyone.

Originally, the crowd felt Xu Can would easily defeat Xu Gang. However, the outcome was beyond their expectation.

"I surrender." Xu Can's icy voice resonated in the air, causing an uproar.

At this moment, some of the more rational people, including Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang, regained their senses. They turned to look at Duan Ling Tian simultaneously as though they had thought of something.

"What's going on?" This puzzled many people present on the scene.

"Xu Can actually surrenders? He's an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator!" Many people exclaimed.

"Don't tell me that he going to use this method to give way to Xu Gang so he can be ranked in the Rising Sky Ranking?" Many people looked at Xu Can strangely.

"He's crazy! How can he let Xu Gang rank in the Rising Sky Ranking with such a method? In fact, there were a few Early Refined Saint Stage powerhouses among the people who had been disqualified earlier. If these people go up now, Xu Gang would still be defeated and lose his place!" Many people discussed among themselves. They thought Xu Can was crazy for doing something like this.

However, soon after, they fell silent.

This was because after Xu Can admitted defeat, they saw he did not return to the group of people from the Rising Sky Mansion. Instead, he flew to one of the huge chess pieces and gradually descended on it. He stood directly opposite his opponent. It was clear he was issuing his challenge to his opponent.

"I see!" At this moment, many people knocked their own heads as realization dawned on them. "They're going around in such a big circle just to have Xu Can challenge Li Feng!"

Li Feng was the fake name Duan Ling Tian was currently using.

Not only did he kill a Rising Sky Mansion's disciple earlier, but he had even provoked the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion and ignored Xu Can.

The people on the scene could smell the scent of gunpowder emanating from Xu Can's body. They knew Xu Can wanted to fight Duan Ling Tian and possibly kill him.



“Looks like Li Feng really angered him. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be so eager to fight him! In fact, he would still be able to fight Li Feng after the ten people are finalized for the real Rising Sky Ranking Battle since they would still need to fight for the specific rank,” somebody said.

“You’re wrong. Actually, it’s very wise of Xu Can to do this. Don’t forget that once the ten names for the Rising Sky Ranking have been decided, the moderators would be able to intervene in the battle to decide the ranking later. There are rarely any deaths in the real Rising Sky Ranking Battle,” someone chimed in.

“You’re right. I’ve forgotten about this. Indeed, this is the best time to kill someone during the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. After all, the ten names have not been decided on yet.” Many people began to realize what was going on.

Faced with Xu Can, Duan Ling Tian’s expression remained as calm as ever since he knew this would happen from the scheming smile on Xu Cen’s face.

“Aren’t you afraid your grandson will follow in the footsteps of that disciple from the Rising Sky Mansion earlier?” Duan Ling Tian asked as he looked at Xu Cen with an indifferent smile. His tone was filled with confidence as well.

Xu Cen who originally had a smile on his face felt his heart jolt when he saw the confidence on Duan Ling Tian’s face. “T-This Li Feng is actually s-so confident?”

### **Chapter 1683: Space Shattering Origin Detonation**

Although the strength Duan Ling Tian had displayed was powerful, in Xu Cen’s opinion, it was only comparable to an ordinary Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

As an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse, Xu Cen was quite confident in his own Divine Consciousness.

Earlier, when Duan Ling Tian made his move, he had used his Divine Consciousness to investigate him. His strength was inferior to Xu Can, his grandson. Due to this reason, he supported Xu Can’s decision in challenging Duan Ling Tian.

Challenging Duan Ling Tian was Xu Can’s own decision. In Xu Can’s opinion, Duan Ling Tian deserved to die for being so rude to this grandfather. At the end when Duan Ling Tian ignored him, he could no longer suppress the rage in his heart.

Currently, Xu Cen began to doubt himself when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words and the confident expression on his face.

Could it be that Duan Ling Tian was really confident he could defeat his grandson? His heart instantly felt stifled.

“You think you’ll be able to kill me on your own?” Xu Can laughed angrily when he heard how vicious Duan Ling Tian’s words were. The killing intent in his eyes was obvious. It was as though he wanted to devour somebody.

Although Xu Can was confident in his own strength, Xu Cen's heart felt heavy when he saw the confident expression on Duan Ling Tian's face.

He transmitted his voice to Xu Can. "Can'er, I believe in your strength, but this Li Feng's very strange. I'm afraid he still has some tricks up his sleeve. If the situation is not going your way, you must surrender! Don't force yourself to endure just because of reputation. Reputation is nothing compared to life itself!" Xu Cen reminded Xu Can through his Voice Transmission.

Upon hearing his grandfather's words, his heart was moved. Although he felt his grandfather was worrying too much, he still agreed. "Alright, grandfather."

"Xu Can is challenging Li Feng!" At the same time, everybody shifted their attention to the middle of the ring, watching Duan Ling Tian and Xu Can intently. Based on what they had seen, this battle was going to be spectacular. They were almost unwilling to blink.

"Although Li Feng's strength is remarkable, I'm afraid the odds are against him in front of Xu Can," many people whispered among themselves.

Although Duan Ling Tian had killed Xu Ping, a Rising Sky Mansion's disciple, in a domineering way in just a blow, Xu Ping was just an ordinary Early Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. He could not compare to Xu Can at all.

It would only take one blow for Xu Can to kill him as well.

Xu Ping had just broken through to the Early Refined Saint Stage so he was considered as one of the weakest Early Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivators.

Even if Yin Xu Zi, who was also at the Early Refined Saint Stage, wanted to kill him, it would not take him more than ten moves to do so.

Although Duan Ling Tian seemed confident when he spoke to Xu Cen, most people present on the scene did not think he would win Xu Can. Fighting Xu Can was a different league from fighting Xu Ping.

'Li Feng!' The Flowery Monk stared at Duan Ling Tian intently as he thought to himself, "Can you really win Xu Can?"

Jing Xu Zi, Zhong Gu, and the others were staring at Duan Ling Tian too.

This was undoubtedly the most interesting battle before the final Rising Sky Ranking Battle took place.

Although the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi had yet to enter the ring, their presence in the final Rising Sky Ranking Battle was already set in stone. Due to this reason, most people did not really bother if they appeared or not since it was already a sure thing. They were more interested in watching the battle between Duan Ling Tian and Xu Can.

Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze to Xu Can when he heard his words. His smile was indifferent, and his expression was calm. "What? You don't think too highly of me, do you?"

Xu Can's expression turned even graver when he saw how calm Duan Ling Tian was.

The fact that Li Feng was so calm showed that he looked down on him.

“Die!” Xu Can shouted coldly as he made his move. He seemed to have transformed into a black goshawk with spread wings as he charged at Duan Ling Tian.

The sky shook in his wake. As soon as he mobilized his True Origin, his Territory appeared as well.

The moment the Territory appeared, he raised his right hand. Soon after, a small ball consolidated from his True Origin appeared. As soon as it appeared, the ball greedily devoured the energy inside the area within a 100-meter radius of Xu Can.

The Territory vibrated as a steady flow of energy surged into the small ball in Xu Can’s hand, causing the small ball to shine brilliantly as though it had transformed into a small and bright sun that dazzled the eyes.

During this process, the True Origin in Xu Can’s body also surged steadily into the small ball. One could say the ball contained all of Xu Can’s strength now.

The moment he made his move, it would be merciless and unreserved!

It was apparent that although he was confident he could defeat Duan Ling Tian, he was wary as well.

From the moment the small ball formed and absorbed his own energy and Territory, all of it only took place in just a blink of an eye.

“T-That’s the Space Shattering Origin Detonation?” Ren Zhong’s eyes widened in shock.

The Space Shattering Origin Detonation was an offensive technique in the Earth Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic. When he saw Xu Can making his move, he could tell he had already cultivated the Space Shattering Origin Detonation to the highest stage — the Impeccable Stage.

Only the Space Shattering Origin Detonation that had been cultivated to the highest stage could consolidate a True Origin Ball in such a short time.

“Space Shattering Origin Detonation!” Upon seeing this, Liu Hong Guang’s expression also turned grave. He had also recognized the Space Shattering Origin Detonation and knew that it was one of the most powerful offensive techniques in the Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic in the Rising Sky Mansion.

As an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse, Liu Hong Guang could tell with a glance that Xu Can’s control over the Space Shattering Origin Detonation had already reached the Impeccable Stage.

“Li Feng, be careful! This is the Space Shattering Origin Detonation! In terms of force, it can be considered as one of the top three offensive techniques in the various Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactics in the Rising Sky Mansion! Look at the Space Shattering Origin Detonation that Xu Can is casting now, it’s apparent he has already cultivated it to the highest stage — the Impeccable Stage.” At this moment, two voices rang by Duan Ling Tian’s ears. The content of the message was absolutely the same.

He could tell the reminders were from Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang. Naturally, he knew why they were so nice to remind him. There was no doubt they were trying to win his heart so that he would join their forces after the Rising Sky Ranking Battle had ended.

Previously, he had promised both of them that he would seriously think about joining either one of their forces. He did not have any enmity with the Sky Hurdle Mansion and Raging Wave Mansion. After all, they were still the fourth-rate forces in the Dao Martial Saint Land. He had everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining them.

‘Thank you for the reminder.’ As Duan Ling Tian thanked them, his eyes remained trained on Xu Can. ‘An offensive technique that’s ranked in the top three among the various offensive techniques in the Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactics in the Rising Sky Mansion? In that case, the Space Shattering Origin Detonation must also be an offensive technique from the Earth Rank Saint Grade Martial Tactic then. Since Xu Can has already cultivated it to the highest stage, its force must be quite formidable.’

