

SOVEREIGN 1791

Chapter 1791: Divine Ability, Otherworldly Celestial!

The white-clad man's strike was so powerful and fast that Duan Ling Tian was unable to avoid it.

'I'll just have to endure it!' Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and immediately summoned his Sun True Origin to form the 10,000 Swords Territory as fast as he could.

However, the sword the white-clad man wielded was too fast. Before Duan Ling Tian's 10,000 Swords Territory was formed, it had already shattered the Territory as though it was breaking off a dead branch.

The 10,000 Swords Territory shattered as the Sun True Origin was in chaos, causing serious internal injuries to Duan Ling Tian.

Barf!

Duan Ling Tian threw up a mouthful of blood that splattered everywhere. However, he had no time to care about his injuries.

The white-clad young man was charging toward him with his sword like a sword deity who had descended from heaven, intending to kill him.

At that instant when the 10,000 Swords Territory was shattered, the Sun True Origin in his body immediately surged through the 99 Saint Veins in his body and gathered on his palm. It surged out and transformed into a brilliant and golden three-foot-long blade.

It looked like the dazzling sun from afar.

Xiu!

The white-clad young man's eyes were cold, and his face was blank. The sword in his hand was like the Grim Reaper's scythe to Duan Ling Tian, it could take his life at any time. Although he would not really die if he was killed by the white-clad young man, Duan Ling Tian had no plans of giving up.

This was the final trial of the Divine Ability Relic. He would be able to obtain a high-grade Divine Ability as long as he managed to pass this trial.

Based on the white-clad young man's attack, the Divine Ability was obviously a sword-type Divine Ability!

It was exactly the type of Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian wanted. Previously, Duan Ling Tian felt a little gloomy since he did not think he would have a chance of encountering such a Divine Ability.

However, now that he was presented with this chance, Duan Ling Tian was unwilling to let it go, 'I'll do my best to kill him and obtain the Divine Ability... If I still can't defeat him after trying my best, then I'll have no regrets.'

Duan Ling Tian grew increasingly determined. With that determination, Duan Ling Tian charged out with the three-foot-long blade in his hand. It swept out as fast as a bolt of lightning as he faced the white-clad young man directly.

Xiu!

The power contained in the white-clad young man's strike was as powerful as the strength of an Intermediate Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse. Although Duan Ling Tian had used all his might, his strike was still significantly weaker than the white-clad young man's strike.

Xiu! Xiu!

The golden dazzling three-foot-long blade finally clashed with the three-foot-long blade in the white-clad young man's hand. Power surged into the swords from both directions. It made the ground trembled as though they would crack.

"So powerful!" Duan Ling Tian discovered how terrifying the white-clad young man's strike was when their swords clashed. The strength of the white-clad young man's sword completely surpassed the strength of his sword. The power of his opponent seemed to surge into his hands and into his body.

The power was strong and destructive. It began to wreak havoc in Duan Ling Tian's body as soon as it entered it, severely injuring his internal organs.

It was difficult for Duan Ling Tian to resist the foreign power in his body even as he hurriedly mobilized the remaining Sun True Origin in his body.

"No!" Duan Ling Tian's body trembled as his expression changed dramatically.

Wang Fei Xuan who stood in the distance, observing, could not intervene at all since the beginning. However, when she saw Duan Ling Tian had fallen into a disadvantageous position after crossing swords with the white-clad young man, her expression changed. It seemed as though she had transformed into a gust of wind as she charged directly toward the white-clad young man.

Wang Fei Xuan was an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator after all so her attack was not that weak.

Even someone as strong as the white-clad young man would have to use some of his strength to withstand the attack from Wang Fei Xuan. He condensed a sword ray and shot it toward Wang Fei Xuan.

Xiu!

Accompanied by the sound of sword whistling in the air, the sword ray pierced through Wang Fei Xuan's body. From the beginning until the end, Wang Fei Xuan did not even have a chance to react.

'It's too fast!' That was Wang Fei Xuan's only thought before her clone disappeared.

'Ling Tian, you can do it!' Wang Fei Xuan thought inwardly as her Divine Consciousness left her clone and returned to her actual body and was sent out by the Saint Martial Secret Zone.

While Wang Fei Xuan's clone was killed by the white-clad young man, Duan Ling Tian who was originally in a precarious situation managed to obtain some breathing space since the white-clad young man had suddenly withdrawn his power.

It was during that momentary respite that Duan Ling Tian suddenly recalled the profundity of the Sovereign Heart Sword's second stage.

'The sword moves as my heart beats, and the sword moves along with my heart's desire...' The power the white-clad young man sent into Duan Ling Tian was ultimately a sword-based Divine Ability that amplified one's strength. Ultimately, it was also the power of the sword.

Duan Ling Tian's Sovereign Heart Sword was the Supreme Sword Dao Cultivation Method. Although he had not cultivated it to the highest stage, it took him only a while to summon the power of the second stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword cultivation method to expel the power of the white-clad young man from his body.

It was exactly at this time Wang Fei Xuan's clone had completely disappeared.

"Die!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned cold. Before the white-clad young man could turn his attention completely back on Duan Ling Tian, the three-foot-long blade in his hand began to tremble violently.

At this time, the profundity of the Sovereign Heart Sword's second stage led the Sun True Origin and the white-clad young man's power that had been expelled from Duan Ling Tian body and gathered in the three-foot-long blade in his hands. The sword thrust forward at the white-clad young man like a wyrm dragon lunging out of its lair.

Xiu!

The strike was swift and the piercing aura was so cold it seemed to have lowered the temperature in the surrounding.

Duan Ling Tian's strike eventually pierced the white-clad young man's body. There was no bloody and gory scene to be seen. The white-clad young man's body vanished immediately.

"Finally passed it!" After Duan Ling Tian killed the white-clad young man, he sighed in relief. He still felt a lingering fear when he recalled the scene earlier.

'Luckily I managed to summon the second stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword Cultivation Method at that crucial moment and expel all his power from my body... However, I should also thank Wang Fei Xuan. If it weren't for her distracting him, I might not have been able to expel his power from my body even if I summon the Sovereign Heart Sword cultivation method,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Crack!

Suddenly, a cracking sound reverberated from above him. Duan Ling Tian looked up and saw a crack in the air with just a glance. Inside the crack was a huge stone sword.

The stone sword fell to the ground tip first and embedded itself into the ground.

“Huh? It’s not a stone tablet...” Based on Duan Ling Tian’s experience, all of the Divine Abilities he obtained, apart from the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was recorded in a stone tablet.

It was his first time seeing a stone sword in here.

However, after he extended his Divine Consciousness into the stone sword, he quickly realized the stone sword was actually similar to the stone tablets. They were all instruments that contained the Divine Abilities.

“It really is an offensive sword-type Divine Ability. It’s a high-grade Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial!”

Duan Ling Tian whose Divine Consciousness had merged with the stone sword quickly learned about Divine Ability the white-clad young man had cast earlier. “The Otherworldly Celestial. Indeed, it lives up to its name...”

Previously, when the white-clad young man charged toward him, he indeed appeared like a sword deity that had descended from Heaven. The sword of the Otherworldly Celestial was really fast!

Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian had cultivated the Supreme Sword Dao Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword, he merely took half a day to memorize all the information regarding the Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial. With just a thought, he could access all the information he had memorized to comprehend and cultivate it.

“This trip to the Saint Stage Secret Zone is quite fruitful.” In just a blink of an eye, the Divine Ability Relic disappeared completely, and Duan Ling Tian was returned to the entrance of the Divine Ability Relic.

“There’s still one more day left... I think I’ll spend this time meditating.” After counting the days, he knew the Saint Martial Secret Zone would send him out tomorrow. Hence, Duan Ling Tian sat down crossed-legged and waited for it to happen.

Wang Fei Xuan’s appearance outside the Saint Martial Secret Zone had also attracted a lot of attention.

It should be noted there were thirty people who entered the Saint Martial Secret Zone, and there were only five people left inside before Wang Fei Xuan came out. Now that Wang Fei Xuan was sent out, it meant there were four people left inside.

“Miss Fei Xuan.” When Liu Jian saw Wang Fei Xuan, he immediately went over to her with a guilty expression on his face. “I’m sorry I’m too weak and wasn’t more of a help.”

He and Wang Fei Xuan had discovered two Divine Ability Relics together. Wang Fei Xuan had passed the trial to obtain the first Divine Ability Relic, but she had offered the Divine Ability to him.

They were unable to pass through all the trials to obtain the second Divine Ability Relic. Moreover, he was killed there and eliminated.

“You don’t have to apologize. I offered the Divine Ability to you in order to help Ling Tian return the favor he owed... From now on, Ling Tian no longer owes your senior any favor. Do you understand?” Wang Fei Xuan said as she looked at him coldly.

“Yes.” Liu Jian nodded.

Previously, he was unaware Duan Ling Tian had wanted to work with him to return his senior a favor. When the relationship between Ling Tian and Li Feng was exposed, he found out Ling Tian wanted to help Li Feng to return the favor he owed his senior.

His 'senior' was the Second Elder of Raging Wave Mansion, Liu Hong Guang.

Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace, looked at Wang Fei Xuan with bright eyes as he asked, "Miss Wang, did you meet Ling Tian in there?"

Most people were curious about how Ling Tian was faring inside the Saint Martial Secret Zone. This was because Duan Ling Tian had encountered the number one Divine Ability Relic in the Saint Martial Secret Zone and did not get disqualified.

There must be something strange! All of them wanted to know how Duan Ling Tian managed to escape.

"Yes."

Wang Fei Xuan did not know what Zhu Lu Qi would ask next, but she replied, "Yes, I've been with him for the last twenty days..."

Once Wang Fei Xuan finished speaking, the eyes of everyone present shifted to her in unison as they broke out in a discussion.

Chapter 1792: Met But Wasn't Acquainted

Qian Ping Sheng, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace, looked at Wang Fei Xuan and asked curiously, "Did he mention a Divine Ability Relic that was extremely difficult to obtain? Do you know how he escaped?"

An extremely difficult to obtain Divine Ability Relic?

Escape?

Wang Fei Xuan frowned and shook her head. "I didn't hear him mention it."

"It seems like he didn't tell you about it... If that's the case, we can only wait for him to tell us about it tomorrow," Qian Ping Sheng said with a nod.

Half a day later, another person was sent out. This person was Gao Peng, a Heaven Palace's disciple. He was also the strongest person after Duan Ling Tian, Wang Fei Xuan, and Zhao Ji. Gao Peng was also an Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivator.

However, he did not have a pleased expression on his face when he came out. How could he? He was so close to passing the trials of a medium-grade Divine Ability Relic. At the crucial moment, he was killed during one of the trials due to a small mistake he made. Due to one small mistake, he had failed to obtain a medium-grade Divine Ability. He only managed to obtain a few low-grade Divine Abilities.

After Gao Peng, no one else was disqualified until the next day when the time was up. Three people were sent out from the Saint Martial Secret Zone.

“They’re out.” One of the three figures was Duan Ling Tian. He let out a breath when he came out and stretched as though no one was there. At the same time, he noticed the two people next to him. These two disciples were not from the Heaven Palace, and their cultivation base was exposed to his Divine Eyes. They were both powerhouses at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage.

‘It seems they’re the other two Intermediate Refined Saint Stage disciples of Mystical Sky Mansion!’ Duan Ling Tian had long heard there were two other powerful Intermediate Refined Saint Stage disciples in the Mystical Sky Mansion, apart from the Heaven Palace’s Zhao Ji and Gao Peng. They were from the Earth Palace and Mystical Palace respectively.

As for the younger generation from the Yellow Palace, none of them was at the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage or above.

“Hm?” Once Duan Ling Tian regained his senses after he had exited the Saint Martial Secret Zone, he realized everyone’s attention was on him.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Wang Fei Xuan who stood behind the Palace Master of Heaven Palace and asked through Voice Transmission, “What’s wrong?”

“All of them wanted to know how you escaped from the location of the number one Divine Ability Relic in the Saint Martial Secret Zone,” Wang Fei Xuan replied through Voice Transmission, “I didn’t hear you mention anything about the number Divine Ability Relic.”

“The number one Divine Ability Relic?” Duan Ling Tian had a baffled expression on his face.

What was that?

“I heard it was a Divine Ability Relic that had extremely difficult to pass trials. In the history of Mystical Sky Mansion, no one has ever made it through the first trial of that Divine Ability Relic.” Wang Fei Xuan said.