The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, golden shining True Origin rose up again from his body.

At this moment, a Territory that was shining brilliantly with golden light appeared in the area within a 100-meter radius of Duan Ling Tian, enveloping him.

In the Golden Brilliance Territory, the 10,000 golden sword rays gradually consolidated.

10,000 Swords Territory!

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian began to control his 10,000 Swords Territory. Apart from that, his muscles began to get bigger as well. Nobody noticed the changes on his body due to the robe he was wearing.

If Duan Ling Tian had taken off his robes, the people on the scene would be able to see translucent energy gleaming on the surface of Duan Ling Tian’s body. This energy was formed because his brute strength was too powerful.

Usually, only those wild beasts and Saint Beasts that had ridiculously brute strength would have such energy. However, Duan Ling Tian had it on his body as well.

This was because his body was tempered by the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and the blood from the Five-clawed Divine Dragon. His body was now even more powerful than a Six-clawed Divine Dragon at the same stage with him. His strength was very close to a Seven-clawed Divine Dragon now.

There were no Six-clawed Divine Dragons in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. The Five-clawed Divine Dragon was the strongest in the dragon clan.

The Six-clawed Divine Dragons only existed in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, but their number was extremely scarce.

As for Seventh-clawed Divine Dragons, one could only say that it had appeared in the Dao Martial Saint Land last time. It was a powerful Divine Dragon.

Duan Ling Tian had heard from Elder Huo that in the Devata Realm, let alone Seven-clawed Divine Dragons, they even have Eight-clawed Divine Dragons. Naturally, the latter was extremely rare in the Devata Realm.

As for the Nine-clawed Divine Dragon, there was only one in the entire Devata Realm. It was the ancestor of the dragon tribe. The Nine-clawed Winged Dragon.

The Nine-clawed Winged Dragon was also called the Nine-clawed Ancestral Dragon. It was a presence that stood at the summit of the Devata Realms. It was so powerful that its strength was on par with those Heavenly Emperors who ruled the Devata Realm. In fact, it was even more powerful than some of the Heavenly Emperors!

Whoosh

Just when the True Origin Ball in Xu Can's hand had gathered the most powerful energy, his body moved and charged toward Duan Ling Tian like a falling meteorite.

When his Territory and Duan Ling Tian's Territory clashed, he raised his hand and pushed his palm out. The True Origin Ball in his hand swept through the sky as it made its way toward Duan Ling Tian. It was shocking and appalling. In just a blink of an eye, it was already close to Duan Ling Tian.

At that moment when Xu Can and Duan Ling Tian's Territories clashed, Duan Ling Tian began to retract his Territory under the watchful eyes of the others.

"What's going on?" Many people were dumbfounded when they witnessed this. Some of them thought Duan Ling Tian's Territory was no match for Xu Can's Territory.

However, they were proven wrong soon enough.

This was because when Duan Ling Tian retracted his Territory, it had also transformed into a dazzling golden flying sword at breakneck speed.

The golden flying sword was even more dazzling than the True Origin Ball that was charging toward Duan Ling Tian agilely.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian spat out a word unhurriedly, "Go!"

The moment his words left his mouth, the golden flying sword underneath his feet suddenly emitted light as bright as the sun. It was so bright that many people instinctively closed their eyes.

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As the dazzling golden light appeared, the flying sword beneath Duan Ling Tian's feet charged out quickly as well.

When the flying sword flew out, Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted. His mind was filled with the profundity of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword. Naturally, it was only the profundity of the first stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Heartfelt Sword.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian had yet to master the second stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword Shadowed Heart.

Even so, a slash of Duan Ling Tian sword at this time was not simple as well. It was equivalent to the offensive technique that had been cultivated to a higher stage in an Earth Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic.

However, compared to the Space Shattering Origin Detonation, it was still slightly inferior.

Although it was slightly inferior, since this sword also contained Duan Ling Tian's powerful brute strength, as a whole, it was not inferior to Xu Can's Space Shattering Origin Detonation. Moreover, due to the Sun True Origin, the force of this sword was even more powerful than Xu Can's Space Shattering Origin Detonation.

Naturally, nobody was aware of this.

"This Li Feng used his sword in such a haste, and it seems like he hasn't even mobilized his True Origin yet!" Xu Cen smiled coldly as though victory was within his grasp.

As an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse, he had his own unique judgment. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian would not be able to mobilize his True Origin in such a short time, causing him to be unable to unleash his full strength.

It was not only Xu Can, even Ren Zhong, Liu Hong Guang, and the others thought the same.

However, how could they possibly know Duan Ling Tian did not need much time to mobilize his True Origin since he had already opened up 99 Saint Veins in his body.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, opening up 81 Saint Veins was considered a remarkable feat.

Moreover, in the history of Dao Martial Saint Land, only two people had managed to open up 81 Saint Veins. However, Duan Ling Tian had far surpassed them.

With the 99 Saint Vein carrying the True Origin, he was more than two times faster than Xu Can.

It was precisely because of this Duan Ling Tian let Xu Can make his move first since he was confident he could mobilize his True Origin in the shortest time possible.

This confidence came from the 99 Saint Veins he opened. Due to this, the speed of Duan Ling Tian consolidating his Territory was much faster compared to ordinary people.

Whoosh!

The True Origin Ball Xu Can sent out flew across the sky at an extremely fast speed toward Duan Ling Tian. If it touched Duan Ling Tian or his True Origin, it would explode, mercilessly destroying him, his True Origin, and Territory.

Even if Duan Ling Tian tried to evade it, it would still doggedly follow after him since Xu Can was using his Divine Consciousness to target him.

Whoosh!

The golden flying sword flew in the sky with a speed that was not inferior to the True Origin Ball. In fact, it was even faster than the True Origin Ball. The flying sword's target was the True Origin Ball.

Although the flying sword possessed an extremely fast speed that even Xu Cen, Ren Zhong, and Liu Hong Guang acknowledged, they did not think the force of the flying sword was comparable to the True Origin Ball.

Besides, even if it touched the True Origin Ball, the True Origin Ball would explode instantly and the shockwave would overpower Duan Ling Tian, catching him in the explosion.

Finally, the flying sword and the True Origin Ball crashed into one another.

In fact, before they collided, the Qi field around them had already collided, causing the air to tremble as though it would rip the space apart.

When the flying sword and True Origin Ball collided, time seemed to stop at this moment.

Boom!

An ear-deafening explosion that sounded as though the sky had fallen reverberated in the air.

At this second, the eardrums of Martial and Dao Cultivators with low cultivation base ruptured immediately. Some of them even had blood began to flow from their seven orifices.

Even the faces of the Pristine Saint Stage Martial and Dao Cultivators present on the scene were flushed red. It was apparent the explosion had impacted them as well.

When the explosion sounded, the space near Duan Ling Tian was completely enveloped by a golden light. This golden light began to grow until it completely shrouded Duan Ling Tian, causing his figure to disappear from everyone's sight.

That seemed like the aftermath of the explosion.

Xu Cen smiled.

In his opinion, the shockwave from the explosion would be enough to kill Duan Ling Tian.

Although an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator had an enhanced body, he was still made of flesh and blood, completely incomparable to those powerful wild beasts and Saint Beasts.

Moreover, judging by the shockwave of the explosion, even the average wild beasts or Saint Beasts with not much brute strength would not be able to survive this.

"Li Feng's dead?" Many people were shocked by the scene before their eyes.

Many sectless cultivators' eyes turned red as they clenched their teeth.

Li Feng was a sectless cultivator worthy of their respect. Based on Li Feng's earlier action, his place in their hearts could be said to be on par with Zhong Gu.

"He's dead?" The Flowery Monk frowned. His frown eased up before he devoutly put his palms together. He sighed, feeling sorry for Li Feng.

Such an outstanding sectless cultivator had died just like that. It caused many people to sigh.

“Huh?” At this moment, Ren Zhong who also thought Li Feng had died widened his eyes. With a baffled expression, he looked at the shockwave that was spreading out from the point of explosion.

Whoosh!

The sound of a sword whistling the air sounded before it quickly disappeared. A golden flying sword shot out from the point of explosion. Its speed was as fast as lightning. No, it was faster than lightning!

“NO!” A loud and angry shout sounded in the air.

Xu Can who had a smug expression on his face froze completely. He still a sneer on his face. A hole appeared in between his eyebrows as blood poured out continuously from it. It was terrifying.

In the next moment, he lost his breath and collapsed.

The loud angry howl had come from Xu Cen after he regained his senses when he heard the sound of sword whistling in the air. When he saw Xu Can had fallen, his eyes reddened. It was as though he had lost his mind, he charged out in a frenzy to pick Xu Can up.

However, Xu Can only lay limply in his embrace with his eyes opened. He was no longer breathing. He was dead.

“Can’er... Can’er...” Xu Cen could not believe this, he muttered Xu Can’s name non-stop. However, Xu Can did not reply him at all.

“Xu Can’s dead?” The people present on the scene gasped when they saw this.

“My goodness! After clashing with Xu Can’s True Origin Ball, Li Feng’s sword actually still had a force of its own... This is unbelievable!” Many people cried out in shock. However, they spoke in hushed tones, afraid of angering Xu Cen.

“I can’t believe this outcome! Who knew both of them would die? I’m sure the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion is regretting this now.” Some of them looked at Xu Cen with mockery in their eyes.

Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang exchanged a look with each other. They could see the bewilderment in each other’s eyes. It did not cross their minds that the sectless cultivator’s attack would have a force strong enough to kill Xu Can who was so sure of his victory. Xu Can thought the shockwave from the explosion had killed Li Feng.

Xu Can must have not been able to react in time. After all, everyone had thought he had won, including himself.

“Elder Xu, my condolences to you.” Although Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang did not feel anything regarding Xu Can’s death, they still needed to be courteous and took turns to console Xu Cen.

Xu Cen’s eyes were red, and his body was trembling violently.

His grandson is dead! He had pinned all his hope on his grandson!



He had even thought of letting his grandson fight for the position of the next Mansion Master with Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. As long as his grandson was ranked in the Rising Sky Ranking, he would stand a chance to vie for the position.

Now that his grandson had died, everything was gone like a fleeting cloud.

“T-This...” At this moment, alarmed voices began to resonate in the surrounding.

Xu Cen did not pay attention to the alarmed voices due to his grief over his grandson’s death.

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, a figure gradually materialized from the shockwave of the explosion with an overwhelming golden light. It seemed as though the figure had changed his clothes.

Although he had changed his clothes, the people present on the scene could still recognize him.

Li Feng!

Li Feng was not dead?

Everyone, including Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang, could not help but widen their eyes in shock. They did not regain their senses for a long time.

They did not expect this at all.

Even Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang had thought Duan Ling Tian had died from the explosion since the explosion happened near him. It was not something blood and flesh would be able to withstand, not even if Duan Ling Tian had cast an Earth Rank Prominent Saint Grade Martial Tactic’s defensive technique that was at the highest stage.

After all, that energy was the energy formed from the collision of two powerful forces. Although they had neutralized each other a little, they had still fused together and exploded in the end.

Under such circumstances, unless it was those wild beasts or Saint Beasts that were famous for their brute strength, even an ordinary wild beast or Saint Beast might not be able to survive the shockwave of the explosion, let alone a human being.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, humans were known for being fragile compared to wild beasts and Saint Beasts.

This was precisely why everyone was shocked that Duan Ling Tian had survived.

Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang were the first to regain their senses. They looked at Duan Ling Tian as though they were looking at some peerless treasure.

They were certain ever since the explosion, no Dao Talismans or Saint Inscriptions were used at all. In other words, Duan Ling Tian had used his own strength to shield himself from the shockwave of the explosion.

They were both baffled but pleasantly surprised. They were baffled Duan Ling Tian actually managed to survive. And they were pleasantly surprised for being able to encounter such a remarkable young man who was a sectless cultivator. This meant they had a chance of recruiting him into their sects.

If they could recruit this young man, it would definitely be a pleasant surprise for their respective sect.

### **Chapter 1685: Xu Cen Who Had Gone Berserk**

“H-He’s actually still a-alive?”

“Who’s this Li Feng? Is he even human? To think he survived such a huge explosion!”

“Look at him. He’s only a little pale. Moreover, he doesn’t seem to be injured after changing into a new set of clothes.”

“Don’t tell me he used some high-grade Dao Talisman earlier?”

“Impossible! There are no fluctuations from any Dao Talisman or Saint Inscription earlier. I don’t think he used any external aid!”

The people present on the scene regained their senses one by one. They whispered among themselves, and they looked at Duan Ling Tian as though they had seen a ghost.

The Flowery Monk was greatly astonished as well. He looked at Li Feng, dumbfounded. “L-Li Feng is actually safe?”

The group of sectless cultivators who originally thought Duan Ling Tian had died was smiling now that they saw he was unharmed.

Many of them were so excited they even began to shout his name. Naturally, they were calling him Li Feng, the fake name he was using.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he calmed down.

“I can’t believe the technique Xu Can used is so terrifying...” Duan Ling Tian immediately looked at Xu Can who was in Xu Cen’s embrace. To be more precise, Xu Can’s corpse who was in Xu Cen’s embrace. “If it wasn’t for the fact that my body is currently stronger than the Six-clawed Divine Dragon in the dragon tribe, I would’ve died!”

Duan Ling Tian felt a lingering fear in his heart when he recalled what had happened earlier.

When the explosion happened and the shockwave spread out, he felt his entire body was enveloped by terrifying energy. The robe on his body was destroyed, and the shockwave crashed against his body powerfully. It felt as though a thousand hammers were slamming down on his body.

He was fortunate that his body was strong enough to endure it. Otherwise, he would have been turned into dust.

Duan Ling Tian sneered as his gaze landed on Xu Cen. In his opinion, Xu Can, Xu Cen’s grandson, challenging him was no different from dropping a rock on his own feet. He was merely digging his own grave!

After that, Duan Ling Tian looked at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang to express his gratitude.

Although he still would not have shown any mercy to Xu Can even without their reminder, he was grateful toward them for their kind intention.

“Little Brother Li Feng, I can’t believe you’re so powerful... How did you manage to escape unscathed earlier?” Ren Zhong asked Duan Ling Tian using Voice Transmission. His tone was filled with confusion.

Liu Hong Guang’s tone was also filled with curiosity when he questioned Duan Ling Tian.

Faced with their good intention and queries, Duan Ling Tian merely flashed a mysterious smile. When they saw this, they only smiled wryly and no longer asked any question.

They could tell Duan Ling Tian was unwilling to reveal anything, and they were sensible enough to not question him further. After all, everyone had their own secrets. If they continued to pester him with questions, not only would they not get any answers, but they might even leave a bad impression on Duan Ling Tian. They were both eager to rope Duan Ling Tian into their own respective force. Naturally, they did not want to leave a bad impression on Duan Ling Tian.

“He’s still alive?” At the same time, Xu Cen who had gradually regained his senses after the sadness of losing his grandson heard the heated discussion in his surrounding. He was shocked by the content of the discussion.

His body trembled when he turned around. He instantly saw Duan Ling Tian who was completely unharmed.

He was so enraged as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. It was as though his eyes were about to pop out of its sockets.

‘Impossible!’ This was the first thought that popped up in his mind when he saw Duan Ling Tian was still alive.

That gigantic force from the explosion was not something that an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator could block. No matter how powerful his defensive technique was, he would not have been able to block it.

Coupled with his body that was made from flesh and blood, it was completely impossible for him to endure the explosion and its shockwave.

“Did you use a Dao Talisman?” Xu Cen thought Duan Ling Tian had used a Dao Talisman even though he had no idea how he managed to obtain such a high-grade Dao Talisman. Even in their Rising Sky Mansion, they only had a few Dao Talismans that could block such a powerful force.

Duan Ling Tian could not be bothered to answer Xu Cen’s question.

“Elder Xu, Li Feng didn’t use any Dao Talisman nor did he have any other external aid. If he had used some external aids, it would’ve been impossible that someone like you who’s at the Eminent Saint Stage to not detect it,” Ren Zhong said with a frown as he looked at Xu Cen.

“That’s right, Elder Xu. Li Feng didn’t use any external aid at all,” Liu Hong Guang chimed in.

In fact, Xu Cen had instinctively accused Duan Ling Tian of using a Dao Talisman. Now that he thought about it, he was certain Duan Ling Tian did not use any Dao Talisman. From the beginning until the end, the Divine Consciousness that he had stretched out did not detect any fluctuations that might have come from a Dao Talisman or Saint Inscriptions.

Xu Cen took a deep breath as he looked at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang. In the next instant, the True Origin on his body trembled as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian. At this moment, Xu Cen's terrifying True Origin swept out of his body.

The aura of an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse surged out and caused the air to vibrate, causing ripples in the air that swept in all directions.

The Martial and Dao Cultivators who had not reached the Saint Stage in the surroundings were knocked out by this. Some of the Pristine Saint Stage Martial and Dao Cultivators whose cultivation base was much weaker were also forced to retreat continuously in the distance.

"T-This..." Xu Cen's sudden action did not give people time to react. They could only see him vanishing before their eyes.

Those who could faintly see Xu Cen's figure were none other than the high-ranking officials of the three great fifth-rate forces and some of the powerhouses from the three great fourth-rate forces.

The aura of an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse swept out and instantly locked onto Duan Ling Tian.

At this instant, Duan Ling Tian felt as though his entire being had been shackled. Even the Sun True Origin in his body was suppressed until its speed was slowed down. He could not mobilize it at all.

This happened because he was being suppressed by Xu Cen's aura, and how quickly Xu Cen had acted. Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian's speed of mobilizing his True Origin continued to decrease.

At this moment, despair rose up in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

At this split second, the only thought he had in his mind was to use his Jasper Celestial Sword. However, just as he was about to take the Jasper Celestial Sword out from his Spatial Ring, he realized Xu Cen's attack was about to land on him. He would not have time to infuse his True Origin into the Jasper Celestial Sword at all, let alone wielding it with all his power.

'Don't tell me I'm going to die here!' Duan Ling Tian was unwilling. If he was given the span of one or two breaths, he would be able to use all his strength to wield the Jasper Celestial Sword and parry Xu Cen's attack.

Although he would not be able to kill Xu Cen with the Jasper Celestial Sword, he could at least block part of his attack.

He might have a chance of surviving if that was the case.

If he managed to block the attack, he believed Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang would not stand idly at the side as well.

Unfortunately, he was still too late.

If only he could take out his Jasper Celestial Sword just a step earlier and infused all his True Origin into it, he would not be in this position. It did not cross his mind that Xu Cen would go crazy and attack him here.

After all, the rules of Rising Sky Ranking Battle did not allow him to exact revenge since killing and death were allowed.

“Hurmph!”

“Hurmph!”

Just as Duan Ling Tian thought that he was going to die, he heard two angry snorts at the same time.