In the history of Mystical Sky Mansion, no one had ever passed the first trial of that Divine Ability Relic?

After listening to Wang Fei Xuan, Duan Ling Tian immediately thought about the Abyssal Swamp.

The first trial of the Abyssal Swamp was definitely the most insane one among all the first trials he had to pass to obtain Divine Ability Relics.

Unless it was a young powerhouse whose strength was comparable to those at the Eminent Saint Stage, most people would not be able to make it through that trial.

That wild beast clan was extremely terrifying!

Duan Ling Tian exchanged a few more words with Wang Fei Xuan before confirming the number one Divine Ability Relic in the Mystical Sky Mansion’s Saint Martial Secret Zone referred to the Divine Ability Relic located in the Abyssal Swamp.

'They don't even know what Divine Ability is contained in the Divine Ability Relic in the Abyssal Swamp, but they had already acknowledged it as the number one Divine Ability in the Mystical Sky Mansion's Saint Martial Secret Zone?'

Duan Ling Tian did not expect the Divine Ability he had obtained had such a title.

'However... All of them wanted to know how I escaped from the first trial at the Abyssal Swamp? Does this mean no one thinks I would pass the trials and obtain the Divine Ability?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'If I told them I managed to obtain that Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, in the Abyssal Swamp, the Mystical Sky Mansion won't keep me here and forbid me from leaving, right?' Duan Ling Tian did not consider this before he came out.

However, after he came out and discovered the significance of the Elementary Devouring Tactic to the Mystical Sky Mansion, this thought appeared in his mind.

Although he was grateful to the Mystical Sky Mansion since he had obtained the Elementary Devouring Tactic, he did not plan to stay in the Mystical Sky Mansion forever. He planned to wait until he had broken through to the Eminent Saint Stage at most before he would leave the Mystical Sky Mansion for the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian made up his mind and decided not to mention he had obtained the Elementary Devouring Tactic Divine Ability.

Faced with the question from the Palace Master of Yellow Palace, Qian Ping Sheng, his expression turned slightly serious as he said, "When the surrounding swamp began to bubble and boil, I instinctively felt something was wrong and immediately escaped... Come to think of it, if I wait until the wild beast clan appeared, I'm afraid I wouldn't have survived." Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief when he finished speaking as though fear still lingered in his heart.

"I see... You're quite lucky." Qian Ping Sheng did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words.

Other people shared the same sentiment as well. All of them did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to pass the first trial of the number one Divine Ability Relic.

At this time, an antagonistic voice said, "Tsk! Coward... Choosing to escape before the wild beast clan even appeared." The owner of the voice was none other than Zhao Ji.

Faced with Zhao Ji's rude remark, Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile on his face, "No matter how cowardly it is, it's still better than those who are eliminated and kicked out after three days!"

Once Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence, the corners of many people's mouths began to twitch.

Ling Tian really really knew how to rub salt into one's wound.

However, they did not think Ling Tian was in the wrong since Zhao Ji had begun insulting him first. Otherwise, Ling Tian would not have mentioned this and humiliated him.

"You..."

After hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Zhao Ji's expression changed dramatically. He opened his mouth, intending to say something, but a Voice Transmission from his father, Zhao Deng, rang in his ears and

made him stop talking. He then sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. "Ling Tian, you and I can't live under the same sky! I won't be here if you're in the Mystical Sky Mansion, and if I'm here, you won't be here!"

"Then, you'll have to go, I guess," Duan Ling Tian responded calmly through Voice Transmission as though he was not afraid.

"Humph! We'll see!" Zhao Ji snorted coldly through Voice Transmission but did not say anything else. However, when he looked at Duan Ling Tian, his eyes seemed to be spitting fire.

Although Zhao Deng who was standing next to Zhao Ji did not say anything, hints of coldness and malice could be seen in the depths of his eyes.

If looks could kill, Duan Ling Tian would have died a million times!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian noticed the malicious gazes from the pair of father and son, but he was not bothered. Previously, at the summit of Heaven Palace, he was already prepared to oppose the Zhao Clan the moment he slapped Zhao Ji twice. That was why when he encountered Zhao Ji in the Saint Martial Secret Zone, he had instantly killed Zhao Ji's clone and eliminated him. Since he had already offended them, it would not make a difference if he offended them further.

"Hm? Who's that?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian discovered there was a stranger looking at him. He saw a skinny old man standing and staring at him quietly.

It was his first time seeing this old man. He was not one of the Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials.

"Elder Ku, now that you've seen the person... Based on your words, isn't it time for you to leave?" Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace, said calmly as he looked at Ku Mi.

"Elder Ku?" Duan Ling Tian looked surprised. It seemed like the old man was not from the Mystical Sky Mansion. Otherwise, Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace, would not have spoken to him in that manner.

At that same time, Duan Ling Tian also discovered that the skinny old man had a disappointed expression when he looked at him.

'Why is he disappointed?' Duan Ling Tian was puzzled by this. He was certain this was his first time seeing the old man, so why did the old man look so disappointed?

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware that the old man standing before him was none other than Ku Mi, the right-hand man of his cheapskate father, Duan Ru Feng.

Ku Mi looked so disappointed because he discovered Ling Tian was not wearing a disguise. 'He's not the Young Mansion Master!'

Ku Mi had seen Duan Ling Tian's portrait. The current Duan Ling Tian looked nothing like the Young Mansion Master he was looking for.

Ku Mi did not expect, even in his wildest dreams, that the young man standing in front of him was actually the Young Mansion Master he was searching for.

He was unaware his Young Mansion Master's Disguising Secret Tactic would not leave a trace at all. It was undetectable.

"Mansion Master Meng, farewell!" Faced with Zhu Lu Qi's aggressive question, Ku Mi did not bother with him. Instead, he looked at the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion, Meng Qing, who was standing nearby and bade him farewell.

Ku Mi's departure seemed as though he had vanished into thin air to most people who were present.

Among those who were present, Meng Qing was the only one who could clearly see Ku Mi's departure.

"He's so fast!" All the Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials who were present looked surprised by the strength of the powerhouse from the Azure Cloud Mansion, Ku Mi. Their strength was not in Ku Mi's league at all!

Subsequently, it was time to report what they had gained.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian who planned to hold back, the others dutifully reported what they had gained.

The number of Divine Abilities they obtained and the grade of Divine Abilities they obtained would affect their future standing in the Mystical Sky Mansion.

Those who obtained higher grade Divine Abilities would naturally receive more attention and guidance from the Mystical Sky Mansion.

"High-grade Divine Ability?!" When it was Wang Fei Xuan's turn to report what she gained, and she said that she had obtained a high-grade movement Divine Ability, the Thousand Illusory Shadows, it shocked everyone present on the scene.

Everyone's eyes immediately shifted to Wang Fei Xuan, and she became the center of attention.

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High-grade Divine Ability!

Up until this moment, Wang Fei Xuan was the first person to say she had obtained a high-grade Divine Ability.

At this moment, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace, Qian Ping Sheng, said, "The Thousand Illusory Shadows... In the history of Mystical Sky Mansion, there was one senior who obtained it. However, he was a male, and therefore, he did not manage to master this Divine Ability. Nevertheless, according to the notes he left behind, if a female disciple obtained this Divine Ability, they'll have a high chance of mastering it."

All the Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking official instantly stared at Wang Fei Xuan with a burning gaze.

Wang Fei Xuan was a female Martial Cultivator. Did it mean she would be able to master that high-grade Divine Ability?

“Senior Brother Zhu, let Miss Wang join our Yellow Palace?” Soon after, Qian Ping Sheng looked at Zhu Lu Qi and began his campaign to snatch her to his palace. “I intend to make her my direct disciple.”

“Junior Brother Qian, it’s too late because I also plan to make her my direct disciple.”

After learning Wang Fei Xuan had obtained the high-grade movement Divine Ability, the Thousand Illusory Shadows, Zhu Lu Qi, naturally, would not allow her to join the Yellow Palace. Hence, when he heard Qian Ping Sheng’s words, he immediately stated his intention of making Wang Fei Xuan his direct disciple.

After hearing Zhu Lu Qi’s words, Wang Fei Xuan’s eyes brightened.

She had told them about the high-grade Divine Ability she had obtained so she could have better treatment from the Mystical Sky Mansion. Now that the Palace Master of Heaven Palace wanted to take her in as his direct disciple, did this not mean that she had achieved her goal?

The Palace Master of Heaven Palace was the leader of all the Vice Mansion Masters in the Mystical Sky Mansion. His strength and status were only second to the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion and the two Guardians.

It was only natural for Wang Fei Xuan to feel delighted being taken in as his direct disciple.

Zhu Lu Qi ignored Qian Ping Sheng who had a glum expression and looked at Wang Fei Xuan. He asked with a smile, “What about it? Girl, are you willing to acknowledge me as your master?”

“Greetings to Master!” Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Wang Fei Xuan kneeled down in the air and kowtowed at Zhu Lu Qi three times as a formal acknowledgment of her master.

Zhu Lu Qi laughed heartily when he saw this. He was extremely pleased.

“Congratulations Senior Brother Zhu!”

“Congratulations Lord Palace Master!”

At the same time, everyone who was present congratulated Zhu Lu Qi, including Qian Ping Sheng, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace. Although it felt as though his heart was bleeding, he could only accept this.

In fact, it was not only Qian Ping Sheng, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace, who felt like his heart was bleeding, but the other Vice Mansion Masters of Mystical Sky Mansion, apart from Zhao Deng, also felt as though their hearts were bleeding.

Was there anyone who did not want an outstanding disciple who possessed a high-grade Divine Ability?

Among all the Mystical Sky Mansion’s high-ranking officials who were present, there was only the Mansion Master, Meng Qing, who could contest the words of Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace.

Hence, when Zhu Lu Qi said he intended to accept Wang Fei Xuan as his direct disciple, no one else said a thing because they knew it was futile.

“Congratulations.” Duan Ling Tian looked at Wang Fei Xuan and congratulated her through Voice Transmission.

“That day after I was disqualified... Did you defeat the white-clad Sword Cultivator?” Wang Fei Xuan asked through Voice Transmission.

That day, she was killed during the final trial by the Sword Cultivator guarding the high-grade Divine Ability Relic. The Sword Cultivator’s strength was out of her league. Even she could not confirm if Duan Ling Tian passed the final trial or not.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. “Defeated him by luck.”

“If that’s the case, you’ve also obtained a high-grade Divine Ability?” Wang Fei Xuan asked.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded and then said, “However, I hope you...”

“You hope that I’ll keep it a secret, right? Don’t worry, I won’t tell anyone.” Before Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence, Wang Fei Xuan interrupted Duan Ling Tian enthusiastically and promised him. “You’ll leave the Mystical Sky Mansion in the future and look for your master in the Upper Province... If they know you’ve obtained a high-grade Divine Ability, they might not let you go.”

“Thanks.” Duan Ling Tian’s heart warmed when he heard Wang Fei Xuan’s Voice Transmission that was filled with understanding.

“Don’t thank me. If it wasn’t for you, I wouldn’t have obtained the Thousand Illusory Shadows,” Wang Fei Xuan retorted before she continued to say, “That’s why we’re even... However, I helped you to return the favor to Liu Jian’s senior. So you still owe me for that.”

Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless when he heard her words. Did she not consider that favor returned?

In that instant, Duan Ling Tian felt like telling her he had obtained another high-grade Divine Ability so he did not owe her anything. However, he did not say it eventually.

Duan Ling Tian’s strength was undoubtedly the strongest among those who entered the Saint Martial Secret Zone. Therefore, everyone had high expectations of the Divine Abilities that he had obtained.

However, the greater the expectation, the greater the disappointment.

“One medium-grade Divine Ability?” Most of the Mystical Sky Mansion’s high-ranking officials, including Mansion Master Meng Qing, were somewhat disappointed when they learned that Duan Ling Tian merely obtained a medium-grade Divine Ability and several low-grade Divine Abilities. Only people from the Zhao Clan were gloating.

“You... How could you not obtain any high-grade Divine Abilities? With your strength, ordinary high-grade Divine Ability Relic trials shouldn’t be difficult at all.” The Palace Master of Yellow Palace, Qian Ping Sheng, looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief and surprise.

“I only encountered two high-grade Divine Ability Relics,” Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “The first was the number one Divine Ability Relic. The second one was the Divine Ability Relic, the Thousand Illusory Shadows.”

“That means you offered the Thousand Illusory Shadows to Fei Xuan?” The Palace Master of Heaven Palace, Zhu Lu Qi, gave Duan Ling Tian an approving look. He felt Duan Ling Tian was someone who could see the bigger picture.

The Thousand Illusory Shadows Divine Ability was much harder for male Martial Cultivators to master compared to female Martial Cultivators. It was the right choice to give it to a female Martial Cultivator.

“Actually, that’s not...” When Duan Ling Tian was about to say he did not give it up to Wang Fei Xuan, she quickly interrupted him by saying, “Yes, Master. He gave it up for me. If he didn’t help me, I wouldn’t have been able to obtain this Divine Ability.”

Instantly, all of Mystical Sky Mansion’s high-ranking officials, including Mansion Master Meng Qing, looked at Duan Ling Tian approvingly except for Zhao Deng. They all shared Zhu Lu Qi’s sentiment. All of them felt Duan Ling Tian had made the right decision.

“Not everyone would be able to give up a high-grade Divine Ability... Ling Tian, you’re pretty good!” One of the Vice Mansion Masters of Mystical Sky Mansion praised Duan Ling Tian.

Another Vice Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion chimed in, “Yes. In the future, if our Mystical Sky Mansion managed to pass down the high-grade Divine Ability, the Thousand Illusory Shadows, you’ll definitely be credited for it! At that time, your name will inevitably be remembered in the history of Mystical Sky Mansion.”

As one after another Mystical Sky Mansion’s disciples stated their gains, Wang Fei Xuan remained the only one who obtained a high-grade Divine Ability among the thirty people who had entered the Saint Martial Secret zone.

Naturally, this was because Duan Ling Tian had decided to conceal his gains.

Moreover, among the thirty people who entered the Saint Martial Secret Zone, Liu Jian was the only person whose cultivation base was below the Refined Saint Stage but still managed to obtain a medium-grade Divine Ability.

Instantly, all the disciples at the peak of the Pristine Saint Stage who were present looked at Liu Jian in envy and jealousy.

Apart from Zhao Ji who was eliminated by Duan Ling Tian early on, among the Intermediate Refined Saint Stage Martial Cultivators who entered the Saint Martial Secret Zone, there were two other people, apart from Wang Fei Xuan, who also obtained medium-grade Divine Abilities.

Gao Peng was the only one who was in a situation similar to Zhao Ji. Both of them did not manage to obtain a medium-grade Divine Ability. Naturally, he was in a better situation than Zhao Ji since he managed to obtain three low-grade Divine Abilities.

Meanwhile, there were a few Early Refined Saint Stage powerhouses who obtained medium-grade Divine Abilities. This made Gao Peng and Zhao Ji's expressions turn gloomy.

In the end, there were people who were happy with their trip inside the Saint Martial Secret Zone trip, and there were also people who were upset about it. Naturally, Duan Ling Tian belonged to the group of people who were happy about it.

Even after Meng Qing, the Mansion Master of the Mystical Sky Mansion, gave an order to disperse the crowd, he did not mention accepting Duan Ling Tian as his direct disciple.

Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief when he saw this.

'It seems like the news I spread through the mouth of others has dispelled the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion's notion of accepting me as his disciple... It's for the better since I won't be staying for long in the Mystical Sky Mansion. However, if I can master the Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic and the Otherworldly Celestial, I must pass it down to a suitable Mystical Sky Mansion's disciple,' Duan Ling Tian swore to himself inwardly.

"Senior Brother Ling Tian, thank you." Duan Ling Tian had left along with Gu Li and Wang Fei Xuan. However, before they had gone too far, Liu Jian caught up to them and sincerely thanked Duan Ling Tian.

If it was not for Duan Ling Tian's sake, Wang Fei Xuan would not have helped him to obtain a medium-grade Divine Ability.

"Don't thank me. If you need to thank someone, you can thank Elder Liu Hong Guang, the Second Elder of Raging Wave Mansion. Moreover, please help me pass him a message. Tell him that Li Feng did not intend to stand them up, but he had something else to do," Duan Ling Tian said.

"I'll pass on this message." Liu Jian hurriedly nodded before he bade farewell to Duan Ling Tian. He did not want to bother him any longer than necessary.

During their journey back, Gu Li glanced at Duan Ling Tian as he said, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, you really have mediocre luck... Although you encountered two high-grade Divine Ability Relics, one of it is impossible to obtain while the other one isn't suitable for male Martial Cultivators."

"If it's yours, it's yours. If it's not meant to be, one shouldn't force it." Duan Ling Tian merely smiled faintly when he heard Gu Li's words.

When Gu Li heard his words, it sounded to him as though Duan Ling Tian had resigned to his fate. Whereas when Wang Fei Xuan heard his words, it held another meaning because she knew Duan Ling Tian had obtained a sword-type high-grade offensive Divine Ability.

Bang!

Suddenly, the sound of an explosion reverberated from the sky. It shocked all of them so much that they stopped moving.

Following that, a grating voice sounded and spread through the entire Mystical Sky Mansion. "I'm the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, Feng Bu Yi! I came to the Mystical Sky Mansion today to

see the strongest person among the younger generation, Ling Tian! Little Brother Ling Tian, please come out and meet me!”

The Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market!

Feng Bu Yi!

The entire Mystical Sky Mansion was in an uproar.

When Gu Li and Wang Fei Xuan glanced at him, Duan Ling Tian was momentarily shocked. “Looking for me?”

Chapter 1794: An Invitation from the Leader of Mountainshade Black Market

“It’s Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy leader of Mountainshade Black Market. He’s the right-hand man of the Mountainshade Black Market’s Leader. His strength is not inferior to the two Guardians of our Mystical Sky Mansion!”

Feng Bu Yi did not tone down his voice, and it spread through the entire Mystical Sky Mansion. Anyone who was not in closed-door cultivation clearly heard his voice.

“He came to look for Ling Tian?”

“It seems like Ling Tian’s innate talent has even attracted the Mountainshade Black Market... Even the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, Feng Bu Yi, personally came to see him.”

“Ling Tian hasn’t acknowledged anyone in the Mystical Sky Mansion as his master. If Feng Bu Yi manages to recruit him, it’ll be a huge loss to our Mystical Sky Mansion!”

“I heard that once Ling Tian breaks through to the Eminent Saint Stage, he plans to leave for the Upper Province... He’s currently at the peak of the Refined Saint Stage. He’s just a step away from breaking through to the Eminent Saint Stage. Perhaps, it was due to this, Lord Mansion Master who originally planned to accept him as his direct disciple dismissed the idea.”

“Yes. With Ling Tian’s innate talent, he’ll definitely break through to the Eminent Saint Stage within one or two years... He won’t be staying for long in our Mystical Sky Mansion.”

“I’m afraid Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, has come for naught. If I were Ling Tian, I definitely wouldn’t join the Mountainshade Black Market since it won’t be long before I’d leave for the Upper Province. There’s no point in switching places.”

The group of Mystical Sky Mansion disciples discussed among themselves. No one thought Feng Bu Yi would be able to persuade Duan Ling Tian to join the Mountainshade Black Market.

The appearance of Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market, naturally, alarmed the Mystical Sky Mansion’s high ranking officials.

Apart from the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion, Meng Qing, the other Vice Mansion Masters of the Mystical Sky Mansion who had just left for their own residences turned around and headed in the direction of the voice.

When Meng Qing was not around, the group of Mystical Sky Mansion's Vice Mansion Masters was naturally led by Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace. He stood close to Feng Bu Yi and greeted him coldly, "Deputy Leader Feng."

Feng Bu Yi had an average build and an ordinary appearance. He would not be identifiable in a crowd. He was dressed completely in black. His grey hair fluttered in the wind like writhing snakes, giving off a creepy vibe.

"Humph!"

When Feng Bu Yi heard Zhu Lu Qi's greeting, he merely snorted coldly. He did not even bother to look at Zhu Lu Qi in the eye. "I came to the Mystical Sky Mansion for Little Brother Ling Tian... People who are irrelevant to this matter should stop talking!"

Feng Bu Yi's rudeness caused Zhu Lu Qi's face to turn red from anger as he spat out, "You! How outrageous!"

"Outrageous?" Feng Bu Yi sneered when he heard Zhu Lu Qi's words. Subsequently, he vanished from his spot although it did not seem like he made any movement at all.

When the Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials, including Zhu Lu Qi, saw this, their expressions changed drastically.

Pa!

At this moment, the crisp sound of a slap resonated in the air. At some point, Feng Bu Yi had appeared in front of Zhu Lu Qi and had slapped him.

At this moment, Feng Bu Yi said in his grating voice, "Who are you to be talking to me in this manner?"

The Palace Master of Mystical Sky Mansion's Heaven Palace, the leader of the Mystical Sky Mansion's Vice Mansion Masters, was publicly slapped. It was only natural that Zhu Lu Qi was infuriated. He struck at lightning speed. A vast energy transformed into a palm and enveloped Feng Bu Yi who stood before him.

"What a futile effort!" Faced with Zhu Lu Qi's attack, Feng Bu Yi's expression remained unchanged. His tone was filled with disdain as he pushed his palm out against Zhu Lu Qi's palm.

Boom!

At this instant, both palms collided with each other. The collision caused an earth-shattering explosion. The clouds in the sky scattered and the sky became clear.

For a moment, those people who were hidden by the clouds appeared before the group of Mystical Sky Mansion's disciples standing below.

After Zhu Lu Qi forcefully resisted the force of the palm, his expression changed drastically as his body trembled before he was sent flying. He only managed to come to a halt after flying about 100 meters away.

On the contrary, Feng Bu Yi stood unmoving in the same position.

“He’s actually so strong!” Zhu Lu Qi whose internal organs suffered heavy injuries felt blood rising in his throat. However, he resisted the urge to throw up blood. His pride did not allow him to do so in front of all these people.

The other Mystical Sky Mansion’s Vice Mansion Masters could not help the chills that ran up their spines when they saw their leader in this predicament.

They were even weaker than Zhu Lu Qi. If Zhu Lu Qi could not even withstand one strike from Feng Bu Yi, they would fare even worse!

Therefore, although they were furious when they saw Zhu Lu Qi was injured, they did not dare to show it.

As the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market Deputy Leader, Feng Bu Yi, was unpredictable. There was no saying what he would do. For this reason, they were unwilling to provoke him. Who knew if they would end up like Zhu Lu Qi.

“In your Mystical Sky Mansion, only the Mansion Master and the two old farts’ strength is acceptable. To put it crudely, apart from the three of them, I, Feng Bu Yi, really don’t care for any of you!”

Feng Bu Yi glanced at Zhu Lu Qi and the others in disdain as he said coldly, “Alright, I’m not here to fight with all of you...Go summon Ling Tian, that prodigy of yours. I need to speak to him!” When Feng Bu Yi spoke, it sounded like he was giving an order to Zhu Lu Qi and the others.

Apart from Zhu Lu Qi who was ignoring him, the other Mystical Sky Mansion’s Vice Mansion Masters stared at each other, and no one said anything for a long time.

“What? No one’s willing to do me a favor?” When Feng Bu Yi saw this, his eyes gleamed coldly. It caused the expressions of several Mystical Sky Mansion’s Vice Mansion Masters to change as they trembled.

“Save the hassle. I’m here.” When the atmosphere was so tensed it felt as though a battle would erupt at any time, a voice sounded. It was none other than Duan Ling Tian who was flying toward them. Gu Li and Wang Fei Xuan were next to him as well.

“Master, are you alright?” Wang Fei Xuan immediately went to Zhu Lu Qi’s side, showing concern.

“It’s alright.” Zhu Lu Qi shook his head when he looked at Feng Bu Yi again with killing intent in his eyes.

Feng Bu Yi dared to treat him like that in front of the direct disciple he had just accepted and humiliated him!

When one had lived until Zhu Lu Qi’s age, one valued pride more than anything else. Feng Bu Yi’s earlier action was harder to accept than if he had killed him.

From the beginning until the end, Feng Bu Yi had disregarded Zhu Lu Qi. He did not even bother to look him in the eyes.

Feng Bu Yi's eyes gleamed as it shifted to Duan Ling Tian. He said condescendingly, "You're the number one person among the Mystical Sky Mansion's younger generation disciples, Ling Tian?"

"You flatter me. I'm not number one among the younger generation in the Mystical Sky Mansion. However, I am Ling Tian," Duan Ling Tian responded calmly.

The strength Feng Bu Yi displayed earlier had surprised him. He did not expect the Deputy Leader of Mountainshade Black Market would be so strong.