At the same time, he realized the powerful aura that was locked onto him seemed to have been shattered. The overwhelming energy had dissipated.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed two figures in front of him. It was none other than Ren Zhong, the Vice Mansion Master of Sky Hurdle Mansion, and Liu Hong Guang, the Second Elder of Raging Wave Mansion. Both of them had appeared in a timely manner and blocked off Xu Cen’s attack.

Moreover, their attack seemed to have affected Xu Cen as well.

Barf!

Xu Cen who was sent flying finally came to a halt after he had flown far in the distance. At the same time, he threw up a mouthful of dark crimson blood. His face was pale as well.

“Elder Xu, you’ve overstepped the line.” Ren Zhong’s voice was filled with rage. Other than violating the rule of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, the fact that Xu Cen dared to attack Duan Ling Tian in front of him was equivalent to giving him a slap.

After all, his presence here was to ensure the fairness of the Rising Sky Ranking.

If he could not even do this, he would not be qualified to be the moderator of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. If he allowed this, then the Rising Sky Ranking Battle might as well just set a rule forbidding sectless cultivators from participating in the battle. Otherwise, the sectless cultivators would still be oppressed by those from powerful sects even if they had won.

Although Liu Hong Guang remained silent, one could tell how furious he was from his eyes that were looking coldly at Xu Cen.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian who was standing behind Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang finally heaved a sigh of relief. He instantly put away the Jasper Celestial Sword when he realized the crisis had passed.

He could clearly sense his hands that were holding the Jasper Celestial Sword were soaked with sweat.

He broke out in cold sweat earlier when he felt as though he already had one foot in hell.

“Thank you for saving my life.” Taking a deep breath, Duan Ling Tian looked at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang before expressing his gratitude politely.

“I’ll seek justice for you regarding this matter!” Ren Zhong nodded. Although he did not turn around, one could tell his eyes were cold as he looked at Xu Cen.

When Liu Hong Guang heard Ren Zhong’s words, he was filled with regret. Why did he not say such words? If he had said such words, he would leave a good impression on Duan Ling Tian.

Liu Hong Guang immediately chimed in, “Little Brother Li Feng, I, Liu Hong Guang, promise you that I’ll seek justice for you as well!”

Upon hearing Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang’s words, the injured Xu Cen whose face was already pale turned even paler.

How could he not know the reason why Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang were taking care of Duan Ling Tian so well. It was because of Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent and strength.

### **Chapter 1686: Xu Jing Is Finally Here**

It did not cross his mind that Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang would be able to block his attack in time although he was quick with his attack. He was certain both of them must have been prepared. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for them to reach him in time and block his attack.

When Xu Cen thought about this, he clenched his teeth in anger.

He hated this! He hated that he could not kill Li Feng to avenge his grandson.

Meanwhile, the spectators who were struck dumb by Xu Cen attacking Li Feng regained their senses as well and broke into a commotion.

“Isn’t the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion too arrogant?” Many people stared at Xu Cen furiously. Most of these people were from other sects and sectless cultivators. However, there was also a group of people from the Rising Sky Mansion who felt a burning heat on their faces.

No matter what, the rules of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle had clearly stated that killing and deaths were allowed. It was not an issue if someone had died. If one could not accept the loss, one should not even participate in the first place. Since one had already decided to participate, one should be able to accept one’s loss.

As members of the Rising Sky Battle, they felt ashamed of their Grand Elder’s action as well when they saw him ignore the rules of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle and could not accept his loss.

“So many people had died earlier, and Xu Cen didn’t act this way. However, he actually violated the rules when his grandson died.” Many people mocked him.

“That’s right! Earlier, when his grandson killed that sectless cultivator, he was still smiling brightly. He didn’t think his grandson overstepped the line at all. Now that his grandson died, he didn’t even think twice before violating the rules. It’s obvious he only cares for his grandson’s life and disregards everyone’s life!”

“So much for being the Grand Elder of the Rising Sky Mansion... Ptui!”

“If news of this spread out, it’s just going to embarrassed the Rising Sky Mansion!”

The spectators discussed among themselves. They were no longer careful with their words when they spoke about Xu Cen and said whatever came to their minds.

Xu Cen’s earlier action had obviously infuriated the people present on the scene.

“Elder Xu, you’re the Grand Elder of the Rising Sky Mansion... Why don’t you decide on your own how you’re going to resolve this?” Ren Zhong said indifferently as he looked at Xu Cen.

Although his tone was calm when he spoke, his eyes gleamed coldly. It was as though he did not mind fighting Xu Cen if Xu Cen’s next course of action did not satisfy him.

“Elder Xu, I agree with Vice Mansion Master Ren.” Liu Hong Guang stared at Xu Cen murderously. This was an opportunity for him to impress Li Feng, there was no way he was going to miss this opportunity.

Moreover, Xu Cen was indeed in the wrong regarding this matter. Liu Hong Guang and Ren Zhong were merely using this as an opportunity to get what they wanted.

A piercing look flashed in the depth of Xu Cen’s eyes when he saw Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang pressuring him.

However, he knew he was wrong in regards to this matter so he took a deep breath and suppressed the hate and anger in his heart before he cupped his hands near his chest as he faced Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang. “I momentarily lost my mind when I saw my grandson died. That was why I acted the way I did. Now that I think about it, I’m indeed in the wrong. However, since Li Feng is unharmed, can we just disregard this matter?” Xu Cen said humbly in a low voice. At this moment, he had no choice but to act this way.

“Hahahaha...”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian laughed loudly before Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang could even reply to Xu Cen. He laughed so hard there were even tears in the corner of his eyes. “You said that I’m unharmed? Earlier, if it wasn’t for Vice Mansion Master Ren and Elder Liu who acted in time, I’m afraid I would’ve become a ghost because of you, Elder Xu. Just because you admitted you’re wrong, you want us to disregard this matter of you violating the rules?”

When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the expression on his face turned even colder. “Is there such a thing in this world?”

“Boy, you better shut up if you don’t want to die!” At this moment, Xu Cen’s cold and threatening Voice Transmission rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears.

“Idiot!” Duan Ling Tian rebuked him immediately when he heard him. “You’re in this kind of situation, and you still dare to threaten me through Voice Transmission? So much for the honor of the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion.”

When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, apart from Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang whose expressions had turned grave, the crowd of people broke into a commotion as well. Apart from the people from the Rising Sky Mansion, other people looked at Xu Cen even more coldly now.

Under such circumstance, most people would root for the underdog. In this situation, Duan Ling Tian was clearly the underdog.

“Elder Xu, please apologize to Little Brother Li Feng and sever one of your limbs on your own. Otherwise, not only will we disqualify the people from Rising Sky Mansion from participating in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, but we’ll also sever one of your limbs on your behalf,” Liu Hong Guang said coldly to Xu Cen as he took a step forward. This was the result of his discussion with Ren Zhong.

Meanwhile, when Ren Zhong glanced at Duan Ling Tian surreptitiously, he discovered Duan Ling Tian’s expression had relaxed slightly. He could tell Duan Ling Tian was satisfied with this decision, and he heaved a sigh of relief.

Xu Cen was horrified when he heard Liu Hong Guang’s words. It would be easy for Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guan to cut off one of his limbs if they joined forces. He would not be able to escape even if he wanted to.

“Don’t both of you think this is a little over the top?” Xu Cen asked in a cold voice.

However, Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang just ignored him. Instead, they stared at him coldly to show their determination.

Upon seeing this, Xu Cen knew there was no way he could get out of this and save his limb. He felt humiliated, but there was nothing he could do at all.

“I, Xu Cen, will remember this,” Xu Cen said coldly as he looked at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang intently. “I’ll cut off one of my limbs on my own. However, it’s impossible for me to apologize to him!”

As soon as he finished speaking, he lifted his right hand and severed his left arm. At the moment when he reached out for his severed left arm, Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang made their moves immediately.

Ren Zhong charged forward and took Xu Cen by surprise, causing his action to slow down considerably. Meanwhile, Liu Hong Guang raised his hand as a blue saber ray appeared out of thin air and destroyed Xu Cen’s severed left arm. Apart from blood, nothing remained of his left arm.

“You...” Xu Cen’s expression turned extremely grave when he saw the two menacing figures had returned to their original position in just a blink of an eye, and there was no chance for him to reattach his left arm since it was completely destroyed.

He did not expect Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang to be so ruthless.

He was confident he could reattach his left arm even if he had cut it off. Naturally, he would need his left arm intact if he wanted to do that.

However, his left arm had been destroyed by Liu Hong Guang. This meant he would have to live with one arm for the rest of his life. How could he not be furious?



When the spectators saw Xu Cen had lost his arms, not only did they not feel any pity for him, but they even took pleasure in his misfortune since he only had himself to blame for this.

Duan Ling Tian's anger had also subsided a lot when he saw this.

"Elder Xu, you refuse to apologize to Little Brother Li Feng, you really have no qualms of getting the members of Rising Sky Mansion disqualified from the Rising Sky Ranking Battle? You should know as moderators of the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, it's well within Elder Liu and my power to ban the members of Rising Sky Mansion from participating in the battle," Ren Zhong said coldly as he looked at Xu Cen.

"Hurmph!" When Xu Cen heard his words, he glanced at the nine Ring Masters before he glanced at the people from the Rising Sky Mansion. In the end, he only snorted before he rose up into the air and said to the people from the Rising Sky Mansion, "Let's go!"

The moment his words left his mouth, he cast a hate-filled glance at Duan Ling Tian before he prepared to leave with the group of people from the Rising Sky Mansion.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, the clouds in the sky above the Nimble Chess Set whirled as two figures appeared. It was two young men. One was standing at the lead while the other stood at the back.