However, he still maintained his composure even when faced with Feng Bu Yi. Although Feng Bu Yi was strong, he was nothing in front of Elder Huo who was in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

Elder Huo had a place even in the Devata Realm.

Duan Ling Tian managed to maintain his composure even in front of Elder Huo, let alone a mere Deputy Leader from a top-tier force in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. From the beginning until the end, he did not feel pressured at all.

"Ling Tian, I'll cut to the chase... I came on the order of the Leader of our Mountainshade Black Market, Lord Dugu. Lord Dugu wants to invite you to join our Mountainshade Black Market. If you prove your worth, he might even accept you as his direct disciple." Feng Bu Yi was impressed by how Duan Ling Tian managed to maintain his composure even when faced with him.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he heard Feng Bu Yi's words.

The Leader of Mountainshade Black Market's Leader wanted him to join the Mountainshade Black Market?

Since when did he become so popular?

Zhu Lu Qi and the others were also dumbfounded.

After all the fuss, Feng Bu Yi was merely a messenger. The person who wanted to poach their Mystical Sky Mansion's talent was actually the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market!

Leader Dugu of the Mountainshade Black Market was widely acknowledged as one of the strongest people in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

The other strongest powerhouse in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ru Feng!

Most importantly, both Dugu and Duan Ru Feng were not considered old. They still had a lot of room for improvements in the future. They were only considered as passersby in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

With their innate talent, they would be leaving for the Upper Province sooner or later!

Although Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market was young, Zhu Lu Qi and the others were extremely wary of him. Therefore, when Feng Bu Yi said he came on Dugu's order, all of them remained quiet.

If they offended Leader Dugu, it would be easy for him to kill them even if they stayed in the Mystical Sky Mansion or under the protection of Mansion Master Meng Qing.

Leader Dugu was stronger than the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion. Apart from that, he also specialized in assassination. It would be as easy as killing ants if he wanted to kill them.

“Deputy Leader Feng, my apologies... Please pass my message to Lord Dugu. I’ve no interest in joining the Mountainshade Black Market because I won’t be staying in the Mystical Sky Mansion for long. Moreover, I already have a master! I’ll be leaving the Lower Province for the Upper Province in about two to three years’ time to search for my master in the Upper Province.” Duan Ling Tian graciously rejected Feng Bu Yi’s invitation.

It did not occur to Feng Bu Yi that the young man standing before him would directly reject him.

He did say that he came on the order of Leader Dugu of Mountainshade Black Market. Was this boy not afraid of being killed for angering the Mountainshade Black Market?

As for Duan Ling Tian’s subsequent statement, Feng Bu Yi did not doubt it because in the past two months, he had heard much news about Duan Ling Tian from the other Mystical Sky Mansion’s disciples.

He had also heard Duan Ling Tian had a master who was a powerhouse from the Upper Province. Moreover, Li Feng who had shot to fame in the past was his senior brother.

Chapter 1795: The Advanced Devouring Tactic?!

When Feng Bu Yi learned the young man before him had a master from the Upper Province, he knew he had to tread with caution even if he was from the Mountainshade Black Market. He was not surprised by this outcome because he had already been mentally prepared for it.

‘Since this Ling Tian will be leaving the Mystical Sky Mansion and the Lower Province within three years’ time, he won’t be a threat to our Mountainshade Black Market,’ Feng Bu Yi thought to himself. He glanced at Duan Ling Tian indifferently before he left immediately.

According to the original order from the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market, if Ling Tian was unwilling to join the Mountainshade Black Market, he would have to kill him to avoid trouble in the future. However, there was a change in circumstances, and he did not dare to rashly act. After all, Ling Tian seemed to have a master who was a powerhouse in the Upper Province.

Hence, he would have to report all these to the Leader of Mountainshade Black Market’s before he knew if he had to kill Ling Tian or not.

Apart from Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace, whose expression remained gloomy, all the Vice Mansion Masters of Mystical Sky Mansion heaved a sigh of relief when they saw Feng Bu Yi left just like that and returned to their respective residences.

Before Zhao Deng took his leave, he glared at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent from the corner of his eyes.

Gu Li noticed Zhao Deng's gaze and immediately said to Duan Ling Tian, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, since you've offended the Zhan Clan, please be careful in the future... Avoid going out if there's nothing urgent. Do inform me if you have to go out, I'll accompany you. If I'm there, they won't dare to act openly against you!"

"Yes." When Duan Ling Tian heard Gu Li's words, his heart was filled with a sense of warmth. Although they did not know each other for a long time, they had become fast friends.

The appearance of Feng Bu Yi, the Deputy Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market was merely a minor matter after the closing of the Saint Martial Secret Zone.

The attention of the group of Mystical Sky Mansion disciples shifted quickly.

The rewards of the thirty people who entered the Saint Martial Secret Zone began to spread in the Mystical Sky Mansion. Wang Fei Xuan, in particular, attracted a lot of attention since she was the only one who managed to obtain a high-grade Divine Ability.

"I didn't expect Wang Fei Xuan would to obtain a high-grade Divine Ability... Whereas Ling Tian whom I was most optimistic about didn't obtain a single high-grade Divine Ability," many Mystical Sky Mansion's disciples exclaimed.

In their opinion, Wang Fei Xuan was like an underdog who appeared out of nowhere. She even became the direct disciple of the Palace Master of Heaven Palace. Her future and prospect were boundless.

After Duan Ling Tian returned to his residence after splitting up with Gu Li, he did not see Wang Fei Xuan for several consecutive days. She did not come looking for him like she usually did in the past.

"It seems like she's pretty these days." Duan Ling Tian was not surprised.

After all, Wang Fei Xuan was not who she used to be. Not only did she obtain the high-grade Divine Ability, the Thousand Illusory Shadows, but she even became a direct disciple of the Palace Master of Heaven Palace.

"However, something feels strange... I used to find it annoying when she kept looking for me in the past. Now that she has stopped coming, I find it strange." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and returned to his room in preparation to enter closed-door cultivation for some time.

He had enough rest in the past few days.

'After this closed-door cultivation, I'll need Senior Brother Gu Li's help to search for materials to repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda... At that time, they should have dealt with the issue of the Rising Sky Mansion.' He did not bring this matter up to Gu Li previously because he knew Gu Li was going to the Rising Sky Mansion with Guardian Gu.

At that time, even Vice Mansion Master Zhao Deng and Zhao Deng's father, the other Guardian of the Mystical Sky Mansion would be going as well.

Moreover, even Mansion Master Meng Qing would be going to the Rising Sky Mansion.

They would not be going to the Rising Sky Mansion as guests. This was because of the top-tier Devil Dao Cultivation Method that contained the Soul Congregation technique that the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion possessed.

'I was thinking about killing Xu Jing after he has recovered. However, it seems that he won't be able to survive that long now,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

He did not think Xu Jing would survive.

Once the Mystical Sky Mansion managed to obtain the top-tier Devil Dao Cultivation Method from Xu Jing, he would lose his value and lose his chance at survival.

He did not consider the chances of whether the Mystical Sky Mansion would succeed or not. If Mansion Master Meng Qing personally made a move and still could not take down a fourth-rate force, then Mystical Sky Mansion did not deserve to be called a third-rate force.

Perhaps, Mystical Sky Mansion was not as strong as the Mountainshade Black Market or the Azure Cloud Mansion, but it was still not something a fourth-rate force could compare to.

"Elder Huo!"

After closing his door and entering the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian immediately looked for Elder Huo to ask about the grade of the Divine Ability, the Golden Crow's Wings. "What grade is the Golden Crow's Wings that you taught me previously? How does it fare compared to the Divine Abilities from this world?"

Currently, apart from the Golden Crow's Wings, he had also obtained several other Divine Abilities. Naturally, most of them were low-grade Divine Abilities. He only had three useful Divine Abilities.

The three useful Divine Abilities were the Six Harmonies Golden Body, the high-grade Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic and the Otherworldly Celestial.

Among the three Divine Abilities, the strongest was naturally the Elementary Devouring Tactic, followed by the Otherworldly Celestial and the Six Harmonies Golden Body.

"To compare it with the Divine Abilities from this world, I must first understand the Divine Abilities here before I can give you a fair answer," Elder Huo said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and mentioned the Elementary Devouring Tactic and Otherworldly Celestial.

However, once he mentioned the Elementary Devouring Tactic, Elder Huo quickly interrupted him, "Are you sure the Divine Ability you obtained is the Elementary Devouring Tactic?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He had no idea why Elder Huo would suddenly lose his composure. Was there something wrong?

Elder Huo took a deep breath and slowly said, "Describe the Elementary Devouring Tactic to me."

Duan Ling Tian set his curiosity aside and began to describe the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, to Elder Huo without missing any details.

"It's really the Elementary Devouring Tactic!"

After listening to Duan Ling Tian's description, Elder Huo fell momentarily silent before his eyes brightened. This gave Duan Ling Tian a shock. "Elder Huo, you... Based on your words, you seem to know the Elementary Devouring Tactic?"

"This Elementary Devouring Tactic is a really remarkable Divine Ability!"

Elder Huo looked at Duan Ling Tian and said honestly, "In terms of grade, it's slightly inferior to the Golden Crow's Wings that I taught you. However, that's only the case if it's cast by someone from the Golden Crow Clan. Otherwise, I would say the Golden Crow's Wings you cast is the same grade as it."

"Same grade?" Although Elder Huo said it was only the same grade if Duan Ling Tian cast the Golden Crow's Wing, he was still stunned.

Even if he was not a part of the Golden Crow Clan and could not use the Golden Crow's Wings to its full potential, it was still a Divine Ability from the Devata Realm. It was not something the Divine Abilities from the mundane world could compare to.

How could he not feel shocked when he found out the Elementary Devouring Tactic he obtained was not inferior to the Golden Crow's Wings?

Elder Huo stared at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze as he asked curiously, "How did you obtain the Elementary Devouring Tactic?"

Duan Ling Tian instantly recounted his experience in the Abyssal Swamp when he heard Elder Huo's question.

"I didn't think the mundane world would have the Elementary Devouring Tactic... The Elementary Devouring Tactic is extremely remarkable even in the Devata Realm! There's only a handful of people who have mastered it!" Elder Huo exclaimed.

"What?!"

Although Duan Ling Tian already knew the Elementary Devouring Tactic was remarkable, he was still surprised when he heard Elder Huo's words. "The Elementary Devouring Tactic is also a remarkable Divine Ability in the Devata Realm?"

"Yes." Elder Huo nodded. "The Elementary Devouring Tactic is also a very famous Divine Ability in the Devata Realm... In addition to its extraordinary ability, it is, more importantly, the foundation of the Advanced Devouring Tactic. One must master it before they can even attempt to cultivate or master the Advanced Devouring Tactic."

"The Advanced Devouring Tactic?" Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded. "There's an Advanced Devouring Tactic?"

"Naturally." Elder Huo nodded yet again as his eyes contained hints of respect. "The Advanced Devouring Tactic is a top-tier Divine Ability in the Devata Realm... The owner of this Divine Ability is one of the Overlords in the Devata Realm! His strength could be considered to be in the top three in the Devata Realm!"

Once Elder Huo finished his sentence, Duan Ling Tian gasped involuntarily.

The Advanced Devouring Tactic was a top-tier Divine Ability in the Devata Realm?

Moreover, the owner of the Advanced Devouring Tactic was one of the Overlords from the Devata Realm? His strength could be considered to be in the top three among all the Overlords in the Devata Realm?

Although the information Elder Huo had revealed to him was not much, every one of it was earth-shattering news to Duan Ling Tian.

“Rumor has it that the Elementary Devouring Tactic is derived from the Advanced Devouring Tactic... And the person who created the Elementary Devouring Tactic is the same powerhouse.”

Even Elder Huo was respectful and filled with admiration when he spoke about that powerhouse.

“I didn’t expect the Elementary Devouring Tactic I obtained has such a shocking backstory,” Duan Ling Tian commented.

“However, I mainly relied on the Sun True Origin to obtain the Elementary Devouring Tactic... In that regard, I have to thank you, Elder Huo. If it wasn’t for you enlightening me and helping me to cultivate the Sun True Origin, I wouldn’t have made it through the Abyssal Swamp’s trials and obtain the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic.” Duan Ling Tian looked at Elder Huo in gratitude.

The first few trials in the Abyssal Swamp was still alright. One would be able to pass the trials as long as one’s strength was at the Eminent Saint Stage.