The young man in the lead was wearing a long green robe. He had a wicked expression on his face as killing intent emanated out of his body.

The young man standing behind him had a humpback and was obviously his lackey.

The moment these two people appeared, they attracted the attention of everyone present on the scene.

Many people's eyes from the Rising Sky Mansion lit up as they exclaimed in surprise, "Young Mansion Master!"

"It's Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion!" The crowd's attention was focused on the wicked-looking young man standing in the lead. They could all roughly guess who he was.

This person was none other than Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

Not only was Xu Jing unhappy when he saw Xu Cen, but his expression turned grave as well.

Earlier, he had refused to apologize to Duan Ling Tian because he was unwilling to apologize to his grandson's murderer. The other reason was he did not think any of the members of the Rising Sky Mansion who were present were qualified to be ranked in the Rising Sky Ranking.

The three people who had the abilities to be ranked in the Rising Sky Ranking, including his grandson, had all died. Due to this reason, he did not think there would be much difference even if the members of the Rising Sky Mansion present on the scene were disqualified from participating in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle.

Naturally, it was not that he did not think of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. However, based on what he could see from the Young Mansion Master's progress previously, even with the great resources given to him, he still could not compare to his grandson, Xu Can.

Moreover, his grandson had died. He was, naturally, unwilling to see the Young Mansion Master make it into the Rising Sky Ranking since this would mean he would become the next Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. He was unwilling to see this happen. Since his grandson no longer stood a chance in becoming the next Mansion Master, he did not want to see the Young Mansion Master become the next Mansion Master.

Due to this reason, he did not care if the members of the Rising Sky Mansion was disqualified from participating in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. However, it did not cross his mind that the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, Xu Jing, would suddenly appear just as he was about to bring the men away.

Now that Xu Jing was here, he could no longer act as he pleased.

"He's Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion?" When Duan Ling Tian heard the discussion in his surrounding, his gaze instantly shifted to that wicked-looking young man. That man was none other than his target, Xu Jing.

### **Chapter 1687: Xu Jing Enters The Ring**

Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, was Duan Ling Tian's target this time. He had come to the Rising Sky Ranking Battle in the Rising Sky Mansion to kill him to resolve the crisis Han Xue Nai, whom he regarded as his biological sister, was facing.

Han Xue Nai would no longer need to marry the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion if he had died. The paper of agreement that consented to their marriage would also be rendered useless at that time.

"Huh? Grand Elder, are all of you leaving now? Don't tell me the Rising Sky Ranking Battle has ended?" Xu Jing noticed Xu Cen was about to leave with the people from the Rising Sky Mansion the moment he appeared. He instantly thought the Rising Sky Ranking Battle had ended, causing him to panic.

The fact was he did not rest at all as he rushed to make to his way here. He was late because he had made a breakthrough to the stage he had been dreaming of for a long time just a few days ago.

Although Xu Cen was unhappy with Xu Jing's appearance, he did not dare to show it and could only answer truthfully, "No, it hasn't ended."

"It hasn't ended?" When Xu Jing learned the Rising Sky Ranking Battle had not ended, colors returned to his face as he asked coldly, "If the Rising Sky Ranking Battle has not ended, what are you trying to do, Grand Elder?"

He could see Xu Cen was about to bring his men and leave.

Xu Cen did not know how to answer him and was mulling over how to explain the situation when an elder of Rising Sky Mansion told Xu Jing about what had transpired through Voice Transmission.

Xu Jing instantly felt his heart jolted. Three men from the Rising Sky Mansion had already died in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle? Moreover, one of them was Xu Can, Xu Cen's grandson?

Xu Jing did not give much thought to the other two people, but Xu Can was a disciple of Rising Sky Mansion whose talent was not inferior to his. Moreover, he was powerful enough to pressure Xu Jing as well.

Besides, if he did not cultivate the Devouring Dark Devil Technique, he was not confident he could defeat Xu Can in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle.

Someone whom he had regarded as a powerful rival had died in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. Moreover, he was killed by a young man who was not even forty years old.

How could he not feel baffled over this?

Although he felt baffled, it was soon overwhelmed by the rage that was rising in his heart.

When he learned about what Xu Cen had done after Xu Can died, Xu Jing's gaze turned even colder when he looked at Xu Cen.

Xu Cen felt as though he was being targeted by a poisonous snake when Xu Cen looked at him. At this moment, he also realized Xu Jing must have found out about what had happened earlier.

"Grand Elder, did you think I'm not going to show up?" Xu Jing asked coldly as he stared at Xu Cen.

"Young Mansion Master, today is the last day to make it on to the Rising Sky Ranking, but you didn't appear after so long. I thought..." Xu Cen did not dare to be harsh with his words since he was in the wrong.

However, before he could finish speaking, Xu Jing interrupted him. "That I won't come? Grand Elder, I think it's better for you to apologize to Li Feng. Otherwise, if I'm disqualified from the Rising Sky Ranking Battle, you should know what consequences are waiting for you!" Xu Jing's voice was cold, and it contained a hint of threat.

Now that it had come to this, Xu Cen knew he had no other choice. Although he was unwilling to apologize to his grandson's murderer, he still had to do it!

As the saying went, 'Man cannot win against the circumstances.' If he continued to refuse at this point, it would mean he was intentionally sabotaging Xu Jing's chance of participating in the Rising Sky Mansion Battle. He would be considered a sinner in the Rising Sky Mansion if he had done that!

Earlier, he had dared to act arrogantly and wanted to bring the men away because Xu Jing had not arrived. Now that Xu Jing had arrived, let alone the people from the Rising Sky Mansion might not be willing to leave with him, even if they were willing, he still did not dare to bring them away.

Xu Cen took a deep breath before he looked at Duan Ling Tian and apologized with a cold look in his eyes.

Faced with Xu Cen's apology, Duan Ling Tian remained calm. Naturally, he knew Xu Cen only apologized because he had no other choice.

'If Xu Jing didn't come, he would've brought his men away... If he had left first, Xu Jing wouldn't have been able to participate in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle even if he arrives later. I would've lost a good opportunity to kill him. It's a good thing Xu Jing made it in time.' Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief when he thought of this.

His objective this time was to kill Xu Jing, he was not bothered about the others.

The people in the surrounding began to whisper when they saw Xu Cen apologizing.

"Don't tell me this Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion really thinks he's the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion? To think he was unwilling to set his pride aside and let the disciples of Rising Sky Mansion be disqualified from the Rising Sky Ranking Battle."

"He must have made the decision after he had taken into consideration the three people from the Rising Sky Mansion who had died and the Young Mansion Master didn't seem like he was going to show up."

"I agree. Just look. As soon as Xu Jing arrives, he apologized immediately and obediently."

The spectators whispered among themselves. Their discussion revolved only around Xu Cen, and it made his expression turn grave.

If it was possible, he really wanted to kill all these people who were gossiping!

In the end, Xu Jing's timely appearance and Xu Cen's apology put the Rising Sky Ranking Battle back on track.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian noticed Xu Jing would look at him from time to time. There was a hint of surprise in his gaze, but it mostly contained a terrifying coldness.

Although Xu Jing did not care about Xu Can's death, under such circumstances, as the Young Mansion Master, he still had to put on a show of being hostile to Duan Ling Tian since he killed a disciple of the Rising Sky Mansion. If he managed to kill Duan Ling Tian, his prestige in the Rising Sky Mansion would definitely rise. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was just a stepping stone to him.

After Xu Jing made his appearance, he did not rush to issue a challenge.

Soon after, the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi took turns to enter the ring, and the opponents they had chosen sensibly admitted defeat. Both of them became Ring Masters victoriously without staining their swords.

After the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi became Ring Masters, most people shifted their attention to Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

"It should be the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion's turn to enter the ring, right?"

"How arrogant! To think he actually waited for the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi to make their moves first!"

“I think he’s worried the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi would challenge him if he became Ring Master first. At that time, it’d be embarrassing for him if he’s defeated.”

“Based on his strength, it’s no surprise if he loses to the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi, right? Even if he manages to avoid both of them now, he still wouldn’t be able to avoid them tomorrow when the Rising Sky Ranking Battle officially begins.”

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Many people whispered among themselves. Most of them were saying Xu Jing was afraid of the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi.

When the hunchback young man standing behind Xu Jing heard their words, he sneered.

His Young Mansion Master’s current strength was unlike before!

Xu Jing, on the other hand, seemed as though he did not hear the crowd’s words.

‘Huh?’ Duan Ling Tian’s heart jolted when he saw the young man with a hunchback sneering. “Even Xu Jing’s lackey has so much confidence in him? Don’t tell me Xu Jing has a fortuitous encounter during this one year?’

It was only natural for Duan Ling Tian to think this way. After all, Xu Jing was merely an Early Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator a year ago.

Even if the Rising Sky Mansion nurtured him without any reservation in this one year and gave him the best cultivation resources, he would only break through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage at the most.

If he had just broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage, it would be impossible for him to defeat the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi.

Although the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi had not broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage, with their strength, not many people at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage were their opponents.

Under the watchful gaze of the others, Xu Jing finally stepped out.

His gaze instantly landed on Duan Ling Tian, causing Duan Ling Tian’s heart to jolt. “He’s going to pick me?”

It would be in line with his wish if Xu Jing picked him. He would be able to solve the problem for Xue Nai very quickly if this was the case.

“Xu Jing wants to challenge Li Feng?” At this moment, the crowd also noticed Xu Jing’s gaze.