However, even a powerhouse at the Divine Saint Stage, Exemplary Saint Stage or even the Quintessential Saint Stage might not be able to pass the final trial, let alone an Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse.

This was because the opponent from that trial would raise or lower his cultivation base accordingly to the level of the challenger!

Chapter 1796: The One Who Escaped

Until now, Duan Ling Tian still felt fear lingering in his heart when he recalled the strength the old man had demonstrated with the cultivation of an Early Refined Saint Stage powerhouse during the final trial in the Abyssal Swamp.

If it was other ordinary Martial Cultivators, it would be impossible for them to defeat that old man even if their cultivation base had reached the peak of the Refined Saint Stage.

For this reason, in his opinion, the reason he had passed the final trial of the Abyssal Swamp and obtain the Elementary Devouring Tactic was all thanks to the Sun True Origin Elder Huo had given him.

When Elder Huo heard Duan Ling Tian’s words, he merely smiled nonchalantly. “It’s your fate since you managed to obtain the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and meet with me... It’s also your fate for being able to obtain the legacy from the Saint Sword Feng Qing Yang. This time, it’s also your fate for

obtaining the Elementary Devouring Tactic. All in all, the reason you obtained the Elementary Devouring Tactic is not mainly due to the Sun True Origin. It's all fated."

Even Elder Huo could not help but muse over Duan Ling Tian's fate and luck.

When he recalled his past, among the people he knew in the Devata Realms, very few people could be mentioned in the same breath as Duan Ling Tian in regards to fate.

Naturally, he did not say this to Duan Ling Tian. In his opinion, it would only harm Duan Ling Tian if he told him about it.

If Duan Ling Tian became negligent because he knew about his fate, he might not be able to achieve anything great even with such amazing luck. Fate was like one's luck. However, one could not solely depend on it.

Elder Huo had lived for many years and had witnessed many sad tragedies. For this reason, he did not wish for Duan Ling Tian to follow in those people's footsteps.

Duan Ling Tian fell silent when he heard Elder Huo's words.

Now that he thought about it, he was indeed lucky.

Naturally, as someone whose soul had transmigrated over from another world, Duan Ling Tian did not take his luck or fate for granted. In his opinion, his soul transmigrating to this world was the luckiest thing to have happened to him. Otherwise, he would have been dead.

Duan Ling Tian had the right mindset in regards to this. Naturally, Elder Huo did know this so he did not reveal his thoughts to Duan Ling Tian.

"Elder Huo, I'll begin to look for materials to repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda soon."

Duan Ling Tian bade Elder Huo farewell before he went to the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to cultivate. Gu Li should have returned from the Rising Sky Mansion by the time he came out from his closed-door cultivation.

During his closed-door cultivation, Duan Ling Tian wanted to focus more on raising his cultivation base and also to further comprehend the profundity of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword.

Currently, he had only comprehended the second stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword Shadowed Heart. The Sovereign Heart Sword had five stages in total.

He still had a long journey to go.

While Duan Ling Tian was cultivating, the fourth-rate force located far away, the Rising Sky Mansion, suffered a huge catastrophe.

The Rising Sky Mansion was originally peaceful and tranquil. However, a commotion broke out when their Mansion Master was killed by a mysterious powerhouse.

The Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion was the strongest person in the Rising Sky Mansion. Very few people in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land could kill him without alerting anyone.

For this reason, the group of Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials and disciples was in a panic when they learned their Mansion Master had been killed. Subsequently, a few other Rising Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials were killed as well. In the end, almost every Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking official was killed. Even the outstanding Rising Sky Mansion's disciples were not spared.

The Rising Sky Mansion's people who were killed had one thing in common. All of them knew that Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of their Rising Sky Mansion, had cultivated an elite Devil Dao Cultivation Method that contained the Soul Congregation technique.

However, they would never know, even in death, that the cause of this calamity was because of the cultivation method their Young Mansion Master, Xu Jing, had cultivated.

The people who made their moves were none other than the people from the Mystical Sky Mansion. Among these people, Gu Li was the weakest one.

Naturally, he was only here to watch the fun. From the beginning until the end, he did not have any chance to make his move at all as he followed his father, Gu Ci Yun.

Apart from Gu Li, the next weakest people were the Vice Mansion Masters of Mystical Sky Mansion. It was exactly because of this, they managed to remove the backbone of Rising Sky Mansion before most of them could figure out what was happening.

"Has everything been cleaned up?" In the sky above the Rising Sky Mansion's estate, a group of people gathered from all directions. They were none other than the Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials. The person who had spoken was none other than Meng Qing, the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion.

Gu Ci Yun who was standing with Gu Li replied, "Mansion Master, the east side has been cleared."

The old man standing together with Zhao Deng replied as well, "The west side has been cleared too." This old man was Zhao Deng's father. He was the other Guardian of the Mystical Sky Mansion.

In the Mystical Sky Mansion, his strength was on par with Gu Ci Yun. He was only inferior to the Mansion Master.

The four Palace Masters led by Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Heaven Palace, had also arrived. Zhu Lu Qi respectfully said to Meng Qing, "Lord Mansion Master, the southern side has also been cleared."

As for the other Vice Mansion Masters, they followed Meng Qing and were in charge of the northern side as well as dealing with those who tried to escape. After all, this matter had to be dealt with as discreetly as possible.

Since this matter involved a top-tier Devil Dao Cultivation Method, even the Mountainshade Black Market and Azure Cloud Mansion would be interested in it.

“Very good.” Meng Qing nodded his head in satisfaction. “Xu Jing, the Young Mansion of the Rising Sky Mansion, has already been transferred to a secluded place by me... Since we’ve already cleaned up what should’ve been cleaned up, we can return now. However, judging by Xu Jing’s conditions, his soul that has yet to recover might not be able to endure it if we use the Soul Searching Secret Tactic on him. For this reason, we’ll bring him back for now and lock him up,” Meng Qing said.

“He had used the Soul Congregation technique previously, and his soul was obliterated. Due to this reason, it’ll take a few years, at least, for it to recover. We’ll have to wait for another year and a half or so before we can use the Soul Searching Secret Tactic on him. Otherwise, judging by his current condition, I’m afraid his soul will shatter completely before we can extract any information regarding the Devil Dao Cultivation Method from his soul.” Gu Ci Yun nodded.

“Then, let’s wait for another year and a half or so... I hope the Devil Dao Cultivation Method he obtained is not the inhuman type. In that case, our Mystical Sky Mansion will definitely be able to rise up even higher in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land with the help of that cultivation method!” Zhao Jin’s eyes flashed when he spoke. He was the old man standing next to Zhao Deng. He was the other Guardian of Mystical Sky Mansion. His tone was slightly excited when he reached the end of his sentence.

The moment these words left his mouth, even Meng Qing, the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion, could not help but slightly lose his composure, let alone the others.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Mystical Sky Mansion was one of the quasi third-rate forces. In ordinary people’s opinion, the Mystical Sky Mansion was one of the most elite forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

However, only those people who stood at a higher level in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land knew that despite being a quasi third-rate force, the Mystical Sky Mansion was still far inferior compared to the Mountainshade Black Market and the Azure Cloud Mansion that were quasi third-rate forces.

At this moment, Qian Ping Sheng, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace, said hesitantly, “Lord Mansion Master!” It immediately disrupted the joyous atmosphere.

Everyone, including Meng Qing, shifted their attention to Qian Ping Sheng.

“Yes?” Meng Qing was curious.

“One person might have escaped...” Qian Ping Sheng smiled wryly.

One person might have escaped!

The moment these words left his mouth, everyone, including Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Earth Palace, and the Palace Master of Mystical Palace, could not help but feel horrified.

Before Meng Qing could speak, Zhao Jin looked at Qian Ping Sheng and asked in a near interrogative tone, “Didn’t Palace Master Zhu said everything’s cleared?”

“Junior Brother Qian, what’s going on?” Zhu Lu Qi looked at Qian Ping Sheng with a very grave expression since he did not mention this to him earlier.

Qian Ping Sheng looked at Zhu Lu Qi and said, "Senior Brother Zhu, didn't Xu Jing have a lackey? We didn't find that lackey, did we?"

"That hunchback lackey of Xu Jing?" Upon hearing that, Zhu Lu Qi's frown eased up immediately. "He's merely Xu Jing's lackey, and I'm sure he doesn't know about Xu Jing obtaining that Devil Dao Cultivation Method, right? Moreover, while we were cleaning up the mess, nobody mentioned anything about the lackey knowing anything about that cultivation method."

"Those people were all arrogant so they might not bother with Xu Jing's lackey." Qian Ping Sheng shook his head. "Originally, I wasn't too bothered by that lackey. However, something seems to be amiss when I thought about it. I heard that a year before the Rising Sky Ranking Battle took place, Xu Jing's lackey was not in the Rising Sky Mansion's district and had seemingly followed Xu Jing when he left. If he had followed Xu Jing, this means..."

Before Qian Ping Sheng could finish his sentence, he was already interrupted by Gu Ci Yun. "At the side I was in charge of, one Rising Sky Mansion's disciple had mentioned that Xu Jing's lackey had accompanied him to the Rising Sky Ranking Battle. In the end, he even followed Grand Elder Xu Cen of Rising Sky Mansion back here. Other than that Rising Sky Mansion's disciple, nobody mentioned him at all. It seems like nobody had taken him seriously. After all, his position was extremely low in the Rising Sky Mansion. However, if he had followed Xu Jing when Xu Jing left, I'm sure he must know about that Devil Dao Cultivation Method!" When Gu Ci Yun reached the end of his sentence, his expression had turned completely grave.

"The side I was in charge of also had one person who mentioned Xu Jing's lackey. However, since the lackey was at the side Palace Master Zhu was in charge of, I didn't investigate more. I thought Palace Master Zhu would get rid of him, I didn't expect him to escape!" Zhao Jin looked at Zhu Lu Qi accusingly.

"What?!" Horror dawned on Zhu Lu Qi. He did not expect the only person who managed to escape had done so under his watch.

"Lord Mansion Master, although we don't know for certain if Xu Jing's lackey knows about that Devil Dao Cultivation Method, we have to search for him before he disappears. He doesn't seem to be in the Rising Sky Mansion's estate in the first place," Qian Ping Sheng chimed in.

Chapter 1797: Rong Fan

Qian Ping Sheng's words also helped absolved Zhu Lu Qi and the other two Palace Masters of their responsibilities.

When they were searching the Rising Sky Mansion's estate earlier, it was only him who had intentionally gone to search for Xu Jing's lackey to catch him.

Zhu Lu Qi and the other two had even told him it would be alright if they did not find him since that insignificant little lackey definitely would not know anything about the Devil Dao Cultivation Method.

For this reason, the moment Qian Ping Sheng's words left his mouth, Zhu Lu Qi, the Palace Master of Earth Palace, and the Palace Master of Mystical Palace instantly looked at him gratefully.

Since Xu Jing's lackey was not in the Rising Sky Mansion's estate, he must not have escaped under their watch. Nobody could blame them for this.

"Since he's not in the Rising Sky Mansion's estate, then he must be unaware of the incident here! In that case, let's find him ourselves and kill him to avoid future trouble!" Meng Qing said as a piercing light flashed across his eyes.

Since there was one person who escaped their grasps, the group of people who were about to return to the Mystical Sky Mansion had to delay their return for now.

Nobody had any objection about this. Everyone wanted to catch this person and kill him to avoid future trouble.

In fact, this was a serious matter. If this news spread out, it would definitely impact their Mystical Sky Mansion greatly.

If it was a wicked Devil Dao Cultivation Method then it was still okay since nobody would worry their Mystical Sky Mansion would cultivate such a method and risk universal condemnation.

However, if that Devil Dao Cultivation Method was a slightly normal one, it would rouse covetous thoughts from the others.

Naturally, only quasi third-rate forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land would dare to covet the cultivation method the Mystical Sky Mansion obtained.

The other forces would not be so brave as to covet the things they obtained! Instead of saying they were not brave enough, it was more accurate to say they did not possess the strength to do anything even if they covet it.

In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Mystical Sky Mansion did not fear the other quasi third-rate forces much. However, they had no choice but to be wary of the Mountainshade Black Market and the Azure Cloud Mansion.

If the two forces came knocking on their door asking for the Devil Dao Cultivation Method, they really had no other choice but to give it up.

Not only that, but apart from the Mountainshade Black Market and the Azure Cloud Mansion, the Mystical Sky Mansion were even more afraid of the powerhouses from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Although it was rare for a powerhouse from the Upper Province to come to the Lower Province, the news would eventually spread to the Upper Province.