“Does he think Li Feng is weak? With the strength Li Feng displayed earlier, he’s definitely on par with Zhong Gu,” many people chimed in.

“Hurmph! He definitely more than ‘on par’ with Zhong Gu! Even the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi might not have been able to survive the explosion and shockwave earlier. And yet, Li Feng manages to survive

it. This means his strength might even be on par with the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi," somebody added.

The bottom line was, the fact the Duan Ling Tian had survived the explosion earlier had greatly shocked everyone. At the same time, it gave the others a deeper understanding of his strength.

Nobody looked down on him anymore just because he was not forty years old yet.

Unfortunately, under the watchful eyes of the others, Xu Jing's gaze merely rested on Duan Ling Tian for a few moments before it shifted to the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi again.

"He wants to challenge the Flowery Monk or Jing Xu Zi?" Most people were stunned.

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, felt a little disappointed.

"Hurmph! He just looked at Li Feng earlier, but he didn't challenge him. Although he's looking at the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi, it doesn't mean he's going to challenge them," someone said in disdain.

"I agree. I think he's just looking around. I don't think he's going to choose the Flowery Monk or Jing Xu Zi as his opponent," someone agreed.

As it turned out, they had guessed correctly. Xu Jing's gaze quickly left the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi again.

"It's just as I've expected!"

"Look, Xu Jing must be afraid to challenge the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi!"

Many people had a knowing expression on their faces. Their eyes were filled with mockery as they looked at Xu Jing.

### **Chapter 1688: Killing Zhong Gu In An Instant**

Upon hearing the insults from the surrounding, the expressions of the group of people from Rising Sky Mansion, apart from Xu Cen, turned grave.

Xu Cen sneered as he watched Xu Jing's silhouette.

In his opinion, since Xu Jing was such a coward, it would have been better if he did not participate in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. At the very least, he would not have embarrassed the Rising Sky Mansion.

Naturally, he only thought about it. He did not dare to voice his thoughts out.

Xu Jing and the hunchback young man behind him were the only from the Rising Sky Mansion with a normal expression on their faces.

After Xu Jing's gaze left the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi, it swept past Yin Xu Zi, Yu Xu Zi, the Wine-Meat Monk, and the others before it locked on an indifferent figure dressed in plain clothing and carrying a sword wrapped in a cloth. However, his eyes shone brightly like the stars in the night sky.

"Zhong Gu!" Xu Jing finally said as he decided on his opponent.

Zhong Gu was one of the two most powerful sectless cultivators participating in the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. Previously, the crowd had thought Zhong Gu was the strongest sectless cultivator below fifty years old in the Rising Sky Mansion's district. However, due to Li Feng, Duan Ling Tian's fake persona, they no longer thought so.

Li Feng had killed Xu Can. Moreover, he even survived the terrifying explosion. This proved his strength was in no way inferior to Zhong Gu's strength.

Sometimes, an unknown sectless cultivator only needed one opportunity to become famous.

'Making a name for oneself through one battle' was a saying that fit Li Feng, Duan Ling Tian's fake persona, well.

The crowd was dumbfounded when they saw Xu Jing choose Zhong Gu as his opponent before they regained their senses one by one.

"In the Rising Sky Mansion's district, rumor has it that Xu Jing, the Young Master of Rising Sky Mansion, and Zhong Gu are mortal enemies. It seems like it's really the case."

"That's right! When both of them were at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage, they've already fought once before. At that time, Zhong Gu won the battle. However, ever since Xu Jing has broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage, Zhong Gu's no longer a match for him."

"A year ago, Xu Jing was at the Early Refined Saint Stage. Although he must have received great cultivation resources from the Rising Sky Mansion, he must have only broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage. Faced with Zhong Gu who has also broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage, isn't he afraid of losing to Zhong Gu just like before when they were both at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage?"

"In our Rising Sky Mansion's district, almost everybody feels that Xu Jing is no match to Zhong Gu when they both have the same cultivation base... Don't tell me Xu Jing's trying to change everyone's opinion today?"

"Hurmph! It's good to be confident. However, too much confidence is just being arrogant."

When the crowd returned to their senses, they whispered among themselves as their words spread through the surrounding of the Nimble Chess Set.

Regardless, Xu Jing who had risen up to the sky and appeared on the chess piece beneath Zhong Gu's feet, standing opposite him, stole the limelight.

Would Xu Jing, the Young Master of Rising Sky Mansion, be able to change everyone's opinion today?

Everyone was looking forward to seeing this.

Even Duan Ling Tian looked forward to seeing the duel between Zhong Gu and Xu Jing.

He had taken quite a liking to Zhong Gu. As for Xu Jing, he was someone Duan Ling Tian had to kill.

If it were up to him, naturally, he would want Zhong Gu to defeat and kill Xu Jing.

“Zhong Gu, you killed a disciple from my Rising Sky Mansion, I’ll avenge him on his behalf,” Xu Jing said coldly as he stood opposite Xu Jing.

“Stop talking nonsense and just start the fight!” Zhong Gu said nonchalantly.

If Zhong Gu had not broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage yet, he might feel a hint of dread at having to face the current Xu Jing who had broken through to the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage. Since Zhong Gu had broken through as well, he did not fear Xu Jing.

It was just like rumors had said. He had no need to fear Xu Jing if their cultivation base was the same.

Xu Jing could be considered as his old rival. Naturally, he knew how powerful Xu Jing was. Unfortunately, it did not cross Zhong Gu’s mind, even in his wildest dream, that the current Xu Jing was completely different from the previous Xu Jing.

This was due to him cultivating the Devouring Dark Devil Technique.

In the past year, although Xu Jing would go back to the Rising Sky Mansion to partake in the great cultivation resources there, he had spent most of his time outside. Under the excuse of ‘training and toughening himself up’, he was actually devouring the vital blood and essence of young women.

In the past year, the number of virgin girls who had been devoured by him until they turned into dry corpses numbered close to three digits. It was precisely because of this his cultivation base had risen tremendously. Not too long ago, he had broken through to the peak of the Refined Saint Stage.

What does it mean to be at the peak of the Refined Saint Stage? It meant that he was just one step away from entering the Eminent Saint Stage!

Under the watchful gaze of the others, as soon as Zhong Gu’s words left his mouth, nobody saw Xu Jing making any move. However, the area within a 100-meter radius around him seemed to be storming.

Many people, including Duan Ling Tian, did not even realize what was happening. All they could see was a tornado twisting at lightning speed had appeared near Xu Jing. In just a moment, it charged toward Zhong Gu like a bat out of hell.

Most people thought Zhong Gu would be able to block the attack when they saw him raise his hands to block the incoming tornado.

Who would have thought the moment Zhong Gu touched the tornado, it would suddenly give the tornado a boost. The speed increased so much that it caused the sky to quake for a moment. At this moment, the tornado seemed to have transformed into a terrifying beast that had swallowed Zhong Gu up.

Pop!

As a loud sound reverberated in the sky, under the watchful eyes of the others, the tornado’s speed began to decrease. Zhong Gu who was still alive and kicking earlier had exploded. All that remained in the sky was a mist of blood.

He was dead!



All this happened in just a split second. It did not even take the span of a breath.

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was dumbfounded.

High in the sky, Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang, who were the moderators, exchanged a look. They could see the shock in each other's eyes.

They had heard about the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion and knew his talent could not be considered as great. Even with the great cultivation resources from the Rising Sky Mansion, he should only be at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage at most.

However, they could see his strength was beyond that of an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage powerhouse based on the strength he had just displayed.

At the moment the tornado twisted faster as though it had been boosted, the aura they had sensed through their Divine Consciousness did not seem like it belonged to an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator. In fact, it felt more like the aura of a Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

"Mastery Refined Saint Stage!" At this instant, Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang were almost certain Xu Jing was already a Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

Naturally, they did not probe Xu Jing's cultivation base using their Divine Consciousness since it was considered rude. If they did, they would have realized their mistake immediately.

Since Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang were prejudiced by their first impression of him, it was only natural they were greatly shocked by his breakthrough to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage.

"Mastery Refined Saint Stage? How's that possible?" Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang were the strongest people present on the scene. After that, it was followed by Xu Cen, the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion. At this moment, Xu Cen's Divine Consciousness had also sensed the aura that Xu Jing released earlier. It was something only a Martial Cultivator at the Mastery Refined Saint Stage or above had.

He was stupefied. In his opinion, this was impossible!

As the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion, he knew clearly how powerful Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, was.

He knew very well that even if Xu Jing was given great cultivation resources by the Rising Sky Mansion, it would still be impossible for him to break through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage in such a short period of time. In fact, he was just an Early Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator a year ago.

The fact that he was able to rise from the Early Refined Saint Stage to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage in one year was impossible!

'He must have a fortuitous encounter during this one year when he was out.' Xu Cen was almost certain of this.

However, it did not cross his mind that Xu Jing's 'fortuitous encounter' was him cultivating the Devouring Dark Devil Technique.

The original owner of the Devouring Dark Devil Technique was none other than the chief culprit who caused the downfall of the Rising Sky Mansion from a quasi third-rate force to a fourth-rate force.

When Xu Cen returned to his senses, Duan Ling Tian also returned to his senses. His expression was extremely grave at this moment. 'Xu Jing's cultivation base seems to have broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage? How's this possible?' Even Duan Ling Tian was shocked by Xu Jing's cultivation base.

'Could the cultivation resources in the Rising Sky Mansion be this amazing?' This was the first thought that popped up in Duan Ling Tian's mind when he discovered Xu Jing had most likely broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage. After all, unlike Xu Cen who understood the cultivation resources the Rising Sky Mansion could provide, he knew nothing about it at all.