There was no doubt even the powerhouses from the Upper Province would be interested in the Devil Dao Cultivation Method that contained the Soul Congregation technique.

It was exactly because of this the Mystical Sky Mansion would never allow the news regarding the Devil Dao Cultivation Method to spread out.

"According to the servant who knows the lackey by Xu Jing's side, the lackey must have gone back home to visit his family if he's not in the Rising Sky Mansion's estate." Soon after, the group of Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials confirmed this news.

At the same time, they also enquired about the location of Xu Jing's lackey's hometown. It was a small town 1,000 miles south of the Rising Sky Mansion's estate called the Hump Town.

Hump Town was a very special town. Almost every resident of this town was born with a hunchback.

That hunchback lackey by Xu Jing's side was also a resident who was born and raised in the Hump Town. Not only that, but he was also a genius Martial Cultivator whom everyone in the Hump Town knew. Naturally, he was only a genius Martial Cultivator in the eyes of the Hump Town's people.

"Are you here to look for Rong Fan? Rong Fan is the pride of our Hump Town. He's also the only one in the history of Hump Town to live such a comfortable life... Do you know the Rising Sky Mansion? It's a fourth-rate force, you know! He's making a living there." When the residents of Hump Town heard that somebody from the Mystical Sky Mansion was looking for Rong Fan, every one of them was very enthusiastic.

Naturally, the people who came were not the group of high-ranking officials from the Mystical Sky Mansion. Instead, they were just ordinary disciples from the nearby operation base of Mystical Sky Mansion. Even if their looks were memorized, nobody would know who they were.

"Old man, I came from the Rising Sky Mansion to look for Rong Fan for some urgent matter. Is he in town?" A Mystical Sky Mansion's young disciple asked an old Hump Town's resident with an anxious look on his face as though there was really an urgent matter.

"Rong Fan returned a while ago, and it's said that he'll be staying for some time...His house is located at the eastern side of our Hump Town! The biggest mansion belongs to him." When the old Hump Town's resident spoke about Rong Fan, his face was filled with pride.

As someone who had been staying in a fourth-rate force like the Rising Sky Mansion, Rong Fan had always been the pride of Hump Town.

"Eastern side!" After the few Mystical Sky Mansion's disciples who came to Hump Town learned about the location of Rong Fan's house, they secretly reported it to the Mystical Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials and made their way to Rong Fan's house.

"Ah? All of you are disciples from the Rising Sky Mansion?" After the few Mystical Sky Mansion's disciples said they were from the Rising Sky Mansion, Rong Fan's parents were very enthusiastic in welcoming them.

"Little Fan must have troubled all of you. Both of us apologize on his behalf if he has done anything wrong before." Although both of Rong Fan's parents were cultivators as well, they were merely ordinary Martial Cultivators. When they learned the people before them were disciples from the Rising Sky Mansion, they were terrified.

One of the Mystical Sky Mansion's disciples who was quick-witted replied, "Uncle, Auntie, there's no need for both of you to be so nervous... The reason we came to find Rong Fan is due to Lord Mansion Master's order. Young Mansion Master has already awakened, and we need him to return immediately to attend to him."

“The Young Mansion Master has awakened?” Outsiders might have thought the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion had died. However, since they were Rong Fan’s parents, it was only natural they knew the Young Mansion Master their son served was actually alive.

Only both of them in the entire Hump Town knew about this. Rong Fan had strictly warned them not to spread the news out.

For this reason, after hearing the Mystical Sky Mansion’s disciple mentioning this matter, they were completely convinced these people were disciples from the Rising Sky Mansion.

“Little Fan has gone out since morning. I think he’ll only return in the evening. We don’t know where he went. Would you like to wait in our house?” Rong Fan’s parents suggested.

The few Mystical Sky Mansion’s disciples exchanged glances with each other. At the same time, they received the approval from the Mystical Sky Mansion’s high-ranking officials lurking in the dark. Due to this reason, they agreed to Rong Fan’s parents’ suggestion.

“He has gone out?” Soon after, Meng Qing, the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion, and the others who were lurking outside the town learned about this news.

“Quickly secure the town. Apart from that, do an inch-by-inch search around the town’s perimeter. If you see any town’s citizen, just knock them out to stop them from telling Rong Fan anything if they encounter him,” Meng Qing quickly ordered. If they wanted to take out Rong Fan, they would have to be extremely meticulous in their plan.

However, Meng Qing was still a step too late when he learned about the news of Rong Fan not being in Hump Town.

Many citizens who had left the town earlier had already gone far away. Although the Mystical Sky Mansion’s high-ranking officials carried out an inch-by-inch search by the perimeter of the town, there were still one or two who managed to escape.

Several hundred of miles away from Hump Town, a Hump Town’s citizen who possessed quite a good cultivation base encountered Rong Fan and greeted him, “Rong Fan!”

“Rong Hong?” Rong Fan chuckled when he saw this person. “What? Are you heading somewhere?”

“I’m going to Southern Stele City. You must be on your way back from there, right?” Rong Hong answered him before asking with a smile.

“Yes.” Rong Fan nodded. “I went to buy some things for my parents.”

“Hehe... Rong Fan, you’re living quite a good life, huh! Initially, I thought your position would be downgraded since the Young Mansion Master you served has been killed. I can’t believe people from the Rising Sky Mansion would personally come to town to look for you!” Rong Hong chuckled.

“What?” When Rong Fan heard this, he was taken aback. “The people from the Rising Sky Mansion came to look for me?”

When he heard this news, the first thought that appeared in his mind was that it was impossible!

In the past, when he was serving the Young Mansion Master, although his position was not too high, it was not too low either. For this reason, many people below him would fawn over him.

However, ever since that Young Mansion Master's soul was shattered, and most people thought the Young Mansion Master was dead, he no longer lived as well as he did previously. The people who used to fawn over him no longer bothered with him.

As for those people who knew the Young Mansion Master was still alive, they were all people with special identities and positions. Even before this incident happened to Young Mansion Master, they had already looked down on him. It was impossible for them to come looking for him here.

For this reason, when Rong Fan heard that somebody from the Rising Sky Mansion had come to Hump Town to look for him, he found it too hard to believe.

"Who are they? What did they say?" Rong Fan felt a little panicked. It was hard to tell if he was afraid or flattered.

"No, they didn't. However, five of them came looking for you," Rong Hong answered.

"Five of them?" Horror dawned on Rong Fan's face immediately.

Five people claimed they came from the Rising Sky Mansion and were all looking for him?

At this moment, he would have been living in vain all these years if he could not see that something was not right about this.

Even if the Young Mansion Master was not dead, it would have been impossible for so many Rising Sky Mansion's disciples to come looking for him, let alone the fact that most people thought the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion had died.

Something sounded fishy here!

When Rong Hong saw the horrified expression on Rong Fan's face, he was surprised. When he regained his senses, he could not help but ask, "What? Is there anything wrong?"

"Nothing." Rong Fan shook his head before looking at him solemnly. "Rong Hong, you mustn't tell anyone you encountered me today, especially those few people who claimed to have come from the Rising Sky Mansion! Remember! You must remember this!"

After he finished saying this, he left without even turning his head.

Naturally, he did not return to Hump Town. Instead, he made his way to the Rising Sky Mansion's estate since he felt that something was amiss.

When he arrived in the vicinity of the Rising Sky Mansion's estate, even from afar, he could feel something was off with the atmosphere in the estate.

Although he could not see anything from outside, he felt a little skeptical due to Rong Hong's words earlier.

“I should hide first!” Rong Fan hid outside the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate as he patiently waited. There was something he wanted to confirm.

“Huh?” After he had waited for three whole days and nights, a strange yet familiar figure appeared in his sight.

“Isn’t this person Zhao Ji from the Mystical Sky Mansion?” Rong Fan very quickly identified the figure.

Chapter 1798: Lurking Danger

Although Rong Fang was an insignificant person in the Rising Sky Mansion, the person he served was the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion! Due to this reason, he had encountered and seen many people and things before.

About five years ago, he had followed Xu Jing, the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, out and had met Zhao Ji from the Mystical Sky Mansion.

According to his Young Mansion Master, Zhao Ji was the second generation’s strongest person in the Mystical Sky Mansion! This was why he could identify Zhao Ji.

This was someone even his Young Mansion Master did not dare to offend!

When he saw Zhao Ji earlier, he did not recognize him immediately. He felt that he looked familiar. After searching his mind, he finally managed to identify Zhao Ji.

As for the two people following behind Zhao Ji, he did not know them and had no impression of them at all.

“According to Young Mansion Master at that time, Zhao Ji is the only son of Zhao Deng, one of the Vice Mansion Masters of Mystical Sky Mansion. Moreover, his grandfather is one of the two great Guardians of the Mystical Sky Mansion!” When Rong Fan recalled Xu Jing’s words from before, he could not help but shudder.

The two great Guardians of the Mystical Sky Mansion were only inferior to the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion. They were in no way inferior to the Mansion Master of their Rising Sky Mansion.

“W-why is Zhao Ji here at the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate?” When Rong Fan saw Zhao Ji was heading to the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate, he had a curious expression on his face.

As far as he knew, the Rising Sky Mansion and Mystical Sky Mansion did not have any interactions with each other. Why would Zhao Ji, the strongest person among the second generation disciples in Mystical Sky Mansion, come to the Rising Sky Mansion?

Rong Fan was baffled and was mulling over it for a long time when a figure suddenly appeared out of nowhere in the sky above the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate.

It was a middle-aged man who resembled Zhao Ji slightly.

“Don’t tell me this person is Zhao Ji’s father? Vice Mansion Master Zhao Deng from the Mystical Sky Mansion?” It was only natural for Rong Fan to come to this conclusion since the middle-aged man and Zhao Ji resembled each other.

The middle-aged man was indeed Zhao Deng.

Zhao Deng descended from the sky as he appeared before Zhao Ji and the two others before he asked with a frown, “Ji’er, why are you here?”

“Didn’t I ask you to wait for the news at home?” Zhao Deng’s tone contained a hint of annoyance.

Zhao Ji stared at Zhao Deng with a burning gaze as he asked in slight desperation, “Father, you didn’t return for such a long time so I came here to take a look. How is it? Did you manage to obtain that Devil Dao Cultivation Method?”

“We must wait until the soul of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion recovers a little before we can use the Soul Searching Secret Tactic on him to obtain that Devil Dao Cultivation Method.” Zhao Deng shook his head. “Once everything here is dealt with, we’ll bring him back to the Mystical Sky Mansion.”

“Alright,” Zhao Ji nodded before asking curiously again, “Father, why is this taking so long?”

It was because Zhao Deng did not come back after a certain time that Zhao Ji took the initiative to come on his own since he wanted to know what was happening.

He was eager and desperate to get his hands on the Devil Dao Cultivation Method the Young Mansion Master of the Rising Sky Mansion had cultivated. Once he obtained it, his strength would rise quickly as well!

At that time, even Ling Tian would not be a match for him. He wanted to snatch back all the glory that used to belong to him.

“Something happened. There’s no news about the lackey of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion. However, Lord Mansion Master and your grandfather have gone to the lackey’s hometown so they should be able to catch him,” Zhao Deng replied.

“A lackey probably doesn’t know about the top-tier Devil Dao Cultivation Method that Xu Jing cultivated, right?” Zhao Ji frowned. “Why are they going to such great lengths just for a lackey?”

“That lackey’s not just an ordinary lackey. When Xu Jing obtained the Devil Dao Cultivation Method, he was there as well, He had also accompanied Xu Jing to the Rising Sky Ranking Battle,” Zhao Deng replied solemnly, “For this reason, if he doesn’t die, danger will definitely lurk around our Mystical Sky Mansion due to our actions!”

Zhao Ji’s eyes gleamed coldly as he said in his deep voice, “With Lord Mansion Master and grandfather personally making a move, he’ll definitely die!”

“Ji’er, return for now... If Lord Mansion Master finds out that you came here, he’ll definitely rebuke you!” Zhao Deng urged Zhao Ji in his deep voice.

“Isn’t Gu Li here as well?” Zhao Ji frowned, feeling slightly discontented.