'I can't believe he has actually broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage... In this case, it'll be difficult for me to kill him.' Duan Ling Tian's originally calm expression began to turn grave.

With his current strength, he knew that he could defeat most of the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial and Dao Cultivators. As for Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial and Dao Cultivators, he knew he could only defeat those who were slightly weaker and had an unstable foundation. If he unleashed all his techniques, he might stand a chance in defeating those who were slightly more powerful. However, he could only come to a draw with those who were more powerful. In fact, there was a chance he might even lose.

As for those eminent powerhouses at the Mastery Refined Saint Stage, he did not have any confidence at all.

He was confident about this because when Xu Cen attacked him earlier, at the instant when he took out the Jasper Celestial Sword during the critical moment, he had comprehended a little of the second stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, Sovereign Heart Sword.

### **Chapter 1689: A Simultaneous Challenge**

Meanwhile, most people present on the scene had also returned to their senses. Many of them began to pinch their thighs. When they felt the pain on their thighs only were they convinced what they witnessed was not a hallucination.

Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, had killed Zhong Gu in just a blow!

"This Xu Jing... D-Don't tell me he's already a Mastery Refined Saint Stage powerhouse?" Although most of the spectators did not possess the perceptiveness of Ren Zhong, Liu Hong Guang, and Xu Cen, they could still vaguely guess this when they recalled the scene they witnessed. They were shocked.

"How's this possible?" Apart from feeling baffled, they felt it was impossible.

A person who was at the Early Refined Saint Stage a year ago had actually broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage? They wondered how Xu Jing had cultivated in this past year.

However, many of the sectless cultivators' eyes were red when they looked at Xu Jing.

Zhong Gu, a strong powerhouse among the middle-aged sectless cultivators, had an extraordinary position in the eyes of the sectless cultivators. Moreover, many of the sectless cultivators also placed their hopes on him.

In the Rising Sky Mansion's district, although sectless cultivators could be considered to be in a state of disunity, some sectless powerhouses would still step out to unite the sectless cultivators to solve problems that had arisen.

However, recently, there was no outstanding sectless cultivator in the Rising Sky Mansion's district at all. Due to this reason, many sectless cultivators pinned their hopes on Zhong Gu. They felt he could be someone who could unite the sectless cultivators in the future.

However, Zhong Gu had died. His death had shattered their dream.

Many sectless cultivators looked at Duan Ling Tian in unison and sighed. Put aside the fact that they did not know Li Feng at all, and it was obvious he did not like being in the spotlight, based on his interaction with Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang, it was obvious he was interested in joining one of the powerful forces.

Due to this reason, they did not think Li Feng would be able to replace Zhong Gu.

When they thought of this, the sectless cultivators looked at Xu Jing with piercing gazes. It was as though they wanted to cut him into a thousand pieces.

No matter what, Zhong Gu had been defeated by Xu Jing. He had finally managed to clear his name and change the masses' opinion.

Not only was he not inferior to Zhong Gu, it only took him one blow to kill Zhong Gu.

If there were people who found this the hardest to believe when they saw how Xu Jing killed Zhong Gu, it was none other than the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi.

They were from the same generation in the Rising Sky Mansion's district, as the leading people, both the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi had a clear understanding of who was talented among their peers, and this included Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

However, the strength Xu Jing displayed today gave them a strange vibe.

Gasp! Gasp!

When they returned to their senses, they gasped in unison. "Mastery Refined Saint Stage... Xu Jing has already broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage?"

The fact was both of them had only just made a breakthrough to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage not too long ago. However, Xu Jing who was behind them all this while had finally caught up to them.

How could they not feel dumbfounded?

After killing Zhong Gu, Xu Jing had also replaced him as the new Ring Master.

At this moment, a Rising Sky Mansion's disciple stepped out. It was a Mastery Pristine Saint Stage Martial Cultivator who had long been eliminated.

When the crowd saw him coming out, none of them laughed. Their expressions turned grave instead.

They felt a sense of déjà vu. It was similar to how Xu Gang had stepped out earlier.

Many people instantly shifted their attention to Xu Jing.

"Don't tell me this Xu Jing still wants to kill somebody?"

"Is he addicted to killing now?"

Unlike before, after Xu Jing had demonstrated strength that seemed as though it was at the Mastery Refined Saint Stage, those people who looked down on him earlier no longer dared to do so.

What a joke!

It was fine if they were unaware of his strength. However, his strength had been proven after Xu Jing killed Zhong Gu in just a move. In fact, his strength might not be inferior to the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi.

At this moment, nobody thought Xu Jing had taken such a long time to appear because he was afraid of the Flowery Monk or Jing Xu Zi.

Just like the crowd had expected, the disciple from Rising Sky Mansion chose to challenge Xu Jing. Also as expected, Xu Jing admitted defeat and was eliminated.

At this moment, he was no longer a Ring Master, and he could freely challenge any Ring Master as he pleased.

Xu Jing's gaze once again landed on Duan Ling Tian, causing Duan Ling Tian's expression to turn grave.

Currently, although his comprehension of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, Sovereign Heart Sword, had deepened and was getting close to the second stage, the Sword Shadowed Heart, it would still be difficult for him to fight a Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator even if he had a chance of winning.

Based on the strength Xu Jing displayed earlier, Duan Ling Tian could tell it was not as simple as breaking through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage. Although he did not fear Xu Jing, he was not completely confident he would be able to win.

"He wants to challenge Li Feng?" Many people were shocked when they saw Xu Jing eyeing Li Feng. "Is he trying to kill all sectless cultivators?"

Earlier, the crowd might have felt Xu Jing could not defeat Li Feng. However, their opinion had changed now. They thought if Xu Jing decided to attack Li Feng now, Li Feng would definitely die.

The expressions of the sectless cultivators on the scene turned grave immediately.

Xu Cen's eyes gleamed when he saw Xu Jing looking at Duan Ling Tian. He quickly transmitted his voice to Xu Jing. "Young Mansion Master, this Li Feng is even more ruthless than Zhong Gu! He actually killed two talented Martial Cultivators from our Rising Sky Mansion!"

Although his words sounded noble and righteous, how could Xu Jing not know Xue Cen was trying to use him to seek revenge for Xu Can?

Originally, he had indeed planned on challenging Duan Ling Tian. However, the moment he heard Xu Cen's Voice Transmission, he immediately dismissed the idea for the time being.

What a joke!

Put aside the fact that he was the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, even if he was not, as the successor of the Devouring Dark Devil Technique, his achievements in the future was limitless. How could he possibly let the Grand Elder order him around?

Due to this reason, not only did Xu Jing ignore Xu Cen, but he even looked away from Duan Ling Tian.

Many sectless cultivators instantly sighed in relief.

Xu Cen's expression was grave. He did not think that Xu Jing would ignore him. Moreover, he acted as though he did not have the intention of challenging Li Feng. However, there was nothing he could do no matter how angry he was.

Although he was the Grand Elder of Rising Sky Mansion, Xu Jing was the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion.

In the Rising Sky Mansion, as the son of the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, Xu Jing's position was, naturally, higher than his.

Soon after, Xu Jing's eyes landed on the Flowery Monk. At the same time, his body flashed, and in just a blink of an eye, he appeared on the Flowery Monk's chess piece, standing opposite him.

"Flowery Monk, I was weaker than you previously. Today, I want to prove that I, Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, am the strongest powerhouse among the middle-aged generation in the Rising Sky Mansion's district!"

Xu Jing's words were filled with vigor and confidence.

Faced with the confident Xu Jing, the Flowery Monk merely smiled indifferently. "Young Mansion Master Xu, it's quite shocking that you've broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage... However, if you think you'll be able to defeat me just because you've made a breakthrough, you're greatly mistaken!"

The moment his words left his mouth, the kasaya on the Flowery Monk's body fluttered as his True Origin surged out of his body.

At this moment, the air surrounding the Flowery Monk rippled.

Ren Zhong, Liu Hong Guang, and Xu Cen's Divine Consciousness instantly sensed the Flowery Monk's aura. They widened their eyes in unison as they exclaimed with a stunned expression on their faces, "Mastery Refined Saint Stage!"

Although their voices were not loud, a lot of people present on the scene had good hearing so they, naturally, heard their words.

The crowd immediately looked at the Flowery Monk in astonishment. "T-This Flowery Monk has also broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage?"

"As expected from one of the two most outstanding powerhouses in the middle-aged generation in our Rising Sky Mansion's district. The Flowery Monk's innate talent and strength are really amazing!"

"The Flowery Monk has already made a breakthrough, I wonder if Jing Xu Zi has also made a breakthrough?"

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Compared to Xu Jing, the Flowery Monk's breakthrough only shocked the crowd for a moment. They managed to calm down after a while.

In their opinion, the Flowery Monk had always been outstanding, and he was already an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator since a while ago. It was not that surprising when they learned he had already broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage.

However, they were curious if Jing Xu Zi had also broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage as well.

Xu Jing rose up into the air as he looked at the young Taoist priest standing on another chess piece nearby before he asked loudly, "If I'm not mistaken, Jing Xu Zi, you must have made a breakthrough as well, right?"

From the beginning to the end, Xu Jing did not seem surprised by the Flowery Monk's cultivation base. Moreover, he was even in the mood to enquire Jing Xu Zi's cultivation base.

Faced with Xu Jing's question, Jing Xu Zi nodded his head even though he remained silent.

The crowd instantly broke into an uproar.