As Zhao Ji’s father, naturally, Zhao Deng could hear the discontentment in Zhao Ji’s voice. He shook his head and replied, “Don’t feel discontented over this. Apart from Ling Tian’s contribution, Gu Li has contributed in this matter as well. Put everything aside, you’re far inferior compared to Gu Li in terms of ability as well!” When Zhao Deng reached the end of his sentence, there was a hint of exasperation in his tone over his son’s performance. “If you have the time to live such a leisurely and carefree life, why don’t you enter closed-door cultivation instead! Otherwise, put Ling Tian aside, you won’t even be a match for Gu Li!”

“Ling Tian!” Zhao Ji’s eyes gleamed coldly and were filled with killing intent. “He won’t be able to live for long!”

Zhao Deng looked at the two people behind Zhao Ji and ordered, “Bai Ju, Hei Tu, bring him back!”

The people who followed Zhao Ji here were none other than the Mystical Sky Mansion’s disciples, Zhao Bai Ju and Zhao Hei Tu. They were also the two people who had wanted to attack Duan Ling Tian at the summit of the Mystical Sky Mansion’s Heaven Palace.

At that time, due to Gu Li’s appearance, their plans were foiled.

“Yes, Master!” Zhao Bai Ju and Zhao Hei Tu were Zhao Deng’s direct disciple. Upon hearing his order, they quickly responded politely and looked at Zhao Ji in unison. “Little Junior Brother, listen to Master. Let’s return.”

Although Zhao Ji wanted to stay to join in the fun, he had no other choice but to return unwillingly since Zhao Deng would not allow him to stay.

After the three of them left, Zhao Deng also returned to the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate.

“Something seems wrong...” Rong Fan was lurking far away. Due to the distance, he did not hear the conversation between Zhao Deng and Zhao Ji.

‘Zhao Deng is the Vice Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion. What’s he doing in our Rising Sky Mansion’s estate?’ Rong Fan took a deep breath before he made up his mind. “I must be cautious. I can’t return to the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate for a while. I can only return and have a look after Zhao Deng has left.’

The moment he thought of this, he began to search for a place to hide nearby. At the same time, he did not forget to monitor the path one would need to take from the Rising Sky Mansion to the Mystical Sky Mansion.

The group of high-ranking officials led by Mansion Master Meng Qing stayed for an entire month in Hump Town, but they still did not find any clue regarding Rong Fan’s whereabouts.

Rong Fan did not return that evening as his parents had said he would. It was as though he had vanished into thin air.

Gu Ci Yun, one of the two great Guardians of Mystical Sky Mansion, said with a grave expression, “Currently, I can say for sure that Rong Fan must have known something! He must have suspected the identities of that few disciples!”

“That day, although our men had rounded up the people who were leaving Hump Town, there were seven people whom we did not catch up to. Among those seven people, there must be some of them who had encountered Rong Fan and told him about this,” Zhao Jin, the other Guardian, also chimed in.

“Two Guardians, please make a trip personally and catch those seven people. Make them swear on the lightning penalty oath to see if they met Rong Fan!” Meng Qing ordered.

He also felt the problem lay with seven people who had gotten away.

With Gu Ci Yun and Zhao Jin personally making a move, the truth would soon be revealed.

“Lord Mansion Master.” When Gu Ci Yun and Zhao Jin returned, they brought a person with them. This person was none other than Rong Hong who had greeted Rong Fan previously.

When he was brought in, his entire body was trembling.

The old men’s strength scared him to the bottom of his heart and soul. They did not need to do anything, just their auras were enough to suffocate him. If the two of them did not show some mercy, he would have long suffocated to death.

“Lord Mansion Master, we have brought someone here.” When he heard the two old men addressed a middle-aged man nearby as Lord Mansion Master, his vision blacked out for a moment, and he almost passed out.

Lord Mansion Master?

Could it be that this person was the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion?

The Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion had personally come for Rong Fan?

‘This damn Rong Fan! What have you done to the point that the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion personally came as well! That’s right! That time when I met Rong Fan, it was obvious there was something wrong with his expression. He looked as though he was going to run away. No wonder I didn’t see him during this one month!’ The moment Rong Hong thought of this, his expression turned horrified. He had kept a secret for Rong Fan, but it did not cross his mind that it would implicate himself.

“Lord Mansion Master!” When he thought the person standing before him was the Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, he instantly kneeled down as his body trembled. “I-I-I wasn’t aware that Rong Fan is guilty of any crime. That’s why I made this silly mistake.”

At this moment, Meng Qing finally found out that Rong Fan had escaped from the two Guardians of Mystical Sky Mansion.

Meng Qing looked at Rong Hong and asked for confirmation, “Did he head toward the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate?”

“Yes.” Rong Hong quickly nodded like a chicken pecking on the grains on the ground. He did not dare to dally at all.

Zhao Jin raised his hand and killed Rong Hong immediately once he had lost his value.

Meanwhile, Meng Qing looked at Qian Ping Sheng, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace, and ordered, "Palace Master Qian, take two disciples with you and stay here for the time being. If Rong Fan returns, you must kill him immediately!"

"Yes, Lord Mansion Master," Qian Ping Sheng replied.

"As for the others, follow me back to the Rising Sky Mansion. However, I suspect that Rong Fan didn't return to the Rising Sky Mansion's estate. Otherwise, the people we left there would've reported it to me long ago." At this moment, even Meng Qing, the Mansion Master of Mystical Sky Mansion, had a grave expression on his face.

Although the person who had escaped was someone with a lowly position, they had to capture him or else the Mystical Sky Mansion would definitely face troubles if news of this spread out.

Duan Ling Tian only learned about this after Gu Li had returned.

"Then, does this mean all of you haven't found any trace of Rong Fan at all before you returned?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes." Gu Li shook his head and smiled wryly. "Currently, the Palace Master of Yellow Palace is personally staying in Hump Town while Zhao Deng and his father are waiting in the Rising Sky Mansion's estate for Rong Fan to reveal himself!"

Chapter 1799: The Watchers

"Rong Fan seems to be quite smart. To think he didn't return to the Rising Sky Mansion's estate. However, it's still a mystery whether he has learned about the incident," Duan Ling Tian remarked as his eyes gleamed.

He had met Rong Fan before. It was none other than that hunchback young man standing behind the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, Xu Jing, in Nimble Valley. He was an inconspicuous person.

The only reason Duan Ling Tian remembered him was due to the hump on his back. However, he did not remember his appearance at all.

"He must not have known everything. Otherwise, the news would've spread before we even returned," Gu Li said, "Currently, Zhao Deng and his father had brought some men with them to guard the Rising Sky Mansion's estate. Whoever enters the Rising Sky Mansion's estate can only enter but not leave. For this reason, we don't have to worry about the news of the Rising Sky Mansion's high-ranking officials and elite disciples being annihilated being spread out for the time being."

"If this news spread out, the Rising Sky Mansion would also have its name removed from the fourth-rate forces. However, the truth will eventually come out. How does Lord Mansion Master plan to deal with this in the future?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"According to Lord Mansion Master, Zhao Deng and his father will stay at the Rising Sky Mansion's estate for the time being. Eventually, he'll send someone to switch places with them. This will go on until the soul of the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion recovers and can withstand the Soul

Searching Secret Tactic,” Gu Li replied, “If the Devil Dao Cultivation Method that Xu Jing cultivates is an evil Devil Dao Cultivation Method, then he’ll call off our men immediately. In that case, even if the news spread out, outsiders will only say we’re acting on behalf of Heaven and enforcing justice! However, if the Devil Dao Cultivation Method is the normal type, he’ll send someone to guard the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate and Hump Town until we finally catch Rong Fan!”

When Duan Ling Tian heard Gu Li’s words, he did not think highly of Mansion Master Meng Qing’s way of dealing with this matter, but he could understand his decision.

Even if the Devil Dao Cultivation Method was an ordinary one, something would happen eventually even if the Mystical Sky Mansion constantly sent out people to guard the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate.

The truth would eventually come out anyway!

It was still not a problem if the Mystical Sky Mansion locked an ordinary person up, but the problem was, the Rising Sky Mansion was a fourth-rate force and was also under the jurisdiction of a quasi third-rate force. Eventually, someone from that quasi third-rate force would go to the Rising Sky Mansion’s estate.

Once someone from that quasi third-rate force was killed or locked up, the entire sect would be alerted. At that time, the Mystical Sky Mansion might not be able to hide the news of the Rising Sky Mansion’s backbone and almost the entire sect had been killed.

Naturally, even if the quasi third-rate force did not discover or do anything, Duan Ling Tian felt the truth could not be hidden for long.

After all, an ordinary person would become careless when they had to constantly guard and monitor a place. Nobody would be able to guarantee they would not make a mistake.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not think highly of Mansion Master Meng Qing’s method, he did not say anything at all. After all that was said and done, this matter was unrelated to him.

He was not interested in that Devil Dao Cultivation Method whether it was a normal type or an inhumane type. After all, he had never once considered cultivating the Devil Dao Cultivation Method and switched to become a Devil Cultivator.

‘After I have the Sun True Origin in my body, I haven’t used the Devilseal Tablet. With the strength of my Sun True Origin that’s currently equivalent to an Early Eminent Saint Stage powerhouse’s True Origin, I should be able to kill all Devil Cultivators below the Divine Saint Stage if I use the Devilseal Tablet!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself excitedly.

In fact, even in the Mystical Sky Mansion, there were very few people who were at the Divine Saint Stage or higher.

At the very least, from the information he had obtained, there were only three people in the Mystical Sky Mansion who had entered the Divine Saint Stage. They were Mansion Master Meng Qing and the two Mystical Sky Mansion’s Guardians, Gu Ci Yun and Zhao Jin.

“Senior Brother Gu Li, you’re the son of Guardian Gu so you must know his cultivation base, right? I heard that Guardian Gu is a Divine Saint Stage powerhouse.” When Duan Ling Tian saw Gu Li from the corner of his eye, he suddenly remembered Gu Li was Guardian Gu’s son. He must know about Guardian Gu’s cultivation base.

“Yes,” Gu Li answered bluntly with no intention to hide anything when faced with Duan Ling Tian’s question, “My father’s cultivation base has long broken through to the Early Divine Saint Stage just like Zhao Jin.”

“Zhao Jin’s also at the Early Divine Saint Stage?” Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

“Yes.” Gu Li nodded. “According to my father, there are only four people who’re at the Divine Saint Stage. Lord Mansion Master is the most powerful while my father and old man Ji are the weakest.”

“Four Divine Saint Stage powerhouses? The two great Guardians are the weakest ones?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes were as wide as saucers. “Then, other than the Mansion Master, the other one is...”

“Take a guess.” Gu Li smiled.

When Duan Ling Tian saw the mischievous smile in his eyes, a figure appeared in his mind. “Don’t tell me it’s the guardian of the Heaven Palace’s Spirit Pool? Senior Brother Gu Li, is that person your Grand Master?”

“That’s right!” Gu Li nodded before he sighed. “Grand Master is just too unlucky. That time, after he was severely injured, it caused his cultivation base to stagnate. Otherwise, with his former innate talent, he would’ve already reached the Quintessential Saint Stage! Grand Master was supposed to travel and cultivate at the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, but due to his injury, he has no choice but to remain in the Lower Province.”

“Isn’t the Upper Province a place where only someone at the Divine Saint Stage or higher can go? With Senior’s strength, he can still go to the Upper Province if he wants to, right?” Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

“Yes.” Gu Li nodded his head before smiling wryly. “Even so, as the Martial Dao genius of his generation, Grand Master is unwilling to see those brothers with the same master surpass him one by one. It’s because of his pride that he remains in the Lower Province and willingly guards the Spirit Pool.”

Duan Ling Tian finally understood the situation.

“Senior Brother Gu Li, is there any Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land?” Duan Ling Tian asked a question that had always been on his mind.

“Yes,” Gu Li answered affirmatively.

“Yes? However, as far as I know, there seems to be no one at the Quintessential Saint Stage in the quasi third-rate forces of the Dao Martial Saint Land, right? By right, although an Exemplary Saint Stage powerhouse doesn’t have eternal life yet, it won’t be a problem for him to live up to one or two thousand years old, right? If they can live that long, there must be someone who has broken through to the Quintessential Saint Stage, right?” Duan Ling Tian was even more baffled.

“There are indeed some Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses, but they’re not in any quasi third-rate forces,” Gu Li continued to say, “Other than those reclusive powerhouses who don’t reveal themselves, the only Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land are the Watchers who watch over the link between the Upper Province and Lower Province.”

“Watchers?” Duan Ling Tian frowned. “Who are they?”