Even Jing Xu Zi had broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage?

In this case, this meant the Rising Sky Ranking Battle this time had had three powerhouses at the Mastery Refined Saint Stage?

"Good! Very good!" Xu Jing seemed pleased with Jing Xu Zi's reply.

Then, he lifted his head to look at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang. "Vice Mansion Master Ren, Elder Liu, I'd like to simultaneously challenge the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi!"

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“Vice Mansion Master Ren, Elder Liu, I’d like to simultaneously challenge the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi!” Although Xu Jing’s voice was not loud, everyone present on the Nimble Chess Set heard his words.

The entire place fell silent immediately.

When the people present on the scene regained their senses, they looked at each other in shock. Some of them even stuck a finger into their ears to clear it, thinking they had heard wrongly.

Dear Lord!

What did they just hear?

Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, said he wanted to challenge the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time? Xu Jing’s words were a great shock to everyone present on the scene.

However, his words were undoubtedly a great humiliation to the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi. Both their expressions turned grave immediately. At this moment, no matter how good their temper was, they could no longer suppress it. Xu Jing had gone too far in insulting them!

Upon hearing Xu Jing’s words, even Duan Ling Tian was taken by surprise. “Xu Jing wants to challenge two Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivators at the same time?”

“Ridiculous!”

“How arrogant!”

“This Xu Jing actually wants to challenge the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time? Does he think they’re weak or something?”

“Hurmph! Looks like he has become quite confident after breaking through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage... However, as a Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator, he actually said that he wants to challenge a Mastery Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator and Dao Cultivator at the same time. Isn’t he just seeking death?”

“Seeking death? The Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi won’t dare to kill him... Although they can run away, their sect can’t. As the saying goes, ‘The monk may run away, but the temple remains.’ Even if they run away, the Rising Sky Mansion won’t let the Brahma Temple and Pure Yang Shrine go.”

The people on the scene discussed among themselves. They felt that Xu Jing had overestimated himself. To think he wanted to challenge both the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time!

Even Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang did not expect Xu Jing to be so arrogant.

Due to this reason, they were rendered speechless for a moment.

“Young Mansion Master, what’re you trying to do? Whether it’s the Flowery Monk or Jing Xu Zi, both of them are powerful opponents. I know your confidence is greatly boosted after you’ve broken through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage, but both of them are Mastery Refined Saint Stage powerhouses as well! You’ll not be a match for both of them at once!” Xu Cen said through Voice Transmission as a frown appeared on his face.

After he finished speaking, he did not wait for Xu Jing to reply as he looked at Ren Zhong and Liu Hong Guang with a forced smile on his face. "Vice Mansion Master Ren, Elder Liu, our Young Mansion Master is joking!"

Joking?

The crowd looked at Xu Jing skeptically when they heard Xu Cen's words.

This joke was not funny at all.

However, Xu Jing did not seem to understand Xu Cen's intention. The moment Xu Cen's words left his mouth, he immediately chimed in, "Grand Elder, I'm not joking!" His tone was filled with disdain.

Xu Cen's face turned red when he heard this. He had put aside his pride to help Xu Jing, but that Xu Jing was not only ungrateful, but he even snubbed Xu Cen despite his good intention.

Xu Cen was so infuriated he only waved his sleeve, no longer planning to interfere in the matter.

"Young Mansion Master Xu, you really want to challenge the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time?" Ren Zhong asked solemnly as he looked at Xu Jing.

"Vice Mansion Master Ren, don't tell me you think I'm joking?" Xu Jing frowned.

"Young Mansion Master Xu, you must think twice... Whether it's the Flowery Monk or Jing Xu Zi, both of them are at the Mastery Refined Saint Stage like you. You won't gain any upper hand fighting against two of them at the same time!" Liu Hong Guang chimed in as well.

"Thank you for your reminder, Elder Liu. However, I've already made up my mind," Xu Jing replied indifferently.

"By right, this matter doesn't violate the Rising Sky Ranking Battle's rules, but if you want to fight both of them at once, they must consent to it. If they're unwilling, there's nothing Elder Liu and I can do. We can't possibly force them to fight with you. After all, this is undoubtedly a humiliation to them," Ren Zhong told Xu Jing awkwardly.

He could understand the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi's feelings. If he was in their position, he would be furious as well.

Someone they had defeated in the past wanted to take both of them on at the same time! This was a complete humiliation!

After Ren Zhong's speech, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, shifted their eyes to the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi.

At this moment, both the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi had an extremely grave expression on their faces. However, they knew they had to give an answer now.

They were about to reject this when Xu Jing beat them to it and spoke first, "Flowery Monk, Jing Xu Zi, I know both of you are proud people, but if you don't accept my challenge today, I've no choice but to say everyone from the Brahma Temple and Pure Yang Shrine are trash!"



Trash!

One must admit that Xu Jing's words were indeed very provocative.

At the very least, the moment his words left his mouth, whether it was the people from the Brahma Temple or the Pure Yang Shrine, all of their expressions turned grave immediately.

"Arrogant! That's too arrogant!"

"Senior Brother Flower, since he's so arrogant, you might as well join forces with Senior Brother Jing Xu Zi and kill him!"

"That's right, Senior Brother Flower! He has stepped on our heads, so you don't have to care about anything else! Just join forces with Senior Brother Jing Xu Zi and teach him an unforgettable lesson!"

"Flowery Monk, agree to his request!"

Among the Brahma Temple's people, apart from the Abbot and the high-ranking officials whose expressions were absolutely grave, all the disciples took turns to persuade the Flowery Monk. They wanted him to agree to Xu Jing's challenge and join forces with Jing Xu Zi.

It was the same on the Pure Yang Shrine's side as well.

Other than the high-ranking officials and the Shrine Master of Pure Yang Shrine who remained silent, the other disciples were also persuading Jing Xu Zi one after another.

Xu Jing's words bewildered a lot of people at the scene because his words had provoked the two fifth-rate forces, the Brahma Temple and Pure Yang Shrine!

Naturally, it was not a big issue for someone of Xu Jing's background to provoke these two forces!

Since Xu Jing had already said such words, if the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi still refused him, they would be admitting that the people from Brahma Temple and Pure Yang Shrine were trash. This was undoubtedly what Xu Jing wanted.

"I agree!"

"I agree as well!"

Under such circumstances, the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi had no choice but to accept the challenge. However, their expressions were gloomy when they agreed to it. Both pair of eyes that were looking at Xu Jing gleamed coldly.

Both of them had made up their minds to teach him an unforgettable lesson even if they could not kill him! They could still endure it if Xu Jing had only provoked them. However, they could not dismiss it so easily when he provoked their respective sects.

As a sect disciple, particularly those outstanding disciples who represented their sects, provoking their sects was akin to exhuming their ancestors' graves.

The crowd was not surprised by the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi's decision. Under such circumstances, although Xu Jing's challenge was a humiliation, both of them had no choice but to agree to it. Otherwise, it would be the same as admitting the people in their sects were trash!

"This Xu Jing has really gone crazy!"

"Does he really think he's invincible after breaking through to the Mastery Refined Saint Stage? Challenging two people on his own. Moreover, these two people are at the Mastery Refined Saint Stage as well!"

"I want to see if he'll still be this arrogant when he's defeated by the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi!"

"At that time, I think he'd be so embarrassed he'd wished for the ground to swallow him up."

"I'm really looking forward to seeing him being defeated by the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi. With both of them joining forces, I don't think it'll take them more than ten moves to defeat him!"

When the crowd heard the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi had accepted Xu Jing's challenge, they began to whisper among themselves again.

"It's unfortunate the force behind Xu Jing is the Rising Sky Mansion. Otherwise, the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi would definitely kill him!"

"That's right! With the Rising Sky Mansion's presence, even if the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi defeat him, they won't kill him!"

"Hurmph! I think he must have taken this into consideration. Otherwise, he wouldn't have dared to issue a challenge to the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time."

Many people felt it was unfair. They thought Xu Jing would not have dared to make such a request if he did not have the Rising Sky Mansion backing him.

"Could it be Xu Jing is actually confident he can defeat the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time?" Unlike the others, judging by the confidence and arrogance in Xu Jing's eyes, Duan Ling Tian was confused. He did not have an answer to this.

After being reincarnated twice, his judgment was pretty accurate. Currently, Xu Jing was emanating the air of a victor.

'If he's really strong enough to defeat both the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time, then his strength must be at the peak of the Mastery Refined Saint Stage! If he really has that kind of strength, the best case scenario for me is to come to draw with him. It's impossible for me to kill him now!' Duan Ling Tian's heart sank the moment he thought of this.

There was only one reason he came to the Rising Sky Ranking Battle in the Rising Sky Mansion's district. It was to kill Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, so he could help Han Xue Nai dissolve her marriage. However, it seemed as though killing Xu Jing would not be a simple task.

'I hope he's just being arrogant and overestimating himself.' Now that it had come to this, Duan Ling Tian could only hope for the best. However, he felt the chances of him getting what he hoped for was quite slim.

Due to this reason, his heart was shrouded by dark clouds, pressuring him.

Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistling reverberated in the air as Jing Xu Zi left the chess piece he was on and appeared on the one the Flowery Monk was standing on. They stood side by side with Xu Jing standing directly opposite them.

Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, had actually challenged the Flower Monk and Jing Xu Zi at the same time. Previously, any one of the two could easily crush him. However, he was persistent in challenging both of them at the same time today.

Not many people thought Xu Jing had a chance in this fight. Most of them felt the Flowery Monk and Jing Xu Zi's chances were higher since both of their strength was widely acknowledged by everyone.