“The Watchers are the Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses who come from first-rate forces from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Their duty is to monitor the Lower Province. Once a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse appears in the Lower Province, he must immediately leave the Lower Province and go to the Upper Province. If he dares to cause a commotion in the Lower Province, the Watchers will decide the punishment for that Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse based on the severity of crime,” Gu Li explained thoroughly, “There was once a powerhouse who had broken through to the Quintessential Saint Stage from the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. He tried to unify the Lower Province with his strength. Guess what happened to him in the end?”

“What happened?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

If a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse wanted to, he could indeed unify the Lower Province.

“He died! He was killed by the Watchers!” Gu Li replied.

“What?!” Upon hearing Gu Li’s words, Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. The Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse was killed by the Watchers?

“According to the rules set by the first-rate forces in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, once a Quintessential Saint Stage Martial or Dao Cultivator appears in the Lower Province, he must immediately leave the Lower Province to prevent him from messing up the balance of power in the Lower Province. Naturally, a Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse can choose to remain in the Lower Province, but he’s not allowed to make any move at all. Once he makes his move, the Watchers will instantly kill him! It’s precisely because of this that almost all powerhouses in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land who have broken through to the Quintessential Saint Stage choose to leave. Although the Lower Province is good, it’s no use being so powerful if there’s nothing one can do! Only the Upper Province can be their stage,” Gu Li told Duan Ling Tian in one breath, informing him of things he was unaware of.

All of these were not recorded in the books that he had read before.

“The first-rate forces in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land are really controlling!” Duan Ling Tian mused.

“Rumor has it that it’s the three great colossuses, the three great sects, from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land that passed down this order... The first-rate forces in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land are only acting according to the order that has been given to them,” Gu Li added again.

The three great sects!

Upon hearing his words, Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed immediately.

The Fire Worship Sect was one of the three great sects.

His fiancée was taken away by somebody from the Fire Worship Sect.

He quickly suppressed his chaotic emotion before he finally regained his composure.

"No wonder there are no Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses in the quasi third-rate forces in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. As it turns out, there are Watchers watching over the place to prevent Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses from wreaking havoc in the Lower Province." Duan Ling Tian finally understood.

"Currently, the most powerful people in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land must be the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market and the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

"Yes." Gu Li nodded. "According to my father, the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market and the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion both stand at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. Most importantly, both of them are Devil Cultivators, and their abilities are stronger than ordinary Martial and Dao Cultivators."

"Does this mean they can't make any moves after they've broken through to the Quintessential Saint Stage? At that time, the Mountainshade Black Market and the Azure Cloud Mansion wouldn't be able to peacefully co-exist, would they?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

"It's not so easy to break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage." Gu Li shook his head. "Compared to the other powerhouses at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, both of them are too young. There's still a long way for them to go at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. For this reason, they have more than enough time to nurture a worthy successor before they leave."

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"Moreover, even if they manage to break through to the Quintessential Saint Stage, they could make a move if it's for defense purposes. For example, if someone in the sect they control has bad intentions, they can still make a move as long as they are not more than a hundred years old," Gu Li said.

"Erm... Senior Brother Gu Li, you just said that Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses are not allowed to make their moves in the Lower Province, right? You didn't say they're allowed to make a move if it's for defensive purposes..." Duan Ling Tian was baffled by the rules that the first-rate forces from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land had set for Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses in the Lower Province.

"Indeed, an ordinary Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouse wouldn't be allowed to make his move even if it's for defense purposes. However, there are some exempted cases as well. Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses below 100 years old in the Lower Province are not allowed to take the initiative to make their moves, but they have a right to make a move if it's for defense purposes. Moreover, someone below the age of 100 who breaks through to the Quintessential Saint Stage will usually be

recruited by the Watchers into the first-rate forces in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land that they are in respectively,” Gu Li continued to say, “It’s precisely because of this, the Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses below the age of 100 have some special rights in the Lower Province. If they forge a good connection with the Watchers, the Watchers might even turn a blind eye if they take the initiative to make a move as long as they don’t go overboard.”

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly as he shook his head.

It looked like no matter where it was, having connections would make things easier.

“The Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market and the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion are both below 100 years old?” At the same time, this information finally sank into Duan Ling Tian’s mind.

“Yes.” Gu Li nodded with an expression of admiration. “Whether it’s the Leader of the Mountainshade Black Market or the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion, both of them have the potential to enter the Quintessential Saint Stage before they reach 100 years old. Such monsters are extremely rare in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.”

Entering the Quintessential Saint Stage before 100 years old?

Even Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel astonished.

Although he was confident he could enter the Quintessential Saint Stage before 100 years old or even before 50 years old, he was only confident because he possessed the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. The time flow in the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda’s was five times slower than the outside world after all, and this was only the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!

Once the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had been repaired, the time flow inside would be eight times slower than the outside world!

In other words, one day outside would equal to eight days in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Moreover, according to Elder Huo, the cultivation environment in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was much more powerful than the third level.

Once the fourth level was repaired, his cultivation base would definitely be able to rise rapidly.

‘The faster I can finish repairing the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, the faster I can break through to the Eminent Saint Stage and comprehend the Divine Abilities... At that time, I’ll have some ability to protect myself when I head to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.’

The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he quickly looked at Gu Li and changed the topic, “Senior Brother Gu Li, I have one favor to ask of you.”

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, there’s no need to be polite with me. Just tell me anything, and as long as it’s within my ability, I, Gu Li, will do it for you even if I have to leap into a boiling cauldron or a blazing fire!” Gu Li pledged solemnly.

Duan Ling Tian felt touched upon hearing his words. “Well, there’s no need for you to leap into a boiling cauldron or a blazing fire. I only need your help in looking for some materials, Senior Brother Gu Li. If it’s convenient, I’d also like you to speak to Guardian Gu for me. With Guardian Gu’s connections, I’m sure it’ll be more efficient to search for those materials.”

“Senior Brother Ling Tian, you’re being too polite. What do you mean by convenient or not! Come, follow me and see that old man of mine now! Even if he’s in the midst of closed-door cultivation, I’ll call him out for you!” Gu Li reassured Duan Ling Tian as he slapped his chest.

“There’s no need for that.” Duan Ling Tian quickly shook his head.

Gu Li chuckled before standing up and motioning to him. “Junior Brother Ling Tian, let’s go! Let’s go meet my old man! He returned at the same with me so I don’t think he has entered closed-door cultivation yet. Moreover, he has been wanting to meet you. It’s just that he hasn’t had a chance to.”

Under Gu Li’s lead, Duan Ling Tian soon met with Gu Ci Yun. The latter even came out to welcome him, causing him to be overwhelmed by this unexpected favor.

“You’re Ling Tian? You’re indeed an elite powerhouse.” When Gu Ci Yun saw him, he smiled. He did not have the arrogant manner expected of a Guardian from the Mystical Sky Mansion. “Come in and have a seat!”

Gu Ci Yun was mainly so nice to Duan Ling Tian because he was his son’s friend.

In fact, his son did not have many friends in the Mystical Sky Mansion, particularly a friend like Duan Ling Tian whom he could open his heart to. He only had one friend like that, and it was Duan Ling Tian.

The other reason was due to the meritorious deed that he had given his son.

This matter of discovering the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion cultivating a Devil Dao Cultivation Method was extremely important and significant to the Mystical Sky Mansion. For this reason, the Lord Mansion Master had even personally praised his son and gave their Gu Clan many rewards.

By reason and by right, he had no reason to dislike Duan Ling Tian.

“Please, Guardian Gu.” Duan Ling Tian felt overwhelmed by this unexpected honor. He did not act arrogantly or rashly. Instead, he maintained the manner of a junior when faced with Gu Ci Yun.

Upon seeing this, Gu Ci Yun felt at ease in his heart. It seemed like his son had found a good friend.

Naturally, he did not show the arrogance of a senior even when Duan Ling Tian maintained the manner of a junior. From the beginning until the end, he was very enthusiastic. He treated Duan Ling Tian like a kind and amiable elder.

Gu Ci Yun personally poured a cup of tea for Duan Ling Tian as he said with a smile, “Ling Tian, you don’t have to address me as Guardian Gu in the future when we’re alone. Since you’re Gu Li’s friend, you can just call me Uncle Gu.”

“Uncle Gu.” Duan Ling Tian was not someone who would stubbornly cling to traditional rules and ideas so he did not reject this. Instead, his respect toward Gu Ci Yun had risen a few notches. He felt he was an elder worthy of respect.

Seeing how Duan Ling Tian and Gu Ci Yun was so courteous with each other, Gu Li who was standing at the side became impatient and said bluntly, “Father, this is the first time Junior Brother Ling Tian and I came to look for you. Other than wanting to meet you, he also wants to ask a favor from you to search for some rare materials.”

“Oh?” Upon hearing his words, Gu Ci Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian immediately. “Little Tian, I wonder what materials that you need my help to search for?”

After a few rounds of conversations, the way Gu Ci Yun addressed Duan Ling Tian had changed and became more intimate.

“Uncle Gu, the materials I need are all here.” With a raise of his hand, Duan Ling Tian took out a drawing sheet that had many drawings of the materials he needed. Not only that, but there were also some descriptions at the side. He had prepared this during his free time when he was not in closed-door cultivation.

“Uncle Gu, please use your connections to help me search for these materials. As for how many Saint Stones you need, just give me a number later.” However, the moment his words left his mouth, Duan Ling Tian did not expect to see both Gu Ci Yun and Gu Li’s expressions to turn grave.

After a while, he began to realize he had said the wrong thing.

As expected, Gu Li looked at him and solemnly said, “Junior Brother Ling Tian, although we don’t know each other for a long time, what matters the most is sincerity and the way we treat each other. In my heart, I’ve already long regarded you as a best friend of many years whom I can open my heart to. Don’t you think it’s a little too courteous of you to mention Saint Stones?”

“Little Tian, Uncle Gu has no lack of Saint Stones! To be honest, if you’re not Li’er’s best friend, I wouldn’t have helped you no matter how many Saint Stones you brought.” Gu Ci Yun also made himself clear.

“Uncle Gu, Senior Brother Gu Li, I’m wrong regarding this matter. I apologize.” Duan Ling Tian quickly apologized. He had already realized his mistake earlier. However, since the words had been said, it could not be taken back. All he could do was quickly mend this situation.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Gu Ci Yun and Gu Li’s expressions eased up immediately.

Gu Ci Yun glanced at the drawing paper in his hand before he said to Duan Ling Tian, “I’ll make multiple copies of this drawing and use my connections to search for them. However, there are some materials on this paper that even I have never seen before. For this reason, I can’t guarantee that I’ll be able to find all of them.”

Although he wanted to help Duan Ling Tian to gather all these materials, he did not dare to guarantee it since he had not even seen some of the material on the paper.

“I understand. Just do your best, Uncle Gu.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. He did not expect Gu Ci Yun to find all the materials.

According to Elder Huo, some of the materials were also quite rare even in the Devata Realms.

Now that the issue regarding the materials needed to repair the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was dealt with, Duan Ling Tian finally was able to calm his mind and cultivate.

As for the Young Mansion Master of Rising Sky Mansion, Xu Jing, and the Devil Dao Cultivation Method he had cultivated, he did not ask about it. He was not interested at all.

Although he was not interested, it did not mean other people would think so.

A month later, Duan Ling Tian was summoned by Meng Qing, the Mansion Master of the Mystical Sky Mansion.

Although this was his second time meeting Meng Qing, the first time he met him was with a group of people. However, today, it was only him so the feeling was very different.

Despite the difference in feeling, he was not nervous at all.

“Mansion Master.” Duan Ling Tian took the initiative to greet Meng Qing who was sitting at the Main Hall. Just like before, he did not address him with the title ‘Lord’.

Meng Qing did not fuss over this matter as well. After he motioned for Duan Ling Tian to sit with a smile, he said without beating around the bush, “Ling Tian, it’s all thanks to you that our Mystical Sky Mansion learned that Xu Jing had cultivated a Devil Dao Cultivation Method that contains the Soul Congregation technique!”

“Is this the reason you summoned me here, Mansion Master?” Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel astonished.

“Not entirely,” Meng Qing shook his head before saying, “I heard you learned about Xu Jing cultivating the Devil Dao Cultivation Method that contains the Soul Congregation technique from your Senior Brother, Li Feng. Moreover, your Senior Brother Li Feng has already gone to the Upper Province to look for your master. I’m sure your Master must know that Xu Jing had cultivated a top-tier Devil Dao Cultivation Method, right?”